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CENSUS OF PENAL POPULATION 1981

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THERE WERE 6 585 MALES AND 223 FEMALES IN THE CUSTODY OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN APRIL THIS YEAR, EXCLUDING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS, OF WHOM 1 157 MALES AND 36 FEMALES WERE ON REMAND.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, WHEN HE REVEALED THE FINDINGS OF THE CENSUS OF THE PENAL POPULATION CONDUCTED AT THAT TIME.

OF THE CONVICTED PERSONS, 2 023 OR 37 PER CENT OF THE MALES AND 46 OR 25 PER CENT OF THE FEMALES HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT OFFENCE, SUCH AS MURDER, MANSLAUGHTER, RAPE, WOUNDING, SERIOUS ASSAULT, KIDNAPPING, ROBBERY, ARSON AND CRIMINAL DAMAGE.

MORE THAN HALF OF THESE VIOLENT OFFENDERS HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BREACHED PRISONS DISCIPLINE AT LEAST ONCE, AND SOME MORE THAN 10 TIMES, WHILST ONLY 20 PER CENT OF NON-VIOLENT OFFENDERS HAD BEEN GUILTY OF SIMILAR MISCONDUCT.

MR GARNER SAID THE CENSUS WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION FOR RESEARCH, PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT PURPOSES AS WELL AS THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES.

FINDINGS OF THE CENSUS SHOWED THAT THE NUMBER OF YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS HAD INCREASED. 850 PERSONS OR 16 PER CENT OF THE CONVICTED MALE POPULATION WERE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE COMPARED WITH 687 OR 13 PER CENT IN A CENSUS TAKEN IN SEPTEMBER 1980.

AS FOR REMANDS, THE PERCENTAGE WAS EVEN HIGHER WITH 240 PERSONS OR 21 PER CENT UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS, THE MEAN AGE OF THE PENAL POPULATION REMAINED AT 30.

YOUNG ADULTS AGED 25 TO 29 CONSTITUTED THE PREDOMINANT AGE GROUP AMONGST MALES WITH A TOTAL OF 1 306 PERSONS OR 24 PER CENT, WHILST GIRLS AGED 16 TO 20 WERE THE PREDOMINANT AGE GROUP AMONGST THE FEMALES NUMBERING 52 PERSONS OR 28 PER CENT.

ANOTHER INTERESTING OBSERVATION WAS THAT FROM THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MALE REMANDS IN CUSTODY, 292 PERSONS OR 25 PER CENT HAD RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN SIX YEARS AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION. A COMPARABLE FIGURE FOR CONVICTED MALE PERSONS WAS 591 OR 11 PER CENT. 3 962 CONVICTED INMATES WERE IN SECURITY PRISONS WHILE 283 WERE IN DETENTION CENTRES, 423 IN TRAINING CENTRES AND 947 IN DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES.

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THOSE IN PRISONS INCLUDED 875 SENTENCED TO A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS OR LESS, 117 OF WHOM WERE SERVING IMPRISONMENT IN DEFAULT OF PAYMENT OF A FINE, 1 232 SERVING SENTENCES OF MORE THAN ONE TO THREE YEARS, 1 121 UNDER SENTENCE OF MORE THAN THREE BUT LESS THAN SIX YEARS AND 633 SENTENCED TO MORE THAN SIX YEARS, INCLUDING 64 SERVING LIFE SENTENCES, AND 22 UNDER SENTENCE OF DEATH.

FROM A TOTAL OF 101 MALES AND TWO FEMALES WHOSE DEATH SENTENCES HAD BEEN COMMUTED BY THE GOVERNOR, 58 WERE SERVING LIFE IMPRISONMENT, THREE WERE SERVING 30 YEARS OR MORE, 26 WERE SERVING 20 TO 30 YEARS AND 16 WERE SERVING 10 TO 20 YEARS.

OF THE 1 127 MALE PRISONERS WHO CLAIMED TO BE MARRIED AND LIVING WITH THEIR SPOUSES ON ADMISSION, 119 OR 11 PER CENT HAD INDICATED IN THE CENSUS THAT THEIR SPOUSES HAD DESERTED THEM AFTER THEIR ADMISSION TO AN INSTITUTION.

OVER 29 PER CENT OF THE MALES AND 14 PER CENT OF THE FEMALES IN CUSTODY HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY VISITS IN THE 12 MONTHS PRIOR TO THE CENSUS AND MR GARNER INDICATED THAT THERE WAS A DEFINITE NEED FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT AND BEFRIEND PRISONERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE SERVING LONG TERMS OF IMPRISONMENT.

MANY CONVICTED PERSONS PARTICIPATED IN A WIDE VARIETY OF STUDIES WITHIN INSTITUTIONS. 649 MALES AND 101 FEMALES WERE RECEIVING COMPULSORY EDUCATION WHILST 840 MALES AND 25 FEMALES UNDERTOOK OTHER FORMAL EDUCATION COURSES.

MR GARNER SAID MOST CONVICTED PERSONS WERE EFFECTIVELY EMPLOYED IN PRISON INDUSTRIES. ON THE DATE OF THE CENSUS, 4 956 PERSONS OR 88 PER CENT OF CONVICTED PERSONS WERE SO EMPLOYED INCLUDING 998 IN GARMENT MAKING, AND 705 IN BUILDING WORK. CARPENTRY, FIBREGLASS FABRICATIONS, PRINTING AND BOOK BINDING, RATTANWARE, SILKSCREENING, SHOE MAKING AND LAUNDERING PROVIDED OTHER FORMS OF WORK FOR INMATES.

THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF TIME A MALE REMAND HELD IN CUSTODY WAS 192 DAYS FOR A TRIAL REMAND, 79 DAYS FOR A DISTRICT COURT REMAND, 26 DAYS FOR A MAGISTRATE COURT REMAND, 14 DAYS FOR A DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE REMAND, 15 DAYS FOR A TRAINING CENTRE REMAND, AND 16 DAYS FOR A DETENTION CENTRE REMAND. NEARLY HALF THE 1 193 REMANDS HAD BEEN IN CUSTODY FOR MORE THAN 30 DAYS WITH 22 HAVING BEEN REMANDED FOR 300 DAYS OR MORE.

IT WAS ALSO WORTHY OF NOTE THAT ON THE DATE OF THE SURVEY 91 MALE AND FOUR FEMALE REMANDS WHO HAD BEEN GRANTED BAIL BY THE COURTS STILL REMAINED IN CUSTODY, MR GARNER SAID.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST REVEALED IN THE CENSUS :

- * 2 976 OR 55 PER CENT OF THE MALES HAD BEEN MEMBERS OF OR HAD BEEN AFFILIATED WITH A TRIAD SOCIETY OR GANG PRIOR TO ADMISSION. IN THE 1980 CENSUS, THE FIGURE WAS 3 533 OR 66 PER CENT.
- * THE LARGEST NUMBER OF MALES WERE CONVICTED OF ROBBERY, 1 501 PERSONS OR 28 PER CENT WHILST 675 PERSONS OR 12 PER CENT HAD BEEN CONVICTED FOR POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS. AMONGST THE FEMALES THE MOST PREVALENT OFFENCES WERE POSSESSION OF DANGEROUS DRUGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNLAWFUL TRAFFICKING FOR WHICH 43 PERSONS OR 23 PER CENT HAD BEEN CONVICTED AND 28 PERSONS OR 15 PER CENT HAD BEEN CONVICTED FOR THEFT.
- * 1 955 OR 36 PER CENT OF MALES AND 99 OR 53 PER CENT OF FEMALES HAD NO PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.
- * 3 895 OR 72 PER CENT OF THE MALES AND 126 OR 67 PER CENT OF THE FEMALES, HAD NO SECONDARY EDUCATION AND 41 MALES AND THREE FEMALES WERE ILLITERATE.

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BIG BOOST FOR HOLIDAY VILLAGE

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RECREATION FACILITIES AND ACCOMMODATION AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE HOLIDAY VILLAGE WILL BE GIVEN A BIG BOOST NEXT YEAR WITH THE COMPLETION OF A SECOND PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY, THE MANAGER OF THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, MR CHARLES CHU SAID THAT WORK ON THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PROJECT WILL SOON BEGIN AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF MARCH, 1982.

+BY THAT TIME,+ MR CHU SAID, +WE WILL HAVE A WIDER RANGE OF RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES, INCLUDING HONG KONG'S FIRST SKATE-ON RINK.+

THE SURFACE OF THE SKATE-ON RINK WILL BE MADE OF PLASTIC MATERIAL THAT WILL MAKE MAINTENANCE WORK MUCH EASIER AND AT THE SAME TIME REDUCE OPERATING COSTS WHEN COMPARED WITH ARTIFICIAL ICE-SKATING.

+THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO AIR-CONDITIONED SQUASH COURTS, AN ADDITIONAL TENNIS COURT, A NINE-HOLE GOLF COURSE, LAWN BOWLING FACILITIES AND AN ART AND CRAFT CENTRE.

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+THESE, TOGETHER WITH EXISTING FACILITIES LIKE THE SWIMMING POOL, THE CYCLING TRACK, ARCHERY RANGE, ROPE COURSE, TRAMPOLINING, POOL TABLES AND GAMES MACHINES, WILL OFFER CAMPERS A WIDER CHOICE OF RECREATION AND SPORT ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE, SITUATED IN 12 HECTARES OF WOODED COUNTRYSIDE NEAR PAK TAM, IS OPERATED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

IT WAS OPENED BY LADY MACLEHOSE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR AND HAS QUICKLY BECOME ONE OF HONG KONG'S MOST POPULAR HOLIDAY RESORTS.

+WE ARE ALMOST ALWAYS FULLY-BOOKED,+ MR CHU SAID, NOTING THAT THE OVERALL OCCUPANCY RATE IS WELL ABOVE 90 PER CENT.

+FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR TO THE END OF AUGUST, 5 343 DAY AND 14 708 OVERNIGHT VISITORS MADE USE OF OUR VARIOUS FACILITIES,+ HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE CAN PROVIDE CHALET-TYPE ACCOMMODATION FOR UP TO 120 OVERNIGHT VISITORS. THE CAPACITY WILL BE DOUBLED WHEN PHASE II IS COMPLETED.

MR CHU SAID VISITORS ARE FREE TO JOIN ORGANISED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS INSTRUCTION CLASSES IN ARCHERY, ROPE COURSE, TRAMPOLINING, AMERICAN POOL AND SWIMMING, OR SIMPLY TO RELAX AND ENJOY THE SCENERY.

BOOKINGS FOR ACCOMMODATION CAN BE MADE WITH THE BOOKING OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE THREE MONTHS IN ADVANCE, BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT ALL RSS DISTRICT OFFICES.

+SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE DETERMINED BY OPEN BALLOT TO BE HELD EVERY THREE MONTHS IN THE PRESENCE OF CAMPERS,+ MR CHU SAID.

IF THERE ARE STILL VACANCIES OR SOME SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS HAVE FAILED TO MAKE PAYMENT, THE PLACES WILL BE OPEN TO TELEPHONE BOOKING.

+THOSE WHO WISH TO TRY THEIR LUCK SHOULD TELEPHONE 3-2816430 TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE DATE THEY INTEND TO HAVE THEIR HOLIDAYS,+ MR CHU SAID.

AT PRESENT, PLACES AT THE VILLAGE ARE RESERVED FOR RSS DISTRICT OFFICES FOR ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF THEIR DISTRICTS ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. HOWEVER, WITH THE OPENING OF THE SECOND PHASE, SOME PLACES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC DURING WEEKENDS.

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MISSIONS TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT
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THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WILL DESPATCH TWO INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSIONS OVERSEAS NEXT MONTH (NOVEMBER): ONE TO JAPAN AND THE OTHER TO THE USA.

THE MISSIONS WILL PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING THE TRANSFER OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY FROM JAPAN AND THE USA TO HONG KONG.

THE FIRST MISSION WILL VISIT TOKYO FROM NOVEMBER 4 TO 28. IT WILL BE TAKING A STAND AT THE TECHNO '81 TOKYO FAIR FROM NOVEMBER 10 TO 14, WHERE EXHIBITORS AND VISITORS ARE INVITED TO DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN HONG KONG.

AFTER THE FAIR, THE MISSION, HEADED BY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MR C.L. CHU, WILL SPEND TWO WEEKS IN TOKYO VISITING INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES TO DISCUSS THEIR PROJECTS FOR INVESTING IN HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

THE SECOND MISSION, LED BY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER MR PAULUS CHAN, WILL CALL ON INDIVIDUAL COMPANIES IN ILLINOIS, INDIANA, OHIO, MICHIGAN AND WISCONSIN IN USA DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 9 TO 27.

THE MISSION WILL ALSO VISIT THE 'MIDCON' ELECTRONICS SHOW AND CONVENTION IN CHICAGO, BETWEEN NOVEMBER 10 AND 12, TO SEEK OUT COMPANIES WITH SUITABLE TECHNOLOGY FOR HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

COMPANIES THAT BOTH MISSIONS WILL APPROACH HAVE BEEN SELECTED PRINCIPALLY FROM THE LIGHT AND MEDIUM HEAVY ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES, THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, AND INDUSTRIES WHICH WILL SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG. AT PRESENT, USA AND JAPAN ARE THE TWO LARGEST SOURCES OF OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

+WE HAVE WRITTEN TO OVER A HUNDRED LOCAL COMPANIES ASKING THEM TO LET US KNOW IF THEY HAVE ANY PLANS FOR DIVERSIFYING THEIR OPERATIONS. THE NEED TO DIVERSIFY IS WELL RECOGNISED BY HONG KONG INDUSTRIES. OUR MISSIONS WILL HELP FILL THIS NEED BY IDENTIFYING THOSE OVERSEAS COMPANIES WITH THE APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY AND MATCHING THEM WITH THE LOCAL COMPANIES,+ SAID MR CHU.

LOCAL COMPANIES WISHING TO SEEK NEW PRODUCTS OR NEW TECHNOLOGY THROUGH JOINT VENTURES OR LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS WITH EITHER JAPANESE OR USA COMPANIES ARE INVITED TO CONTACT MR C.L. CHU AND MR PAULUS CHAN AT 3-7222420 AND 3-7222421.

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NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO BE HELD

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A NINE-DAY FESTIVAL, CONSISTING OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, WILL BE HELD IN NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AT THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE FESTIVAL, BEING THE SECOND HELD IN THE DISTRICT, IS ORGANISED BY NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL '81 COMMITTEE.

IT WILL START WITH A VARIETY SHOW ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 AND END WITH A PROMENADE CONCERT ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8.

THE SHOW, FEATURING DRAGON AND LION DANCES, FOLK DANCES, GYMNASTIC AND MARCHING DISPLAYS, WILL BE OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AT FANLING PLAYGROUND.

ON NOVEMBER 1, THERE WILL BE TWO FOOTBALL MATCHES BETWEEN SOUTH CHINA VETERAN AND NORTH DISTRICT TEAMS.

A DANCING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, AT FUNG KAI MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THE PROMENADE CONCERT WILL BE STAGED BY HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, NORTH DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, GURKHA RIFLE REGIMENTAL BAND AND FUNG KAI MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE GROUP. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE CONCERT WILL INCLUDE POPULAR SONGS, SYMPHONIES, FILM THEME SONGS AND DANCES.

OTHER FESTIVAL EVENTS WILL INCLUDE A QUIZ ON NOVEMBER 4 AND A WATER TELE-MATCH ON NOVEMBER 7.

THE MATCH, INVOLVING TEAMS FROM SHEUNG SHUI, TA KWU LING, SHA TAU KOK AND FANLING, WILL BE DIVIDED INTO OPEN AND YOUNGSTERS SECTIONS.

FUNDS FOR THE FESTIVAL AMOUNT TO \$190 000, OF WHICH \$60 000 WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD. THE BALANCE WILL BE RAISED FROM PRIVATE DONATIONS.

THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY MR LAU YAM-MAN, COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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71 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN AUGUST

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SEVENTY-ONE NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE IN AUGUST THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 68 IN AUGUST 1980

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 21 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 10 FOR KOWLOON AND 40 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED TWO SCHOOLS AT THE JUNCTION OF TUNG LO WAN ROAD AND LEIGHTON ROAD AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD AND AT AUSTIN ROAD, A SPORT COMPLEX AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT CHING YEE ROAD, AN EXTENSION OF A HOME FOR THE AGED AT THE JUNCTION OF KUNG LOK ROAD AND HONG LEE ROAD AND A YOUTH HOSTEL ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$224.7 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$510.7 MILLION IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THEIR TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA AMOUNTED TO 140 386.3 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 38 148.6 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC AND 102 237.7 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR SPACE.

THE BOO ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 51 PROJECTS, INCLUDING TWO SCHOOLS AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD AND ON LANTAU ISLAND AND A HOME FOR THE AGED AT TAI PO.

ALTOGETHER 43 NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN AUGUST, INCLUDING AN INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING AT HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THE BOO ALSO AGREED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 45 BUILDINGS.

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LEAFLET ON COUNTRY PARK

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DO YOU KNOW WHERE SOME OF HONG KONG'S MOST DRAMATIC SCENERY IS TO BE FOUND IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES?

OR DO YOU KNOW HOW THE FAMOUS HIRAM'S HIGHWAY IN SAI KUNG GOT ITS NAME?

ALL THIS, TOGETHER WITH A WEALTH OF OTHER INTERESTING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK CAN BE FOUND IN AN ATTRACTIVE INFORMATION LEAFLET PUBLISHED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY ENTITLED '+MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK+'.

THE FULL-COLOUR, BILINGUAL LEAFLET IS THE EIGHTH IN A SERIES SPONSORED BY THE CHARTERED BANK AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE. IT WAS DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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BESIDES COLOURFUL PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING PARTS OF THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY WITHIN THE MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK, THE LEAFLET ALSO CONTAINS A CARTOGRAPHIC MAP PREPARED BY THE LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE MAP GIVES DETAILS ABOUT LOCATION OF VARIOUS FACILITIES INSIDE THE COUNTRY PARK, INCLUDING MANAGEMENT CENTRES, BARBECUE AND PICNIC SITES, CAMPSITES, TOILETS, INFORMATION POINTS AND RAIN SHELTERS.

THE TEXT OF THE LEAFLET GIVES DETAILS ABOUT THE PARK AND THE FLORA AND FAUNA WHICH CAN BE FOUND IN THE AREA.

LAST YEAR CLOSE ON ONE MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK SYSTEM WHICH INCLUDES THE MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK.

THE LEAFLET, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES- THE MARKETING OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF BASKERVILLE HOUSE IN ICE HOUSE STREET- THE MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN THE MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK, AS WELL AS FROM MANAGEMENT CENTRES INSIDE ALL THE OTHER COUNTRY PARKS- DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES- RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICES AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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HONG KONG STUDENTS COMMENDED IN ESSAY COMPETITION

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ESSAYS WRITTEN BY SIX HONG KONG STUDENTS HAVE BEEN COMMENDED IN THE 1980/81 ESSAY COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY.

MISS KAREN YIP OF JOCKEY CLUB GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND MISS FATIMA BUTT OF DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL HAVE BEEN COMMENDED FOR THEIR ENTRIES TO CLASS A OF THE COMPETITION.

IN CLASS B, MISS ANGELA CHAN OF ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE HAS BEEN HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR HER ESSAY.

MISS ALICE LUI OF SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND MISS PATRICIA LEUNG OF ST. MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE HAVE BEEN HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THEIR ENTRIES TO CLASS C OF THE COMPETITION- WHILE MISS CAROL CHUNG OF DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL WAS COMMENDED FOR HER ENTRY IN THE SAME CLASS.

THIS YEAR A TOTAL OF 277 SCHOOLS FROM 34 COUNTRIES AND AREAS TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITION, WHICH IS HELD ANNUALLY BY THE SOCIETY WITH A VIEW TO ENCOURAGING COMMONWEALTH STUDIES IN SCHOOLS.

CLASS A IS FOR CANDIDATES AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 19, WHILE CLASS B CATERS FOR STUDENTS OF 14 AND UNDER 16, AND CLASS C FOR THOSE UNDER 14.

THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS BOOK PRIZES TO THE BEST THREE COMPETITORS IN EACH CLASS OF THE PRELIMINARY ROUND HELD LOCALLY.

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CLEAN SAI KUNG MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION
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AN OUTDOOR MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 31) AT SAI KUNG AS PART OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

APPLICATION TO ENTER THE +CLEAN HONG KONG, CLEAN SAI KUNG+ COMPETITION CAN NOW BE MADE AT THE SAI KUNG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NTSD, WILL BE TAKING PLACE AT THE EXTERNAL HOARDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE OF SAI KUNG NEW MARKET AT THE TOWN CENTRE.

IT IS AIMED AT EDUCATING THE YOUNG GENERATION THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT THROUGH ORGANISED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND THEIR ROLE IN THE CAMPAIGN.

CONTESTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAINT ON THE BOARDS ALLOTTED TO THEM EITHER BY INDIVIDUAL EFFORT OR IN GROUP ACCORDING TO THE SECTION THEY ARE TAKING PART.

ENTRIES ARE DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS - THE SECONDARY SCHOOL, THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND INDIVIDUAL.

THEY WILL BE JUDGED BY THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IN CONVEYING THE MESSAGE ON THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN AND THE ARTISTIC PRESENTATION OF THE MURAL.

WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIR PLAQUE AND AWARDS OF BOOK COUPON.

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TENDER FOR SALE OF SOUVENIRS AT CASTLE PEAK BEACH
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TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE OPERATION OF EIGHT STALLS SELLING SOUVENIRS AT THE CASTLE PEAK BEACH IN TUEN MUN.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDER CAN START OPERATING BUSINESS ON JANUARY 1, 1982, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD OF FOUR STALLS IS THREE YEARS WHILE THAT OF FOUR OTHERS IS TWO YEARS.

TENDER FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX SITUATED AT THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE OF THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS BEFORE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13.

ENQUIRIES ON FURTHER PARTICULARS CAN ALSO BE MADE TO THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON TELEPHONE 3-676901.

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