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MORE TRAINED WORKERS NEEDED FOR CLOTHING INDUSTRY

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THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO BE THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN HONG KONG EMPLOYING 262 000 WORKERS, A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL LAST YEAR REVEALED.

BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY, THE COUNCIL'S CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD PROJECTED THAT THE INDUSTRY WOULD NEED TO TRAIN ABOUT 120 TECHNOLOGISTS, 670 TECHNICIANS, 580 CRAFTSMEN AND 13 700 OPERATIVES ANNUALLY TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY UP TO 1991.

+HOWEVER, AUTOMATION ADOPTED BY LARGE AND MEDIUM-SIZED CLOTHING FACTORIES, RECESSION IN MAJOR IMPORT MARKETS AND STRONG COMPETITION FROM NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES HAVE RESULTED IN THE REDUCTION OF MANPOWER IN THE GARMENT BRANCH OF THE INDUSTRY OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS,+ A BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE MOVE BY SOME LOCAL GARMENT MANUFACTURING FACTORIES TO CHINA WAS ANOTHER REASON FOR THE DECLINE OF MANPOWER IN THIS BRANCH FROM 234 000 IN 1983 TO 220 000 IN 1985, HE ADDED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SURVEY FINDINGS SHOWED THAT MANPOWER IN THE KNITWEAR BRANCH INCREASED AT A RATE OF THREE PER CENT A YEAR FROM 35 000 TO 36 000 IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS WAS DUE TO A CHANGE IN IMPORT REGULATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES REQUIRING KNITTED PIECES TO BE PRODUCED LOCALLY, THUS RESULTING IN A DRASTIC INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF KNITTING MACHINE OPERATORS.

THE FUR BRANCH, COVERED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE SURVEY, REPORTED A WORKFORCE OF 5 700.

DESPITE THE REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE OF FUR EXPORT ITEMS IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE BOARD PROJECTED THAT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF GROWING TRADE PROTECTIONISM IN THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN, THE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF MANPOWER IN THE FUR BRANCH WOULD BE LEVELLING OFF AT AROUND FIVE PER CENT IN A FEW YEARS.

THE BOARD CONCLUDED THAT THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY MUST CONTINUE TO UPGRADE AND DIVERSIFY ITS PRODUCTS AND IMPROVE ITS PRODUCTIVITY TO FIGHT TRADE PROTECTIONISM AND TO COPE WITH COMPETITION.

+THIS CALLS FOR A BETTER TRAINED TECHNICAL MANPOWER,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

THE 1985 MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT \$14 A COPY.

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TEXTILE TALKS WITH CANADA BEGIN NEXT WEEK

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BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA ON THE TERRITORY'S TEXTILES EXPORTS TO CANADA AFTER 1986 WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG ON JUNE 23 AND 24, A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CURRENT HONG KONG-CANADA BILATERAL TEXTILES AGREEMENT WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31.

THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WILL LEAD THE HONG KONG TEAM AND THE CANADIAN TEAM WILL BE LED BY THEIR CHIEF TEXTILES NEGOTIATOR, MR HOWIE WILSON.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TALKS WILL BE THE FIRST FORMAL ROUND BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG ON POST-1986 ARRANGEMENTS.

CANADA IS HONG KONG'S FIFTH LARGEST EXPORT MARKET FOR TEXTILES AND APPAREL. IN 1985, EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND APPAREL TO CANADA AMOUNTED TO \$2 115.4 MILLION OR FOUR PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TEXTILES AND APPAREL EXPORTS. APPAREL ACCOUNTED FOR 85 PER CENT OF THE 1986 TEXTILE EXPORTS TO CANADA.

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HK EXCLUDED FROM NZ'S GSP SCHEME

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HONG KONG WILL CEASE TO BE A BENEFICIARY OF THE NEW ZEALAND GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) FROM JULY 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

HOWEVER 92 DIFFERENT TYPES OF GOODS, IN WHICH HONG KONG HAS A SPECIAL TRADING INTEREST, WILL CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM LOWER THAN NORMAL IMPORT DUTIES AFTER JULY 1.

THE MOVE TO +REINSTATE+ PREFERENTIAL TARIFF RATES FOR THE 92 ITEMS OF SPECIAL TRADING INTEREST TO HONG KONG FOLLOWS CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NEW ZEALAND HELD IN WELLINGTON ON APRIL 10-11, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS A RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO APPLY THE PREFERENTIAL TARIFF RATE GRANTED TO LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO GSP RATES, IN RESPECT OF THE 92 ITEMS, HE SAID.

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THESE ITEMS WHICH COVER A RANGE OF PRODUCTS INCLUDING CERTAIN FABRICS, YARN, THREAD, MOTORS, WATCHES, ELECTRONIC PARTS AND COMPONENTS, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS ETC, COMPLEMENT NEW ZEALAND'S OWN MANUFACTURING.

NEW ZEALAND'S TOTAL IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG OF PRODUCTS COVERED BY THESE ITEMS AMOUNTED TO NZ\$73.4 MILLION (ABOUT HK\$270 MILLION) IN 1984-85.

THE DECISION TO EXCLUDE HONG KONG FROM NEW ZEALAND'S GSP SCHEME COMES IN THE WAKE OF THAT COUNTRY'S INTRODUCTION LAST YEAR OF A NEW POLICY ON GSP. UNDER THIS POLICY, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH PER CAPITA GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP) AT OR ABOVE 70 PER CENT OF NEW ZEALAND'S OWN PER CAPITA GNP WILL BE GRADUATED FROM THE SCHEME.

A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SINGAPORE, BRUNEI AND SAUDI ARABIA HAVE ALREADY BEEN GRADUATED FROM THE SCHEME UNDER THE NEW POLICY.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE LIST OF 92 ITEMS WILL BE CIRCULATED SHORTLY BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT.

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CUSTOMS STAFF HELP PROTECT TRADING IMAGE
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HONG KONG HAS TAKEN PARTICULAR CARE TO PROTECT ITS INTERNATIONAL TRADING IMAGE IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF ITS TRADING SYSTEM, THE HEAD OF THE CUSTOMS TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU, MR JOHN HOWARD, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE RETAIL MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, MR HOWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT THE INFRINGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS UNDERMINED INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION.

HE SAID THE STRATEGY TO ATTACK COUNTERFEITING AND COPYRIGHT PIRACY IN HONG KONG WAS DIRECTED AT ALL LEVELS FROM RETAILING AT STREET LEVEL, LARGE AND SMALL ESTABLISHED RETAIL PREMISES, MANUFACTURING OUTLETS AND ON IMPORT AND EXPORT.

+ACTION IS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED OR SELF INITIATED THROUGH SURVEILLANCE AND INTELLIGENCE,+ HE SAID.

+SPECIAL ATTENTION IS ALSO PAID TO THE IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF SUSPECTED COUNTERFEIT GOODS AT ALL ENTRY AND EXIT POINTS BY THE 3 000 STRONG CUSTOMS OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.+

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HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED COMPREHENSIVE LAWS COVERING TRADE MARKS, TRADE DESCRIPTIONS, COPYRIGHT, INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS AND PATENTS AND COMMITTED SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO THE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THESE LAWS.

+THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS OF HONG KONG ARE, IN FACT, MORE STRINGENT THAN THE LAWS AND PRACTICES OF MANY COUNTRIES, DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1, 1981, SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITS FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS, FORGED TRADE MARKS AND ANY MIS-STATEMENTS IN RESPECT OF GOODS PROVIDED IN THE COURSE OF TRADE.

+THE LAW MAKES IT AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON EITHER TO APPLY A FALSE TRADE DESCRIPTION TO GOODS OR TO SUPPLY OR BE IN POSSESSION OF SUCH GOODS FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRADE GENERALLY.

+IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE PROHIBITION AND SEIZURE OF OFFENDING IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

+IT CARRIES MAXIMUM PENALTIES OF \$100 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS FOR SUMMARY OFFENCES AND \$500 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR FIVE YEARS FOR INDICATABLE OFFENCES. ALL GOODS SEIZED ARE LIABLE TO FORFEITURE.+

HE SAID A TOTAL OF 288 SEIZURES WERE MADE FROM JANUARY TO APRIL THIS YEAR INVOLVING GOODS VALUED AT \$17.2 MILLION UNDER THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS ORDINANCE AND RESULTED IN PROSECUTION OF 243 PERSONS OR FIRMS.

IN EXPLAINING THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE WHICH WAS ENACTED IN MARCH 1973, MR HOWARD SAID IT PROVIDED FOR CRIMINAL SANCTIONS, WHICH MIGHT BE SOUGHT AGAINST COPYRIGHT PIRACY, AND AFFORDED PROTECTION FOR COPYRIGHT HOLDERS AGAINST INFRINGEMENT OF LITERARY, DRAMATIC, MUSICAL AND ARTISTIC WORKS, SOUND RECORDINGS, CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS, TELEVISION AND SOUND BROADCASTS- AND PUBLISHED EDITIONS OF WORK, BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN.

+COPYRIGHT PROTECTION AGAINST INFRINGEMENT IS ACCORDED TO INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS WITHOUT REGISTRATION IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+ANYONE CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF INFRINGING COPIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRADE OR BUSINESS IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$1 000 FOR EACH INFRINGING COPY AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR WHILST THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE POSSESSION OF PLATES USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED FOR MAKING INFRINGING COPIES IS A FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS. ALL INFRINGING GOODS AND PLATES SEIZED ARE LIABLE TO FORFEITURE.+

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HE SAID OPERATIONS TAKEN IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS THIS YEAR UNDER THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE HAD LED TO 43 SEIZURES WITH GOODS VALUED AT \$0.74 MILLION AND A TOTAL OF 48 PROSECUTIONS.

MR HOWARD ALSO SAID THAT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAD A SPECIAL TASK FORCE COMPRISING 150 INVESTIGATORS WITH WIDE-RANGING POWERS TO ENFORCE THE TRADE DESCRIPTIONS AND COPYRIGHT ORDINANCES.

+IN ORDER TO PROTECT OWNERS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COVERING COMPUTERS AND THEIR ACCESSORIES, CUSTOMS OFFICERS HAVE TAKEN ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST OFFENCES INCLUDING THE FORGING OF TRADE MARKS IN BOTH COMPUTER HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE AND MORE RECENTLY, INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT IN SOFTWARE PROGRAMMES,+ HE SAID.

+RECENT CASES INVOLVING OPERATIONS AGAINST THE INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT IN COMPUTER SOFTWARE HAVE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF GOODS VALUED AT \$2.5 MILLION. 104 TRADERS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED UNDER THE COPYRIGHT ORDINANCE.+

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PLACEMENT OF REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN PROGRESS
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SOME 100 OF THE 500 REDUNDANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS REGISTERED WITH THE PLACEMENT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACED IN VARIOUS SCHOOLS SINCE THE OPERATION OF THE SERVICE BEGAN ON MAY 12.

THE ANNUAL EXERCISE OF PLACING REDUNDANT TEACHERS INTO NEW POSTS IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ANOTHER TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

TO SPEED UP THE EXERCISE, HE URGED ALL AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL SUPERVISORS TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE AVAILABLE VACANCIES IN THEIR SCHOOLS, ARISING FROM NEW CLASSES, WASTAGE OR RETIREMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO CALLED ON ALL SCHOOL MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT REDUNDANT TEACHERS REFERRED BY THE SERVICE TO FILL THEIR VACANCIES.

+WITHOUT THEIR FULL SUPPORT, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE PLACEMENT SERVICE TO PLACE ALL REDUNDANT TEACHERS AT AN EARLY DATE.+

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+AS A RESULT, TEACHING VACANCIES IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE TO BE FROZEN,+ HE ADDED.

IN THIS CONNECTION, SCHOOL SUPERVISORS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ENTER INTO ANY EMPLOYMENT WITH OTHER TEACHERS BEFORE THE PLACEMENT SERVICE HAS COMPLETED ITS TASK.

FOR THE LAST 11 YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS CARRIED OUT THE ANNUAL EXERCISE OF HELPING PLACE REDUNDANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS INTO NEW JOBS BECAUSE OF A DROP IN POPULATION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE AND A SHIFT OF POPULATION FROM URBAN AREAS TO NEW TOWNS.

BETWEEN 1975 AND 1985, MORE THAN 4 000 AFFECTED TEACHERS HAD BEEN HELPED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO SECURE ALTERNATIVE POSTS.

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GOOD BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS

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A PRESS LUNCHEON TO INTRODUCE THE *TEN RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS' PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (JUNE 23) AT 12.30 PM IN THE UNITED RESTAURANT IN UNITED CENTRE, QUEENSWAY.

THE PROJECT AIMS AT PROMOTING READING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF KNOWLEDGE.

TEN PEOPLE, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS AND WRITERS, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO RECOMMEND CHINESE-LANGUAGE BOOKS TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

ATTENDING THE PRESS LUNCHEON WILL BE THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR SIMON LUN; HEAD OF THE CHINESE PROGRAMME SERVICE OF RTHK, MR RAYMOND NG; HEAD OF THE STATION'S CULTURAL PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT, MR CHUNG WAI-MING, AND THE HEAD OF THE CULTURAL UNIT, MISS JUDY JIM; AND THE TEN GUESTS INVITED TO RECOMMEND BOOKS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE ROSE ROOM OF THE UNITED RESTAURANT, ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF UNITED CENTRE.

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SUMMER FOLK SINGING CONTEST ORGANISED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE FOLK SINGING CONTEST WILL BE HELD THIS SUMMER AS PART OF THE SWINGING SUMMER TELEVISION SERIES OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, AND ENTRIES ARE OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS, AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE SINGING CONTEST, HEAD OF PROJECT AND VARIETY UNIT OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, MISS JOANNA LAU, SAID: +THE CONTEST IS ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF PEACE AND TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE.

+MUSIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN A POPULAR FORM OF EXPRESSION OF HARMONY AND PEACE, AND IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS CONTEST YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE A SENSE OF PEACE TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN THE COMMUNITY,+ SHE ADDED.

THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD DURING EPISODES TWO TO SEVEN OF THE SWINGING SUMMER TV SERIES, WITH THE WINNING CONTESTANT FROM EACH EPISODE ENTERING THE FINAL TO BE HELD DURING EPISODE EIGHT ON AUGUST 23.

ALL PRIZES FOR THE SINGING CONTEST WILL BE SPONSORED BY TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY AND THESE INCLUDE GIFT VOUCHERS AMOUNTING TO \$10 000 FOR THE WINNER- \$5 000 FOR THE FIRST RUNNER-UP- AND \$3 000 FOR THE SECOND RUNNER-UP.

ENTRY FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM DISTRICT OFFICES, ALL TOM LEE MUSIC CENTRES AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG. ENTRIES WILL CLOSE ON JULY 31.

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MEANINGFUL RECREATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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MORE THAN 80 000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI WILL TAKE PART IN NUMEROUS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME, MR CHAN SAID ABOUT 460 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES WOULD BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 9 AND THE END OF AUGUST.

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THESE WOULD INCLUDE RECREATION CAMPS, TRAINING CAMPS, PICNICS, INTEREST GROUP ACTIVITIES, AND VARIOUS SPORTS COMPETITIONS.

MR CHAN DESCRIBED THE PROGRAMME AS A COMMUNITY BUILDING EXERCISE AIMED AT PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENRICH THEMSELVES THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN MEANINGFUL SOCIAL, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

+THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, THEY CAN DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL SKILLS, AND UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE INTER-HUMAN RELATIONSHIP,+ HE SAID.

+THEY CAN ALSO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE AND ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO IT.+

THE THEME FOR THE PROGRAMME THIS YEAR IS 'CARE FOR YOUR COMMUNITY, GET TO KNOW IT BETTER'. THE ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR THE DISTRICT PROGRAMME IS \$495 000.

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LANGUAGE TEACHERS TO DISPLAY MATERIALS
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AN EXHIBITION OF WORK BY PARTICIPANTS IN REFRESHER COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN CHINESE AND FOR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ENGLISH WILL BEGIN AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, MONG KOK, ON SATURDAY (JUNE 21).

EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE PROTO-TYPE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS, TEACHING AIDS AND PROJECTS DESIGNED AND PRODUCED BY COURSE PARTICIPANTS.

THE EXHIBITION AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 21ST FLOOR, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM MONDAY (JUNE 23) TO THURSDAY (JUNE 26).

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FREE VARIETY SHOW IN WESTERN
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MORE THAN 500 RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL BE TREATED TO A FREE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME ON SATURDAY (JUNE 21) EVENING AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE VARIETY SHOW IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF FUNCTIONS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MORE ENTERTAINMENT FOR RESIDENTS.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL INCLUDE BAND MUSIC, SINGING, MAGIC AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES.

THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM IN THE MAIN HALL OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT WESTERN STREET, SAI YING PUN.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MRS IRENE LEE- EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR DANNY CHAN- CULTURAL AND ENTERTAINMENT MANAGER (HONG KONG), URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR DANIEL CHUNG- AND ASSISTANT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (CENTRAL, WESTERN AND ISLANDS), MR LAM KWOK-WAN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT VARIETY SHOW NIGHT TO BE HELD AT 8 PM ON SATURDAY AT THE MAIN HALL OF THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, 36A WESTERN STREET, SAI YING PUN.

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SPECTATOR STAND FOR MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND
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CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SPECTATOR STAND AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND IN MONG KOK WILL START AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE STAND IS TO BE BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE OLD STAND WHICH WAS DEMOLISHED LAST YEAR. IT WILL ACCOMMODATE 850 SPECTATORS.

UNDER THE STAND WILL BE A SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING CONTAINING AN OFFICE, A CONFERENCE AND READING ROOM, A FIRST-AID ROOM, STORE ROOM, CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECENTLY AWARDED A \$1.4 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES ON CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL

NO VEHICLE ON WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO GILMAN STREET ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH STARTING FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 21).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL BE DIVERTED TO WING WO STREET, WING LOK STREET AND RUMSEY STREET TO REJOIN PIER ROAD.

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NO FLUSHING WATER IN KOWLOON TONG

SALT WATER SUPPLY IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 22) TO 10 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL OF KOWLOON TONG.

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