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DRUG EDUCATION ON ETV PROGRAMME
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MORE THAN 70,000 FORM II STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN ABOUT DRUG EDUCATION THROUGH TELEVISION FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

IN A JOINT VENTURE THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG HAVE RECENTLY PRODUCED AN ETV PROGRAMME ON DRUGS.

THE PROGRAMME, LASTING 20 MINUTES, DESCRIBES DIFFERENT KINDS OF DRUGS AND TELLS THE STORY OF A DRUG ADDICT.

IT WILL BE READY FOR RELEASE IN OCTOBER.

THROUGH GRAPHICS AND PHOTOGRAPHS, THE STUDENTS WILL BE TOLD THAT THE MISUSE OF CERTAIN DRUGS, SUCH AS PEP PILLS, STIMULANTS, LSD, OPIUM AND HEROIN WILL CAUSE ALL SORTS OF ILL EFFECTS OR EVEN DEATHS.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE USED AS AN AID TO TEACHERS TEACHING SOCIAL STUDIES.

DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, REGARDED BY MANY WORLD ANTI-NARCOTICS EXPERTS AS IMPORTANT, HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE LOCAL SCHOOL SYLLABUSES FOR PRIMARY 6 TO FORM III CLASSES.

THE REASON FOR INTRODUCING DRUG EDUCATION IN THESE CLASSES, A NARCOTICS DIVISION SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, IS BECAUSE STUDENTS AT THIS STAGE ARE QUITE INTELLIGENTLY AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY MATURE ENOUGH TO RECEIVE THE KNOWLEDGE.

+HOWEVER,+ HE ADDED, +CAUTIOUS MEASURES ARE TAKEN NOT TO 'SQUEEZE' TOO MUCH STUFF INTO THEIR MINDS WHICH MAY PROVOKE THEIR CURIOSITY AND STIMULATE THEM TO TRY DRUGS.+

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S SYLLABUSES ON DRUG EDUCATION ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SOME GUIDELINES FOR TEACHERS WHO WILL DISSEMINATE THE KNOWLEDGE TO THE STUDENTS STEP BY STEP.

TO FURNISH TEACHERS WITH DRUG INFORMATION, COPIES OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) REPORTS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS FOR REFERENCE.

COUPLED WITH THIS, OFFICIALS FROM THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT VISIT SCHOOLS, GIVING LECTURES AND ARRANGING FILM SHOWS FOR THE TEACHING STAFF.

THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ALSO PLANS TO HOLD A DRUG SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS DURING THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN IN LATE OCTOBER.

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GRUELLING JOB AS A FIRE SERVICES DIVER
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SOMEWHERE A CHILD HAS FALLEN INTO A RESERVOIR WHILE ON PICNIC, A CAR HAS PLUNGED INTO THE SEA WITH ITS PASSENGERS, AND A SWIMMER WHO VENTURED OUT FROM A BEACH HAS NOT RETURNED -- THE ALARM IS RAISED, AND THE FIRE SERVICES DIVER TAKES OVER.

HIS JOB, LIKE THAT OF OTHER FIREMEN, IS GRUELLING AND REQUIRES ABUNDANT RESERVES OF STAMINA TO STAND UP TO. BEFORE QUALIFYING AS ONE, HE HAS TO PASS A RIGID MEDICAL EXAMINATION AS WELL AS A HIGHLY DEMANDING DIVING APTITUDE TEST.

+WE BLACK OUT THE DIVING MASK OF THE CANDIDATE TO SEE IF HE SHOWS ANY SIGN OF CLAUSTROPHOBIA AND WHETHER HE RESPONDS WELL TO DIRECTIONS GIVEN TO HIM BY LINE SIGNALS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID.

+IT TAKES A LOT TO BECOME A DIVER,+ HE CONTINUED, +AFTER BEING SELECTED, THE FIREMAN HAS TO UNDERGO A SIX-WEEK INTENSIVE COURSE WHICH COVERS TRAINING IN BASIC LIFE-SAVING, ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION AND RESUSCITATION, METHODS OF UNDERWATER SEARCH AND RESCUE AND USE OF DIVING EQUIPMENT.+

THE DIVER USUALLY WORKS DOWN TO A DEPTH OF 45 FT. WHICH IS THE AVERAGE DEPTH OF THE SEABED IN THE HARBOUR.

THE DURATION OF EACH UNDERWATER OPERATION IS LIMITED BY THE CAPACITY OF THE DIVER'S AIR CYLINDER WHICH LASTS 20 TO 30 MINUTES WHEN USED NEAR THE SURFACE.

THE CAPACITY HOWEVER DECREASES AS HE GOES DEEPER AND AT 45 FT. HE HAS ONLY A TEN-MINUTE AIR SUPPLY WHICH INCREASES THE RISK OF HIS WORK.

POOR VISIBILITY IS ONE OF THE OBSTACLES THE DIVER HAS TO SURMOUNT. +EVEN IN THE BEST CONDITIONS, WHEN THE SUNLIGHT IS STRONG AND THE WATER CALM, VISIBILITY UNDERWATER IN THE HARBOUR IS ONLY ABOUT TEN FT. AND INVARIABLY LESS WHEN THE MUD AT THE BOTTOM IS STIRRED UP.+

STRONG CURRENT UNDERWATER IS ANOTHER PROBLEM. +FOR EXAMPLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, +AT A SPEED OF ABOUT THREE FEET PER SECOND, A STRONG CURRENT CAN SWEEP A DIVER SOME 90 FT. AWAY IN HALF A MINUTE FROM WHERE HE HAS ENTERED THE WATER.

+IT IS THEREFORE A RULE THAT OUR DIVERS MUST WORK IN PAIRS WITH A STANDBY DIVER FULLY GEARED UP, IN 40 LBS. OF WEIGHT BELT AND EQUIPMENT, IN CASE HELP IS NEEDED URGENTLY.

+FURTHERMORE, A LIFE-LINE IS TIED ROUND THE WAIST OF EACH DIVER WHENEVER HE GOES UNDERWATER TO ENSURE HIS SAFETY,+ HE ADDED.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR, FIRE SERVICES DIVERS WERE CALLED OUT 20 TIMES TO GIVE HELP. ELEVEN CASES WERE FOR SEARCHING FOR MISSING PERSONS AND THREE FOR WEAPONS THROWN INTO THE SEA.

THERE WERE GRUESOME OCCASIONS WHEN THEY WERE ASKED TO LOOK FOR PARTS OF DECOMPOSED BODIES. UNUSUAL REQUESTS TO LOCATE A SAFE SAID TO HAVE FALLEN INTO THE HARBOUR ALSO CROP UP SOMETIMES.

THE PROSPECT OF THESE MISSIONS MIGHT HAVE DETERRED MANY OTHERS WITH FAINT HEARTS, BUT NOT THE DIVERS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT DIVING WAS ONLY PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S IN-SERVICE TRAINING AND FIREMEN JOINED THE COURSE PURELY ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

THE DIVING TEAM STARTED WITH A HANDFUL OF NINE TRAINED OFFICERS 17 YEARS AGO. TODAY, DUE TO HEAVY DEMAND FOR ITS SERVICES AND EXPANSION IN PAST YEARS, IT NOW HAS OVER 60 MEMBERS.

THE DIVERS ARE PUT ON DUTY ROUND THE CLOCK AT THE VARIOUS FIRE SERVICES STATIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND WHEN THEY ARE NOT CALLED UPON TO CARRY OUT UNDERWATER WORK, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM THE NORMAL FIRE-FIGHTING DUTIES.

COMMENTING ON THEIR PERFORMANCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THEY HAD ATTAINED A CONSIDERABLE HIGH STANDARD WHICH COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH ANY OTHER EMERGENCY SERVICES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN DIVING OPERATIONS.

+IN ITS 17-YEAR HISTORY, THE DIVING TEAM HAS HANDLED THOUSANDS OF OPERATIONS AND ASSISTED THE LAW-ENFORCING DEPARTMENTS TO RETRIEVE INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE FROM THE SEA.

+ALL THESE WERE CARRIED OUT IN SITUATIONS UNFAMILIAR TO THE DIVERS AND SOMETIMES UNTHINKABLE TO ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC -- HUGE WATER TANKS, IN THE SUBMERGED HOLDS OF SHIPS, OR EVEN DEEP INSIDE THE EARTH AT THE BOTTOM OF A WELL,+ HE SAID.

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FIRST COUNTRY PARK LEAFLET NOW ON SALE
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THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF LEAFLETS PROVIDING INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PARKS IN HONG KONG IS NOW ON SALE.

THE LEAFLET, IN FOLDER FORM, IS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE. IT IS ILLUSTRATED WITH COLOUR PICTURES OF SCENERY AND FACILITIES IN THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK.

A DOUBLE-PAGE COLOUR DIAGRAM IS INCLUDED SHOWING MARKED WALKS WITHIN THE PARK, AND THE LOCATIONS OF RAIN SHELTERS, BARBECUE AND PICNIC PLACES.

THE LEAFLET PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO THE LOCATION, AREA AND HISTORY OF THE PARK, ITS VEGETATION AND MINERALS AND MANAGEMENT WORK.

THE LEAFLET, AT 50 CENTS EACH, IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CENTRAL.

MORE LEAFLETS IN THE SERIES ON THE COUNTRY PARKS AT KAM SHAN, TAI TAM, ABERDEEN AND LION ROCK ARE BEING PREPARED, AND WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.

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TENDER FOR NEW POLICE CADET SCHOOL

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL FORM MORE THAN 7.5 HECTARES OF LAND AT TAI PO, AS A SITE FOR A NEW CADET SCHOOL FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

MR. K.M. TSENG, CHIEF ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY THAT WORK ON THE CONTRACT WOULD START IN NOVEMBER AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONTRACT, HE SAID, WOULD INVOLVE SITE FORMATION OF MORE THAN 6 HECTARES AND RECLAMATION OF OVER 1 HECTARE OF LAND FROM THE SEA.

+ON COMPLETION OF THE CONTRACT, WORK WILL BEGIN ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE NEW CADET SCHOOL WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE READY IN LATE 1980,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEW SCHOOL, WHICH IS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING TEMPORARY CADET SCHOOL AT FANLING, WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR ABOUT 1,200 CADETS.

+APART FROM 30 CLASSROOMS, THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO PROVIDE QUARTERS FOR THE CADETS AND THE RESIDENT STAFF, ALONG WITH ADMINISTRATION BLOCKS.+

MR. TSENG SAID THAT IT WOULD ALSO HAVE AN ASSEMBLY HALL/ CINEMA, GYMNASIUM, ASSAULT COURSE, LIBRARY AS WELL AS LANGUAGE LABORATORIES.

OTHER FACILITIES, HE SAID, WOULD INCLUDE A SPORTS GROUND, A PARADE GROUND, BOAT STORAGE FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE CADETS AND STAFF.

MEANWHILE, TENDERS ARE ALSO BEING CALLED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW POLICE STATION AT HANG HAU.

MR. TSENG SAID THAT THE NEW STATION, WHICH WILL BE A TWO-STORY BUILDING, WOULD BE BUILT ON A 2,600-SQUARE METRE SITE AT CLEARWATER BAY ROAD NEAR SILVER STRAND BEACH.

HE SAID THAT CONSTRUCTION WOULD BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND WOULD BE COMPLETED LATE NEXT YEAR.

+THE NEW POLICE STATION WILL SERVE THE HANG HAU AND SAI KUNG AREA AND WILL HOUSE NORMAL POLICE OPERATIONAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICES, ARMOURY AND RECREATION ROOMS,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE QUARTERS FOR THE RESIDENT POLICE STAFF AND STATION INSPECTOR'S FAMILY.+

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300 MORE TAXIS ON THE ROAD BY END OF OCTOBER
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THE 300 ADDITIONAL TAXIS WHOSE LICENCES WERE LET OUT BY TENDER RECENTLY WILL BE ON THE ROADS BY THE END OF OCTOBER.

LAST MONDAY (AUGUST 15), 35 OF THEM HAVE ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED AND LICENSED AND HAVE JOINED THE FLEET OF URBAN TAXIS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT ALL THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS FOR THE TAXI LICENCES HAVE PAID UP THE PREMIA WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD. THE REVENUE COLLECTED AMOUNTED TO ALMOST \$55 MILLION.

RESULTS OF THE TENDER WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JULY 22 AND REGISTRATION OF THE 300 TAXIS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF OCTOBER.

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LIST OF H.K.C.E.E. PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS
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THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD ISSUED TODAY A LIST OF SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED TO ENTER FORM 5 OR MIDDLE 5 CANDIDATES FOR THE 1978 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

COPIES OF THIS LIST ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED TO ENTER +ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST.

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