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131,000 IN SCHOOL MEDICAL SCHEME LAST YEAR

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THE GOVERNMENT-SUBSIDISED SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE POPULAR AS EVIDENCED BY THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PUPILS ENROLLED IN THE SCHEME LAST YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ENROLMENT INCREASED BY 20,000 LAST YEAR TO WELL OVER 131,000 WHILE THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ALSO ROSE FROM 750 TO 770.

SOME 210 DOCTORS, ALL PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS, HAVE JOINED THE VOLUNTARY SCHEME, PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE PARTICIPATING PUPILS LARGELY IN THE SIX TO 12 AGE GROUP.

UNDER THE SCHEME, A PARTICIPATING PUPIL PAYS \$5 A YEAR AND RECEIVES MEDICAL ATTENTION AND MEDICINE FROM THE DOCTOR CHOSEN BY HIS SCHOOL.

PUPILS MAY JOIN ANY DAY OF THE YEAR AND CAN VISIT THE DOCTOR ANY NUMBER OF TIMES DURING THE ENTITLEMENT PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF ENROLMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MEDICAL SCHEME COVERS CHILDREN FROM PRIMARY ONE TO FORM 3, CONFORMING TO THE PRESENT NINE YEARS OF AIDED EDUCATION.

THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISES THE DOCTOR'S RENUMERATION BY PROVIDING \$30 PER YEAR FOR EACH PUPIL ENROLLED AND THE PUPIL'S \$5 FEE.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO MEETS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COST OF THE SCHEME.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN MARKED INCREASES IN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING PUPILS, THE PRESENT ENROLMENT REPRESENTED ONLY 20 PER CENT OF ALL ELIGIBLE SCHOOL CHILDREN.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THERE WERE MANY AND VARIED REASONS FOR PUPILS NOT ENROLING, THE MAIN ONES BEING:

- * THE GENERAL STATE OF HEALTH OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IS SOUND- AND
- * THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES OPEN TO PARENTS- FOR INSTANCE, THEIR OWN FAMILY DOCTORS, THE READILY AVAILABLE GOVERNMENT OUT-PATIENT FACILITIES AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS OFFERING LOW-COST MEDICAL CONSULTATION AND TREATMENT.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM MAY 1 TO 25 THIS YEAR.

THE SURVEY, THE FIFTH IN THE SERIES, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WILL BE SENT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS TO BE SURVEYED. BASED ON THE SURVEY FINDINGS, THE TRAINING BOARD WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON MANPOWER TRAINING FOR THE INDUSTRY.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, INTERVIEWING OFFICERS WILL VISIT EACH ESTABLISHMENT TO ASSIST IN THE COMPLETION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE INFORMATION FOR EACH PRINCIPAL JOB OF THE INDUSTRY WHICH THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF WORKERS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED- THE NUMBER PRESENTLY UNDER TRAINING- THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL VACANCIES BY MAY 1980.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR. WARNER YEH, STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN STATISTICAL SUMMARIES ONLY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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GOOD MANAGEMENT — KEY TO EFFICIENT CIVIL SERVICE
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THE GOVERNMENT IS UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BY PUTTING GREATER EMPHASIS ON MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION TRAINING FOR OFFICERS.

EACH YEAR, SOME 1,000 OFFICERS OF VARIOUS RANKS WHOSE WORK INVOLVES MANAGERIAL DUTIES ARE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER IMPROVE THEIR KNOWLEDGE IN MODERN MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION FROM COURSES RUN BY THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING DIVISION.

EXPLAINING THE AIM OF THE TRAINING COURSES, THE CHIEF TRAINING OFFICER OF THE TRAINING DIVISION, MR. A.R.B. KITCHELL, SAID MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION TRAINING IS IMPORTANT AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING TO MEET INCREASING DEMANDS FROM THE COMMUNITY.

+THESE COURSES ENABLE OFFICERS TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THEY CAN SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE BY DISCUSSING ACTUAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION CASES IN THEIR WORK,+ HE SAID.

THE TRAINING DIVISION ALSO ORGANISES A WIDE RANGE OF COURSES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS OF ALL GRADES NOT ONLY ON MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION BUT ALSO LANGUAGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO FURTHER THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS EITHER LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS. IT ALSO GIVES ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS TO PLAN THEIR OWN TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

MR. KITCHELL ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ANOTHER MAJOR AREA OF TRAINING FOR CIVIL SERVANTS IS THE +ENGLISH FOR SPECIAL PURPOSE+ COURSES WHICH ARE BEING DESIGNED TO ENABLE OFFICERS TO COMMUNICATE BETTER.

+OTHER LANGUAGE COURSES — CANTONESE, MANDARIN, JAPANESE, THAI, CHIU CHOW AND HAKKA — ARE ALSO IN GREAT DEMAND. IN SOME CASES, OFFICERS WHO WISH TO BRUSH UP THEIR COMMAND OF A PARTICULAR DIALECT ARE GIVEN INDIVIDUAL TUITION,+ HE SAID.

EACH YEAR, THE DIVISION OFFERS VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES TO ABOUT 7,000 OFFICERS. IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 3,000 ARE GIVEN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND COURSES IN THE LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNIC AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

FURTHERMORE, SOME 400 OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ARE SENT OVERSEAS TO RECEIVE ADVANCED TRAINING EACH YEAR.

THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING DIVISION PROVIDES BOTH FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES WHICH RANGE FROM A FEW DAYS TO ONE YEAR IN DURATION.

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SPECIAL FERRY SERVICE TO JOSS HOUSE BAY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL OPERATE A SPECIAL FERRY SERVICE TO JOSS HOUSE BAY FOR THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

THE FERRY SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN WAN CHAI FERRY PIER AND JOSS HOUSE BAY FROM 10.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO 5 P.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

ORDINARY RETURN FARES HAVE BEEN SET AT \$10 FOR ADULTS AND \$6 FOR CHILDREN. DELUXE CLASS TICKETS WILL BE DOUBLE THE ORDINARY FARES.

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YU WAN ESTATE REGISTRATION
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT YU WAN ESTATE OFFICE, CHAI WAN, BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. FOR THREE DAYS FROM APRIL 24.

THIS IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER CHILDREN BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18.

PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA ARE ADVISED TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR ADDRESS, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE STOPPED FOR 10 HOURS FROM 9 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO 7 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS CONNECTION.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS FROM THE NO. 8 TO NO. 11 MILESTONE ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, ALL VILLAGES ALONG PO LAM ROAD AND HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, SAI KUNG TOWN, SILVER STRAND, HANG HAU TOWN, RENNIE'S MILL AND SHAW'S STUDIO.

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