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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PACKAGE TO BOOST LANGUAGE STANDARD  
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A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PACKAGE PROPOSAL AIMING TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE IN SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ANNOUNCING THIS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID THAT THE PACKAGE INCLUDES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, MORE TEACHERS FOR CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, CURRICULUM REFORM AND MAJOR RESEARCH PROJECTS, AND ACCEPTANCE IN PRINCIPLE OF AN INDEPENDENT CHINESE LANGUAGE FOUNDATION.

THE PROPOSALS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS WITH SOME STARTING THIS YEAR. THE COST TO PUBLIC FUNDS, EXCLUDING THE CHINESE LANGUAGE FOUNDATION, WILL AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$320 MILLION OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS.

THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION AIMS TO RAISE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS IN THE TRAINING, BOTH INITIAL AND IN-SERVICE, OF NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE. AS A +CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE+ IN ALL MATTERS RELATING TO LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING IN SCHOOLS, THE INSTITUTE WILL PROMOTE RESEARCH, DESIGN AND DEVELOP PROTOTYPE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL, SERVE AS A BANK OF LANGUAGE TEACHING RESOURCES, BE AN INFORMATION CENTRE AND CLEARING HOUSE AND PROVIDE A CENTRAL VENUE FOR ALL LANGUAGE TEACHING PROFESSIONALS. IN TIME IT COULD BECOME A REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR ENGLISH AND CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING.

A HIGH POWERED WORKING PARTY WILL BE SET UP SHORTLY TO EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A CHINESE LANGUAGE FOUNDATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT PLAYING A MAJOR PART IN ITS FUNDING. SUBJECT TO THE VIEWS OF THE WORKING PARTY, IT IS INTENDED THAT THE FOUNDATION WILL CREATE AND PUBLISH GOOD AND INTERESTING CHINESE READING MATERIAL FOR PUPILS AND GENERALLY HELP TO PROMOTE THE STANDARD AND USE OF THE LANGUAGE IN THE COMMUNITY.

EXTRA TEACHERS WILL BE PROVIDED IN FORMS I-III FOR REMEDIAL TEACHING IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE BECAUSE UNIVERSAL SECONDARY EDUCATION HAS INCREASED THE ABILITY RANGE OF SECONDARY STUDENTS, AND THERE IS A NEED FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS TO ADAPT EXISTING TEACHING MATERIALS AND ADJUST THEIR TEACHING METHODS TO PUPILS' NEEDS.

EACH STANDARD SIZED PUBLIC SECTOR SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL BE PERMITTED TO APPOINT TWO ADDITIONAL TEACHERS, ONE EACH FOR CHINESE AND ENGLISH, IN SEPTEMBER, 1982.

+THIS WILL ENABLE CLASSES TO BE SPLIT INTO SMALLER GROUPS FOR EFFICIENT REMEDIAL TEACHING,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID, +AND IN GIVING SCHOOLS AMPLE NOTICE, THERE SHOULD BE TIME FOR INTELLIGENT PLANNING AND THE SELECTION OF SUITABLE STAFF.+

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STATING THAT THERE HAD ALREADY BEEN SUBSTANTIAL CURRICULUM REFORM IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, AND THAT NEW SYLLABUSES HAD BEEN ISSUED OR WERE ABOUT TO BE ISSUED, MR HAYE WENT ON TO SAY THAT MORE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE LANGUAGES AS TOOLS OF COMMUNICATION WERE ENVISAGED.

+IN ORDER TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH GOOD MODELS OF PRONUNCIATION AND USAGE, WIRE-FREE INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEMS WILL BE INSTALLED IN SCHOOLS SO THAT PRE-RECORDED MATERIAL CAN BE USED FOR BOTH TEACHING AND TESTING,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

AT THE SIXTH FORM LEVEL, IT IS HOPED THAT A NEW SUBJECT ENTITLED +LANGUAGE AND COMMUNICATION+ WILL BE INTRODUCED TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE. MAJOR EDUCATIONAL BODIES ARE BEING CONSULTED AS TO WHETHER THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE COMPULSORY AND SHOULD LEAD TO APPROPRIATE EXAMINATIONS AT BOTH HIGHER AND ADVANCED LEVELS, THE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED.

AS REGARDS RESEARCH, A PROGRAMME PROBING THE PROBLEMS RELATING TO LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE DIRECTOR SAID; +RESEARCH FINDINGS WILL BE TAKEN TO THE VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL ADVISORY BODIES AND ONCE THERE IS A STRONGER LANGUAGE BASE, WHICH THE VARIOUS MEASURES IN THE LANGUAGE PACKAGE SHOULD HELP TO CREATE, A REVIEW OF POLICY MAY BE MADE WITH SOME CONFIDENCE.+

THE COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSALS AIMING TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE IN SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AFTER A GREAT DEAL OF CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. IN PHASING THESE PROPOSALS OVER THE NEXT SIX YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THE IMPORTANCE OF EVOLUTION IN AN AREA OF SUCH MAJOR COMMUNITY CONCERN.

+THE PACKAGE SHOULD BE SEEN AS A VIGOROUS AFFIRMATION OF OUR BILINGUAL LANGUAGE POLICY.

+CHINESE AND ENGLISH ARE OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE IN HONG KONG AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO RAISE STANDARDS IN BOTH LANGUAGES,+ THE DIRECTOR CONCLUDED.

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HONG KONG GAINING REPUTATION AS ARTS CENTRE  
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HONG KONG IS AT THE BEGINNING OF AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AS A GROWING ARTISTIC CENTRE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

NONE OF US COULD HAVE FORESEEN THIS TEN YEARS AGO, HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE ARTS FESTIVAL AND ARTS CENTRE GALA AT THE SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, WHEN OFFERING A VOTE OF THANKS FOR THE \$1 000 000 DONATION MADE BY MR ROBERT KUOK. SIR MURRAY SAID THAT LIKE OTHER HUMAN ENDEAVOURS ARTISTIC ENTERPRISES ARE LIABLE TO THEIR 'FINANCIAL HICCUPS, AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL IS NO EXCEPTION.' IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF AT THIS STAGE FINANCIAL STRINGENCY REDUCED ITS QUALITY. +SO I AM ENORMOUSLY GRATEFUL TO MR KUOK FOR HIS MUNIFICENT DONATION AND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY I THANK HIM,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+THE GROWTH OF THE PERFORMING ARTS HAS IMMENSELY BRIGHTENED OUR LIVES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS. THE TRANSFORMATION HAS BEEN DELIBERATELY FOSTERED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, BUT IT HAS BEEN ENORMOUSLY ASSISTED BY THE GENEROSITY OF SOME LEADING CITIZENS, THE ENTHUSIASTIC INVOLVEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS, AND ABOVE ALL THE EXTRAORDINARY SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC AND PARTICULARLY OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

+IN THIS TRANSFORMATION I THINK IT IS AGREED THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL WAS THE CATALYST. IT FOCUSSED ATTENTION ON THE ARTS AT EXACTLY THE RIGHT TIME, WHEN HONG KONG'S MATERIAL PROGRESS WAS BEGINNING TO PERMIT TIME AND MONEY FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN MATERIAL THINGS. THE CULTURAL EXPLOSION THAT FOLLOWED PROVED HOW GREAT WAS THE LATENT TALENT AND INTEREST IN HONG KONG.

+NEXT YEAR WILL SEE THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARTS CENTRE WHOSE REALISATION WAS ITSELF A VALUABLE AND POPULAR PRODUCT OF THIS NEW INTEREST IN THE ARTS. THE CENTRE WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY VERY GENEROUS PRIVATE DONATIONS, GOVERNMENT SUPPORT, AND THE ENTHUSIASM AND TALENT OF ITS MEMBERS.

+TEN YEARS AGO NONE OF US COULD HAVE FORESEEN THAT HONG KONG WOULD SOON HAVE AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION AS A GROWING ARTISTIC CENTRE, AND IT IS CLEAR THAT WE ARE JUST AT THE BEGINNING. SO THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE ARTS IN HONG KONG SERVE OUR COMMUNITY WELL.

+LIKE OTHER HUMAN ENDEAVOURS ARTISTIC ENTERPRISES ARE LIABLE TO THEIR FINANCIAL HICCUPS, AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL IS NO EXCEPTION. IT WOULD BE A TRAGEDY IF AT THIS STAGE FINANCIAL STRINGENCY REDUCED ITS QUALITY. SO I AM ENORMOUSLY GRATEFUL TO MR KUOK FOR HIS MUNIFICENT DONATION AND ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY I THANK HIM.+

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TRANSPORT FACILITIES DISCUSSED BY KWUN TONG BOARD

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON HELD A SEMINAR TO DISCUSS TRANSPORT FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

THIS WAS THE FIRST MAJOR DISCUSSION INVOLVING ALL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND WAS CONVENED BY MR PETER LUK, CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE.

MR DAVID TSUI, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KWUN TONG) AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING, AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS WERE AMONG THOSE PRESENT.

THEY DISCUSSED PROPOSALS FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE DIFFERENT MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT, AS WELL AS TRAFFIC, PARKING FACILITIES AND OTHER ISSUES CONCERNING TRANSPORT IN THE AREA.

IT WAS NOTED IN THE SEMINAR THAT UNLIKE IN THE NEW TOWNS, THERE ARE MANY PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS AND COMMITTED LAND USES IN AN ALREADY-DEVELOPED AREA SUCH AS KWUN TONG. AND FOR THESE REASONS, GRADUAL CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS, RATHER THAN LARGE SCALE CHANGES IN TRAFFIC WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE.

MR TSUI, THE CHAIRMAN, SAID THAT THE MEETING WAS VERY USEFUL, THERE WAS A FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON A WIDE-RANGE OF MATTERS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY, THE CHAOTIC SITUATION IN YUE MAN SQUARE AND THE NEED TO EXTEND THE MTR TO YAU TONG.

THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER SETTING UP A DISTRICT SEMINAR ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ISSUES IN ORDER TO HAVE WIDER CONSULTATION ON THESE MATTERS, HE SAID.

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DATE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF ORDINANCES

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THE NEW STAMP DUTY ORDINANCE 1981 WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1981, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

HOWEVER, THE PART OF THE ORDINANCE DEALING WITH UNIT TRUSTS WILL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL A DATE TO BE DECIDED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, AND THIS WILL PROBABLY BE TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR, AN INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALSO DUE TO TAKE EFFECT FROM JULY 1 ARE:

THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981- DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT)(NO. 2) ORDINANCE 1981- THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) ORDINANCE 1981, AND THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) ORDINANCE 1981.

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PRISONS CHIEF TO ATTEND DRUG CONFERENCE

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THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR THOMAS GARNER, WILL LEAVE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE ON TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG DEPENDANT PERSONS IN MANILA FROM JUNE 8 TO 11.

MR GARNER HAS BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AS A CONSULTANT TO THE CONFERENCE AND AS A SPEAKER ON THE TREATMENT OF DRUG DEPENDANTS IN A CORRECTIONAL SETTING.

THE CONFERENCE IS ORGANISED BY THE PHILIPPINES DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD IN COOPERATION WITH THE COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU.

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SCHOOL GRADUATES ENCOURAGED TO HELP IMPROVE SOCIETY

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A GROUP OF KWAI CHUNG SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) TOLD OF THEIR ROLE IN IMPROVING SOCIETY.

AT THE SPEECH DAY OF SIU MING CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, CALLED ON THE STUDENTS TO JOIN IN AND HELP ORGANISE, IF THEY COULD, PROGRAMMES FOR RESIDENTS AND LOCAL GROUPS TO CREATE A SENSE OF IDENTITY AND ACHIEVE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT ENOUGH JUST FOR GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OR TO MANAGE THEM ADEQUATELY.

+THERE MUST ALSO BE A RESPONSIBLE LOCAL PUBLIC WHO WILL HELP ORGANISE ON-GOING PROGRAMMES OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PERSONS AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MARCH, 1982, DR HAYES SAID: +I BELIEVE THAT ALL PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS SHOULD VOTE BECAUSE THROUGH THE VOTE THEY CAN HELP GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE TSUEN WAN.+

WHILE THE STUDENTS MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ACTIVE PART IN THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, THEY COULD HELP BY ENCOURAGING THEIR PARENTS AND RELATIVES TO REGISTER AND VOTE, HE SAID.

MRS HAYES LATER PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 180 GRADUATES.

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TRIAL RECLAMATION WORK FOR PROPOSED NEW AIRPORT  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT DETAILED SITE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE WESTERN PART OF CHEK LAP KOK IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT AIRPORT THERE.

THE INVESTIGATIONS CALL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, TESTING AND MONITORING OF A TRIAL RECLAMATION AREA.

IT IS PLANNED TO CREATE AN 840-HECTARE SITE BY LEVELLING 310 HECTARES OF LAND FROM THE ISLANDS OF CHEK LAP KOK AND LAM CHAU AND BY RECLAIMING ANOTHER 530 HECTARES OF LAND FROM ADJOINING WATERS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WAS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ALL PERSONS HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATIONS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR OBJECTIONS AND/OR CLAIMS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, OR THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS), INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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FIRST DRAGON BOAT RACES FOR LAMMA  
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RESIDENTS OF LAMMA ISLAND ARE TO HOLD THEIR OWN DRAGON BOAT RACES FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR.

THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY MORNING (JUNE 7) AT SOK KWU WAN.

THE RACES WILL INVOLVE 10 TEAMS MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND TEAMS FROM CHEUNG CHAU, MUI WO, SOUTH LANTAO, TAI-O AND ABERDEEN.

ON OTHER OUTLYING ISLANDS, A TOTAL OF 50 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN RACES AT MUI WO, TAI-O, PUI O AND CHEUNG CHAU TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

A TOTAL OF 12 TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN RACES AT MUI WO BEACH AND 14 LOCAL AND SIX OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN RACES AT PUI O BEACH.

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AT TAI-O IN THE AFTERNOON, 12 TEAMS WILL RACE ALONG THE NARROW RIVER.

THE FINAL EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT CHEUNG CHAU WHERE SIX TEAMS COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE RURAL COMMITTEE AND LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION WILL COMPETE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER ISLANDS, MR ANDREW FOK, WILL ATTEND THE RACES AT MUI WO, PUI O, TAI-O AND LAMMA, WHILE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MIKE ROWSE, WILL BE AT CHEUNG CHAU.

THE RACES ARE BEING FINANCED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL DONATIONS.

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VARIETY SHOW FUN FOR DISABLED CHILDREN IN TSUEN WAN  
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SOME 400 DISABLED CHILDREN ENJOYED A FUN-PACKED MORNING AT THE KWAI CHUNG OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY CAME FROM FIVE SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN TSUEN WAN, NAMELY TING HSIUNG CHAO SCHOOL, PUI OI SPECIAL TRAINING CENTRE, KWAI FONG MORNINGLIGHT SCHOOL, SAM SHUI NATIVE ASSOCIATION LAU PUN CHEUNG SCHOOL AND THE SALVATION ARMY LAI KING SCHOOL.

A VARIETY SHOW WAS ORGANISED FOR THEM BY THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMITTEE IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

+THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE FUNCTION IS TO MAKE DISABLED CHILDREN FEEL THEY ARE LOVED AND CARED FOR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CYC SECRETARIAT SAID.

THE CHILDREN WATCHED PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS OF OTHER PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND TOOK PART IN PROGRAMMES SUCH AS SINGING, FOLK DANCE, BAND MUSIC AND A TALENT SHOW.

AS THE EVENT WAS HELD ON THE EVE OF THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL, THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN RICE DUMPLINGS AS PRESENTS.

THE CHILDREN WERE WELL LOOKED AFTER BY 160 MEMBERS OF THE CYC.

IN ASSISTING THE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, THE CYC MEMBERS GAINED SOME VALUABLE EXPERIENCE THAT WILL DEFINITELY BE OF HELP TO THEIR FUTURE CAREERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MR TING FUK-CHEUNG, DISTRICT OFFICER, KWAI CHUNG ADDRESSED THE GATHERING.

SOUVENIRS WERE PRESENTED TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS BY MR NG KOON-CHI, ACTING SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER.

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