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WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED FOR ELDERLY
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THE NEED TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY WAS EMPHASISED TODAY (FRIDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WHEN HE OPENED THE 17TH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE HONG KONG JAYCEES.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD FORMULATED POLICIES TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, INCLUDING HOUSING, MEDICAL, EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL SECURITY, LEISURE AND WELFARE SERVICES.

+I AM GLAD TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT ALONE IN THIS TASK. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SERVICE ORGANISATIONS, LIKE YOURSELVES, HAVE ALSO PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

+BUT WHAT WE HAVE DONE ONLY REPRESENTS THE BEGINNING. THERE IS STILL A LONG WAY TO GO IF WE ARE TO CATER FOR EVERYBODY WHO NEEDS HELP.+

MR MACPHERSON PRAISED THE JAYCEES' CHOICE OF THE ELDERLY AS THEIR TARGET OF SERVICE FOR 1982 AS A WISE ONE, +ONE WHICH IS EMINENTLY SUITABLE IN THE PRESENT STAGE OF HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT.+

+TWO OR THREE DECADES AGO, THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY WAS NOT SUCH A HIGH PRIORITY. THE CONCEPT OF THE EXTENDED FAMILY WAS STILL ALIVE AT THAT TIME AND ONE COULD STILL RELY ON THE TIME HONOURED BELIEF THAT 'CHILDREN ARE THE INSURANCE OF ONE'S OLD AGE'.

+SINCE THEN, THE CONCEPT OF VALUES, THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT HAVE UNDERGONE DRASTIC CHANGES.+

THE SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM PEOPLE'S THINKING, CHANGES IN THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT ALSO HASTENED THE DEMISE OF THE EXTENDED FAMILY SYSTEM, AND IT WAS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR MARRIED CHILDREN TO CONTINUE TO STAY TOGETHER IN THE FAMILY HOME.

+SO NOW WE HAVE SMALLER FAMILY UNITS WHICH NO LONGER EVOLVE AROUND THE PARENT FAMILY. THIS FACT, COUPLED WITH THE EROSION OF THE BELIEF THAT 'CHILDREN ARE THE INSURANCE OF ONE'S OLD AGE' HAS RESULTED IN THE YOUNGER GENERATION LOOKING TO THEIR OWN FAMILY UNIT AS THE NUCLEUS OF THEIR EVERYDAY LIFE, AND TO A DISTANCING FROM THEIR OWN PARENTS.+

HE NOTED THAT IN HONG KONG TODAY THERE WERE ABOUT HALF A MILLION PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 60. SOME OF THEM PROBABLY QUITE WELL OFF IN THEIR OWN RIGHT AND OTHERS LOOKED AFTER BY THEIR CHILDREN WHO HAD THE CAPABILITY AND WILLINGNESS TO DO SO.

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+BUT A MAJORITY OF THIS HALF A MILLION OF PEOPLE HAVE PROBLEMS OF ONE SORT OR ANOTHER,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

+HENCE WE NOW HAVE PLANS TO PROVIDE HOMES AND RESIDENTIAL CENTRES FOR THE AGED, WORKSHOPS, DAY-CARE AND SOCIAL CENTRES AND FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT, VISITING AND HOME HELP SERVICES. AND THIS NEEDS THE CO-OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND IF I MAY SAY, EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY.+

HE THANKED THE JAYCEES FOR WHAT THEY HAD DONE FOR THOSE WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY DURING THEIR WORKING LIVES AND NOW DESERVED RESPECT AND ASSISTANCE TO ENABLE THEM TO ENJOY THEIR REMAINING YEARS IN RELATIVE EASE AND COMFORT.

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PRIME TUEN MUN SITE OFFERED
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED CASH TENDERS FOR A PRIME TUEN MUN SITE WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A MAJOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX IN THE COMPREHENSIVELY PLANNED TOWN CENTRE.

THE 2.44 HECTARE SITE IS AT THE FOCAL POINT OF THE FUTURE TOWN CENTRE AND IS THE LARGEST WITHIN THE AREA.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE WILL BE CONNECTED WITH OTHER TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENTS NOW AT VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION AT PODIUM LEVEL TO PROVIDE PEDESTRIANS WITH TRAFFIC-FREE ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

THE OVERALL TOWN CENTRE SCHEME HAS BEEN PLANNED TO ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUAL SITES WILL BE DEVELOPED IN AESTHETIC HARMONY WITH EACH OTHER AND THAT ADEQUATE SHOPPING, RESTAURANT, RECREATIONAL, LANDSCAPING, PARKING AND OTHER FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE FUTURE RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN ITSELF AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICER, MR R.B.J. CROSS, SAID THAT THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITHIN THE LOWER FIVE LEVELS WOULD INCLUDE SHOPS, A DEPARTMENT STORE, A MARKET AND A GARDEN RESTAURANT.

ABOVE THESE LEVELS, THREE CRUCIFORM STYLE RESIDENTIAL TOWER BLOCKS PROVIDING A MAXIMUM OF 1 398 FLAT UNITS WILL BE BUILT.

MR CROSS SAID THAT TO ASSIST CASH FLOW DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, IT WAS SO DECIDED TO PERMIT THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER TO SELL A PORTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROVIDED THE CRITERIA LAID DOWN IN THE CONDITIONS ARE MET.

+IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF BETWEEN 1 200 AND 1 650 CAR PARKING SPACES ARE TO BE PROVIDED, SOME OF WHICH WILL BE RESERVED FOR RESIDENTS WHILE MOST WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC PARKING PURPOSES.+

+THE SCHEME WILL ALSO INCLUDE EXTENSIVE AREAS FOR LANDSCAPING AND ACTIVE RECREATIONAL AREAS,+ HE ADDED.

UNDER THE DEVELOPMENT CONDITIONS OF THE SITE, THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN A PERIOD OF 56 MONTHS AT A COST OF NOT LESS THAN \$250 MILLION.

THE SITE ADJOINS THE PROPOSED TUEN MUN CIVIC AND CULTURE COMPLEX WHICH WILL INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM SEATING 1 450 PEOPLE AND A HALL SUITABLE FOR LARGE-SCALE CULTURAL PERFORMANCES.

OTHER FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN THE COMPLEX INCLUDE A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, A LIBRARY, A POST OFFICE AND A BUS STATION.

THE FUTURE TUEN MUN TOWN PARK WILL ALSO BE LOCATED CLOSE TO THE SITE, MR CROSS ADDED.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON NOVEMBER 26.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES, AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING 5/F., GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10/F., KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN TRIBUNAL PROCEEDINGS

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TWO BILLS ARE GAZETTED TODAY TO GIVE POWER TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT TO EXTEND THE PERIOD DURING WHICH A PARTY TO THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL OR THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL MAY APPEAL AGAINST ITS DECISION.

UNDER PROVISIONS IN THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL ORDINANCE AND THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL ORDINANCE, AN APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL MUST BE LODGED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE DATE ON WHICH AN AWARD IS, OR THE REASONS FOR THE AWARD ARE, SERVED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS NO POWER IN ANY OF THE TWO ORDINANCES TO EXTEND THIS TIME LIMIT. SINCE NO BARRISTER OR SOLICITOR HAS A RIGHT OF AUDIENCE BEFORE THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL OR THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, THE RIGIDITY OF THE TIME LIMIT FOR LODGING AN APPEAL MAY IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES OPERATE UNFAIRLY AGAINST A LAYMAN.

THE TWO BILLS, THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 AND THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982, SEEK TO AMEND THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS IN THE TWO ORDINANCES TO ALLOW A FURTHER PERIOD FOR LODGING AN APPEAL AT THE DISCRETION OF THE REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT IF THE APPLICANT IS ABLE TO SHOW GOOD CAUSE FOR THE DELAY.

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EMPLOYERS OF DISABLED THANKED
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MORE EMPLOYERS HAVE BECOME CONFIDENT OF THE WORKING ABILITY OF THE DISABLED AND ARE OPENING THEIR DOORS TO GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVE THEMSELVES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON WHEN HE PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO 10 EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE EMPLOYED DISABLED PEOPLE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE (SPS) AT A CEREMONY AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

OUT OF 885 DISABLED PEOPLE WHO CAME TO SEEK HELP, MR HENDERSON SAID, THE SPS ACHIEVED 434 PLACEMENTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES SECTORS DURING THE PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1981 TO LAST AUGUST. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS COMPARED WITH THE 344 PLACEMENTS OUT OF 1 033 REGISTRANTS MADE IN THE PRECEDING 12 MONTHS.

MR HENDERSON SAID: +THIS CEREMONY IS OUR SMALL TOKEN OF APPRECIATION TO THOSE ENLIGHTENED EMPLOYERS WHO ARE NOT ONLY CHANGING THEIR IDEAS ABOUT THE DISABLED BUT ARE ALSO ACTING UPON THEM WITH THE HELP OF THE SPS.+

HE SAID THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS CONFIDENT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE WORKING COMMUNITY.

THIS WAS BECAUSE MANY MORE EMPLOYERS WOULD GRADUALLY COME TO REALISE THE ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF THE DISABLED AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO AFFORD THEM MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVE THEIR WORTH.

MR HENDERSON SAID THAT WHILE MANY EMPLOYERS AND SENIOR MANAGERS STILL HAD MISGIVINGS ABOUT EMPLOYING DISABLED PERSONS AND WERE HESITANT TO OFFER THEM JOBS, A CHANGE OF ATTITUDE WAS TAKING PLACE.

+THIS SIMPLE, YET MEANINGFUL CEREMONY, IS OUR WAY OF TELLING ALL EMPLOYERS THAT DISABLED PEOPLE, GIVEN THE RIGHT JOBS, ARE LOYAL AND INDUSTRIOUS WORKERS AND OF CALLING THEM TO ACTION ON THEIR BEHALF,+ HE ADDED.

MR HENDERSON SAID RESISTANCE TO THE SPS'S EFFORTS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE LACK OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO GAIN A REALISTIC AND THOROUGH UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISABLED.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THROUGH THE WORK OF THE SPS AND PUBLICITY, THE RESISTANCE COULD BE REMOVED.

MR HENDERSON THEN OUTLINED MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE SPS'S SERVICES.

LAST JULY, A NEW OFFICE WAS OPENED IN NGAU TAU KOK TO SERVE DISABLED PEOPLE LIVING IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. AT THE SAME TIME, ITS HONG KONG OFFICE WAS REPROVISIONED IN NEW PREMISES LAST AUGUST, PROVIDING SERVICES TO ALL THOSE LIVING ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

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THE SPS ALSO EXPECTS TO HAVE A PURPOSE BUILT TAIL-LIFT VAN SHORTLY TO TRANSPORT PEOPLE IN WHEEL-CHAIRS FOR JOB INTERVIEWS.

ANOTHER MEASURE IS TO PURCHASE TWO WORK-SAMPLE KITS, WHICH ARE VALUABLE INSTRUMENTS IN HELPING SPS PLACEMENT OFFICERS TO ASSESS THE SKILL LEVEL OF JOB-SEEKERS AND TO PLACE THEM IN JOBS MATCHING THEIR ATTRIBUTES.

MR HENDERSON STRESSED THAT DESPITE THE PROGRESS BEING MADE, THE SPS FACES AN UPHILL BATTLE.

+WITHOUT THE CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF EMPLOYERS IN PARTICULAR AND THAT OF THE PUBLIC IN GENERAL, IT IS GOING TO BE A LOSING BATTLE. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE COMMUNITY, AND ESPECIALLY OUR LARGE BODY OF EMPLOYERS, WILL ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN,+ HE CONCLUDED.

MR HENDERSON THEN PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, UNI-ART PRECISION PRODUCTS LTD., CEGE CO. LTD., HONG KONG SECURITY LTD., SUMMIT METAL FINISHING LTD., REMEX INTERNATIONAL TIME LTD., TINDUX ELECTRONIC LTD., ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE AMERICAN CLUB.

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LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER : HAYE
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TEACHERS LEARN ALMOST AS MUCH FROM THEIR PUPILS AS PUPILS DO FROM TEACHERS, MR COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE SPEECH DAY OF KGV SCHOOL.

WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO KGV SCHOOL 29 YEARS AGO, HE SAID, HE WAS NOT MUCH OLDER THAN SOME OF THE SENIOR BOYS AND GIRLS HE HAD TO TEACH; BUT HE HAD ALMOST AS MUCH TO LEARN AS HIS PUPILS.

+APART FROM THE OBVIOUS THINGS, WHAT WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LESSON LEARNT? THE FUN OF LEARNING, I THINK, THE TEAMWORK BETWEEN PUPIL AND PUPIL, PUPIL AND TEACHER, CLASS AND TEACHER, THE CAMARADERIE OF EDUCATION IN A SCHOOL LIKE THIS,+ MR HAYE SAID.

+WHAT WAS SO NOTABLE ABOUT KGV IN THOSE DAYS,+ HE SAID, +WAS THE SHARED FUN OF LEARNING TOGETHER. STAFF AND PUPILS COMBINED TO HAVE A VERY HAPPY TIME, AND THIS INCLUDED THE ANTICS OF A NUMBER OF VERY ECCENTRIC HEADMASTERS.+

MR HAYE THEN WENT ON TO DESCRIBE SOME OF THE MORE HILARIOUS EPISODES WHICH HAD ENLIVENED HIS YEARS AT THE SCHOOL. +BUT THEN THESE ECCENTRICS HAD SOMETHING TO TEACH ME,+ MR HAYE SAID.

SCHOOL DAYS MIGHT NOT BE THE HAPPIEST DAYS OF SOME CHILDREN'S LIVES, HE ADDED, BUT THEY WERE CERTAINLY AMONG THE HAPPIEST HE HAD SPENT IN HONG KONG.

+KGV WAS A HAPPY MULTI-NATIONAL FAMILY, WHERE WE LEARNT TO COUNT OUR BLESSINGS AS MUCH AS OUR PRIZES,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 17).

WO HOP SHEK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 4 AM AND 8 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 17) AND ON OCTOBER 23, 24, 25, 30 AND 31.

TAI PO ROAD FROM SHA TIN RACE COURSE TO FANLING ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED TO GOODS VEHICLES OVER 2-1/4 TONS BETWEEN 6 AM AND 6 PM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 17) AND ON OCTOBER 24, 25 AND 31.

THE ACCESS ROADS TO TSUEN WAN CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON OCTOBER 24 AND 25.

A SPECIAL KMB ROUTE 73R WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI AND MAN KAM TO (SAN UK LING) EVERY 15 MINUTES AT A FARE OF 70 CENTS ON OCTOBER 24 AND 25.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ADVISED MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO USE ROUTE TWISK AND FAN KAM ROAD OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TUEN MUN HIGHWAY AS HEAVY CONGESTION IS EXPECTED ON TAI PO ROAD DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG HOLIDAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED COMMUTERS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AS PARKING SPACES IN MOST OF THE CEMETERY AREAS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

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RECORD NUMBER OF NT LITTERBUGS BROUGHT TO COURT
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A TOTAL OF 358 LITTERBUGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE BROUGHT TO COURT THIS WEEK, THE HIGHEST WEEKLY RECORD SINCE THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

THEY WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$42 420 AT ANTI-LITTER COURTS IN TSUEN WAN AND FANLING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HIGHER FINES HAVE ALSO BEEN LEVIED BY THE COURTS, AS PART OF A CONTINUING CAMPAIGN AGAINST LITTERBUGS. THE HIGHEST FINE FOR THE WEEK WAS \$280.

APART FROM EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS, PROSECUTION OF OFFENDERS IS NECESSARY TO DRIVE HOME THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN MESSAGE.

LITTERBUGS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP NOW AVAILABLE
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THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF ST GEORGE IS OFFERING A POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR SELECTED CANDIDATES TO FOLLOW A MASTER'S DEGREE COURSE IN ENGLISH, PREFERABLY IN SHAKESPEAREAN STUDIES, AT A UNIVERSITY IN ENGLAND.

THE AWARD, CALLED THE NOEL CROUCHER ENGLISH STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP, WILL BE TENABLE EITHER FOR ONE OR TWO YEARS DEPENDING ON THE LENGTH OF THE COURSE.

THE VALUE OF THE AWARD WILL BE \$75 000 PER YEAR, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO COVER TUITION FEES, AIR PASSAGES AND PART OF THE LIVING EXPENSES DURING TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP.

THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE AWARD EACH YEAR, WHICH CAN BE EITHER A NEW AWARD OR A RENEWAL.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE HONG KONG CITIZENS NORMALLY HAVING RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS, GRADUATES OF EITHER THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG OR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND ELIGIBLE FOR ADMISSION TO THE INTENDED COURSE OF STUDY.

THEY SHOULD BE BETWEEN 22 AND 35 YEARS OF AGE AND PROFICIENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

COMPLETED FORMS TOGETHER WITH REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION AT ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 30, 1982.

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED FOR INTERVIEW IN HONG KONG IN NOVEMBER, 1982.

AN OFFER OF AN AWARD IS SUBJECT TO THE SELECTED CANDIDATE OBTAINING A PLACE IN A UNIVERSITY IN ENGLAND.

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660 TO COMPETE IN CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM
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HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE -- MEN AND WOMEN, OLD AND YOUNG, LOCALS AND EXPATRIATES -- WILL BE DASHING INTO WATER AT THE SAME TIME IN THE ANNUAL CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 17).

THEY WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE 2 400-METRE RACE FROM SHA LAN BEACH TO TAI MEI TUK ACTIVITIES CENTRE.

THE OLDEST CONTESTANT AMONG THE 660 SWIMMERS WILL BE A 73-YEAR-OLD MAN, AND THE YOUNGEST A BOY AND A GIRL, BOTH AGED 12.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, WILL FIRE THE STARTING GUN AT 10.30 AM, AND THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

ABOUT 350 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE SWIM LAST YEAR WHEN MR CHEUNG WAN-CHI AND MISS LAI WAI BECAME CHAMPIONS OF THE MEN'S AND THE WOMEN'S SECTIONS.

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CAS CADETS TO PUT ON SHOW
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MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS WILL BE SHOWING OFF THEIR PERFORMING TALENTS IN THE CAS CADET CORPS VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CARITAS COMMUNITY HALL, 2 CAINE ROAD, HONG KONG, ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 17), STARTING AT 2 PM.

ORGANISED AND PERFORMED BY THE CADETS THEMSELVES, THE FOUR-HOUR LONG PROGRAMME IS INTENDED MAINLY TO BE A SOCIAL OCCASION FOR THE CADETS TO ENTERTAIN THEIR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND FRIENDS.

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SQUASH TRAINING COURSE

A TRAINING COURSE FOR MEN WHO WANT TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILL IN SQUASH IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG SQUASH RACQUETS ASSOCIATION.

MEN OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE, WITH AT LEAST ONE YEAR'S EXPERIENCE IN THE GAME, MAY APPLY.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON FROM NOVEMBER 25 TO JANUARY 15 AT THE ISLAND SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB ON BORRETT ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE FEE IS \$15 FOR 16 LESSONS. APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSS HEADQUARTERS OR ANY OF ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES.

SHOULD THE CLASSES BE OVER-SUBSCRIBED, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DECIDED BY DRAWING LOT.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD REACH THE RSS HEADQUARTERS, 11/F., WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BEFORE NOVEMBER 5.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CALL 5-458511 OR 5-236968.

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WATER CUT IN SHEUNG WAN

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 18) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, NEW STREET, PO YAN STREET, RUTTER STREET, IN MAY LANE, PO HING FONG, LADDER STREET AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

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