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VISIT OF HRH THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH
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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH WILL VISIT HONG KONG FROM 10TH - 12TH OCTOBER AS PRESIDENT OF WORLD WILD LIFE FUND INTERNATIONAL.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, WHO WILL STAY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WILL HAVE TALKS WITH THE COUNCIL OF WORLD WILD LIFE HONG KONG AND ATTEND A FUND-RAISING BALL ON OCTOBER 11.

DETAILS OF HIS PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED NEARER THE TIME.

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XINHUA DIRECTOR CALLS ON GOVERNOR
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MR XU JIATUN, NEWLY APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY (HONG KONG BRANCH), PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE GOVERNOR AT 4.30 PM TODAY.

MR XU WAS ACCOMPANIED BY MR LI JUSHENG, SECOND DIRECTOR, MR LI CHUWEN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR TAN GAN, VICE-CHIEF EDITOR, AND MR JI SHAOXIANG, FOREIGN AFFAIRS SECRETARY.

PRESENT ON THE HONG KONG SIDE WERE THE CHIEF SECRETARY SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, THE POLITICAL ADVISOR MR ROBIN MCLAREN, THE DEPUTY POLITICAL ADVISOR MR RICHARD MARGOLIS AND THE GOVERNMENT CHIEF INTERPRETER MR Y.P. CHENG.

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FIRST HIGH-RISE DISTRICT COMPLEX OPENED
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THE OPENING OF THE ABERDEEN COMPLEX MARKS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL'S SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, SIR JOHN BREMRIDGE, SAID TODAY.

AND IT REFLECTS THE COUNCIL'S MULTI-FUNCTIONAL ROLE IN LOCAL SOCIETY BY PROVIDING MODERN MARKETING, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES UNDER ONE ROOF, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE COMPLEX TODAY, SIR JOHN SAID: +IN RECENT YEARS THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS BUILT MANY NEW MARKETS OR EXTENDED AND MODERNISED OLD ONES IN ORDER TO MEET THE PUBLIC DEMAND FOR MARKET FACILITIES.

+THE ABERDEEN COMPLEX REPLACES THE OUTDATED ABERDEEN MARKET IN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AS THE LATTER CAN NO LONGER COPE WITH THE PRESENT DEMAND OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, NOR ABSORB MANY ON-STREET HAWKERS.+

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HE NOTED THAT APART FROM THE MARKET, THE COMPLEX ALSO HOUSES A DISTRICT LIBRARY, A CULTURAL CENTRE WHICH IS THE FIRST CULTURAL FACILITY ESTABLISHED BY THE COUNCIL IN THE DISTRICT, AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL.

+THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THIS BUILDING WILL NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE 85 000 PEOPLE LIVING IN THE TOWN AREA, BUT ALSO THOSE LIVING IN THE SURROUNDING DISTRICT,+ SIR JOHN SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID THE SHORTAGE OF LAND HAS NOT DETERRED THE COUNCIL FROM PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+IN FACT, IT IS THE COUNCIL'S POLICY TO UTILISE LAND TO THE MAXIMUM, PARTICULARLY BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEXES TO ACCOMMODATE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND OTHER CITY SERVICES, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE RETAIL MARKETING FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT SIMILAR COMPLEXES WILL BE EVENLY BUILT THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREAS FOR THE USE AND ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTS.

AFTER THE OPENING, SIR JOHN TOURED THE EIGHT-STOREY BUILDING AND LATER VIEWED AN EXHIBITION OF CERAMICS IN THE EXHIBITION HALL.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION.

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\$96M TRUNK ROAD SECTION CONTRACT SIGNED
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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY AWARDED A \$96-MILLION CONTRACT TO TOBISHIMA CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD FROM NORTH TAI PO TO LAM KAM ROAD.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR HAROLD BEATON, AND MR H. SASAKI, GENERAL MANAGER OF TOBISHIMA CORPORATION.

MR BEATON SAID THAT THE NEW SECTION OF ROAD WOULD FORM THE FINAL PART OF ROUTE 1 - FROM SHA TIN TO FANLING - WITHIN THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUAL THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY OF ABOUT ONE AND A HALF KILOMETRES.

MR BEATON SAID THAT SINCE THE NEW CARRIAGEWAY PASSES THROUGH HILLY TERRAIN TO THE WEST OF TAI PO, THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO MAJOR VIADUCTS, EACH ABOUT 230 METRES IN LENGTH, IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT.

THE WORK FORMS PART OF THE PROGRAMME TO UPGRADE THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD SYSTEM WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN MID-1985 AT A COST OF ABOUT \$2 000 MILLION.

+OTHER SECTIONS OF THE TRUNK ROAD ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION,+ MR BEATON SAID.

FROM SHA TIN TO ISLAND HOUSE THE TRUNK ROAD FOLLOWS THE EXISTING COAST AND WILL BE CONSTRUCTED MAINLY ON RECLAIMED LAND.

BETWEEN LAM KAM ROAD AND WO HOP SHEK THE TRUNK ROAD WILL FOLLOW THE LINE OF THE EXISTING TAI PO ROAD. THE INTERCHANGE NOW BEING BUILT AT WO HOP SHEK WILL CONNECT THE NEW ROAD WITH FANLING BY-PASS.

EVENTUALLY A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WILL LINK FANLING TO AU TAU WITH THE ALIGNMENT FOLLOWING THE EXISTING CASTLE PEAK ROAD. INTERCHANGES WILL BE PROVIDED AS NECESSARY ALONG THE ROUTE AND WHERE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS ARE INVOLVED.

+THE NEW TERRITORIES TRUNK ROAD HAS BEEN DESIGNED AS A LIMITED ACCESS DUAL CARRIAGEWAY TO LINK THE NEW TOWNS NOW BEING DEVELOPED,+ MR BEATON SAID. +IT WILL HAVE SERVICE ROADS AND CYCLE TRACKS WHERE THESE ARE NEEDED.+

THE SECTION OF THE TRUNK ROAD COVERED BY THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION AND THE STRUCTURAL DESIGN DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE AND THE WORK WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) DIVISION.

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NEW PROPERTY TAX LAWS EXPLAINED

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THE NEW PROPERTY TAX LAWS, WHICH PROVIDE THAT PROPERTY TAX WILL BE CHARGED BY REFERENCE TO THE ACTUAL NET RENTAL INCOME INSTEAD OF A NOTIONAL ASSESSABLE VALUE, WILL TAKE EFFECT THIS YEAR.

THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR VICTOR LADD, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THIS NEW BASIS OF ASSESSMENT FOLLOWED THE GOVERNMENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF A RECOMMENDATION OF THE THIRD INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

THE OLD SYSTEM OF PROPERTY TAX WAS BASED ON AN ANNUAL VALUE RELATED TO NOTIONAL RENTS, AND ALTHOUGH MANY ASSESSMENTS DID EQUATE WITH THE ACTUAL RENTS, THERE WERE STILL NUMEROUS CASES WHERE THE ASSESSMENT EITHER EXCEEDED OR WAS LESS THAN THE ACTUAL RENT RECEIVED BY THE OWNER.

+THIS WAS UNSATISFACTORY, BUT THE SYSTEM WAS TOLERATED BECAUSE OF ITS SIMPLICITY,+ MR LADD SAID.

THE NEW SYSTEM INTRODUCED TWO MAJOR CHANGES WHICH WOULD OPERATE TO THE MUTUAL ADVANTAGE OF PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE GOVERNMENT, MR LADD POINTED OUT.

FIRSTLY, THE LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAX NOW FALLS SQUARELY ON THE LEGAL OWNER, PREVIOUSLY, THE DEMAND NOTE WAS ADDRESSED TO THE PERSON WHO PAID THE RATES.

SECONDLY, THE AMOUNT OF TAX TO BE PAID IS CALCULATED ON THE ACTUAL RENT RECEIVABLE BY THE OWNER IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT.

MR LADD EMPHASISED THAT THE NEW SYSTEM MEANT THAT THE TAX LIABILITY WOULD BE RELATED TO THE OWNERS' ACTUAL INCOME FROM THE PROPERTY, AND THUS IF NO INCOME WAS RECEIVABLE NO TAX WOULD BE PAYABLE.

THEREFORE, OWNER OCCUPIERS OR OWNERS OF VACANT PREMISES NO LONGER NEED TO MAKE SPECIFIC CLAIMS FOR EXEMPTION OR REFUND. THE ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED COULD BE NOTIFIED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE ON A SIMPLE RETURN FORM WHICH WOULD BE ISSUED EVERY APRIL TO OWNERS OF PREMISES POTENTIALLY LIABLE TO TAX.

SINCE THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY INCOME RECEIVED IN ANY YEAR OF ASSESSMENT COULD NOT BE KNOWN WITH CERTAINTY UNTIL AFTER THE YEAR ENDED, THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAX CHARGED WOULD BE ASSESSED ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS, MR LADD SAID.

+ACCORDINGLY, DURING EACH YEAR OF ASSESSMENT AND COMMENCING WITH THE CURRENT YEAR 1983/84, PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX WILL FIRST BE DEMANDED,+ HE ADDED.

ON RECEIPT OF THE TAX RETURN IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR, THE FINAL AMOUNT OF TAX WOULD BE ASSESSED.

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+ANY TAX UNDER ASSESSED WILL THEN BE CALLED FOR, WHILE ANY TAX OVERPAID WILL BE USED IN PART SETTLEMENT OF THE NEXT YEAR'S PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX BILL,+ HE SAID.

MR LADD STRESSED THAT THE NEW LEGISLATION WAS DESIGNED TO PRODUCE A MORE EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF ASSESSMENT OF INCOME FROM THE OWNERSHIP OF PROPERTY.

THE AIM WAS NOT TO PRODUCE INCREASED YIELDS FROM PROPERTY TAX, ALTHOUGH THE EFFECT WOULD BE TO ENSURE THAT, IN FUTURE, PROPERTY TAX REVENUE WOULD MORE CLOSELY REFLECT THE PATTERN OF ACTUAL INCOME RECEIVED.

+IT FOLLOWS THAT IN TIMES OF AN UPTURN IN MARKET TRENDS PROPERTY TAX YIELDS WILL INCREASE BUT WHEN RENTAL LEVELS FALL SO WILL THE YIELDS FROM PROPERTY TAX,+ HE SAID.

DEMAND NOTES FOR THE 1983/84 PROVISIONAL PROPERTY TAX WOULD BE ISSUED BETWEEN JULY 11 AND AUGUST THIS YEAR, WITH THE DUE DATES FOR PAYMENT FALLING BETWEEN NOVEMBER 1983 AND FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR,

THIS FOLLOWED THE DUE DATE PATTERN ADOPTED FOR PREVIOUS YEARS AND TAXPAYERS WOULD HAVE AMPLE TIME TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT, HE SAID.

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THREEFOLD PAID SICK LEAVE RISE PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TO INCREASE BY MORE THAN THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT OF PAID SICK LEAVE TO WHICH ALL MANUAL WORKERS AND THOSE EARNING LESS THAN \$7 500 A MONTH MAY BE ELIGIBLE.

UNDER THE EXISTING EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, A WORKER IS ENTITLED TO ONE DAY OF PAID SICK LEAVE FOR EVERY COMPLETED MONTH OF SERVICE AND MAY ACCUMULATE UP TO 36 DAYS PAID SICK LEAVE ENTITLEMENT.

AN AMENDMENT BILL PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY SEEKS TO INCREASE THIS ENTITLEMENT BY ALLOWING A WORKER TO EARN TWO DAYS PAID SICK LEAVE A MONTH IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF EMPLOYMENT AND TO EARN FOUR DAYS A MONTH AFTER THIS INITIAL PERIOD. THE LEAVE ENTITLEMENT MAY ALSO BE ACCUMULATED UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 120 DAYS.

OF THESE 120 DAYS, UP TO 90 MAY BE TAKEN IF THE WORKER DOES NOT REQUIRE HOSPITALISATION DURING HIS ILLNESS. IF THE WORKER HAS TO GO INTO HOSPITAL AT ANY TIME DURING AN ILLNESS LASTING MORE THAN 90 DAYS, A FURTHER DAY OF PAID SICK LEAVE IS GIVEN FOR EACH DAY HE SPENDS IN HOSPITAL, PROVIDED THAT THE TOTAL LENGTH OF PAID SICK LEAVE DOES NOT EXCEED 120 DAYS OR THE WORKER'S ACCUMULATED ENTITLEMENT IF THAT IS SHORTER.

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FURTHERMORE, DURING ANY PERIOD OF PAID SICK LEAVE, A WORKER MAY NOT BE DISMISSED BY HIS EMPLOYER UNLESS HE IS PAID WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, AN ADDITIONAL SUM EQUAL TO SEVEN DAYS' WAGES, AND THE SICKNESS ALLOWANCE TO WHICH HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED DURING HIS ILLNESS. THE EMPLOYER WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THESE PAYMENTS WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF TERMINATING THE CONTRACT OR HE MAY BE FINED \$5 000.

THE ALLOWANCE PAYABLE FOR THIS SICK LEAVE IS EQUIVALENT TO TWO-THIRDS OF THE WAGES A SICK EMPLOYEE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HAD HE BEEN AT WORK, AND IS PAYABLE EITHER FOR THE PERIOD OF ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE, OR FOR THE PERIOD OF LEAVE CERTIFIED AS NECESSARY BY A DOCTOR, IF THIS IS SHORTER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROPOSAL, BY EXTENDING PAID SICK LEAVE TO UP TO FOUR MONTHS, WOULD PROVIDE A SAFEGUARD FOR WORKERS WHO MAY BE ILL FOR QUITE LONG PERIODS AND ARE UNABLE TO WORK. THE FASTER RATE FOR ACCUMULATING PAID SICK LEAVE ENTITLEMENT WOULD BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL WORKERS.

THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 13 AND ITS THIRD READING IS EXPECTED ON JULY 27.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE BILL CAN WRITE TO UMEICO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, AT PRINCE'S BUILDING, ROOMS 1320-1323, CHATER ROAD, HONG KONG.

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NEW LAWS FOR ELECTRICAL TRADE PLANNED

NEW LEGISLATION TO RAISE THE STANDARDS OF THE ELECTRICAL TRADE AND TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY COULD BE ENACTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS, THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, SAID TODAY.

AT THE MOMENT, HE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING ALL THE NECESSARY CONSULTATIVE MACHINERIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING THE NEW LEGISLATION.

MR OSBORNE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION.

HE RECALLED THAT SINCE THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE STEPS TO INTRODUCE NEW LEGISLATION TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE ELECTRICAL TRADE, HIS DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED REPRESENTATIONS AND QUERIES FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS, CONTRACTORS AND INDIVIDUALS EXPRESSING THEIR CONCERN.

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+SOME WORRIED ABOUT THEIR FUTURE CAREERS AND ENQUIRED ABOUT THE WAYS AND MEANS FOR REGISTRATION; SOME LIKE THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND APPLIANCES TRADE WORKERS UNION, HAD PRESENTED THEIR VIEWS BOTH TO OUR DEPARTMENT AND TO THE PRESS WHILE QUITE A NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS AND INDIVIDUALS HAD ASKED TO BE LICENSED AND REGISTERED,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS VERY REASSURING TO LEARN SUCH SUPPORT EXISTS, ESPECIALLY AS THESE SPONTANEOUS SUPPORTS ARE SO FREELY AND ABUNDANTLY EXPRESSED IN FAVOUR OF THE MANDATORY LICENSING AND REGISTRATION OF CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS ENGAGED IN THE TRADE.+

TURNING TO THE QUALITY OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN HONG KONG, MR OSBORNE SAID IT RANGED FROM THE VERY BEST TO THE VERY POOR.

HE PRAISED THE WORK QUALITY OF MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, BUT ALSO SAID THAT THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY.

+ELECTRICAL ACCIDENTS DO OCCUR AND FIRES DO HAVE AN ELECTRICAL ORIGIN,+ HE SAID. +THEY BOTH HAPPEN FAR MORE FREQUENTLY THAN THEY SHOULD.+

MR OSBORNE SAID THAT BECAUSE THE TRADE HAD PROBABLY ENJOYED THE FASTEST GROWTH OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS, IT WAS NOW DESPERATELY IN NEED OF TRAINED AND SKILLED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS SO THAT INSTALLATIONS COULD BE COMPLETED MORE EFFICIENTLY, EFFECTIVELY AND SAFELY.

REGARDING THE LICENSING AND REGISTRATION ASPECTS OF THE FUTURE LAW, MR OSBORNE REASSURED MEMBERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT GO AROUND BREAKING PEOPLE'S RICE-BOWLS.

+IT IS PLANNED TO GIVE RECOGNITION TO PEOPLE WITH PROVEN EXPERIENCE EVEN IF THEY DO NOT HAVE THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS WHICH ONE WOULD NORMALLY EXPECT TO POSSESS,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS ALSO PLANNED THAT TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO ALLOW CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS IN THE TRADE TIME TO GET LICENSED AND REGISTERED.+

IN PROPOSING THE NEW LEGISLATION, MR OSBORNE SAID, IT WAS NOT GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO LOOK FOR MORE INTERVENTION BUT, RATHER, JUST THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH A POLICY OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, PREVENTION, SELF-REGULATION AND PROSECUTION COULD BE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED.

+EDUCATION IS, OF COURSE, THE EFFORT TO GENERATE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DANGER AND OF THE NEED AND WAYS TO AVOID IT- TRAINING IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE WORK OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND VOLUNTARY ACTIONS SUCH AS THAT TAKEN BY YOUR ASSOCIATION.

+PREVENTION NEEDS A SET OF COMPREHENSIVE ENFORCEABLE REGULATIONS AND CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE AND GUIDANCE TO THOSE ENGAGED IN THE TRADE- SELF-REGULATION IS, OF COURSE, THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF GOVERNMENT, AND PROSECUTION IS ONLY A DETERRENT AND THE LAST MOVE WHICH WE HOPE WE NEVER HAVE TO USE,+ MR OSBORNE SAID.

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AIRPORT SHOP TENANCIES AVAILABLE

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THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TODAY (FRIDAY) INVITES TENDERS FOR THE TENANCIES OF TEN RETAIL SHOPS IN THE PUBLIC AREA OF THE EASTERN DEPARTURES HALL OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE TENANCIES WILL BE FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF 25 MONTHS, AND WILL THEREAFTER BE SUBJECT TO ONE MONTH'S NOTICE OF TERMINATION AS THE AREA WOULD EVENTUALLY BE REQUIRED FOR THE AIRPORT'S STAGE V DEVELOPMENT.

THE SHOPS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR A VARIETY OF TRADES, RANGING FROM THE SALE OF JEWELLERY, PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT TO PHARMACEUTICALS AND PUBLICATIONS.

DETAILS OF THE ITEMS OF GOODS WHICH MAY BE PUT ON SALE AND OTHER CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL TENANCIES ARE PROVIDED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENTS.

TENDERERS MAY TENDER FOR ONE OR MORE OF THE SHOP PREMISES BUT A SEPARATE TENDER MUST BE SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF EACH SHOP SPACE.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TREASURY ACCOUNTANT OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, 10TH FLOOR, UNITED CENTRE, 95 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, JULY 29, 1983.

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TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE OFFERED

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YOUNG PEOPLE PLANNING TO TEACH MAY NOW APPLY TO TAKE THE THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE BEING OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE FROM SEPTEMBER.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO TRAIN FORM V SCHOOL-LEAVERS WITH APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL/COMMERCIAL BACKGROUND TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS OF +DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY+ OR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE CURRICULUM INCLUDES THEORY OF EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY, TEACHING METHODOLOGY, TEACHING PRACTICE IN SCHOOLS AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SUBJECT MATTER IN +DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY+ OR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS.

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INDUSTRIAL ATTACHMENT AND VISITS ARE ARRANGED TO PROMOTE STUDENT'S CONTACT WITH THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT.

STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PASS ALL COURSE WORK INCLUDING EXAMINATIONS AND TEACHING PRACTICE IN SCHOOLS BEFORE THEY GRADUATE.

FINANCIAL AID IS AVAILABLE ON APPLICATION, TO HELP STUDENTS TAKE UP THE PRE-SERVICE TRAINING.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD, EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 12.

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VOLUNTEERS TO HELP BEAUTIFY WANG TAU HOM
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ABOUT 180 VOLUNTEERS WILL HELP BEAUTIFY WONG TAI SIN ON SUNDAY (JULY 10) - THE LAST PHASE OF A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT THAT HAS BEEN HELD IN THE DISTRICT SINCE 1981.

THE VOLUNTEERS ARE FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, THE DISTRICT'S JUNIOR POLICE CALL, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, AND THE YOUTH GROUPS OF THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

STARTING AT 9 AM ON SUNDAY, THEY WILL HELP RESIDENTS OF WANG TAU HOM PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE I AND II PLANT FLOWERS, COMPLETE TWO MURAL PAINTINGS ON SLOPES, PAINT COMMON PUBLIC FACILITIES AS WELL AS A FEW RESIDENTIAL UNITS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE OR THE DISABLED IN THE ESTATES:

FUNDED AND ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE PROJECT HAD SINCE MAY 1981 BEEN HELD IN OTHER PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING TUNG TAU, LOK FU, WANG TAU HOM I, TSZ WAN SHAN, AND UPPER AND LOWER WONG TAI SIN.

THE AIM WAS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THESE OLD PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING BY INVOLVING LOCAL VOLUNTEERS IN THE PROJECT.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL WONG, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AND HOUSING DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PRESENT AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 9 AM AT THE OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF WANG FAI HOUSE NEAR BLOCK 9 OF WANG TAU HOM PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE I.

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NEW IMMIGRANTS TO LEARN ABOUT LABOUR MATTERS

A SEMINAR ON HONG KONG'S LABOUR SYSTEM WILL BE HELD IN DIAMOND HILL, WONG TAI SIN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING FOR THE DISTRICT'S NEW IMMIGRANTS.

ABOUT 150 RESIDENTS OF MAN KUK NEW VILLAGE AND TAI KOON NEW VILLAGE, WHO RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM CHINA, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

THE AIM IS TO HELP THESE NEW IMMIGRANTS GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE LOCAL LABOUR LEGISLATIONS AND LABOUR MATTERS.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF WONG TAI SIN, MR STEPHEN FISHER, WILL CHAIR THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN AN OPEN GROUND IN MAN KUK NEW VILLAGE STARTING 8.30 PM.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE WILL TALK ON WAGES, PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, SEVERANCE PAY, REST DAYS, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, SICKNESS ALLOWANCE, MATERNITY LEAVE, TERMINATION OF CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT, AND CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT.

SHORT FILMS ON LABOUR MATTERS WILL ALSO BE SHOWN TO THE PARTICIPANTS, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A QUIZ COMPETITION.

THE SEMINAR IS A PILOT SCHEME JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION-ADVICE COUNCIL, AND ASSISTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

FURTHER SEMINARS ON OTHER ASPECTS WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED.

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD HAD ALLOCATED \$2 000 FOR TOMORROW'S SEMINAR.

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WAN CHAI ROAD CLOSURES

FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 11), THE DOWNHILL LANE OF STUBBS ROAD BETWEEN LINGNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SHIU FAI TERRACE IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FOR WORK ON THE PAVEMENT.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE REMAINING LANE.

CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ALONG STUBBS ROAD AND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES SUCH AS VIA THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

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MEANWHILE, A SHORT SECTION OF HARBOUR ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TONNOCHY ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THE FIRST SIX HOURS OF THE FOLLOWING DAYS FOR WORK ON A FOOTBRIDGE:

SUNDAY (JULY 10), MONDAY (JULY 11), TUESDAY (JULY 12), THURSDAY (JULY 14) AND FRIDAY (JULY 15).

MOTORISTS WISHING TO REACH OR LEAVE THIS AREA MAY USE HARBOUR ROAD AND THE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER.

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FREE VACCINATION FOR FISHERFOLK
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HONG KONG'S FISHERFOLK ARE BEING ADVISED TO BRING THEIR CHILDREN FOR VACCINATION AGAINST VARIOUS CHILDHOOD INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

AN IMMUNISATION CAMPAIGN WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER ON SUNDAY (JULY 10) WHEN FREE VACCINATION WILL BE GIVEN TO CHILDREN IN THE FISHING COMMUNITY AGAINST SUCH DISEASES AS MEASLES, DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH, TETANUS AND POLIOMYELITIS.

STAFF OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE BOAT-TO-BOAT VISITS TO COVER ALL DWELLING BOATS IN THE SHELTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CAMPAIGN WILL START AT AROUND 9 AM, AND URGED BOAT RESIDENTS TO STAY AT HOME FOR THE VACCINATION.

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SQUATTER LIVING CONDITIONS SURVEYED
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A SURVEY HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT ON THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF SQUATTERS FROM MORE THAN 400 HOUSEHOLDS IN ON LOK VILLAGE, SAU MAU PING.

INFORMATION WAS SOUGHT ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE, FAMILY PLANNING, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND OTHER NEEDS OF THE SQUATTERS.

IT IS HOPED AS A RESULT OF THE SURVEY TO BRING ABOUT PHYSICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA AND TO INTRODUCE RELEVANT SOCIAL PROGRAMMES FOR THE SQUATTERS.

THE PROJECT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT, THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

A BRIEFING ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WILL BE GIVEN TO THE PRESS BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK ON SUNDAY (JULY 10).

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ON THE SAME DAY, AN EXHIBITION AND CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD TO HELP INTEGRATE THE SQUATTER COMMUNITY WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE WELFARE SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE EXHIBITION AND CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD IN THE BASKETBALL COURT NEAR BLOCK 44 OF SAU MAU PING ESTATE, WILL FEATURE A PHOTO DISPLAY ON FAMILY PLANNING, GAME STALLS, FREE HEALTH CONSULTATION, CAREER GUIDANCE AND QUIZ.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINARS HELD

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A SEMINAR ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT IS BEING HELD IN TSUEN WAN FOR OFFICE-BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S) AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS (OC'S).

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SESSIONS, THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS HELD AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TONIGHT (FRIDAY).

THE SECOND SESSION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 15, ALSO AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, STARTING AT 8 PM.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER AND CHAIRPERSON OF THE SEMINAR, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO PROVIDE SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THE TASK.

SHE SAID PROBLEMS LIKE LAW AND ORDER, CLEANLINESS, MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND MANAGEMENT OF COMMON AREAS, ALL SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE ENVIRONMENT AND SECURITY OF THE BUILDINGS.

+THERE HAVE BEEN GREAT IMPROVEMENTS TO THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF MAC CHAIRMEN AND COOPERATION OF THE RESIDENTS.

+HOWEVER, SINCE MAC'S ARE NOT STATUTORY BODIES, THERE STILL LACKS A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO SOME OF THE PROBLEMS. THEREFORE THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN ASSISTING MAC'S TO FORM OC'S, AND TO DATE, 77 OC'S HAVE BEEN FORMED, + MISS CHUNG ADDED.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT TONIGHT'S SESSION INCLUDED THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF A CORPORATION, DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT, TRIBUNAL PROCEDURES ON SMALL CLAIMS, AND EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

TALKS ON THESE SUBJECTS WERE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, THE JUDICIARY AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, FOLLOWED BY AN HOUR-LONG OPEN FORUM.

ON JULY 15 WHEN THE SECOND SESSION WILL BE HELD, TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WILL INCLUDE SECURITY, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND FIRE PREVENTION WITH SPEAKERS FROM THE POLICE, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

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LIBRARIES PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE
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PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE NOW ACTIVELY ATTRACTING READERS TO GO TO THEM THROUGH A HOST OF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES, INSTEAD OF WAITING PASSIVELY FOR THE READERS TO DROP BY.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY BY MR ALEX NG, CHIEF LIBRARIAN OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES, AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION OF THE BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION HELD AT KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY.

THESE EXTENSION ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VIDEO CASSETTE VIEWING, HI-FI CONCERTS, SUBJECT TALKS, INTEREST CLUBS AND FILM SHOWS.

MR NG SAID THAT A GREAT EXPANSION PROGRAMME IS UNDERWAY TO SATISFY THE NEED OF READERS AND THAT SEVEN TO EIGHT LIBRARIES WOULD BE OPENED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ONE MOBILE AND 11 STATIC PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE LATTER ARE LOCATED IN ALL DISTRICTS AS FAR AS TAI O, CHEUNG CHAU AND LAMMA ISLAND.

MR NG EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT STUDENTS WOULD VISIT THESE LIBRARIES MORE OFTEN DURING THE SUMMER VACATION TO JOIN THE EXTENSION ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY WEEK WHICH WILL BE HELD IN ALL THE NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES FROM AUGUST 7 TO 13.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK WILL INCLUDE SUBJECT TALKS, COLOURING COMPETITION, STORY TELLING, QUIZ AND FILM SHOWS.

AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY TODAY, MR NG PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE 12 WINNERS OF THE COMPETITION.

IN GROUP A (13 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE), TANG KWOK-YIN, CHAN KIN-HING AND CHAN WAI-MING RECEIVED THE FIRST THREE PRIZES. THE MERIT PRIZE WINNERS WERE TAM OI-LIN, CHEA PING-HUNG AND LEUNG PO-HON.

THE THREE TOP PRIZES OF GROUP B (12 YEARS OF AGE OR BELOW) WERE AWARDED TO LEUNG LIN-SEE, TANG OI-YAN AND CHAN FUNG-LIN, WHILE THE MERIT PRIZES WENT TO LAW MING-WAI, LEE YU-FAN AND MAK SAU-LING.

THE BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES EARLIER IN THE YEAR, RECEIVED MORE THAN 2 000 ENTRIES.

MOST OF THE ENTRIES ARE ON DISPLAY AT KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY UNTIL JULY 15.

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MANY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR YOUTHS
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MANY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

FOUR DISTRICTS, THE SOUTHERN, WAN CHAI, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN, WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN LAUNCHING THEIR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ON SUNDAY, A TELEMATCH GAME BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL MARK THE START OF THE PROGRAMME IN TAI PO.

INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMMES ARE THOUSANDS ITEMS OF TRAINING COURSES, COMPETITIONS, COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTING THE THEME OF +BETTERING ONESELF THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE.+

THEY ARE BEING ORGANISED BY DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES WITH FUNDS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT BOARDS AND PRIVATE DONATIONS.

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POST OFFICE COUNTER MOVING
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THE COUNTER SECTION OF THE ABERDEEN POST OFFICE AT 31 TUNG SING ROAD IN ABERDEEN, WILL BE MOVED TO SHOP NO. 7A ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF ABERDEEN CENTRE, SITE ONE ON MONDAY (JULY 11) TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THE EXPANSION OF LETTER DELIVERY FACILITIES AT THE OLD OFFICE.

THE NEW PUBLIC COUNTER OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE COUNTER FACILITIES AT THE ABERDEEN POST OFFICE, THE COUNTER FACILITIES AT THE ABERDEEN POST OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AFTER BUSINESS TOMORROW (SATURDAY), BUT POST OFFICE BOX FACILITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED AT THE ABERDEEN POST OFFICE, THE POST MASTER GENERAL SAID TODAY.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW POST OFFICE IS 5-559960 AND THE EXISTING BUSINESS HOURS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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SWIMMING COMPETITION FOR YOUTHS
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A HONG KONG-WIDE SWIMMING COMPETITION FOR YOUNGSTERS OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS WILL START FROM SATURDAY WEEK, JULY 16.

SCHOOL CHILDREN AND OTHERS AGED 17 AND BELOW SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE CONTESTS WILL BE HELD AT THE MORSE PARK, KWUN TONG, LI CHENG UK, KWAI SHING, SHA TIN AND YUEN LONG SWIMMING POOLS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID THAT OUTSTANDING SWIMMERS FROM THESE COMPETITIONS WOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR SELECTION TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN AN INTERPORT SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN MACAU LATER THIS YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, ALL URBAN SWIMMING POOLS, THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION AND A NUMBER OF N.T. SWIMMING POOLS. FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES TELEPHONE 5-728594.

PARTICIPATION IS FREE.

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 11) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

AFFECTED PREMISES IS BOUNDED BY LOCKHART ROAD, CANAL ROAD EAST, HENNESSY ROAD AND EAST POINT ROAD, INCLUDING CHEE ON BUILDING.

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