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ARCHITECTS FROM CHINA EXPRESS KEEN INTEREST IN CITY HALL

A party of eight Chinese architects and engineers spent over two hours in the City Hall today looking with particular interest at the facilities in the concert hall and theatre.

The eight-man mission had just concluded a one-month tour of Japan and is on its way back to Peking.

Headed by Professor Yang Ting Pao, Vice-President of the Institute of Architects of China and Vice-Chancellor of the Nanking Technological Institute, the group had expressed a desire to see the City Hall after their arrival in Hong Kong earlier this week.

The visitors were met at the City Hall this morning by the Assistant Director (Cultural) of the Urban Council and Urban Services Department, Mr. Darwin Chen.

The group asked many questions, most of them technical, during their 2-hour tour, and showed particular interest in the acoustics, lighting and seating arrangements in both the concert hall and theatre.

A spokesman for the group said that whilst in Japan, the mission visited many building sites, looked at the country's underground railway system, and other big engineering projects.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph of the visit are boxed today.

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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITS THE "LITTLE PAINTERS"

The heavy downpour this morning failed to dampen the artistic spirit of about 100 youngsters who were taking part in the "little painters' competition" in Kowloon Park.

And, equally enthusiastic was Lady MacLehose when she called on the young artists to see them at work.

Despite the rain, they were keen in showing off their talents by capturing the scenery of the park from various angles.

Lady MacLehose was delighted to see the high standard of some of the contestants who are aged between eight and 14.

But she was more surprised by the imagination of a boy who managed to paint a sun into the cloudy sky.

The children were painting from the corridors of a temporary store room at the park.

Lady MacLehose was accompanied by Mrs. Helen Yu, City District Officer, Yau Ma Tei, and kaifong leaders.

The contest marks the beginning of the summer youth programme jointly organised by the Yau Ma Tei/Tsim Sha Tsui District Youth Recreation Co-ordinating Committee and the Yau Ma Tei City District Office.

The competition aims at promoting artistic talent and fostering individual interest in painting.

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"TREMENDOUS RESPONSE" TO LEARN-TO-SWIM CAMPAIGN

The first series of classes in the Urban Council's learn-to-swim scheme, which is being attended by 675 youngsters and 175 adults, is now drawing to a close.

Successful candidates will receive their proficiency awards at a special ceremony at the Kowloon Tsai swimming pool on Sunday, July 29. Attendance certificates will also be issued to all those who completed the courses.

The second series of swimming classes will be held from July 30 to September 1. Application forms may be obtained from Urban Council swimming pools or from City District offices.

Poolside enrolment at Lei Cheng Uk, Kwun Tong, Kowloon Tsai and Victoria swimming pools will take place on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday (July 23-25) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Candidates should decide at which swimming pool they wish to take lessons and take their completed application forms with them to the pool of their choice to be enrolled for classes. Classes will be filled on a first come first served basis.

There will be beginners', intermediate and advance classes and candidates accepted for these courses will not be required to pay anything.

An Urban Council spokesman said today that in view of the "tremendous response" to these courses, the council intends next year to cater for 3,000 candidates who, in addition to the regular courses, will be instructed in water survival and lifesaving, among others.

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Clubs and sports associations interested in assisting in the organisation of the scheme are invited to contact Mr. Gwilym Rees, Senior Executive Officer (Recreation and Amenities) of the Urban Services Department by calling telephone 5-95625.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send your representatives to cover the presentation of awards at Kowloon Tsai swimming pool on Sunday (July 29). The ceremony will be held between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

The water supply to a number of premises in Western District will be interrupted for five hours on Tuesday (July 24) from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. to allow the Waterworks Office to carry out a leakage test.

The area affected is bounded by Morrison Street, Sutherland Street, Queen's Road West, Wing Lok Street, and the south side of Des Voeux Road West.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO HELP PEDESTRIANS

A series of traffic routings will be introduced in Mong Kok district with effect from 10 a.m. on Tuesday (July 24) to facilitate pedestrian movement in the area.

Vehicles travelling along Waterloo Road will be prohibited from turning left into Yim Po Fong Street.

The section of Dundas Street between Waterloo Road and Kwong Wa Street will be routed one-way westbound, while Kwong Wa Street will be opened to two-way traffic.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said the arrangements will facilitate pedestrian movement across Yim Po Fong Street near the junction with Waterloo Road, while maintaining vehicular access into the Kwong Wa Street area.

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POKFULAM CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP 1973

An 11-day summer camp has been organised for children living in the Pokfulam area on Hong Kong Island. The camp will be held at Pokfulam Government Primary School from Monday (July 23) until Friday, August 3.

Included in the programme will be talent shows and a mini-athletic meet involving all participants. There will also be smaller interest groups for activities such as singing, drawing and handicrafts.

The camp, part of the summer youth programme, is a joint effort of the Northcote College of Education's Social Service Group, the Telegraph Bay Villagers' Mutual Aid Association and the Social Welfare Department's Western District Community Work Office.

This is the fifth year in which they have co-operated in organising camps for children living in areas outside the city.

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VISIT TO KWAI FONG CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Note to Editors: The Chairman of the Government Lotteries Management Committee and the Chairman of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, have organised a press visit to the BGCA's Kwai Fong Children's Centre on Monday (July 23).

Four personalities from Commercial Radio, Miss Leung Siu-yung, Miss Yan Wai-yee, Miss Conita Chan Hoi-see, and Miss Wan Fong-ling, will also join the press party.

Press representatives wanting to cover the event should assemble at Queen's Pier, Hong Kong, not later than 10.20 a.m. on Monday. Transport will be provided.

The children's centre, located on the ground floor of Block 8, Kwai Fong Government Low Cost Housing Estate, Tsuen Wan, was opened in January this year. A grant of \$167,300 from the Lotteries Fund has been approved as capital expenditure for the first year.

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