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'GOOD RESULT AT FIRST JLG MEETING'

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SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP HAD A GOOD RESULT IN ITS FIRST MEETING BECAUSE BOTH SIDES HAD ADOPTED THE ATTITUDE OF MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY.

MR HO, ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH SIDE OF THE JLG, WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON AFTER ATTENDING THE FIRST JLG MEETING.

HE SAID: +AS YOU KNOW FROM THE PRESS COMMUNIQUE THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP HAD A VERY SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN LONDON AND THE ATMOSPHERE WAS VERY FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE.

+I THINK IT WAS ENTIRELY DUE TO THE FACT THAT BOTH SIDES HAVE ADOPTED THE ATTITUDE OF MAINTAINING HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY THAT WE HAVE SUCH A GOOD ATMOSPHERE AND A GOOD RESULT.+

ASKED IF ANYTHING HAD COME UP IN THE MEETING REGARDING HONG KONG'S FUTURE STATUS IN MFA AND GATT, MR HO SAID: +AS THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAS SAID, WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THIS WORK. THERE HAVE BEEN VERY USEFUL EXCHANGES.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE UK WOULD APPROACH THE GATT TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO BECOME AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC TERRITORY SO THAT HONG KONG COULD MAINTAIN ITS RIGHT IN THE GATT, MR HO POINTED OUT THAT THE JOINT DECLARATION HAD ALREADY STATED THAT BOTH SIDES COULD DISCUSS THE BEST WAY TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S STATUS IN GATT AND MFA AFTER 1997.

ASKED IF THE MEETING HAD DISCUSSED WAYS OF ALLOWING HONG KONG TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS UNDER THE NAME 'BRITAIN-HONG KONG' DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, HE SAID THE DISCUSSION WAS ON HOW TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S PRESENT STATUS.

ASKED IF AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE ON PROGRESS OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE JLG BEFORE ITS SECOND MEETING IN NOVEMBER, MR HO SAID THAT AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE IF THERE WAS ANYTHING TO BE ANNOUNCED.

MR HO ALSO TOLD REPORTERS THAT ALTHOUGH THE JLG MEETING HAD FINISHED ON THURSDAY, THERE HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT MEETING IN GENEVA ON JULY 23 OF THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE OF THE GATT AT WHICH HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED BY MR HAMISH MACLEOD, DIRECTOR OF TRADE AND MR MICHAEL CARTLAND, COUNSELLOR (HONG KONG AFFAIRS) OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN GENEVA.

/+HAMISH IS .....

+HAMISH IS ON LEAVE AND WILL NOT BE BACK IN HONG KONG FOR A FEW WEEKS, SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MY PRESENCE IN LONDON TO CONVENE IN LONDON A MEETING OF HAMISH MACLEOD, MICHAEL CARTLAND, BILL DORWARD FROM NEW YORK AND DEREK JONES FROM BRUSSELS, TOGETHER WITH PETER WISE WHO IS ALREADY IN LONDON, SO THAT WE COULD REVIEW THE POSITION TO CONSIDER WHAT OUR NEXT STEP OUGHT TO BE,+ HE SAID.

+WHAT WE WILL IN FACT BE DOING WILL BE TO DEVELOP OUR STRATEGY AND DISCUSS IT WITH THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD IN PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT COORDINATION MEETING OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO BE HELD IN SEOUL IN SEPTEMBER.+

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NUMBER OF REGISTERED COMPANIES RISES

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AT THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR INCREASED BY SIX PER CENT TO 138 458, COMPARED WITH 130 722 AT THE END OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR NOEL GLEESON.

AND THE NUMBER OF NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED DURING THE SAME PERIOD, INCREASED BY 25 PER CENT, RAISING THE FIGURE FROM 6 669 TO 8 321, AS COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

MR GLEESON ALSO REPORTED MAJOR INCREASES OF ACTIVITY IN MOST AREAS OF THE COMMERICAL DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS COMPANIES WHICH HAD ESTABLISHED BUSINESS IN HONG KONG UNDER PART XI OF THE ORDINANCE AT THE END OF JUNE 1985, AS COMPARED WITH THE TOTAL NUMBER AT THE END OF DECEMBER 1984, INCREASED BY TWO PER CENT -- FROM 2 005 TO 2 040.

THE NUMBER OF NEW OVERSEAS COMPANIES ESTABLISHING BUSINESS IN HONG KONG DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1985 WAS 97, A DECREASE OF 18 PER CENT OVER THE NUMBER OF SUCH COMPANIES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1984.

MR GLEESON SAID, HOWEVER, THAT MANY OVERSEAS COMPANIES INCORPORATE SUBSIDIARIES AS LOCAL HONG KONG COMPANIES OR TAKE UP A MAJORITY SHAREHOLDING IN A LOCAL HONG KONG COMPANY, AND THIS WOULD NOT SHOW UP IN THE STATISTICS.

IN THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 1985, EXISTING COMPANIES INCREASED THEIR NOMINAL CAPITAL BY $6 623 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 22 PER CENT OVER THE INCREASE OF $5 430 MILLION IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984, WHILE THE NOMINAL CAPITAL OF NEW COMPANIES INCORPORATED DURING JANUARY - JUNE 1985 INCREASED BY 28 PER CENT FROM $1 490 MILLION TO $1 914 MILLION COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984.

/THE NUMBER .....

THE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS RECEIVED FOR FILING DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1985, AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984, INCREASED BY 72 PER CENT FROM 143 093 TO 245 991.

+THIS WAS DUE TO IMPROVED COMPLIANCE WITH THE FILING PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE AND THE ADDITIONAL FILING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1984,+ MR GLEESON EXPLAINED.

THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES FOR RESERVATION OF COMPANY NAMES DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1985 WAS 79 059, WHICH WAS A 50.7 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD OF 52 444 FOR 1984, AND A 42.3 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE JUNE - DECEMBER 1984 PERIOD OF 55 552. THIS REFLECTED AN UPSURGE IN COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY GENERALLY.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT SECURED BY CHARGES REGISTERED ON THE ASSETS OF COMPANIES DECREASED BY 34 PER CENT, FROM $20 604 MILLION TO $13 595 MILLION, ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF CHARGES FILED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1985 HAD INCREASED BY 19.7 PER CENT FROM 4 029 TO 4 823 OVER THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1984, WHILE THE AMOUNT REPAID ON CHARGES, AS EVIDENCED BY CERTIFICATES OF SATISFACTION, DECREASED BY 40 PER CENT FROM $4 673 MILLION TO $2 821 MILLION. HOWEVER, THE NUMBER OF SUCH CERTIFICATES HAD INCREASED BY 14.2 PER CENT FROM 2 866 TO 3 274 IN THE SAME PERIOD.

DURING THE PERIOD, 43 PROSPECTUSES OF NEW PUBLIC COMPANIES, INCLUDING 20 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, WERE APPROVED AS AGAINST 42 PROSPECTUSES, INCLUDING 20 IN RESPECT OF MUTUAL FUNDS, DURING THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1984.

ANOTHER FEATURE OF THE WORK OF THE COMPANIES REGISTRY DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS WAS THE NUMBER OF PROSECUTIONS BROUGHT BY THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES AGAINST COMPANIES AND THEIR DIRECTORS FOR BREACHES OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, MAINLY FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS WITH ACCOUNTS.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUMMONSES ISSUED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1985 WAS 326, OF WHICH 196 WERE IN RESPECT OF PUBLIC COMPANIES, COMPARED WITH A TOTAL OF 182 DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1984= 125 SUMMONSES WERE WITHDRAWN, MAINLY BECAUSE OF NON-SERVICE, 219 RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS, COMPARED WITH 14 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984, AND 218 REMAIN TO BE HEARD BY THE COURT (171 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984).

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES IMPOSED FOR CONVICTIONS IN THE FIRST HALF YEAR OF 1985 WAS $262 790, COMPARED WITH $5 500 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1984.

MR GLEESON SAID THAT PROSECUTIONS WERE TIME-CONSUMING AND THERE WERE MANY OTHER CALLS ON THE TIME OF HIS STAFF.

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HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMPANIES REGISTRY WOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN ITS PRESENT MOMENTUM IN THE DRIVE TO ENFORCE THE DISCLOSURE PROVISIONS OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC LISTED COMPANIES.

THESE PROVISIONS WERE NOT ONEROUS, BUT THERE WERE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE WHO, WHILE SHELTERING UNDER THE PRIVILEGE OF LIMITED LIABILITY CONFERRED BY THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, DID NOT WISH TO DISCLOSE RELEVANT INFORMATION TO THOSE DOING BUSINESS WITH THEIR COMPANIES.

THEY WERE HAPPY TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE BENEFIT OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE BUT DID NOT ACCEPT THE BURDEN, HOWEVER LIGHT.

ON THE SUBJECT OF STAFFING, MR GLEESON SAID THAT CONSIDERABLE DELAYS WERE NOW BEING EXPERIENCED BY THE PUBLIC IN THEIR DEALINGS WITH THE COMPANIES REGISTRY. FOR EXAMPLE IT NOW TOOK AT LEAST SIX WEEKS TO RESERVE A COMPANY NAME, AND DOCUMENTS DID NOT GET ON TO THE FILE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UNTIL AS MUCH AS FOUR MONTHS AFTER FILING.

THIS WAS DUE TO A COMBINATION OF FOUR MAIN FACTORS : (A) THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS BEING FILED AND THE NUMBER OF COMPANY NAMES APPLICATIONS BEING RECEIVED, (B) THE POLICY OF +ZERO GROWTH+ IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, (C) THE PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY IN FILLING EXISTING STAFF VACANCIES, AND (D) CERTAIN LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PREMISES IN WHICH THE REGISTRY IS HOUSED AND THE QUALITY OF AVAILABLE FACILITIES.

THESE DELAYS WERE THE SUBJECT OF A SWELLING VOLUME OF PUBLIC COMPLAINT BUT THE GOOD NEWS WAS THAT THE REGISTRY WOULD BE MOVING TO IMPROVED PREMISES IN THE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICE BUILDING IN QUEENSWAY BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR AND THAT COMPUTERISATION OF CERTAIN OF THE REGISTRY'S FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING THE RESERVATION OF COMPANY NAMES, WAS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.

GIVEN THE FILLING OF EXISTING STAFF VACANCIES, HE WAS LOOKING FOR AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION BY THE END OF THE YEAR, MR GLEESON SAID.

THE TRADE MARKS REGISTRY SHOWED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED -- 3 400, AS AGAINST 3 215 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

AT 1 460 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW TRADE MARKS REGISTERED WAS HIGHER THAN IN 1984, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRADE MARKS NOW REGISTERED IN HONG KONG TO 43 615.

IN THE PATENTS REGISTRY THE NUMBER OF UNITED KINGDOM PATENTS RE-REGISTERED LOCALLY DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR WAS 500, AS AGAINST 520 IN THE SAME PERIOD OF 1984.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF +LIVE+ PATENTS RE-REGISTERED WAS NOW APPROXIMATELY 11 100. IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO GIVE A PRECISE FIGURE AS THIS DEPENDED ON THE LIVES OF THE PATENTS AS ORIGINALLY REGISTERED IN THE PATENTS OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE IN LONDON.

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MULTI-STOREY HOMES FOR FIRE STATION STAFF

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR FIRE STATION STAFF IN A 27-STOREY HOUSING BLOCK NEAR POKFULAM.

THE QUARTERS WILL BE PART OF AN $83 MILLION POKFULAM DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT COMPLEX ON THE CORNER OF POKFULAM AND VICTORIA ROADS.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES A STANDARD FOUR-STOREY AMBULANCE DEPOT= A STANDARD THREE-STOREY DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION FOR 10 FIRE APPLIANCES, DUTY AND SERVICE ROOMS, BARRACKS, CANTEEN AND RECREATION ROOMS.

IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A 27-STOREY BLOCK HOUSING TWO STOREYS OF CAR PARKS AND 50 UNITS OF TYPE II OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

A DRILL TOWER, DRILL YARD, DANGEROUS GOODS STORES AND FOAM STORES WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1987.

TENDERS HAVE ALSO BEEN CALLED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A STANDARD FOUR-STOREY AMBULANCE DEPOT, A NINE-STOREY DRILL TOWER AND A DRILL YARD FOR THE TAI PO FIRE STATION.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A FUEL-REFILLING STATION, HIGH PRESSURE WATER EQUIPMENT HOUSE, UNDERGROUND FUEL STORAGE TANK AND REFUSE CHAMBER.

WORK ON THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

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WARNING AGAINST ILLEGAL CAMPING, BARBECUING

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY WARNED THAT ENFORCEMENT ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST ILLEGAL CAMPING AND UNAUTHORISED BARBECUING AT ALL THE 28 GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

ISSUING THE WARNING, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE PROVISION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, IT IS AN OFFENCE TO ERECT A TENT WITHIN THE BOUNDARY OF A GAZETTED BEACH OR LIGHT A FIRE OUTSIDE DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS IN A GAZETTED BEACH.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR EITHER OFFENCE IS A FINE OF $500 AND IMPRISONMENT OF TWO WEEKS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/LAST YEAR, ...

LAST YEAR, RSD STAFF RAIDED A NUMBER OF NON-URBAN BEACHES, RESULTING IN THE SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTION OF 28 ILLEGAL CAMPING CASES AND NINE CASES OF UNAUTHORISED BARBECUING.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE RSD WOULD CONTINUE ITS ON-GOING EFFORTS TO STAMP OUT SUCH ACTIVITIES AS THEY NOT ONLY CONSTITUTED NUISANCES TO OTHER BEACH-GOERS, BUT ALSO SPOILED THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE OF THE BEACHES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ENJOY CAMPING ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE RSD'S ONLY DESIGNATED CAMP SITE AT PUI O BEACH ON LANTAU ISLAND OR CAMP SITES PROVIDED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE RSD ALSO PROVIDES SOME 200 DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS AT VARIOUS NON-URBAN BEACHES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF PICNICKERS.

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FOOTWEAR LEVY FOR TRAINING BEGINS AUGUST

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A TRAINING LEVY ON FOOTWEAR EXPORTS WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM AUGUST 1, THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE RATE IS 30 CENTS FOR EVERY $1 000 OR PART THEREOF OF THE F.O.B. VALUE OF FOOTWEAR ITEMS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN EXPORTED ON OR AFTER THAT DATE.

EXPORT DECLARATION FORM 3 (CED 52) MUST BE USED FOR DECLARING EXPORT OF FOOTWEAR ITEMS OF HONG KONG ORIGIN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS LEVY HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE SCHEDULE TO THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE, FOR THE RUNNING OF NEW CRAFT COURSES IN FOOTWEAR ORGANISED BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.

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FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

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AFTER 45 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT, OFFICE ASSISTANT, CHEUNG HI LEAVES THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WITH A FEELING OF GRATITUDE AND SADNESS.

AT 65, CHEUNG PAK - UNCLE CHEUNG AS HE IS KNOWN IN CNTA HEADQUARTERS - SAYS HE IS GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY MEMORABLE TIMES DURING HIS LONG SERVICE, BUT IS SAD TO LEAVE THE FRIENDS HE MADE ALONG THE WAY.

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HE HAS SERVED UNDER NUMEROUS DIRECTORS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN CNTA WHICH, 45 YEARS AGO, WAS CALLED THE SECRETARIAT FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS, AND THEN RENAMED THE SECRETARIAT FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, AND NOW THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A DISTRICT WATCHMAN IN 1940, AND WAS PROMOTED TO DETECTIVE DISTRICT WATCHMAN IN 1962 UNTIL HIS RETIREMENT IN 1975 AT THE AGE OF 55.

HIS MAIN DUTIES WERE TO ARREST PICKPOCKETS, PURSE-SNATCHERS, THIEVES, LITTER-BUGS AND PEOPLE CREATING NUISANCES IN PUBLIC.

HE WAS ALSO INVOLVED IN DEALING WITH FAMILY DISPUTES, DIVORCE AND RENTAL DISPUTES.

AFTER HIS RETIREMENT IN 1975, HE WAS RE-EMPLOYED AS MESSENGER, AND WAS LATER WORKED AS AN OFFICE ASSISTANT.

MR CHEUNG HAS BEEN COMMENDED SEVERAL TIMES FOR HIS DILIGENCE, EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND DEVOTION TO DUTY. IN 1975, HE WAS AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL BY THE QUEEN.

UP TO THE DAY OF HIS SECOND RETIREMENT LAST WEEK, CHEUNG PAK STILL PUT IN 12 HOURS OF WORK A DAY.

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HARD WORK AND FUN TOO, AT MUSIC CAMP

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HUNDREDS OF PARENTS TODAY (SUNDAY) VISITED THEIR CHILDREN ON THE OCCASION OF THE 1985 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP OPEN DAY AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG.

ABOUT 250 YOUNG MUSICIANS ARE TAKING PART IN THE TWO-WEEK CAMP ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH. THIS YEAR'S CAMP, THE SIXTH ANNUAL EVENT, WILL CLOSE NEXT SUNDAY (AUGUST 4).

PARENTS TOURED THE FIVE-HECTARE HOLIDAY CAMP, LOOKING AT THE HOSTELS IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN LIVE, THE GYMNASIUM, AND THE OPEN-AIR AUDITORIUM, WHERE REHEARSALS OF THE VARIOUS CAMP ORCHESTRAS AND BANDS ARE HELD.

ONE GIRL CAMPER TOLD HER PARENTS SHE HAD BEEN WORKING VERY HARD DURING THE PAST WEEK, UNDER THE BATON OF OVERSEAS MUSICIANS.

IN ADDITION TO THIS, SHE SAID, ALL CAMPERS HAD ALSO TO ATTEND MASTER CLASSES. SOME OF THE CAMP TIME, HOWEVER, WAS SPENT ON RECREATION AND SPORT ACTIVITIES.

/+I HAVE .....

+I HAVE LEARNED A LOT AND I HAVE MADE MANY FRIENDS,+ SHE ADDED.

THOUGH THE TRAINING WAS HARD WORK, SHE HAD NO COMPLAINTS, SHE SAID.

MEANWHILE, MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE MUSIC ENSEMBLE ARE REHEARSING HARD FOR THEIR FORTHCOMING PERFORMANCE AT THE FINALE CONCERT OF THE MUSIC CAMP, TO BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AT 8 PM ON AUGUST 3.

TICKETS AT $5 EACH ARE NOW ON SALE AT VARIOUS MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 5-458791.

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VALUE OF SPORTS FOR YOUTHS STRESSED

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RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES ARE IMPORTANT CHANNELS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DIRECT THEIR ENERGIES TOWARD WHOLESOME ACTIVITIES, MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS PLAY AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN PROMOTING SUCH ACTIVITIES AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL,+ SHE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1985-86 MONG KOK DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME, MRS FUNG STRESSED THE VALUE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS COMBINING THEIR EFFORTS TO ORGANISE RECREATIONAL EVENTS ON A LARGE SCALE.

THIS CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT IS PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL BECAUSE IT ENABLED RESOURCES TO BE POOLED TOGETHER FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES MRS FUNG SAID.

A TABLE-TENNIS CONTEST AND A SQUASH COMPETITION TODAY LAUNCHED THE PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDES A SWIMMING GALA, BALL GAMES, A SPORTS DAY AND A DANCING COMPETITION FOR SOME 3 000 YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROGRAMME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, AND IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

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BUILDINGS INCLUDED IN PLAYGROUND PROJECT

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THREE NEW BUILDINGS ARE TO BE PROVIDED AT THE CHOI HUNG ROAD PLAYGROUND IN SAN PO KONG AS PART OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PLAYGROUND'S REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

CONSTRUCTED ON A 2.2-HECTARE SITE, THE BUILDINGS ARE A FOUR-STOREY COMPLEX CONTAINING A COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND AN INDOOR GAMES HALL ; A SINGLE STOREY BUILDING HOUSING SIX BADMINTON COURTS AND TWO TENNIS COURTS ON THE ROOF AND A BUILDING WITH CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE 18-MONTH PROJECT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER, ARE THREE OUTDOOR TENNIS COURTS, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, A VOLLEYBALL AND HANDBALL COURT, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND PLAY EQUIPMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A REST GARDEN WITH A FOUNTAIN, ARBOURS, PLANTERS AND PAVILIONS.

A VIEWING DECK LINKING THE VARIOUS BUILDINGS AND THE OUTDOOR SPORTS GROUND WILL ALSO BE BUILT.

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FRESH, SALT WATER SUPPLY CUT

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FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHEUNG CHAU, TUEN MUN AND KWAI CHUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 31).

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 31) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE NAM WAN BAY, MA YIN TUNG PAI CHONG, CHUNG HING STREET, HING LUNG STREET, TAI SUN STREET, KWOK MAN ROAD, TAI SHEK HAU, PAK SHE STREET, KO SHAN TSUEN, ROUND TABLE 1ST VILLAGE AND 2ND VILLAGE, SAI WAN ROAD, SIN YAN TSENG, PEAK ROAD WEST, LUTHERAN VILLAGE AND PAK SHE SHAN TSUEN.

IN TUEN MUN ON THE SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM UNTIL 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

/THE SUSPENSION .....

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES FROM FU TEI TO SAM SHING ESTATE, INCLUDING SIU HONG COURT, SIU ON COURT, TAI HING ESTATE, SAN FAT ESTATE, ON TING ESTATE, YAU OI ESTATE, SHAN KING ESTATE, BUTTERFLY ESTATE, WU KING ESTATE, MELODY GARDEN, SIU SHAN COURT, PAK KOK AND WU KING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, TUEN MUN CLINIC, YAN OI POLYCLINIC, YAN OI TONG CIRCUIT, AREAS 4B, 10, 9, 12, 26, 36, 37A, 37B, 19, CHI LOK GARDEN AND WALDORF GARDEN WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

IN KWAI CHUNG, SALT WATER SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 4 PM FOR REPAIR WORK.

AFFECTED PREMISES ARE ALONG WO YI HOP ROAD, INCLUDING LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, SHEK YAM ESTATE AND SHEK LEI ESTATE.

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TSING YI BRIDGE TRAFFIC

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THE TSING YI BRIDGE WILL BE OPEN TO GENERAL TRAFFIC ONLY AT INTERVALS ON THREE CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS FROM TUESDAY (JULY 30), BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 5.45 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, TO ALLOW A STUDY TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CONSULTANTS.

HOWEVER, EMERGENCY VEHICLES WILL BE GIVEN IMMEDIATE USE OF THE BRIDGE WHEN REQUIRED.

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