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WORKING MOTHERS FIND HAPPY TEMPORARY HOME FOR THEIR CHILDREN
IN LADY TRENCH DEMONSTRATION NURSERY

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CHILDREN BROUGHT UP IN THE LADY TRENCH DEMONSTRATION NURSERY ARE IN GENERAL MORE ACTIVE AND TALKATIVE THAN THOSE IN ORDINARY KINDERGARTENS.

ACCORDING TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NURSERY, MRS. MIRANDA NGAI, THIS MIGHT BE DUE TO THE FREE ENVIRONMENT OF THE NURSERY, WHERE CHILDREN ARE NOT PUSHED TO THEIR LIMITS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT.

+INSTEAD, THEY ARE GUIDED TO DEVELOP THEIR IMAGINATION AND POTENTIALS. THE NURSERY TAKES CARE NOT ONLY OF THE PHYSICAL GROWTH AND THE INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN, BUT ALSO PAYS ATTENTION TO THE CULTIVATION OF THEIR PERSONALITY AND ATTITUDE,+ SHE SAID.

THE NURSERY WAS OPENED FOUR YEARS AGO BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE.

BESIDES OFFERING A VALUABLE SERVICE TO WORKING PARENTS, IT ALSO PROVIDES PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR THOSE WHO SEEK PROPER GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION IN BRINGING UP CHILDREN AND IN PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION.

MRS. NGAI SAID THAT THE CHILDREN, APART FROM LEADING THEIR DAILY LIFE IN AN IDEAL ENVIRONMENT, WERE MADE AWARE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING AROUND THEM OUTSIDE THE NURSERY SETTING.

+FROM TIME TO TIME, STAFF OF THE NURSERY TAKE THE CHILDREN OUT IN GROUPS OF 15 TO COMMUNITY CENTRES, JUNIOR LIBRARIES, PARKS AND BEACHES. THUS, BY THE TIME THEY LEAVE THE NURSERY, THE CHILDREN ALREADY HAVE AN IDEA OF THE QUALITIES OF A GOOD CITIZEN, AS WELL AS A GENERAL CONCEPT OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD.+

STAFF OF THE NURSERY MEET REGULARLY TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS THAT ARISE FROM THEIR WORK, AND TO REVIEW AND IMPROVE UPON THE EXISTING PROGRAMMES.

+ONE OF THE INNOVATIONS IS THE FORMING OF A SPECIAL GROUP, WITH A NUMBER OF PARTICULARLY WITHDRAWN OR SPECIALLY AGGRESSIVE CHILDREN BEING GROUPED TOGETHER AND LOOKED AFTER BY ONE NURSERY WORKER,+ MRS. NGAI SAID.

+IT IS HOPED THAT WITH MORE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION, THE TIMID CHILDREN MIGHT GAIN MORE CONFIDENCE WHILE THE AGGRESSIVE ONES COULD LEARN TO DEVELOP A CAPACITY FOR SHARING.+

/CHILDREN CARED

CHILDREN CARED FOR IN THE NURSERY ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE GROUPS ACCORDING TO THEIR AGE AND ABILITY.

IN ADDITION, A FAMILY GROUP IS FORMED EVERY DAY WITH 12 CHILDREN SELECTED FROM DIFFERENT GROUPS TO MIX TOGETHER. THIS PROVIDES THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD UP RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER CHILDREN.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE NURSERY INCLUDE A SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN ABOUT TO ENTER KINDERGARTEN TO PREPARE THEM FOR SCHOOL LIFE. THE COURSE, STARTED TWO YEARS AGO, IS HELD FROM MAY TO AUGUST EVERY YEAR, USUALLY WITH TWO OR THREE GROUPS OF TEN CHILDREN EACH.

READING AND WRITING ART WORK AND VARIOUS SKILLS ARE TAUGHT DURING THE COURSE, AND STAFF OF THE NURSERY ALSO HELP CHILDREN TO ADJUST TO THE DISCIPLINE REQUIRED IN SCHOOLS, MRS. NGAI SAID.

AT PRESENT THE NURSERY PROVIDES DAY CARE FOR 80 - 100 CHILDREN WITHIN THE TWO TO FIVE AGE LIMIT. +WE DO NOT OFFER NIGHT SERVICE BECAUSE NURSERY CARE SHOULD ONLY SUPPLEMENT AND NOT SUBSTITUTE MATERNAL LOVE. CHILDREN MUST BE GIVEN AMPLE TIME TO ESTABLISH GOOD FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS,+ MRS. NGAI STRESSED.

AT A MONTHLY CHARGE OF \$35, THE CHILDREN ARE GIVEN THREE MEALS A DAY COMPRISING BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND SNACKS, THE QUANTITY OF WHICH IS FIXED BY DIETICIANS.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE MENUS WERE PLANNED BY NURSERY STAFF WHO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE VARYING TASTES OF THE CHILDREN AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ENSURED THAT THE MEALS WERE BOTH NUTRITIOUS AND DELICIOUS.

ON THE QUESTION OF ADMISSION, MRS. NGAI SAID PRIORITY IS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES. CHILDREN OF WORKING PARENTS WERE USUALLY GIVEN FIRST CONSIDERATION.

+DURING THE SCREENING PROCESS, HOME INVESTIGATIONS ARE CONDUCTED TO SEE WHAT THE APPLICANTS' LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND FAMILY RELATIONS ARE LIKE. THROUGH THESE VISITS, PARENTS ALSO GET TO KNOW THE KIND OF CARE PROVIDED AT THE NURSERY AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING IS ACHIEVED.+

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN NURSERY WORK, A ONE-YEAR FULL TIME CERTIFICATE COURSE IN WORK WITH PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN IS PROVIDED AT THE LADY TRENCH DAY NURSERY AND TRAINING CENTRE. AMONG THE FIRST BATCH OF GRADUATES OF THIS COURSE, SOME ARE AT PRESENT SERVING AT THE NURSERY.

THE COURSE INCLUDES DETAIL STUDY OF THE DAY NURSERY IN PARTICULAR, ITS FUNCTIONS AND ITS PHYSICAL SET-UP IN RELATION TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF SMALL CHILDREN IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

/+TRAINEES ARE ALSO

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+TRAINEES ARE ALSO GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO THE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A NURSERY WORKER IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHILD AS A WHOLE, THE IMPORTANCE AND VALUE OF WORKING WITH PARENTS, AND THE TECHNIQUES IN PROGRAMME AND CURRICULUM PLANNING.

+ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES SUCH AS RECORD KEEPING, WRITING UP REPORTS, BUDGETING, MEAL PLANNING AND THE USE OF COMMUNITY RESOURCES ARE ALSO PART OF THE CURRICULUM,+ MRS. NGA I SAID.

UP TO LAST MONTH, 44 PEOPLE HAD COMPLETED THIS ONE YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSE. MOST OF THE GRADUATES NOW WORK IN NURSERIES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, HOMES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN, BABIES' HOMES AND KINDERGARTENS.

AN IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR NURSERY WORKERS IS ALSO HELD TWICE A YEAR. ADMISSION IS LIMITED TO THOSE WITH AT LEAST SIX MONTHS EXPERIENCE WHO ARE RECOMMENDED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE COURSE LASTS FOR FIVE WEEKS SPREAD OVER FIVE MONTHS. ON COMPLETION, A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE IS GIVEN TO EACH CANDIDATE. SO FAR, 557 PEOPLE HAVE COMPLETED THIS COURSE.

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SALARIES TAX REMINDER
TAXPAYERS URGED TO SETTLE BILLS BY CHEQUE
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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE SAFEST AND MOST CONVENIENT METHOD OF PAYING SALARIES TAX WAS BY SENDING A CHEQUE THROUGH THE POST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DUE DATES FOR THE PAYMENT OF MOST SALARIES TAX ASSESSMENTS FALL WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS AND CONSEQUENTLY THIS IS ALWAYS A VERY BUSY TIME AT THE COLLECTION OFFICES.

+IN THE PAST, MANY PEOPLE HAVE CHOSEN TO PAY THEIR TAX IN PERSON, EITHER BY CASH OR CHEQUE, AND THERE HAVE BEEN DAY-LONG QUEUES IN THE COLLECTION OFFICES CAUSING NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS OF DELAY,+ HE SAID.

TO OVERCOME THIS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, THE SAFEST AND MOST CONVENIENT METHOD OF PAYMENT WAS TO SEND A CHEQUE THROUGH THE POST WITH THE DEMAND NOTE.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE ARRANGEMENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS THAT THE PUBLIC COUNTER ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING WILL BE SET ASIDE EXCLUSIVELY FOR PAYING SALARIES TAX. WHILE THIS SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT IS IN OPERATION, PAYMENT OF ALL OTHER TAXES SHOULD BE MADE AT THE COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR THE ADDITION OF A FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE WHERE TAX IS NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE, AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT ISSUE REMINDER NOTICES. +TAXPAYERS WHO FAIL TO PAY IN TIME ARE LIABLE TO BE SURCHARGED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT TAXPAYERS WHO FEEL THEY MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY IN SETTLING THEIR DEMAND NOTES BY THE DUE DATE SHOULD CONTACT THE COLLECTOR AT THE CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY SHOULD NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DUE DATE.

INTERVIEWS CAN BE ARRANGED AT ANY TIME WITHIN NORMAL OFFICE HOURS BY TELEPHONING 5-248001 EXT. 3 OR 5-222151 EXT. 42.

APART FROM THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING IN ICE HOUSE STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT HAS COLLECTION OFFICES AT THE +OLD+ HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, FIRST FLOOR, 664, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AND IN TSUEN WAN AT THE ON YUE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, 132, TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 54,037 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 80.3 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 51,205 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 39,743 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 40,045 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 78.7 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO RAINFALL HAS BEEN RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE FIRST WEEK THIS YEAR.

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NEW SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN

THE PO LEUNG KUK'S NEW SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 4 P.M.

THE WORKSHOP IS SITUATED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE WEST BLOCK OF THE PO LEUNG KUK IN LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG, AND IS NAMED AFTER THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN FOR ITS DONATION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COST.

IT WILL CATER FOR 40 MENTALLY RETARDED FEMALES, HALF OF WHOM WILL BE THOSE ALREADY UNDER THE CARE OF THE KUK AND THE OTHER HALF FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED. COPIES OF MR. LEE'S SPEECH IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH G.I.S. TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

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TWO NURSING OFFICERS RETURN AS TUTORS
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TWO MEMBERS OF THE NURSING STAFF OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAVE RECENTLY RETURNED TO HONG KONG AFTER OBTAINING EXCELLENT RESULTS IN A ONE-YEAR ADVANCED NURSING COURSE AT THE COLLEGE OF NURSING IN MELBOURNE.

THEY ARE MRS. MARY M.L. LAM YIK AND MISS CATHERINE L.L. TANG. BOTH WERE AWARDED DIPLOMAS IN NURSING EDUCATION, AND ARE NOW NURSE TUTORS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL.

+THEIR INCLUSION IN THE LIST OF NURSE TUTORS IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANS TO EXPAND THE TUTORING STAFF IN ORDER TO FULFIL THE AIMS OF ACCELERATED NURSE TRAINING REQUIRED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF HOSPITALS AND CLINICS NOW BEING BUILT,+ MISS K.J. VEEVERS, PRINCIPAL NURSING OFFICER, SAID TODAY.

MRS. LAM YIK OBTAINED A DISTINCTION IN TEACHING PRACTICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH, WHILE MISS TANG RECEIVED A HIGH DISTINCTION IN EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY, AND DISTINCTIONS IN PHYSIOLOGY, TEACHING PRACTICE, AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS: MRS. LAM YIK AND MISS TANG ARE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS. THESE CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH THE PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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RESIDENTIAL LAND FOR SALE
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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION LATER THIS MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE IN THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 2.30 P.M. ON JANUARY 21.

THE FIRST LOT WITH AN AREA OF 29,400 SQ. FT. IS LOCATED IN SILVERSTRAND, CLEARWATER BAY. THE OTHER IS SITUATED IN TA KU LING, CLEARWATER BAY, AND MEASURES 23,400 SQ. FT.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS IN TAI PO ROAD, OR FROM ANY OF THE SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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