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DOOR ALWAYS WIDE OPEN

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THE DOOR OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT WILL ALWAYS BE WIDE OPEN TO ANY ENQUIRIES OR ASSISTANCE FROM GOVERNING SPORTS BODIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, IN AN ADDRESS BY A PROMOTION OF SPORTS SEMINAR AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT THE APPROVAL TO UPGRADE THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH INTO A FULL-FLEDGED DEPARTMENT REFLECTED GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION.

+THIS DECISION HAS A PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE FOR ALL PRESENT AS IT IS VERY CLEAR WHICH GOVERNMENT DOOR AN ENQUIRER INTO SOME RECREATION AND SPORTING MATTER SHOULD COME TO,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL ALWAYS BE OPEN WIDE TO ANY OF YOU, AND IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE ANSWER IMMEDIATELY TO A QUESTION THEN WE SHALL ENDEAVOUR TO CONTACT THOSE WHO CAN HELP,+ HE ADDED.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL FOR SPORT AND RECREATION, WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 100 PEOPLE, MANY OF THEM REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE 49 GOVERNING SPORTS BODIES OF HONG KONG.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE NUMBER OF SPORTS BODIES IN HONG KONG WAS GROWING AND THEY THEMSELVES WOULD BE SETTING THE TREND FOR THE FUTURE.

+IT IS NOT UP TO GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHICH DIRECTION THEY TAKE= GOVERNMENT HAS NO WISH TO CONTROL OR INTERFERE IN THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE,+ HE EMPHASISED.

+IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S TASK TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORT (PARTICULARLY PERHAPS WITH YOUR ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS) AND TO PROVIDE BACK-UP IN TERMS OF FACILITIES AND, AS FAR AS IT IS POSSIBLE TO DO SO, THE REQUISITE FINANCE,+ HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW DEPARTMENT CONSISTED OF TWO PARTS: CULTURE WHICH INCLUDES THE MUSIC OFFICE AND A NEW PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION= AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT DIVISION.

THE PRESENT RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES BUT THE OVERALL STRATEGIC RECREATIONAL PLANNING WILL BE DEALT WITH BY A NEW SECTION, BASICALLY ADMINISTRATIVE, DEALING WITH THE VARIOUS LAND, FINANCIAL AND STAFFING ASPECTS OF RECREATION AND SPORTS PROJECTS.

WITH DRAMATIC INCREASES IN DEMAND AND EXPECTATIONS, MR WIGGHAM SAID, THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT WILL HAVE A LARGER ROLE TO PLAY DURING THE DECADE.

/+THERE IS

+THERE IS A NEED TO BOOST THE SECRETARIAT TO PROVIDE AN EVEN BETTER SERVICE TO THE COUNCIL AND ONE OF THE BEST WAYS OF DOING THIS, IT WAS FELT, WAS TO ESTABLISH A LIAISON SECTION UNDER THE COUNCIL'S SECRETARIAT, TO BUILD UP STRONG LINKS WITH ALL THE GOVERNING SPORTS BODIES,+ HE SAID.

+THIS LIAISON SECTION IS TO DO THE 'LEG WORK' OF THE SECRETARIAT AND WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT POINT OF CONTACT WITH SPORTS BODIES ON ALL MATTERS RELATED TO DEVELOPMENT, FINANCE, PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING THE ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

+SPORTS ORGANISATIONS WILL BE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR PROBLEMS TO THE COUNCIL WHOSE MEMBERS ARE VERY KEEN TO FIND OUT EXACTLY HOW THEY CAN BEST HELP THE ASSOCIATIONS,+ MR WIGGHAM ADDED.

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SELFISHNESS GIVES RISE TO LITTER PROBLEM

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MANY PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG ARE SELFISH ENOUGH TO TREAT THEIR APARTMENT WINDOWS AS CONVENIENT LITTER-BINS, MR MARTIN LEWIS, CO-ORDINATOR OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT OUT OF SHEER LAZINESS OR FOR SOME OTHER INEXPLICABLE REASONS, THESE LITTERBUGS PREFER TO THROW REFUSE FROM THE WINDOWS OF THEIR LIVING ROOMS OR KITCHENS RATHER THAN MAKE THE EFFORT TO DEPOSIT IT IN DUST-BINS.

MR LEWIS SAID THAT IN SO DOING, THEY NOT ONLY CAUSED UNSIGHTLY ACCUMULATION OF LITTER ON THE CANOPIES AND IN THE WELLS OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS, BUT THEY ALSO GAVE RISE TO A SERIOUS HEALTH PROBLEM.

+MORE SERIOUS STILL IS THE DANGER CAUSED TO PEDESTRIANS WHEN LITTER SUCH AS BOTTLES, WOOD, IRON BARS AND OTHER HEAVY ITEMS ARE THROWN OUT OF WINDOWS,+ HE SAID.

MR LEWIS CITED AS AN EXAMPLE AN INCIDENT IN QUARRY BAY WHERE A PASSER-BY WAS INJURED BY AN LPG CONTAINER DUMPED FROM A HIGH-RISE BUILDING.

HE SAID THAT MANY PEOPLE ALSO HAVE THE UNHYGIENIC HABIT OF SPITTING OUT OF THEIR WINDOWS. +SUCH INCONSIDERATE BEHAVIOUR COULD BE EXTREMELY UNPLEASANT FOR THE UNFORTUNATE RECIPIENT BELOW.+

MR LEWIS ADVISED INHABITANTS OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS TO KEEP PROPER RUBBISH-BINS IN THEIR APARTMENTS AND DISPOSE OF THEIR RUBBISH IN THE PROPER WAY.

+IN A DENSELY-POPULATED CITY LIKE HONG KONG, EVERYONE OWES A DUTY OF CARE TO HIS NEIGHBOURS AND IT IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE CITY CLEAN,+ HE SAID.

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SALVATION ARMY WEEK LAUNCHED

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THE SALVATION ARMY, AFTER MORE THAN 50 YEARS OF DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE, HAS BECOME IN MANY PEOPLE'S MINDS A SYNONYM FOR HELP, CARE, KINDNESS AND GUIDANCE, SAID THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, THIS MORNING (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING OF SALVATION ARMY WEEK AT THE LANDMARK, SIR JACK SAID THE EVENT FOCUSED ON THE SALVATION ARMY'S WIDE SPECTRUM OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THE DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY.

SIR JACK SAID THE INTERNATIONAL EMPHASIS OF THE SALVATION ARMY'S WORK THIS YEAR IS ON YOUTH, AN AREA OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO HONG KONG WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE BELOW THE AGE OF 20 MAKE UP OVER ONE-THIRD OF THE POPULATION.

THE SALVATION ARMY PROVIDED SCHOOLS, NURSERIES AND CRECHES AS WELL AS CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES, CAMPS AND A HOSTEL, IN HONG KONG.

IT ALSO OPERATED SEPARATE HOMES FOR ORPHANED BOYS AND GIRLS AND A HOME FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

+THEY HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR SOCIAL SERVICES,+ SIR JACK SAID.

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BEACHES NOT FOR CAMPING AND BARBECUING

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HOLIDAY MAKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO CAMP OR LIGHT BARBECUE FIRES ON PUBLIC BATHING BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS.

MORE THAN 50 BEACHGOERS HAVE BEEN SUMMONED RECENTLY FOR CAMPING OR BARBECUING ON BEACHES, INCLUDING SILVERMINE BAY, PUI O AND CHEUNG SHA OF LANTAU ISLAND, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO SET UP TENTS OR LIGHT FIRES ON THE BEACH.

TWO PICNICKERS WERE FINED \$200 EACH BY A MAGISTRATE LAST WEEK FOR DOING SO.

PICNICKERS ARE ALSO URGED TO MAKE USE OF THE DESIGNATED CAMP SITES NEAR THE BEACHES AND MORE THAN 150 BARBECUE PITCHES LOCATED AT LANTAU, SAI KUNG AND TUEN MUN BEACHES.

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FIRST STAGE MOVE COMPLETED

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THE HEADQUARTERS, LEASING, SPECIAL PROPERTIES AND HOUSING ESTATES DIVISIONS OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT MOVED TO HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY YESTERDAY.

FROM MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, THE OLD OFFICE AT NO. 1 GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICES OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED DIVISIONS ARE ADVISED TO CALL AT THE NEW OFFICE IN HENNESSY CENTRE.

ALL ENQUIRIES ON RENT CONTROL AND RATING MATTERS CAN BE MADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S ENQUIRIES SECTION LOCATED ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF THE BUILDING.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT IN HENNESSY CENTRE IS 5-7957888 AND FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CALL 5-7957666.

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DRAMA NIGHT IN TAI PO

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THE TAI PO ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION IS HOLDING A DRAMA NIGHT TONIGHT (SATURDAY) AT THE CARMEL PAK U SECONDARY SCHOOL HALL.

THERE WILL BE THREE PERFORMANCES BY THE CARMEL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, TAI PO ADULT EDUCATION RECREATIONAL CENTRE AND QUEEN ELIZABETH II YOUTH CENTRE.

DURING THE EVENING THE WINNER OF A COMPETITION TO DESIGN A LOGO FOR THE ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, MISS AU YEUNG TSUI-YIM, A SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT, WILL RECEIVE HER PRIZE OF \$1 000.

THE ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, SET UP IN MAY LAST YEAR, RECEIVED \$120 000 FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD TO ORGANISE CULTURAL EVENTS DURING 1981-82.

IT HAS SEVERAL SUB-COMMITTEES, INCLUDING DRAMA, MUSIC, DANCING, AND ARTS AND RECREATION.

TO PROMOTE DRAMA IN TAI PO, THE DRAMA SUB-COMMITTEE IS ORGANISING A SIX-MONTH TRAINING COURSE FOR LOCAL CHILDREN AGED 12 YEARS AND OVER.

PARTICIPANTS WILL MEET EVERY WEEK FOR ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS AT THE CARMEL PAK U SECONDARY SCHOOL HALL. COURSE FEES WILL BE \$18 FOR ASSOCIATION MEMBERS AND \$30 FOR NON-MEMBERS.

THE COURSE WILL COVER INTRODUCTORY THEORY AND PRACTICAL SESSIONS ON DRAMA EDITING, DIRECTING, ACTING AND STAGING.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSE AND FREE TICKETS FOR THE DRAMA NIGHT ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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CHANGEOVER AT SHA TIN STATION

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THE NEW HIGH-PLATFORM AT SHA TIN STATION - ALMOST DIRECTLY OPPOSITE THE EXISTING STOP - WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 20).

TRAIN SERVICES MAY BE CONSIDERABLY DELAYED DUE TO ENGINEERING WORKS IN THE VICINITY, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW SIGNALLING SYSTEM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY URGED COMMUTERS TO USE OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT ON THAT DAY.

NORMAL SERVICES WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY.

THE NEW SHA TIN STATION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION OPENS

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A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION TO PROMOTE BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT IS OPEN FOR ENTRIES.

ANYONE CAN ENTER THE COMPETITION WHICH IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL '81 ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS, ONE IS FOR PHOTOGRAPHS WITHIN THE SIZES OF 20 CM BY 25 CM AND 40 CM BY 50 CM, WHILE THE OTHER IS FOR +3R - 5R, 3S - 5S+ PHOTOGRAPHS.

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE MEDALS AND CASH PRIZES FROM \$100 TO \$2 000.

ENTRIES, WHICH SHOULD SHOW ASPECTS OF LIFE IN TUEN MUN, CAN BE IN COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE. THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES.

ADJUDICATORS WILL INCLUDE PROMINENT PHOTOGRAPHERS MESSRS. SIU WANG-NGAI, CHEONG HUNG-CHUEN, MAK CHU-FAT, HO HUNG-KWONG AND YAM LAM.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE NOVEMBER 10. RESULTS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPERS ON NOVEMBER 20.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 21 AND DECEMBER 6, WILL COMPRISE MUSIC PERFORMANCES, SINGING, DANCING, DRAMA COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS, GAME STALLS AND CARNIVALS.

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