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HK SOCIAL WORKER WINS INTERNATIONAL AWARD

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A SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BECOME THE FIRST BLIND WOMAN IN ASIA TO RECEIVE AN INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE FIELD OF WELFARE FOR THE BLIND.

MISS LUCY CHING, IN CHARGE OF THE WELFARE UNIT FOR THE BLIND, HAS BEEN SELECTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ASIAN AFFAIRS OF THE WORLD COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE OF THE BLIND AS THE WINNER OF THE 1979 TAKEO IWAHASHI AWARD.

THE AWARD IS GIVEN EACH YEAR BY THE COUNCIL TO AN OUTSTANDING WORKER, SIGHTED OR BLIND, IN THE FIELD OF BLIND WELFARE. THE 1978 WINNER WAS MR. HIDEYUKI IWAHASHI OF JAPAN.

IN HIS LETTER INFORMING MISS CHING OF THE AWARD, MR. SURESH C. AHUJA, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, SAID HER COURAGE AND DÉTERMINATION IN OVERCOMING THE DISABILITY OF BLINDNESS HAD SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO OTHER BLIND PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY TO BLIND WOMEN IN HONG KONG AND OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.

MR. AHUJA SAID HER EFFORTS TO HELP THE BLIND AND TO PROMOTE SERVICES FOR THEM WERE WELL KNOWN AND IT WAS THEREFORE MOST BEFITTING THAT SHE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS THE FIRST BLIND WOMAN TO RECEIVE THE AWARD.

+I FEEL GREATLY HONOURED TO HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE AWARD. IT WILL BE A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE BLIND PEOPLE IN HONG KONG,+ MISS CHING SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+I SHALL ALWAYS CHERISH IT AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS IN MY CAREER,+ SHE ADDED.

MISS CHING, WHO LOST HER EYESIGHT WHEN SHE WAS SIX MONTHS OLD, HAS BEEN A DEDICATED WORKER IN THE FIELD OF BLIND WELFARE, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

DESPITE HER DISABILITY, SHE FINISHED HER SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG AND SPENT THREE YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES STUDYING TEACHING OF THE BLIND, ON A SCHOLARSHIP.

UPON GRADUATION 20 YEARS AGO, SHE TURNED DOWN A FEW OFFERS OF TEACHING POST IN THE UNITED STATES AND RETURNED TO HONG KONG TO JOIN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AS SOCIAL WORKER IN THE BLIND TRAINING CENTRE.

MISS CHING WAS AWARDED THE M.B.E. IN 1975 AND APPOINTED OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BLIND WELFARE UNIT IN 1978.

LAST YEAR, SHE HELPED ORGANISE THE FIFTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON WORK FOR THE BLIND HOSTED IN HONG KONG BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND FOR 145 DELEGATES FROM 21 COUNTRIES.

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THE FOLLOWING IS EMBARGOED UNTIL 8 A.M. ON MONDAY (MARCH 12).

QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE
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THE QUEEN, IN HER COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE THIS YEAR, SAID THE COMMONWEALTH WORKS ON MANY LEVELS -- IT IS INVOLVED IN POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION, BUT ABOVE ALL IT IS CONCERNED WITH THE LIVES OF PEOPLE.

+IT IS THEREFORE GOOD TO BE ABLE TO LOOK BACK ON TWO SPECIAL SUCCESSES IN COMMONWEALTH UNDERSTANDING DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS, DURING WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE AND THE LIFE OF THE COMMONWEALTH HAVE BEEN CLOUDED BY SO MANY INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS.+

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE:-

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+THE TWO EVENTS WERE THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES AND THE SIMULTANEOUS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, FESTIVAL '78, WHICH WERE HELD IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA, IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

+BOTH BROUGHT TOGETHER IN FRIENDSHIP YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ALL ROUND THE WORLD. THE FESTIVAL WAS A BRILLIANTLY SUCCESSFUL MINGLING OF CULTURES WHICH ADDED A SPECIAL MAGIC TO THE SPLENDID TRADITIONAL SPIRIT OF THE GAMES.

+THE GAMES WILL GO ON, BEING HELD NEXT IN BRISBANE IN 1982. I BELIEVE THAT THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE FESTIVAL, IN WHICH ALL THE ARTISTS SHARED, BUT FOR WHICH PARTICULAR CREDIT GOES TO THE IMAGINATION AND HARD WORK OF THE CANADIAN ORGANISERS, WILL ALSO BE LASTING, HELPING ALL OF US TO SHARE IN THE RICH AND DIVERSE CULTURES OF OUR COMMONWEALTH.+

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES
IN PRIVATE SECTOR
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO CO-OPERATE IN AN EMPLOYMENT SURVEY NEXT WEEK.

THE SURVEY, CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS AT QUARTERLY INTERVALS, IS TO HELP COMPILE STATISTICAL TABLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS OR SITES WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

HE SAID LETTERS AND SURVEY FORMS FOR THE MARCH 1979 SURVEY HAD BEEN SENT TO CONTRACTORS SEEKING INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS AT EACH SITE UNDER THEIR CHARGE AS AT MARCH 15.

SURVEY OFFICERS, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL VISIT WORK SITES FROM MARCH 15 TO 17 TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED FORMS, HE ADDED.

DEPARTMENT RECORDS SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 73,716 MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED AT VARIOUS WORK SITES IN MID-DECEMBER LAST YEAR, OF WHICH 35,512 WERE INVOLVED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

ALL ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THIS SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO MR. CHIU FOOK-CHING, STATISTICIAN (EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS) AT 5-444938, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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AFTER-CARE SERVICE ACHIEVES REMARKABLE RESULTS
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AFTER-CARE HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR DRUG ADDICTS AND HAS ACHIEVED REMARKABLE RESULTS IN PREVENTING RELAPSES.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT BETWEEN THE START OF THE PROGRAMME IN 1969 AND THE END OF 1978, 12,319 MEN AND WOMEN AFTER DISCHARGE HAVE GONE THROUGH THE STATUTORY ONE-YEAR PERIOD OF AFTER-CARE.

DURING THIS PERIOD, 7,536 MEN OR 63.53 PER CENT AND 343 WOMEN OR 75.22 PER CENT WERE CERTIFIED TO HAVE REMAINED DRUG-FREE AND, AT THE SAME TIME, WERE NOT RE-CONVICTED OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENCES.

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THE DEPARTMENT ALSO CONDUCTED A RANDOM-SAMPLING SURVEY FOR A FURTHER TWO YEARS ON 10 PER CENT OF THE INMATES WHICH INDICATED THAT THE PROPORTION OF THOSE STILL DRUG-FREE AND NOT CONVICTED OF ANY CRIMINAL OFFENCES WAS 271 OR 40.15 PER CENT FOR MEN AND 19 OR 59.38 PER CENT FOR WOMEN.

IF THE ABSTINENCE RATE IS CONSIDERED ALONE, THE ONE-YEAR AND THREE-YEAR RESULTS WERE 8,725 OR 73.55 PER CENT AND 358 OR 53.04 PER CENT FOR MEN, AND 360 OR 78.95 PER CENT AND 19 OR 59.38 PER CENT FOR WOMEN.

THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT TOTAL REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS. THIS ENTAILS THREE PHASES OF METICULOUS EFFORTS -- FIRST TO RESTORE THE PHYSICAL HEALTH OF AN INMATE, THEN TO UPROOT HIS PSYCHOLOGICAL AND EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCE ON DRUGS, AND FINALLY TO FACILITATE HIS RE-ADJUSTMENT INTO SOCIETY.

THE SOCIAL RE-ADJUSTMENT PRIMARILY INVOLVES ARRANGING POST-RELEASE EMPLOYMENT AND ACCOMMODATION BY AN AFTER-CARE OFFICER.

BUT OF GREATER IMPORTANCE IS THAT THE AFTER-CARE OFFICER IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR COUNSELLING AND ADVICE.

ONCE AN INMATE IS ADMITTED TO A TREATMENT CENTRE AN AFTER-CARE OFFICER INTERVIEWS HIM, GATHERS INFORMATION ON HIS BACKGROUND, DRUG ADDICTION AND PREVIOUS TREATMENT HISTORY.

AN AFTER-CARE OFFICER'S JOB IS TO HELP THE INMATE THROUGH DIFFICULT PERIODS, NOT ONLY WHILE HE IS IN THE CENTRE BUT ALSO AFTER HIS RELEASE.

DURING AN INMATE'S DETENTION, PERSONAL CONSULTATIONS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS ARE HELD TO PROMOTE POSITIVE ATTITUDES.

AN INMATE'S FAMILY PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HIS SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION. FAMILY ACCEPTANCE AND UNDERSTANDING ARE ESSENTIAL IF HE OR SHE IS TO RE-INTEGRATE BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY.

+A LARGE NUMBER COME FROM BROKEN FAMILIES AND WE MAKE A TREMENDOUS EFFORT TO RE-UNITE THEM. WE ARE SUCCESSFUL IN MOST CASES,+ SAID MR. LI TING-CHEONG, CHIEF OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE AFTER-CARE UNIT.

TO PROMOTE FAMILY COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING, REGULAR DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN INMATES, THEIR FAMILIES AND AFTER-CARE OFFICERS ARE ARRANGED, AND HOME LEAVE IS GRANTED TO INMATES BEFORE THEIR RELEASE.

GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT FOR EX-DRUG ADDICTS IS ALSO ESSENTIAL TO PREVENT THEM FROM RELAPSE AND THE PLACEMENT SERVICE IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE AFTER-CARE UNIT PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN ITS ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES.

EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT EX-ADDICTS ARE STABLE AND DILIGENT WORKERS AND A NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE GIVEN WORK TO THEM HAVE FOUND THEIR PERFORMANCE VERY SATISFACTORY. IN FACT THEY HAVE APPROACHED THE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE.

+EMPLOYERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S EX-DRUG ADDICTS PLACEMENT SERVICE. AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT DEFINITELY HELPS EX-ADDICTS TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF,+ MR. LI SAID.

THERE ARE NOW THREE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES FOR MEN -- ONE AT TAI LAM, AND TWO ON HEI LING CHAU ISLAND INCLUDING ONE FOR YOUNG INMATES. IN ADDITION, THE TAI LAM CENTRE FOR WOMEN IS FOR WOMEN ADDICTS OF ALL AGES.

AT THE END OF THE FOUR TO 12 MONTHS TREATMENT PERIOD, AN INMATE IS PUT UNDER STATUTORY SUPERVISION FOR 12 MONTHS FOLLOWING RELEASE. THIS IS IMPORTANT AS RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT AN ADDICT IS MOST VULNERABLE TO RELAPSE DURING THE FIRST YEAR AFTER TREATMENT.

DURING THIS PERIOD, HIS AFTER-CARE OFFICER CONTINUES TO COUNSEL, ADVISE AND ASSIST. IF AN INMATE UNDER SUPERVISION HAS RELAPSED OR IN ANY WAY FAILED TO COMPLY WITH THE CONDITIONS OF HIS SUPERVISION ORDER HE IS LIABLE TO BE RECALLED FOR FURTHER DETENTION IN A DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE.

FOR INMATES WHO REQUIRE CLOSE SUPERVISION AFTER THEIR RELEASE, OR WHO HAVE NO READY ACCOMMODATION, QUARTERS ARE PROVIDED IN THE 'NEW LIFE HOUSE' AT TAI LAM CHUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHERE A PROGRAMME OF RE-INTEGRATION IS OPERATIVE.

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QUARTERS FOR FIREMEN
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER 760 MARRIED QUARTERS IN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN FOR MARRIED MEMBERS OF THE RANK-AND-FILE.

+CONSTRUCTION ON THE TWO QUARTERS IS ABOUT 90 PER CENT COMPLETE AND THE MEN ARE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO THEIR NEW HOMES TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT MONTH,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROJECTS WERE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LONG-TERM EXPANSION PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE HOMES TO AS MANY SERVING MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.

THE \$26.5 MILLION QUARTERS WILL EACH COMPRISE TWO 20-STOREY BLOCKS, A CAR PARK, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A GARDEN.

PILING WORK ON PHASE II OF THE SHA TIN QUARTERS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOON. THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER 220 UNITS.

THE TSUEN WAN QUARTERS IS NEAR THE JUNCTION OF LEI MUK SHUE ROAD AND WO YEE HOP ROAD, ADJACENT TO THE LEI MUK SHUI AMBULANCE TRAINING CENTRE.

THE SHA TIN COMPLEX IS OPPOSITE LEK YUEN ESTATE NEAR THE SHA TIN BY-PASS IN TAIPO ROAD.

THERE ARE 380 FLATS IN EACH, INCLUDING 20 GRADE 'G' (ABOUT 1,200 SQ. FT.) 140 'I' (ABOUT 470 SQ. FT.) AND 220 GRADE 'J' (ABOUT 365 SQ. FT.), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SEMINAR ON MAC

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A SEMINAR ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN PRIVATE DOMESTIC BUILDINGS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) EVENING AT THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG ASSOCIATION.

ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO), THE SEMINAR IS TO GIVE THE PARTICIPANTS A PERSPECTIVE OF M.A.C. SO AS TO IMPROVE THEIR BUILDING MANAGEMENT EFFICIENCY.

DURING THE SEMINAR, OFFICERS FROM THE C.D.O. WILL DISCUSS WITH PARTICIPANTS THE BY-LAWS GOVERNING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

ABOUT 100 OFFICE-BEARERS FROM THE DISTRICT'S 113 M.A.C.'S WILL ATTEND.

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NOTE:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH TAKES PLACE AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE SHAM SHUI PO KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, 88 YU CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, AT 8 P.M.

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PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM PRAISED

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THE EXISTENCE OF A SOUND AND EFFICIENT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM HAS BEEN LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH ACHIEVEMENTS AS REFLECTED BY THE FAVOURABLE INDICES OF HEALTH AND THE CHANGED PATTERN OF DISEASES.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, SAID THIS AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG IS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES AND ITS PREVENTIVE HEALTH PROGRAMMES OVER THE PAST THREE DECADES.

THESE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES, HE SAID, HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS IMPACT ON THE INFANT MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY RATES WHICH ARE +COMPARABLE TO SOME OF THE BEST IN THE WORLD.+

+THE PATTERN OF DISEASES HAS CHANGED SO DRAMATICALLY THAT WE ARE NOW IN THE BIG LEAGUE OF THE ADVANCED COUNTRIES,+ HE ADDED.

DR. THONG EXPLAINED THAT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IS A SYSTEM OF ESSENTIAL HEALTH CARE MADE UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE TO INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN A COMMUNITY BY MEANS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM THROUGH FULL PARTICIPATION AND AT A COST THAT THE COMMUNITY CAN AFFORD.

+PRIMARY HEALTH CARE FOCUSES ITS SERVICES ON THE MAIN HEALTH PROBLEMS IN A COMMUNITY PROVIDING PROMOTIVE, PREVENTIVE, CURATIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES ACCORDING TO THE COUNTRY'S NEEDS,+ HE SAID.

REGRETTABLY, HE CONTINUED, THERE ARE MANY COUNTRIES WHERE MUCH OF THE HEALTH RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE HAVE BEEN UTILISED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE NOT EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED.

+IN SUCH COUNTRIES LIMITED RESOURCES SOMETIMES HAVE BEEN USED TO SUPPORT SOPHISTICATED MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS WITHOUT, AT THE SAME TIME, PROVIDING FOR THE BASIC PRIMARY HEALTH CARE WHICH SHOULD BE MADE WIDELY AVAILABLE TO THE MAJORITY WHO NEEDS IT,+ HE ADDED.

IN THE CONTEXT OF HONG KONG, SAID DR. THONG, OUR PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM HAS AS ITS NUCLEUS THE WIDESPREAD AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT SERVICES BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

+THIS IS THE FRONTIER WHERE PATIENTS FIRST CONTACT THE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND WHERE SERIOUS AND NON-SERIOUS CASES, ACUTE AND NON-ACUTE PATIENTS ARE FIRST SEEN, DIAGNOSED AND TREATED AND, WHERE MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN IN CERTAIN CASES, WHICH WILL PREVENT MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FROM OCCURRING LATER,+ HE SAID.

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A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE SYSTEM IN HONG KONG IS THAT HEALTH CARE IS PROVIDED AT ONLY MINIMAL COSTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE TO THE BULK OF THE POPULATION.

DR. THONG SAID THE QUALITY OF THE SYSTEM, HOWEVER, RELIES ENTIRELY ON THE STANDARD OF THE HEALTH PERSONNEL.

+IT IS THEREFORE MOST TIMELY THAT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY TODAY HAS TURNED THE SPOTLIGHT ON THAT IMPORTANT GROUP OF MY COLLEAGUES BOTH IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE AND IN THE PRIVATE PRACTICE WHO HAVE, OVER THE YEARS, PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL ROLE IN PROVIDING PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TO THE COMMUNITY, I.E. THE GENERAL PRACTITIONERS,+ HE SAID.

+JUDGING FROM THE GATHERING OF DISTINGUISHED PERSONALITIES AND THE SPLENDOUR AND POMP OF TODAY'S CEREMONY, I CAN SEE THAT GENERAL PRACTICE IN HONG KONG HAS COME INTO ITS OWN AND THAT THE INFANT COLLEGE HAS ANNOUNCED ITS ARRIVAL ON THE MEDICAL SCENE WITH RESOUNDING VOICE QUITE IN KEEPING WITH THE BEHAVIOUR OF ANY NORMAL FULL TERM AND HEALTHY CHILD BORN INTO THIS WORLD,+ HE ADDED.

DR. THONG SAID IT WAS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT ONE OF THE MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF THE COLLEGE IS TO PROVIDE FOR A FORMAL, ORGANISED SYSTEM OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR ALL GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND TO ENDEAVOUR TO BETTER THE STANDARD OF PRIVATE PRACTICE AND PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN HONG KONG.

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SEMINAR AND COURSE FOR P.E. TEACHERS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION WILL ORGANISE A SEMINAR AND A GYMNASTICS TEACHING COURSE NEXT MONTH FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO IMPROVE THEIR DAILY WORK.

THE SEMINAR IS TO PROVIDE TEACHERS WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON GYMNASTICS AND INTRODUCE NEW APPROACHES IN TEACHING.

ITS THEME IS PLANNING AND EVALUATION OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HO MAN TIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN PERTH STREET, KOWLOON, ON APRIL 12.

THE GYMNASTICS TEACHING COURSE, HELD BETWEEN APRIL 17 AND 20, AIMS TO IMPROVE THE ABILITY OF PARTICIPANTS IN TEACHING THE SUBJECT.

CONTENTS OF THE COURSE INCLUDE SELECTION OF TEACHING MATERIALS, LESSON PLANNING AND ORGANISATION, TEACHING METHODS AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE PART IN BOTH THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL SESSIONS.

NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED AND A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AWARDED TO TEACHERS WHO HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED THE COURSE. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

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