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CS TO OPEN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN SHA TIN

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THE FIRST PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

THIS IS THE SECOND PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL TO BE SPONSORED BY THE MARDEN FOUNDATION IN NEW TOWNS. THE FIRST WAS OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, IN TUEN MUN LAST YEAR.

THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN SHA TIN, STARTED OPERATION IN SEPTEMBER 1979, IN BORROWED PREMISES AT WO CHE ESTATE AND MOVED TO ITS PRESENT PREMISES AT THE START OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR. IT NOW HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 640 BUT THIS IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO OVER 1 000 AS SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS ARE OPENED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

MOST OF ITS STUDENTS ARE FROM SHA TIN AND THE NORTHERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH JUST OVER 10 PER CENT FROM NORTH KOWLOON.

THE SCHOOL HAS 14 CLASSROOMS, 10 WORKSHOPS, 11 SPECIAL ROOMS PLUS A HOST OF ANCILLARY FACILITIES. THE CAPITAL COST AMOUNTED TO \$17 MILLION OF WHICH \$7 MILLION WAS CONTRIBUTED BY THE MARDEN FOUNDATION AND THE REST FROM PUBLIC FUNDS.

APART FROM THE BASIC GENERAL SUBJECTS IN THE SECONDARY CURRICULUM, THE SCHOOL OFFERS SUCH PRACTICAL SUBJECTS AS ENGINEERING METALWORK, ELECTRICAL STUDIES, WOODWORK, COMMERCIAL AND RETAILING, AS WELL AS FOOD AND RELATED HOTEL SERVICES.

THE POPULARITY OF PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION IS REFLECTED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE SCHOOL. IN 1979/80 THE SCHOOL RECEIVED 750 APPLICATIONS FOR ITS FORM 1 PLACES AND FOR THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR 960 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED. OF THESE, TWO-THIRDS HAD TO BE REJECTED.

TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF EDUCATION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS PLANS TO ESTABLISH 12 MORE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS FROM 1982 AT A TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF \$200 MILLION AT CURRENT PRICES.

THE 13 EXISTING PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WHICH NOW ONLY OPERATE CLASSES UP TO FORM 3 WILL BE INTRODUCING SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS FROM SEPTEMBER 1981.

+WITH THE EXTENSION TO SENIOR SECONDARY FORMS, THIS WILL ENABLE THE MORE CAPABLE STUDENTS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN THEIR OWN OR OTHER PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS UP TO THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION LEVEL AND THEN PROCEED DIRECTLY TO TECHNICIAN PROGRAMMES IN THE POLYTECHNIC OR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOL IN SHA TIN, WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AT 3 PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, WILL BE WELCOMED ON ARRIVAL BY MR J.L. MARDEN, GOVERNOR OF THE MARDEN FOUNDATION LTD, WHO WILL LATER INVITE SIR JACK TO UNVEIL A PLAQUE TO COMMEMORATE THE OCCASION.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. A COACH FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND GUESTS WILL LEAVE Y.M.C.A. BUILDING, HANKOW ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI FOR SHA TIN AT 1.45 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 18).

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CREDIT UNIONS ARE A SUCCESS
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CREDIT UNIONS HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO HONG KONG, BOTH SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THERE WERE NOW 60 CREDIT UNIONS SERVING ALMOST 13 000 MEMBERS, REPRESENTING A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND WITH COMBINED SAVINGS OF SOME \$12 MILLION, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL WEEK OF THE CREDIT UNION LEAGUE IN WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT GIVEN OUT IN LOANS BY THE UNIONS SINCE 1964, WHEN THE FIRST UNION WAS SET UP, WAS ABOUT \$76 MILLION, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

HE SAID:+ THE CREDIT UNIONS COULD NOT HAVE GIVEN SUCH ECONOMIC HELP TO THEIR MEMBERS IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE SOCIAL DEDICATION OF THE 900 VOLUNTEERS WHO MANAGE THE CREDIT UNIONS, HELP WITH LOANS, COUNSEL BORROWERS, KEEP THE ACCOUNTS, EDUCATE THE MEMBERS IN THE SPIRIT OF MUTUAL SERVICE AND OFTEN RESCUE MEMBERS FROM THE HANDS OF LOAN SHARKS.+

THE CREDIT UNION LEAGUE PROVIDED A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF HELP TO MEMBER CREDIT UNIONS AND HAD BEEN IN THE FOREFRONT OF ALL BATTLES ON BEHALF OF THE UNIONS, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

ON PROBLEMS FACED BY THE UNIONS, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID:+ IN HONG KONG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES ARE CONSTANTLY ON THE MOVE AND OFTEN SHIFT FROM THEIR ORIGINAL PLACE OF RESIDENCE TO NEW HOUSING ESTATES IN NEW AREAS SCATTERED FAR AND WIDE OVER THE TERRITORY.+

THIS HAD RESULTED IN MEMBERS LOSING TOUCH WITH THEIR SOCIETIES AND CONSEQUENTLY THE SOCIETIES LOST THEIR STRENGTH, HE SAID.

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ONE WAY TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM WAS TO TRY TO MAKE A SURVEY OF FORMER MEMBERS IN DIFFERENT ESTATES AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO GET TOGETHER AMONGST THEMSELVES AND FORM NEW CREDIT UNIONS IN THESE NEW ESTATES.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN PAID TRIBUTE TO FATHER JOHN COLLINS AND MR ANDREW SO FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT.

HE ALSO DOTTED THE EYES OF A LION TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL.

THE CARNIVAL WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY MRS RIDDELL-SWAN WHO ALSO PRESENTED PENNANTS AND TROPHIES TO THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITIONS.

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CAREERS EXHIBITION TO OPEN ON FRIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION, WHICH HAS BECOME A MAJOR FUNCTION FOR THE PROMOTION OF CAREERS EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK EXHIBITION HALL ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 21).

THE SHOW IS STAGED ONCE A YEAR BY THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE SINCE 1972 TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD OF WORK.

THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION IS, HOWEVER, SPONSORED AND SUPPORTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE PERFORMED BY THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MR A. DE O. SALES, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR J.N. HENDERSON, IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 3 PM. FROM THE FOLLOWING DAY UNTIL DECEMBER 1, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 6.30 PM DAILY.

EXPLAINING THE OBJECTIVE OF THE EXHIBITION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT CHOOSING A CAREER WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS A YOUNG PERSON HAD TO MAKE IN HIS LIFE. IT WAS HOPED THAT BY STAGING A CAREERS EXHIBITION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE ASSISTED IN MAKING A RIGHT START IN THE CHOICE OF THEIR CAREER.

THE ANNUAL EVENT HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY STUDENTS, PARENTS AND CAREERS TEACHERS, AND ATTRACTED MORE THAN 100 000 VISITORS EACH YEAR. THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VISITORS TO CAREERS '81 WOULD RECEIVE A WIDE RANGE OF CAREER INFORMATION AND THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 20 EXHIBITORS, COMPRISING FIVE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND 15 PRIVATE FIRMS, INSTITUTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS, WOULD BE TAKING PART.

/THE EXHIBITORS

THE EXHIBITORS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAME FROM MANY FIELDS, INCLUDING INDUSTRY, HOTEL SERVICES, ENGINEERING, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, BANKING, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, EACH EXHIBITOR WILL HAVE A DISPLAY STAND TO ILLUSTRATE, BY MEANS OF CHARTS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS AND OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, THE NATURE OF THE JOBS, ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION IN ITS OWN SPHERE OF WORK.

LEAFLETS, AND PAMPHLETS PREPARED BY THE EXHIBITORS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT AN ADDED FEATURE OF THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION WOULD BE A PROGRAMME OF CAREERS-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES TO BE STAGED BY FOUR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND TWO PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AT EDINBURGH PLACE DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD.

THE PARTICIPANTS OF THESE ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES -- THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING CENTRE -- WILL SEEK TO INTRODUCE TO YOUNG PEOPLE THE VARIOUS FACETS OF THEIR WORK AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES BY MEANS OF DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS, ETC.

+THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BE BOTH INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING. FOR EXAMPLE THERE WILL BE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A SKIN-DIVING PERFORMANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THE SEARCH FOR NARCOTICS, DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE POLICE'S SPECIALIST UNITS, PERFORMANCES BY BANDS, DOG SHOWS AND DISPLAYS OF POLICE VEHICLES AND FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

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ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE'S ACHIEVEMENT PRAISED

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER TODAY (SUNDAY) PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE FOR THEIR SPLENDID RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE BRIGADE'S ANNUAL INSPECTION AND PARADE AT THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STADIUM, SIR JACK SAID THE BRIGADE HAD SERVED HONG KONG +IN ALL KINDS OF WEATHER AND CONDITIONS, IN PEACE AND IN WAR+ SINCE IT STARTED ITS WORK 65 YEARS AGO.

DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE BRIGADE SPENT OVER 131 000 HOURS ATTENDING PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, PARADES AND COURSES OF INSTRUCTION.

+WE ARE INDEED FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MANY DEDICATED PEOPLE AMONGST US WHO ARE PREPARED TO DEVOTE SO MUCH OF THEIR FREE TIME FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

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+IT IS REASSURING TO KNOW THAT THE BRIGADE IS SUCCESSFULLY EXPANDING ITS ACTIVITIES INTO THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THAT PLANS FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE BRIGADE THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ARE BEING PREPARED,+ HE POINTED OUT.

SIR JACK ALSO NOTED THAT NEW EQUIPMENT WAS DONATED DURING THE YEAR AND MORE REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT HAD BEEN ORDERED.

ALL THESE, HE SAID, TOGETHER WITH THE REGULAR TRAINING WHICH THE BRIGADE CARRIED OUT ANNUALLY WOULD THEREFORE ENSURE THAT IT WAS WELL EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE FIRST-AID TO ALL WHO NEEDED IT.

AS HONG KONG CONTINUED TO GROW AND DEVELOP AND ESPECIALLY AS OUR PEOPLE HAD MORE TIME TO SPEND ON LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL PURSUITS, SIR JACK SAID, THE SERVICES WHICH THE BRIGADE PROVIDED SO ABLY AND WILLINGLY TO THE PUBLIC WERE ALSO BOUND TO INCREASE.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE BRIGADE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A MUCH SOUGHT-AFTER ROLE TO PLAY IN CONTINUING TO PROVIDE, ON A REGULAR BASIS, THE SERVICES WHICH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF EVERYONE AND TRUE TO THE SPIRIT OF ST JOHN,+ HE ADDED.

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SUPPORT FOR NT SCOUT DEVELOPMENT URGED

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ORGANISED ACTIVITY FOR THE YOUNG IS NOT ONLY DESIRABLE IN ITSELF, BUT IS PART OF OUR DEFENCE AGAINST THE EVILS THAT BESET ANY SOCIETY - CRIME, CORRUPTION, DISORDER OF ALL KINDS.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE NEW TERRITORIES SCOUT RALLY HELD AT YUEN LONG STADIUM.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS ADDRESSING 2 000 CUBS AND SCOUTS FROM 11 NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL.

HE SAID AS THE POPULATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES GREW, SO TOO DID THE NEED AND THE DEMAND FOR LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

A FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SCOUTING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD BEEN DRAWN UP AND A DEVELOPMENT FUND ESTABLISHED TO RAISE \$500 000.

THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN CALLED FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SCOUTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM 8 000 TO 14 000 IN FIVE YEARS AND FOR IMPROVED ADMINISTRATION, EXPANDED SERVICES AND DISTRICT CENTRES IN TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TAI PO AND SHA TIN.

+I HOPE OUR PLANS TO EXPAND SCOUTING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WILL BE STRONGLY SUPPORTED,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

PRIOR TO THE RALLY AN EXHIBITION OF SCOUT OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WAS OPENED BY MRS AKERS-JONES AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL, WAS TO INTRODUCE YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE LIFE AND ACTIVITIES OF SCOUTS. ON DISPLAY WERE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING SERVICES PROVIDED BY SCOUTS. WAYS TO PUT UP A TENT AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN CAMPING WERE DEMONSTRATED.

A SCOOTER TATTOO BY MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WAS HELD AFTER THE RALLY.

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JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT MISSION ARRIVES

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A JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT STUDY MISSION, COMPRISING TOP EXECUTIVES OF 11 COMPANIES, WILL BEGIN A THREE-DAY FACT-FINDING MISSION IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THIS IS THE THIRD MISSION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG/JAPAN AND JAPAN/HONG KONG BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES. THE FIRST MISSION VISITED HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1979, AND A SECOND MISSION IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE COMPANIES INVOLVED ARE FROM THE OSAKA AREA, AS THE VISIT IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE SEMINAR ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE TWO BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES IN OSAKA IN AUGUST.

MEMBERS OF THE MISSION, LED BY MR TAKESHI SUGA, WILL BE STUDYING THE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG AND, IN SOME CASES, EXECUTIVES ARE HOPING TO LOCATE PARTNERS FOR JOINT VENTURES.

THE PROGRAMME WILL START TOMORROW MORNING AT THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WHERE THE MISSION WILL BE RECEIVED AND BRIEFED BY MR PAUL K.C. WONG, THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY.

THE MISSION WILL THEN MOVE ON TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS TO BE MET AND BRIEFED BY THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR JOSEPH WONG. AFTER A BRIEFING BY COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR OF THE INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR P.K. WONG, THE PARTY WILL TOUR TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. THE AFTERNOON PROGRAMME WILL END WITH A VISIT TO SHA TIN NEW TOWN WHERE THEY WILL BE BRIEFED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER.

IN THE EVENING A RECEPTION WILL BE HOSTED BY SIR S.Y. CHUNG AND DR T.K. ANN, CHAIRMEN OF THE HK/JBCC'S WORKING COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND OF THE HK/JBCC'S WORKING COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS RESPECTIVELY.

THE SECOND DAY WILL BEGIN WITH PANEL DISCUSSIONS COVERING THE METAL PRODUCTS, APPAREL AND DISTRIBUTION SECTORS. THE AFTERNOON WILL BE SPENT TOURING THE PREMISES OF MODERN TERMINALS LTD AT THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL, AND A VISIT TO THE YKK FACTORY AT TUEN MUN.

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IN THE EVENING A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD BY THE JAPANESE CONSUL GENERAL.

A VISIT TO CHIAP HUA SHINKO ALLOY CO. LTD. AND A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL TAKE UP THE MORNING ON THE THIRD DAY, WHILE THE AFTERNOON IS SCHEDULED FOR INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS AND ROUND-UP DISCUSSIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 10 AM IN THE TICD CONFERENCE ROOM (ROOM 1503), 15TH FLOOR, OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

AN INTRODUCTION WILL BE GIVEN BY MR K.K.H. YEUNG, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, FOLLOWED BY A STATEMENT AND COMMENTS ON THE VISIT BY MR TAKESHI SUGA, LEADER OF THE JAPANESE MISSION.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE MR CHIKAO HISADA (DEPUTY LEADER), MR SEIICHI KURIHARA (ADVISOR) AND TICD REPRESENTATIVES.

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COMPLAINT REPORTING PROCEDURE ON
FIRE HAZARD STREAMLINED

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO STREAMLINE ITS COMPLAINT REPORTING PROCEDURE ON VARIOUS MATTERS SUCH AS FIRE HAZARD, FIRE PROTECTION AND OBSTRUCTION.

FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), ALL SUCH COMPLAINTS BY TELEPHONE WILL BE RECORDED BY PERSONNEL AT THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED THAT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-281224 FOR SUCH COMPLAINTS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID BY CHANELLING SUCH CALLS TO THE CENTRE, PEOPLE DIALLING IN WILL GET QUICKER RESPONSE AS THE COMMUNICATION CENTRE OPERATED ROUND THE CLOCK THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE YEAR.

IN ADDITION THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL SAVE THE SERVICE CONSIDERABLE MANPOWER AND AVOID COMPLICATIONS.

DURING THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDING LAST JULY, THE FIRE SERVICES RECEIVED ABOUT 1 700 COMPLAINTS AGAINST FIRE HAZARD AND OBSTRUCTION.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION GOES INTO MARRIAGE REGISTRIES

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION TO PREVENT MARITAL BREAKDOWNS IS GOING INTO HONG KONG'S MARRIAGE REGISTRIES.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED THOUSANDS OF SPECIALLY DESIGNED SOUVENIR CARDS TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS MARITAL RELATIONSHIP.

AND THESE ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO COUPLES TURNING UP AT THE MARRIAGE REGISTRIES TO SAY +I DO+.

POSTERS CARRYING THE MESSAGE OF +HAPPY MARRIAGE, HAPPY LIFE+ ARE ALSO PUT UP AT THE REGISTRIES TO GREET THE NEWLY-WEDS.

THE SOUVENIR CARDS ADVISE ON THE PROPER ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE PREPARATION FOR, ADJUSTMENT IN AND ENRICHMENT OF MARRIAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THEY WERE PART OF THE PUBLICITY PACKAGE TO PROMOTE THE CURRENT COMMUNITY-WIDE CAMPAIGN ON +MARITAL RELATIONSHIP+.

+AS MARRIAGE REGISTRIES ARE DIRECTLY IN CONTACT WITH COUPLES COMING FORWARD TO REGISTER THEIR MARRIAGES, THEY ARE ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL CHANNELS FOR REACHING THE TARGET GROUPS OF THE CAMPAIGN,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, OVER 150 VARIOUS PROGRAMMES ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THE PROGRAMMES EXTEND OVER SEVERAL MONTHS AND ARE INTENDED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT TO GET MARRIED, THE NEWLY-WEDS AND COUPLES WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR A LONG PERIOD.

THEY INCLUDE TALKS AND SEMINARS ON COURTSHIP, MARRIAGE AND SEX EDUCATION, VARIETY SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS, HAPPY FAMILY CAMPS AND +SECOND-HONEYMOON+ TRIPS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +SECOND-HONEYMOON+ TRIPS AIMED AT ENABLING LONG-TIME MARRIED COUPLES TO REFRESH SWEET MEMORIES AS AN ENRICHMENT OF THEIR MARRIED LIFE.

+ONE SUCH TRIP JUST TOOK PLACE THIS WEEKEND WITH 34 COUPLES WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS ENJOYING A NIGHT AT PEARL ISLAND HOTEL,+ HE SAID.

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YUEN LONG HAWKER BAZAAR TO OPEN SOON

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THREE MAIN STREETS AT THE TOWN CENTRE OF YUEN LONG WILL BE FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION BY HAWKERS WITH THE OPENING OF A HAWKER BAZAAR LATER THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) STRICT CONTROL WILL THEN BE MAINTAINED TO PREVENT ON-STREET HAWKING ALONG TAI TONG ROAD, NEW STREET AND MAU TAN STREET.

THIS WAS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW AND THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

MORE THAN 150 HAWKERS ORIGINALLY TRADING IN THESE STREETS WILL BE ALLOCATED A FIXED PITCH IN THE YUEN LONG HAWKER BAZAAR LOCATED NEXT TO THE HOP YICK PRIVATE MARKET.

BALLOTING OF SITES FOR ELIGIBLE HAWKERS WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 18) AND THE HAWKERS ARE REQUIRED TO MOVE INTO THEIR BALLOTTED PITCHES BEFORE THE CLEARANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED ALL HAWKERS IN THE AREA WHO HAD SO FAR FAILED TO REGISTER WITH THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF YUEN LONG TO TAKE THIS LAST OPPORTUNITY TO CONTACT THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER AT DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR, MAIN ROAD, YUEN LONG, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HOWEVER, NO HAWKERS SELLING RESTRICTED FOOD SUCH AS MEAT, POULTRY, FISH, SIU MEI AND LO MEI AND OTHER COOKED FOOD ITEMS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALLOCATION OF A PITCH AT THE HAWKER BAZAAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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VACANCIES FOR HOSPITAL LABOURERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS TO FILL 40 VACANCIES FOR HOSPITAL ORDERLIES AND LABOURERS IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT APPLICANTS FOR THE HOSPITAL ORDERLY AND LABOURER POSTS SHOULD BE MALE AND SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST PRIMARY EDUCATION.

THE MONTHLY SALARY FOR THE POSTS STARTS AT \$1 375.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO WORK IN THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG HOSPITAL AND PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL AND TO UNDERTAKE SHIFT DUTIES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD CALL AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, BRINGING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 3-666615, 5-270276 OR 12-420154.

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YUEN LONG PICNIC SPOTS GET A CLEAN-UP

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MORE THAN 100 PUBLIC-SPIRITED YOUTHS TODAY (SUNDAY) CLEANED UP SEVERAL POPULAR PICNIC SPOTS IN YUEN LONG.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN GROUPS CLEARED REFUSE LEFT BEHIND BY PICNICKERS AT LING WAN TZE (TEMPLE), TAI MO SHAN LOOKOUT, NAM SANG WAI AND PAK LAI.

THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND THREE BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATIONS OF YUEN LONG DISTRICT.

THE EXERCISE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE RECENT ANTI-LITTER DRIVE, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF YUEN LONG AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF YUEN LONG.

THE CLEAN-UP WAS AIMED AT DRAWING THE ATTENTION OF THE PICNICKERS TO THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THE CLEANLINESS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED HOLIDAY MAKERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF REFUSE CONTAINERS PROVIDED AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS FOR THEM.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT LITTER BUGS WOULD FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1 000 ON FIRST CONVICTION AND \$2 000 FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE.

A TOTAL OF 110 LITTER BUGS HAD BEEN SUMMONSED SINCE THE ANTI-LITTER DRIVE BEGAN EARLY THIS MONTH IN THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON CLEARWATER BAY ROAD

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON CLEARWATER BAY ROAD FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 19) FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE NEW NORTHERN CARRIAGEWAY OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD FROM PIK UK TO HIRAM'S HIGHWAY WILL BE OPENED TO SAI KUNG-BOUND TRAFFIC. THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY ALONG THE SAME SECTION OF ROAD WILL BECOME ONE-WAY ONLY FOR KOWLOON-BOUND TRAFFIC.

THE SLIP ROADS JOINING THE TWO CARRIAGEWAYS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TURNING MOVEMENTS AT ABOUT 200 METRES AND 800 METRES FROM THE JUNCTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AND HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

ALSO FROM WEDNESDAY SAI KUNG-BOUND MOTORISTS FROM HANG HAU CAN MAKE USE OF THE FORMER SLIP ROAD TO TURN INTO HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO CHOI WAN ESTATE ON CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD WILL
BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 18) TO 6 AM THE
FOLLOWING MORNING FOR WATER MAIN WORK.

SUPPLY TO GOOD HOPE SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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