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EMPLOYMENT AT CONSTRUCTION SITES IN JUNE UP
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THE NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES ROSE TO 75 551 IN JUNE -- AN INCREASE OF 5.5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH MARCH, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE POSITION IN JUNE LAST YEAR, THE FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 7 871 WORKERS OR 11.6 PER CENT.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT 31 056 WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED IN 327 SITES CONTRACTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 2 394 WORKERS OR 8.4 PER CENT OVER MARCH.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ENGAGED IN THE 873 SITES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR ROSE TO 37 848 OR 6.4 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT OF 6 647 WORKERS IN THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION SITES, SHOWED A DECREASE OF 9.7 PER CENT IN JUNE COMPARED WITH MARCH.

BREAKDOWN OF THE EMPLOYMENT AND WORK SITE STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

CONTRACTING PARTY	MARCH 1979		JUNE 1979	
	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	285	17 062	268	17 552
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	58	11 600	59	13 504
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY *	35	7 361	35	6 647
PRIVATE SECTOR	865	35 558	838	37 848
TOTAL	1 243	71 581	1 200	75 551

* CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION REFER TO M.T.R. CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING JUNE 1979.

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FIRE SERVICES REMINDER TO KEROSENE DISTRIBUTORS

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT REMINDED DISTRIBUTORS OF KEROSENE THAT THE CONVEYANCE OF DANGEROUS GOODS SUCH AS KEROSENE, GASOLINE, DIESEL AND PAINTS IS GOVERNED BY THE DANGEROUS GOODS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS.

A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES IS REQUIRED FOR THE VEHICLE BEFORE IT CAN BE USED TO CONVEY DANGEROUS GOODS, A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE LICENCE, THE VEHICLE IS REQUIRED TO BE INSPECTED BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S INSPECTORS AND EXAMINED BY FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS TO ENSURE THAT THE VEHICLE IS IN ROAD-WORTHY CONDITION AND THAT ALL THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPILED WITH,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY UPON CONVICTION FOR USING UNLICENSED VEHICLES TO CONVEY DANGEROUS GOODS IS A FINE OF \$8 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF SIX MONTHS.

DISTRIBUTORS ARE FURTHER REMINDED THAT THE CONTAINERS (MATERIAL AND CAPACITY) ARE TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TABLE AS SET UP IN THE DANGEROUS GOODS (GENERAL) REGULATIONS PART SIX.

+THE MAXIMUM PENALTY UPON CONVICTION FOR USING A CONTAINER TO HOLD MORE THAN THE QUANTITY AS LAID DOWN OR OF UNSUITABLE MATERIAL, SHALL BE A FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF TWO MONTHS,+ THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEWS CONFERENCE ON SAI LAU KOK CLEARANCE

A NEWS CONFERENCE ON THE SAI LAU KOK CLEARANCE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 11 A.M. IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

PRESIDING AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD= THE MASS TRANSIT ADVISER, MR. ALAN WILKINS, AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE MASS TRANSIT OFFICE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CONFERENCE. TELEVISION CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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SCHOOLS URGED TO JOIN HEALTH EDUCATION CONTEST
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES TO COMPETE IN THE 1979 SCHOOLS' HEALTH EDUCATION SPEECH AND SONG CONTEST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THE CONTEST IS AN ANNUAL FUNCTION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WITH A VIEW TO RAISE THE HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG.

THE THEME OF THE CONTEST IS +RECREATION AND GOOD HEALTH.+

+ENTRIES TO THE SONG CONTEST MUST BE ORIGINAL SONGS IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE FOR GROUP PERFORMANCE WITH OR WITHOUT ACCOMPANIMENT, AND SHOULD BE OF NOT MORE THAN TWO MINUTES' DURATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE WILL BE A PRIMARY SECTION AND A SECONDARY SECTION, AND SCHOOLS MAY ENTER ONE TEAM OF 30 TO 60 PUPILS FOR EACH SECTION, HE ADDED.

THE SPEECH CONTEST WILL BE CLASSIFIED INTO FOUR SECTIONS -- AN ENGLISH SECTION AND A CHINESE SECTION FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO HOLD PRELIMINARY ELIMINATION CONTESTS AMONG THEIR PUPILS IN ORDER TO SELECT THE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO COMPETE IN THE SPEECH CONTEST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPEECHES WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CONTESTANTS AND THREE MINUTES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CONTESTANTS.

ELIMINATION CONTESTS WILL BE HELD AT DIFFERENT CENTRES IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ON OCTOBER 27.

THE FINALS OF THE SPEECH AND SONG CONTESTS WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 10 AND NOVEMBER 17 RESPECTIVELY AT THE CITY HALL.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS RANGING FROM \$100 TO \$600, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR (HEALTH EDUCATION), URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BLAKE BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 101 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY TO THE SONG CONTEST IS OCTOBER 31, AND THAT FOR THE SPEECH CONTEST IS SEPTEMBER 27.

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D.S.W. STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF CHILD HEALTH
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED AN EXHIBITION AIMED AT EDUCATING PARENTS ON HOW TO PREVENT CHILDREN FROM GETTING SICK OR INJURED IN HOUSEHOLD ACCIDENTS.

THE EXHIBITION, HELD AT THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE IN SHAM SHUI PO, WAS ORGANISED BY THE CARITAS-HONG KONG AS PART OF ITS PROGRAMMES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD.

EXHIBITS GAVE AN INSIGHT INTO THE COMMON DISEASES AND HOUSEHOLD ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CHILDREN. THERE WERE ALSO DEMONSTRATIONS, FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS ON MENTAL HEALTH AND CHILD CARE SERVICE, HOME ENVIRONMENT AND CHILDREN'S IMMUNISATION.

DURING THE DAY-LONG EXHIBITION, PAEDIATRIC DOCTORS AND NURSES GAVE TALKS TO VISITORS AND EXPLAINED THE DISPLAYS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. LEE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND HEALTH FOR CHILDREN WHICH HE SAID FORMED THE BASIS FOR THEIR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, BOTH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL.

HE DESCRIBED THE EXHIBITION AS MOST MEANINGFUL AND WAS PART OF A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY CARITAS-HONG KONG TO INSTIL IN PARENTS THE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CHILDREN'S PHYSICAL GROWTH, MENTAL NEEDS, SENTIMENT, DISEASES, NUTRITION AND HEALTH.

HE PRAISED THE CARITAS-HONG KONG FOR ITS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICAL, SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES IN ITS 25 YEARS OF OPERATION.

+THE CARITAS MEDICAL CENTRE UNDER ITS AEGIS HAS CONTRIBUTED CONSIDERABLY TOWARDS THE COMBAT OF DISEASES AND REHABILITATION OF THE SICK SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1964.

+IN THE AREA OF PAEDIATRIC SERVICE, THE CENTRE HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE MEDICAL CARE TO CHILDREN WITH ITS 115 BEDS, 11 PAEDIATRIC DOCTORS AND OTHER SUPPORTING PARA-MEDICAL STAFF, + HE SAID.

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ETV MOVES TO NEW OFFICE
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THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MOVED LAST MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) FROM BROADCAST DRIVE TO ITS NEW OFFICE AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, 25TH FLOOR, MONG KOK.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-885076, AND ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE SECTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE NEW ADDRESS.

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FLUSHING WATER CUT
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) TO FACILITATE REPAIR OF A PUMP AT KWUN TONG PUMPING STATION.

ALL PREMISES IN SAN PO KONG, NGAU CHI WAN, JORDAN VALLEY, NGAU TAU KOK, KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING AND LAM TIN WILL BE AFFECTED.

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