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NEW BUOYAGE SYSTEM TO ENSURE GREATER SAFETY AT SEA  
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A NEW BUOYAGE SYSTEM TO ENSURE GREATER SAFETY AT SEA IS BEING INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG'S WATERS BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE NEW SYSTEM, KNOWN AS +IALA MARITIME BUOYAGE SYSTEM A+ HAS ALREADY BEEN ADOPTED BY MARITIME AUTHORITIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE MERIT OF THE NEW SYSTEM OVER THE CONVENTIONAL ONE IS THAT IT WILL MAKE THE NAVIGATIONAL BUOYS MORE DISCERNIBLE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN WARNING SHIPPING OF NAVIGATIONAL HAZARDS.+

UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, TREACHEROUS SPOTS AT SEA SUCH AS A SUBMERGED REEF OR ROCK, SHOAL WATER, OR A SHIPWRECK SITE WILL BE MARKED BY APPROPRIATE TYPES OF BUOYS WITH APPROPRIATE TYPES OF TOPMARKS AT DAY TIME AND WITH THE APPROPRIATE CHARACTERISTICS OF LIGHTS AT NIGHT.

THE NEW SYSTEM PROVIDES FIVE TYPES OF MARKS WHICH MAY BE USED IN ANY COMBINATION: LATERAL MARKS TO INDICATE THE PORT AND STARBOARD HAND SIDES OF CHANNELS- CARDINAL MARKS USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMPASS, TO INDICATE THAT NAVIGABLE WATER LIES TO THE NAMED SIDE OF THE MARK- ISOLATED DANGER MARKS ERECTED ON, OR MOORED DIRECTLY ON OR OVER DANGERS OF LIMITED EXTENT- SAFE WATER MARKS, SUCH AS MID-CHANNEL BUOYS- AND SPECIAL MARKS, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS APPARENT FROM REFERENCE TO THE CHART OR OTHER NAUTICAL DOCUMENTS.

+THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE TRADITIONAL BUOYAGE SYSTEM WHICH TENDS TO CAUSE CONFUSION TO MARINERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW SYSTEM IS INTERNATIONALLY UNIFORM AND MARINERS WILL BE FAMILIAR WITH IT AND, BY OBSERVING THE SHAPES, COLOURS AND TOPMARKS OF BUOYS, THEY WILL READILY IDENTIFY THOSE WATERS THAT ARE SAFE FOR NAVIGATION THUS ENHANCING GREATER SAFETY AT SEA.

+SINCE APRIL 1 BUOYS FOR THE NEW SYSTEM ARE BEING INTRODUCED AND THE CHANGE-OVER IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY OCTOBER.

TO MAKE KNOWN THE SYSTEM TO MARINERS, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ISSUED AN EXPLANATORY NOTICE TO THEM IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

+A DETAILED NOTICE WILL BE ISSUED TO REMIND THEM PRIOR TO EACH CHANGE OF BUOY OR GROUP OF BUOYS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE DEPARTMENT'S NAUTICAL TRAINING SCHOOL ORGANISED A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON THE NEW SYSTEM IN MID-MARCH FOR MORE THAN 200 STAFF FROM DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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### COUNTRY PARKS NOW PATROLLED BY RANGERS

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AN ELITE FORCE OF COUNTRY PARKS RANGERS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE FROM WANTON DESTRUCTION.

A PILOT GROUP OF 18 RANGERS DRAWN FROM THE RANKS OF FIELD OFFICERS IN THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS GONE INTO IMMEDIATE OPERATION ARMED WITH AUTHORITY TO ARREST ANY PERSON FOUND BREAKING THE COUNTRY CODE.

AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE KOWLOON EAST ROTARY CLUB, SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER, MR JOHN WHOLEY SAID ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION DEALING WITH HILL FIRES HAD BEEN STEPPED UP BY THE COUNTRY PARKS PILOT RANGER SERVICE.

HE ALSO SAID MAGISTRATES WERE TAKING A STERN VIEW OF THIS SENSELESS WASTE OF RESOURCES OF COUNTRYSIDE AND MANPOWER.

CONVICTED OFFENDERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN FINED UP TO \$3 000 FOR CAUSING FIRES IN COUNTRY PARKS, AND THE LAW PROVIDES FOR FINES UP TO \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT IN SEVERE CASES.

+THIS REFLECTS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH GOVERNMENT ACCORDS THE HILL FIRE PROBLEM,+ MR WHOLEY SAID.

ALREADY THE PILOT SCHEME HAS HAD SOME SUCCESS. AS A RESULT OF ARRESTS MADE BY THE RANGERS A NUMBER OF OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF LIGHTING BARBECUE FIRES IN PROHIBITED AREAS- HUNTING AND TRAPPING WILD ANIMALS- CARRYING AIR GUNS IN COUNTRY PARKS- AND PICKING PROTECTED PLANTS.

RECENTLY, AN ALERT RANGER SPOTTED A GROUP OF MOTOR CYCLISTS RIDING THROUGH THE MA ON SHAN COUNTRY PARK WHERE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS BANNED. HE NOTIFIED OTHER RANGERS BY WALKIE-TALKIE AND AN AMBUSH WAS SET UP AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TRACK. SIX MOTOR CYCLISTS WERE ARRESTED AS A RESULT.

THE RANGERS NORMALLY PATROL IN PAIRS OR SMALL GROUPS AND ARE EASILY IDENTIFIED BY THEIR GREEN TUNICS AND BROWN BERETS. THEY HAVE UNDERGONE AN INTENSE TRAINING COURSE IN LAW AND DETECTION ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

BUT THEIR WORK IS NOT ONLY CONFINED TO ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW. LIKE THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER NATIONAL PARKS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THEY ARE FULLY VERSED IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY PARKS SYSTEM AND ARE ALWAYS PREPARED TO GIVE VISITORS FRIENDLY ADVICE ON WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO.

THEY ALSO TAKE PART IN RESCUE OPERATIONS AND FIRE FIGHTING DUTIES.

AS THE SYSTEM IS NEW TO HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO A PILOT SCHEME OF RANGERS AND IF SUCCESSFUL IT IS PLANNED THAT EVENTUALLY THERE WILL BE SOME 280 COUNTRY PARK RANGERS PATROLLING THE COUNTRYSIDE.

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MP TO SEE HK'S SPORT SCENE  
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MR GARY WALLER, MP, HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARLIAMENTARY SPORTS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, WILL BE ARRIVING ON SUNDAY (APRIL 6) AT THE INVITATION OF THE HONG KONG SWIMMING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE SPORTS AND RECREATION SCENE IN HONG KONG.

MR WALLER IS ALSO HONORARY SECRETARY TO THE CONSERVATIVE YORKSHIRE MEMBERS' COMMITTEE AND MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF JOURNALISTS.

ON MONDAY (APRIL 7) AT 2.30 PM, HE WILL CALL AT THE MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL WHERE HE WILL OBSERVE 430 STUDENTS TAKING THE SWIMMING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION PERSONAL SURVIVAL SWIMMING AWARDS EXAMINATION.

HE WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE PRESENTATION OF PERSONAL SURVIVAL AWARDS CERTIFICATES TO SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES AT A COCKTAIL RECEPTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT AT 5.30 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 8). MR KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

MR WALLER WILL LEAVE ON SATURDAY (APRIL 12).

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER MR WALLER'S VISIT TO MORSE PARK SWIMMING POOL ON MONDAY (APRIL 7) AT 2.30 PM AND THE PRESENTATION IN THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT ON TUESDAY AT 5.30 PM.

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HK REPRESENTED AT TWO SAFETY CONFERENCES IN EUROPE  
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THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN SIU-LAP, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON APRIL 17 TO ATTEND TWO SAFETY CONFERENCES IN LONDON AND AMSTERDAM RESPECTIVELY.

HE WILL ATTEND THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN LONDON FROM APRIL 22 TO 24 AND THE NINTH WORLD CONGRESS ON THE PREVENTION OF OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS AND DISEASES IN AMSTERDAM FROM MAY 6 TO 9.

DURING THE VISITS, MR CHAN WILL SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HOLLAND.

HE WILL ALSO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH FACTORY INSPECTORATE IN UK.

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### TUEN MUN TO HAVE NEW POLYCLINIC

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A NEW POLYCLINIC WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY IN TUEN MUN TO IMPROVE MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE NEW TOWN.

IT WILL CONSIST OF A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT, FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE, DENTAL AND CHEST CLINIC, RADIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT AND PATHOLOGICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY.

OTHER FACILITIES SUCH AS A STAFF CANTEEN, KITCHEN, STAFF CHANGING ROOMS AND PARKING SPACES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED IN THE NEW POLYCLINIC.

THE PROJECT WILL BE DEVELOPED IN TWO STAGES. TENDERS FOR WORK ON STAGE ONE ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE POLYCLINIC WOULD BE BUILT ON A 5 900-SQUARE-METRE SITE NEAR THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND FRASER ROAD. IT WOULD CONSIST OF A SIX-STORY MAIN BUILDING AND A TWO-STORY ANCILLARY BUILDING.

YAN OI TONG, A CHARITABLE ORGANISATION, HAS DONATED \$4 MILLION TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OVERSEAS MATRICULATION COURSE AVAILABLE

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HONG KONG STUDENTS WITH GOOD ACADEMIC RECORDS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED BY LEADING ORGANISATIONS FOR A TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE LEADING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE, RECOGNISED FOR UNIVERSITY ADMISSION IN MOST COUNTRIES.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID EACH SCHOLARSHIP IS WORTH \$60 000 FOR TWO YEARS AND IS TENABLE THIS SEPTEMBER AT ATLANTIC COLLEGE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR PEARSON COLLEGE IN CANADA.

IT WILL COVER PART OF THE TUITION AND BOARDING FEES DURING THE PERIOD BUT WILL NOT BE ADEQUATE TO COVER EXPENSES SUCH AS AIR FARES, PERSONAL SPENDING AND OTHER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG BRANCH OFFICE, ROOM 1522 LEIGHTON CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

+COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED IN PERSON TO THE SAME OFFICE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 18.

/+LATE APPLICATIONS .....

+LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT APPLICANTS MUST BE UNDER 17-1/2 YEARS OF AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1980 AND BE IN POSSESSION OF A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE C OR ABOVE, AND GOOD RESULTS IN ENGLISH.

STUDENTS SITTING FOR THE 1980 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION MAY ALSO BE CONSIDERED AS WELL AS THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ADVANCED LEVEL CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION CERTIFICATE, GCE CERTIFICATE, OR OTHER APPROVED EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

APPLICANTS WILL BE SELECTED ON THEIR PAST ACADEMIC RECORD, EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL, PERSONALITY AND PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH.

+SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE COLLEGES IN SEPTEMBER, 1980, AND WILL TAKE THE FULL TWO-YEAR COURSE. THE ACADEMIC AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMES IN THE COLLEGES ARE INTERWOVEN AND JOINTLY FORM THE BASIS FOR STUDENTS' DEVELOPMENT.

+THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE PART IN A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND AESTHETIC IN NATURE. DUE EMPHASIS IS ALSO LAID ON COMMUNITY SERVICES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SINCE 1972 WHEN THE SCHOLARSHIP WAS FIRST INTRODUCED TO HONG KONG, A TOTAL OF 49 PROMISING STUDENTS HAD BEEN GRANTED THE AWARD.

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#### FUND RAISING CANTONESE OPERA IN TSUEN WAN \* \* \* \* \*

FOUR CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BENEFIT FROM A FUND RAISING CANTONESE OPERA TO BE HELD IN TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING.

TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, MR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE OPERA BY THE CHOR FUNG MING OPERA TROUPE.

THE FOUR ASSOCIATIONS WHICH HAVE ORGANISED THE OPERA ARE THE TSUEN WAN CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION, THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION, THE TSUEN WAN GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION AND THE TSUEN WAN Y'S MEN'S CLUB.

THE EVENT IS EXPECTED TO RAISE \$100 000 FOR EVEN DISTRIBUTION AMONG THE ASSOCIATIONS WHICH WILL USE THE MONEY TO FINANCE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ACTIVITIES THE ASSOCIATIONS ORGANISE INCLUDE CHOIR PERFORMANCES, DANCING, DRAMA, EXHIBITIONS AND SPORTS.

SOME OF THE ASSOCIATIONS' FUNDS ARE PROVIDED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WHICH ALSO GIVES ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND ADVICE.

ALL 1 200 TICKETS FOR THE OPERA HAVE BEEN SOLD.

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