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RESULTS OF DRUG INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED

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AN INVESTIGATION WAS RECENTLY CARRIED OUT IN HONG KONG INTO THE EFFICACY OF THE DRUG BUPRENORPHINE IN THE DETOXIFICATION OF HEROIN ADDICTS.

THE INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE DRUG, THE PRIMARY USE FOR WHICH IS AS AN ANALGESIC, WAS NOT SUITABLE FOR USE ON A MASS SCALE IN THE DETOXIFICATION OF HEROIN ADDICTS WHEN TAKEN IN ITS ORAL FORM.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DRUG PRECIPITATED WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS IN SUBJECTS SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC HEROIN ADDICTION, MAKING THE DRUG UNACCEPTABLE TO THEM.

+IN OUR EXPERIENCE, THE BEST DRUG AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME FOR USE ON A MASS SCALE IN THE TREATMENT OF HEROIN ADDICTS IS METHADONE,+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT ABOUT 8 000 PATIENTS EACH DAY ARE RECEIVING METHADONE TREATMENT AT 24 METHADONE CLINICS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

A MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER IS AVAILABLE IN EACH CLINIC TO GIVE COUNSELLING AND ASSISTANCE TO ADDICTS UNDER TREATMENT TO HELP THEM OVERCOME THEIR ADDICTION TO HEROIN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1984-85 NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS AND FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, MR MORTIMER POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF TREATMENT HAD BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

QUOTING FROM THE 1983 REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD, MR MORTIMER SAID:

+A WIDE RANGE OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES HAS BEEN DEVELOPED OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES, THE MOST EXTENSIVE OF WHICH IS THE METHADONE OUT-PATIENT PROGRAMME RUN BY THE HONG KONG MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT. IN ADDITION, A COMPULSORY TREATMENT PROGRAMME IS OPERATED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY IN-PATIENT PROGRAMMES AND A VARIETY OF AFTERCARE SERVICES ARE OFFERED BY THE NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS.+

MR MORTIMER ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE POLICE AND TO THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR THEIR SUCCESSES IN SEIZING LARGE QUANTITIES OF HEROIN, THEREBY LEADING TO AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF THAT DRUG IN THE MIDDLE OF MARCH.

IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1984 ALONE, SEIZURES OF HEROIN AND OPIUM AMOUNTED TO OVER 56 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL SEIZED IN THE WHOLE OF 1983, WHICH ITSELF HAD BEEN A RECORD YEAR FOR SEIZURES OF ILLICIT DRUGS.

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ON THE ANTI-NARCOTICS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME, MR MORTIMER SAID THAT IN 1984-85, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WOULD CONTINUE TO MOUNT DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS WITH FULL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE.

THESE WOULD BE HELD IN WONG TAI SIN, SHAM SHUI PO AND KWUN TONG IN ADDITION TO THE ONE NOW BEING LAUNCHED IN THE NORTH DISTRICT.

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

MR MORTIMER EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN OVER THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE RISK OF DRUG ABUSE.

HE SAID, +THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW DEVOTING A MAJOR EFFORT TOWARDS PREVENTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN DRUGS. IN THIS RESPECT, BOTH THE FAMILY AND THE SCHOOL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY.+

HE APPEALED TO PARENTS TO DEVOTE AS MUCH TIME AS POSSIBLE TO THE CARE OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

+IF A CHILD CAN FIND SECURITY, WARMTH, PARENTAL LOVE AND SOUND GUIDANCE AT HOME, HIS PATH THROUGH THE DIFFICULT YEARS OF ADOLESCENCE WILL BE EASED. THE RISK OF HIS HAVING TO RESORT TO DRUGS AS A MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM REALITY WILL BE MUCH LESS THAN FOR A CHILD WHO IS BROUGHT UP IN AN UNCARING FAMILY ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR MORTIMER SAID THAT IN THE SCHOOLS, STAFF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION WERE GIVING DRUG PREVENTION TALKS TO MAKE STUDENTS AWARE OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE SO THAT THEY WOULD STEER AWAY FROM DRUGS.

SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE SCHOOL TALKS PROGRAMME IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, 37 TALKS HAVE ALREADY BEEN GIVEN AND THESE HAVE BEEN ATTENDED BY OVER 13 500 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

THE CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE 1984-85 NORTH DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS AND FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW, PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (TELEVISION DIVISION).

THE SHOW INCLUDED OPERAS WITH AN ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME AS WELL AS SINGING AND DANCE PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES AND STUDENTS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS, PUNCTUATED BY ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB JADE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BETWEEN 9 PM AND 10 PM.

THE EVENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACAN, NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (TELEVISION DIVISION) WAS HELD AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND ATTRACTED AN AUDIENCE OF MORE THAN 10 000 PEOPLE.

FORMATION OF COUNCIL URGED

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THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED FOR A COUNCIL OF TECHNICIAN ENGINEER INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT SUCH A COUNCIL WOULD ACT AS A FOCAL POINT FOR TECHNICIAN ENGINEERS AND WOULD BE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PROFESSION IN GENERAL.

MR OSBORNE WAS SPEAKING AT THE SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG CENTRE OF THE INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS INCORPORATED ENGINEERS, WHOSE COMMITTEE HE SAID SHOULD GIVE CONSIDERATION TO TAKING THE LEAD IN FORMING THE COUNCIL.

+I THINK SUCH A COUNCIL CAN ONLY BE TO THE INSTITUTION'S GOOD AND THE GOOD OF THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR OSBORNE SAID IN THE PAST, TECHNICIAN ENGINEERS AND ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS HERE APPEARED TO HAVE OVERLOOKED THE NEED TO ORGANISE THEMSELVES TOGETHER AS LEARNED SOCIETIES TO ENHANCE THEIR PROFESSIONAL STATUS.

SINCE ITS INCORPORATION BY ORDINANCE IN 1975, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS HAD PROVIDED A SOUND LEARNED SOCIETY WHICH PROMOTED THE COMMON INTERESTS OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS HERE.

BEFORE THAT, THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG HAD DONE THE SAME, MR OSBORNE SAID.

+IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT TECHNICIAN INSTITUTIONS, SUCH AS YOURS, SHOULD ALSO PROMOTE SIMILAR OBJECTIVES AMONG THEIR MEMBERS,+ HE STATED.

+THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO TAKE THE LEAD AND ESTABLISH GOOD CONTACT WITH OTHER LOCAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES, SO THAT YOU MAY POOL YOUR RESOURCES FOR ACTIVITIES OF COMMON INTEREST AND, IN DUE COURSE, DEVELOP INTO RESPECTED AND INFLUENTIAL LEARNED SOCIETIES IN HONG KONG.+

MR OSBORNE SAID HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN TO PEKING WITH A GROUP OF SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AS GUESTS OF THE CHINA ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (C.A.S.T.).

DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH C.A.S.T., HE HAD FOUND STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE NEED FOR PROPERLY EDUCATED AND TRAINED TECHNICIANS.

MR OSBORNE SAID HE HAD LONG ARGUED THAT THE THRUST TOWARDS A LARGE NUMBER OF ENGINEERING DEGREE HOLDERS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY AN APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF PROPERLY QUALIFIED TECHNICIAN ENGINEERS.

+THE CHINA ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THEN PUT TO US CERTAIN PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION TO OUR MUTUAL BENEFIT AND THAT UNFORTUNATELY IS WHERE THE PROBLEM STARTED,+ HE SAID.

+THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE BODY TO DEAL WITH THE 'ACROSS THE BOARD' INTERESTS OF TECHNICIAN ENGINEERS, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND I COULD HARDLY SAY THAT ON MY RETURN TO HONG KONG, I WOULD GIVE THE NAMES OF THE 22 TECHNICIAN ENGINEER INSTITUTIONS HERE AND HOPE THAT SOME OR ALL OF THEM WOULD CORRESPOND WITH THEM.+

MR OSBORNE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE GROWTH IN MEMBERSHIP OF THE INSTITUTION FROM 250 IN 1978 TO 450 TODAY.

HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK TO DOUBLE THE MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

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SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS,
FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES FOR 1983
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FOLLOWING THE 1982 ANNUAL SURVEY OF STORAGE, COMMUNICATIONS, FINANCING, INSURANCE AND BUSINESS SERVICES, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A FOLLOW-UP SURVEY TO COLLECT DATA RELATING TO THE YEAR 1983.

THE SURVEY COVERS THE FOLLOWING SERVICES:

- * STORAGE AND WAREHOUSING FACILITIES FOR HIRE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC;
- * POSTAL, TELEPHONE, TELEGRAPH, RADIO AND CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, MESSAGE DELIVERY AND MESSAGE EXCHANGE SERVICES;
- * ALL FINANCE (EXCEPT BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES) AND INVESTMENT COMPANIES; LOAN, MORTGAGE AND DISCOUNT COMPANIES; DEALERS-BROKERS AND EXCHANGES IN STOCKS AND SHARES, COMMODITY FUTURES, GOLD BULLION AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE; PAWNSHOPS; MONEY CHANGERS; AND OTHER FINANCIAL UNDERTAKINGS;
- * INSURERS, RE-INSURERS, AGENTS AND BROKERS OF ALL KINDS OF INSURANCE AND RELATED INSURANCE SERVICES; AND
- * ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING, ADVERTISING, DATA PROCESSING, EMPLOYMENT AGENCY, EQUIPMENT LEASING AND MACHINERY RENTAL, LEGAL, NEWS AGENCY, SECRETARIAL AND OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES.

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QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO ABOUT 2 800 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF SOME 8 000 ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE SURVEY.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

SUCH ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE THE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE SECTORS CONCERNED AND WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SECTORS' CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL ALSO BE USEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE FORMULATION OF DECISIONS AND POLICIES.

RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORISING THE CONDUCT OF THIS SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 12 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31, 1984.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES, IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED.

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DB TO KEEP UP COMMUNITY BUILDING EFFORTS

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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND WONG, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST, HE SAID THAT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD DONE MUCH WORK IN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, AND IN PROMOTING RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID THAT AS THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS PART OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, FURTHER IMPROVEMENT TO THE BOARD DEPENDED ON RESIDENTS' CONTINUED SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION.

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MR WONG URGED THE RESIDENTS TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

+EVERY ONE OF YOU SHOULD EXERCISE YOUR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND REGISTER AS A VOTER THIS AUGUST, PARTICIPATE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS, AND ELECT YOUR IDEAL BOARD MEMBERS TO LOOK AFTER THE DISTRICT'S NEEDS,+ HE SAID.

TONIGHT'S SINGING CONTEST WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPER LTD.

THE CHAMPION WILL REPRESENT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TO COMPETE WITH WINNERS OF OTHER 17 DISTRICTS IN A SEMI-FINAL ON AUGUST 11.

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HONG KONG REGIMENT SEEKS MORE RECRUITS

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) IS RECRUITING 100 NEW MEMBERS -- 20 WOMEN AND 80 MEN -- THIS YEAR TO KEEP ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN FULL STRENGTH.

+WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE OVER 17-1/2 YEARS OF AGE, INTELLIGENT, MATURE, OF GOOD PHYSIQUE AND WITH GREAT INITIATIVE,+ A REGIMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE BILINGUAL AND HAVE SECONDARY EDUCATION AND A REGULAR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT. THEY MUST PASS THE GOVERNMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE THEY CAN BE ENLISTED.

+JOINING THE VOLUNTEERS IS A REWARDING EXPERIENCE. IT GIVES RECRUITS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET AWAY FROM THE DAILY ROUTINE, SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME IN REMOTE AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, LEARN THE BASIC MILITARY SKILLS, ENJOY COMRADESHIP AND, AT THE SAME TIME, MAKE SOME EXTRA MONEY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, THEY WILL BE DOING SOMETHING MEANINGFUL TO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

THE VOLUNTEERS HAD A SUCCESSFUL RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR, ATTRACTING MORE THAN 1 400 APPLICANTS, MANY OF WHOM WERE OF VERY HIGH CALIBRE.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL UNDERGO A SIX-MONTH TRAINING PROGRAMME, INCLUDING A NINE-DAY TRAINING CAMP ON WEAPON HANDLING, MAP READING, RADIO OPERATION, FIRST AID AND DRILL.

APPLICANTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST SECURE THEIR EMPLOYERS' APPROVAL BEFORE THEY APPLY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 15.

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COMPETITIONS TO BOOST CRAFTSMEN'S STATUS
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NINETEEN FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDENTS OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF MERITS AND PRIZES TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN CRAFT SKILLS COMPETITIONS.

THE CONTESTS WERE HELD RECENTLY BY THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC).

THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE ANNUAL CRAFT SKILLS COMPETITIONS ARE TO GIVE MORAL SUPPORT TO THEIR CRAFT STUDENTS AND TO BOOST THE SOCIAL STATUS OF CRAFTSMEN IN GENERAL.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY, MR H.R. KNIGHT, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VTC, SAID THE SKILLS OF CRAFTSMEN HAD BEEN LONG UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED BY PEOPLE ENGAGED IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

BUT UNFORTUNATELY IN THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, CRAFT SKILLS OR CRAFTSMEN HAD NOT ENJOYED THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVED, HE ADDED.

+THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAD RUN CRAFT SKILLS COMPETITIONS FOR SEVERAL YEARS TO HELP PUBLICISE THESE SKILLS WHICH MUST BE LEARNT WITH PATIENCE AND APPLICATION AND CAN TAKE YEARS TO ACQUIRE AND PERFECT,+ MR KNIGHT SAID.

THE COMPETITIONS FOR BOTH FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDENTS COVER THE THREE MAJOR FIELDS - MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING.

IN THE COMPETITIONS HELD BETWEEN THIS MARCH AND MAY, PARTICIPANTS WERE ENCOURAGED TO DO THEIR BEST IN BASIC MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL WORKS, MACHINING, BENCH FITTING, ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION AND THE MAKING OF ELECTRONIC ORGANS, WIRELESS MICROPHONES AND RADIO RECEIVERS.

IN VIEW OF THE GROWING SOPHISTICATION AND THE AUTOMATION DEVELOPMENT IN INDUSTRY, MR KNIGHT SAID THAT TODAY'S MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CRAFTSMEN LEARNED TO OPERATE NOT ONLY HAND TOOLS AND SMALL POWER TOOLS, BUT ALSO THE MOST COMPLEX AND EXPENSIVE MACHINE TOOLS, INCLUDING COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MACHINES.

+THE INCREASING DEMAND FOR, AND APPLICATION OF, ELECTRICAL POWER AND THE INCREASING USE OF MICROPROCESSORS IN THE CONTROL OF PLANT AND EQUIPMENT ALSO MEAN THERE WILL BE INCREASING DEMAND FOR SKILLED ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC CRAFTSMEN,+ HE ADDED.

MR KNIGHT THANKED THE CHEN HSONG MACHINERY COMPANY LTD FOR ITS SUPPORT AND DONATION OF PRIZES FOR THE COMPETITIONS.

TWENTY-FIVE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WERE ALSO AWARDED THE CHEN HSONG SCHOLARSHIP AT THE CEREMONY.

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FOURTH +SAFETY AT WORK+ SERIES STARTS TOMORROW

THE FOURTH SERIES OF THE +SAFETY AT WORK+ TELEVISION PROGRAMME WILL BE SCREENED ON HK-TVJADE EVERY SUNDAY FROM 3.30 PM TO 4 PM FOR 12 WEEKS, FROM JUNE 3 TO AUGUST 9, 1984.

THE SERIES IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

THE GRAND FINAL, COMPRISING AN HOUR-LONG PROGRAMME, WILL BE SHOWN ON TVB-JADE ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, FROM 9.30 PM TO 10.30 PM.

ANNOUNCING THE SCREENING SCHEDULE AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, POINTED OUT THAT THE PROGRAMME WAS AIMED AT PROMOTING WORK SAFETY AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE THROUGH TELEVISION AND THROUGH PARTICIPATION BY WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

MR BRIDGE HOPED THAT THROUGH THE PROGRAMME, EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS WOULD BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE NEED TO SUPPORT, AND TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN, THE UPGRADING OF THE STANDARD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG.

THE PROGRAMME WAS AN EXCELLENT TELEVISION PRODUCTION AND ITS CONTENTS WERE BOTH ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL. WORKERS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME CAN PARTICIPATE IN A QUIZ ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY FOR HOME VIEWERS.

+I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT PARTICIPATION BY WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS IS AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF PROMOTING SAFETY AT WORK,+ MR BRIDGE SAID.

THE PROGRAMME CARRIES PRIZES WORTH MORE THAN \$300 000, MANY OF WHICH HAVE BEEN DONATED BY COMMERCIAL FIRMS WHO BELIEVE IN THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE FIRST PRIZE IS AN ALL-EXPENSES-PAID, 11-DAY TRIP TO THE WEST COAST OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE FIVE MEMBERS OF THE WINNING TEAM, WITH AIR TICKETS SPONSORED BY MR LAM KIN-MING OF LAI SUN GARMENT COMPANY LTD., AN INDUSTRIALIST IN TSUEN WAN.

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ARTS FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN

A TWO-WEEK ARTS FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN IN WONG TAI SIN OPENED THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING WITH A PLAY BASED ON A CHINESE MYTH - +THE TEN BROTHERS+.

THE PLAY WAS HELD IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, PRAISED THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL FOR ITS DEDICATION AND EFFORTS IN PROMOTING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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THE FESTIVAL WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO CHILDREN'S CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT IF IT COULD FOSTER THEIR INTEREST IN THE FINE ARTS, MR CHOK SAID.

+FURTHERMORE, THE PROVISION OF ART AND CULTURAL PROGRAMMES, LIKE THE CHILDREN ARTS FESTIVAL, MAY ALSO HELP IDENTIFY YOUNG TALENTS,+ HE SAID.

MR CHOK POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM ORGANISING FESTIVALS IN THE DISTRICTS, THE COUNCIL WAS CURRENTLY HOLDING A SERIES OF TRAINING CLASSES ON DANCES, PAINTING AND CALLIGRAPHY.

THE FESTIVAL WILL INCLUDE A FILM SHOW, A PUPPET THEATRE, A CHILDREN'S OPEN-AIR ART GALLERY, CHINESE FOLK SONG AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, A TALENT QUEST AND FUN FAIRS.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

ALSO PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S CEREMONY WERE MISS CECILIA YEUNG, AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, AND MR ALBERT LI, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL.

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD AS THE SPONSOR.

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IN-SERVICE COURSE FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS

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ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED TECHNICAL TEACHERS WHO DO NOT POSSESS PROFESSIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A TWO-YEAR IN-SERVICE COURSE RUN BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IN 1984-86.

THE COURSE CONSISTS OF LECTURES, PRACTICAL WORK AND SUPERVISION OF TEACHING OVER TWO ACADEMIC YEARS ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS.

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, CANDIDATES WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES GIVING THEM +QUALIFIED TEACHER+ STATUS.

APPLICANTS MUST BE FULL-TIME TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL OR COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, HAVE TWO YEARS' RELEVANT TEACHING OR INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE AND HAVE ATTENDED AN INITIAL COURSE ON TEACHING SKILLS.

THEY MUST ALSO POSSESS A DIPLOMA, A HIGHER CERTIFICATE, A HIGHER DIPLOMA, A SECRETARIAL CERTIFICATE OR AN OFFICE STUDIES CERTIFICATE AWARDED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, OR AN EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION.

APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW.

/SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND CLASSES ONCE A WEEK FOR A PERIOD OF 30 WEEKS IN THE FIRST YEAR AND 35 WEEKS IN THE SECOND YEAR.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY JUNE 15.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE COLLEGE AT 5-745311.

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TRAFFIC MEASURES FOR DRAGON BOAT RACES
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON MONDAY (JUNE 4) IN CONNECTION WITH THE DRAGON BOAT RACES IN YAU MA TEI AND TAI PO.

IN YAU MA TEI :

- * MAN CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 12.01 AM TO 6 PM. DURING THE CLOSURE, SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON FERRY STREET HEADING FOR JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER MAY USE FERRY STREET, CANTON ROAD JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE AND CANTON ROAD.
- * TRAFFIC ON SAIGON STREET WESTBOUND HEADING FOR JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER MAY USE CANTON ROAD, KANSU STREET, FERRY STREET, CANTON ROAD, JORDAN ROAD FERRY CONCOURSE AND CANTON ROAD.
- * THE METERED PARKING SPACES AT MAN CHEONG STREET AND THE PUBLIC CAR PARK ADJACENT TO THE JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY PIER WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM.
- * VISITORS TO YAU MA TEI ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT AS PARKING FACILITIES IN THE AREA ARE LIMITED.

IN TAI PO :

- * FROM 6 AM TO 6 PM, CYCLING AND LEARNER DRIVING WILL BE PROHIBITED ON THE SECTION OF TING KOK ROAD BETWEEN TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND THE ENTRANCE TO PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK, AND ON THE ACCESS ROAD TO PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR.
- * ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR.
- * THERE WILL BE NO PARKING FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE URGED TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF KMB ROUTE NO. 75K WHICH RUNS FROM TAI PO KCR STATION TO TAI MEI TUK.

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STUDENTS TO STAGE SHOW IN AC HALL
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ABOUT 200 STUDENTS FROM 16 SCHOOLS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL STAGE A VARIETY OF MUSICAL AND CULTURAL PERFORMANCES IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING.

THE SHAM SHUI PO JOINT-SCHOOL PERFORMING ARTS 84 IS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE AND THE MUSIC OFFICE, WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD AS THE SPONSOR.

THE STUDENTS, MOST OF WHOM ARE WINNERS OF THE MUSIC AND DANCE FESTIVALS, WILL GIVE PERFORMANCES ON INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, CHOIR SINGING, FOLK AND MODERN DANCES, AND PROSE RECITALS.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM; THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR FAN KAM-PING WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM.

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ADVANCED LIFE-SAVING COURSE IN YUEN LONG
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TWO ADVANCED COURSES IN LIFE-SAVING WILL BE OFFERED FREE TO YOUTHS WHO LIVE IN YUEN LONG AND ITS NEIGHBOURING DISTRICTS.

THE COURSES, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

EACH COURSE WILL COMPRISE 15 SESSIONS AND WILL LEAD TO THE +MERIT AWARD+ EXAMINATION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG LIFE SAVING SOCIETY.

THE FIRST COURSE WILL BE HELD EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, STARTING ON JUNE 28, AND THE SECOND COURSE EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY, STARTING ON SEPTEMBER 17.

CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 6.45 PM AND 8.45 PM FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO MUST WORK OR STUDY DURING THE DAY, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

APPLICANTS MUST BE AT LEAST 14 YEARS OF AGE AND MUST POSSESS A BRONZE MEDALLION AWARD.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HOLIDAY MAIL SERVICE
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THERE WILL BE ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON MONDAY (JUNE 4), WHICH IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THIRTY-SIX POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON THAT DAY.

THEY INCLUDE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES, AND TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DETAILS OF THE OTHER POST OFFICES WHICH WILL BE OPEN ON MONDAY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY POST OFFICE OR FROM THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-231071 OR 5-231072.

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'WAR' ON LITTER EXPANDED
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S COMPUTERISED RECORDS ON LITTER OFFENDERS ARE TO BE EXPANDED SO THAT MORE INFORMATION CAN BE GLEANED ON THE BREAKDOWN OF LITTERBUGS AND HOW SERIOUS LITTERING IS ON A DISTRICT BY DISTRICT BASIS.

THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL HELP THE COUNCIL TO DECIDE ITS STRATEGY FOR FUTURE ANTI-LITTERING CAMPAIGNS AND ATTENDANT PUBLICITY.

HOWEVER, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE COMPUTERISED RECORDS WILL REMAIN THE DETECTION OF REPEATED OFFENDERS SO THAT THEIR ANTI-SOCIAL ATTITUDES CAN BE MADE KNOWN TO THE COURTS AND TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT SO THAT AN APPROPRIATE FINE CAN BE IMPOSED.

THE FOLLOWING EXTRA INFORMATION WILL IN FUTURE BE PROVIDED IN COMPUTER PRINT-OUTS ON LITTERBUGS:

- * A BREAKDOWN OF LITTER OFFENCE CONVICTIONS BY DISTRICT;
- * A BREAKDOWN OF LITTER OFFENCE CONVICTIONS BY NATURE OF OFFENCE;
- * AN ANALYSIS OF LITTER OFFENCE CONVICTIONS BY SEX RELATING TO THE NATURE OF THE OFFENCE AND AGE GROUPS;
- * A LIST OF LITTER OFFENCE RECIDIVISTS; AND
- * A BREAKDOWN OF LITTER OFFENCE CONVICTIONS BY AGE GROUP AND DISTRICT.

+THE COMPUTERISATION OF LITTER OFFENDERS HAS ENABLED MORE THAN 2 000 'REPEATER' OFFENDERS TO BE DETECTED AND THE INFORMATION ON THIS GIVEN TO THE COURTS,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN.

+AS A RESULT, THESE RECIDIVISTS HAVE GENERALLY BEEN FINED LARGER AMOUNTS THAN THE CUSTOMARY SMALL FINES IMPOSED ON FIRST OFFENDERS.+

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SWIMMING POOLS FIT FOR GOLD MEDALLISTS
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BEING THE ONLY PUBLIC INDOOR HEATED SWIMMING POOL, THE URBAN COUNCIL'S MORRISON HILL COMPLEX HAS BEEN, OVER THE YEARS, ONE OF THE MAIN VENUES FOR TRAINING BY THE HONG KONG NATIONAL SWIMMING TEAM THAT MANAGED TO WIN 11 MEDALS INCLUDING THREE RESOUNDING GOLD SUCCESSES, AT THE SECOND ASIAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

OF THE THREE GOLD MEDALS, FENELLA NG BAGGED TWO WHILE HER TEAM-MATE, TSANG YI-MING, GOT ONE.

THE COACH FOR THE HONG KONG NATIONAL SWIMMING TEAM, MR DAVID HALLER, SAID THAT AT PRESENT THE FACILITIES AT THE URBAN COUNCIL SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES ARE ADEQUATE.

+WITH THE NATIONAL TEAM TRAINING ALL-YEAR ROUND, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE HAVE INDOOR HEATED SWIMMING POOLS SUCH AS THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE,+ MR HALLER SAID.

+GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE SWIMMING POOLS ARE FOR PUBLIC USE, THE SITUATION IS SATISFACTORY.

+BUT, OF COURSE, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE DONE TO PROVIDE MORE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR THE MANY SWIMMING CLUBS IN HONG KONG.+

THE HONG KONG NATIONAL SWIMMING TEAM TRAINS ABOUT 22 WEEKS EACH YEAR AT MORRISON HILL.

WHEN THE MORRISON HILL COMPLEX CLOSES DOWN FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE, THE TEAM TRAINS IN THE VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

MR HALLER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT WHEN THE NEW TRAINING POOL COMPLEX AT THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION RECREATION CENTRE IS COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, IT WILL HELP BOOST THE TEAM'S TRAINING PROGRAMME.

THE NEW TRAINING POOL COMPLEX, WHICH IS PART OF THE \$46.9 MILLION WAN CHAI RECLAMATION RECREATION CENTRE, IS BEING BUILT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$19.5 MILLION.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMPLEX WILL CONSIST OF AN INTERNATIONAL STANDARD-SIZED POOL MEASURING 25 BY 50 METRES WITH A DEPTH OF TWO METRES AT BOTH ENDS OF THE POOL.

+IT IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES,+ HE SAID.

THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION RECREATION CENTRE PROJECT WILL ALSO HAVE AN INDOOR GAMES HALL WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN MID-1985, HE ADDED.

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