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HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL 1972

The Hong Kong Arts Festival 1972 will be inaugurated by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, on Thursday (July 13) evening. The Festival is being presented by the Urban Council to mark the 10th anniversary of the City Hall.

The inauguration will be followed by a gala concert, the first of a series of 38 performances embracing all branches of the performing arts including music, opera, dance and drama -- both Western and Chinese -- all performed by local artists.

The shows will be held at the City Hall Concert Hall and Theatre and will continue until the end of July. Many of them have already been sold out and tickets for the remaining ones are available from the City Hall Box Office with prices ranging from \$1 to \$5.

The Arts Festival will also feature six exhibitions. They include Contemporary Hong Kong Art, A Decade of Children's Pictures, Hong Kong - The Changing Scene, and three book exhibitions.

These will be held at the City Museum and Art Gallery and the City Hall Library and will remain open till August 13. Admission will be free.

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The famous series of 50-minute colour films entitled "Civilization" by Kenneth Clark, the distinguished art historian and critic, will be presented at the City Hall Theatre from July 31 to August 13.

In the series of 13 films, which will be presented in association with the British Council, Lord Clark examines the ideas and values which to him give meaning to the term "Western Civilization". Free tickets may be obtained at the City Hall Box Office.

Note to editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the inauguration ceremony. For Press representatives, the two Boxes in the Concert Hall will be reserved, where a sound feed will be made available for film cameras. The inauguration ceremony will be followed by the gala vocal concert. Filming and photography must cease at the end of the inauguration ceremony and will not be allowed during the vocal concert, as is usual with all concerts of serious music at the City Hall. Press photographs may be taken at the final curtain calls at the end of the concert. A G.I.S. Information Officer will be there to assist the Press.

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LABELLING OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS

The Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. J. Cater, today informed Hong Kong manufacturers and exporters that the E.E.C. Council of Ministers had issued a directive regarding the harmonisation of Member States Legislation on correct labelling of textile products.

Among other things, the directive makes it obligatory for all textile products which are marketed within the Community to contain a label or other indication correctly describing the textile fibres used in the manufacture of the product.

Mr. Cater added that the provisions of this directive will also be applied to the United Kingdom, Ireland, Norway and Denmark if these countries join the enlarged European Economic Community on January 1, next year.

Details of the directive are attached to three Notice to Exporters issued to the trade today. Copies of these notices are also available at the department's Textiles Licensing Office, 2nd floor, Fire Brigade Building, Hong Kong.

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CERTIFICATE COURSE FOR PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS

A certificate course in work with pre-school children will be offered to young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 by the Training Section of the Social Welfare Department later this year.

The one-year full-time training course is to prepare those interested in child care for careers in day nurseries, play centres and children's institutions.

The course is made up of several parts, such as classroom teaching, reading, discussion, practice sessions and visits of observation to agencies and nursery programmes.

It also includes an introduction to pre-school education with a detailed study of the day nursery, and the professional and administrative responsibilities of a nursery worker.

Emphasis is also placed on helping trainees to gain some understanding of, and learning how to fulfil, children's needs and rights during their growth and development.

Applicants must have Grade E or above in five subjects, including English and Chinese, in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (English), or Grade E or above in four subjects plus Grade C or above in English in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (Chinese).

Application forms can be obtained from the Lady Trench Day Nursery and Training Centre at No. 44, Oi Kwan Road, Wan Chai.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION OPENS THIS WEEK

More than 190 works by local photographers will be put on display this week for one month at a photographic exhibition organised by the City Museum & Art Gallery.

The works have been selected from 400 entries by a panel of judges composed of leaders of major local photographic societies.

The judges awarded a gold trophy to Mr. Chow Kan-choi for his work "The Old Couple" and a silver trophy to Mr. K.F. Ho for his "Flood at Tai Hang". Ten bronze trophies were also awarded.

The exhibition, entitled "Hong Kong - The Changing Scene", is being held at the City Hall and is one of the highlights of the 1972 Arts Festival presented by the Urban Council to celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of the City Hall.

The works will be exhibited together with 300 other interesting photographs assembled by the organisers. Many of these photographs date back a quarter of a century and depict many dramatic changes in Hong Kong.

Private photographers and organisations have contributed to the exhibition.

Among them are the Hong Kong Tourist Association, the Army's Joint Service Public Relations Staff, the Government Information Services and the Public Works Department's Crown Lands & Survey Office.

The Newspaper Society of Hong Kong has also produced a special section of news photographs.

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ANOTHER NEW PARK

An area of about 7.4 acres at Fat Kwong Street opposite the Valley Road Housing Estate in Kowloon has been developed into a playground.

The completion of the project, which incorporates a grass soccer pitch, basketball court and children's playground, will help to relieve the shortage of open space in Hung Hom.

It is the second park to be opened in the Hung Hom area within a week.

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WATER SUPPLY CUT

Water supply to certain premises in the Western District on Hong Kong Island will be interrupted for eight hours beginning from 10 p.m. tomorrow (July 11).

The temporary stoppage is to enable the Waterworks Office to connect fresh water pipes in Connaught Road West between Centre Road and Eastern Street.

The areas to be affected are Nos. 129 - 153 Connaught Road West, Nos. 161 - 205A Des Voeux Road West and Nos. 1A - 1E Eastern Street.

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MONEY ORDER AND POSTAL ORDER SERVICES RESUMED

The Post Office announced that with effect from today (Monday), all Money Order and Postal Order Services have been resumed.

The services were temporarily suspended last Friday (July 7) while the parity between the Hong Kong Dollar and Sterling was determined.

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PRESENTATION TO AGRICULTURAL OFFICER

Note to Editors: The Acting Director of Agriculture and Fisheries, Mr. J.M. Riddell-Swan, will present a farewell memento to Mr. Siak Pak-ling an Agricultural Officer at 11 a.m. on Wednesday (July 12).

Mr. Siak is retiring after 22 years service and will be returning to Singapore.

The presentation ceremony will take place in the Staff Club Room, 12th floor, Canton Road Government Offices, Kowloon.

You are cordially invited to cover this event.

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IMPROVED MAINTENANCE FACILITIES FOR GOVT. VEHICLES ON LANTAU

Better maintenance facilities will soon be available for government vehicles on Lantau Island.

The existing servicing depot at Silvermine Bay for the PWD Electrical and Mechanical Office will be extended to include a new servicing shed, an oil store and a single storey dormitory.

Staff will then be able to stay overnight on the island, thus reducing the amount of unproductive travelling time.

The building project is expected to cost about \$200,000.

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