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FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE IS A SUCCESS, SAYS SIR Y.K. KAN
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DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN CONTROLLED AND THEN PROGRESSIVELY REMOVED, THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE MONTH-LONG MONG KOK DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN, SIR YUET-KEUNG SAID: +DRUG TRAFFICKING AND DRUG ABUSE ARE TWO LONG-STANDING SCOURGES OF OUR COMMUNITY. FOLLOWING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) IN 1973, THEY HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH IN AN IMAGINATIVE, CO-ORDINATED WAY IN WHICH EFFECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH INTERNATIONAL ACTION AND WITH THE PROVISION OF COMPREHENSIVE TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND AFTER-CARE FACILITIES.

+THESE IN TURN ARE COMPLEMENTED BY PREVENTION, EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO PERSUADE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE NEVER TO EXPERIMENT WITH DRUGS, AND TO ATTRACT EXISTING ADDICTS INTO TREATMENT.

+THE SUCCESS OF OUR ENDEAVOURS CAN BE SEEN TODAY IN THE VERY HIGH LEVEL OF ILLICIT DRUG PRICES ON THE STREETS, THE RECORD NUMBER OF DRUG ABUSERS IN DAILY TREATMENT, AND THE STEADY DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED.+

SIR YUET-KEUNG AND THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES, TODAY OFFICIATED AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM TO LAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN.

IN HIS SPEECH SIR YUET-KEUNG ALSO SAID THAT OVER THE YEARS HONG KONG HAD ACHIEVED A WELL-DESERVED REPUTATION FOR ITS SUCCESS IN PROVIDING FULL EMPLOYMENT AND A STEADILY RISING STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ITS FIVE MILLION PEOPLE.

HONG KONG HAS DONE THIS WITHOUT THE ADVANTAGE OF ANY NATURAL RESOURCES EXCEPT THE SKILL, VERSATILITY, HARD WORK AND ENTERPRISE OF ITS PEOPLE COMBINED WITH A FAVOURABLE GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION OF THE CROSSROADS OF ASIA.

IN THE PROCESS, HOUSING HAS BEEN BUILT AT AN INCREASING RATE FOR ITS STEADILY GROWING POPULATION, FREE EDUCATION FOR ALL UP TO FORM 3 LEVEL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEMS OF SUCH AN ENORMOUS POPULATION IN SUCH A LIMITED AREA HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY SURMOUNTED.

+BUT, INEVITABLY, WITH SUCH A RECORD THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE TO THE PICTURE. TWO MAJOR SOCIAL EVILS HAVE ARISEN, IN PART PERHAPS DUE TO OUR VERY RAPID RATE OF GROWTH AND OUR DENSELY-PACKED POPULATION - I SPEAK OF COURSE OF CORRUPTION AND DRUG ABUSE.

+BUT HERE AGAIN, THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN TACKLED IN A TYPICALLY HONG KONG WAY BY FACING THEM SQUARELY AND PRAGMATICALLY AND BY DEVISING METHODS BY WHICH THEY CAN FIRST BE CONTROLLED, AND THEN PROGRESSIVELY REMOVED,+ SIR YUET-KEUNG SAID.

HE SAID THAT IN THIS CONTINUING WAR AGAINST DRUG, THE SUPPORT OF HONG KONG'S PEOPLE WAS VITALLY IMPORTANT AND THIS REPRESENTED THE PURPOSE OF THE CAMPAIGN WHICH BEGAN IN MONG KOK TODAY.

IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS, MORE THAN 700 SCHOOLS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN MONG KOK WILL JOIN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO BRING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THIS DISTRICT, AND PARTICULARLY TO ITS YOUNG PEOPLE, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY AGAINST THIS DESTRUCTIVE MENACE OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE MONG KOK CITY DISTRICT IS ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS IN THE WORLD. ABOUT 250 000 PEOPLE LIVE IN A SMALL AREA OF UNDER ONE-AND-A-HALF SQUARE KILOMETRE, WHICH GIVES A DENSITY OF ALMOST 170 000 PEOPLE PER SQUARE KILOMETRE. THIS COMPARES WITH AN OVERALL DENSITY PER SQUARE KILOMETRE OF 300 IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, 23 IN THE UNITED STATES AND TWO IN CANADA.

+THIS HIGH-DENSITY LIVING INEVITABLY BRINGS CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS TO MANY- PARENTAL CONTROL OVER CHILDREN MAY SOMETIMES BE LOOSENED, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL SUPPORT BETWEEN FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS MAY OFTEN BE DISCOURAGED. SUCH EFFECTS ARE OFTEN ACCENTED WHEN RESIDENTS HAVE TO SHARE COMMON FACILITIES AND LIMITED RESOURCES WITH EACH OTHER.

+WHILST THE MAJORITY HAVE ADOPTED TO OUR CONGESTED ENVIRONMENT, SOME DEVELOP ANTI-SOCIAL HABITS, OR TURN TO CRIME OR DRUGS TO RELIEVE THE FRUSTRATION IN THEIR LIVES.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT, UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS, COMMUNITY LEADERS IN MONG KOK HAVE WORKED HARD OVER THE YEARS TO PROVIDE MORE OF THE COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL OUTLETS AND FACILITIES SO URGENTLY NEEDED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT, AND ESPECIALLY BY THE YOUNG.

+THEIR SPONSORSHIP OF THIS CAMPAIGN, AND OF THE 80 EVENTS WHICH WILL BE CONNECTED WITH IT, SPEAKS WELL FOR THEIR TRADITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE DATING BACK TO THE SHEK KIP MEI FIRE OF 1953,+ HE SAID.

SIR YUET-KEUNG SAID HE HOPED THIS BIGGEST CAMPAIGN EFFORT EVER ORGANISED IN MONG KOK WOULD DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF DANGER OF DRUG ABUSE TO ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS, DISSUADE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM EVER EXPERIMENTING WITH DRUGS, AND ENCOURAGE CITIZENS TO REPORT TO OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES THE ACTIVITIES OF ANY DRUG TRAFFICKERS, PUSHERS OR MANUFACTURERS WHICH MIGHT COME TO THEIR NOTICE.

+IN ADDITION, I TRUST THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL INSPIRE A GREATER WILLINGNESS TO OFFER EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER FORMS OF PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE TO REHABILITATED ADDICTS AND TO THOSE WHO MAY BE AT RISK OF BECOMING ADDICTS BY REASON OF PERSONAL, SOCIAL OR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS,+ SIR YUET-KEUNG SAID.

HE THANKED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR. HUNG WAI-MAN AND HIS COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY THE UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR. WONG LAM, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. E. I. LEE, THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (WEST KOWLOON), MR. TONY EASON AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (MONG KOK), MISS REGINA LAU.

MORE THAN 10 000 LOCAL RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS ALSO ATTENDED THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A THREE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW, INCLUDING A MOCK BATTLE BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), DRAGON AND LION DANCES, BAND PERFORMANCES, +TELE-MATCH+ GAMES, AND SONG AND DANCE PERFORMANCES BY TOP TELEVISION STARS.

MORE HOMES FOR THE AGED ARE NEEDED IN NT
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES TODAY (SATURDAY) EXPRESSED HOPE TO SEE CLOSER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN PROVIDING MORE CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES FOR THE GROWING ELDERLY POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING AT THE KAM TIN CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN YUEN LONG ON ITS OPEN DAY, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE HOME, BUILT BY THE SALVATION ARMY IN 1975, WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO SERVE AGED PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

+SOME PEOPLE, AS THEY GROW OLD, ARE UNABLE TO LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES, BUT THEY ARE NOT ILL AND DO NOT NEED A HOSPITAL. THEY NEED PERSONAL CARE AND OCCASIONAL MEDICAL ATTENTION,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER MENTIONED A NEED FOR 1 400 PLACES IN THESE INSTITUTIONS BY 1982/83 AND THERE IS A BIG GAP BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND.

+AND I AM GLAD THE PEOPLE OF YUEN LONG ARE RESPONDING TO THIS NEED BY PRESSING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER SUCH HOME TO BE BUILT BY THE POK OI HOSPITAL AT PING SHAN,+ HE SAID.

FOR THE NEW HOME, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID, THE ALLOCATION OF LAND WAS IN HAND AND PREPARATION OF ARCHITECTURAL PLANS UNDERWAY.

+THIS INITIATIVE IS VERY WELCOME AND I AM SURE LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL COME FORWARD TO GIVE IT THEIR SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.+

HE PRAISED THE SALVATION ARMY FOR THEIR GOOD WORK IN RUNNING THE KAM TIN HOME.

THERE ARE 19 CENTRES FOR THE AGED OPERATED BY VOLUNTARY AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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TECHNICAL COURSES HELP DEVELOP WORKERS' POTENTIALS

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LOCAL EMPLOYERS SHOULD HELP DEVELOP THEIR WORKERS' POTENTIALS BY MAKING AVAILABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO ATTEND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS.

THIS IS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS FOLLOWING A SURVEY OF PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES.

THE SURVEY WHICH COVERED 940 INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS AND 40 HOTELS WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE COMMITTEE LAST YEAR TO FIND OUT THE TYPES OF PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES THAT EMPLOYERS WOULD LIKE THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND IN THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE ON SALE ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 15) AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$9 A COPY.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE TRAINING COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL TRAINING INSTITUTIONS INCLUDE:

- * TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS, RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND TRAINING BOARDS OF THE COUNCIL SHOULD REGULARLY ASSESS THE TRAINING NEEDS OF INDUSTRY AND REVIEW THE MERIT OF PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES TO ENSURE THAT THEY CAN MEET THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY-
- * FOR THOSE APPRENTICES WHOSE EDUCATIONAL STANDARD IS BELOW THAT SPECIFIED FOR ENTRY INTO PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES, THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTS THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD, AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, CONTINUE TO RUN SPECIAL REMEDIAL CLASSES TO RAISE THEIR STANDARD TO THE REQUIRED LEVEL-
- * SUFFICIENT PLACES IN RELEVANT PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES SHOULD ALWAYS BE MADE AVAILABLE IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS FOR APPRENTICES- AND
- * MAJOR EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR MEMBERS TO START ORGANISED APPRENTICE TRAINING AND MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS.

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JURY LIST

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THE ACTING REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT, MR. JOHN BARNETT, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT A FURTHER LIST OF COMMON JURORS WILL BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING ON NOVEMBER 1.

THE LIST WILL REMAIN POSTED FOR 14 DAYS AND DURING THIS PERIOD ANY PERSON MAY APPLY BY NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE REGISTRAR REQUIRING THAT HIS NAME OR THE NAME OF ANOTHER PERSON BE POSTED OR REMOVED UPON CAUSES DULY ASSIGNED IN SUCH NOTICE.

THE REGISTRAR SHALL IN HIS DISCRETION, POST OR REMOVE SUCH NAME ACCORDINGLY AND SHALL IF NECESSARY ALTER THE LIST.

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COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL RUN A COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES NEXT MONTH.

THE COURSE, +THE TEACHING OF WRITING IN CHINESE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS,+ IS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, AND WILL BE HELD AT THE MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THERE WILL BE LECTURES AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS, AND EACH PARTICIPANT BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THEIR OWN TEACHING EXPERIENCE.

THE COURSE CONSISTS OF TWO MEETINGS AND IS FREE OF CHARGE. IT WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 5 AND 6 FROM 2.30 P.M. TO 5 P.M. AND BE REPEATED FOR ANOTHER GROUP OF TEACHERS ON NOVEMBER 7 AND 8.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE SAID THE COURSE WOULD NOT LEAD TO ANY QUALIFICATION, BUT A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION BE ISSUED TO THOSE WHO FULFILLED THE ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS.

PRINCIPALS WISHING TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO THE COURSE SHOULD SEND THEIR APPLICATION FORMS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR, KOWLOON ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 22.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN TSIM SHA TSUI
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 15) A SECTION OF TAK SHING STREET BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND TAK HING STREET IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 15) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MORRISON STREET, WING LOK STREET, SOUTH SIDE OF DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, SUTHERLAND STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
OCTOBER 15 (MONDAY)	7 A.M. — 5 P.M.
OCTOBER 18 (THURSDAY)	7 A.M. — 5 P.M.
OCTOBER 19 (FRIDAY)	7 A.M. — 5 P.M.

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