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SEAT BELT : GOOD SAFETY FACTOR
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FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR, DRIVERS AND FRONT-SEAT PASSENGERS IN PRIVATE VEHICLES WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT STUDIES SHOWED A VERY LOW USAGE OF SEAT BELTS AT PRESENT.

OBSERVATION AT 14 PLACES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG GAVE USAGE RATES RANGING FROM 4.12 PER CENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO 7.32 PER CENT AT THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

+THESE RATES, TOGETHER WITH THE ACTUAL ACCIDENT RECORDS OF BOTH BELTED AND UNBELTED PRIVATE CAR FRONT SEAT OCCUPANTS, WERE USED TO ASSESS THE CASUALTY RATES FOR BOTH CATEGORIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE CONCLUSION WAS THAT THE CHANCE OF A FRONT SEAT OCCUPANT OF BEING SERIOUSLY OR FATALLY INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT IS 3.3 PER CENT FOR A BELTED OCCUPANT, COMPARED WITH 8.7 PER CENT FOR AN UNBELTED ONE.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUCH FINDINGS WERE FULLY SUPPORTED BY EXPERIENCE IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

IN BRITAIN, THE WEARING OF SEAT BELTS HAS BEEN COMPULSORY SINCE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR AND THE EFFECTS HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC.

IN THE WEST MIDLANDS AREA AROUND BIRMINGHAM AND COVENTRY, THERE WAS A 22 PER CENT FALL IN ROAD CASUALTIES DURING THE FIRST MONTH ALONE.

GOVERNMENT VEHICLE USERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SET AN EXAMPLE, AND, FROM JULY 1, ALL DRIVERS AND FRONT-SEAT PASSENGERS IN GOVERNMENT VEHICLES FITTED WITH BELTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WEAR THEM.

THE NEW LAW, WHICH COMES INTO EFFECT IN OCTOBER, STATES THAT SEAT BELTS MUST BE WORN BY DRIVERS OR FRONT-SEAT PASSENGERS OF ALL CARS, OR DUAL-PURPOSE LIGHT VANS REGISTERED AS PRIVATE CARS.

FAILURE TO DO SO COULD RESULT IN A FINE OF UP TO \$500 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS ON FIRST CONVICTION, OR A FINE OF \$1 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS ON ANY SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION.

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LARGEST SINGLE DONATION BOOSTS PHOTO ARCHIVES
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HONG KONG'S PHOTO ARCHIVES HAVE BEEN ENRICHED BY THE LARGEST SINGLE PRIVATE COLLECTION DONATED RECENTLY BY MRS IRIS JOHNSTON, THE DAUGHTER OF SIR HENRY MAY, GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG FROM 1912 TO 1919.

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE HAS RECEIVED FROM MRS JOHNSTON 630 PHOTOGRAPHS OF HONG KONG, BOOSTING ITS COLLECTION TO MORE THAN 5 000 PICTURES WITH A VIVID PANORAMA OF HONG KONG'S HISTORY.

WHILE IN ENGLAND RECENTLY, THE ARCHIVIST IN CHARGE OF THE PRO, MR IAN DIAMOND, VISITED MRS JOHNSTON TO SEE THE MAY FAMILY COLLECTION OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF HONG KONG. DURING THE VISIT, MRS JOHNSTON OFFERED TO PRESENT THE COLLECTION TO THE OFFICE.

+MANY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS RECEIVED ARE UNIQUE AND OF CONSIDERABLE HISTORICAL INTEREST, AND MOST WERE TAKEN DURING AND JUST BEFORE SIR HENRY MAY'S TERM OF OFFICE AS GOVERNOR,+ MR DIAMOND SAID.

THEY INCLUDE COVERAGE OF SUCH EVENTS AS THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, THE CELEBRATIONS TO MARK THE CORONATION OF KING GEORGE V, THE PEACE CELEBRATIONS OF 1919 AND THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE KRC CANTON TERMINUS. THERE ARE ALSO PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE OPENING OF THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE -- ONE OF HONG KONG'S OLDEST LANDMARKS STILL IN EXISTENCE TODAY -- AND VARIOUS RACE MEETINGS AT HAPPY VALLEY.

THERE ARE MANY INTERESTING VIEWS OF TAI PO, SHA TIN AND OTHER PLACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TAKEN AT A TIME WHEN THESE AREAS WERE STILL ENTIRELY RURAL.

THE MAY COLLECTION ALSO INCLUDES NUMEROUS UNIQUE INTERIOR PICTURES OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE, THE GOVERNOR'S PEAK RESIDENCE MOUNTAIN LODGE, THE OLD CITY HALL AND OTHER HONG KONG BUILDINGS LONG DEMOLISHED.

+THE PHOTOS SHOWING THE OPENING OF THE KCR TSIM SHA TSUI TERMINUS IN 1910 AND AN OFFICIAL PARTY TAKING THE TRAIN TO LOWU PROBABLY EXIST NOWHERE ELSE. THEY PRESENT A DRAMATIC CONTRAST TO THE KCR WITH ITS ELECTRIC TRAINS WHICH ONLY RECENTLY MADE THEIR DEBUT TO THE LOWU BORDER,+ MR DIAMOND POINTED OUT.

OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE'S 5 000-PLUS PHOTOS, SOME 3 000 WERE TAKEN AFTER WORLD WAR II AND THE REST COVER A LONG SPAN OF HONG KONG'S HISTORY, WITH THE EARLIEST DATING TO 1859, SHORTLY AFTER PHOTOGRAPHY WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO HONG KONG, MR DIAMOND SAID.

+MANY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS VIVIDLY CHRONICLE THE LIFE STYLES OF HONG KONG IN DIFFERENT PERIODS, ITS EVOLVING TRANSPORT MODES AND ITS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+EARLY PHOTOS OF WHAT BECAME THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE RELATIVELY RARE AS ACCESS WAS DIFFICULT AND BANDITRY IN THE AREA WAS STILL PRETTY COMMON,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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THE PHOTO ARCHIVES ALSO CONTAIN A RICH ALBUM OF CENTRAL DISTRICT DRESSED UP IN CELEBRATION OF THE TREATY OF VERSAILLES MARKING THE END OF WORLD WAR I.

+WITHIN THE SPACE OF ONE WEEK, PHOTOGRAPHERS TOOK PICTURES OF PRACTICALLY EVERY STREET IN CENTRAL. BY DOING SO THEY PROVIDED A UNIQUE AND DETAILED RECORD OF THE ARCHITECTURE AND GENERAL APPEARANCE OF DOWNTOWN VICTORIA AT ONE MOMENT IN TIME,+ MR DIAMOND POINTED OUT.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OLD PHOTOGRAPHS SHOULD BE SET AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE 19TH CENTURY AND THE EARLY DECADES OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

IN 1899, A NOTED PHOTOGRAPHER ACTIVE ON THE CHINA COAST COMMENTED ON WHAT THE PROFESSION WAS LIKE: +MY IMPEDIMENTA (CAMERA EQUIPMENT) REQUIRED FOR ITS TRANSPORT A RETINUE OF FROM BETWEEN EIGHT TO 10 BEARERS.+

THE COMPLEXITY OF PHOTOGRAPHY IN THE OLD DAYS MADE IT ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THE OWNER OF A CAMERA WAS EITHER A PROFESSIONAL OR A KEEN AMATEUR.

MANY OF THE PHOTOS IN THE MAY FAMILY COLLECTION WERE PROBABLY TAKEN BY SIR HENRY'S WIFE.

+MRS JOHNSTON TOLD ME HER MOTHER WAS A KEEN PHOTOGRAPHER,+ MR DIAMOND SAID.

THE MANY MAY PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE INTERIORS OF FORMER FAMOUS BUILDINGS CAPTURE THE DECOR POPULAR IN THE OLD DAYS. AND SUCH PICTURES ARE RARE BECAUSE IN THE DAYS OF MAGNESIUM FLASH, INDOOR PHOTOGRAPHY WAS A CHALLENGING AND OFTEN HIT-OR-MISS PROPOSITION.

THE PUBLIC RECORDS OFFICE HAS IDENTIFIED VIRTUALLY EVERY PHOTOGRAPH IN ITS CUSTODY. THIS HAS BEEN A DAUNTING TASK AS MANY OF THE OLD PHOTOS CAME WITHOUT ANY INFORMATION.

THROUGH PAINSTAKING RESEARCH, WHICH INVOLVED STUDYING OLD GAZETTES, MAPS, NEWSPAPERS, RATE COLLECTION BOOKS AND BUSINESS DIRECTORIES, PRACTICALLY EVERY LOCATION IN THE PHOTOS HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AND DATED, MR DIAMOND EXPLAINED.

THE OFFICE STARTED GATHERING OLD PHOTOS IN A SMALL WAY IN 1972 WHEN THE OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED.

+THROUGH PURCHASES IN LONDON AND THROUGH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, WE HAVE BUILT UP OUR PHOTO ARCHIVES AT A COMPOUND RATE SO THAT TODAY HONG KONG IS FAIRLY WELL REPRESENTED THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY,+ MR DIAMOND SAID.

INEVITABLY, GAPS STILL EXIST AND THE SEARCH CONTINUES.

+WE ARE ALWAYS INTERESTED IN PHOTOS OF HONG KONG FROM ANY QUARTER AND SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT PRIVATE ALBUMS. WE CAN ALWAYS MAKE COPIES OF THESE PICTURES AND RETURN THE ORIGINALS TO THE OWNERS,+ MR DIAMOND SAID.

SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT OF PRICE INDEXES EXPLAINED
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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ENTITLED +AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES+ IS PUBLISHED IN THE MAY 1983 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

THIS EXPOSITORY PAPER EXPLAINS WHAT SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT IS AND PRESENTS THE OBJECTIVES, METHODS AND RESULTS OF SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES.

IT ALSO PROVIDES A GUIDE-LINE FOR INTERPRETING THE RESULTANT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FIGURES CORRECTLY.

THE PRICES OF MANY COMPONENT ITEMS IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ARE SUBJECT TO SEASONAL INFLUENCES WHICH ARE USUALLY CAUSED BY WEATHER CHANGES AND SOCIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMS.

THESE SEASONAL VARIATIONS IN PRICES ARE PERIODIC IN NATURE AND RECUR REGULARLY WITHIN A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR. THIS MEANS THAT PRICES ARE RELATIVELY HIGH DURING SOME MONTHS OF THE YEAR BUT RELATIVELY LOW DURING OTHERS. SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT TAKES OUT THE SEASONAL VARIATIONS IN THE OBSERVED PRICE INDEXES.

THE RESULTANT CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE THEN DESCRIBED AS SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AND PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE ANALYSIS OF CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES REVEAL A CLEARER AND MORE ACCURATE TREND MOVEMENT THAN THE UNADJUSTED SERIES. BETTER MONTH-TO-MONTH COMPARISON TO DEPICT CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CONSUMER PRICES AND MORE ACCURATE ANALYSIS FOR THE FORMULATION OF ECONOMIC POLICY CAN THUS BE MADE.

THE METHOD EMPLOYED IS +THE X-11-ARIMA SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT METHOD+ DEVELOPED BY STATISTICS CANADA WHICH IS ADOPTED BY MANY COUNTRIES FOR THIS PURPOSE.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE SEASONAL ADJUSTMENT OF CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE CONTAINED IN THE REVIEW ARTICLE.

THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS WILL BE ON SALE SHORTLY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AT \$25 PER COPY.

OFF-HOUR LABOUR ENQUIRY SERVICE
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PEOPLE WHO HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT LABOUR RELATIONS MATTERS AFTER OFFICE HOURS, ARE INVITED TO DIAL NO. 3-205638 TO REACH AN AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE RECORDING SYSTEM INSTALLED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE (LRS) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

A PERSON DIALLING THIS NUMBER SHOULD THEN ASK THE QUESTIONS AND LEAVE A CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER. A LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL WILL GIVE A DETAILED REPLY OVER THE PHONE ON THE FOLLOWING WORKING DAY.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THIS AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE RECORDING SYSTEM WAS SET UP ON JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR, IN RESPONSE TO DISTRICT BOARDS' REQUESTS FOR SERVICE AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION UP TO JULY 15, 198 ENQUIRIES HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND DEALT WITH, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE SAID THAT ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE ENQUIRIES WERE RELATED TO DISMISSALS AND RESIGNATIONS, INCLUDING QUESTIONS ON SEVERANCE PAY, ABOUT 30 PER CENT WERE ON STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, ANNUAL LEAVE AND REST DAYS; 10 PER CENT ON SICKNESS BENEFITS, AND THE REMAINDER WERE ON MATERNITY LEAVE PAY, ARREARS OF WAGES, WAGE DEDUCTIONS AND OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT.

+THE SYSTEM HAS TURNED OUT TO BE POPULAR FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, WHO CAN MAKE THEIR ENQUIRIES FROM HOME,+ HE NOTED.

THE LRS HAS NINE OFFICES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS, ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON THE FOLLOWING TELEPHONES:

HONG KONG ISLAND EAST	:	5-282523
HONG KONG ISLAND WEST	:	5-268671
KOWLOON EAST	:	3-205638
KOWLOON WEST	:	3-201652
KOWLOON SOUTH	:	3-319454
KWUN TONG	:	3-898520
TSUEN WAN	:	0-4980100
TUEN MUN	:	0-818443
TAI PO	:	0-6577111, EXT. 114.

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1983 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP OPENS

THE 1983 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP - NOW IN ITS FOURTH YEAR - WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY MR W.C.L. BROWN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MR BROWN POINTED OUT THAT STAGING A RESIDENTIAL MUSIC CAMP OF THIS SIZE WAS AN EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING.

HE THANKED THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS GENEROUS DONATION OF \$240 000 AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR ITS SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INPUT.

ABOUT 400 YOUNG MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS INCLUDING SOME FROM AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, MACAU AND THE UNITED KINGDOM ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE TWO-WEEK CAMP BEING HELD AT ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

IN ADDITION, NINE WELL-KNOWN GUEST MUSICIANS -- FOUR FROM CHINA, FOUR FROM AUSTRALIA AND ONE FROM THE UK -- ARE JOINING THE CAMP AS CONDUCTORS AND INSTRUCTORS TO ENSURE THAT HIGH STANDARDS WILL BE ACHIEVED BY THE CAMPERS.

HEADING THE OVERSEAS MUSICIANS ARE CHRISTOPHER MARTIN WHO WILL CONDUCT THE CAMP'S SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, SIMONE DE HAAN WHO WILL PROVIDE BRASS COACHING FOR THE CAMPERS, RICHARD MCINTYRE WHO WILL TEACH WOODWIND TECHNIQUE, AND DETLEF HAHN AND GEORG PEDERSEN WHO WILL BE PRINCIPAL INSTRUCTORS OF UPPER AND LOWER STRINGS.

THE FOUR VISITING MUSICIANS FROM CHINA ARE XIA FEI YUN (GUEST CONDUCTOR) AND INSTRUCTORS ZHAO SUNG TING (DI-ZI), WU SU HUA (ER-HU) AND HU TIAN QUAN (SHENG).

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, SAID THE MUSIC CAMP WAS AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT WITH MOST OF THE TEACHERS AND SOME OF THE YOUNG MUSICIANS COMING FROM ABROAD.

+WE WELCOME THEM, THANK THEM IN ADVANCE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND HOPE THAT THEY WILL MAKE MANY FRIENDS HERE,+ HE ADDED.

MR OXLEY SAID THAT THE RANGE OF MUSICAL ACTIVITIES TO BE OFFERED OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS IS VERY WIDE.

+WE HAVE MUSIC FOR WESTERN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, CHINESE ORCHESTRA, SYMPHONIC BAND, STRING ENSEMBLE AND CHOIR; WE HAVE CHAMBER MUSIC, MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOPS, INSTRUMENTAL DEMONSTRATIONS, PEKING OPERA AND MUSICAL FILMS,+ HE SAID.

+WE DEPEND VERY MUCH ON THE COOPERATION OF THE STUDENTS, THE STAFF AND THE INSTRUCTORS TO MAKE THIS CAMP SUCCESSFUL.

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+HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THE ROLE OF PARENTS, PARTICULARLY DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING WHEN PRACTICE IS SO IMPORTANT BUT OFTEN DISCORDANT, AND OF SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS WHO CAN DO SO MUCH TO ENCOURAGE AND INSPIRE, + HE ADDED.

DURING THE TWO WEEKS, THE YOUNG CAMPERS WILL, APART FROM RECEIVING INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING, HAVE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A VARIETY OF PURSUITS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE. THESE INCLUDE SWIMMING, ARCHERY, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL, CANOEING AND CYCLING, AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES.

THE TWO-WEEK MUSIC CAMP WILL CULMINATE IN A CONCERT TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL ON AUGUST 13.

THE CONCERT IS INTENDED TO GIVE ALL YOUNG MUSICIANS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC FOLLOWING THEIR INTENSIVE TRAINING AT THE CAMP.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$5 EACH FOR THE CONCERT ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE CITY HALL BOX OFFICE.

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CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTOR TO ATTEND CONFERENCES
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THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR B.D. KEEP, WILL BE ATTENDING TWO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES FOR AVIATION CHIEFS TO BE HELD THIS MONTH (AUGUST).

THESE ARE THE 19TH ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION, ASIA PACIFIC REGION TO BE HELD IN DENPASAR, INDONESIA FROM AUGUST 4 TO 9, AND THE AIRPORT OPERATORS COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS CONFERENCE 1983 IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA FROM AUGUST 22 TO 26.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE MEETINGS IS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTORS WITH A FORUM FOR EXCHANGING VIEWS, EXPERIENCE AND INFORMATION ON AVIATION MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN AND INTEREST.

THE DENPASAR MEETING WILL DEAL WITH MATTERS RELATING TO AIR NAVIGATION, AVIATION SECURITY, AIR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME.

MR KEEP WILL PRESENT FOUR PAPERS AT THE MEETING FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.

THEY ARE: +CLEARANCE DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR HONG KONG AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL+, +ADMINISTRATION OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL LICENCES AND DUTY ROSTERING+, +FACILITATION - ITS ROLE IN AIRPORT TERMINALS+, AND +REGULATION OF NON-SCHEDULED SERVICES+.

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PUBLIC COUNTER HOURS EXTENDED

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THE TRADE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT WITH EFFECT FROM SATURDAY (AUGUST 6), ALL PUBLIC COUNTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT AT OCEAN CENTRE, CANTON ROAD, WILL WORK HALF AN HOUR LONGER ON SATURDAYS TO PROVIDE A MORE CONVENIENT SERVICE TO THE TRADE.

THE EXTENDED SATURDAY WORKING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 12.30 PM INSTEAD OF FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

HOWEVER, OFFICE HOURS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY REMAIN UNCHANGED, I.E. FROM 8.45 AM TO 12.30 PM AND FROM 1.30 PM TO 5.15 PM.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE NEW MEASURE, WHICH IS ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS, WILL APPLY TO THE COUNTERS OF THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES:-

NORTH AMERICA DIVISION

TEXTILES CONTROLS BRANCH (15/F)

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BRANCH (14/F)

EEC DIVISION

TEXTILES CONTROLS BRANCH (15/F)

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BRANCH (14/F)

OTHER REGIONS DIVISION

TEXTILES CONTROLS BRANCH (15/F)

COMMERCIAL RELATIONS BRANCH (14/F)

SYSTEMS DIVISION

SYSTEMS AND COMMON SERVICES BRANCH (15/F, 13/F, G/F)

CERTIFICATION BRANCH (1/F)

RESERVED COMMODITIES AND TRADE
LICENSING (NON-TEXTILES) BRANCH (13/F)

ADMINISTRATION BRANCH

HONG KONG SUB-OFFICE (1/F, ASIAN HOUSE)

ENQUIRIES COUNTERS 3-7222333

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BEST DESIGN FOR PLAYGROUND
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A HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC STUDENT HAS DESIGNED A PLAN FOR IMPROVING THE SAM PEI SQUARE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN.

THE PLAN, DESIGNED BY A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT OF THE SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN OF THE POLYTECHNIC, MISS YUEN SUK-WAN, WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

MISS YUEN'S DESIGN WAS SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES AS THE BEST OUT OF 80 ENTRIES INVITED RECENTLY FROM STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, A NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THIS DESIGN PROJECT WAS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE SAM PEI SQUARE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

THE PANEL COMPRISED A LECTURER OF THE SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, MISS CHOI YAN-CHI; THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN TELFORD; AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF NTS, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

MISS YUEN ATTEMPTED TO CREATE AN ATTRACTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE PLAYGROUND WITH A LARGE MURAL PAINTING ON A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING AS A BACKGROUND.

A CENTRAL AREA WITH MULTI-PURPOSE PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SIX UNIQUELY DESIGNED ARBOURS WITH BENCHES ARE PROVIDED IN THE DESIGN.

+THIS IS THE FIRST DESIGN OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG IN WHICH THE CONCEPT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ART IS APPLIED,+ MISS CHOI SAID.

OTHER DESIGNS AMONG THE ENTRIES MIGHT ALSO BE ADAPTED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SEMINAR CAMP TO CONVEY FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE
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A TWO-DAY SEMINAR CAMP IS BEING ORGANISED TO PUT ACROSS THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG.

ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE CAMP IS AIMED AT AROUSING PARTICIPANTS' AWARENESS OF YOUTH CRIME AND PREVENTION WORK.

IT WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 12 AND 13 AT THE CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION WONG YI CHAU YOUTH CAMP IN SAI KUNG.

A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED, INCLUDING SPORTS, FILM AND SLIDE SHOWS, YOUTH NIGHT, BARBECUE, TALKS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25, WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN KWUN TONG. THE FEE IS \$20 PER PERSON.

THOSE INTERESTED MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET OR THE SUB-OFFICES.

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PARKING APRON TO BE EXTENDED
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THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE CARGO AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

THE CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 21 000 SQUARE METRES OF CONCRETE APRON SLABS AND A 700 METRE ROAD.

UPON COMPLETION, ADDITIONAL PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO HANDLE THE EVER-INCREASING AIR CARGO TRAFFIC.

WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TWO LAND SITES FOR AUCTION
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TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT AN AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 2.30 PM ON AUGUST 23 IN THE MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE FIRST SITE, OF ABOUT 725 SQUARE METRES AT HOI FUNG PATH IN STANLEY, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE OTHER SITE, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 3 834 SQUARE METRES IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN NEAR CHAP WAI KON, IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, NORTH, SAI KUNG, AND ISLANDS.

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TUEN MUN ROAD WORK
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THE KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD, SECTION BETWEEN SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE AND CHAI WAN KOK, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8.30 PM ON TUESDAY TO 5.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 3) IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF ANTI-SKID MATERIAL.

DURING THE HOURS OF CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT THE SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE.

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