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12 MORE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO BE ESTABLISHED

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TWELVE MORE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WILL BE ESTABLISHED FROM 1982 IN VIEW OF THE POPULARITY OF PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION, THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR BASIL BOARD, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE 12 SCHOOLS, TO BE BUILT MAINLY IN THE NEW TOWNS, WILL COST AN ESTIMATED \$180 MILLION AT TODAY'S PRICES. ALL WILL HAVE MODERN PREMISES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR PREVOCATIONAL TEACHING.

MORE NEW SPECIAL SUBJECTS INCLUDING MARINE ENGINEERING, LIGHT ENGINEERING, MOULD MAKING AND HORTICULTURE WILL BE INTRODUCED IN LINE WITH THE GROWTH OF DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRY.

MR BOARD ALSO SAID A PROPORTION OF SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AS FROM SEPTEMBER 1981.

+THIS WOULD ENABLE THE MORE CAPABLE PUPILS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN THEIR OWN OR OTHER PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, AT LEAST UP TO THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION LEVEL- THEY MAY LATER PROCEED DIRECTLY TO TECHNICIAN PROGRAMMES IN THE POLYTECHNIC OR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES,+ HE SAID.

ALL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM TO BE INTRODUCED IN JANUARY 1981 FOR ALLOCATION OF SUBSIDISED FORM IV PLACES.

WITH THE EXTENSION TO SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS, A NEW SUBJECT +ENGINEERING SCIENCE+ WILL BE INTRODUCED IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND EXAMINABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN MAY 1983.

+THE CONTENT-SYLLABUS OF THIS SUBJECT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE HONG KONG EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY NEXT FEBRUARY,+ MR BOARD SAID.

ANOTHER MAJOR STEP, HE ADDED, WOULD BE THE INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATE TEACHERS IN SEPTEMBER TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TEACHING.

TURNING TO GRADUATES, MR BOARD SAID THAT FOR THOSE NOT WISHING TO JOIN INDUSTRY AT THIS STAGE, THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OFFERED AN EXTRA AVENUE.

+THREE CLASSES OF ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME PRE-TECHNICAL COURSES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR PREVOCATIONAL GRADUATES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE INSTITUTES IN SEPTEMBER 1980. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE OTHER ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME CRAFT COURSES WHICH YOU MAY FIND OF INTEREST,+ HE SAID.

TO THOSE LOOKING FOR EITHER LONG-TERM OR TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT, MR BOARD SOUNDED A NOTE OF WARNING THAT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AS SOME JOBS COULD BE DANGEROUS.

THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALSO SPOKE ON THE VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY SCHOOL MANAGERS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES IN FORMULATING POLICIES FOR EACH SCHOOL AND HE WELCOMED THE RECENT ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS COUNCIL.

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SEVEN QUESTIONS AT LEGCO TOMORROW

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE SEVEN QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE THE NUMBER OF UNITS OF PUBLIC HOUSING WHICH IT HAS DETECTED ARE BEING RETAINED BY ABSENTEE TENANTS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS AND THE MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SUCH TENANTS.

THE HON CHARLES YEUNG WILL ASK FOR A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE CONTROL OF ILLEGAL ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS, PARTICULARLY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SIX BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE THE CORONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS COMPENSATION BILL 1980, THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 AND THE WILD ANIMALS PROTECTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980.

DEBATE ON THE SECOND READING OF 15 OTHER BILLS WILL RESUME. THEY ARE THE ESTATE DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO 2) BILL 1980, THE MONETARY STATISTICS BILL 1980, THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE ELECTRICITY NETWORKS (STATUTORY EASEMENTS) BILL 1980, THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BILL 1980, THE SUPPLEMENTARY MEDICAL PROFESSIONS BILL 1980, THE APPRENTICESHIP (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE THEFT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980, THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980 AND THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1980.

DEBATE ON THE GREEN PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES WILL RESUME AT TOMORROW'S SESSION.

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CRIME PREVENTION CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE
MONG KOK COMMUNITY

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A TWO-WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A HELPFUL NEIGHBOUR AND CALLING FOR GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PREVENTING CRIME, IS TO START IN MONG KOK AT THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE CAMPAIGN FORMS THE MAIN THRUST OF THIS YEAR'S PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES AIMED AT FURTHER IMPROVING THE SITUATION IN THE DISTRICT.

/TWO MEMBERS

TWO MEMBERS OF THE MAIN FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR LEWIS DAVIES, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, AND MR CHAN PAK-KEUNG, TODAY (TUESDAY) LEARNED OF THE DISTRICT'S AIMS AND PROPOSED CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES, WHEN THEY VISITED THE LOCAL COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS WITH MEMBERS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO CONTAIN THE CRIME PROBLEMS.

THEIR VISIT WAS AMONG A SERIES BY MEMBERS OF THE MAIN FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS REGINA LAU AND ATTENDED BY THE DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT (MONG KOK), MR G. R. LLOYD, THE VISITORS WERE TOLD THAT THE CAMPAIGN WAS INTENDED TO CONCENTRATE EFFORTS IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE CLOSELY WITH THE POLICE BY REPORTING ANY CRIME THAT CAME TO THEIR NOTICE.

THROUGH ADVICE AND MOTIVATION, THE COMMUNITY WOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO BE MORE SECURITY CONSCIOUS, THUS HELPING DETER CRIME AT A GRASS-ROOT LEVEL.

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2 587 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED
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A TOTAL OF 2 587 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED DURING THE FIRST QUARTER THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF 68 766 INSPECTIONS TO ALL TYPES OF PREMISES AND DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES BY THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES.

PROSECUTIONS TOTALLED 862 WITH FINES IMPOSED AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$284 000.

IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE BUREAU CARRIED OUT 63 251 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 1 856 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES. IN ADDITION, 1 006 PROSECUTIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN RESULTING IN FINES AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$343 000.

IN THE WHOLE OF 1979 THE BUREAU CARRIED OUT 289 280 INSPECTIONS RESULTING IN THE ISSUE OF 10 316 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES. SOME 3 622 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT RESULTING IN FINES AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$1.1 MILLION BEING IMPOSED.

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WORK ON RETAINING WALL AT SHA TIN VILLAGE TO BEGIN SHORTLY

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WORK ON BUILDING A RETAINING WALL TO PREVENT MUDSLIPS AT TAI LAM LIU VILLAGE NEAR SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE IS TO BEGIN SHORTLY.

THE VILLAGE IS ON A HILLSIDE WHERE MINOR MUDSLIPS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST AFTER HEAVY DOWNPOURS.

VILLAGERS BUILT A RETAINING WALL ON THE SLOPE SOME YEARS AGO WHICH COLLAPSED AS A RESULT OF EROSION. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REBUILT, BUT HAS NOT PROVED SATISFACTORY.

VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES REPORTED THE SITUATION TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND, AT A RECENT MEETING, SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD'S LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS SUB-COMMITTEE AGREED TO ALLOCATE MONEY TO BUILD A PROPER RETAINING WALL WITH CEMENT CONCRETE.

TENDERS WILL BE INVITED SOON AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

AT THE SAME MEETING, THE SUB-COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO BUILD A FOOTPATH AND DRAINAGE CHANNEL IN THE VILLAGE.

OTHER PROJECTS AGREED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THIS YEAR INCLUDE REPAIRS TO FOOTPATHS AT FA SAM HANG, SHEUNG KENG HAU AND WU KAI SHA, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE AT FA SAM HANG AND A RAINSHELTER AT WONG NAI TAU.

THESE PROJECTS ARE BEING DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE WORKS OFFICE OF SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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FIRST KWUN TONG CHILDREN SINGING CONTEST

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THE FIRST KWUN TONG CHILDREN SINGING CONTEST, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS AND KWUN TONG DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WILL BE HELD THIS SATURDAY (JULY 12) AT 2 PM IN THE KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL HALL.

THE CONTEST IS TO PROMOTE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN SINGING AND TO DISCOVER TALENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND 12, LIVING OR STUDYING IN THE AREA.

THE CONTEST INCLUDES VOCAL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE SECTION.

WINNERS WILL PERFORM AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND, KWUN TONG.

ADMISSION TO THE CHILDREN'S SINGING CONTEST IS FREE.

FOR THE KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH OPENING CEREMONY, FREE ADMISSION TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICES BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR.

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CONTRACT FOR SHEUNG WAN FIRE STATION
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A \$6.7 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION IN SHEUNG WAN WAS AWARDED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR K.M. TSENG, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF TECHOY CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PWD SAID THE STATION WOULD OCCUPY A 3 900 SQUARE METRE SITE ON THE RECLAMATION NEAR THE MACAU FERRY PIER.

WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

HE SAID THE THREE-STOREY STATION WOULD BE OF STANDARD DESIGN WITH ROOM FOR 10 FIRE APPLIANCES AND ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR DUTY AND LECTURE ROOMS, OFFICES, BARRACK ACCOMMODATION FOR ESSENTIAL OPERATIONAL STAFF, DINING AND RECREATIONAL AREAS, A DRILL YARD AND A DRILL TOWER.

A TWO-STOREY FIRE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS WILL ALSO BE BUILT ON THE SAME SITE WITH OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND QUARTERS FOR THE SENIOR OFFICERS ON DUTY.

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YUEN LONG BIRTHS, MARRIAGE REGISTRY
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THE YUEN LONG BIRTHS REGISTRY AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WILL JOIN THE MARRIAGE REGISTRY AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, FIRST FLOOR, TAI YUK ROAD TO FORM THE YUEN LONG BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY.

THE COMBINED REGISTRY WILL DEAL WITH ALL MARRIAGE AND BIRTH REGISTRATION.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN TELEPHONE 12-774537 TO MAKE ENQUIRIES.

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CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 11) TO IMPROVE LOCAL TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO OLD CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, AND THE JUNCTION OF OLD/NEW CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL BE CONVERTED INTO A BOX JUNCTION.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 10) FOR PRESSURE VALVE REPAIRS.

AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE BEACON HILL ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, WARWICK ROAD, EDE ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, FESSENDEN ROAD, MARCONI ROAD AND THE JUNCTION ROAD RE-SITE AREA.

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