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SEPTEMBER SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL BEGINS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE SEPTEMBER 1989 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN RESPECT OF THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1989.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 40,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS.

THESE INCLUDE THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), AND THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES). INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1989 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SELECTED ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF JULY-SEPTEMBER 1989.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON 5-8235076.

AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING JULY-SEPTEMBER 1989, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

IN CASE OF ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE FIELD VISITS, THE DEPARTMENT MAY BE CONTACTED FOR ASSISTANCE ON 5-8234770.

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GOVT PLAYS ACTIVE PART IN BOOSTING THE ECONOMY

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APART FROM ITS EFFORTS IN STRIVING TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO PLAYING AN ACTIVE PART IN HELPING TO BOOST THE LOCAL ECONOMY, THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE COURVOISIER AWARDS FOR BUSINESS EXCELLENCE LUNCH FORUM, MR CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCENTRATING ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND TOP QUALITY PRODUCTS IN LINE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

HE SAID HONG KONG PRODUCTS WERE BECOMING MORE SOPHISTICATED AND COMPLICATED, AND THE DESIGN AND MATERIAL WERE BEING CONSTANTLY IMPROVED.

"MANUFACTURING PROCESSES CONTINUE TO MOVE TOWARDS MECHANISATION AND AUTOMATION AND MANUFACTURERS NOW ATTACH GREATER IMPORTANCE TO RESEARCH AND PRODUCT IMPROVEMENT.

"THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY COUNCIL, INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, TRADE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG QUALITY ASSURANCE AGENCY TO BE SET UP SOON ARE SPARING NO EFFORT IN THESE AREAS," HE SAID.

FOR THE PUBLISHING, CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT SECTORS, MR CHAN ADDED, THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH WAS NOW FORMULATING POLICIES TO PROTECT INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT, TRADEMARKS OF THE SERVICES SECTORS AND THE INTERESTS OF CONSUMERS.

"AS REGARDS THE OPENING UP OF OVERSEAS MARKETS AND TRADE PROMOTION, THE GOVERNMENT IS WORKING HARD TO BUILD UP A SOUND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SYSTEM AND TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS PORT AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES AND WAREHOUSES TO KEEP PACE WITH THE RAPID STRIDES MADE IN THIS RESPECT," HE SAID.

"IN THE COMING FEW YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE LARGE-SCALE LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE," HE ADDED.

IN RESPECT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT, MR CHAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO HELP LOCAL MANUFACTURERS IN THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH-TECHNOLOGY AND NEW PRODUCTS TO ENHANCE THEIR COMPETITIVENESS.

MR CHAN SAID HONG KONG WAS NOW ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING AND PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE GATT URUGUAY ROUND OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH, HE HOPED, WOULD BE CONDUCIVE TO A MORE LIBERAL AND REGULAR FRAMEWORK FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

"AT THE SAME TIME, HONG KONG IS FACED WITH THE THREATS OF A NEW KIND OF PROTECTIONISM -- ANTI-DUMPING CHARGES.

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"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WILL JOIN FORCES WITH INDUSTRIALISTS TO COUNTER ALL UNFAIR CHARGES.

"IN SHORT, WE WILL, AS ALWAYS, LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED TO STRIVE FOR MORE AND BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HONG KONG BUSINESSMEN," HE SAID.

TURNING TO FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, MR CHAN SAID IT WAS COMFORTING TO NOTE THAT THE IMPACT OF THE PEKING INCIDENT ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAD NOT BEEN AS SERIOUS AS INITIALLY EXPECTED.

"BUT OBVIOUSLY SOME INDUSTRIES ARE RATHER HARD-HIT; THE TOURIST INDUSTRY HAS NOT BEEN DOING WELL LATELY, AND MANY INVESTORS HAVE ADOPTED A CAUTIOUS, WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE," HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE WAS EASILY AFFECTED BY EXTERNAL CIRCUMSTANCES BECAUSE OF OUR GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION, THE FREE-TRADE POLICY THAT WE UPHELD AND OUR RELIANCE ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

"THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CLIMATE, DIPLOMATIC OPINIONS AND THE OVERALL GLOBAL ECONOMIC CONDITION WILL AFFECT OUR ECONOMY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY," HE SAID.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS AND BUSINESSMEN, WERE CAPABLE OF MEETING THESE CHALLENGES AS THEY HAD SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOME DIFFERENT TRIALS IN THE PAST.

"THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT PROMOTING HONG KONG'S TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE.

"FOR THIS REASON, WE WILL CONTINUE, AS BEFORE, TO WORK FOR A CONGENIAL INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN A BID TO HELP AND SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND TRADE," HE SAID.

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KWEI TO SUCCEED BEATON AS DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT MR HAROLD BEATON, DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS WILL RETIRE ON OCTOBER 18. MR KWEI SEE-KAN, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER, WILL SUCCEED MR BEATON AS DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS.

BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES ON THE TWO OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

/MR HAROLD

MR HAROLD BEATON, ISO, JP

AGED 59. MR BEATON JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN ENGINEER IN THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN 1960. HE WAS PROMOTED TO GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN 1978 AND TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN 1981.

UPON THE RE-ORGANISATION OF THE LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS, HE WAS APPOINTED AS THE FIRST DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS IN 1986.

ON HIS RETIREMENT, MR BEATON WILL HAVE COMPLETED 29 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MR KWEI SEE-KAN

AGED 55. MR KWEI JOINED THE HONG KONG CIVIL SERVICE AS AN APPRENTICE ENGINEER IN THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN 1957. HE WAS PROMOTED TO GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN 1980 AND TO PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER IN DECEMBER 1982.

MR KWEI IS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS.

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DB TO DISCUSS VBP ISSUE
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ISSUE AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 28).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO CONSIDER A REPORT ON A DRAFT BASIC LAW OPINION SURVEY CONDUCTED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

A QUESTION ON THE PROGRESS OF THE BELCHER'S BAY RECLAMATION IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 28) IN ROOM 1416, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT OF VR'S

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE IMPACT OF EMPLOYING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

A PAPER ON THE MATTER PREPARED BY A MEMBER IN RESPONSE TO A WRITTEN COMPLAINT REQUESTED GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO BRIEF THE COMMITTEE ON PLANS TO SAFEGUARD LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING A CAMP FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SUPERVISORS.

A REPORT ON THE LATEST FIGURES ON THE SALE AND OCCUPANCY SITUATION OF FLATTED FACTORY UNITS IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE TABLED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION IN WONG TAI SIN

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RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, AS A PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITY OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS -- PRIMARY STUDENTS, SECONDARY STUDENTS AND OPEN, AND THERE WILL BE EIGHT AWARDS FOR EACH SECTION.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 22 (SUNDAY) AT THE LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL, 161 LOK SIN ROAD.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS OCTOBER 6.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN ARTS COUNCIL, 2 LUNG HING HOUSE, GROUND FLOOR, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE, AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-222261, EXT. 361.

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ESSAY COMPETITION TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION

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A DISTRICT-WIDE ESSAY COMPETITION WILL BE HELD IN SHAM SHUI PO TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AND RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY-BUILDING ACTIVITIES.

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WITH THE AIM OF CULTIVATING IN YOUNG PEOPLE AN AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING POLITE SO AS TO BUILD A MORE HARMONIOUS COMMUNITY. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

HAVING COURTESY AS ITS THEME, THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS - PRIMARY, JUNIOR SECONDARY, SENIOR SECONDARY, AND OPEN. ALL PEOPLE WHO LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO JOIN.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37 TONKIN STREET AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS WITH ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE ABOVE OFFICES BEFORE OCTOBER 31.

THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES THAT EACH PARTICIPANT MAY SUBMIT. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-7295334.

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MORE TIME TO ENTRY FOR TOLO HARBOUR SWIM

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THE ENTRY DEADLINE FOR THE 22ND CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OCTOBER 7.

THE ANNUAL EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 29 (SUNDAY) AT 10 AM.

THE 2,400-METRE RACE, WHICH IS OPEN TO SWIMMERS AGED 12 OR ABOVE, WILL BE FROM SHUEN WAN TO TAI MEI TUK.

TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST 10 SWIMMERS IN THE MEN'S AND THE WOMEN'S SECTIONS. THOSE WHO COMPLETE THE FULL COURSE WITHIN 90 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES.

THE CROSS-HARBOUR SWIM IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND CO-SPONSORED BY TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD AND A BREWERY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND OFFICES OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE; THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AT LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, ON CHEUNG ROAD; AND THE TAI PO JOCKEY CLUB SWIMMING POOL IN ON PONG ROAD.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE EITHER BY POST OR IN PERSON BY OCTOBER 7.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 0-6568661.

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NO NEW AIDS CASES IN AUGUST

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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) CASES IN HONG KONG REMAINED AT 25 TO DATE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, THREE MORE PERSONS, ALL MEN, WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 155.

OF THE 155 CARRIERS, 55 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, ONE WAS AN INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSER, 15 WERE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, 49 WERE PATIENTS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND 35 WERE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE DOCTORS AND SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

UNDER THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STARTED BY THE FORMER MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 137,333 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAD BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO BEEN SCREENING ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO AUGUST, A TOTAL OF 606,971 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND NINE WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

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AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
衛生局
Department of Health
病毒組
Virus Unit

	Apr 85 - July 89		August 89		Total	
	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve	No. tested*	No. +ve
經由政府醫院及診所介紹 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics	8 682	47	200	2	8 882	49
經由私家醫生及補助醫院介紹 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals	1 777	34	10	1	1 787	35
到社會衛生科求診人數 Attendances at social hygiene clinics	119 429	15	2 456	0	121 885	15
血友病患者 Haemophiliacs	382	55	5	0	387	55
濫用注射藥物者 IV drug abusers	3 563	1	75	0	3 638	1
經由家庭計劃指導層介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association	175	0	9	0	184	0
健康護理人員 Health care personnel	565	0	5	0	570	0

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TOTAL 134 573 152 2 760 3 137 333 155

*This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals

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	Aug 85 - July 89		August 89		Total	
	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve	No. tested	No. +ve
香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service	593 711	9	13 260	0	606 971	9

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SCHOOLS TO COMPETE IN MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

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SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD WHICH WILL BEGIN IN DECEMBER.

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MATHEMATICS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO TEST THEIR TALENT WITHOUT USING CALCULATORS OR FOUR-FIGURE TABLES IN THE COMPETITION.

THE HONG KONG MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD, BEING HELD FOR THE SEVENTH YEAR, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

PRELIMINARY EVENTS WILL BE HELD ON A SATURDAY MORNING IN DECEMBER AND THE FINALS WILL TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS INTERESTED IN ENTERING A TEAM ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ENTRY IS RESTRICTED TO ONE TEAM FROM EACH SCHOOL. EACH TEAM WILL COMPRISE FOUR TO SIX MEMBERS WHO MUST BE IN FORM 4 OR BELOW. THE TOP 40 TEAMS IN THE PRELIMINARY EVENTS WILL GO THROUGH TO THE FINALS.

THE TEACHER-IN-CHARGE OF A SCHOOL TEAM MAY BE INVITED TO SERVE ON THE OLYMPIAD ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES

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SEVEN COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES ARE OFFERING A NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP PLAN TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITIES.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE INTENDED FOR PERSONS OF HIGH INTELLECTUAL PROMISE WHO MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO LIFE HERE ON THEIR RETURN FROM STUDY ABROAD, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"THEY ARE PRIMARILY AVAILABLE FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDY OR RESEARCH AT UNIVERSITIES NORMALLY LASTING FOR TWO ACADEMIC YEARS," HE SAID.

/THE SCHOLARSHIPS

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, CANADA, NEW ZEALAND, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, JAMAICA, NIGERIA AND SIERRA LEONE.

APPLICANTS MUST BE HONG KONG CITIZENS AND AGED BETWEEN 28 AND 35 AT THE TIME THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMENCES.

THEY SHOULD BE GRADUATES OF RECOGNISED UNIVERSITIES OR HOLDERS OF EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATIONS.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE RECOMMENDED FOR THE AWARDS MUST SATISFY CERTAIN LANGUAGE, HEALTH AND IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, 33-37 HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE NOT LATER THAN SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 30).

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MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD SCHEME INTRODUCED

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED AN ANNUAL AWARD SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TO WORK HARD AND SHOW PERSEVERANCE IN THEIR STUDIES.

ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, AIDED, PRIVATE AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE SING TAO MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD SCHEME WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE SING TAO FOUNDATION.

AWARDS OF \$300 FOR PURCHASING BOOKS, STATIONERY, SPORTSWEAR AND EQUIPMENT, OR OTHER EDUCATIONALLY-RELATED ITEMS WILL BE OFFERED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED THE BEST ALL-ROUND IMPROVEMENT ON COMPLETION OF SECONDARY 2 OR 3 IN A PARTICIPATING SCHOOL.

THE NUMBER OF AWARDS WILL BE LIMITED TO TWO FOR EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL - ONE FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS COMPLETED SECONDARY 2 AND THE OTHER FOR A STUDENT WHO HAS COMPLETED SECONDARY 3.

THE SCHEME WILL BE CENTRALLY ADMINISTERED BY THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SING TAO FOUNDATION.

AWARD RECIPIENTS WILL BE SELECTED BY THE HEADS OF THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR TEACHERS.

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SCHOOLS ARE ADVISED THAT THE AWARDS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE SCORED THE HIGHEST INCREASE IN OVERALL AVERAGE MARKS AT THE END OF THE YEAR COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR WHEN THE STUDENTS WERE IN A LOWER FORM.

FOR THE FIRST YEAR'S AWARDS, THE OVERALL AVERAGE MARKS OF A CANDIDATE AT THE END OF THE 1988-89 SCHOOL YEAR SHOULD BE COMPARED WITH THOSE OF THE 1987-88 SCHOOL YEAR.

IN ADDITION, A CANDIDATE'S CONDUCT AND ENTHUSIASM IN PARTICIPATING IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SING TAO FOUNDATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION WILL OFFICIATE AT A CENTRALISED CEREMONY TO PRESENT AWARD CERTIFICATES TO THE AWARD RECIPIENTS FROM ALL THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE ALL STUDENTS TO IMPROVE THEIR WORK, PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE ADVISED TO PUBLICISE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE AWARD WINNERS AT AN OCCASION SUCH AS THE SCHOOL'S SPEECH DAY.

IN THE MEANTIME, SCHOOL HEADS, WHO AGREE WITH THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE SING TAO MOST IMPROVED STUDENTS AWARD SCHEME, ARE URGED TO START SIMILAR AWARDS IN THEIR SCHOOLS FOR OTHER FORMS OR FOR INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS SHOULD THEY MANAGE TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES.

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CONSTRUCTION OF TSEUNG KWAN O DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION IN TSEUNG KWAN O IS TO START IN DECEMBER.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE PROJECT WHICH IS LOCATED AT AREA 21 IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY SEPTEMBER 1991.

IT WILL PROVIDE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, PUBLIC REPORTING FACILITIES, CELL BLOCK, BARRACK ACCOMMODATION, CANTEEN AND MESS FACILITIES AND ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION FOR THE DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE NOON ON OCTOBER 13.

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