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HK TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WELFARE

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, LEFT FOR SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON TO ATTEND THE 18TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL WELFARE AS HEAD OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION.

THE 16-MAN DELEGATION COMPRISES PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING, HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES.

THE THEME OF THE WEEK-LONG CONFERENCE, WHICH BEGINS ON JULY 18, IS +STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY - STRATEGIES FOR SOCIAL WELFARE ACTION+.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONFERENCE, HONG KONG WILL BE TAKING PART IN AN EXHIBITION TO ILLUSTRATE ITS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS IN VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING SOCIAL WELFARE, HOUSING, EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES.

PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE, A NUMBER OF THE DELEGATES WILL ATTEND THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SCHOOLS OF SOCIAL WORK ALSO BEING HELD IN SAN JUAN.

MR. LEE WILL CHAIR ONE OF THE COMMISSIONS ENTITLED +ACCESS OF SERVICES IN THE ATTAINMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE RIGHTS+. HE WILL ALSO ATTEND A SPECIAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WELFARE (I.C.S.W.) ORGANISES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES BIENNIALY IN DIFFERENT CITIES OF THE WORLD. THE I.C.S.W. IS A PERMANENT WORLD ORGANISATION FOR INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL WELFARE. IT IS AN INDEPENDENT, NON-GOVERNMENTAL, NON-POLITICAL AND NON-SECTARIAN BODY WHICH PROVIDES AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND RELATED ISSUES.

HONG KONG HAS BEEN IN THE PAST ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THESE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

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INDUSTRIALISTS URGED TO SUPPORT PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. DANIEL WATERS TODAY CALLED ON INDUSTRIALISTS TO SUPPORT THE PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+THESE PART-TIME COURSES ARE IN FACT LINKED VERY CLOSELY WITH APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING. THIS IS, IN TURN, LINKED WITH THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE,+ MR. WATERS TOLD THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE PENINSULA.

APPRENTICES ARE NORMALLY RELEASED BY THEIR FIRMS ON FULL PAY TO ATTEND SUCH COURSES AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR ONE FULL DAY A WEEK. THIS CONSISTS OF SIX HOURS OF STUDY. IN ADDITION, A BOY NORMALLY STUDIES TWO EVENINGS A WEEK, WHICH CONSISTS OF FOUR HOURS, IN HIS OWN TIME. THUS A BOY STUDIES A TOTAL OF TEN HOURS A WEEK.

MR. WATERS SAID: +THIS IS MORE SATISFACTORY THAN BY A BOY TRYING TO STUDY IN THE EVENINGS, WHEN HE IS TIRED, AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE 1970, INDUSTRIALISTS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD PART-TIME DAY CLASSES GOING WITH A REASONABLE DEGREE OF SUCCESS.

BUT HE EMPHASISED THAT +MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE.+

MR. WATERS SUGGESTED THAT ANY EMPLOYER INTERESTED IN SENDING STUDENTS ON SUCH COURSES SHOULD CONTACT THE NEAREST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR THE TECHNICAL BRANCH OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+WE CONSIDER THAT THE RUNNING OF PART-TIME DAY COURSES IS OUR NO. 1 PRIORITY IN INSTITUTES,+ THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID.

HE CONTINUED: +AS INDUSTRY BECOMES MORE SOPHISTICATED SO, IN TURN, THE EQUIPMENT AND TOOLS IN INSTITUTES HAVE TO BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED AS WE NEED TO KEEP IN STEP WITH INDUSTRY AND EVEN, IN CERTAIN CASES, TO SET AN EXAMPLE.

+STAFF IN THE TECHNICAL BRANCH ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS. IN ADDITION, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION HAS REPRESENTATIVES SITTING ON THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL COMPLEX. WE ALL HAVE OUR EAR TO THE GROUND IN VARIOUS WAYS.

+IN TURN SYLLABUSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE SUBMITTED TO THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL FOR COMMENT. IN THIS WAY, WE ARE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT THE CURRICULUM MEETS THE ACTUAL NEEDS OF INDUSTRY. WE ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS.+

MR. WATERS STATED THAT LONG-TERM PLANNING HAD NOT BEEN FORGOTTEN AS THE TECHNICAL BRANCH WAS DRAWING UP A TEN-YEAR TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME PLAN.

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SSEE RESULTS AVAILABLE FROM JULY 16

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+IT IS EXPECTED THAT, IF NO UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES ARISE THE RESULTS OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PARENTS AND CHILDREN AT THEIR PRIMARY SCHOOLS FROM JULY 16,+ MR. HERBERT WOO, SECRETARY OF THE EXAMINATION, ANNOUNCED TO-DAY.

HEADS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE BEING ADVISED WHEN AND WHERE TO COLLECT THEIR RESULTS IN THE USUAL WAY.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO NEWSPAPERS. +THIS IS TO SAVE TIME AND PARENTS WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN THEIR CHILDREN'S RESULTS AT LEAST TWO DAYS EARLIER THAN WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IF THE PRESS LIST HAD TO BE COMPILED AND CHECKED,+ MR. WOO SAID.

THIS YEAR, CANDIDATES ELIGIBLE FOR FIVE-YEAR PLACES ARE GROUPED INTO FIVE BLOCKS, CALLED X1, X2, X3, X4 AND X5, EACH HAVING APPROXIMATELY 4,500 PUPILS= CANDIDATES ELIGIBLE FOR THREE-YEAR PLACES FORM TWO BLOCKS, Y1 AND Y2, EACH HAVING ABOUT 20,000 PUPILS, AND THE REMAINDER WILL BE IN FIVE BLOCKS, Z1, Z2, Z3, Z4 AND Z5, EACH HAVING ABOUT 7,100 PUPILS.

CANDIDATES' PERFORMANCE IN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS, CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS ARE GRADED AS BEFORE, GRADE 1 BEING THE BEST AND GRADE 9 BEING THE WORST.

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GRADUATION CEREMONIES FOR TWO COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

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THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL HOLD THEIR GRADUATION CEREMONIES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 11.00 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. RESPECTIVELY AT THE CONCERT HALL, CITY HALL.

IN THE MORNING, DR. RAYSON HUANG, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATION CEREMONY WHILE MR. JOHN WINFIELD, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER) WILL TAKE THE CHAIR.

IN THE AFTERNOON, MR. J.D. MCGREGOR, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATION CEREMONY AND MRS. MCGREGOR WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE BOTH CEREMONIES COVERED.

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HONG KONG REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1975

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THE +HONG KONG REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1975+ IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE TO-DAY.

IT CONTAINS A BRIEF TEXT, EIGHT GRAPHS AND 24 STATISTICAL APPENDICES, ILLUSTRATING HONG KONG'S EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE IN 1975 WITH COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE REVIEW AIMS TO PRESENT A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION AND COMPOSITION OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN THE YEAR 1975.+

IN ADDITION TO AN ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, HE SAID, ESTIMATES OF PRICE AND QUANTITY CHANGES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND IMPORTS WERE ALSO INCLUDED. THESE ESTIMATES INDICATED HONG KONG'S TRADE PERFORMANCE IN QUANTITY TERMS AS WELL AS COST TRENDS OF IMPORTED ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS, RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES. +HONG KONG'S EXPORT PERFORMANCES IN MAJOR FOREIGN MARKETS ARE ALSO COMPARED WITH THOSE OF ITS MAIN ASIAN COMPETITORS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE REVIEW IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG, AT HK\$10.00 PER COPY.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS, BEGINNING AT 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 15).

THE TEMPORARY WATER STOPPAGE WILL ENABLE THE STAFF OF THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE IN TAI WO HAU ROAD AND BLOCK NOS. 27 TO 42 OF KWAI CHUNG ESTATE.

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SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT TUEN MUN

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS, WILL OPEN A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES AT TUEN MUN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES EVERYTHING FROM CYCLING AND SWIMMING TO CAMPING AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

MR. CHAMBERS WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN THE PROGRAMME, WHICH HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS, SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS, AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND AT 2.30 P.M.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR. LAU TSE-YUEN, AND OTHER MEMBERS, WILL TAKE PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A FULL LIST OF THE EVENTS IN THE PROGRAMME FOLLOWS :-

JULY 1 - AUG. 31	CAMPING
JULY 14	OPENING CEREMONY/VARIETY SHOW/FUN FAIR
JULY 19 - AUG. 21	SUMMER YOUTH P.E. TRAINING SCHEME
JULY 19 - AUG. 30	LEADER TRAINEE SCHEME
JULY 21	SWIMMING COMPETITION
JULY 28	CYCLING COMPETITION
JULY 28	H.K. ISLAND TOUR
JULY 28	SCHOOL PICNIC
AUG. 14 - AUG. 15	YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT
AUG. 15 - AUG. 22	COOKING COMPETITION
AUG. 26 - AUG. 28	LEADER TRAINEE CAMP

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NOTE TO NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AND FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES ON JULY 14. FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT MR. KERRY MCGLYNN, P.I.O./N.T.A., 3-615029.

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