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MORE RECREATIONAL AND SPORT ACTIVITIES
FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE

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SOME 30 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS HAVE OPENED THEIR DOORS TO ORGANISED PUBLIC RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF A SCHEME TO PROVIDE MORE PLAY OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE.

THE SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED RECENTLY BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN AN EFFORT TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF SPORTS FACILITIES SO AS TO EASE THE PRESSURE ON THOSE ALREADY HEAVILY OVERSUBSCRIBED.

THE SCHOOLS AND ORGANISATIONS 'RENT' OUT THEIR FACILITIES AT A NOMINAL FEE TO THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WHICH ORGANISES PROGRAMMES AND SUPPLIES COACHES TO ORGANISED GROUPS.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT LAST OCTOBER, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE HAS ATTRACTED ABOUT 6,000 PEOPLE TO ITS MANY ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM TRADITIONAL CHINESE SHADOW BOXING TO ROLLER SKATING WHICH IS FAST GAINING IN POPULARITY.

PEOPLE ATTENDING THE PROGRAMMES COME FROM MANY WALKS OF LIFE AND INCLUDE HOUSEWIVES ATTENDING KEEPING-FIT CLASSES, PROBATIONERS GOING OUT ON TOUGH CHARACTER-TRAINING EXCURSIONS, AND HANDICAPPED PEOPLE TAKING PART IN BASKETBALL GAMES AND WALKATHONS.

WITH THE EVER INCREASING INTEREST IN SPORTS, THE SERVICE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN OPENING UP MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES AND HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE PROVISION OF MORE PLAY FACILITIES.

ONE OF THE STEPS WE ARE TAKING, SAYS MR. DICKEN YUNG, SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER, IS TO SCOUT AROUND FOR VACANT LOTS OF LAND EARMARKED FOR LATER DEVELOPMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OR PUBLIC BODIES AND TO TURN THEM INTO TEMPORARY SPORT FIELDS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

SEVERAL LOCATIONS, HE ADDED, WERE BEING CONSIDERED AT KENNEDY TOWN, SHAUKIWAN, WONG TAI SIN, MEI FOO, KWUN TONG AND WONG CHUK HANG.

AT WONG CHUK HANG, A SITE WHICH WAS FORMERLY A PARKING LOT IS NOW BEING INSTALLED WITH BASKETBALL EQUIPMENT AND THE GROUND MARKED OUT FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF BALL GAMES.

THE SERVICE ALSO GIVES ADVICE TO SPORTS CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS IN THEIR PROGRAMME PLANNING, AND LIAISES WITH THEM TO CO-ORDINATE THE USE OF URBAN COUNCIL GROUNDS. THIS ENSURES THAT PUBLIC FACILITIES ARE USED TO THE FULL FOR THE BENEFIT OF A LARGER NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

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IN PROMOTING SPORT ACTIVITIES, THE SERVICE HAS NOT FORSAKEN QUALITY FOR QUANTITY, MR. YUNG STRESSED.

+EQUAL VALUE HAS BEEN PLACED ON COACHING COURSES, PARTICULARLY THOSE FOR INSTRUCTORS WHO IN TURN CAN IMPART WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT TO THOSE GROUPS WHICH WILL BE SUBSEQUENTLY UNDER THEIR CHARGE. OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS SOME 1,500 INSTRUCTORS AND COACHES FOR VARIOUS SPORTS HAVE BEEN TRAINED.

+EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS ARE NEEDED TO CONDUCT CLASSES BECAUSE THEY KNOW HOW BEST TO TAILOR COURSES TO THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF PARTICIPANTS COMING FROM A PARTICULAR DISTRICT OR AGE GROUP AND THEY CAN PERSONALLY ATTEND TO THE PROGRESS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THEIR CLASS,+ HE SAID.

THE SERVICE IS ALSO LAUNCHING SEVERAL EXPERIMENTAL SCHEMES IN FAMILY RECREATION. THESE INCLUDE FAMILY SPORTS CAMPS TO BE HELD AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND THE Y.M.C.A. WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE. INSTRUCTOR CLASSES INCLUDE A SIX-MONTH LEADERSHIP COURSE FOR SERVING RECREATION WORKERS, AND A COURSE FOR COMMUNITY FITNESS INSTRUCTORS.

THE RECREATION LEADERSHIP COURSE WILL ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO BETTER ORGANISE AND ADMINISTER RECREATION AND SPORT PROGRAMMES, AND ASSIST AT SPORT FUNCTIONS WITH MORE PROFESSIONALISM AND CONFIDENCE, SAID MR. YUNG.

THE COMMUNITY FITNESS INSTRUCTORS COURSE IS TRAINING COACHES FOR THE VARIOUS DISTRICT AREAS WHERE THEY WILL EVENTUALLY CONDUCT FITNESS CLASSES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

OTHER COACHING COURSES WHICH HAVE BEEN ORGANISED OR ARE BEING ORGANISED ARE FOR WATER-POLO, DIVING, TENNIS, BADMINTON, HANDBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL. ADVICE HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND NATIONAL SPORTS BODIES ON DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS PROGRAMMES.

+PLENTY OF MANPOWER, FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION IS REQUIRED TO ORGANISE SPORTS AND RECREATION,+ MR. YUNG SAID. +EVEN IN A DIFFICULT ECONOMIC CLIMATE SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION ARE NOT LUXURIES BUT AN ESSENTIAL PART OF LIFE IN AN INDUSTRIALISED SOCIETY.

+IT IS HEARTENING THAT RESPONSE TO ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HAS BEEN SO GREAT,+ HE SAID.

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YOUNG ARTISTS COMPETE IN CULTURAL ARTS

MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THE PAINTING AND CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITIONS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE CARITAS CENTRE IN CAINE ROAD, CENTRAL.

THIS IS THE SECOND DAY OF THE COMPETITIONS WHICH FORM PART OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL CONTEST ORGANISED BY VARIOUS LOCAL BODIES AND SPONSORED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE AND WIDEN YOUTH INTEREST IN VARIOUS FORMS OF CULTURAL ARTS. THE COMPETITIONS WERE FIRST HELD LAST SUNDAY (MAY 25) WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF MORE THAN 2,000 YOUNG PEOPLE.

OTHER ITEMS OF THE CULTURAL AND ARTS CONTEST, INCLUDING TRANSLATION, CHINESE ESSAY AND SPEECH COMPETITIONS, WILL BE HELD SHORTLY.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. AUGUSTINE KAM CHUI WILL VISIT THE CARITAS CENTRE AT 2.45 P.M. ON SUNDAY TO SEE THE YOUNG ARTISTS IN ACTION.

NOTE TO EDITORS : YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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CHANCE FOR WINNING GOVERNMENT LOTTERY GETS CLOSER

THOSE WHO WISH TO BUY TICKETS OF THE FIRST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR HAVE ONLY SEVERAL MORE DAYS TO DO SO.

TICKETS AT \$2 EACH WILL BE AVAILABLE UP TO NEXT FRIDAY EVENING. WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JUNE 7) AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

AT 12 NOON TODAY (SATURDAY), A TOTAL OF 350,000 TICKETS HAVE BEEN SOLD. ON MONDAY, FIVE WELL-KNOWN RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES — MR. LEUNG MING, MISS FUNG SHUI CHUN, MR. TSANG KONG, MISS KIMMY GOT AND MR. WU KWUN MAANG, WILL BE PRESENT AT STATUE SQUARE FROM 5 TO 6 P.M. TO PROMOTE THE SALE OF TICKETS.

THEY WILL ALSO DRAW THE WINNING NUMBERS AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

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THREE HOUSES DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NOS. 118, 119 AND 120 SAN HUI MAIN STREET IN TUEN MUN TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION, AND THE REAR PORTION OF NO. 108 LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID TODAY THE THREE HOUSES, LOCATED IN A TWO-STORY TERRACE, WERE INSPECTED FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT AND WERE FOUND TO BE IN A VERY ADVANCED STATE OF DETERIORATION.

THE SOFT RED BRICK LOAD-BEARING WALLS, HE SAID, WERE CONSIDERABLY ERODED AND THE ROOF TIMBERS BADLY DECAYED IN SEVERAL AREAS, WHILE THE REINFORCED FIRST FLOORS OF THE REAR KITCHEN BLOCKS WERE EXTENSIVELY SPALLED AND THE EXPOSED REINFORCEMENT CORRODED.

+THERE IS DANGER OF COLLAPSE WITHIN THIS TERRACE AND AS THE SINGLE STOREY TIMBER STRUCTURE AT THE REAR OF NO. 108, WHICH DERIVES SUPPORT FROM THE FLANK WALL OF NO. 120, WOULD THEREBY BECOME LIABLE TO COLLAPSE, IT IS INTENDED TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS.+

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON JUNE 9 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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NEW CARRIAGEWAY OPEN TO TRAFFIC ON MONDAY

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TODAY THAT A NEW SOUTH-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF POKFULAM ROAD RUNNING THROUGH POKFULAM VILLAGE WILL BE OPEN TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AS FROM 10.30 A.M. ON MONDAY (JUNE 2).

THE NEW CARRIAGEWAY WHICH IS PART OF THE POKFULAM ROAD WIDENING PROJECT WILL BE USED FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS WHILE THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO ENABLE CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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\$129,800 NETTED AT CAR NUMBER AUCTION
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FIFTEEN SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$129,800 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 6000 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$20,500.

DD 8 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$16,100 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 FOR AW123.

THE OTHER SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

BG 3 - \$14,000= AU 2 - \$13,500= AZ8888 - \$10,200=
AU 747 - \$10,000= AR800 - \$7,000= DG 99 - \$6,600=
AZ 11 - \$6,100= 4711 - \$6,000= DD17 - \$5,700=
AZ2233 - \$5,500= AZ393 - \$5,000 AND AJ1771 - \$2,600.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 24TH IN A SERIES ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$3.87 MILLION.

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