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EDUCATION ASSESSMENT SERVICE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN  
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PARENTS OF CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM ANY FORM OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITY ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THEM TO ONE OF THE TWO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRES RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR AN ASSESSMENT.

THE CENTRES ARE IN PERTH STREET IN KOWLOON, AND IN HOSPITAL ROAD IN SAI YING PUN ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THROUGH AN INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT, HANDICAPPED CHILDREN MAY, IF FOUND NECESSARY, BE REFERRED TO SCHOOLS FOR HANDICAPPED PUPILS WHERE THEY ARE TAUGHT A CURRICULUM THAT IS ADAPTED TO THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS.

SPECIAL EDUCATION HELPS THEM +TO DEVELOP AND GROW UP AS WELL-ADJUSTED INDIVIDUALS WHO CAN LEAD A WHOLLY OR, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, PARTIALLY SELF-SUPPORTING LIFE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATION OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR DEGREE OF MENTAL HANDICAP SINCE APRIL LAST YEAR.

IN APRIL THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 23 SCHOOLS FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WITH A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 2 500 PLACES. ELEVEN OF THESE WERE FORMERLY SUBVENTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND ONE ORIGINALLY BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

AS FOR THE CURRICULUM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOR THOSE WHO COULD BENEFIT, ORDINARY SCHOOL SUBJECTS SUCH AS LANGUAGE AND MATHEMATICS WERE TAUGHT- PERCEPTUAL TRAINING, SOCIAL TRAINING AS WELL AS INTEGRATED STUDIES WERE ALSO INCLUDED.

BECAUSE OF THEIR MENTAL HANDICAP, SELF-CARE IN DAILY LIFE IS ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL SUBJECTS IN THE CURRICULUM, HE ADDED.

FURTHERMORE, THE CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT PRACTICAL SKILLS TO PREPARE THEM FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR EMPLOYMENT AND ULTIMATELY FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE IN FUTURE.

UNDER THE CODE OF AID FOR SPECIAL SCHOOLS, THEIR CLASS SIZE IS MUCH SMALLER THAN THAT OF AN ORDINARY SCHOOL TO PERMIT BETTER ATTENTION TO EACH INDIVIDUAL CHILD.

THE CODE ALSO PROVIDES NURSES FOR SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WHERE THE CHILDREN NEED MORE CONSTANT MEDICAL CARE.

SOCIAL WORKERS AND SPEECH THERAPISTS ARE ALSO PROVIDED IN THESE SCHOOLS TO EXPAND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY CARE.

+SPEECH THERAPISTS HELP THESE PUPILS TO DEVELOP THEIR COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS AND SOCIAL WORKERS HELP THEM SOLVE ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS AT HOME AND IN SCHOOL AS WELL AS ESTABLISH BETTER LINK BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE FAMILY+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

## SENIOR OFFICIALS LAUNCH NEW DRAGON BOATS

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ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, AND THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR C.T. WONG, TODAY DOTTED THE EYES OF TWO NEW DRAGON BOATS WHICH WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACES NEXT TUESDAY (JUNE 17). THE DISTRICT OFFICER TAI PO, MR NICHOLAS NG, DOTTED THE EYES OF A THIRD BOAT.

THE CEREMONY, AT THE TAI WONG YEH TEMPLE, YUEN CHAU TSAI, STARTED WITH RELIGIOUS RITES. AMID THE SOUNDS OF CHINESE TRUMPETS, DRUMS AND GONGS, THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN WONG, OFFERED WINE, A ROAST PIG, A CHICKEN AND OTHER DELICACIES TO TAI WONG YEH - THE PATRON GOD OF LOCAL FISHERMEN.

IT WAS FOLLOWED BY CHANTING OF PRAYERS IN THE HAKKA DIALECT BY A VILLAGE ELDER.

MR CHUI, DR WONG AND MR NG THEN DOTTED THE EYES OF THE NEW DRAGON BOATS. LEGEND HAS IT THAT THE DOTTING OF EYES GIVES DRAGONS +LIFE+ AND THIS PREPARES THE BOATS FOR THE RACES.

AN EXHIBITION RACE BETWEEN THE THREE NEW BOATS WAS HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CEREMONY.

THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACES ON TUESDAY WILL BE HELD AT SHUEN WAN HOI, ALONG THE MAIN DAM OF PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR, STARTING AT 10.30 AM.

FORTY TEAMS, REPRESENTING LOCAL FISHERMEN, SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE ENTERED.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION.

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## GRADUATION OF RECRUIT PRISON OFFICERS

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ANOTHER BATCH OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE JOINED THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT TOOK PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TODAY ON COMPLETING THEIR INITIAL TRAINING.

ON PARADE WERE 22 OFFICERS AND 67 ASSISTANT OFFICERS, INCLUDING THREE WOMEN ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

THE CAPTAIN-IN-CHARGE OF THE ROYAL NAVY IN HONG KONG, CAPTAIN R.W. MOLAND, TOOK THE SALUTE AND PRESENTED GOLDEN WHISTLES TO THE BEST TWO OF THEM, MR TSE KWONG-MAN AND MR LAM KAI-YUEN, BOTH ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

ADDRESSING THE PARADE, CAPTAIN MOLAND TOLD THE RECRUITS TO KEEP IN MIND THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE OF THE PRISON SERVICE, WHICH IS THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS SO THAT THEY CAN TAKE THEIR PLACE BACK IN SOCIETY, AND IN SO DOING COMBAT THE PROBLEM OF CRIME.

HE TOLD THEM THAT THEIR MONTHS OF HARD BASIC TRAINING WOULD NOW COME TO FRUITION AND THEY WOULD APPRECIATE THE SATISFACTION OF CONTRIBUTING IN NO SMALL WAY TO THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE REHABILITATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE ASTRAY.

CAPTAIN MOLAND ALSO APPRECIATED THE BREADTH OF TRAINING AND THE CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE REQUIRED BY PRISON OFFICERS BEFORE THEY ARE FULLY ACCEPTED INTO THE SERVICE.

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PROSECUTIONS FOR LABOUR OFFENCES  
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THERE WERE 771 PROSECUTIONS LAST MONTH AGAINST INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR VIOLATING LABOUR LEGISLATION.

OF THE CASES TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PROSECUTIONS UNIT, 757 RESULTED IN CONVICTION AND FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS TOTALLED \$615 000.

THE MAJORITY WERE RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND VARIOUS REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ORDINANCE, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

A TOTAL OF 319 CONCERNED BREACHES OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS AND THE FINES AMOUNTED TO \$396 475.

OF THESE CASES, 198 (WITH \$240 000 IN FINES) WERE FOR BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 71 (WITH \$116 650 IN FINES) WERE FOR BREACHES OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

OFFENCES RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR 412 CASES AND FINES TOTALLED \$195 875.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PROSECUTIONS WERE MAINLY THE RESULT OF ACTION TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND THE LABOUR INSPECTORATE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT TOOK MORE THAN LEGISLATION TO STAMP OUT OFFENCES IN INDUSTRY AND THAT CO-OPERATION WAS NEEDED FROM ALL CONCERNED TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION.

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WORK TO START ON SHEK PIK PRISON

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A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON IS TO BE BUILT AT SHEK PIK ON LANTAU ISLAND.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR PAUL YIU, PWD SENIOR ARCHITECT SAID THE SCHEME COMPRISED THE CONSTRUCTION OF TEN TWO-TO-FOUR STOREY BLOCKS.

+EIGHT OF THE BLOCKS ARE INTER-CONNECTING AND TOGETHER THEY CONTAIN 482 CELLS WITH CLEANING AND DINING AREAS, WORKSHOPS, CLASSROOMS AND MEDICAL AND DENTAL FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

+THE TWO REMAINING BLOCKS ARE DETACHED FROM THE CELLS UNIT. ONE OF THEM HOUSES A GYMNASIUM, WORKSHOPS, LAUNDRY AND CENTRAL KITCHEN, AND THE OTHER PROVIDES OFFICES FOR ADMINISTRATION, VISITING FACILITIES, AS WELL AS ACCOMMODATION FOR STAND-BY DUTY STAFF.+

OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS WOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED, HE ADDED.

THE WHOLE COMPLEX WILL BE BUILT INSIDE SECURITY WALLS WHICH HAVE JUST BEEN COMPLETED UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT.

WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LARGE CONTRACT FOR SEWAGE PROJECT

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A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE YUEN LONG SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AT WANG CHAU WILL BE AWARDED ON MONDAY (JUNE 16) BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF PWD HEADQUARTERS, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AT 11 AM.

OFFICERS OF THE PWD PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

TV CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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CLOSED FOR FESTIVAL  
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THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY AND ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17), WHICH IS DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL DAY.

MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICES WILL ALSO BE CLOSED, EXCEPT ITS PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS AT YAU MA TEI, KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN, ITS PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE, AND MACAU FERRY WHARF UNIT OFFICES.

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LIST OF CHARITABLE BODIES GAZETTED  
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A REVISED LIST OF CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS AND TRUSTS RECOGNISED AS EXEMPT FROM TAX UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

TAX RELIEF IS GIVEN TO AMOUNTS OF MONEY DONATED TO ANY OF THESE BODIES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.

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FIRING PRACTICE REMINDER

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE TWO FIRING RANGES AT BASALT ISLAND AND AT HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK ON FOUR DAYS NEXT WEEK.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE RANGE AREAS WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING TIMES OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE</u>	<u>BASALT ISLAND RANGE</u>
MONDAY, JUNE 16	8.30 AM TO 5 PM	--
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18	8 AM TO 5 PM	8 AM TO 12 NOON
THURSDAY, JUNE 19	8 AM TO 10 PM	8 AM TO 12 NOON
FRIDAY, JUNE 20	--	8 AM TO 12 NOON

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NEW ROAD OPENS AT A KUNG NGAM

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A NEW ROAD JOINING A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD WITH A KUNG NGAM WILL BE OPENED TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 16).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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