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WATER CARNIVAL KICKS OFF ACAN'S
1980/81 PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS WILL HOLD A COLOURFUL AND EXCITING WATER CARNIVAL AT REPULSE BAY BEACH ON JULY 6 (SUNDAY) AT 3 PM TO MARK THE START OF ITS 1980/81 PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES.

THE TWO-HOUR CARNIVAL, THE BIGGEST ANTI-NARCOTICS PUBLICITY EVENT TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE ACAN THIS YEAR, WILL BE WATCHED BY ABOUT 60 000 BEACH-GOERS ON THAT DAY.

MR A. DE O. SALES, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY. SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS- MR LEWIS DAVIES, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY AND MANY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS KAIFONG LEADERS WILL BE ATTENDING.

ONE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE A DRAMATIC, FAST-MOVING DRUG RAID ON A JUNK BY SECURITY FORCES, INCLUDING THE POLICE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE.

THE OTHER PROGRAMMES OF THE DAY WILL COMPRISE A FREE-FALL PARACHUTE DISPLAY, WATER-SKIING DEMONSTRATION, CANOE POLO MATCH, WINDSURFING DISPLAY, WATER SPRAY DISPLAY BY THE FIREBOAT ALEXANDER GRANTHAM AND A TREASURE HUNT. THE POLICE BAND WILL BE ON HAND TO PROVIDE MUSIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) ACAN HOPE TO ACHIEVE, THROUGH ITS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES, FOUR OBJECTIVES:

- * TO KEEP THE DRUG ABUSE ISSUE CONSTANTLY BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS IT-
- * TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE MOST EXPOSED TO THE RISK OF BECOMING DRUG ADDICTS-
- * TO INFORM EXISTING DRUG ADDICTS OF THE VOLUNTARY TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES AVAILABLE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO COME FORWARD FOR TREATMENT, AND
- * TO KEEP THE INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE AWARE OF HONG KONG'S ANTI-DRUG ACTIONS, ACHIEVEMENTS AND INTENTIONS.

+ONE OF THE WAYS WE CONVEY OUR ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES TO OUR TARGET AUDIENCE AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IS THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF ENTERTAINING EVENTS SUCH AS THE WATER CARNIVAL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE WATER CARNIVAL WILL ALSO SERVE AS AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN HEALTHY ACTIVITIES LIKE WATER SPORTS,+ HE ADDED.

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MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MOTORISTS NOT TO DRIVE TO REPULSE BAY BEACH ON JULY 6 BECAUSE THE URBAN COUNCIL'S OFF-STREET CAR PARK THERE WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC THAT DAY. HE URGED THEM TO TRAVEL TO THE BEACH BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT INSTEAD.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE WATER CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS WILL BE HELD AT REPULSE BAY BEACH ON JULY 6 (SUNDAY) FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

PRESS BADGES FOR THE FUNCTION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE DUTY OFFICER, GIS PRESS ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP SET UP IN YUEN LONG
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A MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP TO LOOK INTO LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS HAS BEEN SET UP IN THE SAN TIN GROUP OF VILLAGES, BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND SHEUNG SHUI.

THE WORKING GROUP INCLUDES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, POLICE, NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, FIRE SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENTS.

CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF RURAL COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT ARE ALSO MEMBERS.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER YUEN LONG, MR QUENTIN LEWIS WHO CHAIRS THE SAN TIN MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP AND A SIMILAR GROUP SET UP IN KAM TIN THREE MONTHS AGO, SAID THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO OFFER LOCAL VILLAGERS EASIER ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

HE SAID THEY DEALT WITH SUCH MATTERS AS HAWKERS, ABANDONED VEHICLES, ILLEGAL DUMPING, REFUSE COLLECTION, FIRE HAZARDS, POTHOLES IN ROADS AND BROKEN PAVEMENTS.

VILLAGERS COULD MAKE USE OF THE WORKING GROUPS TO BRING LOCAL PROBLEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, MR LEWIS SAID.

HE SAID THAT IF NECESSARY MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WOULD GO TO THE SITE OF A COMPLAINT AND DISCUSS THE PROBLEM ON THE SPOT.

ALSO, HE SAID, OPPORTUNITY WOULD BE TAKEN FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR VIEWS TO RURAL COMMITTEES.

/MR LEWIS

MR LEWIS SAID HE WAS ENCOURAGED TO SET UP THE SAN TIN MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THE KAM TIN GROUP.

HE SAID THERE WERE PLANS TO EXTEND THE IDEA TO OTHER AREAS IN YUEN LONG.

THE FIRST MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON JUNE 30 AT SAN TIN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICES AND MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD EVERY TWO MONTHS AFTERWARDS.

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NOW YOU CAN JOIN WATER BALLET CLASSES

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BUDDING AQUATIC STARS ARE BEING TAUGHT THE GRACEFUL ART OF WATER BALLET WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF COMPETING IN THE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING EVENT WHICH MAY BE INTRODUCED IN THE 1984 OLYMPICS.

THIS IS THE TARGET IN SIGHT FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION, HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH WHICH IS RUNNING A SERIES OF SUCH COURSES IN ITS SUMMER ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME.

A PILOT SCHEME WAS STARTED LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR'S COURSE IS EXPECTED TO DRAW A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG SWIMMERS.

AND ACCORDING TO THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR TSIN YAN-PUI, MOST APPLICANTS ARE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY ACQUIRED A SOUND KNOWLEDGE IN WATER SAFETY. YOUNG WOMEN MAKE UP ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE ENROLMENT.

COURSES CONSIST OF 20 SESSIONS OF ONE HOUR EACH AT THE LI CHENG UK, KENNEDY TOWN, MORSE PARK, KWUN TONG AND VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOLS.

+THE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING PILOT SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED LAST SUMMER WITH MORE THAN 120 SWIMMERS PARTICIPATING IN THREE ELEMENTARY CLASSES AND ONE INTERMEDIATE CLASS. THE SCHEME ALSO HELPS TO FOSTER PUBLIC INTEREST, BY WAY OF TRAINING, IN WATER SAFETY THROUGH THIS GRACEFUL ART,+ SAID MR TSIN.

BUT SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING IS NOT ENTIRELY NEW TO HONG KONG. THE ACTIVITY ITSELF IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF LIFE SAVING AWARDS AND IN THIS REGARD THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HAS SOUGHT THE EXPERTISE OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB'S EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LI CHI-SHING.

MR LI, EXAMINER OF THE ROYAL LIFE SAVING SOCIETY AND INTERNATIONAL TRAINING OFFICER OF WORLD LIFE SAVING, IS THE COURSE SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBLE FOR 20 INSTRUCTORS. TWO INSTRUCTORS HANDLE ONE CLASS OF WATER BALLET IN THE SERIES OFFERED BY THE SERVICE.

+PARTICIPANTS IN THE ELEMENTARY COURSE ARE TAUGHT BASIC AQUATIC TECHNIQUES SUCH AS TREADING WATER, DIVING, SOMERSAULTS AND FLOATING.

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+IN THE INTERMEDIATE COURSE, PARTICIPANTS LEARN MORE DIFFICULT VARIETIES IN STYLES AND PATTERN FORMATIONS. THEY ARE INSTRUCTED HOW TO FORM CIRCLES, FLOWERS, STARS AND OTHER DIFFERENT FIGURES,+ SAID MR LI AS HE BLEW A WHISTLE AT A CIRCLE OF SWIMMERS IN VICTORIA POOL TO CHANGE THE FORMATION INTO A FLOWER PATTERN.

SOON THE WHISTLE WILL GO. MR LI AND MR TSIN ARE WORKING TOWARDS SYNCHRONISING LIVE MUSIC TO COMPLETE THE BALLET.

+IN AUGUST,+ SAID MR TSIN, +WE WILL HAVE A TWO-DAY BALLET PERFORMANCE WITH LIVE MUSIC AT THE MUSIC CAMP ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE.

+THAT WILL BE A TEST. AFTERWARDS, ON OCTOBER 16 -- AT THE END OF THE NEW COURSE -- THERE WILL BE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMPETITIONS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSES NEXT YEAR,+ HE SAID.

A NUMBER OF CLASSES STARTED IN MAY AND ANOTHER SERIES FOR BOTH ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE SWIMMERS WILL START IN AUGUST, THE WHOLE SERIES CULMINATING TO THE OCTOBER COMPETITIONS.

A FEE OF \$10 IS CHARGED FOR EACH COMPLETE COURSE AND APPLICANTS MUST NORMALLY BE ABOVE 12 YEARS OF AGE AND BE ABLE TO SWIM AT LEAST 50 METRES FOR THE ELEMENTARY COURSE.

EACH CLASS IS LIMITED TO 30 SWIMMERS, SO POTENTIAL AQUATIC STARS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY EARLY.

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UNIVERSITY STATION TO BE REBUILT

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THE EXISTING UNIVERSITY STATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IN MA LIU SHUI WILL BE REBUILT SHORTLY.

WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER TWO SEPARATE CONTRACTS.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INVITED TENDERS FOR THE FIRST CONTRACT.

MR CHAN KWOK-KEUNG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID THE PROJECT FORMED AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE KCR MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME.

THE FIRST CONTRACT WILL INVOLVE BUILDING ABOUT 700 METRES OF RETAINING WALLS, RAISING AND WIDENING THE EXISTING PLATFORMS, AND BUILDING AN INTER-PLATFORM SUBWAY AND A PUBLIC SUBWAY WHICH WILL LINK THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY TO BOTH THE FUTURE REMODELLED STATION BUILDING TO BE BUILT UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT AND THE MA LIU SHUI FERRY PIER.

ALSO, SOME 1.5 KILOMETRES OF RAILWAY LINE WILL BE DOUBLE-TRACKED TO ENABLE KCR TO PROVIDE BETTER PASSENGER SERVICES AND GREATER FREIGHT CARRYING CAPACITY BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND TAI PO MARKET.

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WORK WILL START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+ON COMPLETION, THE NEW STATION WILL SERVE THE DEVELOPMENTS PROPOSED IN THE MA LIU SHUI BAY RECLAMATION, THE ADJOINING CHINESE UNIVERSITY COMPLEX AND MA ON SHAN,+ MR CHAN SAID.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF KCR.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FURTHER STUDY OF JAPANESE

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THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IS OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRADUATES AND FINAL-YEAR STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITIES AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG TO HELP THEM BRUSH UP THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS, OFFERED BY MONBUSHO (THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE), ARE TENABLE FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR FROM OCTOBER 1980 TO JULY 1981.

A TOTAL OF 15 SCHOLARSHIPS ARE BEING OFFERED TO 13 AREAS INCLUDING HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE REACHED 18 YEARS OF AGE ON OCTOBER 1, 1980, AND MUST BE SPECIALISING IN FIELDS ON THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE OR CULTURE.

SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF 117 000 YEN (ABOUT \$2 650) DURING THE TENURE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP, TRANSPORT AND ARRIVAL ALLOWANCE, FIELD STUDY ALLOWANCE, SCHOOL FEES, ACCOMMODATION AND MEDICAL EXPENSES.

STUDENTS WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE AFTER COMPLETING THE REQUIRED COURSE AT THE JAPANESE SCHOOL ATTACHED TO THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF FOREIGN STUDIES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SECTION BY JULY 9.

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RECRUITMENT DRIVE MOVES TO TAI HANG TUNG
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THE CURRENT RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IS MOVING TO TAI HANG TUNG TOMORROW (MONDAY).

APART FROM A MOBILE RECRUITMENT STAND THERE WILL BE A PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY SHOWING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PRISON WORK.

THE STAND, MANNED BY PRISON OFFICERS WHO WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING AS ASSISTANT OFFICERS II, AND THE DISPLAY ARE LOCATED IN THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE, TONG YAM STREET.

THE DISPLAY WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 3 PM TO 10 PM TOMORROW AND ON TUESDAY.

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COVERS FOR SPECTATOR STANDS
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SPECTATORS AT THE PERTH STREET AND KOWLOON TSAI SPORTS GROUNDS WILL BE PROTECTED FROM RAIN AND SUN FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT WORK ON THE GROUNDS LATER THIS YEAR.

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

THE WORK WILL COMPRISE THE PROVISION OF STEEL COVERS FOR THE SPECTATOR STANDS AT THE TWO SPORTS GROUNDS.

IT WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY SLIP ROAD CLOSURE
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THE ELEVATED SLIP ROAD FROM MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO GARDEN ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 2.30 PM TO 3.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 25) FOR SKID-RESISTANCE TESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER PIPELINE TENDERS
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS TO LAY WATER PIPELINES IN WESTERN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF A SCHEME TO IMPROVE BOTH FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLIES TO THE NEW TOWN.

+IT COMPRISES THE LAYING OF ABOUT 2 300 METRES OF STEEL PIPES AND 3 900 METRES OF ASBESTOS CEMENT PIPES,+ HE SAID.

WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HUNG HOM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 10 HOURS FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 24) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CHATHAM ROAD, MA TAU WAI ROAD, HOK YUEN STREET AND SHEK TONG STREET, INCLUDING SAN LAU STREET, SAN WAI STREET, PAK KUNG STREET AND GILLIES AVENUE.

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