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ADULTS URGED TO IMPROVE THEIR KNOWLEDGE

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. JOHN CANNING, TODAY URGED THE ADULT POPULATION OF HONG KONG TO JOIN COURSES RUN BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF HIS DEPARTMENT TO BETTER THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

ONE OF THE AIMS OF ADULT EDUCATION WAS TO HELP THE INDIVIDUAL TO ADAPT HIMSELF TO CHANGING ENVIRONMENT, TO EQUIP HIM WITH THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND TO CULTIVATE IN HIM A HEALTHY ATTITUDE FOR ADJUSTMENT IN MODERN SOCIETY, HE TOLD THE OPENING OF THE 19TH ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL.

THE DIRECTOR SPOKE ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEED TO UP-DATE HIS KNOWLEDGE IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH LATEST TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS.

BESIDES ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, AN ADULT EDUCATION COURSE WOULD MAKE HIM MORE CIVIC CONSCIOUS AND THEREFORE HELP HIM LEAD A MEANINGFUL LIFE.

IN THE PAST IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT SOME PEOPLE LOOKED UPON ADULT EDUCATION ONLY AS A SORT OF REMEDIAL AND SECOND CHANCE EDUCATION.

MR. CANNING GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION WOULD TRY TO MAKE ITS COURSES AND ACTIVITIES MORE INTERESTING AND STIMULATING SO THAT PEOPLE WOULD PURSUE SOME PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITIES IN AN ADULT EDUCATION CENTRE RATHER THAN SPENDING THEIR LEISURE TIME IN OTHER FORMS OF ENTERTAINMENT.

HE HOPED THAT MORE PEOPLE WOULD ATTEND NOT ONLY PRACTICAL COURSES, SUCH AS WOODWORK, COOKING, FLOWER ARRANGEMENT AND SO ON BUT ALSO THE MORE SOPHISTICATED AND PHILOSOPHICAL ONES - MUSIC, LITERATURE APPRECIATION, CHILD HEALTH AND PARENTHOOD.

THE DIRECTOR REPORTED THAT GENERAL BACKGROUND EDUCATION AND RURAL LITERACY COURSES AS WELL AS THE EVENING INSTITUTE'S MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE AND EVENING SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSES FOR ADULTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WERE VERY POPULAR.

THE OBJECT OF THE CURRENT CONFERENCE, MR. CANNING SAID, WAS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN ADULT EDUCATION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND IDEAS.

HE CALLED ON PARTICIPANTS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART BY PUTTING FORWARD SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING ADULT EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

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BAD PUBLICITY COULD BE USEFUL TO PRISONS DEPARTMENT

ADVERSE PUBLICITY CONCERNING PRISONS STAFF MEMBERS COULD IN THE LONG TERM PROVE TO BE USEFUL IN BRINGING HOME TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS THAT CONTINUALLY TEST THE INTEGRITY OF A PRISON OFFICER.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY MR. J.A. HIGGINS, COMMISSIONER OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES CORPS AND DIRECTOR OF MANPOWER, AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 71 PRISON OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING.

MR. HIGGINS NOTED THAT REPORTS OF ALLEGED DISHONESTY REGULARLY APPEARED IN THE NEWSPAPERS, BUT ADVISED THE GRADUATES NOT TO BE DETERRED BY THIS. SUCH REPORTS COULD IN FACT BE HELPFUL TO THE DEPARTMENT IN THE LONG TERM.

THERE IS NO SERVICE, EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE GOVERNMENT THAT WORKS UNDER THE PRESSURES THAT ARE EXERTED ON MEMBERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, NOTING THAT PRISON INSTITUTIONS HAD TO BE GUARDED AND ADMINISTERED 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR.

+QUITE APART FROM THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE WHICH IS ALWAYS PRESENT, PRISON OFFICERS ARE THE TARGET FOR OTHER FORMS OF INTIMIDATION BY RUTHLESS ELEMENTS.

+THIS CAN BE IN THE FORM OF THREATS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY COMMUNICATED TO THE OFFICER, OR BY PLACING TEMPTATIONS BEFORE THE OFFICER WHICH MAY BE DIFFICULT TO RESIST AT THE TIME,+ HE SAID.

MR. HIGGINS URGED MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN A HIGH DEGREE OF VIGILANCE AT ALL TIMES TO AVOID SUCH PROBLEMS AND PITFALLS.

TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PRISON OFFICER REQUIRED CHARACTERISTICS WHICH WERE NOT COMMON TO EVERYONE, HE TOLD THE GRADUATES. +STRICT OBEDIENCE TO DISCIPLINE, IMPARTIAL TREATMENT OF PERSONS IN YOUR CARE, AN UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN NATURE, LOYALTY TO YOUR COLLEAGUES AND SENIOR OFFICERS AND FINALLY PRIDE IN THE SERVICE TO WHICH YOU BELONG.+

MR. HIGGINS SAID THE GRADUATES HAD BEEN WELL TRAINED AND WISHED THEM SUCCESS IN THEIR CAREERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. HIGGINS SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

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SEVERAL AREAS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR FIVE HOURS ON TUESDAY (JULY 23) STARTING FROM 1 A.M.

THE TEMPORARY INTERRUPTION IS TO ENABLE WATERWORKS STAFF TO CARRY OUT TESTS FOR LEAKAGE IN THE AREAS.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD, BETWEEN AU TAU CROSS ROAD AND SAN TIN= KAM TIN SHI, KAM HING WAI, SHUI TAU TSUEN, SHUI MEI TSUEN, PAK WAI TSUEN AND KAM TIN MARKET= KAM SHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN KAM TIN ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD= KAM TIN ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU CROSS ROAD AND TSUEN KAM ROAD INCLUDING SEK KONG CAMP AND SEK KONG FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL.

PREMISES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD, INCLUDING TONG YAN SAN TSUEN, WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED, AS WILL THOSE BOUNDED BY YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD, TAI YUK ROAD, KAU YUK ROAD, NULLAH INCLUDING MA TIN TSUEN, FRASER VILLAGE, TONG TAU PO, TAI KEI LENG, SHUI TSU LO WAI, HUNG TSO TIN TSUEN AND TAI TONG.

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**HIGHER SURCHARGE ON LATE RATES PAYMENTS
EFFECTIVE FROM AUGUST 1**

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RATEPAYERS ARE ADVISED TO SETTLE ALL THEIR OUTSTANDING RATES BILLS BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH IF THEY WANT TO AVOID PAYING THE HIGHER SURCHARGE WHICH COMES INTO EFFECT ON AUGUST 1.

UNDER AMENDING LEGISLATION PASSED LAST MONTH, AN ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO THE TOTAL OF ALL RATES IN DEFAULT ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1 WHICH HAVE BEEN OUTSTANDING FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS. THE 10 PER CENT SURCHARGE IS IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT.

RATEPAYERS MAY AVOID PAYING THE ADDITIONAL SURCHARGE BY PAYING THEIR OUTSTANDING RATES NOW.

PAYMENT MAY BE MADE BY CHEQUE THROUGH THE POST, ADDRESSED TO THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL, THE TREASURY, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

ALTERNATIVELY, PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE IN PERSON AT THE TREASURY REVENUE BRANCH OR AT ANY OF THE TREASURY'S SUB-OFFICES, OR AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES IN TAIPO, YUEN LONG AND TSUEN WAN.

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SCHOOLS LINK WITH E.T.V.

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THE E.T.V. CENTRE IN BROADCAST DRIVE HAS STARTED ITS ANNUAL SUMMER SEMINARS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS TO STRENGTHEN THE LINKS WHICH BIND SCHOOLS WITH THE E.T.V. SERVICE.

THREE HUNDRED TEACHERS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE ATTENDED THE SEMINARS WHICH BEGAN AT THE CENTRE ON JULY 18. ANOTHER 800 WILL ATTEND THE SEMINARS NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY AND ON AUGUST 20 AND 21.

+THESE TEACHERS ARE THE IMPORTANT LIAISON OFFICERS NOMINATED BY PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES WITH THE E.T.V. SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SEMINARS WILL CONSIST OF SESSIONS IN WHICH SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICERS WILL DISCUSS WITH THE STAFF OF THE CENTRE THE PROPER UTILISATION OF E.T.V. LESSONS IN CLASS-ROOM TEACHING.

TEACHERS WILL MEET E.T.V. PRODUCERS TO DISCUSS THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF E.T.V. AND HOW THEY CAN BEST BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE CLASS-ROOM.

+THE E.T.V. CENTRE THUS BECOMES A TEACHING CENTRE FOR THIS VITAL ASPECT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG. BOTH TEACHERS AND PUPILS VISIT E.T.V. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BUT EACH SUMMER SEMINAR IS HELD FOR THE TEACHERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR TEACHERS TO SEE HOW E.T.V. IS MADE BY THEIR COLLEAGUES IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE DOORS OF THE E.T.V. CENTRE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO INTERESTED VISITORS.

+E.T.V. IN HONG KONG IS UNIQUE IN THE CLOSE BOND WHICH EXISTS BETWEEN SCHOOLS TAKING THE SERVICE AND THE TEACHER-BROADCASTERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHO MAKE E.T.V. PROGRAMMES.+

PRODUCERS VISIT CLASSROOMS WEEKLY TO DISCUSS UTILISATION PROBLEMS ON THE GROUND, BUT THEY WELCOME VISITS FROM TEACHERS TO THE E.T.V. CENTRE WHERE PRODUCTION PROBLEMS CAN BE VIEWED IN TELEVISION STUDIOS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SEMINARS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED AT THE E.T.V. CENTRE ON MONDAY JULY 22 FROM 9.30 A.M. - 12.30 P.M.

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ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUPS
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SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUPS SPONSORED BY COMMUNITY CENTRES RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ARE CONTINUING TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ORGANISING AND PLANNING COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS.

TOMORROW (SUNDAY), THREE GROUPS FROM THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE CONDUCTING DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND EX-MENTAL PATIENTS.

THE FIRST OF THESE FUNCTIONS ORGANISED BY A GROUP GOING UNDER THE NAME OF +HOUSE OF THE RISING SUN+ WILL PAY A VISIT TO THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION FARM IN CASTLE PEAK WHERE THEY WILL ENTERTAIN THE EX-MENTAL PATIENTS UNDERGOING TREATMENT TO INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE SOCIETY. THE GROUP HAS ORGANISED A DAY OF RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT AND WILL ALSO PREPARE A LUNCH FOR THE PEOPLE LIVING ON THE FARM.

THIS IS A NEW VENTURE BY SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUPS AND FOLLOWS THE INTEREST WHICH THEY HAVE EXPRESSED EARLIER ON IN PROVIDING SUCH TYPES OF SERVICES FOR THIS CATEGORY OF PEOPLE WITHIN THE COMMUNITY.

THE OTHER TWO PROJECTS ARE FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SEVEN AND 14 YEARS. ONE IS A CHILDREN'S GAMES DAY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN EVENING INSTITUTE STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUP FOR 150 YOUNGSTERS IN THE TAI WO HAU HOUSING ESTATE. THIS WILL BE HELD FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M. AT THE BUDDHIST LAM BING YIM MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN TEXACO ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE OTHER FUNCTION IS A CAMPFIRE GATHERING FOR 50 CHILDREN PLANNED BY THE SOUTH SEA COLLEGE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUP. TO BE HELD AT THE PINE HILL BEACH IN CASTLE PEAK FROM 4 P.M. TO 9 P.M., IT WILL INCLUDE GROUP CAMPS, PERFORMANCES AND SINGING ROUND THE CAMPFIRE FOLLOWED BY A BARBECUE.

NEXT WEEK ON THURSDAY YET ANOTHER SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUP, THIS TIME FROM THE COMITY ASSOCIATION, WILL BE TAKING 30 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM 15 TO 18 YEARS OF AGE ON AN OVERNIGHT CAMP AS PART OF A YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMME. THIS CAMP WILL BE HELD AT THE Y.V.C.A. LOUISA LANDAL CAMP IN SAI KUNG. TRAINEES WILL RECEIVE BASIC INSTRUCTIONS ON OUTDOOR COOKING, PIONEERING, CAMPING KNOWLEDGE, RECOGNITION OF TREES AND SHRUBS AND FIRST AID.

IN THE MEANTIME, IT IS RUNNING A TRAINING COURSE FOR FIVE EVENINGS PRIOR TO THE CAMP TO PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS ON PLANNING AND ORGANISING ACTIVITIES AND THE QUALITIES AND BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF YOUTH LEADERS.

RADIO PERSONALITIES TO SELL LOTTERY TICKETS

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FOUR COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES -- MISS AMY HO, MISS CONITA CHAN, MISS LEUNG SIU-YUNG AND MR. CHOI WAN -- WILL HELP SELL TICKETS OF THE FIFTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY AT STATUE SQUARE ON MONDAY (JULY 22) BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND 6 P.M.

THE DRAW OF WINNING NUMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE NEXT SATURDAY (JULY 27) AT 10 A.M. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A HALF-HOUR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME PROVIDED BY ARTISTES OF COMMERCIAL RADIO.

AT ABOUT 11.15 A.M., IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PERFORMANCE BY THE RADIO ARTISTES, THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS HELD BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. THE PROCEEDS FROM THE AUCTION WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERY FUND.

UP TO 12 NOON TODAY, THE NUMBER OF TICKETS SOLD FOR THE CURRENT LOTTERY REACHED 419,000.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS BY THE COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES AT STATUE SQUARE ON MONDAY BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND 6 P.M.

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SEA CADETS HOLD +OPEN DAY+

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THE HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS WILL HOLD AN +OPEN DAY+ TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON ON BOARD ITS TRAINING SHIP RODNEY.

MR. PETER WILLIAMS, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT BLAKE BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, AT 2 P.M.

THE CORPS WAS ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1969 TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVENTURE TRAINING AND DISCIPLINED INSTRUCTION FOR BOYS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 TO 20. IT IS NOW A GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED ORGANISATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE +OPEN DAY+ OF THE HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS. IT STARTS AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT BLAKE BLOCK, QUEENSWAY. AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. WILLIAMS AND MR. LAU WAH-SUM, COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE CORPS, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS IN CONNECTION WITH THE AIMS, ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING OF THE CORPS.

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NEW FIRE ENGINES ARRIVE

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SIX NEW FIRE ENGINES, PURCHASED FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG.

THEY ARE PART OF AN ORDER FOR 12 FIRE ENGINES PLACED WITH DENNIS MOTORS LIMITED AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$2.3 MILLION.

KNOWN IN THE SERVICE AS PUMP ESCAPE TENDERS, THEY WILL BE FITTED WITH 55-FOOT LADDERS. FIRE ENGINES OF THIS TYPE ARE NOT NEW TO HONG KONG, BUT THE NEW ARRIVALS ARE OF AN IMPROVED DESIGN.

FEATURES OF THE NEW APPLIANCES INCLUDE A 1,000-GALLON PER MINUTE PUMP WHICH CAN SUPPLY WATER TO A TOTAL OF SIX OUTLETS, A TANK CAPABLE OF HOLDING 400 GALLONS OF WATER FOR USE IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AT A FIRE SCENE, A HYDRAULICALLY OPERATED WINCH, A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, AN 11-INCH SEARCHLIGHT, TWO TONE HORNS AND A SIREN.

POWERING EACH VEHICLE IS A V-8 DIESEL ENGINE WITH FULLY AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION.

THE APPLIANCES WILL BE PUT INTO SERVICE AFTER CHECKING BY WORKSHOPS.

ALSO ON ORDER FROM THE SAME COMPANY ARE 12 FIRE ENGINES FITTED WITH 50-FOOT SNORKELS (ELEVATED PLATFORMS.)