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ACTING GOVERNOR OPENS FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND THE ARTS
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL OF YOUTH AND THE ARTS AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING, SAID IT SEEMED ESPECIALLY FITTING IN HONG KONG TO CELEBRATE YOUTH AND THE ARTS TOGETHER.

WE HAVE A LARGE POPULATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AND INCREASINGLY SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO MAKE THE ARTS AVAILABLE TO ALL, HE SAID.

+IT IS FITTING TOO THAT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE SHOULD ORGANISE THIS EVENT LINKING YOUTH AND THE ARTS, SINCE THE CENTRE ITSELF IS STILL A YOUNG ORGANISATION AND ITS PROGRAMMES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR OFFER MANY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

SIR JACK NOTED THE FESTIVAL HAD FOUR MAIN THEMES, EACH OF WHICH WOULD MERIT A FESTIVAL ON ITS OWN: CONTRIBUTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE ARTS AS CREATORS, CONTRIBUTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE ARTS AS PERFORMERS, DEPICTION OF YOUTH IN THE ARTS, AND SPECIAL PERFORMANCES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

HE WAS CERTAIN THAT MANY PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG, WOULD GAIN GREAT ENJOYMENT AND BENEFIT FROM THE FESTIVAL.

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SAFE USE OF ELECTRICAL TOOLS
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EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WERE URGED TODAY TO TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING ELECTRICITY.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWS RECENT ACCIDENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES IN WHICH SEVERAL WORKERS WERE ELECTROCUTED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE ACCIDENTS WERE DUE TO ONE OR SEVERAL OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- * USE OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE EARTHING OR OTHER MEANS OF PROTECTION=
- * ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES NOT PROPERLY CONNECTED TO THE MAINS BY MEANS OF PLUGS AND SOCKETS, BUT BY BARE WIRES INSERTED TO THE SOCKET=
- * USE OF DEFECTIVE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WITH CURRENT LEAKAGE TO THE METAL CASING= AND
- * DEFECTIVE INSULATION OF ELECTRIC CABLES.

+IN THE INTEREST OF THE SAFETY OF WORKERS, CONTRACTORS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO TAKE NOTE OF THE CAUSES AND ADOPT THE NECESSARY SAFETY MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER ACCIDENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

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HE EMPHASISED THAT MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT REGULARLY, INCLUDING TESTING OF INSULATION, EARTH CONNECTION, AND THE EFFICIENCY OF THE EQUIPMENT'S FUSE OR CIRCUIT BREAKER.

IN ADDITION, THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IS USED SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND WORKERS SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED ON THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WET WEATHER WAS AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE RECENT ACCIDENTS.

+ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND WIRING TEND TO BECOME FAULTY MORE EASILY IN THE TYPHOON OR RAINY SEASON ESPECIALLY IN THE ROUGH WORKING CONDITIONS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.

+WET HANDS FROM RAIN OR EXCESSIVE SWEATING IN THE HOT WEATHER ALSO INCREASE THE CHANCES OF ELECTROCUTION,+ HE ADDED.

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BUSY TRAFFIC AT LION ROCK TUNNEL * * * * *

THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND THE GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE BEING HOUSED THERE HAVE GREATLY INCREASED THE TRAFFIC VOLUME AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT IN 1979, A TOTAL OF 9.37 MILLION VEHICLES USED THE TUNNEL, REPRESENTING A 21.78 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1978.

OF THE TOTAL TRAFFIC VOLUME, 70.8 PER CENT WERE PRIVATE CARS OR MOTOR-CYCLES, 14.6 PER CENT WERE GOODS VEHICLES WEIGHING TWO TONS OR LESS AND ANOTHER 14.6 PER CENT WERE GOODS VEHICLES AND OMNIBUSES OVER TWO TONS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT FRANCHISED BUS JOURNEYS MADE NEW RECORDS IN 1979, WITH A TOTAL OF 274 768 TUNNEL TRIPS.

DURING THE YEAR, THE BUS COMPANIES OPERATED FOUR DAILY SERVICES VIA THE TUNNEL. IN ADDITION, 10 RECREATIONAL SERVICES WERE PROVIDED TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF RACE-GOERS ATTENDING MEETINGS AT THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE.

HOWEVER, THERE WAS A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES USING THE TUNNEL TO GO TO SHA TIN TO DUMP EARTH UPON COMPLETION OF MTR EXCAVATION WORKS.

THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VEHICLES USING THE TUNNEL IN A SINGLE DAY IN 1979, AT 36 427, WAS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 1, THE SPOKESMAN SAID. FURTHERMORE, THE 1978 RECORD OF 30 545 WAS EXCEEDED ON NO LESS THAN 36 OCCASIONS DURING THE YEAR.

ON REVENUE COLLECTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE THREE TIER TOLL CHARGES OF THE TUNNEL PRODUCED \$11.23 MILLION IN 1979, AN INCREASE OF 17.16 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

IN OCTOBER, 1979, COLLECTIONS AT THE TOLLS TOPPED \$1 MILLION - A RECORD IN THE HISTORY OF THE TUNNEL.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL OPENED IN 1967 WITH ONLY ONE TUBE. FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF A SECOND TUBE AND RENOVATION OF THE ORIGINAL TUBE, IT BECAME FULLY OPERATIONAL AS A TWIN-TUBE TUNNEL IN OCTOBER, 1978.

WITH THIS ADDITIONAL FACILITY, THE TUNNEL TRAFFIC INCREASED MORE THAN FOUR TIMES FROM A DAILY AVERAGE OF JUST OVER 5 000 VEHICLES IN 1968 TO 25 689 IN 1979.

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TEN CASES A WEEK HANDLED BY TSUEN WAN LAW SOCIETY CENTRE
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THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE, SET UP BY THE LAW SOCIETY IN TSUEN WAN ON MAY 20, IS HANDLING AN AVERAGE 10 CASES A WEEK.

THE CENTRE, WHICH IS IN THE TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE, HOI PA STREET, IS MANNED EVERY TUESDAY FROM 6.30 - 9.30 PM BY TWO LAWYERS AND SERVES TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

BY THE END OF JUNE, THE CENTRE DEALT WITH 51 CASES, EIGHT OF WHICH WERE REFERRED TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT.

THE MOST COMMON CASES HANDLED WERE COMMERCIAL AND PROPERTY DISPUTES AND MATRIMONIAL MATTERS, FOLLOWED BY ESTATE ADMINISTRATION AND COMPENSATION CLAIMS, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

OTHERS WERE CONNECTED WITH LANDLORD AND TENANT DISPUTES, LAND DISPUTES, EMPLOYMENT AFFAIRS AND CRIMINAL CASES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC SEEKING ADVICE UNDER THE SCHEME SHOULD APPROACH THEIR LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE OR PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE WHERE STAFF WOULD TAKE CASE DETAILS AND ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE LAWYERS.

HE SAID APPLICANTS WERE GOING DIRECT TO THE CENTRE WHEN IT FIRST OPENED, AND AS THE LAWYERS' TIME WAS FULLY BOOKED, THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO SEE APPLICANTS WHO HAD NOT MADE PRIOR APPOINTMENTS.

THE LAW SOCIETY ALSO OPERATES CENTRES IN MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICT.

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IMPROVED FACILITIES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

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ADDITIONAL FLOORS AND ANNEXES WILL BE BUILT AT THREE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS TO PROVIDE MORE SPACE AND BETTER FACILITIES.

AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR AN ADDITIONAL 600 FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHEN THE FORMER VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL BUILDING NEARBY IS REPROVISIONED AND ACQUIRED.

THE CONVERSION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

A WATERFRONT WORKSHOP WILL BE ADDED TO HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT CHEUNG SHA WAN IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR. THIS WILL ENABLE STUDENTS OF THE MARINE AND FABRICATION DEPARTMENT TO LEARN SHIP BUILDING AND REPAIR.

AT LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN KOWLOON TONG, AN ADDITIONAL BLOCK WILL BE BUILT.

ON ITS COMPLETION, THE INSTITUTE WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE IN 830 MORE FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND TO EXTEND EXISTING COURSES, THE NEWEST OF WHICH ARE DESIGN AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY.

THE EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE OF THE NEW BLOCK IS SEPTEMBER, 1983.

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TEMPORARY BAZAAR FOR KWAI CHUNG HAWKERS

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A TEMPORARY BAZAAR WILL BE PROVIDED AT SHEK YAM ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, TO ACCOMMODATE HAWKERS BEFORE A PERMANENT MARKET IS PUT UP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE BAZAAR, TO BE LOCATED BETWEEN SHEK YAM ROAD AND WO YI HOP ROAD, WOULD HAVE SPACE FOR 10 COOKED FOOD STALLS, 56 MINI STALLS AND A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT.

+WHEN THE HAWKERS HAVE MOVED INTO THIS BAZAAR, THE EXISTING TEMPORARY MARKET WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR A PERMANENT FOUR-STOREY ONE.+

AFTER THE PERMANENT MARKET IS COMPLETED, THE TEMPORARY BAZAAR WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A REST GARDEN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, TENDERS FOR WHICH ARE BEING INVITED, IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

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LECTURES ON CHORAL MUSIC

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THE KOWLOON WEST SUB-OFFICE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PRESENT A SERIES OF FOUR LECTURES ON CHORAL MUSIC NEXT MONTH.

THE AIM IS TO INTRODUCE SOME BASIC TECHNIQUES IN CHORAL SINGING, AND THE VARIED REPERTOIRE AND HISTORY OF SUCH MUSIC.

MADAM SUSANNA CHOW, DR WONG WING-HEE AND MR JEN TSE WILL CONDUCT THE LECTURES.

THE FIRST IS ON +CHORAL TECHNIQUES AND TRAINING+ AND WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 1 (FRIDAY). THE SECOND, +WESTERN CHORAL MUSIC+, WILL BE ON AUGUST 8 (FRIDAY). THE TWO OTHERS, ON +CHURCH CHORAL MUSIC+ AND +CHINESE CHORAL MUSIC+, WILL BE GIVEN ON AUGUST 20 (WEDNESDAY) AND AUGUST 30 (SATURDAY).

THE LECTURES WILL BE HELD FROM 6 PM TO 7.30 PM IN THE KOWLOON WEST SUB-OFFICE AT 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, 3RD FLOOR.

ADMISSION IS FREE ON APPLICATION. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL SUB-OFFICES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT TELEPHONE 3-819204.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT RECRUITING IN TSUEN WAN

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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP A MOBILE RECRUITMENT CENTRE IN THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND ON TUESDAY.

THE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN AS ASSISTANT OFFICERS !!.

THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PRISON WORK AND ITS STAFF WELFARE FACILITIES.

PRISON OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUERIES FROM VISITORS. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE DISPLAY WHICH WILL OPEN DAILY FROM 3 PM TO 10 PM.

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INTERRUPTION OF SALT WATER SUPPLY
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO AREAS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF ON TUESDAY (JULY 22) FOR ESSENTIAL WORKS.

ON THE ISLAND, SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO ABOUT 5.30 PM ON SECTIONS OF WYNDHAM STREET, WELLINGTON STREET, TAI PING SHAN STREET, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET, HILL ROAD, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, CAINE ROAD, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND POK FU LAM ROAD.

IN KOWLOON TONG SUPPLY WILL BE OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THE AREA COVERS BEACON HILL ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, WARWICK ROAD, EDE ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, FESSENDEN ROAD, MARCONI ROAD, AND THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN JUNCTION ROAD.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 22) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES ARE ON MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, OI KWAN ROAD, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD AND NOS 344-372 HENNESSY ROAD AND 234-240 WAN CHAI ROAD.

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