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INVESTIGATION OF PLANE ACCIDENT IN PROGRESS

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THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR PETER LOK, WHO IS ALSO THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF ACCIDENTS HAS APPOINTED CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER MR KWAN HOK-CHUNG AS INSPECTOR OF ACCIDENTS TO LOOK INTO THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LAST NIGHT.

THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF ACCIDENTS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT AN INSPECTORS' INVESTIGATION WAS TAKING PLACE INTO THE CAUSE OF THE MISHAP.

HE INVITES ANY PERSON INTERESTED TO MAKE REPRESENTATION AS TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OR CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT TO WRITE TO THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF ACCIDENTS OF CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 46TH FLOOR OR TELEPHONE 867 4310 WITHIN 14 DAYS.

A SALVAGE COMMITTEE PREPARATORY MEETING WAS HELD THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

OFFICERS FROM CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MARINE DEPARTMENT, ROYAL NAVY, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING COMPANY, FAR EAST AIR SERVICE AND HONG KONG TOWAGE AND SALVAGE COMPANY ATTENDED THE MEETING.

THE MEETING DECIDED TO APPOINT HONG KONG TOWAGE AND SALVAGE COMPANY TO CONDUCT AN UNDERWATER SURVEY TO ASSESS THE EXTENT OF DAMAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT AND TO IDENTIFY THE MAIN COMPONENTS.

MEANWHILE, THE FLIGHT DATA RECORDER HAS NOT BEEN RECOVERED.

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RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS

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THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF REHABILITATION POLICIES AND SERVICES IS TO MAXIMISE POSSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED PERSONS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR STRACHAN SAID THIS AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND.

"INTEGRATION IS THE MAIN THEME. THIS IS EVIDENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS.

"IN THE PAST, PEOPLE WERE SEGREGATED FROM THE COMMUNITY SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THEIR DISABILITIES.

"AS SUCH, VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS WERE ACCOMMODATED IN FACILITIES AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND PEOPLE AT LARGE, WITHOUT DUE CONSIDERATION OF THEIR CAPACITY FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING," HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT SOCIAL ATTITUDE HAD CHANGED TODAY, MR STRACHAN SAID VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS WERE NO LONGER ENCOURAGED TO SEEK SHELTER IN SEGREGATED SETTINGS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THEIR VISUAL PROBLEM.

"INSTEAD, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO LIVE AS INDEPENDENTLY AS THEIR ABILITIES PERMIT, INDEPENDENT LIVING MEANS ENJOYING FAMILY LIFE AND RESTORING DIGNITY.

"IN TERMS OF MOBILITY, TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES ARE MADE MORE USER-FRIENDLY AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS MORE ACCESSIBLE TO DISABLED PERSONS, INCLUDING VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS.

"IN TERMS OF QUALITY OF LIFE, INDEPENDENT LIVING OPENS UP AVENUES FOR DISABLED PERSONS TO THE MANY FACETS OF COMMUNITY LIFE, WITH A FREEDOM OF CHOICE TO ENGAGE IN PERSONAL PURSUITS OR PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AS THEIR ORDINARY COUNTERPARTS," MR STRACHAN SAID.

HE NOTED THAT INDEPENDENT LIVING WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, THE PROVISION OF HOSTEL SERVICE, OR THE SEMI-INDEPENDENT HOSTEL WHICH OFFERED SMALL GROUP LIVING WITH SUPPORT FROM SOCIAL WORK STAFF.

"OUR POPULATION IS AGING. THE NEEDS OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS WHO HAVE GROWN OLD ARE OBVIOUS.

"OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES, PARTICULARLY HOMES FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED ELDERLY PEOPLE, ARE REQUIRED," MR STRACHAN SAID.

ON A SUGGESTION TO GROUP RESIDENTIAL SERVICES FOR AGED VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF ELDERLY SERVICES IN GENERAL, HE SAID APART FROM THE ADVANTAGES OF STREAMLINING MANAGEMENT AND STANDARDS AND MAXIMISING EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES, THE DIFFERENTIATION BETWEEN AGED VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS AND OTHER ELDERLY PEOPLE WOULD BE REMOVED.

"AGED VISUALLY IMPAIRED PERSONS WOULD BE TREATED IN THE SAME MANNER AS ORDINARY PEOPLE. THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE REALISATION OF THE GOAL OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AS LAID DOWN IN THE GREEN PAPER ON REHABILITATION," MR STRACHAN SAID.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HOME FOR THE AGED BLIND, WHEN COMPLETED, WILL PROVIDE 252 PLACES FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED ELDERLY PEOPLE IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL CARE.

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GLOBAL RADIOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMME IN HK

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IT IS VERY APPROPRIATE THAT HONG KONG HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS SOUTH EAST ASIA'S PROGRAMME CENTRE FOR GLOBAL CONTINUING EDUCATION IN RADIOLOGY.

THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN INAUGURATING THE NYCOMED INTERCONTINENTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION IN RADIOLOGY (NICER) SOUTH EAST ASIA PROGRAMME.

MRS GOODSTADT NOTED THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST NICER PROGRAMME FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA.

"HONG KONG CAN HELP TO MAKE THE PROGRAMME A SUCCESS BECAUSE OF THE OUTSTANDING STANDARDS OF DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN ESTABLISHED HERE."

SHE SAID THE COVERAGE OF THE NICER PROGRAMME COULD MAKE A DIRECT CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVING HONG KONG'S HEALTH STANDARDS.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH WILL LAST TILL OCTOBER 1, WILL BE GIVEN BY ABOUT 20 OF THE WORLD'S MOST DISTINGUISHED RADIOLOGISTS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS.

IT WILL BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 250 RADIOLOGISTS FROM HONG KONG, NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES AND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

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CSD LAUNCHES PUBLICITY ON BEATING RETREAT

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) TODAY (SATURDAY) HELD A BAND DISPLAY AND EXHIBITION AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE (HONG KONG SIDE) TO PROMOTE A "BEATING RETREAT" PERFORMANCE TO BE STAGED BY CSD SCOUTS ON OCTOBER 19 AND 20 AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

THE MAIN PERFORMERS ARE A GROUP OF TRAINING CENTRE INMATES OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND 221ST SCOUT GROUP WHO WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR MUSIC TALENT AND MAGNIFICENT MARCHING DISPLAY.

THE EXHIBITION INCLUDED DISPLAY OUTLINING THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF "BEATING RETREAT", THE HISTORY OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND 221ST SCOUT GROUP, AND VARIOUS SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SCOUTS.

"BEATING RETREAT" IS A FUND RAISING ACTIVITY FOR CHARITY. ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE EVENT, AT \$20 EACH, IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT URBIX OUTLETS NOW.

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LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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ONE HUNDRED VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS SATURDAY FOR A TOTAL OF \$3,139,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CONDUCT THEREOF.

THE AUCTION HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK GC1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$550,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK GB9 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$320,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 *EACH FOR GB7891, EX2032, GA9548, CM551, GC8210, GB5648, GC3731, GC5737.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S MORNING SESSION AUCTION:

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| | \$ | | \$ | | \$ | | \$ |
| GB1218 | 14,000 | BC6338 | 20,000 | GB963 | 17,000 | GB172 | 9,000 |
| ET223 | 28,000 | GB330 | 9,000 | BC715 | 4,000 | GB417 | WITHDRAWN |
| *FY94 | 20,000 | *CW16 | 34,000 | *EV22 | 100,000 | *GB 2 | WITHDRAWN |
| GA3888 | 44,000 | EH306 | 14,000 | GC108 | 43,000 | GC823 | 34,000 |
| GC1989 | 7,000 | GB339 | 27,000 | AA369 | 132,000 | GB6608 | 8,000 |
| AL105 | 13,000 | GA6001 | 3,000 | GC221 | 11,000 | CT195 | 2,000 |
| GB312 | 12,000 | ED218 | 18,000 | GC448 | 16,000 | GB9388 | 14,000 |
| *1969 | 110,000 | *XX456 | 52,000 | *AL38 | 160,000 | *DN131 | 9,000 |
| GB7228 | 7,000 | DD3108 | 9,000 | BC3222 | 26,000 | GB3033 | 11,000 |
| GB9929 | 4,000 | CC3353 | 4,000 | GB7891 | 1,000 | GB2280 | 4,000 |
| GB2868 | 22,000 | EL512 | WITHDRAWN | *GC3993 | 16,000 | GB823 | 30,000 |
| GB8600 | 6,000 | GB1068 | 3,000 | EX2032 | 1,000 | *FY6886 | 11,000 |
| GB1275 | 4,000 | GA9548 | 1,000 | | | | |

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION AUCTION:

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| GC812 | 19,000 | GB778 | 22,000 | GB360 | 6,000 | GC715 | 2,000 |
| GC718 | 5,000 | GB1332 | 6,000 | CT517 | 3,000 | GB162 | 20,000 |
| *EY300 | 22,000 | *EZ86 | 26,000 | *AW18 | 205,000 | *GB 9 | 320,000 |
| BB7242 | 1,000 | GC911 | 45,000 | FA668 | 140,000 | GC870 | 5,000 |
| AA905 | 28,000 | FY238 | 43,000 | HK521 | 20,000 | GC3878 | 6,000 |
| CH3222 | 18,000 | GA1888 | 34,000 | AA883 | 150,000 | FL369 | 35,000 |
| GC9388 | 13,000 | GC321 | 13,000 | GC633 | 18,000 | GC5301 | 3,000 |
| *DL36 | 20,000 | *CT393 | 19,000 | *GC 1 | 550,000 | *CC456 | 43,000 |
| GC1033 | 5,000 | EE3353 | 3,000 | GC2228 | 30,000 | BL8660 | 4,000 |
| GB8382 | 13,000 | GB2601 | 3,000 | GB1965 | 3,000 | GB1823 | 9,000 |
| GB7229 | WITHDRAWN | CM551 | 1,000 | *AL8822 | 34,000 | GC8210 | 1,000 |
| GB719 | 2,000 | GB5648 | 1,000 | CP8368 | 10,000 | CN8181 | 11,000 |
| GC5737 | 1,000 | GC3731 | 1,000 | | | | |

THERE WERE NO BIDDERS FOR GB417, GB2, EL512, GB7229.

GB417, EL512, GB7229 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANTS.

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS

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SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 240TH AND 241ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$346,682,905.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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| | \$ MILLION | TIME (HOURS) | CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION) |
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| OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 2,065 | 0930 | +25 |
| CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT | 1,880 | 1000 | +25 |
| CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO : | | 1100 | +25 |
| MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY | +25 | 1130 | +25 |
| LAF TODAY | -210 | 1500 | |
| LAF RATE 3.00 BID/5.00 OFFER | TWI 121.5 | **+0.0* | 24.9.94 |

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AMUSEMENT RIDES SAFETY LEGISLATION EFFECTIVE IN DECEMBER

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NEW LEGISLATION WILL BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT ON DECEMBER 8 TO ENHANCE SAFETY IN THE USE OF AMUSEMENT RIDES.

THE LEGISLATION, KNOWN AS THE AMUSEMENT RIDES (SAFETY) ORDINANCE 1993, PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE CONTROL OVER THE DESIGN, INSTALLATION, EXAMINATION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF AMUSEMENT RIDES.

AN ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED OWNERS OF AMUSEMENT RIDES, PARTICULARLY THOSE OF "KIDDIE RIDES", THAT UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION ANY PERSON WISHING TO INSTALL OR OPERATE ANY AMUSEMENT RIDES (INCLUDING KIDDIE RIDES) MUST SEEK THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES (DEMS).

THE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A LEAFLET ON THE ORDINANCE AND THE AMUSEMENT RIDES (SAFETY) (OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE) REGULATION TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE TRADE UNDERSTAND THE NEW LEGISLATION.

THE LEAFLET IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT DISTRICT OFFICES, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, EMSD HEADQUARTERS AT 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, LICENSING OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING AUTHORITY.

THE ORDINANCE AND REGULATION ALSO COVER SMALL AND LOW-POWERED "KIDDIE RIDES".

"UNDER THE NEW LEGISLATION, AMUSEMENT RIDES OWNERS ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE DEMS ON THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF AMUSEMENT RIDES AS WELL AS ON THE QUALIFICATION OF THE PERSONS IN CHARGE OF THE RIDES," HE SAID.

THE AMUSEMENT RIDES (SAFETY) (OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE) REGULATION GOVERNS THE OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND ALTERATION OF AMUSEMENT RIDES.

"OWNERS OF AMUSEMENT RIDES ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THEIR EQUIPMENT IN A SAFE CONDITION AND TO CARRY OUT REPAIRS OR ALTERATIONS SPECIFIED BY DEMS.

"THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO DISPLAY NOTICES SPECIFYING THE PROHIBITED CONDUCTS, THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS AND THE WEIGHT PERMITTED FOR EACH RIDE.

"THE OWNERS SHOULD CHECK THEIR RIDE EQUIPMENT DAILY AND KEEP A LOG BOOK FOR INSPECTION BY EMSD," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

ANYONE WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE AND REGULATION IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT, AS WELL AS A DAILY FINE OF \$1,000 FOR SUBSEQUENT OFFENCE.

ENQUIRIES ON THE NEW LEGISLATION MAY BE MADE ON TEL 882 8011 OR WRITE TO EMSD, 98 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY.

PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE HANDLES OVER 2.1 M ENQUIRIES

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THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HANDLED MORE THAN 2.1 MILLION ENQUIRIES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR.

THIS REPRESENTS A 16.7 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THAT RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE (CTEC) ALONE ANSWERED A TOTAL OF 68,871 CALLS.

THE CTEC HAS BEEN SET UP IN CNTA'S HEADQUARTERS IN WAN CHAI TO BACK UP THE ENQUIRY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE 20 CENTRES AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

THESE CENTRES, LOCATED CONVENIENTLY THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, PROVIDE A RANGE OF SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC SUCH AS ADMINISTERING DECLARATIONS AND OATHS, MAKING REFERRALS UNDER THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME AND RENT OFFICER SCHEME, AND DISTRIBUTING PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, A TOTAL OF 253,254 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS WERE ADMINISTERED, THE MORE POPULAR TOPICS BEING DECLARATIONS OF TRUE COPY OF DOCUMENT, DECLARATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION, AND LOSS OF DOCUMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT'S RENT OFFICERS, WHO ATTEND THE 15 DISTRICT OFFICES REGULARLY, RECEIVED 6,151 ENQUIRIES ON RENT AND TENANCY-RELATED MATTERS.

MOREOVER, THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES' STAFF REFERRED 1,744 CASES TO THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY UNDER THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME.

ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATION FORMS AND LEAFLETS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND CIVIC BODIES, MORE THAN 5.4 MILLION WERE HANDED OUT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CENTRES MAY CALL THE CTEC HOTLINE 835 2500 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SCHEME TO EXPAND

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE PLACES FROM 225 TO 405 STARTING FROM NEXT MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO PARENTS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SERVICE AND TO AVOID LEAVING THEIR CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME.

/HE SAID

HE SAID AT PRESENT A TOTAL OF 75 CHILD CARE CENTRES HAD TAKEN PART IN THE OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE SCHEME, OFFERING 225 PLACES TO CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND SIX.

FROM OCTOBER 1, THE SCHEME WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER CHILDREN AGED UNDER TWO AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING CHILD CARE CENTRES WILL BE INCREASED TO 135, PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 405 PLACES.

"THE SCHEME IS AIMED AT PROVIDING TEMPORARY CHILD CARE TO FAMILIES WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME.

"TO FURTHER FACILITATE PARENTS TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE, PLANS ARE IN HAND TO EXPAND THE SCHEME IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS," HE ADDED.

"IN ADDITION, A FLEXIBLE MODE OF FEE-CHARGING HAS BEEN ADOPTED FOR PARENTS WHO NEED THE SERVICE FOR A SHORTER SPAN OF TIME. THE FEE FOR A TWO-HOUR SESSION IS \$13 ONLY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE SERVICES MAY CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD CARE CENTRE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE ON TELEPHONE 836 3114.

"PARENTS HAVING ANY CHILD CARE PROBLEMS CAN ALSO SEEK HELP FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S 31-FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," HE ADDED.

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PARENTS REMINDED TO RETURN PRIMARY ONE APPLICATION FORMS

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PARENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR ARE REMINDED TO SEND IN APPLICATION FORMS BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID PARENTS WHO WISHED TO APPLY FOR SUCH A DISCRETIONARY PLACE SHOULD SEND IN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TOGETHER WITH ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS TO THE SCHOOL DIRECT DURING SCHOOL HOURS IN THE PERIOD.

IF THEY ONLY WISH TO APPLY FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION, THEY SHOULD SEND IN THE COMPLETED FORMS WITH RELEVANT DOCUMENTS DURING OFFICE HOURS IN THE SAME PERIOD TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

- * PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT,
LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE,
SECOND FLOOR, 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG;
- * EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE,
ROOM 706, SEVENTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON;
- * SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE,
FIRST FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHATIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES;

- * TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES;
- * NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED PARENTS THAT THEY SHOULD ONLY HAND IN ONE APPLICATION FORM FOR EACH CHILD.

"IF PARENTS ARE FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, THEIR APPLICATIONS WILL BE RENDERED VOID AND ANY ALLOCATION OF A DISCRETIONARY PLACE MADE ON THE BASIS OF SUCH APPLICATIONS WILL BE WITHDRAWN," HE SAID.

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EMPLOYEES SHOULD NOT MAKE MULTIPLE COMPENSATION CLAIMS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REMINDS EMPLOYEES THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ENTITLED TO MULTIPLE COMPENSATION FROM DIFFERENT EMPLOYERS FOR THE SAME INJURY IN A WORK ACCIDENT AND THEY MAY ALSO BE LIABLE TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION.

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (COMPENSATION) MRS JENNY CHAN GAVE THE ADVICE IN THE WAKE OF A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH TWO WORKERS WERE SENTENCED TO NINE MONTHS' AND EIGHT MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT RESPECTIVELY BY A SOUTH KOWLOON MAGISTRATE FOR OBTAINING PROPERTY BY DECEPTION.

"THE CASES WERE DETECTED BY THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT (ECU), AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE TWO WORKERS HAD EACH MADE MULTIPLE CLAIMS AGAINST DIFFERENT EMPLOYERS FOR COMPENSATION INVOLVING OVERLAPPING SICK LEAVES," MRS CHAN SAID.

"THE CASES WERE THEN REFERRED TO THE POLICE AND THE WORKERS WERE CHARGED UNDER THE THEFT ORDINANCE AFTER INVESTIGATION," SHE ADDED.

/MRS CHAN

MRS CHAN POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, NO COMPENSATION WAS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF ANY INCAPACITY OR DEATH RESULTING FROM AN INJURY IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS AT ANY TIME REPRESENTED TO THE EMPLOYER THAT HE WAS NOT SUFFERING OR HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY SUFFERED FROM THAT OR A SIMILAR INJURY, KNOWING THAT THE REPRESENTATION WAS FALSE.

SHE NOTED THAT THE ECU RECEIVED NOTIFICATION OF WORK ACCIDENTS FROM EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS, AND WHERE APPROPRIATE, CERTIFICATES WERE ISSUED TO INJURED WORKERS ON THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE BY THE EMPLOYER.

FOLLOWING THE ENHANCEMENT OF ECU'S COMPUTER PROGRAMME IN FEBRUARY 1993, THE UNIT WILL BE ABLE TO DETECT MULTIPLE CLAIMS MORE EFFECTIVELY.

"WHEN A CASE OF MULTIPLE CLAIM IS DETECTED, THE UNIT WILL INVESTIGATE AND ADVISE EMPLOYERS AND INJURED WORKERS ON THE CALCULATION OF PERIODICAL PAYMENT IN THOSE OVERLAPPING SICK LEAVE PERIODS," MRS CHAN SAID.

"IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF FRAUDULENT CLAIM, THE CASE WILL BE REFERRED TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR FURTHER ACTIONS," SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN URGED EMPLOYERS TO INFORM THE ECU IF THEY HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR EMPLOYEES MAKING MULTIPLE CLAIMS AGAINST DIFFERENT EMPLOYERS IN RESPECT OF THE SAME INJURY.

THE EMPLOYER MIGHT ALSO CHOOSE TO REPORT HIS CASE TO THE POLICE FOR INVESTIGATION, SHE ADDED.

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RADIO SERIES TO PROMOTE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION

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A NEW SERIES OF RADIO PHOTO-IN PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WILL BE LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER.

THE HOUR-LONG PROGRAMME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, WILL BE BROADCAST ON RTHK RADIO 5 THROUGH AM 783 AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 1) FOR 13 CONSECUTIVE WEEKENDS.

"THE RADIO SERIES IS ONE OF THE LATEST PUBLICITY EFFORTS OF THE 1993/95 FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN," SAID THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON RADIO PROGRAMME ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, MISS FONG HOK-CHOR.

"THE LATEST SERIES WAS PRODUCED BECAUSE OF ENCOURAGING PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE PREVIOUS SERIES WHICH ENDED IN MAY THIS YEAR," MISS FONG ADDED.

ENTITLED "TOGETHERNESS OF OLD AND YOUNG GENERATION", THE RADIO PROGRAMME WILL FOCUS ON WAYS TO ENHANCE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THE EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM OF THE OLDER GENERATION OF FAMILY ISSUES SUCH AS PARENTING, DEVELOPMENT OF ADOLESCENTS, MARITAL AND IN-LAW RELATIONSHIP AND ADJUSTMENT AFTER RETIREMENT.

LISTENERS ARE WELCOME TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS OR SEEK ADVICE FROM EXPERIENCED FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION OFFICERS. THEY CAN EITHER CALL 336 3756 OR WRITE TO THE PROGRAMME.

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PRISON TERM FOR USING FORGED DOCUMENT

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A 33-YEAR-MAN WHO SUBMITTED FORGED DOCUMENT IN SUPPORT OF HIS APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS AN ELECTRICAL WORKER WAS SENTENCED TO THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, SUSPENDED FOR 18 MONTHS, TOGETHER WITH A FINE OF \$2,000 AT EASTERN MAGISTRACY LAST MONTH.

THE DEFENDANT, WHO SUBMITTED A FORGED EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE LETTER TO SUPPORT HIS APPLICATION, PLEADED GUILTY TO A CHARGE UNDER THE CRIME ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (EMSD) REITERATED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT EMSD WOULD SCRUTINISE ALL APPLICATIONS, ESPECIALLY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED ALONG WITH THE APPLICATIONS.

"PROSECUTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE APPLICANTS WHO KNOWINGLY MAKE A STATEMENT WHICH IS FALSE IN A MATERIAL PARTICULAR," HE SAID.

UNDER THE ELECTRICITY ORDINANCE, ALL WORKERS ENGAGED IN WORK ON FIXED ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION ARE REQUIRED TO BE REGISTERED WITH EMSD.

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GUIDED WALKS FOR STUDENTS AND COUNTRY PARK VISITORS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SERIES OF COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATIONAL WALKS FOR STUDENTS AND COUNTRY PARK VISITORS IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS FROM OCTOBER 1.

ANNOUNCING THE ANNUAL PROGRAMME TODAY (SUNDAY), ACTING SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER (COUNTRYSIDE) MR CHAN PING-KWONG SAID: "ITS AIMS ARE TO PROVIDE VISITORS WITH COUNTRYSIDE EDUCATION AND TO INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION."

/MR CHAN

MR CHAN SAID THE GUIDED WALKS WERE INTENDED FOR STUDENTS OF PRIMARY FOUR OR ABOVE AND COUNTRY PARK VISITORS.

"EACH WALK WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO HOURS, EITHER FROM 10 AM TO NOON OR FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM."

AMONG DESTINATIONS OF THE WALKS ARE MAJOR COUNTRY PARKS IN MA ON SHAN, TAI ON SHAN, PAT SIN LENG, ABERDEEN, SOUTH LANTAU AND SHING MUN. OTHER AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST SUCH AS THE TAI TONG FOREST NURSERY, SHING MUN ABORETUM AND LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE WILL ALSO BE COVERED.

MR CHAN SAID EACH GUIDED VISIT WOULD HAVE ITS OWN UNIQUE THEME.

"BY VISITING THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT EROSIONAL COASTAL FEATURES AND SEASHORE PLANTS.

"THEY ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO GAIN A MORE IN-DEPTH KNOWLEDGE OF THE WOODLAND ECOLOGY AFTER GOING ON AN ITINERARY AT THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE," HE ADDED.

THE GUIDED WALKS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS OR ORGANISED GROUPS OF 30 TO 40 PARTICIPANTS WITH ADVANCE BOOKING.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST AT THE CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT IN ROOM 321, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SAME ADDRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALLOCATION WILL BE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 733 2121.

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SCHOOL SPORTS DELEGATION TO LEAVE FOR JAPAN

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A FLAG-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) FOR A SPORTS DELEGATION FROM HONG KONG'S SECONDARY SCHOOLS BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE FOR A YOUTH SPORTS STUDY TOUR IN JAPAN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE YOUTH SPORTS STUDY TOUR WAS ORGANISED BY THE JAPAN AMATEUR SPORTS ASSOCIATION FROM SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 8.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ENTRUSTED BY THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG TO SEND A DELEGATION.

THE STUDY TOUR IS AIMED AT DEVELOPING AND PROPAGATING YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN ASIA. A TOTAL OF NINE COUNTRIES/TERRITORIES INCLUDING HONG KONG HAVE BEEN INVITED.

STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION INCLUDE FOUR BOYS AND FOUR GIRLS WHO ARE SELECTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AMONG 23 BOYS AND 28 GIRLS NOMINATED BY 34 SCHOOLS.

THE DELEGATION MEMBERS ARE CHUNG SING-FOOK (DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL), MOK WING-KWONG (PUI CHING MIDDLE SCHOOL), YAU WAN-PO (SKH BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL), AKIBA TSUMUGI (ST GEORGE'S SCHOOL), IU WING (QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL), TAM FONG-WAI (ST STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE), TANG SUK-LING (SKH LAM WOO MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL) AND LO KA-MAN (TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL).

AFTER THE FLAG-PRESENTATION, TWO PRIMARY STUDENTS, NGAN WAH-PING AND WOON YUEN-LAM OF TAI PO OLD MARKET PUBLIC SCHOOL, WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE WORLD CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION ON THE OLYMPIC GAMES 1992.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

A FLAG-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE YOUTH SPORTS STUDY TOUR IN JAPAN 1994 CUM PRIZE-PRESENTATION FOR THE WORLD CHILDREN'S ART COMPETITION ON THE OLYMPIC GAMES 1992 WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

THE PRESIDENT OF AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, MR A DE O SALES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE ROYAL AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS' MESS, THIRD FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 4 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, AT 3 PM.

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FIREMAN COMMENDED FOR COMMUNITY-SPIRITED ACT

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THE VIGILANCE AND BRAVERY OF AN OFF-DUTY FIREMAN IN THE ARREST OF A ROBBERY SUSPECT IN YUEN LONG TWO MONTHS AGO HAS WON HIM A CHIEF FIRE OFFICER'S COMMENDATION.

SPEAKING AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN MONG KOK FIRE STATION YESTERDAY (SEPTEMBER 24), THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (KOWLOON), MR JOHN TSANG KWONG-YU, PRAISED FIREMAN MR CHAN KAM-MING FOR HIS "PROMPT, BRAVE AND PUBLIC-SPIRITED" ACTION.

THE ROBBERY OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER 8 PM ON JULY 24 AT HOP YICK ROAD.

FIREMAN CHAN RECALLED THAT WHEN HE WAS WALKING ALONG THE ROAD AT ABOUT 8.20 PM, HE SAW A MAN RUNNING TOWARDS HIM AND THEN HEARD A WOMAN SHOUTING THAT HER HANDBAG HAD BEEN SNATCHED.

THE FIREMAN GAVE CHASE AND FINALLY CAUGHT THE SUSPECT AT TAI TONG ROAD. THE ARRESTED MAN WAS LATER HANDED OVER TO TWO OFF-DUTY POLICEMEN WHO ARRIVED WITHIN SECONDS.

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