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VALUE OF SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED

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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, TODAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS IN HELPING REHABILITATE THE DISABLED AND SAID THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO EXPAND THESE ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECOGNISED THE NEED OF THE DISABLED TO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPORTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RECENTLY-PUBLISHED WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION LAID STRESS ON A WELL-ROUNDED APPROACH TO THEIR REHABILITATION.

CONTINUED ASSISTANCE, HE SAID, IS GUARANTEED TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE DISABLED WITH THESE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES.

AS PROOF OF ITS COMMITMENT, MR. SWEETMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD AGREED TO SUPPORT HONG KONG'S BEING HOST TO THE 3RD FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES IN 1982.

+HOLDING THESE GAMES IN HONG KONG WILL SERVE AS A NEW SPUR TO THE REHABILITATION EFFORTS TO BE SHARED BY WORKERS IN THE FIELD AND BY THE DISABLED THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

EXPLAINING THE VALUE OF SPORTS FOR THE DISABLED HE SAID THAT APART FROM COMPLEMENTING CONVENTIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY IN DEVELOPING THEIR RESIDUAL ABILITIES, SPORTS COULD BE EFFECTIVELY USED TO INSTIL CONFIDENCE IN THE DISABLED AND INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

WITH COMPETENCE IN SPORTS, HE SAID, THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WEAKNESS CAN BE REPAIRED AND CONFIDENCE REGAINED.

THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS, HE ADDED, THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CAN ALSO WIDEN THEIR SOCIAL CONTACTS AND BECOME MORE CAPABLE OF BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS.

MR. SWEETMAN ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED FOR THEIR WORK IN FOSTERING SPORT AND PHYSICAL RECREATION IN A SYSTEMATIC WAY FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED SAW HONG KONG'S FIRST DRAGON DANCE ON WHEELCHAIRS PERFORMED BY A GROUP OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

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LUGARD ROAD BRIDGE TO BE REBUILT

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THE EXISTING BRIDGE ALONG LUGARD ROAD ON THE VICTORIA PEAK WILL BE REBUILT SHORTLY.

MR. LO CHI-KONG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS (H.K.) DIVISION, SAID THE BRIDGE, BUILT BEFORE THE WAR, WAS CONSIDERED TO BE BEYOND ECONOMICAL REPAIR.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, INVOLVING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 420 METRES OF THE BRIDGE, ARE BEING INVITED.

THE WORK ALSO INCLUDES THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE DECKS AND COLUMNS.

MR. LO SAID: +LUGARD ROAD, FORMING PART OF THE SCENIC CIRCULAR ROUTE ROUND VICTORIA PEAK, IS VERY POPULAR WITH LOCAL PEOPLE AS WELL AS TOURISTS.

+IT HAS IN THE PAST BEEN PRESERVED AS A PEDESTRIAN ONLY WALKWAY.

+IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT THE EXCLUSIVE ACCESS TO PEDSETRIANS BE RETAINED AFTER ITS RECONSTRUCTION.+

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (H.K.) DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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WORKERS URGED TO OBSERVE SAFETY MEASURES

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. DAVID LIN, TODAY URGED FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS TO OBSERVE SAFETY REGULATIONS AND PRACTICES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE SAFER WORKING CONDITIONS.

MR. LIN MADE THE APPEAL THIS EVENING AT THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE THREE Y.W.C.A. EVENING SCHOOLS, HELD AT THE Y.W.C.A. ANNE BLACK CENTRE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN 1977, THERE WERE 49,854 CASES OF OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS. THESE ACCIDENTS NOT ONLY INTERRUPTED PRODUCTION BUT ALSO CAUSED PERMANENT DISABILITY OF WORKERS OR DEATH, BRINGING MISERY AND FINANCIAL PROBLEMS TO THEIR DEPENDENTS.

MR. LIN ALSO SAID THAT, ACCORDING TO LABOUR DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATIONS, ABOUT 45 PER CENT OF THE OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS RESULTING IN DEATH WERE CAUSED PARTLY OR SOLELY BY THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE WORKERS.

REFERRING TO THE RECENT STRICTER ENFORCEMENT OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATING OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR. LIN SAID THAT THE MAIN CAUSE OF INJURIES TO NEARLY 10,000 WORKERS BY POWER-DRIVEN MACHINES WAS DUE TO UNGUARDED OR IMPROPERLY GUARDED MACHINES.

HE POINTED OUT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ENFORCE THE SAFETY REGULATIONS AND HAS CONDUCTED A SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS TO USE PROPERLY GUARDED MACHINES.

MR. LIN PARTICULARLY CALLED FOR THE CO-OPERATION OF WORKERS IN THE GARMENT AND FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES TO USE SEWING MACHINES WITH GUARDS IN ORDER TO PREVENT INJURIES.

+AT THE INITIAL STAGE, SEWING MACHINE OPERATORS MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN GETTING USED TO SEWING MACHINES WITH GUARDS OR MAY EVEN HAVE LOWER PRODUCTION RATE AND AFFECT THEIR EARNINGS. BUT WITH PRACTICE FOR A SHORT WHILE, THEIR PRODUCTION RATE SHOULD IMPROVE OR RETURN TO NORMAL.

+REMEMBER THAT ONE ACCIDENT WILL BRING REGRET FOR A WHOLE LIFE. FOR EXAMPLE, INJURED FINGERS NOT ONLY JEOPARDISE WORKERS' OPERATIONAL ABILITY FOR GOOD, BUT ALSO ADVERSELY AFFECT APPEARANCE, ESPECIALLY FOR FEMALE WORKERS,+ MR. LIN ADDED.

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WAN CHAI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTS IN STYLE

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A GALA PERFORMANCE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE ARTS WAS HELD BEFORE AN AUDIENCE OF 3,000 AT THE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING TO MARK THE START OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR WAN CHAI.

TWO PAIRS OF VIVACIOUS +NORTHERN+ AND +SOUTHERN+LIONS STARTED THE SHOW WITH THEIR AUSPICIOUS DANCE ACCOMPANIED BY GONGS AND DRUMS, AFTER WHICH A CHILDREN'S CHOIR FILLED THE AIR WITH THEIR REPERTOIRE OF NURSERY RHYMES.

CLASSICAL AND FOLK DANCES OF THE ORIENT PERFORMED BY DAINTY LADIES IN COLOURFUL COSTUMES WERE INTERLACED WITH DISPLAYS OF CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS AND KARATE DURING THE TWO-HOUR PERFORMANCE.

WATCHING THE SHOW WITH LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE A PANEL OF HONORARY GUESTS COMPRISING MRS. EVELYN DOE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE= MR. BOWEN LEUNG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, WAN CHAI= MISS BETTY MAIR, CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER= MR. LAM HOW PANG, URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, WAN CHAI AND MR. E.F. MCWILLIAMS, ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL POLICE SUPERINTENDENT, WAN CHAI.

MRS. DOE, ADDRESSING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, EXPRESSED APPRECIATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WHICH JOINED HANDS WITH 80 COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN ARRANGING A COMPREHENSIVE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OF OVER 200 EVENTS.

+IT IS INDEED GRATIFYING TO SEE THAT PROGRAMME ORGANISERS, IN DESIGNING ACTIVITIES TO HELP YOUNGSTERS MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF LEISURE, HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THEIR ABILITY AND POTENTIAL TO PLAN AND IMPLEMENT ACTIVITIES,+ SHE SAID.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THIS SPIRIT OF +YOUTH SERVING YOUTH+ WAS A POSITIVE RESULT OF THE TEN-YEAR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, AND SHOULD RECEIVE CONTINUAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

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TOWN PLAN LISTS

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A LIST OF PLANS PREPARED BY THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.

THE LIST, PUBLISHED TWICE YEARLY, INCLUDES APPROVED PLANS, PLANS REFERRED BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR AMENDMENT OR REPLACEMENT, AND DRAFT PLANS EXHIBITED BY THE BOARD FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION.

CERTIFIED COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION FREE OF CHARGE AT THE LAND OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING).

PRINTED COPIES OF THE APPROVED PLANS AND DRAFT PLANS MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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THOMAS LEE TO OPEN TUEN MUN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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A FUN FAIR WITH A VARIETY OF STALL GAMES FOR 500 LOCAL CHILDREN WILL MARK THE START OF THIS YEAR'S TUEN MUN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ON MONDAY (JULY 17) MORNING.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL CUT THE RIBBON TO START THE 106-ITEM PROGRAMME AND PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY, ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD AT 9.45 A.M. AT THE ST. SIMON'S LUI MING CHOY TECHNICAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AT HEUNG TZE WUI ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND THE FUN FAIR. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 8.45 A.M.

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BUILDING CLEAN UP OPERATION
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A THREE-WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP ENTRANCE HALLS, LIFTS, STAIRWAYS, ROOFS AND CORRIDORS IN 120 MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY (JULY 17).

TO MARK THE START OF THE CAMPAIGN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS. GRACE HO, WILL PRESENT PENNANTS TO LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS INVOLVED IN THE CLEAN UP OPERATION AT A CEREMONY OUTSIDE 16, HAVEN STREET, AT 9.30 A.M. ON MONDAY.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MORE THAN 100 URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WORKERS , COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS AND KAIFONG LEADERS WILL START CLEANING UP SIX MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS BOUNDED BY HAVEN STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND CLEAN UP OPERATION.

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WATER CUT IN KOWLOON CITY
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON CITY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY (JULY 17) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY KOWLOON CITY ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, SHING TAK STREET, FU NING STREET, FUK CHEUNG STREET, TAM KUNG ROAD, MOK CHEONG STREET, INCLUDING MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, PAK TAI STREET, PAU CHUNG STREET, MA TAU WAI ESTATE AND CHUN SEEN MEI ESTATE.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

DATE	HOURS
JULY 17 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 18 (TUESDAY)	9 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.
JULY 19 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 6 P.M.
JULY 20 (THURSDAY)	9 A.M. - 10.30 P.M.
JULY 21 (FRIDAY)	9 A.M. - 6 P.M.

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