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TOUGH LAWS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY SUPPORTED
IN 2ND INTERIM REPORT ON SOCIAL CAUSES OF CRIME
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TOUGH LAWS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY AND IMPROVED STANDARDS OF TV AND FILM CENSORSHIP ARE AMONG A NUMBER OF MEASURES RECEIVING SUPPORT IN THE SECOND INTERIM REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL CAUSES OF CRIME.

REFERRING TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE MASS MEDIA THE REPORT, WHICH WAS PUBLISHED TODAY, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH NO EVIDENCE WAS AVAILABLE OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHY AND OF EXCESSIVE VIOLENCE, SEX AND IRRESPONSIBLE CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT SHOWN ON TELEVISION AND FILMS, +WE SUPPORT THE VIEW THAT TOUGHER LAWS AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY AND HIGHER STANDARDS OF CENSORSHIP OF TELEVISION AND FILMS MUST BE INTRODUCED.+

HOWEVER, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AND OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS, THE SUB-COMMITTEE SAYS IT IS ALSO OF THE VIEW THAT THESE ARE DESIRABLE OBJECTIVES IN THEMSELVES AND +THEREFORE NEED NOT BE ADVANCED AS A MEANS OF ENABLING A REDUCTION IN CRIME AND DELINQUENCY.+

DEALING WITH TRIAD SOCIETIES AND VIOLENT CRIME, THE REPORT SAID THAT VICE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS CAN BE DEEMED TO BE ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF TRIAD ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

+IT FOLLOWS THAT SOME CRIME SPRINGING FROM GANG CONTROL OF UNLAWFUL BUT SOCIALLY ACCEPTABLE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS GAMBLING COULD BE REDUCED BY CHANGING THE LAW.+

THE SUB-COMMITTEE NOTED THE INFLUENCE OF TRIADS AT ALL LEVELS AND IN MOST SPHERES OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY IN AREAS INVOLVING VIOLENCE. THESE INCLUDE SUCH FIELDS AS GAMBLING, PROSTITUTION, LOAN-SHARKING, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, PUBLIC HOUSING, PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT, COMMERCE AND PRISONS.

THE REPORT POINTS OUT THAT TRIADS ARE ALSO ACTIVE IN ORGANISING AND PROTECTING WHAT +ON THE FACE OF IT+ ARE PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES SUCH AS HAWKING AND OPERATING VARIOUS FORMS OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

+THESE, DUE TO THEIR COMPLEXITY AND CONGESTION OF OUR URBAN SOCIETY, TEND TO OVERFLOW INTO ILLEGAL ACTIVITY THUS ATTRACTING THE ATTENTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AS A MEANS OF BRINGING ABOUT SOME SORT OF CONTROL AS WELL AS THE ATTENTIONS OF TRIAD SOCIETIES.+

TURNING TO AFTERCARE WORK, THE REPORT SAID THE SUB-COMMITTEE NOTED THE VARIOUS APPROACHES ADOPTED BY EACH OF THE THREE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS PROVIDING AFTERCARE SERVICE - THE POLICE, PRISONS AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE CONCLUDES THAT THE EXISTING SERVICES HAVE PROVED VALUABLE AND SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AND WHERE POSSIBLE FURTHER DEVELOPED AND IMPROVED.

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AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT SUGGESTED THAT STATUTORY PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE FOR SOME FORM OF SUPERVISION FOR YOUNG EX-PRISONERS- AND THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR ALL POLICEMEN TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND SOME FORMAL GROUNDING IN SUCH SUBJECTS AS PSYCHOLOGY AND HUMAN GROWTH AND BEHAVIOUR.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ALSO ACCEPTED, IN PRINCIPLE, THAT SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SHOULD BE PART OF THE SERVICE WITHIN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM.

IT SUPPORTED THE VIEW THAT THIS TYPE OF SOCIAL WORK +PROVIDES POSITIVE HELP TO CHILDREN IN A WAY WHICH NEITHER SCHOOL NOR PARENTS MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE.+

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ALSO DISPELLED RUMOURS THAT NEW ARRIVALS IN HONG KONG MIGHT BE DRIVEN TO CRIME AS A RESULT OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE SECOND INTERIM REPORT SAID +NO EVIDENCE SO FAR HAS BEEN FOUND THAT NEWCOMERS ARE MORE PRONE TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES- ON THE CONTRARY, THE COMPARISON REVEALED VERY LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS GROUP AND THE GENERAL POPULATION.+

THE REPORT ALSO REFERS TO THE RESEARCH PROJECT NOW BEING COMPLETED BY THE SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY INTO THE SOCIAL BACKGROUND OF OFFENDERS AND TO INDICATE CAUSES WHICH PRECIPITATE OR CONTRIBUTE TO THE INCIDENCE OF CRIME.

IT SAYS THAT IN THE NEXT PHASE, THE SUB-COMMITTEE INTENDS TO CONSIDER INITIATING FURTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS.

AMONG THE SUBJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION ARE PSYCHOLOGICAL MOTIVES BEHIND UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE IN THE COMMISSION OF CRIME, YOUNG PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES AND VALUES AND THEIR ASPIRATIONS TOWARDS ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY- AND A CRIME SURVEY TO ATTEMPT TO DISCOVER PEOPLE'S ACTUAL EXPERIENCES IN BEING CONFRONTED BY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES: +WE (THE SUB-COMMITTEE) CONSIDER THAT IT IS BY RESEARCH THAT WE CAN GET TO THE ROOT CAUSES OF CRIME (OR FOR THAT MATTER, ANY OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEM). THUS WE CAN ACHIEVE A STATISTICAL BASIS FOR THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S EVENTUAL FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE THEREFORE THINK THAT WE SHOULD SEARCH MORE DEEPLY FOR SOURCES OF INFORMATION ALREADY EXISTING SO THAT WE CAN MORE RAPIDLY REACH SOME CONCLUSIONS ON THEM IN THE HONG KONG CONTEXT.

+IN THIS CONNECTION WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR SOME FORM OF CO-ORDINATION TO BE SET UP BETWEEN THE SUB-COMMITTEE AND ORGANISATIONS UNDERTAKING RESEARCH IN THIS AREA, INCLUDING THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.+

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE BOXED THIS EVENING.

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KEEPING THE NULLAHS CLEAR
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THE GOVERNMENT IS STEPPING UP ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT DRAINAGE NULLAHS CANNOT BECOME BLOCKED AS A RESULT OF INTAKE PIPES FOR FLUSHING WATER SUPPLIES FITTED INSIDE THE NULLAHS.

SOME OF THESE PIPES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED ILLEGALLY. OTHERS, ALTHOUGH COVERED BY A LICENCE, CAN LEAD TO A BLOCKAGE OF THE NULLAH BECAUSE OF THEIR SHAPE, LOCATION, THE WAY IN WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN INSTALLED OR BECAUSE THE LICENSEES HAVE FAILED TO KEEP THEM IN A GOOD STATE OF REPAIR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT TODAY THAT EITHER TYPE OF INTAKE, WHETHER ILLEGAL OR BADLY MAINTAINED, COULD GIVE RISE TO A FLOOD DANGER WHICH MIGHT IN TURN LEAD TO SOIL STABILITY HAZARDS IN THE SURROUNDING AREA.

THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION, HE ADDED, WAS TO REMOVE ALL UNAUTHORIZED INTAKES AND TO REQUIRE ACTION EITHER TO MODIFY OR TO REMOVE ANY LICENSED INTAKE LIKELY TO CAUSE A BLOCKAGE.

AS A FIRST STEP, LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL LICENSEES ASKING THEM TO MARK THE LICENCE NUMBERS ON THE PIPES. AFTER INSPECTION, THE LICENSEES WILL BE TOLD WHAT IMPROVEMENTS, IF ANY, NEED TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT THE PIPES WOULD NOT CAUSE BLOCKAGE TO THE NULLAH FLOW.

A REASONABLE TIME WILL BE ALLOWED FOR SUCH REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS TO BE MADE, BUT IF NOTHING IS DONE THE AUTHORITIES WILL BE ABLE AS A LAST RESORT TO CANCEL THE LICENCES AND HAVE THE PIPES REMOVED.

IN CASES WHERE NO IMPROVEMENT IS POSSIBLE AND THE PIPES HAVE TO BE REMOVED, THE LICENSEE WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY TO THE WATER AUTHORITY FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY.

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MAIN OBJECTIVES OF PRIMARY EDUCATION STRESSED
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY TODAY URGED PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE PUPILS WITH ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO DEVELOP MORAL AND SPIRITUAL QUALITIES AS WELL AS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR CHARACTER.

+THROUGH PRECEPT, EXAMPLE AND PRACTICE, THE SCHOOL WILL PROGRESSIVELY PROVIDE THE ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES WHICH CONSERVE WHAT IS CONSIDERED TO BE GOOD FOR THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS,+ MR. TOPLEY TOLD THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST.

SPEAKING IN CANTONESE, MR. TOPLEY DWELT ON WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE THE THREE OBJECTIVES OF PRIMARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG - THE BASIC SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND ATTITUDES AND HABITS.

SINCE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN THEMSELVES WERE NOT ENOUGH, THE DIRECTOR SAID PRIMARY SCHOOLS SHOULD SEEK TO FOSTER AND DEVELOP IN PUPILS AN UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF THE DUTIES OF GOOD CITIZENS, RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS, BELIEFS AND CUSTOMS OF OTHERS AND RESPECT FOR LAW, ORDER AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

HE ALSO CALLED ON STUDENTS TO HAVE OPENNESS OF MIND, TO HAVE PRIDE IN GOOD WORKMANSHIP, TO USE THEIR LEISURE WISELY AND TO HAVE WHOLESOME HABITS AND ATTITUDES LEADING TO SOUND PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.

MR. TOPLEY POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN BASIC SKILLS SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS AN END IN ITSELF, IT MUST BE REALISED THAT, WITHOUT THEM, CHILDREN WOULD LACK THE ESSENTIAL FOUNDATIONS FOR THEIR FURTHER EDUCATION AND THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE AND RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN LIFE.

+THE SKILLS OF COMMUNICATION, MANIPULATION, CALCULATION AND REASONING ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO PERSONAL AND SOCIAL COMPETENCE. THEIR MASTERY REQUIRES MUCH CONCENTRATED, SPECIFIC INSTRUCTION, SUPPORTED BY ADEQUATE PRACTICE,+ HE STRESSED.

THE DIRECTOR ADDED: +ESSENTIAL THOUGH THEY ARE, THE SKILLS BECOME MEANINGFUL ONLY WHEN THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY A BODY OF FACTUAL KNOWLEDGE WITH WHICH AND THROUGH WHICH DECISIONS MAY BE REACHED AND PROBLEMS SOLVED.+

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TO MEET THIS NEED, THE CURRICULUM SHOULD PROVIDE A SELECTED RANGE OF EXPERIENCES FROM THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE:

- * THE CHILD'S UNDERSTANDING OF HIMSELF, HIS HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH.
- * THE CHILD'S ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL AND SOCIAL, EXTENDING, AS HE MATURES, TO THE WIDER BOUNDS OF HONG KONG AND THE WORLD.
- * THE CHILD'S CULTURAL, MORAL AND SPIRITUAL HERITAGE.
- * THE CHILD'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF NATIONS AND CULTURES.

IN CONCLUSION MR. TOPLEY STRESSED THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE CURRICULUM MUST HAVE CLEARLY DEFINED OBJECTIVES IF THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND THE PURPOSES OF SOCIETY WERE TO BE SERVED.

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FEBRUARY ACCOUNTS SHOW \$56 MILLION SURPLUS

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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1975 SHOW A SURPLUS OF \$56 MILLION COMPARED WITH A SURPLUS OF \$185 MILLION IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR.

THIS HAS REDUCED THE ACCUMULATED DEFICIT TO \$348 MILLION FOR THE FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF THE 1974-75 FINANCIAL YEAR. THE NORMAL SEASONAL DEFICIT FOR MARCH SHOULD BRING THE DEFICIT FOR THE FULL FINANCIAL YEAR CLOSE TO THE \$410 MILLION THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY PREDICTED IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH.

TOTAL REVENUE FOR THE MONTH AT \$589 MILLION IS \$2 MILLION LESS THAN IN FEBRUARY 1974. TOTAL EXPENDITURE AT \$533 MILLION IS \$127 MILLION MORE THAN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

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MORNING WALK FOR THE AGED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY CENTRES IN WONG TAI SIN, KWUN TONG AND WESTERN DISTRICT HAVE ARRANGED A MORNING WALK FOR THE AGED, A DENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION AND A SEMINAR FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY SIX STUDENTS RESPECTIVELY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE +MORNING WALK FOR THE AGED+ OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT IS ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE. ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY ELDERLY WILL ASSEMBLE AT BUS TERMINUS AT 6.45 A.M. AND SET OFF FOR SHEK LEI PUI RESERVOIR ACCOMPANIED BY 20 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

A FOUR-DAY DENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION WILL START AT 3.00 P.M. IN KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE. THIS FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY OFFICIATED BY DR. KWOK KUI-TO, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION, DR. YAP JIN-HWEE, CONSULTANT DENTAL SURGEON OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND MR. ALFRED CHUI, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. A QUIZ COMPETITION WILL FOLLOW.

THE EXHIBITION, WITH THE PURPOSE TO EDUCATE THE LOCAL RESIDENTS ESPECIALLY CHILDREN AND YOUTHS TOWARDS BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DENTAL HEALTH, WILL INCLUDE DENTAL EQUIPMENTS, CHARTS, DIAGRAMS, PICTURES, FILM SHOW, SLIDES AND TALKS.

BESIDES, THERE WILL BE A FREE DENTAL EXAMINATION SERVICE AVAILABLE FROM APRIL 27 TO 29 BETWEEN 2 AND 9 P.M.

IN WESTERN DISTRICT, A HALF-DAY SEMINAR FOR ABOUT 250 PARENTS OF PRIMARY SIX STUDENTS WILL START AT 2.30 P.M. IN ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE. IT IS ORGANISED BY THE P. 6 GUIDANCE PROJECT COMMITTEE REPRESENTING 19 PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND FOUR WELFARE AGENCIES IN WESTERN DISTRICT, NAMELY, WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, Y.W.C.A. AND Y.M.C.A.

THE PURPOSE IS TO GUIDE THE PARENTS IN CHOOSING APPROPRIATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN AND TO PROMOTE CO-OPERATION OF WELFARE AGENCIES AND SCHOOLS IN THEIR OWN DISTRICT IN RUNNING COMMUNITY SERVICES. THE SEMINAR WILL CONCENTRATE MAINLY ON INTRODUCING SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG AND WORKING OPPORTUNITIES OF THE HONG KONG SEA SCHOOL AND POLICE CADET SCHOOL. THESE PROGRAMMES WILL BE IN THE FORM OF TALKS, SLIDES AND GROUP DISCUSSION.

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LION ROCK ROPEWAY

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THE GOVERNMENT RECEIVED ONLY ONE TENDER FOR THE FRANCHISE TO OPERATE AN AERIAL ROPEWAY UP LION ROCK. HOWEVER, THIS TENDER FAILED IN ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE TENDER DOCUMENTS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE TENDER WAS THEREFORE CONSIDERED INVALID AND THE TENDERER HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT IT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

HE RECALLED THAT TENDERS WERE AGAIN CALLED FOR THE PROJECT IN JANUARY THIS YEAR AFTER THREE TENDERS SUBMITTED IN AN EARLIER EXERCISE FAILED TO COMPLY, IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WITH THE TENDER REQUIREMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE PROJECT MAY WELL BECOME ATTRACTIVE AT A LATER DATE AND THE WORK DONE ON PREPARING REVISED TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL ENABLE THE SCHEME TO BE PUT OUT TO TENDER AT SHORT NOTICE SHOULD THERE BE INDICATIONS OF A DEMAND.

THE SITE FOR THE PROPOSED AERIAL ROPEWAY IS FROM SHATIN PASS ROAD TO A PEAK TO THE EAST OF LION ROCK.

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FLUSHING WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG

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THERE WILL BE NO FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF AREAS IN KWUN TONG, EAST OF JUNK BAY ROAD, BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK AS FROM MONDAY (APRIL 28).

THE AREAS AFFECTED WILL BE LAM TIN ESTATE, SAU MAU PING ESTATE, KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG LEE ROAD, AND HONG NING ROAD BETWEEN KUNG LOK ROAD AND HIP WO STREET.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (FRIDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATERWORK OFFICE SAID THAT THE TEMPORARY CUT IN FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK.

HE APOLOGISED FOR WHAT INCONVENIENCE IT WILL CAUSE RESIDENTS.

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REWARD FOR BRAVERY
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A 45-YEAR-OLD LAUNDRY WORKER, WONG CHEE, WHO RESCUED A MOTHER AND HER 10-MONTH-OLD CHILD FROM A BLAZING FLAT AT LAM TIN ESTATE ON JANUARY 29 WILL BE COMMENDED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR HIS BRAVERY.

MR. WONG WILL RECEIVE THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION PLUS A CASH AWARD FROM MR. BRIAN FENDER, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, KOWLOON, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT YAU TONG FIRE STATION, KO CHIU ROAD, ON MONDAY (APRIL 28) AT 3.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE PRESENTATION. MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE ASKED TO MEET MR. DONALD STRANGE, FIRE SERVICE PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AT YAU TONG FIRE STATION BY NOT LATER THAN 3.20 PM.

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CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL IN TAI HANG TUNG
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THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE HAS ORGANISED A +CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL+ TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY (APRIL 27) FOR 2,000 YOUNGSTERS LIVING IN THE AREA.

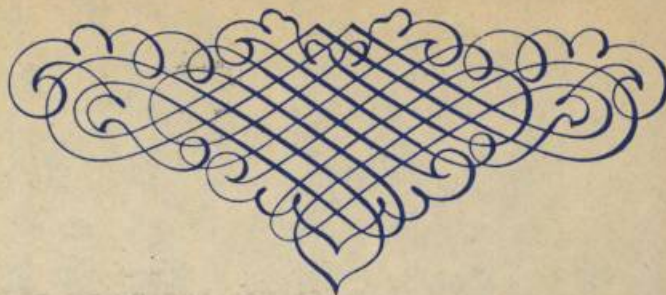
THIS WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL AND BASKETBALL COURT OF THE CENTRE IN TONG YAM STREET, TAI HANG TUNG FROM 2 P.M. TO 4 P.M.

THE CARNIVAL WILL CONSIST OF 20 FUN AND GAMES STALLS CHOSEN FROM THE ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION, THE SOCIAL SERVICE TEAM OF MING YIN COLLEGE AND OTHER YOUTH OR SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUPS ATTACHED TO THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. THE STALLS WILL BE JUDGED ON CREATIVITY, ECONOMY AND ATTRACTIVENESS BY THE CENTRE'S WARDEN, MR. SIT SUI-LUN AND THE CYO FOR SHAM SHUI PO, MR. CHAN CHAP-YAN.

THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CARNIVAL ARE TO PUBLICIZE THE CENTRE, ENCOURAGE YOUTH GROUPS PARTICIPATION IN ITS ACTIVITIES= STIMULATE CREATIVE ABILITY OF BOTH CHILDREN AND YOUTH AND TO ENTERTAIN YOUNGSTERS LIVING IN THE DISTRICT.

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ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



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QUEEN FOR AN HOUR

"Marvellous Experience" Says Executive Officer Pauline Wong

Pauline Wong, 25, had the most unusual experience of her life on Wednesday, April 23, when she stood in for the Queen at a rehearsal of the harbour crossing and arrival ceremonies at Queen's Pier.

"I enjoyed every minute of it, because, like everyone else, I am looking forward to the Royal visit, and it was absolutely marvellous having such a role to play in the rehearsals now going on," Miss Wong said.

She was particularly excited at being able to chat informally with the Governor and Lady MacLehose on occasions in the last few days when she had met them on "dry runs."

"The Governor wanted everything to be perfect. Every official concerned wanted the same thing, but the Governor went out of his way to assure me that all I needed to do was to behave naturally. He was gentle and very kind," she recalled.

This enabled her to be at ease when the Governor's yacht, The Lady Maurine, berthed, and Sir Murray suggested that she go before him while walking up the steps leading to Queen's Pier.

There she found herself the focal point of a battery of cameras, and when she mounted the saluting dais a guard of honour, found by the 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, gave a royal salute.

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"At the beginning of the inspection of the guard, with all the men standing at attention, I need hardly say I was a bit overwhelmed, but as I moved on, my confidence returned," Miss Wong commented.

It was all over in about an hour, and she was relieved.

But how did she know what to do to enable the rehearsal to proceed like clockwork?

"Well," Miss Wong said, "I joined the Royal Visit Office from my post as an executive officer in the Public Works Department. As time went on, I became so involved with the planning of each event that I got to know what had to be done, and the time allowed, for every item on the programme.

"So there I was, queen for an hour, and I can tell you it was an experience I will always treasure, though in effect it was all part of a day's work."