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MORE GOVERNMENT JOBS FOR THE DISABLED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED ITS RECRUITMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS.

IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED MARCH 31 THE GOVERNMENT RECRUITED 166 DISABLED PERSONS, COMPARED WITH 126 DURING THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD.

ON APRIL 1 THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 1 138 DISABLED PERSONS EMPLOYED IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH SAID IT WAS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PLACE THE DISABLED IN APPROPRIATE JOBS WHEREVER POSSIBLE.

+DISABLED PERSONS APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ARE CONSIDERED ON EQUAL TERMS WITH OTHER APPLICANTS. IF THEY ARE FOUND SUITABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT, THEY ARE GIVEN AN APPROPRIATE DEGREE OF PREFERENCE FOR APPOINTMENT OVER OTHER APPLICANTS.+

A DISABLED PERSON FOUND SUITABLE TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF A PARTICULAR POST WAS NORMALLY APPOINTED EVEN THOUGH HE MAY NOT BE ABLE, ON ACCOUNT OF HIS DISABILITY, TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF EVERY POST IN THE SAME RANK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IN PLACING THE DISABLED IN APPROPRIATE JOBS WHEREVER POSSIBLE WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE GENERAL POLICY TO INTEGRATE THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PROCESS OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EVENTUAL GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT.

IN AN EFFORT TO RECRUIT MORE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED TELEPHONISTS, SWITCH-BOARDS LOCATED IN A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED FOR THE USE OF BLIND OPERATORS.

ALTERATIONS TO OFFICE PREMISES AND FITTINGS ARE MADE WHERE NECESSARY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF DISABLED OFFICERS. SUCH SPECIAL EQUIPMENT AS OPTACON IS ALSO PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE USE OF DISABLED OFFICERS TO ENABLE THEM TO DO THEIR WORK.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MORE DISABLED PERSONS WOULD BE EMPLOYED IN THE COMING YEAR AND THAT THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WOULD FOLLOW THE GOVERNMENT'S EXAMPLE IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS.

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NEW BRIDGES FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN

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SIX BRIDGES FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS WILL BE BUILT ACROSS LUNG MUN ROAD AND TWO NEW ROADS NEAR WU KING AND BUTTERFLY ESTATES IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE TWO ESTATES.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

ON COMPLETION, THE BRIDGES WITH OVERHEAD STEEL COVERS WILL FORM PART OF THE GRADE SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES LINKING THE TWO ESTATES TO THEIR SURROUNDING AREAS, INCLUDING HUNG LAU PARK TO THE WEST, THE DISTRICT OPEN SPACE TO THE NORTH, AND THE SITE TO THE EAST FOR A NEW HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW REQUIREMENTS FOR NT FOOD BUSINESS LICENCES

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APPLICANTS FOR NEW TERRITORIES FOOD BUSINESS LICENCES SHOULD COMPLY WITH ALL FIRE SAFETY RULES IN ADDITION TO HEALTH REQUIREMENTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT STATED TODAY (SATURDAY).

FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY), THE DEPARTMENT WILL ONLY ISSUE SUCH LICENCES TO RESTAURANTS, FOOD FACTORIES, BAKERIES, AND CANTEENS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AFTER THEY HAVE MET ALL FIRE PRECAUTION REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES.

THIS NEW LICENSING REQUIREMENT IS IN LINE WITH THE FOOD BUSINESS (NEW TERRITORIES)(AMENDMENT)(NO. 3) REGULATIONS 1982 OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT PREVIOUSLY, THE NTSD WOULD PROCESS APPLICATIONS INDEPENDENTLY, LEAVING OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE IMPOSITION OF THEIR OWN REQUIREMENTS DIRECTLY WITH THE APPLICANTS.

HOWEVER, IT HAD BEEN FOUND THAT AFTER BEING GRANTED LICENCES BY THE NTSD, A NUMBER OF APPLICANTS TOOK A LONG TIME TO COMPLY WITH FIRE SAFETY RULES, THUS EXPOSING THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS TO FIRE HAZARDS.

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GIS PROMOTIONS OFFICE MOVING TO UNITED CENTRE

THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES PROMOTIONS SUB-DIVISION WILL MOVE FROM THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, TO NEW OFFICES ON THE 13TH FLOOR OF UNITED CENTRE, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

IT WILL OPERATE FROM THE NEW OFFICE FROM TUESDAY. ITS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-275115.

THE GIS PROMOTIONS SUB-DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS AND PROMOTIONAL MATTERS. IT COMPRISES FOUR SECTIONS: THE CAMPAIGNS SECTION, THE CELEBRATIONS AND FESTIVALS SECTION, THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY UNIT, AND THE GIS FILM LIBRARY WHICH RUNS A FREE FILM LOAN SERVICE.

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NEW FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION PIERS
AT CHEUNG SHA WAN

TWO NEW PIERS WILL SOON BE BUILT FOR THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION IN CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATION STAGE II.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WHEN COMPLETED, THEY WILL REPLACE THE TWO EXISTING MARKET PIERS, WHICH WILL BE DEMOLISHED IN EARLY 1984 TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WESTERN KOWLOON CORRIDOR.

WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN WESTERN

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 3) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, WESTERN STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET WILL BE AFFECTED.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 2

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A NEW MAXICAB-ROUTE NO. 2 - WILL START RUNNING BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND NAM SHAN ESTATE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

SETTING OUT FROM WHAMPOA ESTATE IN HUNG HOM, THE MAXICAB WILL TRAVEL VIA TAK MAN STREET, WUHU STREET, MA TAU WAI ROAD, SAN LAU STREET, CHATHAM ROAD, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, FU NING STREET, ARGYLE STREET, LOMOND ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, EMBANKMENT ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, TAI HANG TUNG ROAD AND LUNG CHU STREET.

RETURN TRIPS WILL BE VIA LUNG CHU STREET, TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET, ARGYLE STREET, FU NING STREET, SHING TAK STREET, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, MA TAU WAI ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, PAK KUNG STREET, MA TAU WAI ROAD, WUHU STREET, TAK MAN STREET, MAN TAI STREET, MAN SIU STREET AND TAK MAN STREET.

IT WILL OPERATE FROM 7 AM TO 10.32 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 8 AM TO 10.20 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE PEAK HOUR FREQUENCY IS 12 MINUTES AND FARES WILL RANGE FROM \$1 TO \$1.50.

WATER CUT IN NT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 4) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR INSTALLATION OF A NEW ELECTRIC PUMP TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLY IN TAI PO AND FANLING AREAS.

THE FOLLOWING AREAS WILL BE AFFECTED :

TAI PO, INCLUDING TAI PO TOWN, TAI PO INDUSTRIAL AREA, TING KOK ROAD AREAS AND TAI PO LOOK-OUT; SHEUNG SHUI, INCLUDING SHEUNG SHUI TOWN, SHEK WUI HUI, KWU TUNG, SAN TIN AND LO WUI AND FANLING, INCLUDING FANLING TOWN, LUEN WO MARKET AND SHA TAU KOK.

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RE-PAINTING OF HOARDINGS BY STUDENTS IN CENTRAL
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HOARDINGS AROUND A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN CENTRAL WILL BE RE-PAINTED AND GIVEN A PLEASANT LOOK BY SOME 40 STUDENTS INCLUDING DEAF AND MUTE ONES AS A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 1).

ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE SHEUNG WAN (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE, THE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT IS AIMED AT AROUSING CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING HOARDINGS PROPERLY.

IT IS ALSO AIMED AT IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA, AND FOSTERING STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

THE PROJECT FOLLOWS A RECENT SURVEY BY THE SHEUNG WAN (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITIONS OF HOARDINGS IN THE AREA.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT HOARDINGS OF HALF OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES WERE DILAPIDATED, THUS ENDANGERING PEDESTRIANS AND SPOILING THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), MR EDDY CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHEUNG WAN (CENTRAL) AREA COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT H.C. LAM, AND OTHER MEMBERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR THE RANK AND FILE MARRIED QUARTERS AT THE JUNCTION OF OLD BAILEY STREET AND STAUNTON STREET IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 1) AT 2 PM.

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SAI KUNG BEACHES GET FACELIFT
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AN EXTENSIVE CLEAN-UP IS BEING LAUNCHED AT MORE THAN 30 BATHING BEACHES AT SAI KUNG INCLUDING THE MOST POPULAR CLEARWATER BAY BEACH AND THE REMOTED BEACHES INACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

A NUMBER OF RURAL LEADERS AND STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE OPERATIONS WHICH ARE ORGANISED TO COINCIDE WITH THE CURRENT CLEAN BEACH PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

AT AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY HELD AT CLEARWATER BAY (SECOND) BEACH TODAY (SATURDAY), THE URBAN DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR LAM CHUNG-HUEN, URGED THE BEACHGOERS NOT TO SPOIL THE NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE BEACHES AND SPARE THEMSELVES FROM A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 FOR LITTERING OFFENCE.

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TAKING PART IN TODAY'S OPERATION WERE 50 GIRLS AND BOYS FROM ST FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND WAH YAN COLLEGE OF KOWLOON, WHO PICKED UP AND COLLECTED A LARGE QUANTITY OF REFUSE AND EMPTY CANS LEFT BEHIND ON THE BEACH BY BEACHGOERS AND HOLIDAY-MAKERS.

CLEANSING STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROVIDED A BACK-UP SERVICE IN REMOVING THE GARBAGE.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MRS RITA LAU, AND MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD INCLUDING MR LAU WAN-HEI AND MR WAN SHU-PUI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE BEACH CLEAN-UP AT CLEARWATER BAY (SECOND) BEACH WILL BE SENT TO YOU BY FACSIMILE LATER TODAY.

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TERRITORY-WIDE FOLK SONG COMPETITION PROVES POPULAR
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THE +SWINGING SUMMER+ FOLK GROUP SINGING COMPETITION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG HAS RECEIVED VERY GOOD RESPONSE FROM YOUNG FOLK SONG LOVERS.

SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE SINGING COMPETITION LATE LAST MONTH, MORE THAN 5 000 APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED. FOUR AUDITIONS FOR 1 500 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD AND TWO MORE ARE BEING ARRANGED FOR ANOTHER 1 000 ENTRANTS.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED AS A PART OF THIS YEAR'S +SWINGING SUMMER+ TV PROGRAMME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE FACT THAT SO MANY APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED REFLECTED A KEEN INTEREST IN THE TV PROGRAMME AND THE SINGING COMPETITION.

TWO PRELIMINARIES HAD BEEN HELD AT THE FIRST AND SECOND EPISODES OF THE TV SERIES ON TWO PREVIOUS SUNDAYS. THE THIRD PRELIMINARY WILL BE HELD AT THE THIRD EPISODE TO BE SCREENED AT TVB-JADE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 12 NOON.

APART FROM THE SINGING COMPETITION, THE THIRD EPISODE WHICH IS CO-ORGANISED WITH THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL FEATURE AN HOUR-LONG ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME BY TV CELEBRITIES, WINNIE CHIN, WAN CHI-KEUNG, KENT CHOI, WILLY FUNG AND BOBBY CHAN.

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