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EMPLOYMENT UP IN CAR INDUSTRY
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THE REPORT ON THE FIFTH MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 11 599 WORKERS AND 4 199 TRAINEES/APPRENTICES IN THE INDUSTRY IN JUNE 1980.

COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS SURVEY, THE LABOUR FORCE HAD GROWN AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF 8.08 PER CENT.

AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY, THERE WERE 755 VACANCIES. EMPLOYERS ESTIMATED THAT AN ADDITIONAL 1 098 WORKERS OR 9.46 PER CENT OF THE EXISTING LABOUR FORCE WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THE FOLLOWING 12 MONTHS.

THE GROWTH WAS ATTRIBUTED MAINLY TO THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE WHICH AROSE FROM THE DRASTIC INCREASE OF VEHICLE POPULATION, THE RISE IN MILEAGE TRAVELLED BY VEHICLES AND COMPULSORY INSPECTION OF GOODS VEHICLES AND ANNUAL INSPECTION ON PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES.

THE REPORT WAS PREPARED BY THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL ON INFORMATION COLLECTED IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JUNE 1980 WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

BESIDES DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE INDUSTRY, THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS FORECAST OF TRAINING NEEDS FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN 1981 AND 1984 FOR EACH PRINCIPAL JOB AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES TO COPE WITH THE INDUSTRY'S NEEDS.

THE REPORT, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE AT \$10 A COPY.

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EXPORT OF TEXTILES TO GREECE
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THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON MODIFICATIONS TO THE HONG KONG/EEC TEXTILES AGREEMENT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE ACCESSION OF GREECE TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY.

DETAILS REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT AS IT RELATES TO EXPORTS OF COTTON, MAN-MADE FIBRE AND WOOL TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO GREECE, INCLUDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR QUOTA ALLOCATION, ARE SET IN NOTICE TO EXPORTERS, SERIES 2: (EEC) NO 6/81.

IN RESPECT OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS NOT SUBJECT TO QUOTA, THE DEPARTMENT WILL RESUME THE ISSUE OF EXPORT LICENCES TO GREECE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF CALLING FOR SHIPMENT RETURNS IN RESPECT OF THOSE PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO QUOTA. FOLLOWING THE ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS, THE USUAL CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS CURRENTLY APPLICABLE TO HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO THE EEC (THAT IS, THOSE DETAILED IN NOTICE TO EXPORTERS, SERIES 2: (EEC) NO 42/80) WILL APPLY.

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TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND COMPANIES ON THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT'S MAILING LIST FOR NOTICE TO EXPORTERS, SERIES 2: (EEC) WILL RECEIVE COPIES OF NOTICE NO 6/81 SHORTLY. COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTION COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, OCEAN CENTRE.

INTERESTED PARTIES WHO WISH TO SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION MAY CONTACT THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS :

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GIVE NOTICE TO MARRY
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT ANYONE WHO INTENDS TO MARRY IN HONG KONG IS REQUIRED BY LAW TO GIVE A 15 CLEAR DAY NOTICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: +TO COMPLY WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT, NOTICES OF INTENDED MARRIAGE WITH A VISITOR WHO IS ONLY PERMITTED TO STAY HERE FOR A STAY OF LESS THAN 15 DAYS WILL THEREFORE NOT BE ACCEPTED.

+EXTENSIONS OF STAY WILL NOT NORMALLY BE GRANTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING MARRIED IN HONG KONG AND OVERSTAYERS ARE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND REMOVAL,+ HE ADDED.

HE ADVISED THOSE WHO HAVE THE INTENTION OF COMING HERE FOR MARRIAGE OR SETTLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN THE APPROPRIATE VISA IN THEIR COUNTRY OF DOMICILE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

+THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED HONG KONG AS A VISITOR BUT UNABLE TO COMPLY WITH THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT IN GIVING NOTICE OF INTENDED MARRIAGE SHOULD RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES FOR THE SAME PROCEDURE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE HAD BEEN INCIDENTS OF EITHER COUPLE BECOMING VICTIMS OF BOGUS MARRIAGES IN THE PAST.

MOST OF THE DECEIVED BRIDEGROOMS WERE LOCAL MIDDLE-AGED MEN WHO OFTEN HAD TO PAY SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR A WIFE. AFTER A SHORT PERIOD OF COHABITATION, THEIR WIVES WOULD DISAPPEAR.

IN SOME CASES, HOWEVER, THE VICTIMS WERE YOUNG BRIDES USUALLY FROM SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES, WHO SOUGHT A LUXURIOUS LIFE IN HONG KONG.

+WHEN THEY ARRIVED, THEY FOUND THEMSELVES SOLD TO SOME MIDDLE-AGED MEN IN SOME SQUATTER HUTS ON HILLSIDES, AND WOULD LATER APPROACH US FOR ASSISTANCE,+ HE ADDED.

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SAFETY IN OPERATING CONCRETE PUMPS

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BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS WERE URGED TODAY (MONDAY) TO TAKE ADEQUATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN OPERATING CONCRETE PUMPS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID MORE HIGH-PRESSURE CONCRETE PUMP DELIVERY SYSTEMS WERE USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

+ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SUCH EQUIPMENT ARE MAINLY DUE TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION, POOR MAINTENANCE OR INCORRECT HANDLING BY UNTRAINED OPERATORS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMMON FAULTS WERE BURSTING OF THE PIPELINE DUE TO BLOCKAGE IN THE PNEUMATIC SYSTEM AND UNCONTROLLED SHOOTING OUT OF THE PISTON BALL AT THE DISCHARGE END OF THE PIPELINE, HE EXPLAINED.

BUILDING CONTRACTORS SHOULD ENGAGE ONLY COMPETENT WORKERS TO OPERATE CONCRETE PUMPS AND INEXPERIENCED OPERATORS SHOULD BE TRAINED AND PROPERLY SUPERVISED, HE ADDED.

A COMPETENT OPERATOR MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE PARTICULAR MODEL BEING USED, KNOW THE LIMITATIONS OF THE PUMP, UNDERSTAND THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF THE PUMP AND CONDUCT THOROUGH EXAMINATIONS OF THE EQUIPMENT BEFORE USE OR AFTER SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATIONS OR REPAIRS.

HE SHOULD ALSO KEEP PROPER RECORDS OR REPORTS OF THE EXAMINATIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS AS WELL AS CARRY OUT REGULAR CLEANING AND PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE PIPELINES, HOSES AND FITTINGS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COPIES OF A GUIDE CONTAINING RELEVANT SAFETY HINTS FOR THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE SENT TO ALL BUILDING CONTRACTORS AND SITE PERSONNEL FOR REFERENCE.

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EDUCATIONAL EVENTS TO MARK IYDP

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS PLANNED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITH COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS TO MARK THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS (IYDP).

A +SISTER SCHOOLS+ SCHEME WILL BE CONDUCTED YEAR-ROUND UNDER WHICH A SPECIAL SCHOOL WILL TEAM UP WITH AN ORDINARY SCHOOL AND STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN JOINT FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

THIS SCHEME IS BEING IMPLEMENTED WITH LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL - DISTRICT 303.

A PAMPHLET PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IS BEING PREPARED BY THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+THIS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HANG SENG BANK LTD, AND WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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WITH THE HELP OF THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, SIX LECTURES WILL BE DELIVERED ON NEW TRENDS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION BY EXPERTS IN THE RELATED FIELDS.

THE LECTURES STARTED ON JANUARY 10 AND THE LAST WILL BE DELIVERED ON FEBRUARY 28.

THE DEPARTMENT, WITH THE CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB, CONDUCTED A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION LAST YEAR AMONG STUDENTS TO MARK IYDP.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL CONCOURSE ON FEBRUARY 14 AND 15. THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL ALSO BE HELD DURING THE EXHIBITION.

THE DEPARTMENT AIMS TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS TO JOIN YOUTH ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS RED CROSS, BOY SCOUTS, GIRL GUIDES, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS, AND DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR THIS PURPOSE A +JOIN IN+ EXHIBITION WILL BE AT THE HO MAN TIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL ON MARCH 21 FROM 10 AM TO NOON WHEN CHILDREN FROM SPECIAL SCHOOLS CAN VISIT STALLS SET UP BY VARIOUS YOUTH ORGANISATIONS TO OBTAIN A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR WORK.

ART AND CRAFT WORK BY SPECIAL EDUCATION CHILDREN WILL BE DISPLAYED IN AN EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE FROM JULY 25 TO AUGUST 4.

ON THE SPORTS SIDE, AN ATHLETIC MEETING OF THE ABLE-BODIED AND THE DISABLED WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 15 AND 22.

THIS WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS AND THE ISLAND JAYCEES, AND WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND.

AN ESSAY COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN APRIL AND MAY AMONG PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE DISABLED AS A PART OF THE COMMUNITY.

THIS COMPETITION WILL BE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS UNION AND WAH KIU YAT PO.

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NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES FOR TSZ WAN SHAN
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THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN WONG TAI SIN HAVE ARRANGED A SERIES OF SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN TSZ WAN SHAN TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

AMONG THE ACTIVITIES, WHICH RANGE FROM SPORTS TO MUSIC, ARE A BASKETBALL COMPETITION AND A LUNAR NEW YEAR FUN DAY.

THE BASKETBALL COMPETITION IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE HANG LUNG BANK.

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IT WILL BE OPEN TO PEOPLE LIVING, STUDYING, OR WORKING IN TSZ WAN SHAN BUT ENTRIES WILL BE LIMITED TO 16 TEAMS.

THE COMPETITION WILL START AT 10.30 AM ON FEBRUARY 15 (SUNDAY), AFTER AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 9.30 AM AT TSZ WAN SHAN CENTRAL PLAYGROUND.

MR S.R. SELBY, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN), MR Y.Y. CHAN, RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN) AND MR HERBERT HUNG, BRANCH MANAGER OF HANG LUNG BANK WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

A FRIENDSHIP MATCH BETWEEN THE STAFF OF TSZ WAN SHAN BRANCH, HANG LUNG BANK AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN) WILL BE HELD AS PART OF THE CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT.

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YAN YAT DINNER FOR TAI PO ELDERLY

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A DINNER FOR THE ELDERLY IS TO BE HELD IN TAI PO ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 11) AND WILL BE ATTENDED BY 600 LOCAL RESIDENTS ALL AGED OVER 70.

THE PARTY FALLS ON THE SEVENTH DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WHICH ACCORDING TO CHINESE CUSTOM IS YAN YAT -- EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY.

IT IS BEING ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES AS PART OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

COSTS WILL BE MET BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND PRIVATE DONATIONS FROM COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE ELDEST GUEST AT THE PARTY WILL BE MR WONG KWOK-SHOU, AGED 103, WHO WILL RECEIVE A GOLDEN DISH AS A SOUVENIR.

THE NEXT FOUR ELDEST, WHO ARE ALL CLOSE TO 100 YEARS OLD, WILL ALSO BE AWARDED A SOUVENIR EACH.

ALL THOSE ATTENDING THE DINNER WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A +LAI SEE+ PACKET AS A TOKEN OF BLESSING.

ALSO ATTENDING THE PARTY WILL BE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS NG.

TAI PO NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS, WHICH BEGAN ON FEBRUARY 3, WILL LAST TWO WEEKS.

A CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE CAR PARK ON FEBRUARY 19 WHICH WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY SCHOOL BANDS, TAI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND DANCE GROUPS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS.

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