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FPB SPLIT UP FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY
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THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU (FPB) OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN SPLIT UP INTO THREE REGIONAL OFFICES TO PROVIDE MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE.

FROM TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE THREE SEMI-AUTONOMOUS REGIONAL OFFICES WILL OPERATE SEPARATELY FROM HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE HEADQUARTERS WILL REMAIN AT ASIAN HOUSE, WAN CHAI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID THESE REGIONAL OFFICES WILL DEAL WITH FIRE PROTECTION MATTERS RELATING TO COMPLAINTS, PROSECUTIONS, SCHOOLS AND FACTORIES.

+EACH WILL ALSO DEAL WITH DANGEROUS GOODS LICENSING, TIMBER STORES LICENSING AND LICENSING MATTERS CONCERNING PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 8.30 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS, EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

THE ADDRESSES OF THE THREE OFFICES ARE: HONG KONG ISLAND, AT ASIAN HOUSE 10TH FLOOR, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI- KOWLOON, AT SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 5TH FLOOR, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD- AND NEW TERRITORIES, AT SHA TIN FIRE STATION, YUEN WO ROAD.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE OFFICES ARE: 5-281122 EXTENSION 50, 3-247307 AND 0-6047223.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES A 24-HOUR SERVICE FOR COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES.

+ANY PERSON WISHING TO MAKE A COMPLAINT OR AN ENQUIRY MAY DIAL 5-281224,+ HE ADDED.

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REMINDER ON INTEREST TAX PAYMENT
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY REMINDED BY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE NEED TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW CONCERNING PAYMENT OF INTEREST TAX.

FAILURE TO COMPLY COULD LEAD TO LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE OFFENDER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IRD SAID.

FIFTEEN PER CENT OF THE INTEREST CHARGEABLE WITH INTEREST TAX MUST BE DEDUCTED BY THE PAYER AT THE TIME HE MAKES THE PAYMENT OR CREDITS THE INTEREST TO THE RECIPIENT.

THE RECIPIENT SHOULD, THEREFORE, RECEIVE 85 PER CENT OF THE INTEREST AT THE TIME, EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS LAID DOWN UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE PAYER MUST REMIT THE TAX DEDUCTED TO THE COLLECTOR, INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, THIRD FLOOR, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF MAKING THE DEDUCTION.

+THE PAYER OF INTEREST MUST NOT WAIT FOR THE ISSUE OF AN INTEREST TAX RETURN NOR A NOTE OF DEMAND FOR THE TAX FROM THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT,+ HE NOTED.

THE REMITTANCE SHOULD HAVE A COVERING NOTE GIVING PARTICULARS OF THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE RECIPIENT, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE INTEREST, THE NET INTEREST PAID, PERIOD OF THE INTEREST ACCRUED AND THE DATE OF THE PAYMENT OR THE CREDIT OF THE NET INTEREST.

THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT WILL THEN ISSUE TO THE PAYER A SPECIFIED CERTIFICATE FOR TRANSFER TO THE RECIPIENT OF INTEREST WITHIN 42 DAYS OF THE DEDUCTION.

HOWEVER THERE ARE SPECIAL CERTIFICATE ARRANGEMENTS WITH LICENSED BANKS AND CERTAIN SPECIFIED CORPORATIONS.

FAILURE WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE, TO MAKE DEDUCTION OR REMIT AMOUNT OF TAX IS AN OFFENCE AND THE PENALTY ON CONVICTION IS A FINE OF \$2 000.

THE INTEREST TAX SECTION OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT IS ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, (TEL 5-79595236), AND THE POSTAL ADDRESS IS GPO BOX 132 HONG KONG.

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WONG TAI SIN ORGANISING PRODUCTS FAIR
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THE NEWLY-FORMED WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD IS ORGANISING AN EXHIBITION AND FAIR OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE ART AND CRAFT PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED IN THE AREA.

THE 1981 WONG TAI SIN CRAFTS FAIR WILL BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 12 TO 14, AND IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS BUYERS.

EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE CHINESE FURNITURE, IVORY, JADE, WOOD-CRAVING, SILK FLOWER AND PAINTINGS, AND MANY OTHER CRAFT PRODUCTS.

+MOST OF THE PRODUCTS ARE MADE IN SMALL, FAMILY WORKSHOPS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD. WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH LOCAL GROUPS TO INVITE MANUFACTURERS TO JOIN THE FAIR, AND MANY MANUFACTURERS HAVE ALREADY SHOWN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION,+ SAID MR STEPHEN SELBY, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER FOR THE AREA.

THE FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE NEW FUNG MING HALL OF THE WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE 40 STALLS AND IS SERVED BY A MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

THE FAIR WILL COST \$50 000 TO ORGANISE, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS SPONSORED \$15 000 OF THIS, WHILE THE TRUSTEES OF THE HONG KONG BANK FOUNDATION HAVE CONTRIBUTED ANOTHER \$15 000. THE EXHIBITORS WILL MEET THE REST OF THE COSTS.

THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL WILL ASSIST IN GIVING ADVICE IN THE ORGANISATION OF THE FAIR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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REMINDER ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAY

EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT JULY 29, 1981 - THE DATE OF THE WEDDING OF PRINCE CHARLES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER - WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL STATUTORY HOLIDAY FOR THIS YEAR FOR EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT IF AN EMPLOYEE HAS WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR HIS EMPLOYER FOR THREE MONTHS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY, HE IS ENTITLED TO PAY FOR THAT DAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE WAGES, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, WHICH THE EMPLOYEE WOULD HAVE EARNED IF HE HAD WORKED ON THE HOLIDAY.

WHERE AN EMPLOYEE IS EMPLOYED ON PIECE RATES OR WHERE THE DAILY WAGES OF AN EMPLOYEE VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, THE HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE AVERAGE DAILY WAGES DURING THE PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCE, THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, IF FOR ANY REASON, AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HIS EMPLOYER MAY GIVE HIM AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER A STATUTORY HOLIDAY WITH 48 HOURS' NOTICE. HOWEVER, IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

IN THE CASE OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 17 IN INDUSTRY, IF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ANY HOLIDAY IN LIEU FALLS ON THEIR REST DAY UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS, THE HOLIDAY SHOULD BE TAKEN ON THE DAY FOLLOWING THE REST DAY.

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FIRE SERVICES DEPOT BEING CONVERTED INTO SPORTS CENTRE
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A FORMER FIRE SERVICES DEPOT AT TAI HING ESTATE, TUEN MUN, IS BEING CONVERTED INTO AN INDOOR RECREATION AND SPORTS CENTRE.

THE YAN OI TONG, A LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANISATION, HAS DONATED THE \$500 000 THE PROJECT IS COSTING.

THE DEPOT, WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 1 500 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND AND FIRST FLOORS OF HING CHEONG HOUSE. THERE IS ALSO A 440 SQUARE METRE OPEN YARD ATTACHED TO THE PREMISES.

IT HAS BEEN VACANT SINCE THE FIRE SERVICES MOVED TO A NEW SITE IN PUI TO ROAD LAST SEPTEMBER.

TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM, SAID AN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE WOULD PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED SERVICE FOR THE FAST GROWING POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN WHICH WOULD DOUBLE TO 350 000 IN TWO YEARS.

CONVERSION WORK STARTED IN MAY AND WILL BE COMPLETED THIS MONTH.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE ARCHERY RANGES, FITNESS, TABLE TENNIS, DANCE, BRIEFING AND CONFERENCE ROOMS AND A VOLLEY BALL COURT.

THE CENTRE WILL BE MANAGED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AFTER COMPLETION.

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RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CATCHING ON HERE

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HONG KONG MAY HAVE A CHANCE TO TRY OUT A NEW EVENT IN THE 1984 OLYMPIC GAMES -- RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS.

INTRODUCED HERE ONLY QUITE RECENTLY, THIS SPORT AND EXERCISE, AS WELL AS ART FORM, IS DEVELOPING FAST AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

AND THERE ARE ALREADY SOME INDICATIONS OF TALENT IN HONG KONG WHICH MAY, HOPEFULLY, LEAD TO PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD SPORTS EVENT THREE YEARS FROM NOW.

+IT IS A SPORT WITH A DIFFERENCE,+ EXPLAINED MISS LEE LAI, AN INSTRUCTOR WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE. +RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS IS A COMBINATION OF DANCING, MUSIC AND GYMNASTIC EXERCISE.+

+ITS CHARACTERISTIC IS BODILY MOVEMENT FOLLOWING MUSIC,+ SHE SAID. +AND BECAUSE OF THE CONCENTRATION REQUIRED IN THE PERFORMANCE, THE LEARNER WILL BECOME MORE IMAGINATIVE, CREATIVE AND AGILE AFTER A PERIOD OF PRACTICE.

+IN SHORT, IT ENHANCES BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF THE BODY AND THE MIND, AND SOME COUNTRIES USE IT FOR THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES.+

AT PRESENT, MISS LEE IS TEACHING TWO CLASSES A WEEK AT THE HUNG HOM CAR PARK SPORTS CENTRE. THE LEARNERS COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE- MANY OF THEM ARE NURSES, STUDENTS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

IT TAKES AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S INTENSIVE TRAINING TO GET TO KNOW THE SPORT, BUT PROGRESS WILL BE EASIER FOR NEWCOMERS WHO HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED THE BASIC SKILLS IN BALLET AND GYMNASTICS, SHE EXPLAINED.

ALTHOUGH RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS IS QUITE NEW TO HONG KONG, IT HAS IN FACT BEEN IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER PLACES FOR ABOUT 30 YEARS.

+THE SPORT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED INTO CHINA IN 1953-54 BY RUSSIAN GYMNASTIC TEACHERS,+ MISS LEE SAID.

+NOWADAYS, IT IS ALSO VERY POPULAR IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, BRITAIN, FRANCE, GERMANY, POLAND, JAPAN AND KOREA.+

MISS LEE HERSELF WAS TRAINED IN BEIJING BEFORE COMING TO HONG KONG. SHE IS ONE OF THE PIONEERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPORT HERE -- AND IS AMONG A TOTAL OF ONLY FIVE QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS IN HONG KONG.

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THE GOVERNMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN 400 APPLICATIONS FOR RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS CLASSES SO FAR THIS YEAR, AND ABOUT 80 OF THEM HAVE BEEN ENROLLED. FOR THE PRESENT, THE CLASSES ARE FOR WOMEN ONLY.

MISS LEE IS PLANNING TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH HER STUDENTS DURING THE SUMMER VACATION, AND IN NOVEMBER, WILL LEAD THEM IN A PERFORMANCE AT THE YOUTH FESTIVAL IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

ALREADY SHE HAS NOTICED TALENT FOR RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS IN HONG KONG.

+A NUMBER OF MY STUDENTS HAVE SHOWN MUCH POTENTIAL IN THE SPORT,+ SHE SAID.

+I HOPE RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP HERE. MAYBE SOME DAY THE EVENT WILL BRING US AN OLYMPIC MEDAL,+ SHE EXCLAIMED, OPTIMISTICALLY.

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YAU MA TEI WATER LEAKAGE TESTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MID-NIGHT TO 6 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 4) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

AFFECTED PREMISES WILL BE THOSE AT WATERLOO ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, PUBLIC SQUARE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET, INCLUDING WING SING LANE, HI LUNG LANE, MAN MING LANE, TEMPLE STREET, PORTLAND STREET, ARTHUR STREET AND YUNNAN LANE.

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