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QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS  
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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THE AWARD OF QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, FATHER PATRICK MCGOVERN, AND WARRANT OFFICER CLASS 1, S.A. ULLA OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS).

FATHER MCGOVERN, WHO HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1976, RECEIVES AN HONORARY O.B.E., AND W.O.1 ULLA, WHO HAS SERVED WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT FOR 27 YEARS, RECEIVES A B.E.M. (MILITARY DIVISION). THE AWARDS ARE ADDITIONAL TO THOSE ANNOUNCED IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST ON JUNE 3.

FATHER MCGOVERN IS A MEMBER OF SEVERAL COMMITTEES CONNECTED WITH INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICES. HE HAS ESTABLISHED A REPUTATION OVER THE YEARS FOR HIS EFFORTS AT IMPROVING THE LOT OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN HONG KONG, HAVING SPENT MUCH TIME ADVISING THEM ON HOW TO BETTER THEIR CONDITIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

HE IS A MEMBER OF THE ICAC CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY RELATIONS, PERMANENT ADVISER TO THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE, AND ADVISES A NUMBER OF TRADE UNIONS.

MR. ULLA HAS SERVED IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT CONTINUOUSLY SINCE 1951 AND IS THE SENIOR VOLUNTEER WARRANT OFFICER. FOR MANY YEARS HE HAS GIVEN WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT AND LOYALTY TO THE REGIMENT, HIS DEVOTION TO DUTY SETTING AN EXAMPLE TO YOUNGER MEN. IN CIVILIAN LIFE HE WORKS AS AN ASSISTANT HOUSING MANAGER IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REASON FOR THE LATE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THESE AWARDS IS THAT AGREEMENT HAD TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENTS OF EIRE AND PAKISTAN, OF WHICH FATHER MCGOVERN AND MR. ULLA ARE CITIZENS RESPECTIVELY, BEFORE THEY COULD BE MADE PUBLIC.

FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AWARDS WILL APPEAR IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

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K.C.R. SIGNALLING SYSTEM COMPUTERISED  
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A COMPUTER-CONTROLLED SIGNALLING SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AS PART OF ITS PLAN TO MODERNISE THE TRAIN SERVICE IN ORDER TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

COSTING OVER \$30 MILLION, THE NEW SYSTEM WILL BE INSTALLED IN THREE STAGES TO GRADUALLY REPLACE THE EXISTING MANUALLY OPERATED SYSTEM.

PLANNING MANAGER OF THE K.C.R., MR. SUNNY CHOI, SAID: +THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD HALVE MANPOWER AND ENABLE US TO HAVE A GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN ARRANGING TRAINS FOR HIGHER FREQUENCY.+

HE SAID WHEN THE NEW SYSTEM IS FULLY OPERATIONAL BY LATE 1980, IT WILL ENABLE THE K.C.R. TO OPERATE TRAINS EVERY THREE MINUTES.

THE NERVE CENTRE OF THE SYSTEM IS A COMPUTER WITH ITS CONTROL CONSOLE INSTALLED AT THE KOWLOON STATION.

MR. CHOI SAID A SPECIAL ROOM TO HOUSE THE COMPUTER AND THE CONTROL EQUIPMENT IS BEING BUILT AT THE HUNG HOM TERMINAL AND INSTALLATION OF THE CONTROL SET IS EXPECTED TO START IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

THE SIGNALLING SYSTEM IS BEING BUILT ALONG WITH THE DOUBLE-TRACKING OF THE RAIL.

WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SIGNALLING SYSTEM IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON THE SECTION BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN WHERE THE DOUBLE TRACKING WORK IS IN PROGRESS.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE SYSTEM WILL COVER THE SECTION BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO MARKET AND WORK IS DUE TO START SOON WHILE THE FINAL STAGE, FROM TAI PO MARKET TO LO WU WILL COMMENCE AT A LATER DATE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW SIGNALLING SYSTEM FOR THE SHA TIN LOOP LINE WILL BE OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR WITH A TEMPORARY PANEL INSTALLED AT THE NEW SHA TIN RACE COURSE STATION TO CONTROL THE SIGNALS ALONG THE SECTION BETWEEN SHA TIN AND UNIVERSITY STATIONS.

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SEAMEN RECRUITING OFFICE

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AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, ABOUT 22,740 HONG KONG SEAMEN WERE SERVING IN OVER 1,300 SHIPS REGISTERED IN PORTS OF NEARLY ALL MARITIME COUNTRIES, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE FIGURE REPRESENTS A SLIGHT DECLINE OF ABOUT SIX PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 24,200 SEAMEN IN 1976.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID MANY OF THESE SEAMEN WERE EMPLOYED THROUGH A CENTRALISED SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 5,300 SEAMEN WERE SUPPLIED BY THE RECRUITMENT OFFICE.

UNDER THE CENTRALISED SYSTEM, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, A SEAMAN WISHING TO APPLY FOR A JOB CAN HAVE HIS NAME ENTERED IN THE GENERAL ROSTER HELD BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT. HE MAY ALSO APPLY FOR HIS NAME TO BE ENTERED IN INDIVIDUAL COMPANY ROSTERS OR IN A LICENSED CREW DEPARTMENT LIST.

LICENSED CREW DEPARTMENTS ARE OPERATED BY INDIVIDUAL SHIPPING COMPANIES AND LAST YEAR 31 COMPANIES WERE LICENSED TO MAINTAIN CREW DEPARTMENTS.

+FOR THE BENEFIT OF SEAMEN, FREQUENT INSPECTIONS ON THESE CREW DEPARTMENTS ARE CARRIED OUT BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE COMPANIES COMPLIED WITH THE CONDITIONS COVERING THEIR OPERATION,+ HE SAID.

BUT A COMPANY WHICH DOES NOT OPERATE A LICENSED CREW DEPARTMENT MAY OBTAIN PERMISSION TO HAVE A COMPANY ROSTER WITHIN THE SEAMEN RECRUITING OFFICE ON WHICH TO LIST SEAMEN WHO ARE PREPARED TO SERVE ON THAT COMPANY'S SHIPS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID MUSTERS OF SEAMEN WERE HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN THE RECRUITMENT OFFICE FOR BOTH GENERAL ROSTER AND COMPANY ROSTER PURPOSES IN ORDER TO PREVENT MALPRACTICE AND TO ENSURE THAT SEAMEN ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT BEING OFFERED. IN ADDITION, ACCEPTED MINIMUM CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE CONTAINED IN A STANDARD FORMAT PREPARED BY THE RECRUITMENT OFFICE AND REGULARLY UPDATED.

HE ADDED HOWEVER, LICENSED CREW DEPARTMENTS AND COMPANIES OPERATING COMPANY ROSTERS MAY ALSO SELECT SEAMEN FROM THE GENERAL ROSTER IF SEAMEN ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN THE COMPANY'S LISTS OR ROSTERS.

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RECREATION PROGRAMME ESSENTIAL FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS. EVELYN DOE, TODAY PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR THE ORGANISATION OF MORE HEALTHY RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS TO HELP STEER YOUNG PEOPLE ON THEIR WAY TO GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER PROGRAMME RUN BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MRS. DOE SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY OUTLETS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN A HIGHLY URBANISED SOCIETY.

+APART FROM FOSTERING THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT, THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HAD GONE A LONG WAY IN HELPING YOUNGSTERS BUILD UP THEIR MORAL SENSE, AROUSE THEIR SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND DIRECT THEIR INCENTIVE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY,+ SHE SAID.

WITH FULL SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, MRS. DOE WAS CONFIDENT THAT OTHER TERRITORY-WIDE RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES, SUCH AS THE CHINESE NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES, WOULD BE AS SUCCESSFUL AS THE ONE ORGANISED IN SUMMER.

TURNING TO THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME CONDUCTED IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT, SHE SAID THAT THE WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, TOTALLING 450, HAD GIVEN 80,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AN ENJOYABLE AND MEANINGFUL VACATION.

SHE PRAISED THE DISTRICT'S YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MADE UP OF 78 WELFARE AGENCIES, COMMUNITY BODIES AND LOCAL OFFICES OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, FOR THIS SUCCESSFUL VENTURE.

+I HOPE THAT THIS SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION WILL RESULT IN THE PROVISION OF MORE VALUABLE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR OUR YOUNGER GENERATION,+ SHE SAID.

A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING DRAMA, CHINESE MUSIC AND TRADITIONAL DANCES WAS ALSO STAGED TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

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CONCERTS OF MUSIC TRAINEES

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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF CONCERTS TO BE PERFORMED BY ITS MUSIC TRAINEES REGULARLY FROM NEXT MONTH.

THE FIRST CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT 5.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) IN THE RECITAL HALL OF THE ARTS CENTRE, NINTH FLOOR, HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. SIMILAR CONCERTS WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME VENUE ON THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE SAID THE PERFORMERS ARE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ATTENDING MUSIC TRAINING CLASSES ORGANISED BY THE OFFICE SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR.

+THESE CONCERTS WILL ENABLE THE TRAINEES TO BUILD UP CONFIDENCE IN GIVING LIVE PERFORMANCES IN PUBLIC BEFORE AN AUDIENCE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CONCERTS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND FREE ADMISSION CARDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE HEADQUARTERS IN THE ARTS CENTRE.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON TONG AND ABERDEEN

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE STOPPED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TUESDAY (AUGUST 29) TO 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, BEACON HILL ROAD, EDE ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE INCLUDING EASTBOURNE ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD AND FLATS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS' HOUSING SCHEMES.

ON THE ISLAND, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN ABERDEEN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 30) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, TIN WAN STREET INCLUDING YUE LEI STREET, YUE WOK STREET, KA WO STREET, TUNG FONG STREET AND THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

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