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+OLD+ \$5-COIN NEARING END
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OCTOBER 8 IS D-DAY - +DEMONETISING DAY+ - FOR THE FAMILIAR TEN-SIDED CUPRO-NICKEL FIVE-DOLLAR COIN.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT FROM OCTOBER 8 THIS YEAR, THE OLD COIN WILL CEASE TO BE LEGAL TENDER.

A PROCLAMATION TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JULY 3.

+THIS MEANS THAT FROM OCTOBER 8 THE LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ACCEPT THESE COINS IN SATISFACTION OF DEBTS IS REMOVED,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+HOWEVER, ANY PERSON OWNING ANY OF THESE COINS WILL BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE THEM FOR THE NEWER FIVE-DOLLAR COINS OR FOR THE EQUIVALENT IN OTHER COINS OR NOTES BY PRESENTING THEM AT A BANK.+

THE NEW ROUND FIVE-DOLLAR COIN WAS INTRODUCED ON MAY 11, AND SINCE THAT DATE THE OLD COINS, LEGAL TENDER SINCE AUGUST 16, 1976 HAVE BEEN GRADUALLY WITHDRAWN FROM CIRCULATION.

THE DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TWO COINS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>DIAMETER</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>EDGE THICKNESS</u>	<u>SHAPE</u>	<u>TYPE OF EDGE</u>
	(MM)	(GRAMS)	(MM)		
OLD:	31 ACROSS CORNERS	10.76	2.08	10 SIDED	PLAIN
NEW:	27	13.50	2.90	ROUND	RAISED LETTERED INSCRIPTION WITH THE WORDS HONG KONG FIVE DOLLARS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE SET INSIDE A CHANNEL AROUND THE EDGE WHICH IS OTHERWISE MILLED

BOTH COINS ARE MADE OF CUPRO-NICKEL AND ARE SILVER COLOURED.

ON JULY 31, 37 MILLION FIVE-DOLLAR COINS WERE IN CIRCULATION, AND OF THIS NUMBER 27 MILLION WERE OF THE SPECIFICATION WHICH IS TO BE DEMONETISED.

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RESIDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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THE SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED A TRAINING COURSE ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT FOR ABOUT 100 OFFICE-BEARERS FROM PRIVATE BUILDING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FIVE-SESSION TRAINING COURSE, DESIGNED TO HELP RESIDENTS OF PRIVATE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IMPROVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, WILL BE HELD FROM 8 TO 10 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY BETWEEN AUGUST 12 AND 26 AT THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, 88 YU CHAU STREET.

MR ISSAC CHOW, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO), WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TRAINING COURSE AT 8 PM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12.

HE WILL ALSO SPEAK ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN SHAM SHUI PO.

SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN THE TRAINING COURSE WILL INCLUDE: LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT, SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL, LANDLORDS AND TENANTS RELATIONS, LABOUR RELATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT OF WATCHMEN AND CARETAKERS, WATCHMEN AND CARETAKERS ORDINANCE, FIRST AID TECHNIQUES, FIRE PREVENTION, BUILDING CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SCHEME TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, LIFT AND WATER PUMP MAINTENANCE.

ON COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING COURSE, EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 12) AT 8 PM, IN THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, 88 YU CHAU STREET.

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TUEN MUN VILLAGES TO CONTRACT OUT CLEANSING

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THREE VILLAGES IN TUEN MUN - TSENG TAU CHUNG TSUEN, LUNG KWU TAAN AND YICK YUEN TSUEN - HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BE THE FIRST TO HAVE VILLAGE CLEANSING SERVICES CONTRACTED OUT.

THIS WAS DECIDED AT THE SECOND MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE, MR AUGUSTINE NG, WHO IS ALSO THE DIRECTOR OF TUEN MUN CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, SAID THE IDEA TO CONTRACT OUT WAS TO PROVIDE INCENTIVE FOR COMMUNITIES TO IMPROVE CLEANLINESS IN THEIR VILLAGES AT REASONABLE COST, AND TO HELP OVERCOME THE SHORTAGES OF LABOURERS WHO WERE DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT FOR REMOTE PLACES.

AT THE SAME MEETING, IT WAS AGREED THAT A SURVEY SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO LOCATE THE SOURCE OF POLLUTION AFFECTING THE TUEN MUN RIVER. ALSO, THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD WORK WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER OF INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION.

THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE ADVISES ON EXPENDITURE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE DISTRICT ENVIRONMENT AND SUPERVISES THE WORK OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP.

IT IS ONE OF SIX SUB-COMMITTEES SERVING THE DISTRICT BOARD, CONSISTING OF FIVE UNOFFICIAL AND 12 OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE OTHER SUB-COMMITTEES ARE FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLICITY- TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT- CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS- COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY- AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

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FOR PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

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A \$500 000 TOILET, DESIGNED WITH AN EYE FOR APPEARANCE AS WELL AS CONVENIENCE FOR THE LOCAL INHABITANTS AND HOLIDAY MAKERS AT TAI O, ON LANTAU ISLAND, WILL SOON BE READY FOR USE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE FINISHING TOUCHES ARE NOW BEING PUT TO THE PUBLIC TOILET, DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

FACILITIES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE ARE ALSO PROVIDED IN BOTH SECTIONS, WHICH HAVE RELATIVELY ELABORATE INTERIORS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, ALL OTHER PUBLIC TOILET FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE BEING IMPROVED AS PART OF THE FORTHCOMING CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR TEST EMBANKMENT
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PROTOTYPE EMBANKMENT FOR THE PROPOSED NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK, LANTAU.

THE 840-HECTARE SITE REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSED AIRPORT WOULD BE FORMED BY LEVELLING 310 HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE ISLANDS OF CHEK LAP KOK AND LAM CHAU AND BY RECLAIMING 530 HECTARES FROM THE ADJOINING WATERS.

TO VERIFY DESIGN PARAMETERS AND TO CONFIRM THE OPTIMUM DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION METHOD, A TEST EMBANKMENT IN THE FORM OF A TRIAL RECLAMATION MEASURING ABOUT 7.3 HECTARES WILL BE BUILT ON THE WESTERN COAST OF CHEK LAP KOK.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ENGINEERING TESTS AND MONITORING OF THE TEST EMBANKMENT WILL PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION FOR THE DESIGN OF THE SITE PREPARATION FOR THE PROPOSED AIRPORT PROJECT.

DURING CONSTRUCTION, EXISTING MARINE TRAFFIC IN TUNG CHUNG BAY WILL BE MAINTAINED.

CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO START IN LATE OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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RECORD ROYAL WEDDING STAMP SALES
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A RECORD OF NEARLY 5 000 000 ROYAL WEDDING COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS WERE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THEIR RELEASE, JULY 29, WITH A VALUE OF \$7 700 000, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

SALES OF THE THREE STAMPS COMMEMORATING THE WEDDING OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER, VALUED AT 20 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$5, WERE ABOUT 30 PER CENT HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS SPECIAL FOUR-STAMP ISSUE ON HONG KONG FISH, WITH VALUES OF 20 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30 AND \$2.

IN ADDITION, 795 000 ROYAL WEDDING FIRST DAY COVERS WERE SOLD, NEARLY DOUBLE THE AMOUNT SOLD FOR THE HONG KONG FISH SPECIAL ISSUE.

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SURVEY ON NEED FOR INSTRUCTORS

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THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTOR TRAINING OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WILL BEGIN CONDUCTING A FOURTH SURVEY OF INSTRUCTORS TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DETERMINE THE MANPOWER NEEDS FOR INSTRUCTORS IN INDUSTRIES, EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND TO UP-DATE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY CONDUCTED TWO YEARS AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE SURVEY-SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED ON THE 29TH OF THIS MONTH - COVERS ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FROM THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES, EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ITS AIM IS TO ASCERTAIN THE EXISTING NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS AND TRAINING OFFICERS EMPLOYED, THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND TO OBTAIN A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS AND TRAINING OFFICERS NEEDED FOR THE TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE SURVEY.

EXPLANATORY LETTERS TOGETHER WITH QUESTIONNAIRES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS.

INTERVIEWING OFFICERS WILL VISIT THE INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO ANSWER QUERIES, ASSIST IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES.

EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE BY A PRE-PAID ENVELOPE BEFORE AUGUST 20.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED EMPLOYERS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WHICH WILL ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS TO INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT.

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SHA TIN PLAY-AND-LEARN SCHEME POPULAR
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A PLAY-AND-LEARN SCHEME INTRODUCED BY WO CHE COMMUNITY HALL IN APRIL HAS PROVED POPULAR WITH SHA TIN CHILDREN.

MORE THAN 130 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 12 HAVE JOINED.

THEY MEET AT THE HALL EVERY SATURDAY FROM 2.30 PM TO 5.30 PM AND ARE DIVIDED INTO SIX GROUPS, WITH THREE INSTRUCTORS LOOKING AFTER EACH GROUP.

DURING THE FIRST ONE AND A HALF HOURS, THE CHILDREN PLAY ON THEIR OWN WITH TOYS PURCHASED BY THE CENTRE WHICH INCLUDE BUILDING BLOCKS, JIGSAW PUZZLES, DOLLS AND CARS.

FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD THEY ARE TAUGHT SINGING AND DRAWING, ARE TOLD STORIES AND PLAY GROUP GAMES.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES SUCH AS PICNICS, VISITS TO FARMS AND PAINTING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE ARE ALSO ORGANISED EVERY MONTH.

THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE HALL, MR ALBERT LEE YUEN-HUNG, SAID THE SCHEME WAS SET UP TO HELP LOCAL CHILDREN LEARN NEW SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THROUGH PLAYING WITH TOYS AND JOINING IN GROUP ACTIVITIES.

ALSO, IT WAS HOPED THAT BY SENDING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE CENTRE, PARENTS COULD HAVE SOME FREE TIME TO DO OTHER WORK, MR LEE SAID.

HE SAID THE ATTENDANCE RATE HAD ALL ALONG BEEN MAINTAINED AT 95 PER CENT WHICH WAS AN INDICATION OF THE POPULARITY OF THE SCHEME.

IN SUPPORT OF THE SCHEME, SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD HAS PROVIDED MORE THAN \$11 000, WHILE SOME MANUFACTURERS HAVE DONATED TOYS.

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