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COMPUTERISATION FOR SPECIAL SCHOOLS

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COMPUTERS ARE USED IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS AS EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION AND REHABILITATION AIDS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN EVERYDAY LIFE" ROADSHOW AT THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM, MR WONG SAID: "WE ARE LIVING IN A TECHNOLOGICAL AGE WHERE THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF LIFE.

"IT IS CLEAR THAT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY HAS ALSO STARTED TO CHANGE THE APPROACH TO EDUCATION," HE NOTED.

"THE DAY WILL COME WHEN COMPUTERS BECOME A BASIC TOOL IN DAY-TO-DAY SCHOOLING.

"WE HAVE BEEN PROMOTING COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE AMONG SECONDARY STUDENTS THROUGH VARIOUS PROJECTS," HE SAID.

MR WONG ALSO POINTED OUT THAT STARTING FROM NEXT MONTH, 21 SCHOOLS WOULD BEGIN TO TEACH A-LEVEL COMPUTER STUDIES AND AS-LEVEL COMPUTER APPLICATIONS.

EARLIER, MR WONG SAID THAT AS DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE ADVANCEMENT AND BENEFITS WHICH HAD DEVELOPED THROUGH THE USE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN THE EDUCATION FIELD.

"SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION HAS BECOME MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS AND COMMON APPLICATION PROGRAMMES," HE SAID.

"WORD PROCESSING, STUDENT RECORDS AND BALANCE SHEETS ARE BEING HANDLED BY COMPUTERS," HE ADDED.

MR WONG SAID THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS AT PRESENT HELPING HIS DEPARTMENT ON A PROJECT WHICH WOULD PROVIDE SPEEDY COMMUNICATION AND EASY FLOW OF INFORMATION WITH SCHOOLS.

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ELECTORS URGED TO VOTE IN LEGCO BY-ELECTION

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REGISTERED VOTERS IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG WERE URGED TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBIN IP, AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER LEUNG, JOINTLY MADE THE APPEAL TODAY (SATURDAY).

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"YOU WILL BE CONTRIBUTING TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG BY TURNING UP AT THE ELECTION TOMORROW," MR IP SAID.

MEANWHILE, MR LEUNG, WHO IS THE RETURNING OFFICER, REMINDED VOTERS TO BRING ALONG THEIR POLL CARDS AND IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THEY GO TO THE DESIGNATED POLLING STATION.

A TOTAL OF 40 STATIONS WILL BE SET UP IN THE CONSTITUENCY. THE STATIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM.

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DAY AFTER MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL A STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT SEPTEMBER 12 (SATURDAY), THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

ALL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR WAGE LEVELS ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR AN EMPLOYER FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A FULL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE OF THE GENERAL ENQUIRY TELEPHONE SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 717 1771.

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