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GOVT'S REHABILITATION PLANS FOR THE HANDICAPPED AMBITIOUS
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THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES ON REHABILITATION SERVICES ARE DESIGNED TO EMPHASISE AN ALL-ROUND APPROACH TO ENABLE HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT, AND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE HONG KONG SPECIAL OLYMPIC TEAM WHICH IS TO TAKE PART IN THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN NEW YORK LATER THIS MONTH.

+THE PUBLICATION OF THE GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION SERVICES NEARLY TWO YEARS AGO MARKED THE BEGINNING OF AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME IN THIS FIELD,+ MR. CHAMBERS SAID.

+SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FORM AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE OVERALL PROGRAMME.+

MR. CHAMBERS SAID PARTICIPATION IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS WOULD HELP HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TO FORGET THEIR LIMITATIONS, GAIN CONFIDENCE AND SHOW THAT THEY HAD MORE ABILITIES THAN DISABILITIES, ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT HAVE TO MAKE GREATER EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE PERFORMANCE LEVELS THAT WERE MORE EASILY REACHED BY ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE.

HE ADDED THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WAS TO CO-ORDINATE THE WIDE VARIETY OF REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

FINALLY, MR. CHAMBERS SAID MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG TEAM, ORGANISED BY THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, WOULD BE WORTHY AMBASSADORS OF HONG KONG AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL EVENT WOULD BE A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO OTHER HANDICAPPED ATHLETES HERE, AND TO THOSE WORKING AMONG THEM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF MR. CHAMBERS' SPEECH AT THE FLAG PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN G.I.S. PRESS BOXES THIS AFTERNOON.

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INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION WELL RECEIVED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH EXHIBITION CURRENTLY BEING HELD AT KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY FACTORY PROPRIETORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, WORKERS AND STUDENTS FROM TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS.

A FACTORY PROPRIETOR DESCRIBED THE EXHIBITION AS HIGHLY INTERESTING AND USEFUL TO MANAGEMENT AND WORKERS ALIKE.

+BY USING REAL EXHIBITS OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT, MACHINERY WITH GOOD STANDARDS OF GUARDING AND EYE-CATCHING WORKING MODELS, THE EXHIBITION HAS SUCCESSFULLY GOT THE SAFETY MESSAGE ACROSS. IT ALSO EXPLAINS VARIOUS LEGAL REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN A SIMPLE BUT EFFECTIVE MANNER,+ HE SAID.

A FACTORY MANAGER SAID THE EXHIBITION PROVIDED HIM WITH THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE FOR EFFECTIVELY GUARDING MACHINES AND TESTING AND MAINTAINING ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND EQUIPMENT IN HIS FACTORY.

A WORKER AFTER SEEING A MOCK-UP ACCIDENT STAND SAID: +I DID NOT FULLY REALISE THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF THE MACHINE I HAVE BEEN USING UNTIL I VISITED THE EXHIBITION.+

A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENT SAID HE HAD LEARNED FROM THE EXHIBITION WHAT HE COULD NOT LEARN FROM TEXT BOOKS.

+NOW I REALISE THAT VARIOUS RISKS THAT EXIST IN FACTORIES CAN BE AVOIDED BY ADOPTING APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

+I SHALL HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE WHEN I LEAVE SCHOOL AND JOIN INDUSTRY AS MY FUTURE CAREER,+ HE ADDED.

WITH ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE THE EXHIBITION CLOSES, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR. CHAN SIU-LAP, URGED FACTORY MANagements TO ENCOURAGE AND RELEASE THEIR WORKERS TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION.

+APART FROM MANAGEMENT, IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR WORKERS TO HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE HIGH RATE OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WILL LEVEL OFF IF OUR WORKFORCE BECOMES MORE SAFETY CONSCIOUS,+ HE NOTED.

THE EXHIBITION OPENS DAILY FROM 10.30 A.M. TO 7.30 P.M. UNTIL NEXT MONDAY.

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION ALLOCATIONS
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EIGHTY-SEVEN APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TOTALLING ABOUT \$381,000 HAVE BEEN APPROVED THIS YEAR FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION.

THE FUND, SET UP IN 1970 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, IS AIMED AT ENABLING VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL, SPORTS, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL PEOPLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT SAID APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR 1980-81 WILL BE INVITED LATER THIS YEAR.

HE SAID AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND APPLICATIONS WILL THEN BE AVAILABLE FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, VARIOUS BRANCH OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
AUGUST 8 (WEDNESDAY)	7 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 9 (THURSDAY)	7 A.M. - 7 P.M.
AUGUST 10 (FRIDAY)	7 A.M. - 7 P.M.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ELEGANCE ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT ELEGANCE ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD IS TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY REPAIR WORKS TO ~~UNDERGROUND~~ WATER MAINS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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