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KAM TIN RIVER IS FLOWING AGAIN

KAM TIN RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES WHICH USED TO BE CHOKED WITH REFUSE HAVE COME BACK TO LIFE.

MOST OF THE LAP SAP WHICH WAS CLOGGING THE RIVER HAS BEEN CLEARED AND THE WATER IS NOW FLOWING UNRESTRICTED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS.

WORKERS MOBILIZED FROM THE YUEN LONG OFFICE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT EMBARKED ON THE SECOND STAGE OF THE CLEARANCE OPERATION ON THE RIVER ON JULY 2 AND UP TO JULY 28 HAD ALREADY CLEARED ABOUT 8,200 FEET OF THE RIVER'S COURSE.

ALTOGETHER, ABOUT 68 LORRY-LOADS OF BAMBOO AND BUSHES WERE REMOVED AND 679 BASKETS OF REFUSE WERE COLLECTED. SOME OF THIS REFUSE WAS CARRIED BY VEHICLES TO REFUSE DUMPS FOR DISPOSAL WHILE SOME WAS BURNT ON THE SPOT.

THE CLEARANCE PROJECT IS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. NG HON-WING, URBAN SERVICES OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION, RECALLED THAT THE FIRST STAGE, CARRIED OUT IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, HAD MET WITH GREAT SUCCESS. THE MAIN STREAM OF KAM TIN RIVER AND FIVE TRIBUTARIES LYING TO THE NORTH OF KAM TIN ROAD WERE MADE FREE OF LAP SAP IN 33 WORKING DAYS.

+THE CURRENT STAGE,+ HE SAID, +COVERS THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF KAM TIN RIVER AND FOUR TRIBUTARIES LYING TO THE SOUTH OF KAM TIN ROAD, FROM KO PO TSUEN TO SHEUNG TSUEN, MEASURING ABOUT SIX MILES.

+THIS IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE 45 WORKING DAYS TO COMPLETE IF THE WEATHER IS GOOD. SO FAR, THE MORALE OF THE WORKERS IS HIGH AND EVERYTHING IS GOING SMOOTHLY APART FROM A FEW CASES OF SUN STROKE.+

THE WORK IS CARRIED OUT BY THREE TEAMS OF WORKERS, EACH COMPRISING A FOREMAN AND EIGHT LABOURERS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A HEALTH INSPECTOR AND AN OVERSEER. THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH RUBBER WADERS, HELMETS, JUNGLE KNIVES, SAWS AND DINGHIES.

HEAVY SPOTS AROUND KO PO BRIDGE AND NG KA TSUEN ARE BEING DEALT WITH FIRST. DRAINAGE OF FLOOD WATER AT THESE SPOTS, ACCORDING TO MR. NG, TOOK TWO HOURS BEFORE THE CLEARANCE BUT NOW IT TAKES ONLY HALF AN HOUR.

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+THIS IS NOT A ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL JOB,+ HE SAID. +THE RIVER WILL FROM NOW ON BE MAINTAINED BY REGULAR PATROLS ON DINGHIES SO AS TO ENSURE THAT IT IS FREE OF ACCUMULATION OF REFUSE OR OBSTRUCTIONS.+

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT VILLAGERS WOULD MAKE USE OF THE REFUSE CONTAINERS INSTALLED ON THE RIVER BANKS TO DISCARD THEIR RUBBISH INSTEAD OF DUMPING IT IN THE RIVER.

MR. NG SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE SUCCESS, SIMILAR OPERATIONS WOULD BE EXTENDED TO OTHER RIVERS AND STREAMS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING A CLEARANCE GANG AT WORK ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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SENIOR WATERWORKS ENGINEER RETIRES

SENIOR ENGINEER AU YOUNG YOUNG OF THE WATERWORKS OFFICE IS RETIRING AFTER 24 YEARS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

HE FIRST JOINED THE WATERWORKS OFFICE IN 1951 AS AN ASSISTANT ENGINEERING SURVEYOR CLASS 3 AND GRADUALLY WORKED HIS WAY UP THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME SENIOR ENGINEER IN 1970.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. WILLIAM KNIGHT, WILL PRESENT HIM WITH A GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

NOTE TO EDITORS: MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OCCASION. THE PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE AT 4 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 13) IN THE P.W.D. CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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TEACHERS TO ATTEND JUNIOR SCIENCE COURSE

TWO HUNDRED TEACHERS WILL BE ATTENDING A FIVE-DAY IN-SERVICE COURSE ON JUNIOR SCIENCE AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BEGINNING ON MONDAY (AUGUST 11).

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS TO PROVIDE THE PARTICIPANTS WITH THE BASIC TRAINING ON THE APPROACH AND METHOD OF TEACHING SCIENCE AT FORM 1 LEVEL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MR. JOHN WINFIELD WILL OPEN THE COURSE, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY INSPECTORS, PRACTISING TEACHERS, A LECTURER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND LECTURERS OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL SPEND THE FIRST TWO DAYS IN THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE REMAINING THREE DAYS AT SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO DO PRACTICAL WORK IN LABORATORIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE CEREMONY COVERED. IT WILL BEGIN AT 9 A.M. ON MONDAY AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SASSOON ROAD, HONG KONG.

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307,000 LOTTERY TICKETS SOLD SO FAR

UP TO 12 NOON TODAY (SATURDAY), A TOTAL OF 307,000 TICKETS FOR THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR WAS SOLD.

THE WINNING NUMBERS OF THE LOTTERY WILL BE DRAWN NEXT SATURDAY (AUGUST 16) IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FOUR 1975 MISS HONG KONG CONTESTANTS - MISS TERESA CHU TSUI-KUEN, MISS CONNY KWAN SHUK-FAN, MISS LUCIA SZETO LING-CHI AND MISS CAROL KWOK LAI-YEE.

THE FOUR BEAUTIES, WHO ARE HK TVB ARTISTES, WILL HELP SELL TICKETS AT THE SITE BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND THE CITY HALL, LOW BLOCK BETWEEN 5 AND 6 P.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 11).

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT KNITTING FACTORY

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT A KNITTING FACTORY IN TSUEN WAN ON MONDAY (AUGUST 11).

THE VISIT, TO THE TALTEX LIMITED AT NO. 357 SHA TSUI ROAD, IS ANOTHER IN THE CONTINUING SERIES SIR MURRAY HAS BEEN MAKING OVER THE YEARS IN ORDER THAT HE MIGHT SEE FOR HIMSELF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

THERE ARE ABOUT 900 MILLS IN HONG KONG, AND TOGETHER, THESE PROVIDE WORK FOR ABOUT 19,000 PEOPLE.

HONG KONG EXPORTED 16 MILLION POUNDS OF KNITTED FABRICS LAST YEAR, VALUED AT HK\$176.5 MILLION REPRESENTING A SLIGHT INCREASE OVER 1973'S FIGURE OF HK\$166.5 MILLION.

FABRICS OF MAN-MADE FIBRES ACCOUNTED FOR 62 PER CENT OF 1974'S PERFORMANCE, COTTON ACCOUNTED FOR 37.9 PER CENT AND WOOL 0.1 PER CENT.

HONG KONG'S MAJOR MARKETS ARE TAIWAN (26.6%), SINGAPORE (22.6%), AND NEW ZEALAND (16.8%). A LARGE PORTION IS USED BY LOCAL CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS. SIR MURRAY WILL ARRIVE AT THE FACTORY AT 2.55 P.M. AND WILL SPEND ABOUT AN HOUR TOURING THE PREMISES. THE D.C. AND I'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. GERRY XAVIER, WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST YOUR REPRESENTATIVE.

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EXHIBITION AT KAU U FONG
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AN EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS AND HANDICRAFT WILL BE STAGED TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE KAU U FONG PLAYSTREET IN CENTRAL TO GIVE PARENTS A BETTER INSIGHT INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE PLAYSTREET.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING CHILDREN ENGAGED IN VARIOUS PLAY ACTIVITIES.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE JOINTLY OPENED BY MR. MIU WAH-ON, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER FOR CENTRAL- MRS. CHAN KO KAM-BING, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION- MR. NG HON-SUM, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT KAIFONG ASSOCIATION- AND BY MR. G. HINDAUGH, DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT, CENTRAL DIVISION, CENTRAL POLICE STATION.

THE KAU U FONG PLAYSTREET SCHEME WAS FIRST LAUNCHED LAST OCTOBER IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT. THE STREET, WHICH IS NOT HEAVILY USED BY MOTORISTS, IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EVERY SUNDAY WHEN IT IS TURNED INTO A PLAYGROUND.

VARIOUS ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING FUN FAIRS AND GYMNASTIC AND VARIETY SHOWS, HAVE BEEN STAGED IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL PLAY ACTIVITIES, MAKING THE SCHEME VERY POPULAR WITH CHILDREN IN THE AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE OPENED AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW. THE ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE UNTIL 5 P.M.

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VACANCIES IN PART-TIME EVENING TEACHING COURSE
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EXPERIENCED QUALIFIED TEACHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN PART-TIME TEACHING IN THE EVENING ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF VACANCIES IN THE ENGLISH COURSE OF THE EVENING INSTITUTE RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

APPLICANTS FOR THESE TEACHING POSTS MUST HAVE A UNIVERSITY DEGREE PREFERRABLY WITH EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING ENGLISH AT FORM 4 TO 6 LEVELS.

SEPARATELY, EXPERIENCED QUALIFIED TEACHERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ADULT EDUCATION COURSE (GENERAL BACKGROUND) TO TEACH CHINESE, ENGLISH, ARITHMETIC AND SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE PRIMARY LEVEL.

THERE ARE ALSO A NUMBER OF VACANCIES FOR TEACHERS IN THE ADULT EDUCATION COURSE (PRACTICAL BACKGROUND). THEY ARE REQUIRED TO TEACH CREATIVE KNITTING AND CROCHET, FASHION FOR CHILDREN, BABY LAYETTE, CHINESE TAILORING (CHEUNG SAM), CHINESE TAILORING (CHEUNG SAM WITH LINING), WOMAN HOUSECRAFT (ORDINARY), AND CREATIVE NEEDLE CRAFT.

THE HEADS OF ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THEIR STAFF TO THE VACANCIES IN THESE PART-TIME TEACHING COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, 405, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION BY AUGUST 15.

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