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REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS DEVELOPING REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED IN THE AREAS OF PREVENTION, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, AS WELL AS MEDICAL AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) AT A JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS RUN BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA.

AT THE CEREMONY IN CITY HALL MRS DOE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL POLICY OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROVIDE SUCH SERVICES AS TO ENABLE DISABLED PERSONS TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL CAPABILITIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

SHE SAID THE OBJECTIVE WAS SET OUT IN THE WHITE PAPER, +INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY: A UNITED FRONT+, PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1977.

THE TARGET GROUPS ARE THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, THE MENTALLY ILL, AND PEOPLE WITH VISUAL AND HEARING DEFECTS, SHE SAID.

SOCIAL REHABILITATION SERVICES, SHE SAID, INCLUDE COUNSELLING, HOUSING, RESIDENTIAL CARE, TRANSPORT, ACCESS, SPORTS AND RECREATION.

MRS DOE SAID THAT IN PROVIDING ACCOMMODATION FOR THE DISABLED, ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOCATE HOUSING NEAR THEIR PLACE OF WORK.

+DISABLED OR ELDERLY PERSONS WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING,+ SHE SAID.

FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES, RESIDENTIAL CARE IS PROVIDED IN THE FORM OF LONG-STAY CARE HOMES, HALF-WAY HOUSES AND HOSTELS, SHE SAID.

DISABLED PEOPLE ARE PREPARED FOR JOBS THROUGH SPECIAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING, MRS DOE SAID, WHILST SHELTERED WORKSHOPS ARE OPERATED FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT ENTER OPEN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF DISABILITIES.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES ARE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS THESE ARE ESSENTIAL TO A BALANCED LIFE AND ARE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE DISABLED,+ SHE SAID.

AS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, SHE SAID, THE GOVERNMENT GIVES SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE AND DISABILITY SUPPLEMENT TO HELP DISABLED PERSONS WHO HAVE LOST ALL OR PART OF THEIR EARNING CAPACITY.

IN ADDITION, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ALLOCATES GRANTS FROM CHARITABLE FUNDS TO HELP PURCHASE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT SUCH AS HEARING AIDS AND WHEELCHAIRS, SHE ADDED.

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FACTORY LAW BREAKERS FACE PROSECUTION

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PROSECUTIONS UNIT TOOK OUT A TOTAL OF 744 PROSECUTIONS LAST MONTH (AUGUST) AGAINST INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR VIOLATING LABOUR LEGISLATION.

AS A RESULT, THERE WERE 732 CONVICTIONS WITH FINES AMOUNTING TO \$501 320 IMPOSED BY THE COURTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

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

AMONG THEM, 218 CONCERNED BREACHES OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS AND THE FINES TOTALLED \$232 350.

OF THESE CASES, 115 (WITH \$102 850 IN FINES) WERE FOR BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 68 (WITH \$91 250 IN FINES) WERE FOR BREACHES OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

OFFENCES RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR 497 CASES AND FINES TOTALLED \$253 970.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE PROSECUTIONS WERE MAINLY THE RESULT OF CONTINUAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND THE LABOUR INSPECTORATE.

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

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KCR DOUBLE TRACKING TO ENTER NEW PHASE

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WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER ON DOUBLE TRACKING ANOTHER SECTION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SOUTH OF TAI PO KAU STATION TO THE TAI PO MARKET STATION.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE DOUBLE TRACKING THREE KILOMETRES OF RAILWAY LINE, CONSTRUCTION OF STATION PLATFORMS AND PASSENGER SUBWAYS FOR THE NEW TAI PO MARKET STATION WHICH WILL BE LOCATED ABOUT 700 METRES SOUTH OF THE EXISTING ONE.

IN ADDITION TO EMBANKMENT WIDENING AND LAYING OF A SECOND TRACK TWO EXISTING RAILWAY BRIDGES WILL BE REBUILT TO PROVIDE A HIGHER LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY, AND TWO ROAD UNDERPASSES FENCING ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE RAILWAY EMBANKMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

FOUR PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE GRADE SEPARATED CROSSINGS TO REPLACE EXISTING CROSSINGS.

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TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE WORK, EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1982, HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AS PART OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY'S MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME.

THE REMAINDER OF THE WORK FOR THE NEW STATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT LATER UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE ON KCR MODERNISATION

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THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MR D.M. HOWES WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE KCR'S MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME AT 3 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE GIS THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

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POWER SUPPLY FOR MORE SQUATTERS

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PROPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE HOMES OF MORE THAN 220 SQUATTERS IN CHUNG SHAN VILLAGE, WONG TAI SIN ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON THAT DAY TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE SCHEME FOR RESIDENTS OF THE SQUATTER AREA.

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY AND THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, MR C.F. TSE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE CHUNG SHAN VILLAGE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN FORMED TO CO-ORDINATE AND FACILITATE INSTALLATION WORKS.

THE ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME WAS JOINTLY DEVELOPED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POWER COMPANY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

SO FAR, MORE THAN 9 500 SQUATTERS IN LION ROCK AREA AND LUNG YIN HANG HAVE BENEFITTED FROM SIMILAR SCHEMES IMPLEMENTED SINCE 1975.

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THE CDO IS ALSO PLANNING TO BRING LEGAL ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO 7 000 RESIDENTS IN TAI HOM WOR IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

ALL THESE SCHEMES ARE AIMED AT REDUCING FIRE RISKS AND IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN SQUATTER AREAS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF AN ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME IN CHUNG SHAN VILLAGE, WONG TAI SIN AT 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17). THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY AND THE DISTRICT ENGINEER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY. ACCESS TO THE VILLAGE CAN BE GAINED FROM A FOOTPATH BRANCHING OUT FROM SHA TIN PASS ROAD AND LEADING TO FAT CHONG MONASTERY.

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NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE OPENS SUB-OFFICE AT FANLING  
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A SUB-OFFICE OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE WILL OPEN AT FANLING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE NEW OFFICE IS SITUATED IN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, NEXT TO FANLING MAGISTRACY. IT WAS FORMERLY THE FANLING CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY CAMP.

THE SUB-OFFICE IN THREE SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURES WILL CONSIST OF AN ACCOUNTS OFFICE, A PERMITS OFFICE, THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS SECTION AND A LIAISON SUB-OFFICE. THERE IS ALSO A CONFERENCE ROOM.

THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE WILL OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS. PAYMENT OF WATER CHARGES, RATES, FIXED PENALTY CHARGES, STAMP DUTY AND CROWN RENT CAN BE MADE THERE DURING OFFICE HOURS.

A TEAM OF LAND OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY TO ANSWER PUBLIC ENQUIRIES.

NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, WHICH IS HOUSED IN THE FORMER TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, COVERS SHA TAU KOK, SHEUNG SHUI, SHEK WU HUI AND FANLING AND A LARGE PART OF THE BORDER AREA. IT WAS FORMERLY PART OF TAI PO DISTRICT, BUT BECAME A SEPARATE DISTRICT A YEAR AGO TO STREAMLINE ADMINISTRATION IN AN AREA OF GROWING POPULATION.

WITH THE OPENING OF THE SUB-OFFICE AT FANLING LOCAL RESIDENTS WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO TRAVEL TO TAI PO TO RECEIVE DISTRICT OFFICE SERVICES.

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PRE-WAR BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED A FOUR-STORY PRE-WAR BUILDING AT NO. 288 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THIS MORNING THAT THE BUILDING CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS AND TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOF HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE SINCE 1973.

FOLLOWING THE RECENT SUDDEN COLLAPSE OF THE ROOF OF THE ADJOINING BUILDING AT NO. 290 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WHICH WAS CLOSED UNDER AN EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER, A DETAILED INSPECTION HAS BEEN MADE, HE SAID.

+IT WAS NOTED THAT THE PREMISES WERE DILAPIDATED WITH SOME STRUCTURAL CRACKS AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME RECENT MOVEMENT IN THE PARTY WALL WITH NO 290 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WHICH WOULD RENDER ITS STABILITY DOUBTFUL AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING AT NO. 290,+ HE ADDED.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON OCTOBER 6, 1980 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS  
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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN WILL PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO SIX STUDENTS WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP AND THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR THE 1980/81 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 3.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 1404, 14TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION.

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SCHOOLS INVITED TO JOIN HEALTH EDUCATION CONTEST  
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HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE REPRESENTATIVES TO COMPETE IN THE 1980 SCHOOLS' HEALTH EDUCATION SPEECH AND SONG CONTEST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY: +THE CONTEST IS AN ANNUAL FUNCTION JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO MAKE SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HONG KONG MORE AWARE OF HEALTH,+ HE SAID.

THE THEME OF THE CONTEST IS +PERSONAL HABITS AND YOUR HEALTH.+

ENTRIES TO THE SONG CONTEST MUST BE ORIGINAL SONGS IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH FOR GROUP PERFORMANCE WITH OR WITHOUT ACCOMPANIMENT, AND SHOULD BE OF NOT MORE THAN TWO MINUTES' DURATION.

THERE WILL BE A PRIMARY SECTION AND A SECONDARY SECTION, AND SCHOOLS MAY ENTER ONE TEAM OF 30 TO 60 PUPILS FOR EACH SECTION.

THE SPEECH CONTEST WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR SECTIONS IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH FOR BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO HOLD PRELIMINARY ROUNDS TO SELECT THE SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO COMPETE IN THE SPEECH CONTEST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SPEECHES WILL BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES DURATION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CONTESTANTS AND THREE MINUTES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPETITORS.

ELIMINATION CONTESTS WILL BE HELD AT DIFFERENT CENTRES IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ON NOVEMBER 1.

THE FINALS OF THE SPEECH COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 15 AND THAT FOR SONG CONTEST ON NOVEMBER 29 IN CITY HALL.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS RANGING FROM \$100 TO \$600.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR, HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, 28 OI KWAN ROAD, OI KWAN COURT, 2ND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES TO THE SONG CONTEST IS OCTOBER 31, AND THAT FOR THE SPEECH COMPETITION IS OCTOBER 10.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER  
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THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR REPAIRS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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