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LATEST LABOUR FORCE FIGURES RELEASED
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION REMAINED STABLE IN THE QUARTER MARCH-MAY 1985 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1985, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1985 WAS 3.2 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 3.1 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1985. THE RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1984 WAS 3.8 PER CENT.

WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PREVIOUS QUARTER IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT, THE DECREASE OF 0.6 PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE YEAR IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT -- IT IS GREATER THAN MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO ARISE FROM SAMPLING ERROR.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING MAY 1985 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 83 700, AS COMPARED WITH 82 100 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1985 AND 98 300 FOR THE SAME QUARTER OF 1984.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1985 WAS ONE PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH THE RATE OF 1.2 PER CENT FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THE RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1984 WAS 0.9 PER CENT.

THE CHANGES IN THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE OVER THE RESPECTIVE QUARTERS ARE STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT. THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS FOR THE QUARTER ENDING MAY 1985 WAS 26 700, AS COMPARED WITH 31 800 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING FEBRUARY 1985 AND 24 300 FOR MARCH-MAY 1984.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

COMMENTING UPON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB SEEKERS (THAT IS PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS ADDED THAT BASED ON A SYSTEM OF MANUAL EXTRACTION OF INFORMATION FROM SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE LATEST MONTH, PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST MOVING THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY.

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THESE PROVIDE AN INDICATION OF THE LATEST TREND IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION. THE PROVISIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED) FOR APRIL-JUNE 1985 WAS 2.9 PER CENT, AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS ONE PER CENT. THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1985 WAS 3.1 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY (GHS) CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 14 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 52 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT TO CONFORM TO THE LATEST STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO, THE GHS DEFINITIONS OF +UNEMPLOYMENT+ AND +UNDEREMPLOYMENT+ HAVE BEEN MODIFIED SINCE JANUARY 1985.

HOWEVER, A COMPLETE CONVERSION WILL ONLY BE INTRODUCED IN MAY 1986 WHEN A SUFFICIENTLY LONG SERIES OF THE STATISTICS UNDER THE NEW DEFINITIONS IS AVAILABLE. USING THE NEW DEFINITIONS THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR MARCH-MAY 1985 WAS 3.1 PER CENT, AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 1.3 PER CENT.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR. THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING JUNE 1985 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN SEPTEMBER.

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JSEA PARTICIPANTS ALLOCATED FORM 4 PLACES * * * *

SEVENTY-THREE PER CENT OF STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WERE ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED FORM 4 AND MIDDLE 4 PLACES THIS YEAR, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

A TOTAL OF 75 237 PUPILS ENTERED FOR THE SYSTEM THIS YEAR, HE ADDED.

AMONG THE STUDENTS, 2 020 ACCEPTED PLACES ON FULL-TIME CRAFT COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRES AND ANOTHER 1 915 OPTED OUT DURING THE YEAR.

OF THE REMAINING 71 302 PARTICIPATING STUDENTS, 73 PER CENT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED FORM 4 AND MIDDLE 4 PLACES.

OF THE STUDENTS ALLOCATED SUBSIDISED FORM 4 AND MIDDLE 4 PLACES, MORE THAN 84.87 PER CENT HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO THEIR OWN +FEEDER+ SCHOOLS, AND 86.50 PER CENT WERE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS OF THEIR FIRST CHOICE (84.6 PER CENT IN 1984 AND 82.5 PER CENT IN 1983).

A TOTAL OF 97.92 PER CENT WERE ALLOCATED TO SCHOOLS WITHIN THEIR CHOICES (97.3 PER CENT IN 1984 AND 96.7 PER CENT IN 1983).

REGISTRATION OF FEEDER PUPILS (SUCH AS THOSE ALLOCATED PLACES IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS) WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY (JULY 16), THE SAME DATE THE ALLOCATION RESULTS ARE RELEASED. STUDENTS ARE, THEREFORE, REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO OTHER SCHOOLS SHOULD REPORT FOR REGISTRATION ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 17). WHEN REPORTING FOR REGISTRATION, THIS GROUP OF STUDENTS SHOULD BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- * PUPIL IDENTIFICATION FORM;
- * REGISTRATION FORM;
- * INDIVIDUAL RESULT SLIP;
- * PUPIL'S HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD; AND
- * TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZED PHOTOGRAPHS AND SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF MONEY UP TO ABOUT ONE MONTH'S SCHOOL FEE WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSE.

PUPILS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED A PLACE OFFERED BY A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE SHOULD REPORT FOR REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY (JULY 18).

IF A PUPIL IS UNABLE TO COLLECT HIS ALLOCATION RESULT OR GO FOR REGISTRATION ON JULY 16 OR JULY 17, THE PARENT(S) SHOULD AUTHORISE, IN WRITING, A REPRESENTATIVE TO COLLECT THE RESULT OR REPORT TO THE SCHOOL FOR REGISTRATION ON HIS BEHALF. THE LETTER OF AUTHORISATION MUST HAVE BEEN ENDORSED BY THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL. IT SHOULD BE PRODUCED AT THE TIME OF COLLECTION OR REGISTRATION BY THE APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE.

IN REGISTERING WITH A SCHOOL, A PUPIL MUST SURRENDER HIS REGISTRATION FORM TO THE SCHOOL. IN THE EVENT OF A SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER, THE PUPIL MUST RETRIEVE HIS REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHOOL WHICH WILL THEN CANCEL HIS REGISTRATION IN THAT SCHOOL.

+SCHOOLS MAY NOT ADMIT ANY PUPIL WITHOUT HIS REGISTRATION FORM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PUPILS WHO HAVE MOVED TO ANOTHER DISTRICT AND WISH TO TRANSFER TO A SCHOOL NEARER TO HIS NEW RESIDENCE AFTER ALLOCATION MUST COMPLETE AN APPLICATION FORM WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL IN WHICH HE COMPLETED HIS FORM/MIDDLE III.

THE COMPLETED FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL FOR ONWARD TRANSMISSION TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER WILL CLOSE ON FRIDAY (JULY 19) BY 5 PM AT THE LATEST AND ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE.

PUPILS REALLOCATED TO OTHER SCHOOLS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY PHONE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 22). REGISTRATION OF TRANSFERRED PUPILS WILL TAKE PLACE ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 24).

PUPILS WHO ARE NOT ALLOCATED A SUBSIDISED FORM 4 AND MIDDLE 4 PLACE WILL BE PROVIDED WITH AN INFORMATION SHEET OUTLINING THE ALTERNATIVE OPPORTUNITIES OPEN TO THEM. THE SHEET CONTAINS ADDRESSES AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FROM WHICH PUPILS MAY OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO GOVERNMENT EVENING SECONDARY CLASSES WILL CLOSE ON THURSDAY (JULY 18). APPLICANTS MUST CALL IN PERSON AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ASIAN HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, 1 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG (TEL.: 5-295708), BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR JSEA RESULT SLIPS AND A PHOTOCOPY OF THE SLIP FOR RETENTION PURPOSE.

IN CASE OF A TYPHOON AFFECTING HONG KONG DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND PUPILS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MEDIA FOR ANY NECESSARY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

ALL ENQUIRIES CONCERNING ALLOCATION RESULTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-8919099.

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PUBLIC URGED TO REPORT DRUG ACTIVITIES
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE URGED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY OF NARCOTICS DIVISION, MR ISAAC CHOW, TO REPORT DRUG-PEDDLING ACTIVITIES.

MAKING THE APPEAL AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG BEACH CONCERT AT REPULSE BAY, HE NOTED THAT THIS YEAR'S PUBLICITY WAS AIMED AT PARENTS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO REPORT DRUG-PEDDLERS SO AS TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO OPERATE.

THE CONCERT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, AND SPONSORED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

/MR CHOW

MR CHOW SAID THAT IT WAS HOPED THAT, THROUGH THE BEACH CONCERT, ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES COULD BE DISSEMINATED TO THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THOSE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 24 WHO ARE MOST AT RISK OF BEING LURED INTO TAKING DRUGS OR TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS.

FOLLOWING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGNS WILL BE LAUNCHED IN KOWLOON CITY, SHA TIN AND KWAI CHUNG LATER THIS YEAR.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ANNUAL ANTI-DRUG DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS ARE NOT ONLY TO CREATE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE DRUG MENACE, BUT ALSO TO HELP PREPARE, YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEAD MEANINGFUL LIVES FREE FROM THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS.

TODAY'S CONCERT, BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK'S RADIO 2, ATTRACTED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BEACH-GOERS.

ALSO PRESENT WERE MR LAM KWOK-KWONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR EDDY CHAN, DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN) AND MR CHU PUI-HING, HEAD OF CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE, RTHK.

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AREA GROUPS PRAISED FOR CIVIC WORK
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AREA COMMITTEES IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WERE PRAISED TONIGHT (SUNDAY) FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN MEETING THE INTERESTS AND NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WONG TAI SIN WEST SUB-DISTRICT FORTNIGHT, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER MR PHILIP CHOK, SAID THE AREA COMMITTEES, BEING AN EFFECTIVE CONSULTATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, HAVE MADE VALUABLE SUGGESTIONS ON MANY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES.

+A NUMBER OF DISTRICT POLICIES AND PLANS, SUCH AS THE PUBLIC HOUSING ALLOCATION POLICY AND THE KMB ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WERE DRAWN UP AFTER CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS THROUGH THE AREA COMMITTEES,+ MR CHOK SAID.

THE WEST SUB-DISTRICT FORTNIGHT OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW HELD AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE, ATTRACTED MORE THAN 4 000 PEOPLE THIS EVENING. THE THREE-HOUR SHOW PROVIDED SPECTATORS WITH AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT WITH SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES BY WELL KNOWN ARTISTES.

+WE HOPE TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND, AT THE SAME TIME, HELP THEM UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF AREA COMMITTEES,+ MR CHOK SAID.

THE FORTNIGHT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA COMMITTEES OF TUNG TAU, LOK FU AND WANG TAU HOM.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDE COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN AND EXHIBITIONS TO BE HELD IN LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE ON JULY 27 AND 28, AND IN LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL ON JULY 29 AND 30.

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HISTORIC PHOTOS BRING OLD HONG KONG BACK TO LIFE
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TWO ALBUMS OF HISTORIC PHOTOGRAPHS OF OLD HONG KONG HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE URBAN COUNCIL'S MUSEUM OF HISTORY.

THE PHOTOGRAPHS COMPRISE A REMARKABLE AND VALUABLE ADDITION TO THE TERRITORY'S PICTORIAL RECORDS OF THE LAST TWO DECADES OF THE 19TH CENTURY AND THE FIRST YEARS OF THE 20TH.

THE ALBUMS CONTAIN 87 PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY ROBERT KENNAWAY LEIGH, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF LEIGH AND ORANGE. MR LEIGH CAME TO HONG KONG AS A YOUNG MAN OF 27 IN 1879 AND WORKED INITIALLY IN THE SURVEYOR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

DURING THE 25 YEARS HE SPENT IN HONG KONG HE PHOTOGRAPHED MANY OF THE BUILDINGS ON WHICH HE WORKED, AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF MORE GENERAL SCENES.

MR LEIGH RETURNED TO ENGLAND IN 1904 AND DIED AGED 73 IN 1927. THE DONOR OF THE TWO ALBUMS IS HIS DAUGHTER ROSE LEIGH, LATER MRS CLAUD LUTTRELL. NOW AGED 91, SHE IS LIVING IN SOMERSET IN SOUTH-WEST ENGLAND.

A NEIGHBOUR OF MRS LUTTRELL IS LADY GASS, THE WIDOW OF SIR MICHAEL GASS, THE FORMER COLONIAL SECRETARY OF HONG KONG (1965-69). LADY GASS, WHO TOOK A KEEN INTEREST IN THE TWO ALBUMS WHEN SHE LEARNED ABOUT THEM, SUGGESTED TO MRS LUTTRELL THAT SHE MIGHT CONSIDER SENDING THE ALBUMS BACK TO HONG KONG TO FORM PART OF THE PERMANENT PICTORIAL ARCHIVES. MRS LUTTRELL RESPONDED BY MAKING THIS GENEROUS DONATION.

SHE HERSELF LEFT HONG KONG AT THE AGE OF 12, BUT SHE INDICATED IN A RECENT LETTER TO LEIGH AND ORANGE THAT SHE STILL HAS VIVID MEMORIES OF LIFE IN HONG KONG AT THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, WHEN SHE RESIDED IN THE HOUSE THAT HER FATHER BUILT ON THE PEAK, +LEIGH TOR+.

DURING THE FOUR YEARS WHEN ROBERT KENNAWAY LEIGH WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT (1879-1882) HE BECAME SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION SCHEME OF TAI TAM RESERVOIR.

AS A PARTNER IN LEIGH AND ORANGE HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE KOWLOON GODOWN AND THE ADMIRALTY DOCK IN KOWLOON.

HIS NAME IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH SOME OF THE GREAT BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL WHICH WERE LANDMARKS OF OLD HONG KONG FOR SEVERAL DECADES -- LIKE QUEEN'S BUILDING, PRINCE'S BUILDING AND ST GEORGE'S BUILDING.

PARTICULARLY INTERESTING AND VALUABLE AS PART OF THE HISTORICAL RECORD ARE THE PICTURES HE TOOK SHOWING VARIOUS STAGES OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF TAI TAM RESERVOIR, THE OLD ADMIRALTY DOCK AND THE TAI KOO SUGAR REFINERY.

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STUDENT TEAMS ENTER FINALS
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NINETEEN WINNING TEAMS HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO THE FINALS OF THE INTER-DISTRICT STUDENT TEAM CHAMPION AWARD COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF '85 YOUTH FESTIVAL TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (IYY).

A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CNTA, MRS FANNY LAW EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THE COMPETITION WAS AIMED AT SELECTING THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT TEAM WITH APTITUDE FOR LEADERSHIP, ORGANISING ABILITY, CREATIVITY, SOCIAL KNOWLEDGE, VITALITY AND TEAM WORK.

THE SECOND ROUND OF THE COMPETITION CONSISTS OF THREE PARTS -- A SOCIAL PROJECT, A STAGE PERFORMANCE AND A QUIZ CONTEST.

EACH TEAM OF ABOUT 15 STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT A SOCIAL PROJECT IN 5 000 WORDS ON A STUDY, IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE, ABOUT THEIR OWN DISTRICT.

THE STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO FOCUS ON THE PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT AND TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

+THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN SOCIAL PROJECTS, IT IS HOPED THAT THE STUDENTS CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT AND FULFIL PART OF THE IYY THEME OF PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT,+ MRS LAW SAID.

THE STAGE PERFORMANCE AND QUIZ CONTEST WILL BE HELD LATER THIS SUMMER AND THE FINALS WILL BE FEATURED IN AN HOUR-LONG TV PROGRAMME.

THE 19 TEAMS PROMOTED TO THE FINALS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM ABOUT 100 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THEY ARE:

HONG KONG CHAN WAI CHOW MEMORIAL COLLEGE; ST LOUIS SCHOOL; PRECIOUS BLOOD GIRL'S MIDDLE SCHOOL; ST PETER'S ANGLO-CHINESE SECONDARY SCHOOL; CHRISTIAN FAITH COLLEGE, KOWLOON CITY; MING KEI COLLEGE; NEWMAN COLLEGE; LEUNG SHEK CHEE COLLEGE; HO LAP COLLEGE; CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL; NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK TAI PO DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL; KEI SAN SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL; PO LEUNG KUK LEE SHING PIK COLLEGE; ST SIMON LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL; NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL; KIANGSU CHEKIANG COLLEGE, SHA TIN; CHING YIH GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL SHUE TAK COLLEGE; SUNG TSUN MIDDLE SCHOOL, SAI KUNG.

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YOUTHS' CREATIVE WORKS SHOWN

CREATIVE WORKS OF SHAM SHUI PO YOUNGSTERS DREW THE ATTENTION TODAY (SUNDAY) OF THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WHO WAS ATTENDING THE OPENING OF THE 1985 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE ITEMS, MADE FROM A VARIETY OF MATERIALS, INCLUDING BUTTONS, POPSICLE STICKS, WALLPAPER AND CLOTH, WERE THE WORKS OF 300 CHILDREN WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN A CREATIVE TALENT CONTEST ON THE THEME, +BEAUTIFUL SHAM SHUI PO+.

FIFTEEN WINNING TEAMS SELECTED FROM EACH OF TWO AGE GROUPS IN THE CONTEST, WERE LATER PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS BY MR BARNES.

PRESENT TO GREET MR BARNES AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND AND TO SHOW HIM AROUND WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROGRAMME'S SUB-COMMITTEE, MR LIU CHI-KEUNG, THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TSE TAK-KAN, AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG PO-HONG.

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MORE HYGIENE FACILITIES FOR TAI PO

THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO IMPROVE AND PROVIDE MORE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE FACILITIES IN TAI PO THIS YEAR.

A TOTAL OF \$380 000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THE WORK.

+AMONG THE NEW PROJECTS ARE THE CONSTRUCTION OF REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS AT WAI TAU AND KAU LUNG HANG, THE PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY TO 11 AQUA PRIVIES AND ENCLOSURES TO FIVE REFUSE BIN SITES,+ AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IN ADDITION, IMPROVEMENT WORK IS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT AN AQUA PRIVY AT TAI MEI TUK AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS BY THE SIDE OF LUK HEUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL AND WAN TAU TONG.+

THE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO BUILD TWO REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, ONE EACH AT TAI HANG AND NAM WAH PO, IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WAN CHAI TRAFFIC CHANGES

VEHICLES ON GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO O'BRIEN ROAD FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION WORK FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 17) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD, FENWICK STREET AND JAFFE ROAD.

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KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE MOVES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE WILL OPERATE FROM ITS NEW OFFICES AT FIFTH FLOOR, KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD FROM 2 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

ALSO FROM TOMORROW, WORKING HOURS AT ALL LICENSING OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REVISED AS 9 AM TO 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

THE KWUN TONG LICENSING OFFICE HANDLES ALL DRIVER AND VEHICLE LICENCE APPLICATIONS EXCEPT FIRST REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES AND APPOINTMENTS FOR DRIVING TESTS.

THE ENQUIRY TELEPHONE IS 3-7754950.

MEANWHILE, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT POSTAL APPLICATIONS FOR VEHICLE AND DRIVER LICENSING DOCUMENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE SENT TO BOX 69511, KWUN TONG POST OFFICE.

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OPEN AREAS FOR MONG KOK, KWAI CHUNG
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO CONSTRUCT A SITTING-OUT AREA IN MONG KOK AND AN OPEN SPACE IN KWAI CHUNG TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS.

THE MONG KOK SITE, COVERING ABOUT 700 SQUARE METRES, IS AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.

IT WILL INCLUDE A PARTLY ENCLOSED CASCADE FOUNTAIN, A PAVILION, SITTING-OUT SPACES, A LANDSCAPED +TAI CHI+ LAWN, PAVED OPEN SPACE AND A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA.

THE OTHER SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 4 500 SQUARE METRES, IS AT HANG PING STREET AND WILL INCLUDE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT, OPEN SPACE FOR LEISURE WALKING AND TOILET FACILITIES.

THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECTS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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SALT WATER MAINS WORK
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO 13 AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 17) TO 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 19) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON CITY, KAI TAK, LOK FU, KOWLOON TONG, WANG TAU HOM, WONG TAI SIN, TUNG TAU ESTATE, FUNG WONG VILLAGE, HAMMER HILL, TSZ WAN SHAN AND DIAMOND HILL.

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