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PRIMARY SCHOOL DENTAL PLAN POPULAR  
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MORE CHILDREN ARE TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE SCHEME OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER WHEN THE SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO PRIMARY TWO STUDENTS.

STARTED LAST NOVEMBER FOR PRIMARY ONE CHILDREN, THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED EACH YEAR TO TAKE IN STUDENTS IN THE NEXT GRADE UNTIL IT REACHES PRIMARY SIX, SAID DR SANDY WONG, PRINCIPAL OF THE TANG SHIU KIN DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL.

THE SERVICE, WHICH CHARGES A NOMINAL FEE OF \$5 A YEAR, PROVIDES PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH ROUTINE DENTAL CARE, INCLUDING A FULL DENTAL EXAMINATION, FILLINGS, SCALING, CLEANING OF TEETH AND IF NECESSARY, EXTRACTION.

THE SERVICE IS PROVIDED BY DENTAL THERAPISTS WHO HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL IN THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE.

ON AVERAGE, EACH CHILD RECEIVES DENTAL TREATMENT ABOUT THREE TO FOUR TIMES EACH YEAR, AND IS GIVEN ADDITIONAL SPECIAL SERVICE WHEN NECESSARY.

SO FAR, ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF THE PRIMARY ONE SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE VOLUNTARY SCHEME, A NUMBER CONSIDERED SATISFACTORY.

+IT IS A GOOD START FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN EXTENDING DENTAL CARE SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL POPULATION,+ HE SAID.

DR WONG EXPECTED THAT ABOUT HALF OF THE TOTAL SCHOOL STUDENTS IN PRIMARY ONE AND TWO CLASSES WOULD JOIN THE SCHEME IN THE NEXT SCHOOL TERM.

HE SAID THAT OUT OF 89 300 PRIMARY ONE CHILDREN ENROLLED IN HONG KONG SCHOOLS AT PRESENT, SOME 27 000 CHILDREN HAVE ALREADY BEEN ENROLLED IN THE SCHEME.

IN TERMS OF THE NUMBERS OF SCHOOLS, OUT OF THE 850 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG AT PRESENT, 256 HAVE JOINED THE SCHEME : 82 FROM HONG KONG, 118 FROM KOWLOON AND 56 FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID.

SPECIAL BUS SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO TAKE THE SCHOOL CHILDREN TO AND FROM THE TANG SHIU KIN SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC IN OI KWAN ROAD.

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WHEN A NEW DENTAL CLINIC IN ARGYLE STREET IS COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER, THE MAJORITY OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN KOWLOON AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TAKEN THERE FOR TREATMENT WHILE THE REST AND THOSE ON THE ISLAND SIDE WILL BE TREATED AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC.

THREE OTHER DENTAL CLINICS IN LAM TIN, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN ARE BEING PLANNED, SO THAT BY 1985 THE SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE WILL BE IN FULL OPERATION.

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#### DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SEMINAR HELD

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ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE HELD THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SEMINARS ARE INTENDED TO ACQUAINT RESIDENTS OF OUTLYING ISLANDS WITH THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE PART IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

TODAY'S WAS HELD AT CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE.

ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ANDREW FOK, REMINDED RURAL LEADERS AND VILLAGERS OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY WILL PLAY IN THE FUTURE DISTRICT BOARD.

FOR THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SIX CONSTITUENCIES, THREE ON CHEUNG CHAU AND THE OTHERS ON PENG CHAU, LANTAU AND LAMMA/PO TOI.

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 16 POLLING STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD HAS 18 MEMBERS, COMPRISING SIX OFFICIALS, FOUR UNOFFICIALS AND EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

IT HAS CULTURE AND RECREATION, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEES.

MORE THAN 60 MEMBERS OF CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE, LOCAL SPORTS AND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR.

SLIDES, CHARTS AND MAPS WERE ALSO SHOWN, GIVING REGISTRATION DATES, THE DATE OF THE ELECTIONS AND CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES.

THERE WILL BE 13 SEMINARS IN ALL BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF JULY.

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NO MORE +SQUEAL+ SOON FROM BUS BRAKES

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HONG KONG ROADS WILL SOON BE FREE OF BUSES WITH NOISY BRAKES, ACCORDING TO THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT, MR JAMES KWAN.

+THE NOISE PROBLEM CAME TO LIGHT WHEN, BETWEEN LAST NOVEMBER AND MID-JUNE THIS YEAR, 31 PEOPLE COMPLAINED TO OUR UNIT ABOUT THE SQUEALING BRAKES IN SOME OF THE NEW BUSES USED BY THE TWO BUS COMPANIES,+ MR KWAN SAID TODAY.

+OF THE 31 COMPLAINTS, 13 RELATED TO VEHICLES OPERATED BY THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS CO. AND 18 BY THE CHINA MOTOR BUS CO.

+APPARENTLY, SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO COMPLAINED WERE WORRIED WHETHER THE NOISE INDICATED SOME FAULT IN THE BRAKE SYSTEM AND WHETHER IT WAS SAFE TO RIDE ON THE BUSES- OTHERS WERE SIMPLY DISTURBED BY THE BRAKE NOISES, ESPECIALLY EARLY IN THE MORNING OR LATE AT NIGHT,+ HE SAID.

MR KWAN SAID THAT HIS UNIT LATER DISCOVERED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS +MORE WIDESPREAD AND INTRACTABLE+ THAN ORIGINALLY THOUGHT.

THE BUS COMPANIES REPORTED THAT 348 BUSES - 240 BELONGING TO KMB AND 108 TO CMB - PRODUCED THE +SQUEALING+ SOUND, HE SAID.

LEYLAND VEHICLES LTD., MANUFACTURER OF THE VICTORY MARK II BUSES WHICH HAVE THIS PROBLEM, HAS BEEN CONDUCTING MANY TESTS OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS TO FIND THE SOURCE OF THE NOISE.

+STRANGELY, THE BRAKE SQUEAL PROBLEM RELATING TO VICTORY MARK II BUSES APPEARS TO BE CONFINED TO HONG KONG, BECAUSE NO SIMILAR TROUBLE HAS BEEN REPORTED WITH THE VEHICLES IN USE IN BRITAIN.+

HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM WAS NOW UNDER CONTROL, MR KWAN SAID.

+BUS ENGINEERS HAVE FOUND THAT BY FITTING A SUBSTANTIAL DAMPING RING AROUND THE BRAKE DRUMS, 40 000 MILES OF SQUEAL-FREE TRAVEL ARE NOW POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

+SOME 76 BUSES HAVE ALREADY BEEN FITTED WITH DAMPING RINGS AND BOTH KMB AND CMB WILL MODIFY THE REMAINING NOISY BUSES OVER THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.+

MR KWAN SAID LEYLAND HAD ASSURED HIM THAT, IN FUTURE, NEW BUSES ORDERED BY KMB AND CMB WOULD BE MODIFIED BEFORE BEING SHIPPED TO HONG KONG.

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RADIO-CONTROLLED CAR RACING CONTEST TO BE HELD  
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RADIO-CONTROLLED RACING CAR ENTHUSIASTS ARE IN FOR A BIG TREAT WHEN THE 1981 HONG KONG RACING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ARE HELD AT THE TAI PO PLOVER COVE ROAD TEMPORARY RECREATION GROUND THIS COMING SUNDAY, JULY 5.

WHILE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO ARE EXPERT IN THIS SPORT FREQUENTLY TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO INDULGE IN THE SPORT HERE BECAUSE OF LACK OF A SUITABLE VENUE.

+THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE AN ARENA FOR RADIO-CONTROLLED MODEL CAR EXPERTS, BUT ALSO TO GIVE A CHANCE TO THE PUBLIC TO ENJOY AN ENTERTAINING ACTIVITY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

RADIO-CONTROLLED MODEL CARS, WHICH ARE APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TO ONE-EIGHTH THE VOLUME OF AUTHENTIC CARS HAVE A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 60 MPH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

STRICT MEASURES WILL BE ENFORCED TO ENSURE ALL INTERNATIONAL SAFETY STANDARDS ARE FOLLOWED BY THE RADIO-CAR CONTROLLERS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SEVENTY ENTRANTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN 10 SPEED TEST HEATS IN THE MORNING, THE FASTEST TEN WILL ENTER THE FINAL FOR SECTION A, WHILE THE NEXT TEN WILL COMPETE IN THE FINAL FOR SECTION B.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE WINNERS OF EACH SECTION.

ADMISSION IS FREE. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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EARLIER SWIMMING HOURS  
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THE KWAI SHING AND SHA TIN SWIMMING POOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL OPEN HALF AN HOUR EARLIER AT 6.30 AM INSTEAD OF 7 AM FROM JULY 1 UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

THE FIRST DAILY SESSION FOR THE TWO SWIMMING POOLS WILL END AT 9.15 AM AS USUAL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

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### AREA COMMITTEES SERVE AS LINK

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AREA COMMITTEES NOT ONLY SERVE AS A CLOSE LINK BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS, BUT ALSO PROVIDE LOCAL PEOPLE WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS COMMUNITY BUILDING, THE ACTING CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER FOR HONG KONG, MR A.G. COOPER, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR COOPER, WHO WAS OFFICIATING AT THE INAUGURATION OF MEMBERS OF SIX AREA COMMITTEES, SAID RESIDENTS COULD REFLECT THEIR OPINIONS THROUGH THESE COMMITTEES.

THE COMMITTEES ARE WANCHAI EAST, WANCHAI WEST, CAUSEWAY BAY NORTH, CAUSEWAY BAY SOUTH, HAPPY VALLEY AND TAI HANG/SO KON PO.

THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF AN AREA COMMITTEE ARE: TO HELP GOVERNMENT IN ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, TO HOLD SPORTS AND CULTURAL EVENTS AND, MOST IMPORTANT, TO REFLECT THE NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE AND ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR WELL-BEING, HE SAID.

MR COOPER SAID THE MAIN PURPOSE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IS TO REINFORCE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT AND TO PROVIDE GREATER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION.

HE APPEALED FOR SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

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### HONG KONG/EEC TALKS IN BRUSSELS

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CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EEC COMMISSION ARE TO START IN BRUSSELS TOMORROW, MONDAY.

THE TALKS ARE AIMED AT RESOLVING THE DIFFERENCES IN CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN LIGHTWEIGHT KNITTED GARMENTS, AND ARE EXPECTED TO LAST FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY MR C.B. BURGESS, MINISTER FOR HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THE MEMBER STATES, SUPPORTED BY MR P.K. KIANG, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF TRADE (EEC).

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OFF TO AIRLINE TALKS  
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MR NORMAN LATHAM, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR SEOUL TO ATTEND AIR SERVICES NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

THE TALKS, SCHEDULED FOR TWO DAYS, ARE TO CONSIDER AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISED AIR SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS AND KOREAN AIRLINES BETWEEN HONG KONG AND SEOUL.

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