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FESPIC GAMES OPEN
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THE 3RD FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES FOR THE DISABLED OPENED AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN IN A BLAZE OF COLOUR TODAY.

OPENING THE GAMES, HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUKE OF KENT SAID THE PRESENCE OF THE 800-PLUS COMPETITORS FROM ALL OVER THE FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC +IS A MOST VIVID PROOF OF THE UNCONQUERABLE POWER OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.+

ATTENDING THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DUCHESS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE AND LADY YOUDE.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT HONG KONG IS HOSTING THE GAMES WHICH AIM AT PROMOTING THE GENERAL INTEREST AND WELFARE OF DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE REGION IN SPORTS EVENTS.

THE GAMES, WHICH WILL CONTINUE UNTIL NOVEMBER 7, INCLUDE SUCH SPORTS AS AIR RIFLE, ARCHERY, ATHLETICS, FENCING, LAWN BOWLS, SWIMMING, TABLE TENNIS AND WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL.

AFTER WATCHING A DRAGON DANCE AND DISPLAY OF CHINESE DANCING, THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES MET INFORMALLY WITH THE TEAM MANAGERS AND PARTICIPANTS.

EARLIER, THE DUKE UNVEILED A SMALL PYRAMID AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE CENTRE.

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES WERE GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, DR Y. NAKAMURA, PRESIDENT OF THE FESPIC FEDERATION, AND DR HARRY FANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE FESPIC GAMES ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE DUKE'S SPEECH :

+SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, DR FANG, YOUR EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

+IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT THE DUCHESS AND I ARE ABLE TO JOIN YOU HERE TODAY FOR THE OPENING OF THE 3RD FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC PARAPLEGIC GAMES FOR THE DISABLED. WE ARE AWARE OF THE TREMENDOUS VITALITY AND GROWTH OF INTERNATIONAL SPORTS MOVEMENTS FOR THE DISABLED WORLDWIDE AND IT IS MOST ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE WAY IN WHICH THESE REGIONAL GAMES HAVE GROWN SO DRAMATICALLY OVER THE YEARS -- UNTIL TODAY WE HAVE MORE THAN 800 COMPETITORS FROM ALL OVER THE FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC. THEIR PRESENCE IS A MOST VIVID PROOF OF THE UNCONQUERABLE POWER OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

+I CONGRATULATE ALL THOSE IN HONG KONG WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO BRING THE GAMES HERE AND TO STAGE THEM AS THE FIRST EVENT TO BE HELD IN THIS FINE NEW JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE. I NOW WISH ALL PARTICIPANTS EVERY SUCCESS AND THE BEST OF LUCK.

+I NOW DECLARE OPEN THE 1982 FESPIC GAMES FOR THE DISABLED.+

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CARE OF ELDERLY ONE OF TOP PRIORITIES: SIR PHILIP

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THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY SHOULD BE ONE OF OUR PRESENT DAY PRIORITIES, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, SAID IN OPENING THE CARITAS BAZAAR TODAY.

SIR PHILIP SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HONG KONG'S RISING STANDARDS IN GENERAL, AND OF HEALTH CARE IN PARTICULAR, LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH IS NOW 72 YEARS FOR A MAN AND 78 YEARS FOR A WOMAN.

+AT PRESENT, TEN PER CENT OF OUR POPULATION OF 5.2 MILLION PEOPLE IS AGED 60 AND ABOVE; IN TEN YEARS TIME, THIS IS EXPECTED TO GROW TO NEARLY 13 PER CENT OF THE THEN PROJECTED POPULATION OF 5.9 MILLION PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF SIR PHILIP'S SPEECH:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

MY WIFE AND I ARE DELIGHTED TO BE HERE TODAY AT THIS BAZAAR AND CONGRATULATE THE ORGANISERS FOR THEIR SELFLESS EFFORTS AND DEDICATION.

ON THIS OCCASION I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT THE CARE OF THE ELDERLY WHICH I BELIEVE SHOULD BE ONE OF OUR PRESENT DAY PRIORITIES. BECAUSE OF HONG KONG'S RISING STANDARDS IN GENERAL - AND OF HEALTH CARE IN PARTICULAR - LIFE EXPECTANCY AT BIRTH IS NOW 72 YEARS FOR A MAN AND 78 YEARS FOR A WOMAN. AT PRESENT, 10 PER CENT OF OUR POPULATION OF 5.2 MILLION PEOPLE IS AGED 60 AND ABOVE; IN 10 YEARS TIME, THIS IS EXPECTED TO GROW TO NEARLY 13 PER CENT OF THE THEN PROJECTED POPULATION OF 5.9 MILLION PEOPLE.

THE PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGING PROCESS ARE COMPLEX AND REQUIRE A RANGE OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND FACILITIES. IN HONG KONG WE HAVE DEVELOPED THESE SERVICES AND FACILITIES ON THE BASIS OF THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF +CARE IN THE COMMUNITY+, SO THAT THE ELDERLY MAY REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. THUS SUCH SERVICES AS HOME HELP, MEALS SERVICE, COMMUNITY NURSING AND SOCIAL CENTRES AND, OF COURSE, OF IMPROVED CASH BENEFITS, ARE ALL DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO LOOK AFTER THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS. THESE SERVICES ARE ALSO DESIGNED TO ENABLE THOSE OLD PEOPLE IN GOOD PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. BUT TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS THEY ALSO NEED ACCOMMODATION AND SO THERE ARE SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS OF FLATS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE. THE DECISION TO PURCHASE FLATS IN PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 700 ELDERLY PERSONS, RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNOR, WAS ALSO TAKEN WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF +CARE IN THE COMMUNITY+ IN MIND. I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER USE FOR PART OF THE FUNDS IN OUR GOLD COIN ACCOUNT AND I HOPE THAT THESE GOLD COIN HOMES WILL BRING MUCH PEACE AND HAPPINESS TO MANY PEOPLE AND THAT THE SCHEME CAN BE A CONTINUING ONE.

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FOR THOSE WHO CAN NO LONGER LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES OR ON THEIR OWN FOR HEALTH OR OTHER REASONS, RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES, SUCH AS HOSTELS IN PUBLIC HOUSING PREMISES, ARE PROVIDED. SPECIAL ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO ORGANISING VARIOUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES OR INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES TO ENSURE THAT THE RESIDENTS DO NOT FEEL SOCIALLY ISOLATED OR UNWANTED.

AT THE SAME TIME, PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THE AGING PROCESS IS BEING PROMOTED SO THAT GROWING OLD AND THE ASSOCIATED SENSE OF INCREASING DEPENDENCY, PHYSICALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND SOCIALLY, IS ACCEPTED BY ALL AS A NATURAL PROGRESSION. THE LEAST THE COMMUNITY CAN DO FOR OUR ELDERLY CITIZENS IS TO ACCORD THEM THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE MEANS TO ENJOY A DIGNIFIED OLD AGE.

CARITAS IS, OF COURSE, A TRADITIONAL PROVIDER OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND I AM SURE THAT IT WILL SPARE NO EFFORT IN CONTINUING WITH ITS WORK IN THIS VERY WORTHWHILE FIELD.

AND NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, LET ME DECLARE THE BAZAAR OPEN SO THAT WE MAY PROCEED TO ENRICH THE COFFERS OF CARITAS TO HELP IT FUND THE MANY VARIED SERVICES IT PROVIDES.

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STATISTICS ON FINANCING SECTOR

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS ON THE FINANCING SECTOR OF THE BENCHMARK ECONOMIC CENSUS CONDUCTED IN 1981 ON THE STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTORS FOR THE REFERENCE YEAR 1980. THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS ON THE STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS AND INSURANCE SECTORS WERE RELEASED IN EARLY OCTOBER.

APART FROM BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (WHICH WERE COVERED BY A SEPARATE SURVEY OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES), THERE WERE 1 847 FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN OPERATION DURING THE WHOLE OR PART OF 1980, WITH A WORKFORCE OF 15 582 PERSONS. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS GENERATED \$8 417 MILLION OF INCOME AND RECEIPTS.

TOTAL EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE FINANCING SECTOR WERE ESTIMATED TO BE \$2 578 MILLION, OF WHICH 25 PER CENT WERE SPENT ON COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES, 49 PER CENT ON RENT AND RATES ON LAND AND BUILDINGS, RENTALS FOR EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY AND INTEREST ON OPERATING LOANS, 26 PER CENT ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, PURCHASES OF GOODS, SUPPLIES, FUELS, WATER, ELECTRICITY AND OTHER SERVICES. CAPITAL STOCK AT THE END OF 1980 WAS WORTH \$506 MILLION, WITH \$60 MILLION AS DEPRECIATION OVER THE YEAR, AND \$133 MILLION AS GROSS ADDITIONS TO FIXED ASSETS WHICH WERE ACQUISITIONS OF FIXED ASSETS LESS PROCEEDS FROM RE-SALE OF FIXED ASSETS.

A STATISTICAL TABLE (ATTACHED) PRESENTS THE PROVISIONAL RESULTS FOR THE 1 847 FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED INTO SEVEN GROUPS, NAMELY, (I) PERSONAL LOANS, MORTGAGES, INSTALMENT CREDIT, FACTORING, AND BILL DISCOUNTING COMPANIES; (II) PAWNSHOPS; (III) INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES; (IV) STOCK AND SHARE BROKERS AND DEALERS; (V) COMMODITY FUTURES AND GOLD BULLION BROKERS AND DEALERS; (VI) MONEY CHANGERS AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE BROKERS AND DEALERS; (VII) FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS FINANCIAL SERVICES.

IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, +STOCK AND SHARE BROKERS AND DEALERS+ WERE THE LARGEST GROUP, FOLLOWED BY +COMMODITY FUTURES AND GOLD BULLION BROKERS AND DEALERS+, AND +INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES+.

THE FINANCING SECTOR, ON AVERAGE, INCURRED ABOUT \$46 000 ON COMPENSATION PER EMPLOYEE PER ANNUM, WITH +INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES+ INCURRING THE HIGHEST AT \$77 000 AND +PAWNSHOPS+ THE LOWEST AT \$27 000.

IN ADDITION, THE SECTOR INCURRED A TOTAL OF \$1 931 MILLION ON OPERATING EXPENSES INCLUDING RENT AND RATES, INTEREST PAYMENTS, EXPENSES ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE, PURCHASES OF GOODS, SUPPLIES, FUELS, WATER, ELECTRICITY AND PAYMENTS FOR OTHER MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES. +STOCK AND SHARE BROKERS AND DEALERS+ INCURRED THE HIGHEST OPERATING EXPENSES OF \$611 MILLION, FOLLOWED BY +INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES+ OF \$526 MILLION. A LARGE AMOUNT OF OPERATING EXPENSES WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST PAYMENTS BY THESE FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

INCOME AND RECEIPTS VARIED SIGNIFICANTLY AMONG THE SEVEN GROUPS OF FINANCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS. INCOME AND RECEIPTS FOR +INVESTMENT AND HOLDING COMPANIES+, WITH DIVIDENDS AS THEIR MAJOR INCOME, AMOUNTED TO \$5 088 MILLION OR 60 PER CENT OF THE SECTOR'S TOTAL. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY +STOCKS AND SHARES BROKERS AND DEALERS+, WITH \$1 690 MILLION, NOTABLY BROKERAGE RECEIPTS, OR 20 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL. PAWNSHOPS HAD THE SMALLEST SHARE IN THE TOTAL RECEIPTS, WITH \$84 MILLION OR ONLY ONE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL.

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A REPORT ON THE 1980 CENSUS. THE REPORT WILL DESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE RESULTS OF THE CENSUS AND THE METHODOLOGY EMPLOYED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE 1980 CENSUS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SERVICES STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 3-661070).

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Provisional statistics for reporting establishments in the financing sector analysed by group

Group	Number of establishments	Number of persons engaged	Number of employees	Compensation of employees	Rental and interest payments	Repair, maintenance and contract work	Purchases of goods, supplies, fuels, water and electricity	Other operating expenses	Income and receipts	Gross additions to fixed assets	Depreciation of fixed assets	Capital stock
				\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn	\$ Mn
Personal loans, mortgages, instalment credit, factoring, and bill discounting companies excluding banks and deposit-taking companies	448	1 852	1 469	48.0	449.9	0.6	3.1	36.1	731.6	34.0	18.1	144.2
Pawnshops	136	968	829	22.3	18.8	0.5	1.3	2.5	84.1	3.7	1.0	17.2
Investment and holding companies	311	2 332	2 298	177.9	385.4	3.4	8.7	128.0	5 087.9	9.3	19.5	174.5
Stock and share brokers and dealers	640	5 842	5 147	217.0	310.0	2.1	11.6	286.8	1 689.7	61.9	9.7	101.2
Commodity futures and gold bullion brokers and dealers	165	2 699	2 573	74.6	37.7	0.6	5.7	79.4	364.5	10.3	3.9	23.5
Money changers and foreign exchange brokers and dealers	57	564	528	36.5	22.1	0.3	0.9	31.0	140.4	3.0	1.6	10.8
Financial institutions and financial services, n.e.c.	90	1 325	1 301	71.1	41.9	1.6	7.5	53.4	318.4	11.2	6.3	34.3
Total	1 847	15 582	14 145	647.4	1 265.8	9.1	38.7	617.3	8 416.6	133.3	60.0	505.6

Note : Figures may not add up to the totals due to rounding.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO CONTACT DB MEMBERS ON DISTRICT MATTERS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS TO GET INTO THE HABIT OF CONTACTING THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN ON LOCAL ISSUES.

HE WAS ADDRESSING SOME 3 000 KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL HELD AT THE KOWLOON TSAI PARK THIS AFTERNOON.

MR BARNES SAID: +FROM NOW ON, YOUR DISTRICT BOARD WILL HAVE THE SERVICE OF BOTH APPOINTED AND ELECTED MEMBERS.

+THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THEY WILL WORK TOGETHER IN A DOWN-TO-EARTH MANNER TO REFLECT THE NEEDS AND VIEWS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+MAKE IT A HABIT TO CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, BE THEY APPOINTED OR ELECTED, WHENEVER YOU WANT TO MAKE KNOWN YOUR OPINIONS ON DISTRICT MATTERS.

+IF YOU FEEL THAT A LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY SUCH AS THE ONE BEING HELD HERE TODAY IS WORTH PROMOTING, YOU SHOULD TELL THEM SO THAT ACTIVITIES OF THIS KIND CAN BE ORGANISED IN FUTURE FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF RESIDENTS.+

THE MONTH-LONG FESTIVAL, BY FAR THE LARGEST DISTRICT-WIDE ACTIVITY ORGANISED IN KOWLOON CITY, WILL INCLUDE PARADES, SPORTS AND HORTICULTURE DEMONSTRATIONS, PHOTOGRAPHIC, DRAWING AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS, DRAGON DANCE, SINGING, DANCING AND BAND PERFORMANCES, VARIETY SHOWS, GAMES STALL, PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION TO BRINGING ENTERTAINMENT AND ENJOYMENT TO THE RESIDENTS, IT AIMS TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO KOWLOON CITY, AS WELL AS AROUSE INTEREST IN LOCAL AFFAIRS AND SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

+TO ORGANISE SUCH A FUNCTION ON THIS SCALE REQUIRES THE WHOLEHEARTED CO-OPERATION AND FULL SUPPORT OF ALL CONCERNED,+ MR BARNES SAID IN THANKING THE VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR MAKING THE FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.

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FIRST MULTI-DISCIPLINARY VOCATIONAL
ASSESSMENT SERVICE

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HONG KONG'S FIRST MULTI-DISCIPLINARY VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT SERVICE TO EVALUATE THE VOCATIONAL STRENGTHS AND POTENTIAL OF DISABLED PERSONS WILL BE INTRODUCED TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THIS SERVICE, WHICH FOLLOWS GOVERNMENT POLICY STATED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION, IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES CAN BE TAILORED TO SUIT THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF DISABLED PERSONS AND THEREBY HELP THEM TO ACHIEVE MORE MEANINGFUL GOALS IN LIFE ONCE EVALUATION HAS BEEN MADE.

THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH USED IN THIS SERVICE IS BASED ON THE ADVICE OF A CONSULTANT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION.

THE CONSULTANT HAS ALSO HELPED TO TRAIN A TEAM OF PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS, WHICH INCLUDES A REHABILITATION OFFICER, AN INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGIST, A VOCATIONAL COUNSELLOR, WORK EVALUATORS, A PLACEMENT OFFICER AND A PHYSIOTHERAPIST.

A PART-TIME DOCTOR WILL ALSO BE ENGAGED.

THE SERVICE IS OFFERED AT THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE UNDER THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL DISABLED PERSONS OVER THE AGE OF 15. IT IS HOPED THAT INITIALLY ALL APPLICATIONS FOR THE SERVICE WILL BE MADE THROUGH REFERRALS.

FURTHER DETAILS AND APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT SECTION, WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE, 487 KWUN TONG ROAD, KOWLOON, TEL. NO. 3-419221 OR 3-419525.

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INCREASING SAFETY IN THE HOME

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ALERTED TO VARIOUS POTENTIAL DANGERS IN THE HOME IN A SERIES OF RADIO PROGRAMMES AS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT'S HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG'S CHINESE PROGRAMME, +LADY'S PRIDE+, WILL DEVOTE 10 MINUTES OF EACH EPISODE TO BROADCASTING SAFETY MESSAGES.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE BROADCAST AT 2 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, ON RADIO 5 FOR SIX MONTHS.

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THE MESSAGES WILL TAKE THE FORM OF DRAMA, NEWSCLIPS AND INTERVIEWS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND EXPERTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY.

THE PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE DIFFERENT DANGEROUS SITUATIONS IN THE HOME, THE +DOS+ AND +DON'TS+, HOW TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF ACCIDENTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A JOINT QUIZ WITH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS CAN WIN ATTRACTIVE PRIZES DONATED BY PHILIPS HONG KONG LIMITED AND MCDONALD'S RESTAURANTS (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

MATERIAL USED IN THE PROGRAMME WILL BE BASED ON A BOOKLET ENTITLED +SAFETY STARTS AT HOME+, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER.

THE BOOKLET IS PRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

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WALKATHON TO BE HELD

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A WALKATHON TO FOSTER THE INTEGRATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14 (SUNDAY) FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM AT THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK.

THE NINTH PHAB WALKATHON, ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION, IS EXPECTED TO DRAW MORE THAN 600 PARTICIPANTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR RSS SAID TODAY (SUNDAY), +THE AIM IS TO PROMOTE WALKING AS A FORM OF EXERCISE FOR ALL PEOPLE.

+PARTICIPANTS WHO CAN COMPLETE THE VARIOUS DISTANCES WITHIN SPECIFIED TIMES WILL BE AWARDED TOKENS.+

THE EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE OVER 14 YEARS OF AGE AND APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEADQUARTERS, ALL ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL PHAB CENTRES.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE TAKING PART AND THERE ARE 13 PICK-UP POINTS IN KOWLOON AND 11 ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 5-458511 OR 3-612323.

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AWARDS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHERS

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SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHERS IN PRIMARY, AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS OR TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ARE INVITED TO VIE FOR THE AWARDS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHERS 1982/83 ORGANISED BY THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATORS (CASME).

THE AWARDS, WHICH HAVE A TOTAL VALUE OF 300 POUNDS STERLING, ARE INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE TEACHING OF THE SOCIAL ASPECTS OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE SCOPE OF THE AWARDS IS INTERPRETED BROADLY, AND 'SOCIAL ASPECTS' INCLUDES THE RELEVANCE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS CURRICULA TO LOCAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS AND TO THE IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

THERE ARE NO SET TOPICS FOR THE COMPETITION. REPORTS OF WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE TEACHER SHOULD BE BASED ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AND SHOULD INCLUDE A SUBSTANTIAL ACCOUNT OF TEACHING AND/OR OTHER EDUCATIONAL WORK SUCH AS CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT OR PROGRAMS OF TEACHER TRAINING.

EACH ENTRY MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE ENTRANT AND MUST NOT HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED PREVIOUSLY.

EACH APPLICANT CAN ONLY SUBMIT ONE ENTRY, WHICH SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 000 WORDS IN LENGTH.

TEACHERS WHO WISH TO ENTER THE COMPETITION MUST REGISTER WITH THE BRITISH COUNCIL BEFORE JANUARY 25, 1983 AND SUBMIT THEIR PAPERS BEFORE APRIL 25, 1983.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES TEACHERS CAN CONTACT THE BRITISH COUNCIL, EASEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 255 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG OR CALL 5-756501.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN YUEN LONG

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN YUEN LONG NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH FAIRVIEW PARK ACCESS ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 2).

WITHIN THE SECTION, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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FANLING SQUASH COURTS HEAVILY USED
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THE FANLING NEW TOWN SQUASH COURTS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY USED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS SINCE ITS OPENING 12 MONTHS AGO.

ADDRESSING A GATHERING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT NOVICE SQUASH COMPETITION AT THE SQUASH COURT COMPLEX TODAY (SUNDAY), THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF NORTH REGION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR ARTHUR JOHNSON, SAID THE USAGE RATE OF THE COURTS WAS 98 PER CENT DURING THE EVENINGS, WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

+THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THE NTSD WANTS TO SEE IN ITS CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE SAID.

+WHILE WE ARE GOING TO PROVIDE MORE AND MORE FACILITIES FOR HEALTHY ENJOYMENTS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES YOUNGER GENERATION, WE HOPE TO RAISE THE GENERAL STANDARDS IN SPORTS,+ MR JOHNSON ADDED.

THE FIVE-DAY LONG COMPETITION, WHICH ATTRACTED 48 MEN PLAYERS AND 18 WOMEN PLAYERS, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE NTSD.

THE FINAL MATCHES WERE HELD TODAY TO CELEBRATE THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE SQUASH COURTS COMPLEX.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF NORTH DISTRICT SPORTS CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHONG KAM-LING, AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER OF NORTH, MR CHENG CHEUK-PING.

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TAPS OFF IN HUNG HOM
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HUNG HOM WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 3) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY KAI MING STREET, MA TAU WAI ROAD, HOK YUEN STREET AND THE SEAFRONT.

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