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APPLICATIONS FOR PRIMARY ONE PLACE INVITED

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PARENTS WISHING TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE IN A PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL OCTOBER 2.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY ONE IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG CHILDREN BORN ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1987 WHO ARE NOT STUDYING IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL.

PARENTS CAN OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION SHEETS FROM THE KINDERGARTENS WHERE THEIR CHILDREN ARE STUDYING.

FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS, THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN DISTRICT OFFICES AND OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

"COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 28 AND OCTOBER 2 DIRECT TO ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WHICH THE PARENT WISHES TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE.

"THIS SCHOOL MAY EITHER BE WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE FAMILY LIVES. BUT PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SELECT A NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY TRANSPORT PROBLEMS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN SELECTING A SCHOOL, PARENTS SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE "POINTS SYSTEM" WHICH IS BASED ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY.

HOWEVER, PARENTS SHOULD NOTE THAT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF ANY ONE CHILD.

"IF THEY ARE FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, THEIR APPLICATION WILL BE RENDERED NULL AND VOID AND ANY ALLOCATION OF A DISCRETIONARY PLACE MADE ON THE BASIS OF SUCH APPLICATION WILL BE WITHDRAWN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SCHOOLS RECEIVING TOO FEW APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE PRIMARY ONE CLASSES. IN SUCH CASES, CHILDREN ALREADY ACCEPTED BY THESE SCHOOLS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES WILL HAVE TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY RE-ALLOCATED TO SOME OTHER SCHOOLS THAT HAVE VACANCIES.

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO CANNOT USE CHINESE AS THE LEARNING MEDIUM, THEY MAY SEEK ADVICE FROM THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG (TEL 572 4383) BEFORE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FORM.

IF PARENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 28 AND OCTOBER 2 TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:-

- * PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT,
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE,
269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, FIRST FLOOR, WAN CHAI.
- * EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE,
ROOM 703, 405 NATHAN ROAD, SEVENTH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI.
- * SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE,
KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, FIRST FLOOR, SHA TIN.
- * TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE,
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
TING KOK ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, TAI PO.
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE,
TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING,
174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN.
- * TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE,
TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
1 TUEN HI ROAD, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN.
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE,
YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING,
269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, YUEN LONG.
- * NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRE,
FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
3 PIK FUNG ROAD, GROUND FLOOR,
FANLING.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED PARENTS WHO WISH TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS OR PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION TO APPLY TO THESE SCHOOLS DIRECT AS THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM.

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TWO MORE WEEKS TO SUBMIT VIEWS ON ECR5

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THAT THEY HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS TO SEND IN THEIR VIEWS ON THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 5.

THE REPORT WAS PUBLISHED ON JUNE 24 THIS YEAR TO SOLICIT PUBLIC VIEWS ON THE TEACHING PROFESSION AND THE THREE-MONTH CONSULTATION PERIOD WILL END ON SEPTEMBER 30.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMISSION SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE REPORT, THERE HAD BEEN A LOT OF COMMENTS IN THE MEDIA, AND MUCH DISCUSSION AT BRIEFING SESSIONS, DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS, AND OTHER FORUMS.

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"HOWEVER, ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF DIRECT SUBMISSIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED SO FAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, WE EXPECT QUITE A RUSH OF SUBMISSIONS TOWARDS THE END OF THE CONSULTATION PERIOD.

"THE PUBLIC ARE THEREFORE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT PUBLIC REACTION CAN BE FULLY ASSESSED IN GOOD TIME, AND PREPARATIONS CAN BE MADE FOR AN EARLY START ON IMPLEMENTING THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HAVE WIDE PUBLIC SUPPORT."

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT EITHER BY POST TO THE SECRETARY OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, C/O EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL OR BY FACSIMILE (868 5916) BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30.

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APPEALS TO SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD ON RISE

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THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 132 APPEALS RELATING TO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN 1991-92, AN INCREASE OF 21 CASES OR 18.9 PER CENT OVER THE PRECEDING YEAR, ACCORDING TO ITS LATEST ANNUAL REPORT.

OF THESE, SIX WERE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASES, 124 WERE ON SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE, AND TWO WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

REGARDING THE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE APPEALS, 72 WERE RELATED TO NORMAL DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, 51 TO HIGHER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, AND ONE TO NORMAL OLD AGE ALLOWANCE.

ALL APPEALS WILL BE HEARD BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO ARE UNOFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE BOARD IS AN INDEPENDENT BODY PROVIDING A MEANS OF REDRESS FOR PERSONS NOT SATISFIED WITH DECISIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN RESPECT OF ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

IN 1991-92, THE BOARD HEARD A TOTAL OF 111 CASES, INCLUDING 46 CASES BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE PRECEDING YEAR. A TOTAL OF 11 CASES WERE WITHDRAWN BY THE APPELLANTS AND 56 CARRIED FORWARD TO THE YEAR 1992-93 PENDING HEARING.

OF THE 111 APPEALS HEARD DURING THE YEAR, THE BOARD SUBSTANTIATED THE DECISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN 63 CASES AND VARIED ITS DECISIONS IN 48 CASES.

TO KEEP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WELL AWARE OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD, POSTERS ABOUT THE APPEAL BOARD WERE PUT UP AT SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS AND THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS ABOUT THE APPEAL MACHINERY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THESE OFFICES.

IN ADDITION, WHENEVER A PERSON WAS NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF THE RESULT OF HIS APPLICATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS BY THE DEPARTMENT, HE WAS ALSO INFORMED OF HIS RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE BOARD AGAINST THE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SEWER, ROAD WORK IN TUEN MUN
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER AND ROAD EXTENSION WORKS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PROJECT IS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW TOWN. IT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF SEWER IN THE FORM OF AN INVERTED SIPHON ACROSS THE TUEN MUN NULLAH BETWEEN AREAS 16 AND 18.

THE CONTRACT ALSO INCLUDES THE EXTENSION OF ROAD 8A LEADING TO THE PROPOSED VILLAGE EXPANSION AT YEUNG SIU HANG, A DISTRICT OPEN SPACE IN AREA 8 AND THE BUILDING OF A CAR PARK IN AREA 30A.

THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CONTRACT'S CONSULTANT ENGINEERS, MESSRS SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS ON 38TH FLOOR, METROPLAZA TOWER 1, 223 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI FONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TENDER CLOSING DATE IS OCTOBER 9.

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PICTURES OF HONG KONG ON DISPLAY TOMORROW
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TWENTY PICTURES SHOWING THE DYNAMIC AND VERSATILE LIFE IN HONG KONG WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT LEVEL ONE, PACIFIC PLACE, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) BEFORE THEY ARE SENT TO CANADA FOR EXHIBITION AS PART OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 LATER THIS MONTH.

ORGANISED BY THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AS A PRE-FESTIVAL EVENT, THE EXHIBITION WILL SHOW THE WINNING ENTRIES OF AN "EYE-CATCHING PICTURES OF HONG KONG" PHOTO COMPETITION LAUNCHED IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

SOME 200 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC COVERING A WIDE-RANGE OF SUBJECTS DEPICTING THE COLOURFUL LIFE AND INTERESTING SCENES IN THE TERRITORY.

DURING THE FESTIVAL, SIX SETS OF THE WINNING PICTURES WILL BE DISPLAYED IN VANCOUVER, MONTREAL, OTTAWA, CALGARY, TORONTO AND WINNIPEG.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 1 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE EXHIBITION VENUE WHERE THE TOP THREE WINNERS WILL EACH RECEIVE TWO RETURN TICKETS TO CANADA SPONSORED BY THE CANADIAN AIRLINES INTERNATIONAL.

AFTERWARDS, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "EYE-CATCHING PICTURES OF HONG KONG" PHOTO EXHIBITION AT 1 PM AT LEVEL ONE (NEAR MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT), PACIFIC PLACE, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG TOMORROW (MONDAY).

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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PUTONGHUA ADDED TO SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL

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STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR PUTONGHUA - A NEW LANGUAGE CATEGORY THAT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE FESTIVAL.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE BEING INVITED TO COMPETE IN DRAMAS WHICH CAN NOW BE PRESENTED IN PUTONGHUA, CANTONESE OR ENGLISH.

THE FESTIVAL, WHICH MADE ITS DEBUT LAST YEAR, IS SPONSORED BY THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

IT AIMS AT PROMOTING DRAMA AS A REGULAR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' CREATIVE AND IMAGINATIVE EXPRESSION AND LANGUAGE SKILLS.

"THE MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN EXCITING AND INTERESTING FOCUS FOR DRAMATIC AND LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED.

THE FESTIVAL COMPRISES FOUR PHASES - TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS, SCHOOL PERFORMANCES, PUBLIC PERFORMANCES AND GALA EVENINGS.

CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING SCHOOLS IN DIFFERENT PHASES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 26.

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TUEN MUN CAREERS CENTRE TO CLOSE ON MONDAY

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THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE (CAS) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL CLOSE DOWN ITS CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IN TUEN MUN TOMORROW (MONDAY).

YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING CAREERS GUIDANCE ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE OTHER CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES IN WAN CHAI AND MONG KOK.

THE CAS PROVIDES A LARGE VARIETY OF SERVICES THROUGH ITS INFORMATION CENTRES TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENTS, INTERESTS AND ABILITIES.

EACH CENTRE HAS A REFERENCE LIBRARY CONTAINING PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCE MATERIALS ON CAREERS, VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND FURTHER EDUCATION, WHICH ARE OF PARTICULAR USE TO FORM 5 AND FORM 7 STUDENTS.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE AN AUDIO-VISUAL UNIT WITH SLIDE PRESENTATIONS, CASSETTE RECORDINGS AND VIDEO TAPES ON CAREERS, AS WELL AS A FREE ENQUIRY SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE SEEKING ADVICE ON CAREERS AND TRAINING.

IN ADDITION, CAREERS PAMPHLETS ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO VISITORS AT THE CENTRES.

THE TWO CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 5.30 PM BETWEEN MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS). THEIR ADDRESSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SOUTHORN CENTRE, 16TH FLOOR,
130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI
TEL. 835 2044

MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR
30 LUEN WAN STREET, MONG KOK
TEL. 399 2241 & 399 2242

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SOUTH KWAI CHUNG MATERNITY HOME TO CLOSE SOON

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THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG MATERNITY HOME IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 28 (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT ALL CLIENTS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE MATERNITY HOME FOR ANTE-NATAL CARE WOULD BE DIRECTED TO YAN CHAI HOSPITAL STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 21.

THE CLOSURE WILL NOT AFFECT THE NORMAL OPERATION OF SOUTH KWAI CHUNG MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VARIOUS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

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