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DEMONSTRATION NURSERY TRAINS CHILD CARE WORKERS
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WHILE HONG KONG'S 208 REGISTERED NURSERIES AND CRECHES ARE ALL RUN EITHER PRIVATELY OR BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT AN ANNUAL GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION OF \$33 MILLION, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ITSELF OPERATES A NURSERY WITH A DIFFERENCE IN ITS TRAINING SECTION.

ITS DEMONSTRATION DAY NURSERY IN WAN CHAI, APART FROM LOOKING AFTER 100 CHILDREN OF WORKING PARENTS, IS THE IN-SERVICE TRAINING GROUND FOR HONG KONG'S CHILD CARE WORKERS AND AN OBSERVATION POST FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDIES.

THE NURSERY OCCUPIES THE ENTIRE FIRST FLOOR OF THE FIVE-STORY LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE, THE DONOR OF WHICH HAS EXPRESSEDLY WISHED THE BUILDING TO BE USED FOR CHILD CARE TRAINING.

THE CENTRE ALSO ACCOMMODATES THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND SERVES AS THE SOCIAL WORK TRAINING BASE OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE 744-SQUARE METRE DEMONSTRATION NURSERY OPERATES JUST LIKE ANY OTHER NURSERY, EXCEPT THAT IT HAS HELPED TRAIN 2 650 NURSERY AND CRECHE WORKERS THROUGH 100 COURSES.

THE IN-SERVICE DAY-RELEASE COURSES COMPRISE FIVE WEEKS' TRAINING SPREAD OVER THREE AND A HALF MONTHS AND ARE COMPULSORY FOR CHILD CARE STAFF WITH OVER ONE YEAR'S SERVICE, HE SAID.

AT THE MOMENT, HE SAID, THREE COURSES ARE RUNNING CONCURRENTLY, EACH FOR 25 TRAINEES WHO HAVE WORKED IN THE CHILD CARE FIELD FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.

THE COURSES ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING ON CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT AND TO STIMULATE THEM TO IMPROVE STANDARD OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UNDER CARE, HE ADDED.

EACH COURSE BEGINS WITH TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS BY VETERAN SOCIAL WORKERS, DOCTORS, NURSES, NUTRITIONISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS AND ARTS AND CRAFTS EXPERTS ON NURSERY WORK, GENERAL PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, LANGUAGE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN, AS WELL AS THE VARIOUS FORMS OF CHILD PLAY.

THESE ARE FOLLOWED BY OBSERVATION VISITS TO THE DEMONSTRATION NURSERY AND OTHER CHILD CARE CENTRES AND PRACTICE SESSIONS.

ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THEY ARE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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EXPERT ADVISES ON VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

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AN EXPERT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, MR P.L. RICH IS IN HONG KONG TO ADVISE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION FOR THE DISABLED.

MR RICH, WHO HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, WILL BE ADVISING THE DEPARTMENT ON THE PROVISION OF A VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT SERVICE WHICH AIMS TO EVALUATE THE APTITUDE AND POTENTIAL OF DISABLED PERSONS FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

SUCH A SERVICE WILL ENSURE THAT THE DISABLED PERSON IS GUIDED INTO SUITABLE VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT, AND THAT HE IS PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY EQUIPPED TO RETAIN THE JOB, THUS ENABLING HIM TO COMPETE ON EQUAL TERMS WITH ABLE-BODIED PERSONS.

MR RICH WILL ALSO ADVISE ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL AIDS AND RESOURCE CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED.

THE MAIN AIM OF THIS CENTRE IS TO DESIGN AND PRODUCE SPECIAL AIDS TO HELP THE DISABLED WIDEN THEIR SCOPE OF SKILL LEARNING AND TO ENABLE THEM TO RETAIN THEIR JOBS WHEN EMPLOYED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT WILL ACT AS A CENTRE OF RESOURCE MATERIALS AND WILL ALSO SERVE AS A VENUE FOR MEETING AND INFORMATION EXCHANGE FOR PERSONS CONCERNED WITH THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING OF THE DISABLED,+ HE SAID.

THE TWO PROJECTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WILL LAST FOR SIX MONTHS.

MR RICH IS THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL EXPERT HERE TO ADVISE ON THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE DISABLED. EARLIER THIS YEAR, MR ROBERT SPENCER ARRIVED FROM CANADA TO INTRODUCE A NEW TRAINING SYSTEM ENTITLED +MODULES OF EMPLOYABLE SKILL+.

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SIGNBOARD WELCOMES VISITORS TO TSUEN WAN

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VISITORS TO TSUEN WAN VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR KAU WAH KENG VILLAGE WILL BE ATTRACTED BY A LARGE SIGNBOARD WELCOMING THEM TO THE NEW TOWN.

COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE TSUEN WAN 'PAI LAU', THE SIGNBOARD WAS PUT UP EARLY THIS MONTH.

ON IT IS WRITTEN +WELCOME TO TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN+ IN GREEN, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S COLOUR.

THE 'PAI LAU' ALSO GIVES VISITORS AN OVERALL PICTURE OF TSUEN WAN - ITS HISTORY, GROWING POPULATION, DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

ADJACENT TO IT IS AN INFORMATION KIOSK, A MAP OF TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG, A LOOKOUT POINT AND CAR PARKING SPACES.

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DETAILS OF EVENTS TAKING PLACE AT THE TOWN HALL AND OF THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEES ARE DISPLAYED AT THE KIOSK. INFORMATION IS UPDATED REGULARLY.

A TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE 'PAI LAU' WAS NOT JUST A LAYBY AND SITTING-OUT AREA.

IT WAS ALSO AN INFORMATION CENTRE WHERE VISITORS TO TSUEN WAN COULD GET COMPREHENSIVE DETAILS OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE IN THE NEW TOWN.

THE 'PAI LAU' IS ONE OF A SERIES OF PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD. IT COST \$160 000.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO SAI KUNG BALLET COURSE
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A DRIVE BY SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD TO RECRUIT LOCAL CHILDREN FOR BALLET TRAINING HAS HAD A GOOD RESPONSE.

SO FAR NEARLY 200 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR 90 VACANCIES ON THE 10-WEEK COURSE WHICH STARTS ON APRIL 25.

+BESIDES SAI KUNG TOWN, THERE ARE APPLICATIONS FROM HANG HAU AND OTHER VILLAGES,+ A SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS IS MOST ENCOURAGING AS IT SHOWS THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD'S AIM OF BRINGING RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO AS MANY LOCAL PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE IS BEING ACHIEVED.+

SHE SAID THE BALLET COURSE HAD BEEN DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12, BUT SOME YOUNGER CHILDREN WERE BEING ACCEPTED BECAUSE OF THEIR KEEN INTEREST AND GOOD POTENTIAL.

+IN VIEW OF THE RESPONSE, WE WILL EXTEND THE COURSE AFTER THE 10-WEEK BASIC TRAINING PERIOD,+ SHE SAID.

ONE-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS AT CHENG CHIK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL. TRAINEES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES OF 30 EACH.

THE COACH WILL BE MISS WENDY LEE, A 23-YEAR-OLD BAPTIST COLLEGE STUDENT, WHO HOLDS AN ADVANCED CERTIFICATE OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCING AND WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED AT THE ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL IN LONDON.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$30 000 OUT OF ITS 1981/82 BUDGET FOR THE COURSE WHICH IS FREE.

IT IS PLANNED THAT STUDENTS WILL GIVE THEIR FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE IN THE AUTUMN.

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AMS TO REPRESENT HK IN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE WILL FIELD A LIFE SAVING TEAM TO CARRY HONG KONG'S FLAG IN THE FORTHCOMING WORLD LIFE SAVING INTERCLUB SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD IN BALI, INDONESIA.

THE 32-MEMBER TEAM HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO REPRESENT HONG KONG FOR ITS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE, HAVING CAPTURED THE GOVERNOR'S CUP, A LOCAL ANNUAL COMPETITION, FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS IN SUCCESSION.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT AN AMS TEAM IS REPRESENTING HONG KONG IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST. OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE EVENT, TO BE HELD ON APRIL 27, INCLUDE THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND INDONESIA.

DURING THEIR STAY IN BALI THE AMS LIFE SAVING TEAM WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE IN THE INDONESIAN SURF LIFE SAVING FESTIVAL TO BE HELD PRIOR TO THE SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS. THE FESTIVAL IS AIMED AT PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING AMONGST ALL PARTICIPANTS.

PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE FOR BALI, THE AMS UNIT CONTROLLER, DR K.L. THONG WILL PRESENT THE SERVICE COLOUR TO THE LEADER OF THE DELEGATION AT A CEREMONY ON APRIL 22.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 7 PM ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 AT THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, REPULSE BAY.

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ANTI-TB CAMPAIGN POSTER

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A HEALTHY LUNG, FRESH AIR AND A CLEAR ENVIRONMENT ARE ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT TUBERCULOSIS, AND THIS MESSAGE IS ARTISTICALLY CONVEYED IN A GOVERNMENT POSTER DESIGNED BY RENOWNED PHOTOGRAPHER TCHAN FOU-LI.

THE POSTER IS BEING DISPLAYED IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS AROUND TOWN AS PART OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ANTI-TB CAMPAIGN.

IT DEPICTS A PHOTOGRAPH, ENTITLED +HUANG SHAN+, WHICH TYPIFIES CLEAR, CLEAN MOUNTAIN AIR, WHICH IN TURN SYMBOLIZE THE +HEALTHY LIVING-HEALTHY LUNGS+ PHILOSOPHY THAT THE ANTI-TB CAMPAIGN IS ADVOCATING.

THROUGH THE POSTER, THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED THAT IF THEY HAVE BEEN COUGHING CONTINUOUSLY FOR MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS THEY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY GO TO A GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINIC FOR A CHEST X-RAY.

MR TCHAN HAS BEEN AWARDED NUMEROUS PRIZES FOR HIS REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE ART OF PHOTOGRAPHY. HE STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE ANTI-TB CAMPAIGN AND AGREED TO LEND HIS MASTERPIECE TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR USE ON THE POSTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CREATIVE SUB-DIVISION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES SAID THAT NATURE'S FRESHNESS, OPENNESS, VITALITY AND HEALTHINESS AS EXPRESSED IN MR TCHAN'S BEAUTIFUL WORK, VIVIDLY UNDERLINED THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTHY LUNGS.

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TENDERS FOR ROAD WORK IN SHA TIN

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE EASTERN PART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE WORK FORMS PART OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN STAGE I DEVELOPMENT.

IN ADDITION TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINS, IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE BUILDING OF TWO PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SUBWAYS IN THE RECLAIMED LAND BETWEEN YUEN CHAU KOK AND SIU LEK YUEN.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT, DESIGNED AND TO BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO PWD'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL START IN JULY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WORK ON WATER SUPPLY TO TAI WO TSUEN

TENDERS HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BREAK PRESSURE TANK AND THE LAYING OF 4 800 METRES OF FRESH AND SALT WATER MAINS IN TSUEN WAN.

THE MAINS WILL RANGE FROM 400 MM TO 150 MM IN DIAMETER AND WILL STRETCH FROM TAI WO TSUEN INTERCHANGE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO THE TAI WO TSUEN SERVICE RESERVOIRS.

THE WORK, TO BEGIN IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE, IS THE LAST PART OF THE FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS TO THE TAI WO TSUEN DEVELOPMENT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE SERVICE RESERVOIRS AND PUMPING STATION IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS.

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