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MORE JOIN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

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THE PROMOTION OF APPRENTICE TRAINING IN HONG KONG WILL TAKE A FURTHER STEP FORWARD NEXT MONTH (SEPTEMBER) WHEN ANOTHER TRADE IS INCLUDED IN THE COMPULSORY APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE GOVERNOR, ON THE ADVICE OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, HAD SPECIFIED +REPAIRMAN (ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING)+ AS A DESIGNATED TRADE UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1981. THE APPRENTICESHIP PERIOD IS THREE YEARS.

THE LATEST INCLUSION WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DESIGNATED TRADES TO 38.

+IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PROMOTE APPRENTICE TRAINING IN TRADES VITAL TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES AND TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED MANPOWER,+ HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ORDINANCE AFFECTED THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 18.

IT STIPULATES THAT AN EMPLOYER CAN ONLY ENGAGE A YOUNG PERSON IN A DESIGNATED TRADE IF THE YOUNG PERSON HAS ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR HAS COMPLETED AN APPRENTICESHIP AND HOLDS A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION IN THAT TRADE. BUT THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR HAS POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTION IN CERTAIN CASES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED EMPLOYERS ENGAGED IN THE NEWLY-DESIGNATED TRADE TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE BY ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP WITH THEIR YOUNG WORKERS. LETTERS EXPLAINING THE TRADE AND THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE WOULD BE SENT TO ALL EMPLOYERS CONCERNED.

A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED, WOULD ENSURE THAT THE APPRENTICE WOULD BE GIVEN ADEQUATE TRAINING, INCLUDING ATTENDANCE AT HIS EMPLOYER'S EXPENSE IN TECHNICAL COURSE RELATED TO HIS TRADE IN A GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. THE CONTRACT WOULD ALSO HELP PROTECT THE EMPLOYER FROM LOSING HIS APPRENTICE TO ANOTHER EMPLOYER.

EMPLOYERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN THE NEWLY-DESIGNATED TRADE WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE ORDINANCE MIGHT CONTACT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICE :

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- (1) NEW RODNEY BLOCK,
99 QUEENSWAY,
HONG KONG. TEL : 5-280545

- (2) PARIS THEATRE BUILDING,
7 KING FUK STREET,
SAN PO KONG
KOWLOON. TEL : 3-219285

- (3) SALISBURY ROAD,
OPPOSITE TO SHERATON HOTEL,
TSIM SHA TSUI,
KOWLOON. TEL : 3-667463

- (4) 31 SHING FONG STREET,
5TH FLOOR,
KWAI CHUNG. TEL : 0-297039

- (5) YEN HAU MANSION, 3/F,
100 TING FU STREET,
KWUN TONG,
KOWLOON. TEL : 3-440838

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APPLICATIONS FOR WELFARE PREMISES INVITED
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SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES ARE TO RECEIVE A MAJOR BOOST AS A RESULT OF MORE THAN 10 000 SQUARE METRES OF PREMISES BEING RESERVED FOR WELFARE USE.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND INTERESTED BODIES ARE NOW INVITED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE PREMISES, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S TAI YUEN ESTATE IN TAI PO AND 13 OTHER ESTATES DUE FOR COMPLETION OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

ADDITIONAL PREMISES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE HOUSING SOCIETY'S LAI TAK ESTATE AND IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) : +TO BE IN LINE WITH THE FIVE YEAR PLAN ON SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT AND TO ENABLE MORE REALISTIC PLANNING, ONLY THOSE PREMISES WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE 1986/87 AND WITH KNOWN LOCATIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THE LATEST LIST OF WELFARE PREMISES.+

THE LIST HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR PLANNING AND EARLY APPLICATION.

THE PREMISES, RANGING IN AREA FROM 93 TO 1 760 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE USED FOR EIGHT SOCIAL CENTRES, FIVE HOSTELS, ONE DAY CARE CENTRE AND ONE MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY.

OTHER SERVICES PLANNED INCLUDE THREE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES, TWO CHILDREN'S CENTRES, TWO NURSERIES, ONE SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRE, ONE HOME-CUM-WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED, ONE DAY WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS AND ONE HOME FOR THE MODERATELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

ONE OF THE LARGEST PREMISES RESERVED FOR WELFARE PURPOSES, WITH AN AREA OF 1 760 SQUARE METRES, IS EARMARKED FOR A HOSTEL FOR 160 ELDERLY PEOPLE AT THE FUTURE TIN SAM ESTATE IN SHA TIN.

ANOTHER HOSTEL, WITH AREA OF 1 500 SQUARE METRES, IS PLANNED AT THE TAI WOR HAU REDEVELOPMENT ESTATE, ALSO TO CATER FOR 160 OLD PEOPLE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREMISES SHOULD REACH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, AT 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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HE SAID THAT SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION FOR WELFARE PREMISES DID NOT AUTOMATICALLY COMMIT ANY SUBVENTIONS OR LOTTERIES FUND GRANT FOR THE PROJECT.

+SEPARATE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE IN DUE COURSE AND EACH CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS,+ HE ADDED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PREMISES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION, TEL NO. : 5-7953754.

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LICENCES FOR RESERVOIR FISHING AVAILABLE

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LICENCES FOR RESERVOIR FISHING WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY STARTING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID: +THIS YEAR'S RESERVOIR FISHING SEASON STARTS ON SEPTEMBER 1 AND LASTS UNTIL MARCH 31, 1982.+

LICENCES WILL BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY TO THOSE WHO APPLY IN PERSON. APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS, GIVE THEIR NAMES, ADDRESSES AND AGE AND PAY A FEE OF \$20.

APPLICATIONS CAN ALSO BE MADE BY POST GIVING NAMES, ADDRESSES, AGE AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS TOGETHER WITH A CROSSED CHEQUE OF \$20 MADE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT. FISHING LICENCES WILL BE MAILED TO THE APPLICANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL THE RULES IN RESERVOIR FISHING MUST BE OBSERVED.

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AVIATION CHIEF TO ATTEND CATC MEETING

MR B.D. KEEP, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL ATTEND THE 11TH MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH AIR TRANSPORT COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN NAIROBI FROM AUGUST 24 TO 28, 1981, ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG.

MR KEEP WILL PRESENT A PAPER AT THE MEETING ON THE PROGRESS TOWARDS A REPLACEMENT AIRPORT FOR HONG KONG SINCE 1972.

OTHER PAPERS TO BE PRESENTED BY DELEGATES FROM THE U.K., CANADA, AUSTRALIA, KENYA AND BRUNEI WILL DEAL WITH VARIOUS ASPECTS OF AIRPORT OPERATIONS AND FACILITIES, AVIATION SECURITY, AIRWORTHINESS, NAVIGATION AIDS AND COMMUNICATION FACILITIES, AND AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS.

THE MEETING PROVIDES A USEFUL MEANS FOR DELEGATES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON AVIATION MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS.

AFTER THE MEETING, MR KEEP WILL ATTEND U.K./KOREA AIR SERVICES TALKS IN THE U.K. AND THEN GO ON LEAVE UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER. DURING THIS PERIOD, MR J.T. THORPE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, WILL ACT AS DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION.

MEANWHILE, MR R.A. SIEGEL, AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER, WILL LEAVE FOR EUROPE AND THE U.K. TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO VISIT SOME MAJOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS THERE. HE WILL SEE HOW THESE BUSY AIRPORTS ARE MANAGED AND OPERATED.

MR SIEGEL WILL THEN GO ON LEAVE UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER. MR W.C. HUTCHINGS, ASSISTANT AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER (OPERATIONS) WILL ACT AS AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER IN HIS ABSENCE.

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HILL ROAD FLYOVER OPENS TUESDAY

THE \$42-MILLION HILL ROAD FLYOVER LINKING POKFULAM ROAD AND CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST WILL BE OPENED TO ONE WAY DOWNHILL TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 18).

THE NEW FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR POKFULAM ROAD TRAFFIC HEADING FOR WESTERN OR CENTRAL DISTRICTS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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NEW MARKET FOR TUEN MUN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS CALLING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARKET AND HAWKER BAZAAR NEAR SAM SHING HUI IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE 16 MEAT, EIGHT FISH AND FOUR POULTRY STALLS, 80 MINI-STALLS, AN OFFICE, STOREROOMS, SERVICE AREAS, STAFF QUARTERS AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ON THE ROOF OF THE MARKET.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN 10 MONTHS.

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350 SWIMMERS TAKE PART IN
CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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THE 14TH CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM TOOK PLACE THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING OVER A 2 400 METRE COURSE FROM SHA LAN BEACH TO TAI MEI TUK SEA ACTIVITIES CENTRE.

IT WAS ORGANISED BY TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

THE RACE ATTRACTED 350 PARTICIPANTS: 300 IN THE MEN'S SECTION, INCLUDING SEVEN EXPATRIATES, AND 50 IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION, INCLUDING ONE EXPATRIATE.

THE OLDEST ENTRANT WAS AGED 56 AND THE YOUNGEST 11.

THE RACE WAS STARTED AT 10.30 AM BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER TAI PO, MR NICKY LO.

THE WINNER OF THE MEN'S SECTION WAS MR CHEUNG WAN-CHI WHO FINISHED IN A TIME OF 37 MINUTES 13.5 SECONDS. HE WAS ALSO THE WINNER OF LAST YEAR. THE WINNER OF THE WOMEN'S SECTION WAS MISS LAI WAI WHOSE TIME WAS 42 MINUTES 41.7 SECONDS.

LAST YEAR, THE EVENT ATTRACTED 337 ENTRANTS IN THE MEN'S SECTION AND 60 IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION. MR CHEUNG FINISHED IN 36 MINUTES 39 SECONDS AND MISS MAK SIU-PING'S TIME WAS 42 MINUTES 38 SECONDS.

SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNING LADIES, WHILE THE MEN RECEIVED THEIR PRIZES FROM MRS AKERS-JONES.

THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT THE CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM HAS TAKEN PLACE OVER THE NEW COURSE. IT REPLACED THE TRADITIONAL 2 000-METRE COURSE BETWEEN NAM HANG AND YUEN CHAU TSAI, WHICH WAS SHORTENED AS A RESULT OF RECLAMATION WORK FOR NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

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SAFETY REMINDER FOR WORKERS

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A CONSTRUCTION WORKER ESCAPED DEATH AND SUFFERED ONLY MINOR INJURIES BECAUSE HE WAS WEARING A SAFETY HELMET AND SAFETY BELT WHILE WORKING AT HEIGHT AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN HUNG HOM EARLIER THIS YEAR.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN, COMMENTING ON THE ACCIDENT, REMINDED WORKERS THAT IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE USE OF SAFETY EQUIPMENT IN CONSTRUCTION SITES WAS ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE NOT ONLY THE SAFETY OF AN INDIVIDUAL BUT THOSE WORKING AT THE SITE AS WELL.

THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED DURING A PILING OPERATION AT THE HUNG HOM CONSTRUCTION SITE. A DEFECTIVE SLING BROKE, SLIPPED AND HIT THE WORKER FROM ABOVE AND KNOCKED HIM OFF BALANCE.

FORTUNATELY, HE WAS WEARING A SAFETY HELMET AND CONSEQUENTLY ONLY SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES. THE SAFETY BELT HE WAS WEARING SAVED HIM FROM A POSSIBLE FATAL FALL.

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TENDERS FOR WORK ON NEW WATER MAIN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF 550 METRES OF 600 MM DIAMETER FRESH WATER MAIN IN SING WOO ROAD, VILLAGE ROAD AND WANG TAK STREET IN HAPPY VALLEY.

IT FORMS PART OF THE PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE WATER SUPPLY TO EASTERN AND ABERDEEN AREAS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED IN FIVE MONTHS.

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PRIVATE CAR TALLY CLIMBS TO 202 000

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THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS TOTALLED MORE THAN 202 800 AT THE END OF JULY, A RISE OF MORE THAN 23 500 OR 13 PER CENT OVER THE LAST 12 MONTHS.

THIS COMPARES WITH A RISE OF ABOUT 25 700 DURING THE 12 MONTHS ENDED JULY, 1980.

THE NUMBER OF NEW CARS REGISTERED DURING JULY TOTALLED 2 534 WHILE 913 REGISTRATIONS LAPSED.

THIS PRODUCED A NET INCREASE OF 1 641 CARS AND BROUGHT THE OVERALL TOTAL TO 202 881.

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SALT WATER CUT IN CENTRAL

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 3.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 19) FOR WORK ON SALT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE AT CONDUIT ROAD, KOTEWALL ROAD, LYTTTELTON ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, YING WA TERRACE, ROBINSON ROAD, CASTLE ROAD, SEYMOUR ROAD, LADDER STREET, JERVOIS STREET, BURD STREET, MACDONNELL ROAD, BOWEN ROAD, KENNEDY ROAD, PEEL STREET, MOSQUE JUNCTION, MOSQUE STREET, AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST FROM WESTERN STREET TO WHITTY STREET.

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