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AUGUST CONSUMER PRICES UP TWO POINTS

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THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR AUGUST 1981 WERE 121 AND 120 RESPECTIVELY, EACH BEING TWO POINTS OR 1.7 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR THE PRECEDING MONTH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

SINCE THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES WERE FIRST INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER 1980, THEY HAVE INCREASED IN THE TEN-MONTH PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1980 TO AUGUST 1981 BY 14.2 PER CENT AND 13.2 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, THE DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FROM THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID THAT THE INCREASES DURING THE TEN MONTHS GAVE ANNUALISED RATES OF INCREASE OF 17.3 PER CENT FOR THE NEW CPI(A) AND 16.0 PER CENT FOR THE NEW CPI(B). HE SAID THAT BECAUSE CONSUMER PRICES INVARIABLY INCREASED FASTER IN THE SUMMER MONTH, THE FULL YEAR'S FIGURES WERE UNLIKELY TO BE AS HIGH AS THESE ANNUALISED RATES.

THE NEW CPI(A) AND CPI(B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979-80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. AT THAT TIME, THE NEW CPI(A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE NEW CPI(B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR AUGUST 1981 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE SECTIONS OF HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE DISTINGUISHED IN THE TWO NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR JULY 1981.

SECTION	(OCTOBER 1979 - SEPTEMBER 1980 = 100) NEW CPI(A)		NEW CPI(B)	
	AUGUST 81	JULY 81	AUGUST 81	JULY 81
FOODSTUFFS	125	122	125	122
HOUSING	116	116	116	116
FUEL AND LIGHT	137	136	138	138
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	112	112	112	112
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	113	115	112	115
DURABLE GOODS	108	108	109	109
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	109	109	109	108
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	132	130	129	127
SERVICES	117	116	117	116
ALL ITEMS	121	119	120	118

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH THE NEW CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

THE ADVERSE WEATHER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH CAUSED THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY. THE AVERAGE PRICE OF MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS ALSO WENT UP.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH FRUIT AND FRESH-WATER FISH DECREASED.

THE EFFECTS OF MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN THE NEW CPI(A). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO THE NET EFFECT OF AN INCREASE IN THE PRICE OF KEROSENE AND A DECREASE IN ELECTRICITY RATES.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY TWO POINTS IN THE NEW CPI(A) AND BY THREE POINTS IN THE NEW CPI(B) BECAUSE OF LOWER PRICES FOR OUTERCLOTHING ITEMS.

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN THE NEW CPI(B) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR SOFT FURNISHINGS. THE SAME INDEX IN THE NEW CPI(A) REMAINED UNCHANGED BECAUSE OF ROUNDING.

FOLLOWING INCREASES IN TRAM FARES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUS FARES, AND IN PRICES FOR PETROL AND OIL, THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES INCREASED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH THE NEW CPI(A) AND CPI(B).

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY ONE POINT IN BOTH THE NEW CPI(A) AND CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT, CINEMA ENTERTAINMENT AND HAIR-DRESSING.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR AUGUST 1981, WHICH IS NOW ON SALE AT \$2 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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KCR SEEKS TENDERS FOR GOODS HANDLERS
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE HANDLING OF ALL GOODS, INCLUDING LIVESTOCK AND THE TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGER LUGGAGE, FOR TWO YEARS, STARTING AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.

IT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A RESTAURANT AT LO WU STATION, FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS, STARTING FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF THE TRAFFIC DIVISION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR OF KOWLOON STATION AT HUNG HOM.

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HELP FOR JOBLESS THROUGH THE 'LES'

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SOME 16 000 JOB-SEEKERS, RANGING IN AGE MOSTLY BETWEEN THEIR LATE TEENS AND LATE TWENTIES, WERE PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR BY THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

+THIS WAS ABOUT 25 PER CENT MORE THAN THE NUMBER WE FOUND JOBS FOR IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

STARTED ON A RELATIVELY SMALL SCALE IN 1964 UNDER THE NAME OF LABOUR INFORMATION SERVICE, MAINLY TO FIND WORKERS FOR INDUSTRY, THE LES, AS IT CAME TO BE KNOWN IN 1967, GRADUALLY EXPANDED ITS ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE ALL PEOPLE SEEKING JOBS IN ALL TYPES OF WORK AND OCCUPATIONS.

ALTHOUGH CATERING FOR ALL LEVELS OF EDUCATION AND TYPES OF WORK AND OCCUPATION, THE LES DECIDED ONLY IN 1973 TO SET UP A 'SPECIAL REGISTER', ESPECIALLY FOR JOB-SEEKERS IN THE TERTIARY LEVEL OF EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATION, BOTH LOCALLY AND ABROAD.

+OUR SERVICE,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +IS A FREE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGE, WHEREBY WE ENDEAVOUR TO MATCH THE RIGHT PERSON WITH THE RIGHT JOB VACANCY.+

+IT COULD BE A PLASTICS WORKER, A FITTER, OR A MACHINE OPERATOR-- OR EVEN A GIRL -- OR HOUSEWIFE SEEKING TO SUPPLEMENT THE HOUSEHOLD INCOME -- WHO WANTS A JOB IN AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY-- OR PERHAPS A CONSTRUCTION WORKER, THEY ALL COME HERE LOOKING FOR WORK.

+OR, AS RECENTLY WAS THE CASE, IT COULD BE THE GIRL NEWLY-RETURNED FROM A COLLEGE IN THE UNITED STATES, WITH A BACHELOR OF FINANCE DEGREE. AND, I'M GLAD TO SAY IN THIS CASE, WE HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING HER A POSITION AS FINANCE MANAGER IN A TRADING COMPANY -- AT A GOOD STARTING SALARY OF \$5 500 A MONTH.

+ADMITTEDLY, SHE WAS ONE OF THE LUCKIER ONES, IN THAT, WITHOUT MUCH WORKING EXPERIENCE, SHE WAS ABLE TO START OFF RELATIVELY WELL. (SHE WAS ON THE 'SPECIAL REGISTER').

+BUT NEVERTHELESS, I'M HAPPY TO SAY, OVERALL, WE HAVE A GOOD MEASURE OF SUCCESS, AND MOST OF OUR APPLICANTS SEEM SATISFIED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ANOTHER CASE, A YOUNG MAN WHO RETURNED WITH A CANADIAN DEGREE IN ENTOMOLOGY, WAS QUICKLY PLACED WITH A TRADING AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS COMPANY WHICH AT THE TIME WAS HAVING DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A PERSON WITH SUITABLE KNOWLEDGE IN AGRICULTURE AND FARMING. HIS STARTING SALARY: \$2 500.

+SO YOU SEE, TIMING AND LUCK PLAY A PART IN THE EMPLOYMENT PROCESS TOO,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ANOTHER OF ITS ACTIVITIES IS TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE ABLE TO WORK ARE FOUND JOBS SO THAT THEY NEED NOT RELY ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. IN CARRYING OUT THIS FUNCTION, THE LES IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE EXTENDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME (OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT), BY KEEPING A REGISTER OF ALL ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE REQUESTING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

WITH THE GROWTH OF THE LES, A FACSIMILE TRANSMITTING NETWORK WAS INSTALLED IN ALL THE OFFICES TO IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY.

+THIS MEANS THAT A VACANCY NOTICE RECEIVED BY ONE OFFICE CAN BE TRANSMITTED BY TELE-COPIER TO ALL OTHER OFFICES AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANYONE SEEKING A JOB IS WELCOME TO REGISTER WITH THE NEAREST LES BRANCH OFFICE, BRINGING ALONG HIS OR HER IDENTITY CARD AND A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.

+AS FOR EMPLOYERS, THEY NEED ONLY CONTACT ANY OF THE 14 BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LES BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON, PROVIDING ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION, AND WE WILL DO THE REST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FIRE PREVENTION DISPLAY AND DEMONSTRATION IN TAI PO * * * *

AN EXHIBITION OF FIRE EQUIPMENT AND A FIRE FIGHTING DEMONSTRATION ARE TO BE HELD IN TAI PO.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE PART OF A PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE 1981/82 TAI PO FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

THE EXHIBITION IS TO BE HELD AT TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE CLUB HOUSE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AND FRIDAY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING PREVIOUS FIRES IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE DISPLAYED. PAMPHLETS, FIRE PREVENTION SLOGANS AND FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT CATALOGUES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO INCLUDE FIRE-PREVENTION TALKS BY THE COMPANIES DISPLAYING FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND OFFICERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE DEMONSTRATION WILL BE HELD AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET PLAYGROUND ON SATURDAY STARTING AT 9 AM. THE PUBLIC WILL BE SHOWN HOW TO USE THE VARIOUS ITEMS OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

MEMBERS OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, LOCAL MANUFACTURERS AND SCHOOLS.

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CONCERNED CITIZENS WANTED

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TWO MORE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE SET UP NEXT MONTH IN THE URBAN AREA — ONE IN EASTERN AND THE OTHER IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IN A SPEECH DELIVERED TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST, MR LAM SAID THE TWO NEW DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE TWO EXISTING ONES IN KWUN TONG AND WONG TAI SIN AND THAT BY MARCH 1982, ALL 10 URBAN DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD HAVE BEEN FORMED.

ON THE ACTUAL PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, MR LAM SAID THAT BY NEXT MONTH, DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES WOULD HAVE BEEN SET UP IN ALL 10 URBAN DISTRICTS.

+OUR STRATEGY IS THAT WE SHOULD ALLOW A SIX-MONTH LEAD TIME BETWEEN THE FORMATION OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND ITS CORRESPONDING DISTRICT BOARD, SO THAT BY THE TIME A DISTRICT BOARD IS SET UP, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL HAVE ALREADY ESTABLISHED AN EFFECTIVE WORKING PROCEDURE AND GAINED EXPERIENCE WORKING TOGETHER, AND ARE THUS IN A POSITION TO TAKE PROMPT ACTION ADVISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD,+ MR LAM SAID.

MR LAM ALSO REPORTED THAT UP TO YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 29), THERE WERE ALREADY 50 651 REGISTERED VOTERS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, AND 15 734 FOR THE URBAN AREAS.

REGISTRATION FORMS COULD BE OBTAINED FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES AND SOME BANKS. THE CURRENT REGISTRATION CLOSES ON OCTOBER 12, HE SAID.

+WE WANT PEOPLE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS, WHO ARE PREPARED TO GIVE UP PART OF THEIR TIME TO SPEAK UP ON WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THEIR DISTRICT, AND TO TELL THE AUTHORITIES WHAT IS NEEDED IN THEIR DISTRICT,+ MR LAM SAID.

+THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME WILL CREATE NEW CHANNELS OF PARTICIPATION IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS FOR CIVIC-MINDED PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO WORK FOR THEIR COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

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NO HOLIDAY MAIL DELIVERY

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THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY AND ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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WARNING ON FESTIVAL FIRE HAZARD
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WITH THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL ONLY A WEEK AWAY, THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE NOT TO CAUSE ANY COUNTRYSIDE FIRES.

LAST YEAR, 51 HILL FIRES WERE REPORTED ON THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL DAY ALONE, DAMAGING 31.4 HECTARES OF LAND AND DESTROYING 260 TREES, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

+THE CARELESS BURNING OF ARTICLES AT GRAVE SITES HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAJOR CAUSE OF HILL FIRES DURING THE FESTIVAL, BUT MANY OF THESE DISASTERS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF THE GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS HAD OBSERVED A FEW SIMPLE RULES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE PREVENTION PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE URGED GRAVE-WORSHIPPERS NOT TO LEAVE LIGHTED CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND JOSS PAPERS UNATTENDED AND TO MAKE SURE TO PUT THEM OUT PROPERLY BEFORE LEAVING THE GRAVE SITES.

+AT THE FIRST SIGN OF A FIRE, RAISE THE ALARM AT ONCE,+ HE ADDED.

AS PART OF GOVERNMENT'S INTENSIFIED EFFORTS TO PREVENT HILL FIRES DURING THE FESTIVAL, A POSTER ON THE ABOVE THEME HAS BEEN PUT UP AT VARIOUS SITES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SPECIAL BROADCASTS WILL BE MOUNTED AT REGULAR INTERVALS AT THE HUNG HOM TERMINUS, SHA TIN, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI STATIONS OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, URGING GRAVE SITE VISITORS TO BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL IN THEIR WORSHIPPING RITUALS.

+THROUGH THE BROADCASTS, PICNICKERS WILL ALSO BE REMINDED OF THE NEED TO OBSERVE THE COUNTRY CODE.+

IN ADDITION, THE MOBILE FILM TEAM OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN BROADCASTING FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGES AT FERRY PIERS AND BUS TERMINALS IN THE URBAN AREAS.

IN RURAL AREAS, SIMILAR BROADCASTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED BY NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S CIVILIAN INFORMATION TEAM IN ADDITION TO SHOWING FIRE PREVENTION FILMS AND DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS AT VILLAGES.

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MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION

AN EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH AMONG THE PUBLIC WILL BE MOUNTED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FROM FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2) AT CITY HALL.

CO-SPONSORING THE EXHIBITION ARE THE HONG KONG PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN IN JULY IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MENTAL HEALTH IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE FOUND TO BE PSYCHIATRICALY ILL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IN HONG KONG, ABOUT 25 000 PEOPLE ATTENDED GOVERNMENT PSYCHIATRIC OUT-PATIENT CLINICS LAST YEAR, A SIX-FOLD INCREASE OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS.

+THIS DRAMATIC INCREASE IS, TO A GREAT EXTENT, DUE TO THE GROWING AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH, BETTER AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT FACILITIES AND GREATER READINESS ON THE PART OF PATIENTS TO SEEK TREATMENT.+

THE EXHIBITION AIMS TO ILLUSTRATE, THROUGH AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS, THE CAUSES OF MENTAL ILLNESSES, THE AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT FACILITIES AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THE COMMON MISCONCEPTION THAT MENTAL PATIENTS ARE STUPID, INERT OR VIOLENT AND THAT ISOLATION IS THE ONLY TREATMENT FOR THEM.

TO SIMPLIFY THE SUBJECT FOR THE PUBLIC, THE DISPLAYS AT THE EXHIBITION ARE IN THE FORM OF CARTOONS, PHOTOS, SLIDES AND VIDEO-SHOWS.

TECHNICAL APPARATUS TO TEST A PERSON'S PSYCHOLOGICAL AND MENTAL CONDITIONS WILL ALSO BE PUT UP AT THE EXHIBITION HALL.

TWO PAMPHLETS ENTITLED +THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG+ AND +DEALING WITH STRESS+ WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION FROM FRIDAY (OCTOBER 2) TO THE FOLLOWING THURSDAY (OCTOBER 8) BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6 PM DAILY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR MA LIN AND THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, AT 3 PM FRIDAY AT THE EXHIBITION HALL, CITY HALL, HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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HK DANCERS TO PERFORM IN LONDON

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HONG KONG'S CULTURAL IMAGE WILL BE GIVEN ANOTHER BOOST WHEN YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE JING YING MUSIC AND DANCE TEAM VISIT LONDON TO GIVE PERFORMANCES AT THE BARBICAN CENTRE AS PART OF THE +HONG KONG GALA EVENING+ ON OCTOBER 5 AND 6.

THE CENTRE IS BRITAIN'S NEWEST CULTURAL COMPLEX WHICH WILL BE THE PERMANENT HOME OF THE LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE. THE JING YING TEAM OF SIX DANCERS AND EIGHT MUSICIANS SELECTED FROM THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION'S MUSIC OFFICE AND RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, WILL PERFORM BEFORE 3 000 GUESTS INCLUDING HRH PRINCESS ALEXANDRA.

INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAMME WILL BE CHINESE TRADITIONAL DANCE PERFORMANCES, AND ENSEMBLE AND SOLO MUSICAL PIECES IN CHINESE MODE.

TO PREPARE FOR THE PRESENTATION, THE YOUNG HONG KONG ARTISTS HAVE BEEN PRACTISING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE TEAM'S DANCE PRODUCER, MRS YIM NG KA-MAN AND MUSIC DIRECTOR, MR TONG LEUNG-TAK.

THE GROUP LED BY STAFF OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL DEPART FOR THE UK THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING AND WILL RETURN ON OCTOBER 10 (SATURDAY) MORNING.

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TEACHERS' CREATIVE WORK GOING ON SHOW

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ART WORK OF SOME 100 SECONDARY SCHOOL ART TEACHERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE STARTING NEXT WEEK.

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE ART SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS TO SHOW THEIR ART TO THE PUBLIC.

WORKS ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE CHINESE AND WESTERN PAINTINGS, PRINTS, SCULPTURE, POTTERY, CALLIGRAPHY, SEAL-CARVING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND GRAPHIC DESIGN.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM OCTOBER 9 TO 18 AT THE PAO SUI LOONG GALLERIES OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM DAILY.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION.

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TSUEN WAN STUDENTS INVOLVED IN VOTER CAMPAIGN

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SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TSUEN WAN ARE TAKING PART IN A CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARENTS, RELATIVES AND NEIGHBOURS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

ALSO INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN ARE LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS, WHO ARE BEING ASKED TO GET THEIR WORKERS REGISTERED, AND STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WHO WILL ENCOURAGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE TENANTS TO REGISTER.

A WORKING PARTY, CONSISTING OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAFF AND SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, WAS FORMED RECENTLY TO INVOLVE THE STUDENTS. IT IS CHAIRED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR HO TUNG-CHING, WHO IS ALSO A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

ON THE ROLE OF INDUSTRIALISTS, A BREWERY COMPANY HAS ALREADY RETURNED MORE THAN 800 REGISTRATION FORMS FILLED IN BY ITS EMPLOYEES AND OTHER EMPLOYERS IN THE DISTRICT HAVE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY WILL HELP IN THE CAMPAIGN.

MEANWHILE, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS DEPLOYED ALL ITS 1 000-PLUS STAFF IN THE DISTRICT TO DISTRIBUTE FORMS TO ESTATE RESIDENTS WHILE CARRYING OUT THEIR DAILY DUTIES. THE 19 HOUSING ESTATES IN TSUEN WAN HAVE A TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 400 000.

+A GREAT DEAL IS BEING DONE BY VARIOUS GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE DISTRICT TO MAKE OUR DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS A SUCCESS,+ THE ACTING TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, SAID.

SO FAR, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN 22 000 FORMS SINCE VOTER REGISTRATION BEGAN FOUR WEEKS AGO.

REGISTRATION ENDS ON OCTOBER 12.

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SIX-WEEK CLOSURE OF BROADWOOD ROAD SECTION

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A SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD, BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 12 AND HAPPY VIEW TERRACE, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (THURSDAY) TO MAKE WAY FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ROAD.

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CHAI WAN ROAD PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAY

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A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAY WILL BE INTRODUCED ON THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHAI WAN ROAD, BETWEEN ITS TWO JUNCTIONS WITH WAN TSUI ROAD, FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 3).

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

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