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GOVERNOR TO OPEN CAREERS EXHIBITION  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION, WHICH HAS BECOME A MAJOR FEATURE OF THE LOCAL CAREERS EDUCATION SCENE, WILL BE OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 11).

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL AT 3 PM THAT DAY.

THE 10-DAY EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL THEN BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM FROM THE FOLLOWING DAY UNTIL NOVEMBER 21.

SINCE 1972, THE SERVICE HAS BEEN STAGING THE EXHIBITION EACH YEAR TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE CHOOSE A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR TALENT, ABILITY, INTEREST AND TEMPERAMENT.

+CHOOSING A CAREER IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS A YOUNG PERSON HAS TO MAKE IN LIFE. BY STAGING THE EXHIBITION ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, WE HOPE TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A STIMULUS TO SELECT A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR PERSONALITY AND ABILITY,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY).

TAKING PART IN THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION ARE 23 EXHIBITORS, COMPRISING 15 PRIVATE FIRMS, INSTITUTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS AS WELL AS EIGHT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE PRIVATE EXHIBITORS REPRESENT DIFFERENT FIELDS, INCLUDING INDUSTRY, BANKING, ENGINEERING, PUBLIC UTILITIES, PUBLIC TRANSPORT, MASS COMMUNICATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

AS IN PREVIOUS EXHIBITIONS, EACH EXHIBITOR WILL HAVE A DISPLAY STAND TO ILLUSTRATE, BY MEANS OF GRAPHS, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS AND OTHER AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS, THE NATURE OF THE JOBS, ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS, CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING, PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION IN ITS OWN SPHERE OF WORK.

LEAFLETS AND PAMPHLETS PREPARED BY THE EXHIBITORS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS.

DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD, FOUR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS -- THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT -- WILL STAGE LIVE CAREERS SHOWS AT EDINBURGH PLACE TO ILLUSTRATE THEIR SPHERES OF WORK BY MEANS OF DISPLAYS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

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AUGUST PRICE AND VOLUME MOVEMENTS OF EXTERNAL TRADE  
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THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS IN AUGUST 1983 ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 9 PER CENT AND 10 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER AUGUST 1982 SO THAT, FOR TOTAL EXPORTS, PRICES WERE UP BY 10 PER CENT, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE PRICES OF IMPORTS ROSE BY 13 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TERMS OF TRADE INDEX (EXPRESSED AS A RATIO OF THE TOTAL EXPORT PRICE INDEX TO THE IMPORT PRICE INDEX) DROPPED BY 3 PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS ROSE BY 18 PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 22 PER CENT SO THAT A 19 PER CENT INCREASE WAS RECORDED IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS.

MEANWHILE, THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS INCREASED BY 15 PER CENT.

SINCE THE PRICES OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS AND OF RE-EXPORTS BOTH INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF 1983, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, DOMESTIC EXPORTS GREW BY 11 PER CENT AND RE-EXPORTS BY 10 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

AS THE PRICES OF IMPORTS WERE 8 PER CENT HIGHER OVER THE SAME PERIOD, IMPORTS RECORDED A 6 PER CENT GROWTH IN VOLUME TERMS.

COMPARISON OF THE 12 MONTHS ENDING AUGUST THIS YEAR WITH THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING AUGUST 1982, SHOWS THAT THE PRICES OF IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS BOTH ROSE, ON AVERAGE, BY 6 PER CENT AND THOSE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY 5 PER CENT.

THE VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT AND THAT OF RE-EXPORTS ROSE BY 5 PER CENT, THUS GIVING A 6 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE VOLUME OF TOTAL EXPORTS. A 4 PER CENT INCREASE WAS ALSO RECORDED IN THE VOLUME OF IMPORTS.

PRICES ARE BASED ON UNIT VALUES WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT CHANGES IN THE COMPOSITION OR QUALITY OF GOODS TRADED. CHANGES IN THE VOLUME OF TRADE ARE DERIVED FROM CHANGES IN TRADE VALUES, AFTER DISCOUNTING THE EFFECT OF PRICE CHANGES.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUP ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 1.

AS SEEN FROM TABLE 1, THE EXPORT PRICES OF ALL COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, FROM 2 PER CENT FOR RADIOS OF ALL KINDS TO 25 PER CENT FOR METAL ORES AND SCRAP.

DOMESTIC EXPORT VOLUME OF MOST COMMODITY GROUPS INCREASED, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONE BEING METAL ORES AND SCRAP (+399 PER CENT), ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS (+67 PER CENT), TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD (+49 PER CENT), AND TEXTILE FABRICS (+39 PER CENT).

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HOWEVER, MODERATE DECREASES IN EXPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES (-7 PER CENT) AND RADIOS OF ALL KINDS (-9 PER CENT).

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF IMPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 2.

AS PRESENTED IN TABLE 2, IMPORT PRICES OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES WERE UP, WITH INCREASES RANGING FROM 7 PER CENT FOR FUELS TO 15 PER CENT FOR CONSUMER GOODS.

MANY OF THE MAJOR IMPORTED FOODSTUFFS INCREASED IN VOLUME TERMS, THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ONE BEING SOYA BEAN OIL, PEANUT OIL AND LARD, TEA AND COFFEE, SUGAR, MEAT AND MEAT PREPARATIONS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF ANIMALS OF THE BOVINE SPECIES, CEREALS AND CEREAL PREPARATIONS INCLUDING RICE, WHEAT AND FLOUR DECLINED SIGNIFICANTLY.

IN THE CONSUMER GOODS CATEGORY, CONSIDERABLE INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE REGISTERED FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, MISCELLANEOUS MADE-UP ARTICLES OF TEXTILE MATERIALS, HOUSEHOLD-TYPE ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND CAMERAS, FLASHLIGHT APPARATUS AND SUPPLIES FOR PHOTOGRAPHY.

HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME WERE RECORDED FOR WATCHES AND PASSENGER MOTOR CARS.

THE IMPORT VOLUME OF MOST RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES ROSE, AMONG WHICH SILK FABRICS, RAW COTTON, WOOL AND OTHER ANIMAL HAIR, MAN-MADE FIBRES, THERMIONIC, CATHODE VALVES AND TUBES, DIODES, TRANSISTORS AND ELECTRICAL MICROCIRCUITS, PLASTIC MOULDING MATERIALS, DYEING, TANNING AND COLOURING MATERIALS AND WOVEN COTTON FABRICS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY.

HOWEVER, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF PAPER AND PAPERBOARD AND CLAY AND REFRACTORY CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, ETC. EXCEPT GLASS DROPPED SLIGHTLY.

IMPORTS OF FUELS ROSE BY 3 PER CENT IN VOLUME TERMS.

IN THE CAPITAL GOODS CATEGORY, THE IMPORT VOLUME OF TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL MACHINERY OTHER THAN THAT OF THE TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL TYPE DECREASED MODERATELY. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN IMPORT VOLUME OF TEXTILE AND ELECTRICAL MACHINERY WERE RECORDED.

THE CHANGES IN THE VALUE, UNIT VALUE AND VOLUME OF RE-EXPORTS BY END-USE CATEGORY ARE SHOWN IN TABLE 3.

AS DEPICTED IN TABLE 3, RE-EXPORTS OF ALL END-USE CATEGORIES GREW IN VOLUME, WITH INCREASES RANGING FROM 16 PER CENT FOR BOTH CONSUMER AND CAPITAL GOODS TO 69 PER CENT FOR FUELS.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE AUGUST 1983 ISSUE OF THE +HONG KONG TRADE INDEX NUMBERS+, AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT HK\$2 PER COPY.

TABLE 1 : CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1983 WITH AUGUST 1982

<u>COMMODITY GROUP</u>	<u>EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>EXPORT VOLUME</u>
CLOTHING (EXCEPT FUR)	+ 21%	+ 9%	+ 11%
TEXTILE FABRICS	+ 49%	+ 8%	+ 39%
TEXTILE YARN AND THREAD	+ 63%	+ 9%	+ 49%
TEXTILE MADE-UPS AND RELATED ARTICLES	+ 5%	+ 13%	- 7%
RADIOS OF ALL KINDS	- 7%	+ 2%	- 9%
ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS	+ 82%	+ 9%	+ 67%
FOOTWEAR	+ 24%	INSIGNIFICANT	+ 24%
METAL MANUFACTURES	+ 26%	+ 3%	+ 22%
METAL ORES AND SCRAP	+524%	+ 25%	+399%
WATCHES AND CLOCKS	+ 23%	+ 7%	+ 14%
TRAVEL GOODS, HANDBAGS AND SIMILAR ARTICLES	+ 26%	+ 16%	+ 9%
DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES	+ 49%	+ 10%	+ 36%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 29%	+ 9%	+ 18%

TABLE 2 : CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1983 WITH AUGUST 1982

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>IMPORT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>IMPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 15%	+ 13%	+ 2%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 26%	+ 15%	+ 9%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 50%	+ 13%	+ 33%
FUELS	+ 10%	+ 7%	+ 3%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 10%	+ 13%	- 3%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 31%	+ 13%	+ 15%

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TABLE 3 : CHANGES COMPARING AUGUST 1983 WITH AUGUST 1982

<u>END-USE CATEGORY</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT UNIT VALUE</u>	<u>RE-EXPORT VOLUME</u>
FOODSTUFFS	+ 36%	+ 11%	+ 23%
CONSUMER GOODS	+ 28%	+ 11%	+ 16%
RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES	+ 43%	+ 10%	+ 30%
FUELS	+ 98%	+ 17%	+ 69%
CAPITAL GOODS	+ 27%	+ 10%	+ 16%
ALL COMMODITIES	+ 34%	+ 10%	+ 22%

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HONG KONG-AUSTRIA TEXTILE TALKS TO BEGIN TOMORROW  
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CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRIA ON THE FUTURE OF THE CURRENT TEXTILE AGREEMENT WILL BEGIN IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (NOVEMBER 7).

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR JOHN CHAN, AND THE AUSTRIAN SIDE BY THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRADE, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, DR GERHARD WAAS.

THE CURRENT HONG KONG-AUSTRIA TEXTILE AGREEMENT IS DUE TO EXPIRE ON JANUARY 31, 1984.

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FARMING PRODUCTIVITY ON THE RISE  
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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION IN HONG KONG HAS INCREASED STEADILY OVER THE LAST DECADE, WITH THE USE OF MORE SCIENTIFIC FARMING METHODS.

THE GROWTH, AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF 1.7 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS, HAS BEEN ACHIEVED DESPITE THE DRASTIC LOSS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AND MANPOWER TO OTHER SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

POPULATION CENSUSES SHOW THAT THE NUMBER OF FARMERS DECLINED FROM OVER 34 000 IN 1971 TO LESS THAN 25 000 IN 1981, WHILE CULTIVATED LAND SHRANK BY HALF FROM 10 390 TO 5 590 HECTARES.

STATISTICS AFTER 1981 ARE NOT AVAILABLE YET, BUT AN ECONOMICS OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID IT WAS EVIDENT THAT THE FARMING POPULATION AND THE CULTIVATED LAND AREA HAD DECLINED FURTHER OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

+PRODUCTIVITY, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS CONTINUED TO RISE, EXERCISING A STABILISING EFFECT ON THE PRICES OF IMPORTED FOODSTUFF WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER TODAY,+ THE DEPARTMENT'S AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS OFFICER, MR ANDREW TSE, SAID.

EVEN THOUGH FARMERS MAKE UP LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE POPULATION, LAST YEAR THEIR OUTPUT TOOK UP 29 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF FARM PRODUCTS, UP FROM 28 PER CENT A DECADE AGO.

TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF SCIENTIFIC METHODS, THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY SERVICES TO LOCAL FARMERS THROUGH FARM VISITS AND ITS EIGHT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT ALSO OFFERS LOW-INTEREST LOANS FOR FARM LAND FORMATION, NEW AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS AND THE PURCHASE OF MACHINERY AND FARMING MATERIALS GENERALLY.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, FOR INSTANCE, SOME \$12 MILLION HAS BEEN LENT TO FARMERS UNDER THE THREE AGRICULTURAL FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

OVER THE YEARS, MORE AND MORE FARMERS HERE HAVE ADOPTED LABOUR-SAVING DEVICES, SUCH AS MECHANICAL CULTIVATORS AND SPRINKLERS AND AUTOMATIC FEEDERS, PLUS IMPROVED METHODS OF CROP HUSBANDRY AND FARM MANAGEMENT.

CROPS AND LIVESTOCK PRODUCED IN HONG KONG NOW TOTAL MORE THAN \$1.5 BILLION A YEAR, AFTER GROWING AT AN ANNUAL RATE OF ABOUT NINE PER CENT IN RECENT YEARS.

+FARMERS HERE TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF LOCAL CONSUMERS' PREFERENCE FOR FRESH FOOD, AS OPPOSED TO FROZEN AND CANNED FOOD. THIS PREFERENCE ENCOURAGES THE PRODUCTION OF HIGHLY PERISHABLE GOOD QUALITY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WHICH CAN BE TRANSPORTED AND MARKETED AT COMPARATIVELY LOW COST,+ MR TSE POINTED OUT.

HE CITED STRAW MUSHROOMS WHICH ARE IN STRONG DEMAND AND CAN BE KEPT FRESH FOR ONLY A FEW HOURS IN SUMMER.

THEIR OUTPUT HAS BEEN GROWING RAPIDLY SINCE 1977 WHEN MASS PRODUCTION WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF COTTON WASTE AS THE GROWING MEDIUM.

AT THE MOMENT, BECAUSE OF THE LIKELY SHORTAGE OF COTTON WASTE, THE DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING RESEARCH ON THE USE OF OTHER BIODEGRADABLE WASTE AS AN ALTERNATIVE MEDIUM FOR GROWING STRAW MUSHROOMS.

VEGETABLE CULTIVATION WITH ITS SIX TO SEVEN CROPPINGS A YEAR, YIELDS HIGH RETURNS AND HAS LONG REPLACED RICE GROWING.

/LOCAL FARMERS .....

LOCAL FARMERS NOW CATER FOR 32 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION. LAST YEAR, 155 000 TONNES OF DOMESTICALLY GROWN VEGETABLES, VALUED AT \$468 MILLION, WERE SOLD IN HONG KONG.

THERE IS ALSO A STRONG DEMAND FOR LOCAL PORK BECAUSE OF ITS GENERALLY HIGHER QUALITY.

EACH YEAR, MORE THAN 750 000 PIGS ARE PRODUCED BY LOCAL FARMERS, ACCOUNTING FOR 20 PER CENT OF TOTAL CONSUMPTION.

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATE, AGRICULTURE PLUS ITS ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES SUPPORT THE LIVELIHOOD OF AT LEAST 250 000 PEOPLE.

APART FROM THE DECLINING FARMING POPULATION, THE AVERAGE AGE OF FARMERS INCREASED FROM 40 IN 1961 TO 45 IN 1971, AND TO 53 AT PRESENT.

+HOWEVER, ABOUT 97 PER CENT OF THE FARMERS SURVEYED EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE THEIR OCCUPATION.

+WITH MECHANISATION AND MODERNISATION, FARMING IS MUCH MORE PROFITABLE NOWADAYS AND IS NO LONGER A BACKBREAKING JOB AS IT USED TO BE,+ MR TSE SAID.

+ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEY, A FARMING FAMILY OF FIVE ONLY NEEDS TO GROW ONE THIRD OF A HECTARE OF VEGETABLES OR RAISE 250 HEAD OF PIGS OR 6 000 CHICKENS TO EARN A REASONABLY GOOD LIVING,+ MR TSE ADDED.

BUT ONE MAJOR PROBLEM FACED BY FARMERS IS THE ENCROACHMENT ON AGRICULTURAL LAND BY HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

AS A RESULT, ONLY ABOUT 9.2 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S LAND AREA IS USED FOR FARMING, COMPARED WITH 12.8 PER CENT IN 1971.

TO COMPOUND THE PROBLEM, THERE ARE SOME 4 200 HECTARES OF UNUSED AGRICULTURAL LAND, MAINLY BECAUSE OF LANDOWNERS' ANTICIPATION OF LAND RESUMPTION FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

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YOU TOO CAN BECOME A TUTOR NURSE  
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HELEN KWAN, WHO HAS DEVOTED 16 YEARS OF HER WORKING LIFE TOWARDS CARING FOR THE SICK AND THE INJURED, HAS TAKEN A FURTHER STEP IN THIS PROFESSION.

SO HAS TERRY LAI, A MALE NURSE WITH THE SAME LENGTH OF SERVICE AS HELEN'S.

THEY AND EIGHTEEN OTHERS WERE THE FIRST TO GRADUATE AS TUTOR NURSES AFTER TWO YEARS OF FULL-TIME TRAINING AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

/THEIR GRADUATION .....

THEIR GRADUATION CAME AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO BUILD FIVE MORE NURSING SCHOOLS BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, IN HIS OPENING ADDRESS AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 5, 1983.

ELEVEN OUT OF THE TWENTY GRADUATES, INCLUDING HELEN AND TERRY, ARE GOVERNMENT NURSES.

THE COURSE, THE FIRST TO BE CONDUCTED LOCALLY, WAS DESIGNED BY THREE NURSING EDUCATORS IN 1981. THE TWO-YEAR INTENSIVE PROGRAMME COVERS NURSING THEORY AND KNOWLEDGE, TEACHING THEORY AND METHODS, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, PHYSIOLOGY AND MICRO-BIOLOGY.

HELEN AND TERRY ARE NOW TEACHING IN VARIOUS NURSING SCHOOLS IN THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS.

+THE TEACHING METHOD THAT I'VE LEARNT DURING THE COURSE AND THE FIELD EXERCISES ARE HELPING ME IN MY NEW ROLE,+ SAID HELEN.

SHE ADDED, +I'M NOW TEACHING MIDWIFERY STUDENTS IN THE OBSTETRICS DEPARTMENT AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL. I THINK I CAN APPLY MOST OF THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I'VE LEARNT IN TEACHING MY STUDENTS.

+PERSONALLY, I GAIN MOST FROM THE PSYCHOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY CLASSES BECAUSE THESE SUBJECTS ENLARGED MY SCOPE OF LIFE AND GAVE ME A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF MY FELLOW HUMAN BEINGS.+

TERRY, WHO IS NOW TEACHING FIRST-YEAR STUDENT NURSES IN THE SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, SAID THAT THE COURSE HAD GIVEN HIM CONFIDENCE IN GIVING LECTURES IN CLASS.

+WE WERE GIVEN A LOT OF ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMINATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COURSE AND IT WAS QUITE TOUGH AT THE BEGINNING TO GO THROUGH ALL THESE AS I HAD LEFT SCHOOL A LONG TIME AGO,+ HE SAID.

+BUT THE EFFORTS THAT I PUT INTO THESE STUDIES NOW ENABLE ME TO HAVE A FIRM GRIP ON TEACHING, WHICH I THINK, IS A MOST VALUABLE TOOL IN DISSEMINATING THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE LEARNT.

+AS A TUTOR NURSE, I ALWAYS HAVE TO IMPROVE AND REFRESH MY KNOWLEDGE BY READING BOOKS ON NURSING; PREPARING LECTURE NOTES, AND CHECKING STUDENTS' ASSIGNMENTS.+

BUT TERRY FINDS HIS NEW PROFESSION MORE INTERESTING THAN THE WORK HE USED TO DO BECAUSE, HE ADDED, THE LONGER HE TEACHES, THE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE HE WILL BECOME.

QUALIFIED NURSES WITH THREE YEARS OF WORKING EXPERIENCE AND WHO WANT TO PURSUE A TEACHING CAREER IN NURSING CAN APPLY FOR ENROLMENT IN THE TUTOR NURSE COURSE.

CANDIDATES WILL HAVE TO PASS A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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FIRE SERVICES BUILDING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI EAST  
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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE FOR A FIRE SERVICES BUILDING AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOURTEEN-STOREY BUILDING AND AN EXTERNAL DRILL YARD ON A 2 600-SQUARE-METRE SITE BETWEEN HONG CHONG ROAD AND SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD.

UPON COMPLETION, THE BUILDING WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 2 300 SQUARE METRES OF BASEMENT FOR CAR-PARKING AND STORAGE, ABOUT 16 400 SQUARE METRES OF OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, MAINLY TO HOUSE THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, AND ABOUT 1 300 SQUARE METRES FOR AN INTERNALLY SEGREGATED SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 22 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIRST DISTRICT FESTIVAL IN SOUTHERN  
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL REFLECTS THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS IN OVERCOMING THE CONSTRAINTS THEY HAVE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AND PROMOTION OF DISTRICT IDENTITY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD OF THE DISTRICT AND THE WIDELY DIFFERENT INTERESTS IN THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE LOCAL POPULATION HAD BEEN THE MAJOR DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD IN COMMUNITY BUILDING.

+THESE CONSTRAINTS HAVE BEEN WELL RECOGNISED BY THE CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE WHEN PLANNING THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL,+ HE SAID.

+TO OVERCOME THESE, THE PROGRAMMES FOR THE FOLLOWING THREE WEEKS HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN SUCH A WAY THAT PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND IN ALL SIX CONSTITUENCIES OF THE DISTRICT WILL FIND SOME OF THE RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS OF INTEREST TO THEM,+ HE SAID.

PROGRAMMES IN THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG CHORUS AND THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET FOR THE CULTURALLY INCLINED; CANTONESE OPERAS FOR THOSE WITH TRADITIONAL MUSICAL TASTES; A WALKATHON, A DANCING COMPETITION AND A CANOE COMPETITION FOR THE HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS; A TELEMATCH AND LAUNCH PICNIC FOR THE WORKERS; AND A DISTRICT TOUR FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE AND THE HANDICAPPED.

MR WIGGHAM .....

MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT THE FESTIVAL WAS INTENDED TO HIGHLIGHT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING EFFORTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD BY PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL, SPORT, ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS.

HE WAS ALSO PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ABLE TO MOBILISE RESOURCES IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, WITH THE AREA COMMITTEES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OTHER GRASSROOT ORGANISATIONS TAKING PART IN THE FESTIVAL.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE CLOSER RELATIONSHIP AND STRONG COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT HAVE BEEN FOSTERED AMONG ALL THE PARTICIPATING BODIES WILL PROVIDE A GOOD FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING IN THE DISTRICT IN THE YEARS TO COME,+ HE SAID.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A WALKATHON AND A MARATHON RACE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK.

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#### FACILITIES FOR TRAINING TEACHERS BOOSTED

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HONG KONG'S CAPACITY TO TRAIN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS HAS BEEN GREATLY BOOSTED WITH THE COMPLETION OF A NEW ANNEXE OF THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN YUEN CHAU KOK, SHA TIN.

THE COLLEGE, THE MAIN BUILDING OF WHICH STANDS AT CALDECOTT ROAD, PIPER'S HILL, KOWLOON, NOW OFFERS A LARGE VARIETY OF FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES.

THESE INCLUDE A THREE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE FOR FORM 5 GRADUATES AND A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE FOR MATRICULANTS.

THE COLLEGE ALSO PROVIDES A VARIETY OF PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS IN BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

IN ADDITION, IT IS THE ONLY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WHICH RUNS A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE FOR TEACHERS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS.

IT NOW OFFERS A TOTAL OF SEVEN ELECTIVES RANGING FROM THE EDUCATION OF SLOW LEARNING CHILDREN TO THE MANAGEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PROBLEMS.

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FUN DAY FOR LOK FU FAMILIES  
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MORE THAN 100 FAMILIES TODAY (SUNDAY) PARTICIPATED IN A SERIES OF TELEMATCHES ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

THE EVENT MARKED THE OPENING OF A TWO-WEEK PROGRAMME +HAPPY FAMILIES IN LOK FU+ WHICH FEATURES A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION DAY, A VARIETY SHOW, A COLOURING COMPETITION, A PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST, TELEMATCHES AND A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL WONG, SAID THAT THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS AND AROUSING THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS TOWARDS THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDED A CHINESE FOLK DANCE AND A BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE.

IN THE AFTERNOON, A GAMES DAY FOR DISABLED AND ABLE-BODIED PERSONS WAS HELD AT THE PO LEUNG KUK CENTENARY SCHOOL IN CHOI WAN ESTATE AND ATTRACTED MORE THAN 1 000 VISITORS.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, CHOI WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

APART FROM A VARIETY SHOW, THERE WERE VARIOUS TELEGAMES WITH PARTICIPATING TEAMS MADE UP OF OVER 300 DISABLED AND ABLE-BODIED RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

PRIZES WERE ALSO AWARDED TO WINNERS IN A REHABILITATION POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION HELD IN THE DISTRICT EARLIER.

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GUIDING HELPS DEVELOP CHARACTERS -- AKERS-JONES  
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TODAY'S INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ISLAND REGIONAL ASSOCIATION WAS DESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AS YET ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUIDING IN HONG KONG.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, HE SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF A REGIONAL ASSOCIATION IS TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE GIRLS TO JOIN IN GUIDING AND TO CO-ORDINATE THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS WITHIN THE REGION.

+WITH THE FORMATION OF THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION, THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS ON THE ISLAND WILL BE STRENGTHENED WHICH IN TURN WILL BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE GUIDING ITSELF GIVES GIRLS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR CHARACTERS AND TO TRAIN SO THAT THEY WILL BE BETTER CITIZENS AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

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ROAD PROJECT PROPOSED  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT A ROAD PROJECT AT SAM KA TSUEN TYPHOON SHELTER (TSAU WAN) AS PART OF THE STAGE FOUR DEVELOPMENT FOR SAM KA TSUEN, LEI YUE MUN.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 170-METRE-LONG NEW ROAD AND A 150-METRE WATERFRONT PROMENADE ON RECLAIMED LAND.

THE ROAD WILL PROVIDE VEHICULAR ACCESS FROM SHUNG SHUN STREET TO THE ADJACENT FUTURE DEVELOPMENT WHILE THE PROMENADE WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE WATERFRONT.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROJECT CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON EAST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 9TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; OR THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, 3RD AND 4TH FLOORS, KOWLOON.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY JANUARY 3, 1984.

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TWO MORE SOCCER PITCHES FOR KWAI CHUNG  
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TWO MORE MINI-SOCCER PITCHES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE READY SOON.

THESE PITCHES REPRESENT PHASE ONE OF THE \$5.2-MILLION HING FONG ROAD PLAYGROUND LOCATED ON A 1.74-HECTARE SITE NEXT TO THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE TWO PITCHES ARE BEING GIVEN FINISHING TOUCHES AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

THEY WILL HAVE FLOODLIGHTS FOR NIGHT EVENTS PLUS A SPECTATOR STAND AND CHANGING ROOMS WITH HOT AND COLD SHOWERS.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON PHASE TWO OF THE PLAYGROUND HAS STARTED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-1984.

THIS PHASE CONSISTS OF A REST GARDEN WITH ARBOURS AND BENCHES, A REFRESHMENT KIOSK, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A STOREROOM.

THE PLAYGROUND, DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE MANAGED BY THE NTSD.

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FREE TRIPS ABROAD FOR AWARD WINNERS

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MR SHEK SHING, AN EMPLOYEE OF GAMMON (HK) LTD., HAS WON THE +SAFETY EMPLOYEE AWARD+ OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

MR SHEK WILL BE AWARDED THE FIRST PRIZE OF AN ALL-EXPENSE PAID SIX-DAY TRIP TO JAPAN.

THE SECOND PRIZE, A FREE TRIP TO THAILAND GOES TO MR LEUNG WAH-PO OF LIDELL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD., AND THE THIRD PRIZE, A FREE TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES, GOES TO MR HO FAT OF SHUI ON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE 1 CLUB IN THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER, CENTRAL, ON DECEMBER 6, 1983.

THE AWARD, WHICH IS BASED ON AN EMPLOYEE'S PERFORMANCE ON WORK SAFETY, IS ONE OF THE THREE COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE SAFETY SLOGAN COMPETITION WAS COMPLETED EARLIER AND THE RESULTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANNOUNCED.

RESULTS OF THE THIRD COMPETITION - +SAFETY CONTRACTOR AWARD+ - WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT THE NEWLY COMPLETED TSUEN KING CIRCUIT PLAYGROUND ADJACENT TO A PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE, THE TSUEN WAN CENTRE, IN TSUEN WAN.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER MAY START BUSINESS ON JANUARY 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF FAR EAST BANK BUILDING, 135 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE DECEMBER 2.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 0-444281, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW RESTRICTED ZONES

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 8), THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY:-

- \* A 10-METRE SECTION OF LO TAK COURT NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI PA STREET.
- \* THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HOI PA STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LO TAK COURT TO WING TAI HOUSE, FUK LOI ESTATE.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS- OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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