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HK HOST TO COMMONWEALTH MPS

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HONG KONG WILL HOST THE 1981 ANNUAL MID-YEAR MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION BETWEEN MAY 4 AND 8.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM 15 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WILL ATTEND THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, HON DENIS BRAY, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER ON MONDAY, MAY 4.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, HON M. QIONIBARAVI, SPEAKER OF THE FIJI PARLIAMENT, THE ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, HON C.T. MAYNARD, MINISTER OF LABOUR AND HOME AFFAIRS, THE BAHAMAS, AND THE HON TREASURER, MR JAMES JOHNSON OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL ATTEND. REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM AUSTRALIA, CANADA, THE CHANNEL ISLANDS, THE COOK ISLANDS, DOMINICA, INDIA, MALAWI, MALAYSIA, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA AND THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION, WHICH AIMS TO ENCOURAGE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND TO PROMOTE THE STUDY OF AND RESPECT FOR PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF ITS 120 BRANCHES IN NATIONAL AND TERRITORIAL PARLIAMENTS IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

DURING THEIR STAY HERE, THE DELEGATES WILL ALSO TAKE A FIRST-HAND-LOOK AT HONG KONG'S NEW TOWN AND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS AND VISIT THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK AND RESERVOIR.

THE MEETING WILL END ON FRIDAY, MAY 8 WITH AN OFFICIAL DINNER GIVEN BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION WHICH WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DENIS BRAY IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 10.30 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 4).

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NEW LICENSING POLICY FOR TV GAMES MACHINES

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A MORE LIBERAL POLICY WILL BE INTRODUCED ON JUNE 1 WHICH WILL ALLOW SOME COIN-OPERATED TELEVISION GAMES AND SIMILAR ENTERTAINMENT MACHINES TO BE LICENSED WITHOUT BEING TIED TO OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR NIGEL WATT.

THE INTENTION OF INTRODUCING A REVISED POLICY WAS ANNOUNCED LAST DECEMBER. SINCE THAT TIME GOVERNMENT APPROVAL TO THE NEW PROCEDURES HAS BEEN OBTAINED, AND THE NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED.

+UNDER THE EXISTING POLICY,+ HE SAID, +AUTOMATIC MACHINES ARE GENERALLY LICENSED AS AN ANCILLARY ENTERTAINMENT TO OTHER ESTABLISHED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN PRIVATE CLUBS, SPORTING INSTITUTIONS, HOTELS AND OPEN-AIR AMUSEMENT PARKS. THE NUMBER OF MACHINES PERMITTED IN EACH LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS RESTRICTED.

+WITH THE ADVANCEMENT OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES, MANY TELEVISION GAMES MACHINES HAVE BEEN INVENTED IN RECENT YEARS. THESE MACHINES ARE POPULAR AND PROVIDE HEALTHY ENTERTAINMENT FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN ALIKE. IT WILL NOW BE POSSIBLE FOR SUITABLE TELEVISION GAMES MACHINES, SUCH AS SPACE INVADERS, DRIVING MACHINES OR HOCKEY TABLES, TO BE LICENSED FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT WITHOUT UNNECESSARILY BEING TIED TO OTHER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+THE LICENSING OF FRUIT MACHINES AND OTHER GAMBLING MACHINES WILL CONTINUE TO BE TOTALLY PROHIBITED. ALSO PIN-BALL MACHINES AND FLIPPER-OPERATED MACHINES WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM THE NEW CENTRES. THESE TYPES OF MACHINES WILL ALSO IN FUTURE BE EXCLUDED FROM EXISTING AUTOMATIC MACHINE PREMISES SUCH AS PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS AND BOWLING CENTRES. BUT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE ALLOWED ON A RESTRICTED BASIS IN HOTELS, PRIVATE CLUBS AND IN OPEN-AIR AMUSEMENT PARKS.

+THESE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED BECAUSE MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE PIN-BALL MACHINES ARE CONDUCTIVE TO GAMBLING, AND THE EXCLUSION OF THESE MACHINES FROM THE PROPOSED CENTRES WILL ENABLE PEOPLE TO ENJOY TELEVISION GAMES WITHOUT THE DISTRACTION WHICH MIGHT BE CAUSED BY THE PROXIMITY OF PEOPLE PLAYING PIN-BALL GAMES.+

THE ENTERTAINMENT MACHINE CENTRES WILL ONLY BE LICENSED IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OR IN THE COMMERCIAL PORTIONS OF MIXED-USER BUILDINGS PROVIDED THEY HAVE THEIR OWN ENTRANCES AND EXITS, AND ARE TOTALLY SEPARATED FROM ANY RESIDENTIAL PARTS OF THE BUILDINGS. ONLY ONE CENTRE WILL BE PERMITTED IN ANY ONE BUILDING AND THEY WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM BUILDINGS ADJACENT TO EDUCATIONAL OR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

/MR WATT

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MR WATT SAID THAT TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN, NO PEOPLE UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR WEARING SCHOOL UNIFORM WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE CENTRES.

HOWEVER, CHILDREN WILL BE CATERED FOR BY THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL INDOOR AMUSEMENT CENTRES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER SIXTEEN TO WHICH NOBODY OVER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE WILL BE ADMITTED UNLESS THEY ARE IN-CHARGE OF A CHILD. THESE WILL BE HOUSED IN DEPARTMENT STORES OR IN WELL-CONTROLLED SEPARATE CENTRES WITH LIMITED HOURS OF OPERATION, AND THE TYPES OF MACHINES PERMITTED WILL BE CAREFULLY CONTROLLED.

SAFETY MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT ALL FIRE PRECAUTIONS, STRUCTURAL AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS ARE MET BY LICENSEES WILL BE LAID DOWN FOR BOTH CHILD AND ADULT CENTRES.

THE CENTRES WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE AIR-CONDITIONED AND SOUND-PROOF TO PREVENT NOISE FROM THE MACHINES CAUSING DISTURBANCE OR IRRITATION TO PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE CENTRES.

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EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCY STATISTICS IN DECEMBER 1980

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS FOR MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IN DECEMBER 1980.

THESE WERE DERIVED FROM EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS CONDUCTED EVERY QUARTER BY THE DEPARTMENT COVERING THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR, THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR, AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE OVERALL FIGURES, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1979 AND SEPTEMBER 1980, ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

/EMPLOYMENT IN

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE INCREASE	
	DEC. 79	SEPT. 80	DEC. 80	DEC. 80 ON DEC. 79	DEC. 80 ON SEPT. 80
MANUFACTURING	870 900	892 100	907 500	4.2	1.7
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION (MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)	81 900	86 200	87 300	6.6	1.3
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	418 600	447 300	455 100	8.7	1.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	113 400*	126 600	132 000	16.4	4.3

NOTE: * REFERRING TO NOVEMBER 1979

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1980 WITH THOSE FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME IN 1979, THERE WERE INCREASES IN EACH OF THE FOUR SECTORS LISTED ABOVE.

THE RAPID GROWTH RATE IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR CONTINUED— EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR IN DECEMBER 1980, AT 132 000, WAS 16.4% HIGHER THAN THAT IN NOVEMBER 1979.

THE GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES ALSO CONTINUED, WITH EMPLOYMENT IN DECEMBER, AT 455 100 AND 87 300 RESPECTIVELY, BEING 8.7% AND 6.6% HIGHER THAN IN DECEMBER 1979.

THE GROWTH RATE IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, ALTHOUGH LESS RAPID, WAS 4.2% HIGHER THAN THAT IN DECEMBER 1979.

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1980 WITH THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1980, THERE WERE ALSO INCREASES IN EACH OF THE FOUR SECTORS.

THE MOST RAPID GROWTH WAS AGAIN RECORDED IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR. EMPLOYMENT IN THIS SECTOR GREW BY 4.3% BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER 1980.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, EMPLOYMENT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR BOTH INCREASED BY 1.7%. CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT OF MANUAL WORKERS ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES WAS 1.3%.

TOGETHER WITH EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ALSO PUBLISHED VACANCY STATISTICS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR= THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR= AND THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR IN DECEMBER 1980.

THESE WERE COMPILED FROM THE NUMBER OF JOB VACANCIES REPORTED BY ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS IN THESE SECTORS.

THE OVERALL FIGURES, TOGETHER WITH A COMPARISON WITH THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1979 AND SEPTEMBER 1980, ARE AS FOLLOWS :-

SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY	NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN			PERCENTAGE INCREASE	
	DEC. 79	SEPT. 80	DEC. 80	DEC. 80 ON DEC. 79	DEC. 80 ON SEPT. 80
MANUFACTURING	55 300	37 400	42 000	-23.9	12.4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS	5 200	5 900	5 800	11.8	-1.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES	1 800*	2 400	2 900	62.4	20.2

NOTE: * REFERRING TO NOVEMBER 1979

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1980 WITH THOSE FOR APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME IN 1979, THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE OF 23.9% IN THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. NEVERTHELESS, THE TOTAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES (THE SUM OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES) IN THIS SECTOR STILL INCREASED BY 2.5% DURING THIS PERIOD.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VACANCIES IN THE FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR INCREASED TOGETHER WITH EMPLOYMENT DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1980.

COMPARING THE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER 1980 WITH THOSE FOR SEPTEMBER 1980, THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES INCREASED EXCEPT IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR.

/DETAILS OF

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES WITHIN THE FOUR SECTORS ARE GIVEN IN THE TABLE ATTACHED. FURTHER DETAILS ON EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCY STATISTICS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN SELECTED INDUSTRIES

I. MANUFACTURING SECTOR

<u>INDUSTRY GROUP</u>	<u>EMPLOYMENT IN</u>			<u>PERCENTAGE INCREASE</u>	
	<u>DEC 79</u>	<u>SEPT 80</u>	<u>DEC 80</u>	<u>DEC 80 ON DEC 79</u>	<u>DEC 80 ON SEPT 80</u>
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	251 300	255 700	263 700	+4.9	+3.1
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	126 800	124 600	127 600	+0.7	+2.4
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	117 700	119 100	122 100	+3.7	+2.5
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	87 900	86 300	86 100	-2.0	-0.3
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	84 800	84 800	84 200	-0.7	-0.6

/10. BUILDING

II. BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

(MANUAL WORKERS ON SITES ONLY)

CONTRACTING PARTY	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE INCREASE	
	DEC 79	SEPT 80	DEC 80	DEC 80 ON DEC 79	DEC 80 ON SEPT 80
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	16 412	14 449	16 452	+ 0.2	+13.9
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	18 210	15 916	15 995	-12.2	+ 0.5
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION*	5 380	4 432	3 844	-28.6	-13.3
PRIVATE SECTOR	41 877	51 389	50 983	+21.7	- 0.8

* CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION REFER TO M.T.R. CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING DECEMBER 1980.

III. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, AND RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE INCREASE	
	DEC 79	SEPT 80	DEC 80	DEC 80 ON DEC 79	DEC 80 ON SEPT 80
WHOLESALE TRADE	44 400	49 800	50 700	+14.1	+1.7
RETAIL TRADE	140 200	149 600	152 800	+ 9.0	+2.2
IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS	104 600	115 000	113 800	+ 8.8	-1.1
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	110 500	114 000	118 200	+ 6.9	+3.7
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	18 900	18 900	19 600	+ 3.8	+4.0

/IV. FINANCE

IV. FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND
BUSINESS SERVICES SECTOR

INDUSTRY GROUP	EMPLOYMENT IN			PERCENTAGE INCREASE	
	NOV 79	SEPT 80	DEC 80	DEC 80 ON NOV 79	DEC 80 ON SEPT 80
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	38 200	42 600	45 200	+18.3	+6.0
REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	17 200	18 400	19 300	+12.4	+5.0
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	16 600	18 900	20 000	+20.2	+5.6
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	4 700	5 400	5 100	+ 8.7	-4.8
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	7 500	8 100	8 300	+11.2	+2.6

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MATERNITY LEAVE GUIDE AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

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A GUIDE TO THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING PAID MATERNITY LEAVE FOR EMPLOYEES, COVERED BY THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

COPIES OF THE GUIDE, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ALL OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT NEXT WEEK.

THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT)(NO 2) ORDINANCE 1981, WHICH PROVIDES FOR PAID MATERNITY LEAVE, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY) AFTER BEING PASSED INTO LAW IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY.

THE ORDINANCE WILL TAKE EFFECT ON JUNE 1, BY NOTIFICATION IN THE GAZETTE.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE GUIDE OUTLINED ALL THE IMPORTANT PROVISIONS, SUCH AS THOSE CONCERNING QUALIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENT TO MATERNITY LEAVE AND MATERNITY LEAVE PAY, LENGTH OF MATERNITY LEAVE, RATE OF MATERNITY LEAVE PAY, PREGNANCY CHECK-UPS, POST CONFINEMENT MEDICAL TREATMENT AND MISCARRIAGES, VERIFICATION OF NUMBER OF CHILDREN AND PROHIBITION OF TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH MATERNITY LEAVE.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE MATERNITY PROVISIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE ON TELEPHONE 5-282523 EXT 81.

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FREE GUIDE TO EXPLAIN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS PRODUCED A LEAFLET, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND THE NEW PATTERN OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION INTRODUCED UNDER THE WHITE PAPER ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, PUBLISHED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

ENTITLED +A GUIDE TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION+, THE LEAFLET EXPLAINS, IN SIMPLE TERMS, THE AIMS OF THE NEW SCHEME, THE FUNCTIONS OF THE NEW DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, THE ELEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AND THE WAY IN WHICH THE SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.

COPIES OF THE BILINGUAL GUIDE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE, FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICE OR THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT WITH THE CONTINUING SHIFT AND GROWTH OF THE POPULATION, THE TASK OF ADMINISTERING HONG KONG HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY COMPLICATED.

+THE TIME IS NOW RIPE TO IMPROVE ADMINISTRATION AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, AND TO PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO SHARE IN, AND CONTRIBUTE THEIR IDEAS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR COMMUNITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THE NEW SCHEME.

HE SAID: +IT AIMS TO CREATE MORE AND BETTER CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE, AND TO GIVE THEM A MORE DIRECT SAY ON GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND POLICIES AFFECTING THEIR DISTRICTS AND TO ENSURE THAT THEIR NEEDS ARE IDENTIFIED AND DEALT WITH EFFECTIVELY.

/+THE SCHEME

+THE SCHEME WILL ALSO PROVIDE EVEN BETTER CO-ORDINATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION AT DISTRICT LEVEL.+

THE GUIDE SUMMARISES THE MAIN POINTS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE FORMATION OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT BOARDS IN TEN URBAN DISTRICTS AND IN EIGHT DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. EACH OF THESE DISTRICTS WILL BE SPLIT UP INTO CONSTITUENCIES.

THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (DMC), WHOSE MEMBERSHIPS CONSISTS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS CONCERNED WITH DISTRICT AFFAIRS, ARE CHARGED WITH CO-ORDINATING AND MONITORING GOVERNMENT SERVICES WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS AND ENSURING THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIVE TO THE DISTRICTS' NEEDS.

THE DISTRICT BOARDS (DB), DEVELOPED FROM CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEES IN URBAN AREA AND FROM THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE SET UP IN ALL 18 DISTRICTS BY MARCH 1982, TO ADVISE ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING THERE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IN ADDITION TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS APPOINTED BY GOVERNMENT, THERE WILL BE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ELECTED ON A CONSTITUENCY BASIS. THE TERM OF OFFICE FOR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IS THREE YEARS.

+THIS IS WHERE A GREATER DEGREE OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SHOULD COME IN, AS THE BOARDS WILL HAVE PUBLIC-SPIRITED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE RESIDENTS REPRESENTING AS WIDE A CROSS-SECTION OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AS POSSIBLE.

+THROUGH THESE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, PUBLIC ADVICE AND OPINION WILL BE EXPRESSED AND HEARD. THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES WOULD THEN BE ADVISED ON THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE DISTRICT AFFAIRS.+

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TRAINING COURSE FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

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THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL RUN A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME IN-SERVICE COURSE IN SEPTEMBER FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WHO ARE PROFESSIONALLY UNTRAINED.

APPLICANTS MUST BE CURRENTLY FULL-TIME PERMITTED TEACHERS WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN A REGISTERED KINDERGARTEN AND HAVE REACHED 18 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1981. THEY SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED GRADE E OR ABOVE IN AT LEAST 2 SUBJECTS, ONE OF THEM, PREFERABLY, CHINESE IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION, OR ITS EQUIVALENT.

THE CURRICULUM WILL INCLUDE PROFESSIONAL, CURRICULUM AND GENERAL STUDIES PRESENTED THROUGH LECTURES, TUTORIALS, VISITS, WORKSHOPS, ETC. SUPERVISED PRACTICAL TEACHING WILL BE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COURSE.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID, +THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION ON THE COURSE WILL BE CHINESE AND NO TUITION FEES ARE PAYABLE.+

STUDENTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL BE AWARDED THE STATUS OF +QUALIFIED KINDERGARTEN TEACHER+ AND WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S REGISTER OF TEACHERS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS WITH GUIDANCE NOTES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, 3/F., HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG AND THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 42, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY ONE PHOTO-COPY OF EVERY TEACHING PERMIT AND EVERY CERTIFICATE RELATING TO THE APPLICANT'S ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

+COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE THROUGH SUPERVISORS TO THE JOINT SELECTION BOARD C/O GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION ON OR BEFORE MAY 15,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATIONS FORWARDED BY POST, LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

RESULTS OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY AUGUST, 1981.

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INLAND REVENUE ISSUES REMINDER

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND EMPLOYERS OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE, EVERY PERSON CHARGEABLE TO TAX FOR ANY YEAR OF ASSESSMENT MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE IN WRITING NOT LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE END OF THE BASIS PERIOD FOR THE YEAR IN WHICH HE IS SO CHARGEABLE UNLESS HE HAS ALREADY BEEN REQUIRED TO FURNISH A RETURN FOR THAT YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ANY PERSON WHO CEASES TO CARRY ON A TRADE, PROFESSION OR BUSINESS= TO HOLD AN OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT IN RESPECT OF WHICH SALARIES TAX IS CHARGEABLE= OR TO HAVE A SOURCE OF INCOME IN RESPECT OF WHICH HE IS PERSONALLY ASSESSED, MUST ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING WITHIN ONE MONTH OF SUCH CESSATION.

ANY PERSON CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES, PROFITS OR PERSONAL TAX AND IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN ONE MONTH MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

/+THIS DOES

+THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO LEAVE HONG KONG FREQUENTLY IN THE COURSE OF BUSINESS OR EMPLOYMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO REMINDED TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESS TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING OF THE PARTICULARS OF THE CHANGE.

EMPLOYERS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING OF THE PARTICULARS OF ANY NEW EMPLOYEE LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF HIS EMPLOYMENT.

AN EMPLOYER WHO IS ABOUT TO CEASE TO EMPLOY IN HONG KONG ANY PERSON LIKELY TO BE CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX MUST ADVISE THE COMMISSIONER IN WRITING AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF SUCH AN EMPLOYMENT.

IT IS ALSO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AN EMPLOYER TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER WHENEVER AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX IS ABOUT TO LEAVE HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN A MONTH AT LEAST ONE MONTH BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WHEN AN EMPLOYER HAS INFORMED THE COMMISSIONER THAT HE IS ABOUT TO CEASE TO EMPLOY A PERSON CHARGEABLE TO SALARIES TAX, HE MUST NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT TO THAT EMPLOYEE WITHIN A MONTH FROM THE DATE OF GIVING SUCH NOTICE, EXCEPT WITH THE CONSENT IN WRITING OF THE COMMISSIONER.

+THE EMPLOYER MAY HOWEVER, DURING THAT MONTH PAY TO THE COMMISSIONER OUT OF MONEY DUE TO THE EMPLOYEE SUCH SUM AS THE EMPLOYEE MAY DIRECT HIM TO PAY.+

FORMS FOR GIVING SUCH NOTICES MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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CENTRAL TRAFFIC BACK TO NORMAL MONDAY, IF WEATHER PERMITS
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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL WILL REVERT TO NORMAL FROM 7 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 4) IF THE WEATHER REMAINS FINE OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE REMAINING REMEDIAL WORK WILL DEPEND ON THE CONTINUING GOOD WEATHER.

ACCORDINGLY, ALL BUS SERVICES DIVERTED VIA DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL OR JACKSON ROAD WILL ALSO RESUME THEIR NORMAL ROUTES VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

AND ALL THE BUS STOPS ALONG QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, OUTSIDE BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, WILL BE REINSTATED.

/A SPOKESMAN

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT REPAIR WORKS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE UTILITY COMPANIES TO THE SECTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WHICH SUBSIDED LAST MONTH WAS PROCEEDING MORE SMOOTHLY THAN EXPECTED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT PWD CONTRACTORS WOULD WORK ROUND THE CLOCK DURING THE NEXT TWO DAYS IN AN ATTEMPT TO GET THE WORK DONE BEFORE MONDAY.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED, WHETHER THE REPAIR WORK COULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE MONDAY WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE WEATHER.

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NORTH POINT FERRY PIER EXTENSION

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BUILD AN EXTENSION TO THE OLD NORTH POINT PASSENGER FERRY PIER OFF KAM HONG STREET TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

ON COMPLETION, THE PIER EXTENSION WILL ALSO HELP EASE THE CONGESTION AT THE EXISTING NEW PASSENGER FERRY PIER OFF SHU KUK STREET.

THE EXTENSION WILL BE A REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURE PROVIDING TWO BERTHS FOR PASSENGER FERRIES.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED IS SET OUT IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ALL OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN IS POSTED ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON CITY
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN EFFECT IN KOWLOON CITY ON SUNDAY (MAY 3) FOR THE +LIVELY DRAGON JOG+ EVENT ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL INVOLVE A SECTION OF INVERNESS ROAD BETWEEN DUMBARTON ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD WHICH WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 2.30 PM ON THAT DAY TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THE AREA.

ALL PARKING SPACES IN THIS SECTION OF INVERNESS ROAD WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 8 AM AND 3 PM.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE
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FIVE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION BY THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON MAY 25 AT 2.30 PM.

ALL THE SITES OFFERED ARE ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AND ARE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES. THEY MEASURE ABOUT 5 832, 3 700, 1 399, 1 445 AND 3 100 SQUARE METRES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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DENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION OPENED AT TAI O
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A THREE-DAY DENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT TAI O, LANTAU.

THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF A CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE AND LOCAL SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE EXHIBITION OPENING, ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANDREW FOK, SAID THE PROJECT WAS INITIATED AS A RESULT OF FINDINGS OF A SURVEY BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THAT THE DENTAL HEALTH OF TAI O CHILDREN IS RELATIVELY WEAK.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE EXHIBITION WOULD GIVE CHILDREN AND PARENTS A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF DENTAL HYGIENE, THUS REDUCING THE RISK OF TOOTH PROBLEMS, HE SAID.

MR FOK ALSO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING ITS BEST TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY FACILITIES AT TAI O.

+SOME PROJECTS, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS. THIS DENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN IS AN EXAMPLE OF HOW GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE TAI O A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION, AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, INCLUDES CHARTS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND MODELS SHOWING THE IMPORTANCE OF TEETH, HOW THEY GROW, CAUSES OF PROBLEMS AND WAYS TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY.

IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

AS ANOTHER PART OF THE CAMPAIGN, REGULAR CHECKS ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS TO ENCOURAGE INTEREST IN TOOTH HYGIENE AMONG STUDENTS.

TOOTHPASTE, VITAMIN C TABLETS AND BOOKMARKS WITH DENTAL HEALTH MESSAGES ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO CHILDREN.

ALSO, SONGS AND ADVICE ON KEEPING TEETH HEALTHY ARE BEING BROADCAST IN SCHOOLS AND AT THE KAITO JETTY.

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FIREMEN GET MEDALS FOR LONG SERVICE

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MORE THAN 80 OFFICERS AND RANK-AND-FILE MEN OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) PRESENTED WITH MEDALS AND CLASPS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LONG SERVICE.

THE PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE AT VARIOUS COMMANDS, INCLUDING THE AMBULANCE COMMAND, BY CHIEF FIRE/AMBULANCE OFFICERS.

AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR BRIAN FENDER, PRESENTED COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADE LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO TWO DIVISIONAL OFFICERS, EACH OF WHOM HAS COMPLETED 18 YEARS' SERVICE.

MR FENDER ALSO DECORATED FOUR ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICERS, FIVE PRINCIPAL FIREMEN, SIX SENIOR FIREMEN AND FOUR FIREMEN WITH SIMILAR MEDALS.

TWO PRINCIPAL FIREMEN AND ONE SENIOR FIREMAN, EACH WITH 30 YEARS' SERVICE, RECEIVED FIRST CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR OFFICERS AND 22 RANK-AND-FILE MEN WERE PRESENTED WITH MEDALS AND CLASPS BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER JOHN MARCH.

IN KOWLOON, THE HEAD OF THE COMMAND, MR ANTHONY CONWAY ALSO PRESENTED LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO THREE OFFICERS AND SIX NCO'S AND FIREMEN.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND, FIVE OFFICERS AND 11 NCO'S AND FIREMEN WERE PRESENTED WITH LONG SERVICE MEDALS BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER FRED JACKSON.

IN ADDITION, ONE SENIOR FIREMAN RECEIVED A FIRST CLASP TO HIS MEDAL FOR 25 YEARS' SERVICE, WHILE A PRINCIPAL FIREMAN RECEIVED SECOND CLASP FOR 30 YEARS' SERVICE.

AT THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, ONLY ONE STATION OFFICER RECEIVED A LONG SERVICE MEDAL PRESENTED BY THE HEAD OF THE BUREAU, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER ROBERT HOLMES.

IN THE AMBULANCE COMMAND, ONE PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMAN AND TWO SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN RECEIVED LONG SERVICE MEDALS, WHILE ANOTHER PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMAN WAS GIVEN A SECOND CLASP TO HIS MEDAL. CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER HARRY KENYON MADE THE PRESENTATIONS.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION TO ART EXHIBITION

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SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS TO SEND IN THEIR ART AND CRAFT WORKS FOR SELECTION FOR DISPLAY AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

SUBMISSIONS MAY INCLUDE PAINTING, DRAWING, PRINT-MAKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, GRAPHIC DESIGN, THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN, CALLIGRAPHY, SCULPTURE, POTTERY, BATIK, TIE-DYE, MACRAME, EMBROIDERY AND OTHER CRAFTS.

VISUAL EXPERIMENTS IN VARIOUS MEDIA WILL ALSO BE CONSIDERED FOR INCLUSION IN THE EXHIBITION.

THE EXHIBITION IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

IT WILL SHOW TO THE PUBLIC THE ACHIEVEMENTS IN ART AND CRAFT OF HANDICAPPED STUDENTS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS, SPECIAL CLASSES, HOSPITAL SCHOOLS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS.

SELECTED WORKS WILL BE DISPLAYED FROM JULY 25 TO AUGUST 4 AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD REACH THE ART SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, BY MAY 15.

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