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EMPLOYMENT AGE RAISED FROM SEPTEMBER

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THE MINIMUM AGE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG IS TO BE RAISED FROM 14 TO 15 FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1980.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE ADJUSTMENT IS PROVIDED IN THE EMPLOYMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE 1979 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION LAST YEAR.

NOTICE OF THE ADJUSTMENT WAS GIVEN ABOUT A YEAR AGO WHEN THE PROHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER 14 IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR WAS EXTENDED TO THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

THE PROHIBITION EXTENSION AND THE RAISING OF THE MINIMUM AGE FOR EMPLOYMENT WERE AIMED AT ASSISTING THE ENFORCEMENT OF COMPULSORY JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION.

+WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 1, THOSE UNDER 15 ARE PROHIBITED FROM TAKING ANY EMPLOYMENT.

+IN RECRUITING STAFF, EMPLOYERS SHOULD CHECK THE AGES OF THE JOB-SEEKERS TO ENSURE THAT THEY WILL HAVE REACHED 15 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 1.

+EMPLOYERS VIOLATING THIS PROHIBITION ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THOSE BETWEEN 13 AND 14 MAY, WITH THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS, AND UPON THE PRODUCTION OF A SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE, ENGAGE IN PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT IN ONLY THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR, SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS AIMED AT PROTECTING THEIR HEALTH AND MORALS.

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SIR JACK ACTING GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE LEFT FOR THE UK THIS EVENING FOR FOUR WEEKS' VACATION.

DURING SIR MURRAY'S ABSENCE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, WILL BE ACTING GOVERNOR.

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PLEASURE BOATS ON THE INCREASE  
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THE NUMBER OF LICENSED PLEASURE CRAFT HAS INCREASED BY 31.2 PER CENT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS COMPARED WITH AN AVERAGE ANNUAL TEN PER CENT INCREASE FOR THE PRECEDING FIVE YEARS, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE TALLY ROSE FROM 2 841 IN DECEMBER 1977 TO 3 727 IN DECEMBER 1979.

TRADE STATISTICS SHOW THAT HONG KONG IMPORTED MORE THAN 300 PLEASURE CRAFT VALUED AT \$54.5 MILLION IN 1979.

AT THE END OF THE YEAR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VESSELS IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL CRAFT, UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS, PLEASURE CRAFT AND GOVERNMENT CRAFT, WAS 23 626 -- AN INCREASE OF 2.4 PER CENT OVER 1977.

FIGURES INDICATE A SHIFT IN RECENT YEARS TO THE USE OF LARGER TONNAGE VESSELS.

SIGNIFICANT INCREASES WERE SEEN IN THE NUMBER OF CARGO LIGHTERS AND BARGES OVER 300 TONS (UP 46.7 PER CENT), AND FISHING BOATS OF 60-300 TONS (UP 37 PER CENT). FISHING BOATS UNDER 60 TONS DECREASED BY 11.2 PER CENT.

LAST YEAR, SOME 1 356 WRECKS AND ABANDONED CRAFT WERE DEMOLISHED. THESE VESSELS, WHICH INCLUDED CRAFT NOT LICENSED IN HONG KONG, WERE CONFISCATED BY THE POLICE AND IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES MOSTLY DURING ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS.

THE NUMBER OF SURRENDERED UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS AND HULKS DROPPED FROM 2 142 IN 1977 TO 2 047 IN 1979.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 24 TYPHOON SHELTERS AND SHELTERED ANCHORAGES, REPRESENTING A TOTAL OF 352.07 HECTARES OF MOORING SPACES, MAINLY IN THE HARBOUR AND WESTERN REGION.

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CASE REFERRED TO INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL  
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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT, AFTER CONSIDERING A REPORT FROM THE SECURITIES COMMISSION, HE HAD REFERRED A CASE OF POSSIBLE INSIDER DEALING TO THE INSIDER DEALING TRIBUNAL.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE CONCERNED REQUIRE THE TRIBUNAL TO INQUIRE INTO DEALINGS IN HUTCHISON WHAMPOA LTD. SHARES IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON SEPTEMBER 25 LAST YEAR OF THE SALE OF 90 MILLION SHARES.

THE PURPOSE OF THE INQUIRY IS TO DETERMINE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE, WHETHER CULPABLE INSIDER DEALING IN HUTCHISON WHAMPOA SHARES OCCURRED PRIOR TO THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SALE AND, IF SO, THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED IN SUCH INSIDER DEALING.

MR JUSTICE BARKER, A JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT, IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRIBUNAL. THE OTHER TWO MEMBERS WILL BE APPOINTED SHORTLY BY THE GOVERNOR.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TRIBUNAL WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING SHORTLY. AS PROVIDED BY THE SECURITIES ORDINANCE, THE TRIBUNAL'S HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN CAMERA AND ITS FINDINGS WILL BE SET OUT IN A REPORT WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED.

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RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR FIREMEN  
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THE FIRE SERVICES WILL LAUNCH A SIX-WEEK RECRUITMENT DRIVE ON MONDAY (JULY 14) TO TIE IN WITH ITS EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

+WE ARE LOOKING FOR ACTIVE, RESPONSIBLE AND PHYSICALLY-FIT YOUNG MEN TO FILL VACANCIES FOR FIREMEN,+ A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+A FIREMAN HAS A CHALLENGING CAREER AND HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY BY PROTECTING LIVES AND PROPERTY,+ HE SAID.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF APPLICANTS, THREE RECRUITING CENTRES WILL BE SET UP ON THE ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

/THE CENTRES .....

THE CENTRES WILL OPEN BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT THE

- \* HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION NEAR WANCHAI FERRY PIER=
- \* TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION, CANTON ROAD, AND
- \* TSUEN WAN FIRE STATION, TAI CHUNG ROAD NEAR 9-1/2 MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICANTS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE BETWEEN 18 AND 30 AND HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR A CONTINUOUS PERIOD OF AT LEAST FIVE YEARS. HOWEVER, YOUNGER MEN OVER 17 WILL BE CONSIDERED.

+APPLICANTS SHOULD SPEAK FLUENT CANTONESE AND BE ABLE TO READ AND WRITE CHINESE. THEY SHOULD BE AT LEAST 1.68 METRES TALL, WEIGH 54.5 KILOGRAMS OR MORE AND HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE AND NORMAL EYESIGHT,+ HE SAID.

A FIREMAN STARTS WITH A MINIMUM SALARY OF \$1 610 WHICH RISES TO A MAXIMUM OF \$2 440. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO 26 WEEKS' BASIC TRAINING AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL IN PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

APPLICANTS CALLING AT THE CENTRES SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, A DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (GF 340) OBTAINABLE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR FIRE STATION, AND ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS (UP TO PRIMARY SIX STANDARD).

THEY ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG RUBBER GYMNASTIC SHOES AND SHORTS FOR A STRENGTH TEST.

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#### TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG AT EXCITING STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

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TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG ARE AT AN EXCITING STAGE OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT, TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, DR JAMES HAYES, SAID TODAY.

DR HAYES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT THE LOCAL TOWN HALL.

HE SAID; +WHEREVER YOU LOOK YOU WILL SEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BUILDINGS ON RECENTLY CLEARED LAND OR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF OLDER RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

+THE POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW AT A STEADY PACE AND BY THE END OF THIS DECADE I EXPECT THAT WE WILL BE APPROACHING OUR PLANNED TARGET POPULATION OF ONE MILLION PERSONS,+ HE SAID.

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DR HAYES SAID THE WORD +PLANNED+ WAS A VITAL WORD. +FOR IT MEANS THAT AMENITIES AND FACILITIES FOR OUR HUGE POPULATION WILL BE PROVIDED, TOGETHER WITH THE NEW COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+THEY WILL INCLUDE MORE LARGE AMENITIES SUCH AS SWIMMING POOLS, INDOOR GAMES HALLS, COMMUNITY HALLS, SPORTSGROUNDS AND PERHAPS A STADIUM AND, WE HOPE, A PRIVATELY RUN RECREATION AND SPORTS COMPLEX TO HOUSE THE TWO LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS WHICH CO-ORDINATE OUR MANY SPORTS AND CULTURAL GROUPS.+

HE SAID ALL THESE PROJECTS WOULD GREATLY ASSIST IN MAKING NOT JUST THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, BUT ALSO THE YEAR ROUND ORGANISED ACTIVITIES, AVAILABLE TO MORE YOUNG PEOPLE.

DR HAYES SAID IN ALL SUCH WORK THE LEADERSHIP, ENERGY AND VISION OF THE MANY PERSONS WHO PROVIDED THE OFFICE-BEARERS AND SECRETARIES OF THE LOCAL RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING GROUPS WOULD REMAIN A VITAL INGREDIENT OF SUCCESS.

HE SAID: +THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, A JOINT EFFORT. WITHOUT THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT WE ON THE GOVERNMENT SIDE CANNOT PRODUCE THE DESIRED RESULTS.

+FORTUNATELY, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A SHORTAGE OF HELPERS IN TSUEN WAN.

+DURING MY FIVE YEARS AS TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER I HAVE SEEN A GREAT DEAL OF JOINT EFFORT, IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND IN MANY FIELDS,+ DR HAYES SAID.

A VARIETY SHOW, INCLUDING FOLK DANCES, CHOIR-SINGING AND DRAMA, WAS HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY.

MORE THAN 1 500 YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SHOW WHICH WAS THE FIRST OF NEARLY 1 000 ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI, SHAM TSENG AND MA WAN DURING THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THE GOVERNMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAVE PROVIDED \$59 000, WHILE LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS HAVE DONATED ANOTHER \$55 000 TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROGRAMME.

ABOUT 90 000 LOCAL YOUNG PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE BEING RUN BY 140 GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

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## PRISONS OFFICERS COMPLETE SOCIAL WORK COURSE

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FIFTEEN ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HAVE COMPLETED AN EXTENSION COURSE ON SOCIAL WORK ORGANISED BY THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE TWO-MONTH COURSE, ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE BASIS, WAS DESIGNED TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT'S AFTERCARE OFFICERS TO GAIN SOME KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIAL WORK TECHNIQUES, HUMAN GROWTH AND BEHAVIOUR, AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS RELEVANT TO THEIR WORK.

AT A CEREMONY TODAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR CHAN WA-SHEK WAS INVITED TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THE OFFICERS. MR CHAN IS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT SAID AFTERCARE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN HELPING INMATES OF TRAINING, DETENTION AND DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES TO RE-ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN SOCIETY ON THEIR RELEASE.

THE TRAINING COURSE WILL BETTER EQUIP THE AFTERCARE OFFICERS IN THIS WORK, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS ONLY ONE OF THE WIDE AND VARIED SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY PROVIDED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT. IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES ON SPECIALIST SUBJECTS WERE FREQUENTLY CONDUCTED TO EQUIP PRISONS STAFF FOR THEIR DUTIES.

HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO URGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE UP A WORTHWHILE AND INTERESTING CAREER WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

+WE ARE CURRENTLY MOUNTING A RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR ASSISTANT OFFICERS II. ANYONE INTERESTED CAN CONTACT OUR RECRUITMENT OFFICE ON 5-938455 FOR AN APPOINTMENT, OR ANY OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES FOR INFORMATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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STUDENT WORKS IN READING SCHEME ON DISPLAY

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AN EXHIBITION OF WORKS BY SECONDARY AND PRIMARY STUDENTS IN A PILOT ENGLISH READING SCHEME WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY (JULY 15) AT CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NORTH POINT.

THE PILOT SCHEME, INITIATED BY THE ENGLISH SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE THE HABIT OF WIDE READING, WAS FIRST CONDUCTED IN 1977 IN QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL INVOLVING FORM/MIDDLE 1 STUDENTS.

IT WAS EXTENDED TO FORM/MIDDLE 2 IN 1978 AND HAD JUST COMPLETED ITS THIRD AND FINAL YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR FORM/MIDDLE 3.

PRIMARY 4 STUDENTS OF FOUR SCHOOLS ALSO JOINED THE SCHEME IN 1978. THEY ARE HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY AM SCHOOL, KEI WAN PRIMARY AM SCHOOL, TAK SUN SCHOOL AND YAUMATI CATHOLIC PRIMARY AM SCHOOL.

THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED TO PRIMARY 6 IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE WRITTEN SUMMARIES, CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS, SCRIPT WRITINGS, DRAWINGS, MODELS, BOOK COVER AND BOOKMARK DESIGNS, AND THEME-SONG WRITINGS.

IT WILL BE OPEN UNTIL THURSDAY (JULY 17) IN THE SCHOOL HALL OF CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN FORTRESS HILL ROAD. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

MRS LOUISE MOK, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY.

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SAU MAU PING HAS NEW GARDEN

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A REST GARDEN WILL BE ADDED TO SAU MAU PING MEMORIAL PARK BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

AN AREA MEASURING 610 SQUARE METRES ALONG TSUI PING ROAD HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THE SITE.

ITS FACILITIES INCLUDE A PAVILION, FLOWER BEDS, BENCHES AND A STOREROOM.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER.

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BROADWOOD ROAD CLOSED  
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BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 20 AND TAI HANG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT 9 WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 14) FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

UNLESS THEY HAVE WRITTEN AUTHORISATION TO ENTER THIS UPPER SECTION OF THE ROAD, MOTORISTS WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO USE THE LOWER SECTION TO GO TO LINK ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY NEXT WEEK.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING TIMES OF PRACTICE.

PRACTICE TIMES WILL BE 8 AM TO 10.30 PM EACH DAY EXCEPT ON FRIDAY WHEN PRACTICE WILL END AT 5 PM.

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