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EMPLOYMENT CHANGE: APRIL - JUNE
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ALL INDUSTRIES REGISTERED AN INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF THIS YEAR AS COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED FOR THE QUARTER BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, ABOUT 925 400 PERSONS WERE ENGAGED IN MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS AS AT JUNE 30, 1980.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 41 600 PERSONS OR 4.7 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 883 800 PERSONS ENGAGED IN MARCH 1980. WHEN COMPARED WITH 877 400 PERSONS ENGAGED IN JUNE 1979, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 48 000 PERSONS OR 5.5 PER CENT.

IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, THE FIVE LARGEST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WERE WEARING APPAREL= TEXTILES= ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES= PLASTIC PRODUCTS= AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS.

A COMPARISON IN THESE INDUSTRIES BETWEEN JUNE 1980 AND MARCH 1980 IS GIVEN BELOW :

INDUSTRY GROUP	PERSONS ENGAGED IN			CHANGE OF JUNE 1980 OVER MARCH 1980	
	JUNE 1979	MARCH 1980	JUNE 1980	PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
WEARING APPAREL (EXCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	256 200	252 500	269 100	+16 600	+6.6
TEXTILES (INCLUDING KNITWEAR FROM YARN)	128 800	131 100	132 500	+ 1 400	+1.1
ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	114 000	120 400	123 600	+ 3 200	+2.7
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	94 800	88 500	95 100	+ 6 600	+7.5
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	84 000	85 600	91 500	+ 5 900	+6.9

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THE MORE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT AT THE INDUSTRY SECTOR LEVEL BETWEEN JUNE 1980 AND MARCH 1980 ARE AS FOLLOWS :

INDUSTRY SECTOR	PERSONS ENGAGED IN			CHANGE OF JUNE 1980 OVER MARCH 1980	
	JUNE 1979	MARCH 1980	JUNE 1980	PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
GARMENTS EXCEPT KNITWEAR FROM YARN	216 900	213 300	233 200	+19 900	+ 9.3
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	28 900	32 800	36 800	+ 4 000	+12.2
PLASTIC TOYS	51 500	46 000	49 900	+ 3 900	+ 8.5
KNITWEAR FROM YARN	27 600	30 000	33 600	+ 3 600	+12.0
PLASTIC PRODUCTS EXCLUDING PLASTIC FLOWERS AND FOLIAGE AND PLASTIC TOYS	38 000	37 100	39 400	+ 2 300	+ 6.2
ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND HOUSEWARES	13 300	14 200	16 100	+ 1 900	+13.4

IN THE WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 308 900 PERSONS WERE ENGAGED AS AT JUNE 30, 1980. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 12 400 PERSONS OR 4.2 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 296 500 IN MARCH 1980. WHEN COMPARED WITH 285 100 PERSONS ENGAGED IN JUNE 1979, THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 23 800 PERSONS OR 8.3 PER CENT.

EMPLOYMENT IN RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 113 100 PERSONS, WHICH WAS 3.8 PER CENT ABOVE THE MARCH 1980 FIGURE AND 3.2 PER CENT ABOVE THAT OF JUNE 1979.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT WAS FOUND THAT THERE WERE ABOUT 18 900 PERSONS ENGAGED IN HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 1.6 PER CENT AND A DECREASE OF 0.5 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1980 AND JUNE 1979 RESPECTIVELY.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT IN WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS IN JUNE 1979, MARCH 1980 AND JUNE 1980 ARE AS FOLLOWS :

NATURE OF BUSINESS	PERSONS ENGAGED IN			CHANGE OF JUNE 1980 OVER MARCH 1980	
	JUNE 1979	MARCH 1980	JUNE 1980	PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
WHOLESALE TRADE	44 400	45 800	48 100	+ 2 300	+5.0
RETAIL TRADE	138 100	141 200	148 000	+ 6 800	+4.8
IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESS	102 600	109 500	112 800	+ 3 300	+3.0
RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS	109 600	109 000	113 100	+ 4 100	+3.8
HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES	19 000	18 600	18 900	+ 300	+1.6
TOTAL	413 700	424 100	440 900	+16 800	+4.0

IN FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES, A TOTAL OF ABOUT 121 300 PERSONS WERE ENGAGED AS AT JUNE 30, 1980. OF THESE, 40 200 PERSONS WERE ENGAGED IN MONETARY INSTITUTIONS (BANKS AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES OF FOREIGN BANKS), 18 000 PERSONS IN REAL ESTATE COMPANIES/AGENCIES AND 17 700 PERSONS IN OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

WHEN COMPARED WITH 116 000 PERSONS ENGAGED IN FEBRUARY 1980, THE INCREASE WAS 5 300 PERSONS OR 4.6 PER CENT. COMPARED WITH 104 700 PERSONS ENGAGED IN MAY 1979, THE INCREASE WAS 16 600 PERSONS OR 15.9 PER CENT.

THE MAIN INCREASES FROM FEBRUARY 1980 TO JUNE 1980 OCCURRED IN MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS, REAL ESTATE COMPANIES, OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES.

DETAILS OF EMPLOYMENT OF THESE INDUSTRY GROUPS ARE SHOWN AS FOLLOWS :

INDUSTRY GROUP	PERSONS ENGAGED IN			CHANGE OF JUNE 1980 OVER FEB 1980	
	MAY 1979	FEB 1980	JUNE 1980	PERSONS ENGAGED	% CHANGE
MONETARY INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING BANKS	35 500	39 000	40 200	+ 1 200	+ 3.1

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REAL ESTATE COMPANIES	15 900	17 100	18 000	+ 900	+ 5.3
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS	14 400	17 100	17 700	+ 600	+ 3.5
ACCOUNTING AND AUDITING FIRMS	4 200	4 700	5 300	+ 600	+12.8
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	6 900	7 800	8 200	+ 400	+ 5.1

OF THE 1 216 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN OPERATION IN JUNE 1980, 304 WERE SITES CONTRACTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT. THESE 304 SITES ACCOUNTED FOR 30 191 WORKERS WHICH REPRESENTS A DECLINE OF ABOUT 793 WORKERS OR 2.6 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1980.

THERE WERE 4 913 WORKERS ENGAGED IN CONSTRUCTION SITES OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION IN JUNE 1980 WHICH REPRESENTS A MARGINAL INCREASE OF 0.3 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH MARCH 1980.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ENGAGED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR ROSE BY 10.2 PER CENT TO 50 341.

DETAILED STATISTICS ARE AS FOLLOWS :

CONTRACTING PARTY	JUNE 1979		MARCH 1980		JUNE 1980	
	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	268	17 552	235	14 969	222	13 756
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	59	13 504	76	16 015	82	16 435
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY*	35	6 647	19	4 897	19	4 913
PRIVATE SECTOR	838	37 848	911	45 674	893	50 341
TOTAL	1 200	75 551	1 241	81 555	1 216	85 445

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* CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION REFER TO MTR CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING JUNE 1980.

DETAILED EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCY FIGURES ARE OBTAINABLE ON REQUEST FROM THE EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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CHILD CARE SCHEME FOR DISABLED CHILDREN TO EXPAND
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO EXPAND AT A FASTER RATE FROM NEXT YEAR THE SCHEME WHICH ENABLES MILD-GRADE DISABLED CHILDREN TO INTEGRATE WITH NORMAL CHILDREN IN DAY-NURSERIES.

BEGINNING IN 1981-82, THE DEPARTMENT WILL AIM AT AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF 90 PLACES IN NORMAL NURSERIES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SIX YEARS.

THE SCHEME HAS EXPANDED BY 60 PLACES EACH YEAR SINCE IT STARTED IN 1978 ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS.

AN EXTRA 42 PLACES WILL BE PROVIDED BEFORE NEXT APRIL, WHICH WILL BRING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SUCH PLACES TO 180.

MR LAU KAI-CHUEN, SENIOR SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (CHILD CARE), SAID TODAY THE SCHEME HAD ENABLED DISABLED CHILDREN TO ENJOY CHILD CARE IN A HOME SETTING TOGETHER WITH NORMAL CHILDREN OF THEIR AGE.

HE SAID THE SCHEME HAD GAINED ENCOURAGING RESPONSE NOT ONLY FROM MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS BUT ALSO FROM PARENTS WITH NORMAL CHILDREN IN THE NURSERIES.

+THESE PARENTS HAVE GENERALLY ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF THE INTEGRATED CHILD CARE PROGRAMME, AND THEIR CHILDREN HAVE GONE ALONG WELL WITH THEIR DISABLED COUNTERPARTS,+ HE SAID.

MR LAU SAID THESE WERE IMPORTANT FACTORS WHICH HELPED YOUNG CHILDREN WITH MINOR DISABILITIES TO BE SOCIALLY REHABILITATED AND FULLY INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

UNDER THE SCHEME, HE SAID, SUBVENTED NURSERIES RUN BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN, AND THE DEPARTMENT GIVES THEM EXTRA SUBVENTION TO MEET ADDITIONAL STAFF COST.

GRANTS ARE ALSO MADE AVAILABLE FOR SPECIAL FACILITIES AND STAFF TRAINING, HE ADDED.

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EACH PARTICIPATING NURSERY ADMITS SIX DISABLED CHILDREN WHO ARE MILD-GRADE MENTALLY RETARDED, PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, OR SLIGHTLY IMPAIRED IN SPEECH, HEARING OR SIGHT.

ADMISSIONS ARE BY WAY OF REFERRALS FROM WELFARE AGENCIES OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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LEGO DEBATE ON GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL COMMENT ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS MADE EARLIER THIS MONTH TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND ON OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC CONCERN WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND ON THURSDAY.

THEY WILL SPEAK TO A MOTION OF THANKS FOR THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY. THE OFFICIALS WILL REPLY ON NOVEMBER 12 AND 13.

TWELVE UNOFFICIALS ARE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK TOMORROW. THEY ARE DR THE HON HARRY FANG, THE HON T.S. LO, THE HON FRANCIS TIEN, THE HON ALEX WU, THE REV THE HON JOYCE BENNETT, THE HON CHEN SHOU-LUM, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, THE HON PETER C. WONG, THE HON WONG LAM, DR THE HON RAYSON HUANG, THE HON CHARLES YEUNG, AND THE HON ANDREW SO.

ON THURSDAY, SEVEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK. THEY ARE DR THE HON HENRY HU, DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI, THE HON DAVID NEWBIGGING, THE HON HU FA-KUANG, THE HON WONG PO-YAN, THE HON WILLIAM BROWN AND THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN.

THE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RTHK 2 (CHINESE) AND RTHK 4 (ENGLISH) ON BOTH DAYS BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD
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THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD WILL TAKE PLACE BY SECRET BALLOT ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 23) AT 10.30 AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY WHICH ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON MATTERS REFERRED TO IT BY HIM, INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IT COMPRISES SIX EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND SIX EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES, WITH THE COMMISSIONER AS CHAIRMAN.

THREE OF THE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' UNIONS AND THREE ARE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY 16 CANDIDATES HAD BEEN NOMINATED FOR ELECTION AND THEIR NAMES HAD BEEN SENT TO ALL REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' UNIONS FOR INFORMATION.

+A REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNION WISHING TO VOTE SHOULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ELECTION.

+THE REPRESENTATIVE MUST BRING WITH HIM A LETTER OF AUTHORISATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HIS UNION AND A COPY OF THE CIRCULAR LETTER DATED OCTOBER 6, 1980 FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON THE SUBJECT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

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EIGHT ORGANISATIONS ARE OFFERING OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMPS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ON WEEKDAYS BETWEEN NOVEMBER 3 AND JULY 10 NEXT YEAR.

+THESE CAMPS WILL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH EXPERIENCE IN GROUP LIFE IN A NATURAL OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT, AND ENABLE THEM TO INTEGRATE FIELD STUDIES WITH THEIR SCHOOL SUBJECTS,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CAMP SITES ARE CARITAS HONG KONG'S GAUDETE HOUSE IN CHEUNG CHAU, THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION'S SILVERMINE BAY OUTDOOR RECREATION CAMP, THE YWCA YOUTH CAMP ON LANTAU ISLAND, THE CHINESE YMCA'S WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE, THE SALVATION ARMY'S MA WAN YOUTH CAMP, THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE'S SUEN DOUH CAMP, PO LEUNG KUK'S PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP, AND THE HIGH ROCK CHRISTIAN CENTRE OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONS IN MANY LANDS.

EACH CAMP WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE MORNING, STUDENTS WILL ATTEND LESSONS SPECIALLY DESIGNED BY THE TEACHERS WHO ACCOMPANY THEM. THEY WILL GO ON EXCURSIONS OR EDUCATIONAL VISITS OR JOIN BALL GAMES AND SWIMMING GROUPS IN THE AFTERNOON.

THERE WILL BE FOLK DANCING, RECREATIONAL GAMES, CAMP FIRES AND FILM SHOWS IN THE EVENING.

+NO PUPIL WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND ANY CAMP IF THERE IS NO WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM HIS PARENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL PAY A SUBSIDY FOR EACH STUDENT, AND THE PUPILS THEMSELVES WILL EACH HAVE TO PAY FROM \$20 TO \$55 DEPENDING ON THE CAMPS THEY ARE JOINING, HE ADDED.

BOOKINGS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) (ATTENTION MR SUN HOI-YAM), PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 6TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL ENCOURAGES MAXIMUM USE OF FACILITIES

THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL HAS WIDER IMPORTANCE WHICH MUST BE BORNE IN MIND, TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY.

DR HAYES WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING THE THREE-WEEK FESTIVAL, WHICH WAS FIRST HELD LAST YEAR. IT OPENS ON NOVEMBER 1.

HE SAID THE AIM OF THE FESTIVAL WAS TO MAXIMIZE UTILIZATION OF AMENITIES NOT JUST FOR THE THREE WEEKS, BUT THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE YEAR. +TRULY A STUPENDOUS TASK, BUT ONE WHICH INVOLVES US ALL, AND WHICH MUST BE ACHIEVED,+ HE SAID.

TSUEN WAN ALREADY HAD A GOOD MANY SPORTING AMENITIES, EVEN THOUGH IT HAD NOT YET ACHIEVED ITS PLANNED FULL RANGE OF FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE EXISTING AND FUTURE POPULATION.

THERE WERE MAJOR AMENITIES LIKE THE KWAI CHUNG AND YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTSGROUNDS, THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL, THE CHAI WAN KOK TEMPORARY SPORTS CENTRE AND THE NEW INDOOR GAMES HALL WHICH WAS TO BE OPENED IN KWAI CHUNG NEXT WEEK.

+HOWEVER, IT IS UP TO US ALL TO SEE THAT THESE FACILITIES, AND MANY OTHERS OF SMALLER SIZE, ARE USED TO THE FULL,+ DR HAYES SAID.

+THIS PARTLY DEPENDS UPON HAVING GOOD FACILITIES, FLOODLIT WHEREVER POSSIBLE FOR EVENING USE, AND ADEQUATE STAFFING FOR MANAGEMENT WHICH SHOULD EXTEND INTO THE EVENINGS AND OVER WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.+

THIS POINT WAS VERY RELEVANT FOR THE SECOND TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL, HE SAID.

+OUR PHILOSOPHY IS THAT IT IS NO USE ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO JOIN IN THE FESTIVAL IF, FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, FOR VARIOUS REASONS CONNECTED WITH TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISION, NOT FORGETTING LAW AND ORDER ASPECTS, PEOPLE ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PREVENTED OR DETERRED FROM USING LOCAL FACILITIES TO THEIR FULL EXTENT.

+THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE LOOKING INTO THIS MATTER VERY CLOSELY WITH THE HELP OF THE DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND ITS 28 MEMBER CLUBS,+ HE SAID.

THE FESTIVAL IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OF WHICH THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, IS PATRON. DR HAYES IS THE PRESIDENT AND MR CHAU HOW-CHEN THE CHAIRMAN.

MORE THAN 50 ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD, INCLUDING EXHIBITION MATCHES BY TOP PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLERS AND TENNIS PLAYERS AS WELL AS BASKETBALL, BADMINTON, BOXING, VOLLEYBALL, BASEBALL, HANDBALL AND TABLE TENNIS EVENTS.

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ALSO FEATURED WILL BE ATHLETICS, AQUATIC DISPLAYS AND AN ARCHERY COMPETITION. NEW ITEMS IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WILL BE BASKETBALL INVITATION MATCHES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, SQUASH COMPETITIONS, CANOE POLO MATCHES AND GO-KART RACING.

DR HAYES SAID THE FESTIVAL WAS A COMBINED EFFORT, FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, AND ORGANISED BY PERSONNEL FROM THE DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

HE THANKED THE MANY PERSONS WHO WERE CONTRIBUTING TIME AND EFFORT TO THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS PROVIDED \$150 000 FOR THE FESTIVAL AND ANOTHER \$50 000 IS BEING RAISED FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

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INAUGURAL CONCERT BY YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRAS
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THE ISLAND AND WEST KOWLOON YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRAS, TRAINED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, WILL GIVE A JOINT INAUGURAL CONCERT ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 25) AT 8 PM IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, WATERLOO ROAD.

THE TWO ORCHESTRAS WERE FORMED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR. MEMBERS COME MAINLY FROM SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICTS. A SMALL NUMBER OF THEM ARE WORKING.

THEIR INTEREST AND ENTHUSIASM TOWARDS CHINESE MUSIC ARE SUCH THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO STAGE A PERFORMANCE IN SUCH A SHORT SPAN OF TIME.

THE INAUGURAL CONCERT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY MR LAM SI-KWAN. THE PROGRAMME WILL BE MAINLY CHINESE ENSEMBLE MUSIC AND WILL INCLUDE A +DI-ZI+ SOLO BY CHENG YUK-SHING, +BAN-HU+ SOLO BY LEUNG KING-FEI AND +PI-PA+ SOLO BY CHU YUN-YUNG.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS (COMMUNITY RELATIONS) MR H.H.T. BARMA, AND MRS BARMA WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL GUESTS OF HONOUR AND WILL OFFICIATE AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY.

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