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HELPING THE SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED

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THE RANGE OF ABILITY WITHIN THE CATEGORY OF SEVERE MENTAL HANDICAP IS VERY WIDE AND MANY SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED PEOPLE, IF PROVIDED WITH PROPER CARE, TRAINING AND STIMULATION, CAN MAKE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LIMITED FACULTIES AND CAPABILITIES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE PO LEUNG KUK BOARD, HE SAID THAT FOR SOME SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO ALSO SUFFERED FROM PHYSICAL ABNORMALITIES OR DISABILITIES, HOSPITAL CARE REMAINED THE ONLY PRACTICAL OPTION.

+HOWEVER, IT IS THOUGHT THAT ONLY ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF ALL SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED PERSONS NEED TO BE CONFINED TO HOSPITAL CARE. PRESENT PLANNING SEEKS TO PROVIDE FOR THE OTHER TWO-THIRDS EITHER IN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS OR HOMES OR THROUGH THE PROVISION OF DAY CARE SUPPORT SERVICES TO ENABLE THEM TO REMAIN WITH THEIR FAMILIES,+ HE SAID.

MR ALLEYNE STRESSED THAT +THE AVAILABILITY OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED ADULTS IS ESSENTIAL, NOT ONLY IN MANY CASES TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO THOSE OF THEIR FAMILIES WHO, EVEN IF WELL-INTENTIONED, MAY BE UNABLE TO CATER TO THEIR NEEDS.+

IN A RESIDENTIAL SETTING, IT IS POSSIBLE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TRAINED WORKERS NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE FOR THE DAILY LIVING NEEDS OF THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED PERSON, BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE STIMULATION AND WORK ACTIVITY PROGRAMMES SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO DEVELOP NEW SKILLS AND TO INCREASE HIS INTEREST IN THE WORLD AROUND HIM.

+AFTER YEARS OF BEING ALMOST TOTALLY IGNORED, MANY SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED ADULTS RESPOND ASTONISHINGLY TO THE STIMULI OF COMMUNAL LIFE AND A DAILY PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITY,+ MR ALLEYNE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT THE 1981 REVIEW OF THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN ESTIMATED A DEMAND FOR SOME 760 PLACES IN RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

+THIS MAY WELL BE UNDER-ESTIMATED AND WE MUST KEEP OUR PLANNING TARGETS FLEXIBLE,+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT ONLY 130 PLACES ARE AVAILABLE.

MR ALLEYNE SAID THAT THE KUK, WHICH ALREADY PROVIDED SHELTERED WORK AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, HAD AGREED, IN 1980, TO SPONSOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL PROJECT FOR 200 SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED ADULTS IN O PUI SHAN, OF WHICH PHASE I WAS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN EARLY 1983.

THIS PROJECT +CLEARLY REPRESENTS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EFFORTS TO EXPAND SERVICES AND REDUCE CURRENT SHORTFALLS,+ HE SAID.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WAS HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST THE KUK'S WORK WITH THE GRANTING OF A SITE AND SUPPORT FOR THE NECESSARY CAPITAL AND RECURRENT SUBSIDIES.

+THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE KUK AND THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO MUCH TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE FACILITIES AND RESOURCES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS PROJECT,+ HE SAID.

+IN THE LAST ANALYSIS, HOWEVER, IT WILL BE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE STAFF MEMBERS THEMSELVES WHICH WILL BE MOST VITAL AND WE MUST SUPPORT THEM IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.+

REFERRING TO THE NUMBER OF SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, MR ALLEYNE SAID THE OVERSEAS INCIDENCE RATES SUGGESTED THAT ON AVERAGE 0.1 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION WOULD BE SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED.

ON THIS BASIS, THERE WOULD BE SOME 2 000 SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED ADULTS IN HONG KONG.

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WARNING ON SPOTLIGHTS THAT CAN KILL
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY REITERATED A WARNING TO WORKERS THAT SPOTLIGHTS, COMMONLY USED IN CONSTRUCTION SITES, CAN KILL IF THEY ARE DEFECTIVE.

THE WARNING FOLLOWED A FATAL ACCIDENT ON AUGUST 24 WHEN A CONSTRUCTION WORKER WAS ELECTROCUTED BY A DEFECTIVE SPOTLIGHT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THAT INVESTIGATIONS INTO THIS ACCIDENT REVEALED THAT THE CABLE INSULATION OF THE SPOTLIGHT INVOLVED WAS DAMAGED BY THE SHARP EDGES INSIDE THE LAMPHOLDER. FURTHERMORE, IT WAS FOUND THAT THERE WAS NO EARTHING CONNECTION PROVIDED FOR THE SPOTLIGHT.

HE ADDED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS ISSUING WARNING NOTICES TO ALL CONSTRUCTION SITES IN ORDER TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF CONTRACTORS TO THE POSSIBLE DEFECTS IN THIS TYPE OF SPOTLIGHTS.

CONTRACTORS ARE ALSO ADVISED OF THE NEED TO CHECK THE CABLE INSULATION AND EARTHING CONNECTION BEFORE PUTTING THE LIGHTS INTO USE.

INDUSTRIAL USERS SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT PROPER MAINTENANCE IS GIVEN TO SPOTLIGHTS AND ALL OTHER ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THEY SHOULD SEEK ADVICE FROM THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IF THEY ARE IN DOUBT.

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FORUM ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN TAI PO
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TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD AN OPEN FORUM ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 30) AT TAI WING SQUARE, STARTING AT 4.30 PM.

THE FORUM WILL BE CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, WHO WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE NEW SYSTEM.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN WONG- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHEUNG HON-KAU, AND THREE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, MR HERBERT LAU, MR HUNG MEI-TAK AND MR CHAN HAK-LAU.

MR WONG WILL TALK ON THE EVOLUTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CONSULTATIVE SYSTEM AND MR CHEUNG WILL OUTLINE THE DUTIES OF A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

MR LAU, WHO WORKS IN TAI PO, WILL TALK ABOUT HIS EXPECTATIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD. MR HUNG, AN INDIGENOUS RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT, WILL TALK ABOUT HIS EXPECTATIONS OF ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, WHILE MR CHAN, A NEWCOMER TO TAI PO, WILL POINT OUT WAYS THE DISTRICT BOARD CAN HELP INCOMING RESIDENTS.

MEANWHILE, STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAVE BEEN PAYING DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO EXPLAIN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE PROCEDURES FOR REGISTERING AS VOTERS AND CANDIDATES.

UP TO NOW, MORE THAN 2 500 FAMILIES FROM YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, TAI YUEN ESTATE AND 70 VILLAGES HAVE BEEN VISITED.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT 4 000 HOUSEHOLDS WILL HAVE BEEN VISITED BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO ARRANGED 10 SEMINARS ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS, VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

FOR THE ELECTIONS, TAI PO WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FIVE CONSTITUENCIES WITH NINE POLLING STATIONS.

DURING THE VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO OCTOBER 12, STAFF OF TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL DISTRIBUTE FORMS TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD AND HELP LOCAL PEOPLE TO COMPLETE THEM.

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SPECIAL TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUNG MARINE ENGINEERS
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THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS TO OFFER A SYSTEMATIC TRAINING PROGRAMME THIS OCTOBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BECOME QUALIFIED MARINE ENGINEERS.

THE PREPARATORY COURSES, WHICH WILL BE RUN ON A SHORT FULL-TIME BASIS, ARE INTENDED FOR THOSE WHO POSSESS SOME MARINE ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE TO SIT FOR THE EXAMINATIONS FOR CLASSES THREE AND FOUR CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY, WHICH ARE CONDUCTED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT IN HONG KONG ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S DEPARTMENT OF TRADE.

THE ACTING PRINCIPAL OF THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MR KO CHEUK-LUEN, SAID THE INSTITUTE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS THE FIRST INSTITUTION IN HONG KONG TO RUN SUCH A SYSTEMATIC TRAINING COURSE FOR MARINE ENGINEERS CLASSES THREE AND FOUR.

+AT PRESENT, PEOPLE HAVE TO RELY ON SELF-STUDY IN ORDER TO SIT FOR THE EXAMINATIONS, THUS LACKING A METHODOICAL PREPARATORY PROGRAMME AND FORMAL TRAINING,+ MR KO SAID.

MR KO SAID HE HOPED THAT THE TEACHING PROGRAMME WOULD PROVIDE THE MARITIME BUSINESS WITH MORE QUALIFIED MARINE ENGINEERS.

APPLICANTS FOR BOTH COURSES SHOULD HAVE SOME FORM OF RECOGNISED INITIAL TRAINING AND SEA SERVICE AS A JUNIOR MARINE ENGINEER ON BOARD OCEAN-GOING VESSELS.

THE PERIOD OF SEA SERVICE, WHICH WILL ALSO BE ASSESSED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, IS NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS FOR CLASS FOUR AND NOT LESS THAN 21 MONTHS FOR CLASS THREE.

ON PASSING THE EXAMINATIONS OF COMPETENCY, THEY WILL BECOME CERTIFICATED MARINE ENGINEERS CLASSES THREE AND FOUR.

MR KO POINTED OUT THAT DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF VESSEL, THE MONTHLY SALARY FOR A CLASS FOUR MARINE ENGINEER MIGHT REACH \$5 000 WHILE A CLASS THREE ENGINEER COULD EARN \$7 000 A MONTH.

AND THEY MAY ALSO PURSUE HIGHER CLASS CERTIFICATES IN THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

IN ADDITION TO FULLY QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS, THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HAS A MARINE FITTING WORKSHOP EQUIPPED WITH THE NECESSARY TEACHING FACILITIES, INCLUDING A STEAM BOILER, A STEAM TURBINE, A DIESEL ENGINE TEST-BED AND MARINE PUMPS, WHICH HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE ENGINE ROOM OF A VESSEL.

THE COURSES, WHICH START IN OCTOBER, WILL RUN FROM 9 AM TO 4.10 PM EACH DAY, FIVE DAYS A WEEK. THE DURATION FOR CLASS FOUR COURSE IS THREE WEEKS WHILE THAT FOR CLASS THREE IS 12 WEEKS.

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SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
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A SEMINAR WAS HELD BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE NGAU TAU KOK CARITAS CENTRE LAST NIGHT TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AND ENCOURAGE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS.

MORE THAN 300 RESIDENTS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR.

THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR DAVID TSUI PRESIDED, AND THE DISCUSSION LASTED ABOUT TWO HOURS.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS FOR SALE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 29), IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL, FROM 10 AM.

A TOTAL OF 35 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR BIDDING. THEY ARE :

CM 277	CM 811	7650	CM 211	CM 968	CL 9928	CM 1123
CM 8223	CM 329	BK 3443	AF 1881	CM 928	CP 1	CM 110
CL 8613	CM 320	CL 8828	CM 5	AX 1283	CM 987	CM 887
CL 8698	CM 1288	CL 8109	BU 9944	CM 333	CM 911	CM 332
HK 1955	BL 7000	CM 308	CM 238	BS 8	CM 449	CN 238

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL AS USUAL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE COMING AUCTION WILL BE THE 67TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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CLEAN HONG KONG POSTER AND SLOGAN COMPETITION

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THE SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IS ORGANISING A TERRITORY-WIDE CLEAN HONG KONG POSTER DESIGN AND SLOGAN COMPETITION AS A MAJOR ACTIVITY TO AROUSE PUBLIC ATTENTION IN KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

THE BEST ENTRY WILL BE USED FOR A POSTER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THE AIM OF THE COMPETITION IS TO AROUSE AWARENESS AMONG RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

THE COMPETITION IS FINANCED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE.

THE THEMES FOR THE ENTRIES SHOULD CENTRE ON HOW TO KEEP HOME, SCHOOLS, FACTORIES, VEHICLES, BEACHES AND ALL OTHER PLACES CLEAN.

NO MORE THAN THREE COLOURS MAY BE USED, AND ENTRIES SUBMITTED SHOULD BE ON A SHEET OF PAPER OF 51MM X 76MM (I.E. 20IN. X 30IN.), PREFERABLY MOUNTED ON A CARDBOARD PAPER.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND ENTRIES SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES IN ADDITION TO CASH COUPONS OF \$1 000, \$700 AND \$500 RESPECTIVELY. SEVEN RUNNERS-UP WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

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BOOK EXHIBITION ON +LEISURE PURSUITS+

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AN EXHIBITION OF BOOKS AND PERIODICALS ON LEISURE PURSUITS WILL BE HELD AT THREE OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES - THE KWAI CHUNG PUBLIC LIBRARY (AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 7), THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC LIBRARY (SEPTEMBER 9 - SEPTEMBER 15) AND THE TAI PO PUBLIC LIBRARY (SEPTEMBER 18 - SEPTEMBER 23).

THE EXHIBITION IS ARRANGED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

THE COLLECTION CONSISTS OF ABOUT 330 TITLES OF BOOKS AND 42 PERIODICALS IN ENGLISH, COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS ON INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, RECREATION, ARTS AND CRAFTS, HOBBIES, GAMES AND SPORTS.

SINCE THIS IS A TRAVELLING EXHIBITION, BOOKS ON DISPLAY WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN. HOWEVER, TITLES WHICH ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES PUBLIC LIBRARIES MAY BE BORROWED FOR HOME READING.

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