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HARWELL CONSULTANCY COVERS FOUR MAIN AREAS

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FOLLOWING RECENT PRESS REPORTS ON THE CONSULTANCY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE UK ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY (HARWELL) FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE PRESENT POSITION REGARDING THE CONSULTANCY.

THE CONSULTANCY AGREEMENT WITH HARWELL COVERS FOUR MAIN AREAS - BACKGROUND RADIATION MONITORING, PUBLIC EDUCATION, ACCIDENT ASSESSMENT AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING. THE BACKGROUND RADIATION REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS BEING IMPLEMENTED. THE SECOND REPORT (ON PUBLIC EDUCATION) IS BEING CONSIDERED. BOTH HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE UMELCO PANEL ON PUBLIC UTILITIES.

A PRELIMINARY ACCIDENT ASSESSMENT REPORT HAS BEEN DRAWN UP BY HARWELL MAINLY ON THE BASIS OF SAFETY STUDIES MADE FOR REACTORS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. IT HAS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT ALL THE FEATURES OF THE DAYA BAY POWER STATION.

IT IS NOW THE INTENTION THAT HARWELL SHOULD TAKE THIS PRELIMINARY STUDY A STAGE FURTHER BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC FEATURES OF THE PRESSURISED WATER REACTORS TO BE BUILT AT DAYA BAY AND OTHER SITE-SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS E.G. METEOROLOGY, TOPOGRAPHY AND DEMOGRAPHY.

DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MR JOHN YAXLEY, SAW THE CONSULTANTS AND ASKED THEM TO DRAW UP EXPANDED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STAGE II OF THE ACCIDENT ASSESSMENT STUDY SO THAT IT WOULD BE SITE AND PLANT SPECIFIC.

THIS IS NOW UNDERWAY AND A TEAM OF OFFICIALS WILL BE TRAVELLING TO HARWELL SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THE DETAILS OF THE EXPANDED CONSULTANCY. THE REPORT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

HARWELL HAS RECENTLY PROVIDED A PRELIMINARY REPORT INDICATING THE PRINCIPLES SURROUNDING CONTINGENCY PLANNING. IT WILL NOW BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OF POSSIBLE CONTINGENCIES AND TO CONSIDER THE PLANNING NECESSARY TO SUPPORT MEASURES NEEDED TO MEET THESE CONTINGENCIES.

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MORE PRE-SCHOOL PLACES FOR THE HANDICAPPED
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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OF PRE-SCHOOL AGE IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT SPEECH DAY OF SCHOOLS OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AT THE CITY HALL, SHE SAID: +BY THE END OF THIS FINANCIAL YEAR WE SHALL HAVE AN INCREASE OF 65 SUBVENTED EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE PLACES, 120 SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRE PLACES AND 30 INTEGRATED CHILD CARE CENTRE PLACES. +

IN 1987-88 THERE WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL 180 EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRE PLACES, 144 SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRE PLACES AND 30 TO 60 INTEGRATED CHILD CARE CENTRE PLACES.

+I REALISE THAT MANY OF OUR FACILITIES ARE INADEQUATE TO MEET DEMAND BUT WE ARE MAKING STEADY PROGRESS AND I AM SURE THAT SOME HELP CAN BE ARRANGED EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE IDEAL, + SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN URGED PARENTS TO MAKE FULL USE OF EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO THEIR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND TO ENLIST THE HELP OF SOCIAL WORKERS IN CARING FOR THEM.

SOCIAL WORKERS COULD HELP TO EASE THE BURDEN OF PARENTS BY BEING PRESENT AT THE INITIAL DIAGNOSIS AND HELPING PARENTS TO INTERPRET AND DISCUSS THE MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS IN TERMS OF THE CHILD'S NEEDS AND FUTURE CARE.

THEY COULD ALSO HELP INFORM PARENTS OF THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THEIR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ASSIST THEM IN OBTAINING FINANCIAL HELP AND THE NECESSARY PLACEMENTS AND SERVICES.

MRS CHAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS AWARE OF THE CURRENT LACK OF RESPIRE FACILITIES WHICH COULD PROVIDE PARENTS WITH A SHORT REST FROM THEIR CARING RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT THERE WERE PLANS TO INTRODUCE A PILOT SCHEME FOR SUCH SERVICES NEXT YEAR IN A NEW DEPARTMENTAL FACILITY FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

SINCE RESOURCES WERE LIMITED, THE PILOT SCHEME WOULD AIM AT PROVIDING APPROPRIATE CARE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS WITHOUT SPECIALLY DESIGNED TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE INDIVIDUAL.

+TO BE TRUE TO ITS NAME, THE PERIOD OF STAY WILL HAVE TO BE LIMITED TO NO MORE THAN TWO WEEKS, AND WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SERVE ABOUT 100 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS IN A YEAR.

+THIS IS A MODEST BEGINNING BUT IT WILL ALLOW US TO GAUGE DEMAND FOR SUCH A SERVICE AND TO IDENTIFY ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES, + SHE SAID.

IN THE LONGER RUN, SHE ADDED, IT WAS HOPED THAT RESOURCES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM RELIEF TO ALL FAMILIES WITH MENTALLY HANDICAPPED MEMBERS.

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USE OF ASBESTOS COULD BE COSTLY
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PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ARE ADVISED THAT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF ASBESTOS IN INDUSTRY WILL BE ENFORCED FROM FRIDAY (AUGUST 1).

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ASBESTOS) SPECIAL REGULATIONS 1986, CROCIDOLITE (BLUE ASBESTOS), AMOSITE (BROWN ASBESTOS) AND SPRAYING OF MATERIALS CONTAINING ASBESTOS OF ANY KIND IN INDUSTRIAL PROCESSES WILL BE BANNED FROM THAT DATE.

PROPRIETORS WISHING TO USE ASBESTOS OTHER THAN CROCIDOLITE AND AMOSITE SHOULD GIVE NOT LESS THAN 28 DAYS' NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR. THOSE ALREADY CARRYING OUT SUCH PROCESSES SHOULD INFORM THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR IN WRITING WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER AUGUST 1.

THE LAW FURTHER PROHIBITS THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE IN ANY PROCESSES INVOLVING ASBESTOS AND REQUIRES WORKERS TO BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED BEFORE BEING ENGAGED IN AN ASBESTOS PROCESS AND BE MEDICALLY EXAMINED PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BREACH OF ANY OF THE REGULATIONS WILL BE AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO FINES VARYING FROM \$10 000 TO \$30 000 DEPENDING ON THE GRAVITY OF THE OFFENCE.

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BUSY DAY FOR MEMBERS AT FINAL LEGCO SESSION
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ELEVEN BILLS, ONE MOTION AND 17 QUESTIONS ARE AMONG ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE FINAL MEETING OF THE 1985-86 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986 WILL BE INTRODUCED AND GIVEN A SECOND READING.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON 10 BILLS. THEY ARE:

- * SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1985-86) BILL 1986
- * BIRTHS AND DEATHS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986
- * FOREIGN MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986
- * LEGITIMACY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986

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- * FIRE SERVICES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1986
- * REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS BILL 1986
- * KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1986
- * PEAK TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985
- * PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1985, AND
- * CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (DECLARATION OF SHAW COLLEGE) BILL 1986.

THREE STATEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE AT THE MEETING. ONE WILL BE BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, THE HON NIGEL SHIPMAN, ON THE CASE OF KWOK AH-NUI. THE OTHERS WILL BE BY THE HON PETER C. WONG ON THE REPORT OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE PROSECUTION AND TRIAL OF COMPLEX COMMERCIAL CRIME AND BY THE HON K.C. CHAN ON THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1985-86.

QUESTIONS RAISED WILL DEAL WITH SUCH MATTERS AS DOMESTIC INSECTICIDES, FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, HOSPITAL SERVICES, LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR DIFFERENT PARTIES IN LANDED PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS, AND THE USE OF CHILDREN'S ASPIRIN.

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MFA TALKS ENTER FINAL STAGE

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THE CURRENT NEGOTIATION IN GENEVA ON THE FUTURE OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) WHICH EXPIRES ON JULY 31 IS IN ITS FINAL PHASE.

+MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE (GATT) HAVE HAD INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS OVER THE PAST WEEK ON THEIR RESPECTIVE CONCERNS AND REQUIREMENTS IN THE NEW PROTOCOL,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

+THERE ARE, HOWEVER, CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES STILL TO BE BRIDGED BEFORE THE PRECISE LANGUAGE OF A NEW PROTOCOL OF EXTENSION CAN BE HAMMERED OUT,+ HE ADDED.

THE NEGOTIATION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOMETIME ON JULY 31.

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MEET THE MEDIA
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (JULY 31) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS
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MEMBERS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON THURSDAY (JULY 31) TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN TOKWAWAN.

THE SUBJECT WILL BE RAISED BY A MEMBER WHO HAS STATED THAT TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN THE AREA NEED TO BE EXAMINED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL REQUESTING THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER THE RELOCATION OF A BUS STOP AT FAT KWONG STREET FOR THE CONVENIENCE AND SAFETY OF RESIDENTS IN A NEARBY TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.15 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TOKWAWAN.

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HAWKER INFORMATION TO BE COMPUTERISED

THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS STARTED PREPARATORY WORK ON A \$5.6 MILLION PROJECT TO COMPUTERISE HAWKER LICENSING INFORMATION.

+THE COMPUTERISED HAWKER LICENCE RECORDS SYSTEM WILL ENABLE MORE EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND ACCURATE HANDLING OF THE RECORDS OF SOME 26 000 LICENSED HAWKERS AND 18 000 HAWKER SITES WHICH ARE AT PRESENT MAINTAINED MANUALLY BY THE HAWKER RECORDS OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT,+ SAID A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN TODAY.

+THIS IS A TIMELY PROJECT, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT REVIEW OF HAWKER POLICIES BY THE COUNCIL'S WORKING PARTY.+

THE CENTRAL OPERATION UNIT WILL BE LOCATED AT THE LOCKHART ROAD URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX TO BE OPENED LATER THIS YEAR, WHEN AN ON-LINE DATA-BASE SYSTEM WILL BE DEVELOPED AND A DATA-BASE ON HAWKER LICENCE RECORDS FOR THE URBAN AREA WILL BE SET UP.

COMPUTER TERMINALS WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE USD HEADQUARTERS, THE TWO HAWKER RECORDS OFFICES ON EITHER SIDE OF THE HARBOUR AND 11 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

+THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 2 100 USD STAFF RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL OF SOME 40 000 LICENSED AND UNLICENSED HAWKERS IN THE URBAN AREA. IN 1984/85, THE COUNCIL INCURRED A DEFICIT OF \$107.5 MILLION IN HAWKER MANAGEMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE COMPUTERISATION PROJECT, TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN MID-1987, WILL DO MUCH TO MAKE HAWKER MANAGEMENT MORE EFFECTIVE WHILE SAVING EXPENDITURE IN THE LONG TERM,+ HE ADDED.

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TRAVELLERS REMINDED OF ANIMAL, PLANT BAN

PEOPLE MAKING TRIPS ABROAD DURING SUMMER HAVE BEEN REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BRING BACK ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS OR PLANTS.

THE IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESSION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES OR THEIR PARTS AND DERIVATIVES IS STRICTLY RESTRICTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

ANYONE WHO BRINGS IN AN ENDANGERED SPECIES WITHOUT THE PRIOR AUTHORISATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

+LAST YEAR, 302 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR BRINGING INTO HONG KONG ENDANGERED SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS INCLUDING LIVE AND STUFFED SPECIMENS AS WELL AS MEAT AND SKIN. THERE HAVE BEEN 104 CASES SO FAR THIS YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE LAW PROVIDES FOR A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 FOR THE FIRST OFFENCE AND \$10 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR A REPEAT OFFENCE. IN ADDITION, THE SPECIES INVOLVED WOULD BE FORFEITED.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS WRITTEN TO TRAVEL AGENCIES, AIRLINES AND SHIPPING COMPANIES, REQUESTING THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SPREADING ITS MESSAGE TO TRAVELLERS.

+POSTERS AND ADVISORY LEAFLETS HAVE ALSO BEEN SENT TO THEM FOR DISPLAY AT THEIR PREMISES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DOGS ON FISHING BOATS TO BE INOCULATED * * * * *

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND ITS ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE NEXT MONTH TO COVER FISHING VESSELS.

SPECIAL EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO INOCULATE DOGS ON BOARD VESSELS ABERDEEN, SHAU KEI WAN, CHEUNG CHAU, SAI KUNG, CASTLE PEAK BAY, SHA TAU KOK AND SAM MUN TSAI. BOAT-TO-BOAT VISITS WILL BE MADE BETWEEN AUGUST 4 AND 14, FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

AN INOCULATION DRIVE WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT IN RURAL VILLAGES IN TAI PO AND AT FISH CULTURE ZONES IN SAI KUNG.

THE TAI PO VILLAGES WHICH THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE INOCULATION TEAMS WILL VISIT INCLUDE HA TEI HA, WONG YUE TAN, TING KOK, FUNG YUEN, HA HANG, SHA LO TUNG LEE, SHA LO TUNG CHEUNG AND PING SHAN CHAI.

+APART FROM THESE RURAL VILLAGES, THE MOBILE TEAMS WILL CALL ON MARICULTURE RAFTS IN THE FISH CULTURE ZONES OF PO TOI O AND TIN HA WAN,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

DOG OWNERS IN THE VILLAGES, FISH CULTURE ZONES AND FISHING PORTS HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE MOBILE SERVICE TO HAVE THEIR PETS INOCULATED AND LICENSED.

+THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT ANY PERSON KEEPING A DOG OVER FIVE MONTHS' OLD WITHOUT A LICENCE WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION AND A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

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YOUTH MUSIC GROUPS TO VISIT SINGAPORE, JAPAN
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THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, BOTH MANAGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, WILL BEGIN OVERSEAS TOURS THIS WEEK.

THE 55-MEMBER SYMPHONIC BAND WILL DEPART FOR JAPAN ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 1) FOR A 12-DAY VISIT AND THE 75-MEMBER CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL LEAVE FOR SINGAPORE ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 2) FOR A WEEK'S VISIT.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, ASSISTED BY SIX OFFICIALS, WILL LEAD THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA TO SINGAPORE.

THE ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL), MR THOMAS WANG, WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND'S VISIT TO JAPAN. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY FIVE OFFICIALS.

THE ORCHESTRA AND BAND MEMBERS, AGED TEN TO 25, WERE SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 300 APPLICANTS THROUGH OPEN AUDITIONS. THEY ALSO RECEIVED INTENSIVE TRAINING FROM VISITING CONDUCTORS AND INSTRUCTORS WHO TOOK PART IN THE 1986 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP WHICH ENDED LAST SUNDAY.

UNDERLINING THE PURPOSE AND VALUE OF THE OVERSEAS TOURS, MRS HO SAID THEY FORMED AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME RUN BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AS WELL AS BEING MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS.

THE TOURS PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS TO PERFORM BEFORE OVERSEAS AUDIENCES AND TO RECEIVE INTERNATIONAL-LEVEL TUITION.

MRS HO NOTED THAT THE MUSIC OFFICE HAD PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED VISITS TO AUSTRALIA, CHINA, JAPAN, EUROPE, THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE AT THE VICTORIA CONCERT HALL ON AUGUST 5 AND WILL ALSO PLAY AT THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE AND AT SCHOOLS.

THE ITINERARY WILL INCLUDE A SERIES OF MUSICAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES WITH PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR CHINESE MUSIC GROUPS, INCLUDING THE SINGAPORE BROADCASTING CORPORATION CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA WILL MAKE VISITS TO VARIOUS CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE REPERTOIRE OF THE ORCHESTRA WILL INCLUDE TRADITIONAL AND MODERN WORKS FOR ORCHESTRA, ENSEMBLE, SOLI AND SOLO PERFORMANCES. THE GROUP WILL RETURN ON AUGUST 8.

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IN JAPAN, THE YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND WILL FIRST JOIN THE NARASHINO YOUTH CAMP AT FUJI-YOSHIDA, AND THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES AND EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES AT TOKYO, MATSUMOTO, TOYAMA, NAGOYA, HAMAMATSU AND CHIBA.

THE BAND WILL RETURN ON AUGUST 12.

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YOUNG PEOPLE FROM WALES BEGIN EXCHANGE VISIT
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SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM SOUTH GLAMORGAN IN WALES WERE RECEIVED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, AT THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE TWO WOMEN AND FOUR MEN, AGED BETWEEN 19 AND 24, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY AND WILL STAY FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS UNDER A COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME.

DURING THE HOUR-LONG MEETING, DR HAYES BRIEFED THE GROUP ON THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

THE GROUP THEN VISITED SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND WERE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN BY AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JEREMY CROFT, BEFORE TOURING THE NEW TOWN PLAZA AND NEARBY AREAS.

SINCE 1977, HONG KONG HAS BEEN ALTERNATING WITH SOUTH GLAMORGAN IN ACTING AS HOST TO SIX YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE PROGRAMME IS TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES.

WHILE HERE, THE VISITORS WILL RENEW THEIR ACQUAINTANCE WITH SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM HONG KONG WHO WENT TO BRITAIN LAST YEAR UNDER THE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME.

THEY WILL CALL ON VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN THE COMING WEEKS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SOCIAL, CULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

THEY WILL ALSO LOOK OVER MODERN SPORTS AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, THE COLISEUM AND THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

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TAI PO YOUNGSTERS TO PAINT 300-METRE MURAL
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A MURAL FEATURING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TAI PO WILL BE PAINTED ON A 300-METRE HOARDING NEAR KWONG FUK ESTATE BY 300 YOUNGSTERS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING.

THE YOUNGSTERS HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER ON DESIGNS AND SKETCHES FOR THE PROJECT.

THE PAINTING ON THE HOARDING, ALONG THE CYCLE TRACK SOUTH OF KWONG FUK ESTATE, WILL DEPICT PAT SIN RANGE, LAM TSUEN RIVER, THE OLD TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION, AND OTHER DISTRICT LANDMARKS.

THE PROJECT IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND A PAINT MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT WILL BE HELD AT THE CYCLE TRACK OUTSIDE WANG FUK COURT, KWONG FUK ESTATE, AT 11 AM TOMORROW. OFFICIATING WILL BE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNISA WONG= CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG= AND DEPUTY PROJECT MANAGER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES NORTH-EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR H.K. CHAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MURAL PAINTING PROJECT IN TAI PO.

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IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES TRAINING OFFERED
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STAFF IN THE IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A COURSE ON THE BASIC PROCEDURES AND TERMINOLOGY OF THE TRADES TO BE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL AND THE WHOLESALE-RETAIL AND IMPORT-EXPORT TRADES TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE 15-HOUR COURSE, DUE TO START FROM AUGUST 11 TO SEPTEMBER 2, CONSISTS OF SIX LECTURES ON TERMINOLOGY IN IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, CIF CALCULATION, IMPORT AND EXPORT PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION, EXPORT FINANCE AND INSURANCE.

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VENUE OF THE MEETINGS IS ON THE 13TH FLOOR, WING LUNG BANK BUILDING, 45 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

COURSE FEE IS \$450. HOWEVER WITH SUBSIDY FROM THE COUNCIL, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REIMBURSED HALF THE AMOUNT IF THEY COMPLETE THE COURSE WITH AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF NOT LESS THAN 80 PER CENT AND PASS THE FINAL EXAMINATION.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE COURSE CAN BE MADE ON 5-8932341 EXT. 261, 3-7808251 OR 5-236376.

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PROUD MOMENT FOR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES
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TWO TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT RECENTLY CAPTURED THE FIRST PRIZE IN A +BEST AUTOMOTIVE PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD+ COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG CENTRE OF THE INSTITUTES OF THE MOTOR INDUSTRY AND ROAD TRANSPORT ENGINEERS.

LUNG PUI-WAH AND HO YUEN-CHUNG, BOTH AGED 22, WON FIRST PRIZE IN THE TECHNICIAN CLASS OF THE COMPETITION WITH THEIR JOINT PROJECT ON +FUEL ECONOMISER IN LOW TO MEDIUM ENGINE CAPACITY VEHICLES+.

+I'M REALLY SURPRISED THAT OUR PROJECT WON THE FIRST PRIZE AND OF COURSE WE'RE DELIGHTED. IT GOES TO SHOW THE JUDGES' APPRECIATION THAT OUR THEORIES ARE INDEED PRACTICABLE,+ HO SAID.

AN EQUALLY JUBILANT LUNG EXPLAINED THAT THEY CHOSE THE SUBJECT BECAUSE FUEL ECONOMISER HAD ALWAYS BEEN A PROMINENT FEATURE IN THE DESIGN OF HIGH ENGINE CAPACITY CARS, BUT NOT SO WITH SMALLER VEHICLES. +IT IS AN AREA WORTHY OF EXPLORATION,+ HE SAID.

AS FIRST PRIZE WINNERS, HO AND LUNG RECEIVED \$3 000 IN CASH AND WERE ALSO PRESENTED LETTERS OF CONGRATULATIONS BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE WINNERS ARE AMONG FOUR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES IN THEIR FINAL YEAR OF TRAINING UNDER A FOUR-YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING APPRENTICESHIP ADMINISTERED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

TRAINING INCLUDES THEORETICAL STUDIES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE THROUGH ATTACHMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION.

A TOTAL OF 15 TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING TRAINING UNDER THE SCHEME.

HO AND LUNG, NOW ATTACHED TO THE KOWLOON BAY VEHICLE EXAMINATION CENTRE, WILL FORMALLY JOIN THE DEPARTMENT AS VEHICLE TESTERS IN EARLY SEPTEMBER ON COMPLETION OF THEIR APPRENTICESHIP.

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MORE ROADS TO BE BUILT IN SHEK WU HUI

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MORE ROADS AND DRAINS ARE TO BE BUILT IN SHEK WU HUI TO MEET THE NEEDS OF FANLING NEW TOWN.

ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF DISTRIBUTOR ROAD WILL BE PROVIDED TO LINK UP WITH FANLING BYPASS, WHILE TWO KILOMETRES OF INTERNAL ROAD WILL BE BUILT IN KAI LENG AND NG UK TSUEN.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT ARE A BUS TERMINUS, TWO CARPARKS, THREE PEDESTRIAN-CYCLIST SUBWAYS AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING WORKS.

THE ROADWORKS WILL PROVIDE PROPER VEHICULAR ACCESS AND STORM WATER AND SEWER DRAINAGE TO A PROPOSED PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND LAND FOR EVENTUAL GOVERNMENT AND EDUCATIONAL USE IN THE AREA.

THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON AUGUST 22.

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ALUMINIUM CURTAIN WALLING FOR MARKET COMPLEX

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF ALUMINIUM CURTAIN WALLING ON A MARKET COMPLEX BEING BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF MONG KOK ROAD AND FA YUEN STREET.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1987.

THE 15-STOREY COMPLEX IS TAKING SHAPE ON A 1 600-SQUARE-METRE SITE WHICH WAS PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY A HAWKER BAZAAR. THE COST IS \$30.8 MILLION.

THREE FLOORS OF THE COMPLEX WILL BE FOR MARKET STALLS AND ONE FOR COOKED FOOD STALLS. OTHER FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE OFFICES, A LIBRARY, SQUASH COURTS, GAMES ROOMS AND A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS HALL.

BUILDING OF THE COMPLEX BEGAN LAST DECEMBER AND WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

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