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APRIL CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR APRIL 1981. THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR APRIL 1981 WERE BOTH 114, EACH BEING 1 POINT OR 0.9 PER CENT HIGHER THAN FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE NEW CPI (A) AND NEW CPI (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

AT THAT TIME, THE NEW CPI (A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE NEW CPI (B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR APRIL 1981 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMPONENTS OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE DISTINGUISHED IN THE TWO NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR MARCH 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 - SEPTEMBER 1980 = 100)

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>NEW C.P.I. (A)</u>		<u>NEW C.P.I. (B)</u>	
	<u>APR. 81</u>	<u>MAR. 81</u>	<u>APR. 81</u>	<u>MAR. 81</u>
FOODSTUFFS	115	115	115	115
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THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW CPI (A) AND NEW CPI (B) REMAINED UNCHANGED BECAUSE OF ROUNDING.

REDUCTIONS WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, EGGS AND SALT-WATER FISH.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH-WATER FISH, RICE AND MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS INCREASED.

THE EFFECTS OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR THE FOODSTUFFS COMPONENT WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR THE HOUSING COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW CPI (A) AND NEW CPI (B) INCREASED BY 3 POINTS AS HIGHER RENT WAS REGISTERED IN PRIVATE DWELLINGS AND IN SOME HOUSING SOCIETY AND HOUSING AUTHORITY GROUP A ESTATES.

THE INDEX FOR THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR COMPONENT IN NEW CPI (A) DECREASED BY 2 POINTS AND THAT IN NEW CPI (B) BY 3 POINTS BECAUSE OF LOWER PRICES FOR OUTERCLOTHING ITEMS.

THE TWO-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR THE DURABLE GOODS COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW CPI (A) AND NEW CPI (B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR ELECTRICAL CONSUMER GOODS, TELEVISION AND SOUND EQUIPMENT.

HIGHER PRICES FOR JEWELLERY, TOYS AND HOBBIES CAUSED THE INDEX FOR THE MISCELLANEOUS GOODS COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW CPI (A) AND NEW CPI (B) TO INCREASE BY 1 POINT.

THE INDEX FOR THE TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES COMPONENT IN NEW CIP (A) INCREASED BY 8 POINTS AND THAT IN NEW CPI (B) BY 6 POINTS AS A RESULT OF THE UPWARD REVISION OF BUS FARES DURING THE MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR THE SERVICES COMPONENT IN BOTH NEW CPI (A) AND NEW CPI (B) INCREASED BY 1 POINT DUE TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, HOUSEHOLD SERVICES AND HAIRDRESSING.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) (JULY 73/JUNE 74 = 100) FOR APRIL 1981 WERE 179 AND 178 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING 1 POINT OR 0.6 PER CENT HIGHER THAN FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH. COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING MONTH IN 1980, CPI (A) INCREASED BY 23 POINTS OR 14.7 PER CENT AND CPI (B) BY 22 POINTS OR 14.1 PER CENT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR APRIL 1981, NOW ON SALE AT \$2 EACH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

TIGHTER CONTROL OVER ILLEGAL GAMBLING PROPOSED

THE GOVERNMENT IS PROPOSING TWO CHANGES TO THE LAW TO TIGHTEN CONTROL OVER ILLEGAL GAMBLING IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THE GAMBLING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), ANYONE FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ONE OR MORE BETTING SLIPS WOULD BE PRESUMED TO HAVE POSSESSED THEM TO ASSIST ANOTHER PERSON IN BOOKMAKING.

THIS IS INTENDED TO DEAL WITH ILLEGAL OFF-COURSE BETTING OPERATORS WHO, TO AVOID POLICE DETECTION AND PROSECUTION, RELY HEAVILY NOW ON RUNNERS TO RECEIVE CASH PAYMENT IN ADVANCE FROM KNOWN CUSTOMERS.

THE OTHER LEGISLATIVE CHANGE PROPOSED APPLIES TO CASES WHERE POLICE OFFICERS ON ANTI-ILLEGAL GAMBLING RAIDS ARE OBSTRUCTED OR DELAYED IN ENTERING THE GAMBLING PLACE. IN SUCH INSTANCES, ANY MONEY OR OTHER PROPERTY FOUND IN THE PLACE OR ON ANY PERSON AT THAT PLACE WOULD BE PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN USED IN CONNECTION WITH ILLEGAL GAMBLING.

THIS MEASURE IS AIMED AT THOSE ILLEGAL GAMBLERS AND OPERATORS WHO HOLD OFF THE POLICE IN ORDER TO POCKET OR CONCEAL GAMBLING MONEY AND EQUIPMENT, AND AVOID BEING REQUIRED BY THE COURT TO HAVE THEM FORFEITED.

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PROPOSAL TO EXTEND REMAND PERIOD

THE MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR WHICH A MAGISTRATE CAN REMAND AN ACCUSED PERSON IN CUSTODY, ON TRANSFERRING THE CASE TO THE DISTRICT COURT, MAY BE EXTENDED TO 20 DAYS UNDER A MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL 1981 PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GAZETTE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT AN ACCUSED PERSON CAN USE THE REMAND PERIOD TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN LEGAL AID OR ENGAGE HIS OWN LAWYER. THE CROWN ALSO PREPARES A SUMMARY OF FACTS OF THE CASE WHICH IS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE DEFENCE LAWYER PRIOR TO THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT HEARING.

AT PRESENT, THE MAXIMUM REMAND PERIOD IS EIGHT CLEAR DAYS, UNLESS THE ACCUSED PERSON AND THE PROSECUTOR AGREE TO A LONGER PERIOD.

EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THIS IS INADEQUATE TO ENSURE THAT ACCUSED PERSONS ARE LEGALLY REPRESENTED, FULLY INFORMED AND PROPERLY ADVISED BEFORE MAKING THEIR PLEAS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ACTUAL PERIOD OF REMAND WILL STILL BE DETERMINED BY THE MAGISTRATE, HE ADDED.

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MORE OPEN SPACE PLANNED FOR MA TAU KOK
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MORE AREAS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES UNDER A REVISED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN FOR MA TAU KOK PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SAID THAT 16 AMENDMENTS WERE INCORPORATED IN THE DRAFT PLAN.

ONE OF THE AMENDMENTS CALLS FOR THE REZONING OF AN OPEN SPACE AT LOK SHAN ROAD FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A GOVERNMENT JOINT-USER BUILDING NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW BUILDING WOULD HOUSE A MARKET, LIBRARY, COOKED FOOD STALLS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

OTHER REZONING PROPOSALS INCLUDE THE PROVISION FOR A NEW POLICE STATION AT THE JUNCTION OF KO SHAN ROAD AND SHANSI STREET AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE KOWLOON CITY FERRY CONCOURSE TO INCLUDE, APART FROM A BUS TERMINUS AND FERRY CONCOURSE, POSSIBLY A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

ALIGNMENT OF THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE AIRPORT TUNNEL, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE PRIMARY DISTRIBUTOR ROAD TO SERVE EAST KOWLOON, IS ALSO PLANNED.

FOR LONG TERM LAND RESERVATION PURPOSE, THE ALIGNMENT OF THE PROPOSED MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EAST KOWLOON LINE AND TWO PROPOSED MTR STATIONS WERE ALSO INCORPORATED IN THE PLAN.

HOWEVER, NO DECISION HAD YET BEEN MADE ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MTR LINE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DRAFT PLAN COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 112 HECTARES, INCLUDING 34.06 HECTARES FOR RESIDENTIAL USE, 17.53 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE, 13.17 HECTARES FOR OPEN SPACE, 11.44 HECTARES FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSE AND 2.83 HECTARES FOR OTHER SPECIFIED USES.

PROPOSALS WERE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES OF THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (KOWLOON CITY), MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1ST FLOOR, MA TAU KOK ROAD.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$8.50 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN MAY BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 18 THIS YEAR.

REVISED DRAFT WONG NAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY (FRIDAY) PUBLISHED A REVISED DRAFT WONG NAI CHUNG OUTLINE ZONING PLAN INCORPORATING TWO AMENDMENTS IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THAT THE PROPOSED CHANGES INCLUDED THE REZONING OF TWO SITES AT SHAN KWONG ROAD AND BROADWOOD ROAD FROM +OTHER SPECIFIED USES+ AND +GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USE+ TO +RESIDENTIAL GROUP C+.

PROPOSALS WERE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES TO THE PLAN.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD= THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WAN CHAI), TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, GROUND FLOOR.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS ON SALE IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT \$8.5 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN MAY SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING, ON OR BEFORE JUNE 18, TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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REMINDER ON TAX PAYMENTS
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TAXPAYERS ARE URGED TO CHECK THEIR DEMAND NOTES TO ENSURE THAT THE TAX IS PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE PAID THE FIRST INSTALMENT EARLIER SHOULD NOW CHECK THEIR DEMAND NOTES AND ENSURE THAT THE SECOND INSTALMENT IS PAID ON OR BEFORE THE DATE STIPULATED.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE AT THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION OFFICES:

HONG KONG: WINDSOR HOUSE, 3RD FLOOR, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

KOWLOON: PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 12TH FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONGKOK.

NEW TERRITORIES: TSUEN WAN OFFICE: FOU WAH CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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PAYMENT MAY ALSO BE MADE BY POST BY SENDING A CROSSED CHEQUE IN FAVOUR OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE DEMAND NOTE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, GPO BOX 132, HONG KONG.

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DISABLED PEOPLE CAN WORK, SEMINAR TOLD
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MANY EMPLOYERS STILL HAVE THE WRONG IDEA THAT DISABLED PEOPLE ARE ONLY CAPABLE OF MENIAL JOBS, AND SOME EVEN BELIEVE THAT THE DISABLED ARE INCAPABLE OF HOLDING ANY JOB.

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON +YEAR OF THE DISABLED+ TODAY (FRIDAY), THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER JOHN SUNG, SAID HE DISCOVERED THIS SITUATION DURING THE COURSE OF HELPING THE DISABLED IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

MR SUNG SAID HIS PLACEMENT OFFICERS ARE ENDEAVOURING TO CONVINCCE EMPLOYERS OF THE ABILITIES OF DISABLED PERSONS AND THE VERY MANY ADVANTAGES OF ENGAGING EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE SPS.

HE TOLD THE SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATORS: +WE ALL KNOW FOR A FACT THAT MANY DISABLED PERSONS, AFTER UNDERGOING A CAREFULLY DESIGNED AND COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATIONAL PROGRAMME, ARE CAPABLE OF OVERCOMING THE HANDICAPPING EFFECTS OF THEIR DISABILITY AND REGAINING A VERY HIGH DEGREE OF WORKING ABILITY.+

THE ADVANCES MADE IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE, TECHNOLOGY, EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN RECENT YEARS HAVE ALL HELPED IN INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JOBS WHICH THE DISABLED ARE CAPABLE OF DOING, HE STRESSED.

MR SUNG DEFINED +SELECTIVE PLACEMENT+ AS THE PROCESSES OF HELPING A DISABLED PERSON TO ENTER OR RE-ENTER INTO A NORMAL WORKING LIFE IN REMUNERATIVE EMPLOYMENT COMPATIBLE WITH HIS CAPABILITY SO THAT HE CAN EXERCISE TO THE FULLEST HIS AVAILABLE RESIDUAL SKILLS.

THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE (SPS), THEREFORE, OPERATES ON THE PRINCIPLE OF HELPING A DISABLED PERSON TO FIND A JOB COMMENSURATE WITH HIS APTITUDE, CAPABILITY AND INTEREST.

HE SUMMARISED THE WORKING PROCESSES OF THE SPS AS KNOWING THE WORKER, KNOWING THE JOB AND MATCHING THE WORKER WITH THE JOB.

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ANOTHER IMPORTANT ASPECT IS TO PUBLICISE THE WORKING ABILITY OF DISABLED PERSONS IN THE HOPE THAT EMPLOYERS' DOUBTS MAY BE DISPELLED AND MORE VACANCIES WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE DISABLED.

TO THIS END, PLACEMENT OFFICERS VISIT EMPLOYERS AND GIVE TALKS ON THE WORK OF THE SPS TO EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS OR INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS.

IN ORDER TO HIGHLIGHT THE WORKING ABILITY OF THE DISABLED, THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO HOLD A SPECIAL CEREMONY LATER THIS YEAR AT WHICH EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO DISABLED PERSONS THROUGH THE SPS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR EFFORTS IN INTEGRATING DISABLED PERSONS INTO THE COMMUNITY.

MR SUNG CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO MAKE MORE USE OF THE FREE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE SPS.

+ I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASISE THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE VERY MUCH DEPENDS ON EMPLOYERS ACCEPTING DISABLED PERSONS AS ORDINARY PEOPLE LIKE ANYONE OF US. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT DISABLED PERSONS, GIVEN THE RIGHT JOB, NOT ONLY CAN RESTORE THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES BUT CAN ALSO ESTABLISH THEIR OWN INDEPENDENCE AND CONTRIBUTE EQUALLY TO SOCIETY, + HE CONCLUDED.

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HONG KONG FISHERMEN FOR SINGAPORE EXHIBITION

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A GROUP OF HONG KONG FISHERMEN WILL LEAVE FOR SINGAPORE ON SUNDAY TO ATTEND THE FIRST ASIAN FISHING AND AQUACULTURE EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE.

THE VISIT BY THE 13 FISHERMEN IS SPONSORED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THIS IS THE FIRST OVERSEAS VISIT FOR LOCAL FISHERMEN FUNDED BY THE FMO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID: +IT HAS BEEN CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO ORGANISE STUDY VISITS TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES FOR LOCAL FISHERMEN TO KEEP THEM ABREAST OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN FISHING TECHNOLOGY, MARKETING AND FISH PROCESSING.

+THE ASIAN FISHING CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN SINGAPORE BETWEEN JUNE 1 AND 5 IS AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUCH A VISIT.

/+THE ADVANTAGES

+THE ADVANTAGES ARE THAT AT RELATIVELY LOW COST THE FISHERMEN WOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO SEE AND COMPARE A WIDE RANGE OF GEAR EQUIPMENT, DECK MACHINERY AND ENGINES.+

THE FISHERMEN WILL ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE FISH MARKET AND FISH PROCESSING FACTORIES AT JURONG IN SINGAPORE TO BROADEN THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD OF POST-HARVEST HANDLING.

TWO OFFICERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ACCOMPANY THE FISHERMEN.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN TODAY PRESENTED A BANNER TO MR H.Y. WONG, THE SENIOR FISHERIES SUPERVISOR WHO WILL LEAD THE GROUP.

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PRISON YOUTHS EXCEL IN LONDON EXAMS

EIGHTEEN YOUNG OFFENDERS RECEIVING SCHOOLING AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING UNDER THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMMES HAVE EMERGED WITH DISTINCTION AND CREDIT IN THE RECENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIANS' EXAMINATIONS OF THE LONDON CITY AND GUILDS INSTITUTE.

OF THE GROUP WHO ACHIEVED THE REMARKABLE RESULTS, 11 SAT FOR THE FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION IN THREE SUBJECTS -- PRACTICAL MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRACTICE, WHILE THE OTHER SEVEN SAT FOR THE SECOND EXAMINATION IN MATHEMATICS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS PRINCIPLES AND COMPUTER SCIENCE, A PRISONS DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY HELD AT THE PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TODAY (FRIDAY), THE CANDIDATES, INCLUDING THREE NOW DISCHARGED, WERE PRESENTED WITH THE CERTIFICATES BY DR HENRY HU, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

PRESENT WERE THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS PARENTS AND RELATIVES OF THE YOUTHS.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, DR HU STRESSED THAT IT WAS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

+THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HAS OVER THE YEARS PERFORMED THIS TASK WITH ADMIRABLE EFFICIENCY AND PERSEVERANCE,+ HE SAID.

+THESE YOUNG MEN BEFORE ME THIS MORNING ARE FINE EXAMPLES OF THE RESULT OF GOOD CORRECTIONAL WORK,+ HE SAID.

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MENTIONING THE RISE IN JUVENILE CRIME, DR HU APPEALED TO THE COMMUNITY TO GIVE MORE SUPPORT TO THE GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

ALL OFFENDERS, EXCEPT A FEW WHO MUST FOREVER BE LOCKED AWAY, MUST RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY, AND UNLESS THEY WERE ACCEPTED AND GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY IN EMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER STUDIES TO ENABLE THEM TO TURN A NEW LEAF, ALL THE EFFORTS WOULD BE WASTED, HE SAID.

IN ADDRESSING THE GATHERING LATER, MR GARNER URGED THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO FORGET THE PAST AND PRÉPARE FOR THE FUTURE.

+YOUR FUTURE IS MOST IMPORTANT, ABOVE ALL,+ HE SAID.

MR GARNER ALSO SAID THAT WHILE THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT PROVIDED THE EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES, IT WAS UP TO THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES TO DECIDE HOW TO BEST MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES, AND HE WAS PLEASED THAT THOSE PRESENT HAD DONE THE RIGHT THING.

+YOU CAN BRING A COW TO THE WATER, BUT YOU CANNOT BEND ITS NECK TO DRINK,+ HE SAID, QUOTING A CHINESE SAYING.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, ALL PRESENT JOINED IN TEA AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS.

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WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN TO START * * * *

THE 1981 WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED ON SUNDAY (MAY 31) AT VICTORIA PARK, WITH A SPECIAL DISPLAY OF EQUIPMENT AND A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SAFETY TECHNIQUES EMPLOYED IN MANY POPULAR WATER SPORTS.

THE WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN, CO-ORDINATED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT AND LAUNCHED TO TIE IN WITH THE START OF THE SWIMMING SEASON, IS AIMED AT REMINDING THOSE WHO ENJOY WATER SPORTS THE IMPORTANCE OF +SAFETY FIRST+.

ORGANISERS OF THIS SUNDAY'S EVENT INCLUDE THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG CANOE UNION, THE HONG KONG YACHTING ASSOCIATION, THE WINDSURFING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, THE HONG KONG UNDERWATER FEDERATION AND THE HONG KONG WATER SKI ASSOCIATION.

THE HON HU FA-KUANG, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 2 PM IN THE VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL.

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IN ADDITION TO AN EXHIBITION ON SAFETY EQUIPMENT AND THE SAFETY RULES OF VARIOUS AQUATIC SPORTS, THE DAY'S PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE A COMBINATION OF SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS AND SPECTACULAR DISPLAYS OF CANOEING, WINDSURFING, YACHTING, SWIMMING, LIFE-SAVING, SNORKELLING, SCUBA DIVING AND DIVING.

AS SWIMMING ACCIDENTS TOPPED THE AQUATIC ACCIDENT FIGURES LAST YEAR, THIS SUNDAY'S FUNCTION WILL GIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON SAFETY ELEMENTS IN SWIMMING, INCLUDING SURVIVAL SWIMMING TECHNIQUES, AND LIFE-SAVING TECHNIQUES.

ADDING TO THE ENTERTAINMENT OF THE DAY, THE MOBILE STREET THEATRE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT A SPECIAL PUPPET SHOW ON SAFETY IN AQUATIC SPORTS.

ADMISSION TO THE WATER SPORTS SAFETY CAMPAIGN OPENING CEREMONY IS FREE.

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RUNNING CLINIC ORGANISED IN SHING MUN

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A NEW +RUNNING CLINIC+ FOR PEOPLE WHO WANT TO TAKE UP RUNNING FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS.

THE SHING MUN RUNNING CLINIC, THE FIRST IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL CLOSELY FOLLOW THE PROGRAMME AND PRINCIPLES OF THE SUCCESSFUL CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND THE ORIGINAL MARATHON CLINIC IN HONOLULU, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE RUNNING CLINIC WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING ON SUNDAY MORNING AT 7.30 AT WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTSGROUND, KWAI CHUNG, AND MEET EVERY SUNDAY MORNING THEREAFTER.

FROM THE STARTING POINT, PARTICIPANTS WILL JOG OR RUN THROUGH THE PATHS AND TRAILS OF THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK, WHICH IS FREE OF TRAFFIC, DUST AND NOISE POLLUTION.

THERE WILL BE FOUR GROUPS RUNNING FOR DIFFERENT LENGTHS OF TIME, 30, 60 OR 90 MINUTES AND A VETERAN GROUP -- DEPENDING ON THEIR ABILITY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL UNDERGO A NINE-MONTH PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO BUILD UP SLOWLY THEIR CONDITION TO THE LEVEL OF FITNESS OF A MARATHON RUNNER.

+HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANT THING IS NOT THE SPEED THEY RUN BUT THE TIME THEY SPEND ON RUNNING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROGRAMME IS OPEN TO ALL AGES.

/TOMORROW (SATURDAY)

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TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING, A MEETING EXPLAINING THE BACKGROUND OF THE FIRST JOG WILL BE HELD AT THE O.R. SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL AT HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, STARTING AT 8 PM.

SPEAKERS WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH.

PEOPLE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT THE RECREATION PROMOTION UNIT, SOUTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AT 208-212, NATHAN ROAD, FOUR SEAS BUILDING, 9TH FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, OR TELEPHONE 3-7211769.

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MORE GREENERY FOR SAI KUNG DISTRICT

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FORTY EVERGREEN TREES WERE PLANTED TODAY (FRIDAY) AT AN OPEN SPACE NEAR THE CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG.

THE TREES, INCLUDING HIBISCUS TILIACEUS, ALEURITES MOLUCCANA AND BAUHINIA VARIEGATA, WERE PLANTED BY 60 STUDENTS FROM THE CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL AND KWONG PUI SCHOOL AND MEMBERS OF BOTH THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MORE TREES SHOULD BE PLANTED AS THE CONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF ROADS IN SAI KUNG WHICH IS IN PROCESS HAS BROUGHT A FACELIFT TO THE DISTRICT,+ SAID THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOUTH REGION) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JAMES WILSON WHO OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE TREE PLANTING.

MR WILSON SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME WOULD VERY MUCH DEPEND ON THE CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL RESIDENTS. +WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT, THE TREES PLANTED HERE TODAY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GROW WELL AND MATURE,+ HE SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE RURAL LEADERS AND THE STUDENTS SPONSORING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT, MR WILSON URGED THEM AND THE PUBLIC TO KEEP AN INTEREST IN THE LOVE AND CARE OF TREES.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT, MR WILSON PLANTED A YOUNG HIBISCUS TILIACEUS AT THE OPEN SPACE OF THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR CHAN SUI-JEUNG, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR LOK SHIU-CHUN, THE CHAIRMAN OF SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG PUN AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE, ALSO PLANTED YOUNG TREES TO MARK THE CEREMONY.

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SATURDAY SPORTS FOR TSING YI RESIDENTS
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A WEEKEND SPORTING ACTIVITIES SCHEME IS BEING ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS OF TSING YI ISLAND.

THE SCHEME WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT CHEUNG CHING AND CHEUNG HONG ESTATES AND RUN, ON A TRIAL BASIS, FOR 10 SATURDAYS FROM 2 PM - 5 PM UNTIL EARLY AUGUST.

ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS ROLLER SKATING, TRAMPOLINING, FENCING, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL, WILL BE HELD AT THE TWO BASKETBALL COURTS AND MINI-SOCCER PITCH OUTSIDE CHING WAI HOUSE IN CHEUNG CHING ESTATE.

STAFF OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL ALSO HELP ORGANISE COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING CLASSES.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE SCHEME WILL BE A SPORTS CARNIVAL ON JUNE 13, TO INCLUDE BASKETBALL AND MINI-SOCCER INVITATION MATCHES, TRAMPOLINING AND FENCING DEMONSTRATIONS, AND GAMES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TSING YI, MR JOSEPH WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

MR WONG SAID THERE WAS A NEED FOR SPORTING ACTIVITIES ON TSING YI, PARTICULARLY AT THE TWO HOUSING ESTATES, WHICH HAVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 32 000.

+GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE TAKING THE LEAD IN ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR THEM, AND WE HOPE EVENTUALLY THAT LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, ESPECIALLY MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE ESTATES, WILL DO SO ON THEIR OWN,+ HE SAID.

TAKING PART IN THE NEW SCHEME ARE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE UNIT, TSING YI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

IT IS BEING FINANCED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND IS ONE OF SEVERAL ESTATE RECREATION PROJECTS BEING ORGANISED LOCALLY.

THE OTHERS ARE AT KWAI CHUNG, FOK LOI AND CHEUNG SHAN ESTATES.

DRAINAGE ON TSING YI ISLAND BEING IMPROVED
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WORK HAS STARTED ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM ALONG TSING YI MAIN STREET, RUNNING FROM TSING YI TONG TO THE FERRY PIER.

THE WORK INVOLVES BUILDING A GREASE TRAP AT ONE SECTION OF THE 260-METRE-LONG UNDERGROUND DRAIN, TO FILTER OILY MATERIAL WHICH ENTERS THE DRAIN FROM NEARBY RESTAURANTS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE 17 MANHOLES BUILT AT SIX-METRE INTERVALS TO ENABLE CLEANSING STAFF TO GO INSIDE THE DRAIN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE UNDERGROUND DRAIN HAD BEEN FILLED WITH RUBBISH POURED IN BY RESIDENTS.

CLEANSING STAFF HAD BEEN UNABLE TO ENTER THE DRAIN AND CLEAR THE RUBBISH BECAUSE OF ITS SMALL DIAMETER AND BECAUSE THERE WERE NO ACCESSIBLE OUTLETS TO THE SURFACE.

AS A RESULT, DIRTY WATER FLOWED OUT TO THE STREET GIVING A BAD SMELL AND POOR SANITATION. FLOODING ALSO OCCURRED DURING RAINY SEASONS.

+THE SITUATION WILL BE IMPROVED UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORK,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROJECT, COSTING \$28 000, WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF JULY.

STAFF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL THEN BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT REGULAR DESILTING AND CLEANSING ALONG THE DRAIN.

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POKFULAM WATER LEAKAGE TEST
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN POKFULAM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (JUNE 1) TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 2) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NO 102-136 POKFULAM ROAD, INCLUDING QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND ITS QUARTERS.

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FIRING PRACTICE TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 14 DAYS FROM JUNE 1.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING PRACTICE TIMES.

THE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JUNE 1, 1981 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 2, 1981 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 9, 1981 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 10, 1981 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 11, 1981 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
JUNE 12, 1981 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 16, 1981 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
JUNE 17, 1981 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 18, 1981 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
JUNE 19, 1981 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JUNE 25, 1981 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
JUNE 26, 1981 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
JUNE 29, 1981 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
JUNE 30, 1981 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM

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