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NEW TECHNIQUE FOR TRAINING SEVERELY  
MENTALLY-RETARDED BROUGHT HERE

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A HIGHLY-EFFECTIVE TECHNIQUE IN THE TRAINING OF SEVERELY MENTALLY-RETARDED CHILDREN - THE +BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION APPROACH+ - WAS BROUGHT TO HONG KONG THIS WEEK UNDER A TRAINING WORKSHOP BY A BRITISH RESEARCH PSYCHOLOGIST.

MISS JUDITH MCBRIEN, ATTACHED TO THE HESTER ADRIAN RESEARCH CENTRE, A LEADING INSTITUTION IN THE STUDY OF LEARNING PROCESSES IN THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED, WAS INVITED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO TRAIN SIX EDUCATIONISTS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND AIDED SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN A FIVE-DAY EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY YOUNG WORKSHOP (EDY) WHICH STARTED ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 30).

MISS MCBRIEN, A FORMER DIRECTOR OF AN EDY PROJECT IN BRITAIN, SAID RESEARCH ON THE BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION APPROACH WAS STARTED BY MR B.F. SKINNERS IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE 1950'S BUT THE METHOD WAS NOT POPULARISED UNTIL THE EARLY 1970'S.

EXPLAINING THE PRINCIPLES OF THIS APPROACH, MISS MCBRIEN SAID IT INVOLVES DETERMINING RETARDED CHILD'S +BASELINE+ FIRST BY ASKING HIM TO DO A PROGRESSIVELY DIFFICULT SERIES OF TASKS SUCH AS MATCHING TWO CIRCLES AND TWO SQUARES.

+THE CHILD, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE PUNISHED IF HE SHOULD MAKE A WRONG MOVE. HE WILL BE REWARDED FOR MERELY TRYING JUST TO MAINTAIN HIS INTEREST.+

IT TAKES, HOWEVER, A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF PATIENCE TO FIND OUT WHAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A +REWARD+ FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD. A RATTLE, FOR INSTANCE, MAY AMUSE ONE WHILE IT WILL ONLY IRRITATE ANOTHER.

THIS +REWARD+ FOR A CERTAIN CHILD IS DETERMINED THROUGH +SEQUENTIAL SAMPLING+, WHICH INVOLVES THE PRESENTING OF VARIOUS OBJECTS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO THE CHILD WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE FOOD, TOYS, MUSIC BOX, AND TINFOIL.

THE OTHER WAY TO FIND THE RIGHT +REWARD+ FOR A CHILD IS THROUGH +MULTIPLE CHOICE+, WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE CHILD TO SELECT FROM A WIDE RANGE OF OBJECTS ONE THAT HAS THE GREATEST APPEAL TO HIM.

AFTER A CHILD'S +BASELINE+ OF INTELLIGENCE-CAPABILITY IS ESTABLISHED, THE +REWARD+ WOULD BE USED TO PROMPT HIM TO DO PROGRESSIVELY-DIFFICULT TASKS.

MISS JOSEPHINE PANG, AN ASSISTANT INSPECTOR AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ONE OF THE WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS, SAID : +A TASK, HOWEVER, COULD INVOLVE SEVERAL STEPS. TAKE, FOR INSTANCE, THE SIMPLE ACT OF PUTTING ON A JUMPER. IT MAY HAVE TO BE SEPARATED INTO FOUR STEPS-PULL JUMPER OVER HEAD, INSERT ONE ARM IN ONE SLEEVE, INSERT THE OTHER ARM INTO THE OTHER SLEEVE, PULL JUMPER DOWN.+

PUTTING THIS INTO PRACTICE, HOWEVER, SEEMED SOMEWHAT MORE DIFFICULT, AS WAS SHOWN FROM ONE OF THE PRACTICAL TRAINING SESSIONS HELD IN THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MANY OF THE RETARDED CHILDREN WOULD EITHER RESIST, TRY TO RUN AWAY OR SIMPLY LOSE INTEREST AFTER MAKING ONE MOVE.

IT WAS THEN THAT THE +CARROT+ - BUT NO +STICK+ - WOULD BE DANGLED BEFORE THE CHILD WHO WOULD THEN BE ALLOWED TO PLAY WITH IT MOMENTARILY BEFORE IT WAS TAKEN AWAY. THE CHILD WAS THEN MADE TO CONTINUE WITH THE NEXT STEP OF THE TASK.

+THE METHOD IS EFFECTIVE BUT IT REQUIRES CONCENTRATED AND PATIENT EFFORT FROM THE INSTRUCTOR,+ MISS PANG ADDED.

MRS WINNIFRED CHOW, A SENIOR EDUCATION INSPECTOR AND AN OBSERVER AT THE WORKSHOP, SAID THIS METHOD COULD BE USED TO TRAIN THE SEVERELY MENTALLY-RETARDED WHO NORMALLY WOULD NOT EVEN BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES. BUT SHE ADMITTED THAT IT COULD NOT TRAIN THEM TO THE EXTENT OF MAKING THEM LITERATE.

MRS CHOW SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH RUNS FIVE SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVERELY-HANDICAPPED, PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 304 PLACES, SIMPLY COULD NOT FIND ENOUGH QUALIFIED SPECIAL TEACHERS FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY-RETARDED.

+ONLY ONE THIRD OF OUR 53 TEACHERS HAVE RECEIVED TRAINING IN SPECIAL EDUCATION BECAUSE THESE SCHOOLS - FORMERLY CALLED CENTRES UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT - HAD COME UNDER THE ED'S CONTROL FOR ONLY ONE OR TWO YEARS.+

+THIS WORKSHOP, YOU MIGHT SAY, IS PART OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUR RESOURCES IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA OF NEED.+

+ADDITIONALLY, ANOTHER TWO SCHOOLS FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WILL COME INTO OPERATION UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT RESPECTIVELY IN 1982,+ MRS CHOW ADDED.

GRADUATES OF THE EDY WORKSHOP WOULD BE EXPECTED TO INSTRUCT OTHER TEACHERS FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED CHILDREN+ IN A PYRAMIDAL SPREADING OF THEIR NEWLY-ACQUIRED EXPERTISE,+ MRS CHOW SAID.

MISS MCBRIEN, WHO WAS PAID BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ONLY FOR HER EXPENSES, WILL STAY ON IN HONG KONG FOR ANOTHER WEEK AFTER THE WORKSHOP TO PARTICIPATE AS A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL IN THE FIFTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON MENTAL RETARDATION TO BE HELD AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL FROM DECEMBER 6-11.

ASIDE FROM MISS PANG, OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE WORKSHOP ARE: MISS YUEN PUI-YEE, A LECTURER AT THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION- MISS ROSA CHING, HEADMISTRESS OF PINEHILL VILLAGE NO. 3 SCHOOL- MISS LINDA WONG AND MRS AVA KWONG, BOTH INSPECTORS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND MISS EDITH LEE, EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

LEARN FROM LIFE, SAYS MR TOPLEY

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+IT IS GOOD TO BE A GOOD STUDENT AND LEARN FROM BOOKS AND FROM ONE'S TEACHERS BUT IT IS BETTER BY FAR ALSO TO BE A GOOD LEARNER FROM LIFE ITSELF.+

THIS ADVICE CAME TODAY (SATURDAY) FROM THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, THE HON KENNETH TOPLEY, WHEN HE ADDRESSED STUDENTS OF NING PO COLLEGE ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ANNUAL SPEECH DAY.

MR TOPLEY ALSO SAID THAT THERE IS NO END TO KNOWLEDGE AND THAT ONE LEARNS FROM EVERYDAY EXPERIENCE A GREAT DEAL WHICH CANNOT BE WRITTEN DOWN.

HE ADMITTED THAT LEARNING COULD BE AN UNCOMFORTABLE PROCESS AND THAT ONE OF THE MOST INCONVENIENT ELEMENTS OF LEARNING IS UNLEARNING.

SO AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF LEARNING IS UNLEARNING, HE SAID, QUOTING AN EXAMPLE FROM THE BRITISH PHILOSOPHER HUME WHO, IN SUMMING UP HIS LIFE'S WORK, SAID +I HAVE MADE A BONFIRE OF RUBBISH+. MR TOPLEY ADVISED THAT ANYONE WHO ASPIRES TO BE WELL DRESSED SHOULD GO TO THEIR WARDROBE AND THROW OUT ALL THEIR OLD CLOTHES.

+THE GREATEST HINDRANCE TO FRESH LEARNING,+ MR TOPLEY SAID, +IS A TOO RESTRICTIVE NOTION OF WHAT KNOWLEDGE AND LEARNING ARE.

+RATHER MORE THAN 200 YEARS AGO, A GREAT MOVEMENT WAS STARTED TO ORGANISE ALL KNOWLEDGE INTO ENCYCLOPAEDIAS.

+ENCYCLOPAEDIAS ARE STILL WITH US, AND VERY USEFUL THEY ARE. BUT THEY CANNOT BE THE WHOLE OF KNOWLEDGE,+ HE ADDED.

EARLIER, MR TOPLEY REFERRED TO A REQUEST BY THE PRINCIPAL OF NING PO COLLEGE THAT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION AND THE STRUCTURAL APPROACH TO LEARNING ENGLISH BE BROUGHT BACK AND SAID THAT THOSE WERE ESSENTIALLY INSTITUTIONS OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST APPROPRIATE TO DIFFERENT SOCIAL CONDITIONS, WHEN THOSE ENTERING SECONDARY SCHOOL AND LEARNING ENGLISH WERE A SMALLER AND MORE HOMOGENEOUS GROUP PREPARING FOR A LESS COMPLEX WORLD.

+WE CANNOT MAINTAIN THE ARRANGEMENTS SUITABLE FOR AN ERA WHEN A MINORITY WENT TO SECONDARY SCHOOL INTO AN ERA WHEN EVERYONE GOES TO SECONDARY SCHOOL,+ HE SAID.

MR TOPLEY ADDED THAT FURTHER ADJUSTMENTS WOULD BE MADE IN THE FUTURE AND ASKED THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TESTS AND THE COMMUNICATIVE APPROACH TO TEACHING LANGUAGES BE GIVEN TIME TO SUCCEED.

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HAZARDS OF INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATION STUDIED  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED CONSULTANTS TO UNDERTAKE A STUDY OF THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS THAT MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH EXISTING AND FUTURE INDUSTRIAL INSTALLATIONS ON TSING YI ISLAND.

A CONTRACT TO THIS EFFECT WAS SIGNED BY MR C.N. FONG, PROJECT MANAGER (TSUEN WAN), OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AND DR ROBIN BIDWELL, DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES LTD. (E.R.L.) WHO SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE FIRMS E.R.L., TECHNICA AND WATSON HAWKSLEY ASIA.

THE STUDY WILL BE THE FIRST MAJOR PROFESSIONAL HAZARD ASSESSMENT UNDERTAKEN IN HONG KONG, ALTHOUGH STUDIES OF THIS TYPE ARE NOW COMMON IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THE PURPOSE OF THE STUDY IS TO ASSIST GOVERNMENT ASSESS POSSIBLE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE STORAGE AND MANUFACTURE OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND ENSURE THAT SUCH RISKS ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY THE EMERGENCY SERVICES AS WELL AS IN FUTURE PLANNING DECISIONS.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THIS STUDY SHOULD FORM THE BASIS FOR FUTURE ASSESSMENTS THAT MAY BE NEEDED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY WHERE POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ARE HANDLED.

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NEW OPERATION FOR AIRPORT MAXICAB  
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A NEW OPERATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 15 WITHIN THE AIRPORT BETWEEN AIR PASSENGER TERMINAL AND AIR CARGO TERMINAL WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY(DECEMBER 7).

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE FROM EARLY MORNING TO MIDNIGHT, AT 12-MINUTE FREQUENCIES DURING PEAK PERIODS AND EVERY 15 MINUTES DURING OFF-PEAK HOURS.

UNDER THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT, ADDITIONAL TRIPS WILL ALSO BE OPERATED FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY BETWEEN THE KOWLOON CITY FERRY AND THE AIR CARGO TERMINAL DURING PEAK HOURS.

REVISED SCHEDULES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE VEHICLES AND ALSO AT THE TERMINAL POINTS.

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SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT TO BE EXTENDED INTO FOURTH WEEK  
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SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT, WHICH STARTS NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 13), HAS HAD TO BE EXTENDED INTO A FOURTH WEEK SO THAT ALL ITEMS CAN BE INCLUDED.

THE FORTNIGHT WAS ORIGINALLY TO HAVE RUN FROM DECEMBER 20 TO JANUARY 3, BUT WAS ADVANCED ONE WEEK BECAUSE OF THE RESPONSE TO PARTICIPATION.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR. MA LIN, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE FORTNIGHT AT THE SIR RUN RUN SHAW HALL, FOLLOWING WHICH THE FIRST EVENT, A CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA, WILL TAKE PLACE.

THE 22-DAY PROGRAMME CONTAINS A WIDE RANGE OF EVENTS, INCLUDING SEMINARS, CANTONESE OPERA, AND HISTORY, PAINTING, CALLIGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITIONS.

THERE WILL BE A CHINESE MUSIC CONCERT, A CHRISTMAS CONCERT ON DECEMBER 22 AND A CHRISTMAS VARIETY SHOW THE FOLLOWING DAY.

OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE PUPPET, ACROBATIC AND DRAMA SHOWS, AN OUTDOOR BAND CONCERT, SONGS FROM CHINESE OPERA, CHINESE FOLK SONGS AND DANCE, AND A PERFORMANCE BY THE INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET.

EVENTS WILL BE HELD AT MANY VENUES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT, WITH MOST OF THE CONCERTS TAKING PLACE IN THE HALL OF THE CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE NEAR TAI WAI.

BESIDES THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE INTERNATIONAL STRING QUARTET, OTHER PROFESSIONAL PERFORMERS WILL INCLUDE THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, THE PAN ASIA ORCHESTRA, THE MUSIC LOVERS CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE MUK LAN DANCE TROUPE AND THE HONG KONG REPERTORY THEATRE.

A WEEK OF CANTONESE OPERA WILL BE STAGED FROM DECEMBER 21 - 27 BY THE CHOR FUNG MING OPERA TROUPE. THE LUNG CHEUNG OPERA TROUPE FROM RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL PERFORM ON DECEMBER 19.

SHA TIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE DRAMA GROUP, SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION CANTONESE OPERA TRAINING CLASS AND DISTRICT DANCE TROUPES WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME.

A FEATURE OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE AN EXHIBITION OF LOCAL HISTORY TO BE HELD AT SHA TIN PUBLIC SCHOOL, TAI WAI, FROM DECEMBER 16 - 21.

THE FORTNIGHT IS BEING JOINTLY PRESENTED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MUSIC OFFICE.

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THE BUDGET IS ABOUT \$750 000, OF WHICH \$300 000 FOR THE ONE-WEEK CANTONESE OPERA IS BEING PROVIDED BY TAI WAI VILLAGE OFFICE.

THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL PROVIDE \$105 000 AND THE ARTS ASSOCIATION \$40 000.

THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MUSIC OFFICE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXPENSES OF A NUMBER OF ITEMS IN THE PROGRAMME AND THE DEFICIT WILL BE MET BY PRIVATE DONATIONS.

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EXHIBITION ON MENTAL HEALTH  
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AN EXHIBITION ON MENTAL HEALTH WILL BE MOUNTED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT SHATIN HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRE EVERY WEEKDAY FROM NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 18).

THE EXHIBITION IS TO ILLUSTRATE, THROUGH AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS, THE CAUSES OF MENTAL ILLNESSES, AND TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ON THE AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT FACILITIES AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL.

THE EXHIBITION IS CO-SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS WERE PREVIOUSLY HELD AT CITY HALL, KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

TWO PAMPHLETS ENTITLED +THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG+ AND +DEALING WITH STRESS+ WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE AT THE EXHIBITION.

MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM DAILY TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES FROM VISITORS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY REACH THE DISPLAY CENTRE, LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE NEWLY OPENED LEK YUEN HEALTH CENTRE, SHA TIN BY BUS ROUTES 70, 70M, 71, 72, 72A, 72M, 87 AND 89 OF KMB.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO FIGHT CRIME COMPETITIONS

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THE RESPONSE TO THE TWO FIGHT CRIME COMPETITIONS FOR HONG KONG'S YOUTH HAD BEEN EXTREMELY GOOD, WITH MORE THAN 1 000 ENTRIES RECEIVED.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY MR GEORGE YUEN, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME SINGING AND DRAMA COMPETITIONS.

+FOR THE SINGING COMPETITION, WE HAVE RECEIVED MORE THAN 1 000 ENTRIES FROM BOTH YOUNG WORKERS AND STUDENTS. FOR THE INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION, 54 SCHOOLS HAVE APPLIED AND SENT IN THEIR SCRIPTS,+ SAID MR YUEN.

+THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS IS MORE THAN WE ANTICIPATED AND WE ARE PLEASED AT THE ENTHUSIASTIC WAY THE PUBLIC, STUDENTS IN PARTICULAR, HAVE RESPONDED,+ MR YUEN ADDED.

THE TWO COMPETITIONS, ORGANISED AS PART OF THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN 1981/82, ARE AIMED AT MOTIVATING AND EDUCATING THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THROUGH HEALTHY, MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES, TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE JUVENILE AND YOUTH CRIME PROBLEM.

+IN VIEW OF THE ENORMOUS NUMBER OF ENTRANTS FOR THE SINGING COMPETITION, EXTRA AUDITIONING SESSIONS HAVE HAD TO BE ORGANISED FOR EARLY NEXT MONTH AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TOWARDS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONGKOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE MING KEI COLLEGE FOR PROVIDING THEIR PREMISES FOR THESE AUDITIONS,+ MR YUEN SAID.

THE ADJUDICATORS AT THE AUDITION WILL BE MR SZETO CHI-CHIU, MISS FIDELIA LEIGH, MR LEUNG YAT-CHIU, MISS PENELOPE CHAN, MR CHANG CHUN-YIN AND MR ARMANDO LAI, ALL RENOWNED LOCAL MUSICIANS.

FIVE WINNING GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS FROM THE OPEN DIVISION AND ANOTHER FIVE FROM THE SCHOOLS DIVISION OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE SELECTED TO COMPETE IN THE FINALS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 16, 1982 AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

FOR EACH DIVISION, THERE WILL BE CASH PRIZES OF \$5 000, \$3 000 AND \$2 000 FOR THE BEST THREE FINALISTS RESPECTIVELY. MR EDMOND CHAM, A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN, AND THE POLYGRAM RECORDS LTD ARE SPONSORING THE PRIZES FOR THE CONTEST.

THE DRAMA COMPETITION, WHICH IS OPEN TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO CATEGORIES: SCRIPT-WRITING AND STAGE PERFORMANCE.

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A TOTAL OF 54 SCRIPTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND THE PANEL OF JUDGES IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING THE 15 MOST OUTSTANDING, TO ENTER INTO THE SEMI-FINALS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

EMINENT PERSONALITIES IN LOCAL DRAMA CIRCLES, NAMELY MR CHAN YAU-HOW, MISS JANE LAI, MR YUEN LAP-FUN, MR CHEUNG KING, MISS MOK FUNG-YEE, MR CHU SHUI-TONG, MR FUNG LUK-TAK AND MR CHOI SEK-CHEUNG HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ACT AS JUDGES FOR THE SEMI-FINALS. TOGETHER WITH MRS FUNG MOK YAN-LAN AND MR JAMES MAK, ADVISERS TO THIS COMPETITION, THEY WILL SELECT THE FIVE BEST TEAMS AT THE SEMI-FINALS TO COMPETE IN THE FINAL CONTEST SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE NEXT MARCH.

THE COMPETITION IS FOR CASH PRIZES OF \$3 000, \$2 000 AND \$1 000 FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TEAMS RESPECTIVELY AND TWO CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$500 EACH.

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#### TRAINING COURSE FOR INDUSTRIAL INSTRUCTORS \* \* \* \*

THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS TO A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSE FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS COMMENCING IN MID-FEBRUARY, 1982.

THE COURSE WILL REQUIRE FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT THE COLLEGE ON EVERY MONDAY FOR 15 WEEKS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY TO DAY DUTIES.

CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, AND CONTENTS WILL INCLUDE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION BASED ON THE STUDY OF EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY.

FEEES FOR THE COURSE WILL BE \$100.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY DECEMBER 19.

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AUCTION OF NT LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR STALLS  
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THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF SITES FOR SELLING FLOWERS AND DRY GOODS AT SEVEN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN DECEMBER 17 AND JANUARY 7.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE FAIRS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 18 AND 25 TO COINCIDE WITH THE YEAR END CELEBRATION.

THE UPSET PRICE FOR EACH STALL IS \$50 AND ONLY PERSONS AGED 21 OR ABOVE CAN TAKE PART IN THE AUCTION. THE HIGHEST BID ON THE FALL OF THE HAMMER WILL BE ACCEPTED IN ALL CASES.

SITE PLANS SHOWING THE STALLS TO BE AUCTIONED ARE NOW ON DISPLAY AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND URBAN SERVICES OFFICES OF THE NTSD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AT YUEN LONG, THE AUCTIONING OF 142 STALLS WILL BE TAKING PLACE AT THE OFFICE OF THE PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE AT ON NING ROAD ON DECEMBER 17.

AT TUEN MUN, ONE HUNDRED STALLS WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION AT TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL AT TAI HING ESTATE ON DECEMBER 18.

AUCTIONING OF 113 STALLS AT SHEK WU HUI AND 100 SITES AT TAI PO WILL TAKE PLACE AT FANLING SWIMMING POOL ON DECEMBER 21 AND AT THE OFFICE OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AT PO HEUNG STREET RESPECTIVELY.

ON JANUARY 5, 82 SITES AT SHA TIN WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL AT LEK YUEN ESTATE.

AT TSUEN WAN, 208 STALLS WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE AUDITORIUM OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON JANUARY 6.

THE AUCTION FOR 126 SITES AT KWAI CHUNG WILL BE HELD AT KWAI FONG COMMUNITY HALL AT LAI FONG STREET ON JANUARY 7.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4.30 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 7) AND WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 9).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING PRACTICE TIMES.

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**MORE PEOPLE SEEK LEGAL ADVICE**

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THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN HAS HANDLED A TOTAL OF 591 CASES SINCE ITS OPENING 18 MONTHS AGO.

DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, THE CENTRE HANDLED 65 CASES, SEVEN OF WHICH WERE REFERRED TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT AND ONE TO THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL.

COMMERCIAL AND MATRIMONIAL MATTERS REMAINED THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF CASES BROUGHT TO THE CENTRE.

MARCH WAS STILL THE BUSIEST MONTH WITH 46 CASES.

THE CENTRE IS ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE IN HOI PA STREET. IT IS MANNED BY TWO LAWYERS ON TUESDAY EVENINGS FROM 6.30 PM TO 9.30 PM.

IT IS ONE OF SIX CENTRES OPERATED BY THE LAW SOCIETY TO HELP THOSE SEEKING LEGAL ADVICE. THE OTHER CENTRES ARE AT MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, WAN CHAI, EASTERN DISTRICT AND SHA TIN.

THE DUTY LAWYERS ADVISE THE PUBLIC ON STEPS WHICH MAY BE OPEN TO THEM, BUT THEY CANNOT REPRESENT THEM IN COURT.

THE NATURE OF CASES HANDLED, BESIDES COMMERCIAL AND MATRIMONIAL MATTERS, INCLUDES EMPLOYMENT MATTERS, LAND AND LANDLORD/TENANT DISPUTES, CRIMINAL CASES, AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DISPUTES.

ANYONE WISHING TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE SHOULD FIRST APPROACH THEIR LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE OR PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE WHERE DETAILS OF THEIR CASE ARE TAKEN DOWN AND APPOINTMENTS WITH THE LAWYERS MADE.

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**SALT WATER CUT**

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF AREAS IN UPPER LEVEL, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 8) TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

THE AFFECTED AREA IN UPPER LEVEL IS BOUNDED BY ROBINSON ROAD FROM CASTLE ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD, MACDONNELL ROAD, SEYMOUR ROAD, CASTLE ROAD, MOSQUE STREET, MOSQUE JUNCTION AND CAINE ROAD.

THE AREA FROM ICE HOUSE STREET TO HILL ROAD, INCLUDING CONNAUGHT ROADS CENTRAL AND WEST, QUEEN'S ROADS CENTRAL AND WEST, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET, WATER STREET, ABERDEEN STREET, PEEL STREET, WYNDHAM STREET AND DES VOEUX ROADS CENTRAL AND WEST IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.