



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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EXPANSION OF C.A.S. CADET CORPS MOOTED NEW CAMP SITE READY NEXT YEAR

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PLANS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION TO INCREASE THE STRENGTH OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS FROM THE EXISTING 2,000 TO 3,000 OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

THE IDEA BEHIND THE PROPOSED MOVE IS TO ATTRACT INTO THE CORPS YOUTHS IN THE 12-14 AGE GROUP.

REVEALING THIS TODAY, THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR. JOHN FORTUNE, INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED EXPANSION PROGRAMME WAS IN LINE WITH THE AIM OF THE C.A.S. TO BROADEN ITS BASE TO ENSURE THAT A WIDER CROSS-SECTION OF THE TEENAGE POPULATION WOULD HAVE A BETTER OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCIPLINED SERVICE AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY THE CORPS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT TEENAGERS IN THE 12-14 AGE BRACKET WERE AT A MOST IMPRESSIONABLE AGE AND NOT YET FULLY ENVELOPED IN STUDYING FOR THEIR SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS AND AS SUCH WOULD FIND THE TRAINING IN THE CORPS HIGHLY USEFUL.

FORMED IN 1968, THE CORPS NOW COMPRISE 20 SEPARATE CADET UNITS WITH 100 BOYS EACH. THE AGE OF CADETS RANGES FROM 14 TO 18.

EACH UNIT HAS ITS OWN HEADQUARTERS WHICH IS SITUATED IN HEAVILY POPULATED AREAS TO ENSURE THAT CADETS CAN TRAIN DURING WEEKDAYS IN THE AREAS IN WHICH THEY LIVE. ON WEEKENDS, THEY USUALLY SPEND THEIR TIME IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THE ESPRIT DE CORPS OF THE CADETS HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY HIGH, NOTED MR. FORTUNE. THEY LIKE TO BE EMPLOYED IN CIVIC PROJECTS AND, IN FACT, HAVE RECENTLY BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE 'KEEP OUR BEACHES CLEAN CAMPAIGN,' 'CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN' AND THE 'ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE.'

THE CADETS HAVE BOUNDLESS ENERGY AND AS SUCH MUST BE KEPT ACTIVE WITH INTERESTING PROJECTS AND TRAINING PROGRAMMES, HE ADDED.

THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER DISCLOSED THAT A TURNING POINT HAD RECENTLY BEEN MADE IN THE TRAINING STRATEGY OF THE CORPS FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CADET MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY COURSE AS A NEW FORM OF TRAINING WHICH CAN ASSIST CADETS IN THEIR ADULTHOOD.

INTRODUCED A FEW MONTHS AGO, THE COURSE SEEKS TO TEACH CADETS WHO HAVE A FLAIR FOR THINGS MECHANICAL AND WHO ARE IN THE 17-18 AGE GROUP THE BASIC KNOW-HOW RELATED TO MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF CARS AND MOTORCYCLES.

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FOR THIS SPECIFIC PURPOSE, A WELL-EQUIPPED WORKSHOP HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE C.A.S. HEADQUARTERS. A SIMILAR WORKSHOP IS BEING PLANNED AT THE KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE IN ARGYLE STREET.

+THIS NEW FORM OF TRAINING MARKED A DISTINCT SHIFT OF EMPHASIS WITHIN THE CIVIL AID SERVICES. WHEREAS IN THE PAST WE WERE PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH THE PEACETIME EMERGENCY TRAINING OF OUR ADULT MEMBERS, WE HAVE NOW STEPPED INTO A NEW REALM WHERE VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF YOUTH ALSO FORMS A PART,+ OBSERVED MR. FORTUNE.

+AND THIS REPRESENTS A GREAT DEPARTURE FROM OUR TRADITIONAL TRAINING STRATEGY.+

ON THE TRAINING LIST OF THE CADETS ARE, AMONG OTHERS, LEADERSHIP, CITIZENSHIP, FORESTRY CONSERVATION, ORIENTEERING, CANOEING, COOKING, TREKKING, MAP-READING, LIFE-SAVING, RESCUING AND FIRST AID.

THE TRAINING IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE CADETS WITH A BETTER PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE SO AS TO ENABLE THEM TO EVOLVE A SENSE OF CIVIC AND MORAL RESPONSIBILITY.

+A VITAL ASPECT OF THE DISCIPLINED TRAINING IS THAT THE BOYS' LEISURELY HOURS ARE GAINFULLY EMPLOYED, THUS KEEPING THEM OUT OF MISCHIEF.+

IN FACT, HE ADDED, THE SHORT-TERM OBJECT OF THE CORPS WAS TO TRAIN BETTER QUALITY VOLUNTEER RESERVES SO THAT THE LONG-TERM AIM CAN BE BETTER ACHIEVED IN ONE OF THE VARIOUS REGULAR AND AUXILIARY SERVICES.

THE EXISTING RECRUITMENT POLICY IS TO TAKE IN BOYS FROM VARIOUS LOW-COST HOUSING ESTATES, CROWDED TENEMENT BLOCKS AND SQUATTER AREAS IN THE URBAN DISTRICTS WHERE +THE NEED FOR A PROPER AND HEALTHY CHANNEL WITH WHICH TO RELEASE THE BOYS' EXCESS ENERGY IS KEENLY FELT.+

NOW THAT HONG KONG IS IN FOR A LONG SCHOOL VACATION, A HEAVY ACCENT HAS BEEN LAID ON COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK FOR THE CADETS ON TOP OF OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE FORMATION OF THE FIRST PERMANENT CAMPING SITE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE C.A.S. IS WELL ADVANCED.

THE 50-ACRE REMOTE CAMP SITE IS SITUATED AROUND THE OLD DESERTED VILLAGE OF YUEN TUN IN TSING LUNG TAU. ITS BASIC FACILITIES WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR AND THE WHOLE SITE IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL EARLY NEXT YEAR.

TO HELP FOSTER A SENSE OF PRIDE AND BELONGING AMONG THE CADETS, A SELF-HELP WORK PROJECT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED AT THE SITE. AT PRESENT, CADETS HELP IN SUCH DUTIES AS SITE CLEARANCE, HOUSE RENOVATION AND GRASS CUTTING AT THEIR FUTURE CAMPING GROUND.

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ACCORDING TO MR. FORTUNE, THE BEAUTIFUL NATURAL RURAL ENVIRONMENT AROUND THE SITE WILL BE PRESERVED SO THAT CADETS FROM THE POPULOUS +CONCRETE JUNGLES+ COULD ENJOY THE PEACE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

IT IS ENVISAGED THAT IN THE CAMP THE EMPHASIS WILL BE ON MOUNTAINEERING, ORIENTEERING, CONSERVATION AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY.

+WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE CAMP, CADETS WILL BE GIVEN AN ADDITIONAL OUTLET FOR THEIR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DEVELOPMENT,+ HE STRESSED, NOTING THAT THE PROJECT HAS REALISED A 4-YEAR DREAM OF THE C.A.S. IN SEEKING AN IDEAL PERMANENT CAMP SITE.

HOWEVER, THE SITE WOULD ALSO BE OPEN TO OTHER ORGANISED DISCIPLINED YOUTH GROUPS, HE SAID.

MR. FORTUNE FURTHER DISCLOSED THAT ANOTHER REMOTE CAMP SITE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR THE CORPS HAD ALREADY BEEN EARMARKED.

+THIS TIME, THE FOCUS WILL BE ON WATER SPORT ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING CANOEING, SAILFISH SAILING, LIFE-SAVING, SKIN DIVING AND WATER SKIING,+ HE SAID.

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TV ARTISTES TO SELL LOTTERIES AT STATUE SQUARE
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FOUR RTV ARTISTES WILL HELP PROMOTE THE SALE OF THIS YEAR'S SIXTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY TICKETS AT STATUE SQUARE ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 6) BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND 6 P.M.

THEY ARE MISS SUSANA HUEN, MISS SUSANA WONG, MISS HELEN POON AND MISS VIOLET LEE.

THE DRAW OF WINNING NUMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 A.M. ON AUGUST 10 (SATURDAY). THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 159 PRIZES.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SELLING BOOTHS, HONG KONG AND YAUMATEI FERRY PIERS, VARIOUS BANK OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, AND TWO HOTELS IN KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED.

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HIGHER DEMAND FOR ARTIFICIAL LIMBS
RESEARCH TO IMPROVE QUALITY
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THE DEMAND FOR ARTIFICIAL LIMBS AND ORTHOPAEDIC APPLIANCES IS ON THE RISE WITH THE EVER-INCREASING INDUSTRIAL AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

TO MEET THIS GROWING DEMAND, THE PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC SERVICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS LAUNCHED A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE FABRICATION AND FITTING OF LOWER LIMB PROSTHESES AND FOOT APPLIANCE.

THESE INCLUDE IMPROVED DESIGN OF ABOVE-KNEE SUSPENSION SYSTEM, NEW MATERIAL FOR MAKING FOOT SPLINTS AND NEW COMPONENTS FOR FABRICATING A CERTAIN SPECIAL ARTIFICIAL FOOT.

IN ADDITION, THE SERVICE HAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED A MYO-ELECTRICALLY CONTROLLED HAND FOR BELOW-ELBOW AMPUTEES.

COMBINING THE BEST COSMETIC EFFECT WITH SUPERIOR PREHENSION POWER AND SPEED, IT WORKS ALMOST NOISELESSLY AND REQUIRES ONLY THE MINIMUM EFFORT FROM THE REMAINING NATURAL MUSCLE.

STARTED IN THE EARLY 1960'S, THE PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC SERVICE IS NOW EXTENDED TO THE PUBLIC AND PATIENTS OF ALL GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

THERE IS A CENTRE ON EACH SIDE OF THE HARBOUR — AT KOWLOON HOSPITAL AND DAVID TRENCH REHABILITATION CENTRE — WITH 50 STAFF MEMBERS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TWO PROSTHETISTS.

BESIDES ARTIFICIAL LIMBS, THE PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC SERVICE ALSO PROVIDES OTHER BODY SUPPORTS SUCH AS LEG BRACES, SPINAL BRACES, HAND AND ARM SPLINTS, FOOT APPLIANCE, ORTHOPAEDIC FOOTWEAR, AND WALKING AIDS.

ALL THESE ARE CHARGED ONLY FOR THE COST OF THE MATERIAL USED. IN CASES OF GENUINE HARDSHIP, THIS CHARGE MAY BE REMITTED OR EVEN WAIVED.

THE SERVICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNITS, RENDERS VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO A LARGE NUMBER OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

IT PROVIDED A TOTAL OF 2,182 PIECES OF MODERN ARTIFICIAL LEGS AND HANDS AND BRACES TO THE HANDICAPPED LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH 1,984 IN 1972. IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 1,000 PIECES WERE PRODUCED.

MEANWHILE, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING SCHEME FOR ALL STUDENT PROSTHETISTS, WHICH COVERS BOTH THE MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE WORK. APART FROM IN-SERVICE LOCAL TRAINING, OVERSEAS COURSES ARE ALSO ORGANISED.

SINCE 1968, FOUR PROSTHETISTS HAVE BEEN SENT ABROAD FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY TO KEEP THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABREAST WITH LATEST PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER PLACES.

DURING THE COURSE, THEY WERE ATTACHED TO ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTRES, REHABILITATION INSTITUTES, AND PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC CENTRES IN EUROPE.