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HK FISHERMEN PUT STRESS ON EDUCATION
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EDUCATION FOR FISHERMEN'S CHILDREN IS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT AS FISHING CRAFT AND EQUIPMENT BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED AND FISHING METHODS INCREASINGLY TECHNICAL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SIR JACK EXPLAINED THAT THE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE FISHERMEN, DICTATED BY THE NATURE OF THEIR LIFE AND WORK, COULD NOT READILY BE MET BY THE SCHOOLS PROVIDED FOR LAND PEOPLE, AND THUS THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO) ENTERED THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

SIR JACK WAS SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR THE FMO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

HE SAID HE WAS GRATIFIED TO SEE THAT FROM QUITE MODEST BEGINNINGS THERE WERE NOW 14 FMO SCHOOLS, INCLUDING ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL, PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR SOME 4 000 PUPILS. FURTHER EXPANSION TO MEET INCREASED DEMAND FOR PLACES WAS PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR.

SIR JACK RECALLED HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE FISHING COMMUNITY, WHICH STARTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PACIFIC WAR.

SIR JACK SAID THAT DURING A VISIT TO ONE VILLAGE WHERE HE HAD A MEETING WITH FISHERMEN'S REPRESENTATIVES, HE WAS TOLD THAT WHAT THEY WANTED FIRST AND FOREMOST WAS AN EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN, WHEN ONE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED THE FIRST REQUIREMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR FOOD OR FISHING GEAR.

THE FISHERMEN HAD RECOGNISED THAT, IN THE LONGER TERM, THE ANSWER WAS NOT HAND-OUTS, BUT SELF-HELP -- SELF-HELP THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF EDUCATION, HE SAID.

+I HAVE FOLLOWED THE PROGRESS OF THE FMO STUDENTS AND THEIR VARIOUS ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THESE MANY YEARS. APART FROM DOING WELL ACADEMICALLY, THEY HAVE BROUGHT CREDIT TO THE FMO SCHOOLS BY THEIR SUCCESS IN LOCAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND THEIR EXCELLENCE IN ART COMPETITIONS BOTH LOCALLY AND ABROAD.

+AND MANY HAVE GONE ON TO HIGHER EDUCATION NOT ONLY HERE IN HONG KONG, BUT ALSO OVERSEAS.+

LADY CATER LATER PRESENTED CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES TO THE PUPILS.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, IN A SPEECH EARLIER, PAID TRIBUTE TO SIR JACK.

+IT IS LARGELY DUE TO SIR JACK, WHO LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF SO MANY INNOVATIONS THAT HAVE BENEFITED FISHERMEN, INCLUDING THE FMO SCHOOLS, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BUILT ON THESE FOUNDATIONS OVER THE YEARS, THAT THE FISHING INDUSTRY IS WHAT IT IS TODAY.+

MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID SIR JACK AND LADY CATER, WHO WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WOULD NOT BE FORGOTTEN BY THE FISHING COMMUNITY.

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LOCAL MARKET POTENTIAL STRESSED

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, MR PETER KIANG TODAY (SATURDAY) TOLD HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS NOT TO OVERLOOK THE POTENTIAL OF THE LOCAL MARKET.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PROMOTION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG JAYCETTES AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, MR KIANG SAID THAT HONG KONG, WITH ITS FIVE-MILLION-PLUS POPULATION OF HIGH CONSUMPTION POWER, PROVIDED A VERY ATTRACTIVE MARKET.

COMMENTING ON THE THESIS THAT MANUFACTURERS ARE NOT KEEN TO EXPLORE THE LOCAL MARKET BECAUSE CONSUMERS GENERALLY PREFER IMPORTED GOODS, MR KIANG SAID BOTH CONSUMERS AND MANUFACTURERS HAVE A PART TO PLAY IN CONTRIBUTING TO AN IMPROVEMENT TO THE SITUATION.

+I HOPE MANUFACTURERS WILL SERIOUSLY INVESTIGATE THE LOCAL MARKET TO SEE WHAT CONSUMERS REALLY WANT. THEY SHOULD ALSO MAKE GREATER EFFORTS IN PROMOTING THEIR PRODUCTS. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSUMERS SHOULD NOT HOLD ANY PREJUDICE AGAINST LOCALLY-MADE PRODUCTS- THEY SHOULD REMEMBER THAT HONG KONG PRODUCTS ARE INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED FOR THEIR QUALITY,+ HE SAID.

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PRISONS OFFICERS COMPLETE PHYSICAL COURSE

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TWELVE PRISONS OFFICERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED A LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS (PERSONNEL), MR R.W.B. HIGGINBOTTOM AT PRISONS HEADQUARTERS TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE EIGHT-DAY COURSE, HELD BETWEEN AUGUST 24 AND 31 AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AND THE BRITISH FORCES, WAS DESIGNED TO HELP TEACHING STAFF ACHIEVE A GREATER DEGREE OF PHYSICAL INDEPENDENCE.

MR HIGGINBOTTOM SAID THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS HAD TRIED VERY HARD AND MADE MAXIMUM USE OF THE ARDUOUS TRAINING.

+THE CONFIDENCE THEY HAVE GAINED WILL BE INVALUABLE IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS IN AN UNACCUSTOMED AND DEMANDING ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE COURSE COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF OUTDOOR AND INDOOR ACTIVITIES.

THE COURSE WAS CONDUCTED BY FOUR PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTORS FROM THE BRITISH FORCES PHYSICAL AND ADVENTUROUS TRAINING CENTRE IN HONG KONG.

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VARIETY SHOW TO PUBLICISE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION
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A VARIETY SHOW IS TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN NEXT SATURDAY EVENING (SEPTEMBER 26) AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE REGISTRATION OF DISTRICT BOARD VOTERS.

THE SHOW, STARTING AT 8 PM, WILL TAKE PLACE AT LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL. IT IS BEING ORGANISED BY SHA TIN TOWN CENTRE AREA COMMITTEE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR WONG KAM-WING, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING.

THE TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT WILL INCLUDE SINGING, DANCING, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLAYING AND JUDO EXHIBITIONS. ADMISSION WILL BE FREE.

EARLIER THIS MONTH, THE COMMITTEE SENT LETTERS TO THE PARENTS OF 8 500 CHILDREN OF THE SEVEN SCHOOLS IN THE AREA TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO REGISTER. SOME 17 000 VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS WERE ALSO ATTACHED.

STARTING FROM TODAY, VOLUNTARY WORKERS AND CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WILL VISIT HOUSEHOLDS TO EXPLAIN THE NEW DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM.

THREE POLLING STATIONS WILL BE SET UP IN THE TOWN CENTRE AREA FOR THE ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MARCH.

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INDOOR GAMES HALL FOR LAI CHI KOK
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ANOTHER INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL SHORTLY BE BUILT AT LAI CHI KOK TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL VENUE FOR RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE AREA.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE HALL, TO BE LOCATED AT THE LAI CHI KOK PARK IN LAI WAN ROAD, WILL HAVE A GAMES AREA MEASURING 36 SQUARE METRES, THREE SQUASH COURTS, A SPECTATOR STAND FOR ABOUT 400 PEOPLE, AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SHA TIN MARKET STALLS FOR AUCTION
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TWENTY-ONE MINI-STALLS AND MARKET STALLS IN SHA TIN NEW MARKET WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, AND WILL START AT 10 AM, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL FOR EACH STALL RANGES FROM \$720 TO \$3 000.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS CAN START BUSINESS ON OCTOBER 1 FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

BIDDERS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

INTERESTED PERSONS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON TELEPHONE 3-676927 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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NEW CAR PARK FOR SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK
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AN AREA AT PAK TAM CHUNG, NEAR TAI MONG TSAI ROAD, WILL BE DESIGNATED A TEMPORARY CAR PARK FOR VISITORS TO THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

THE CAR PARK IS RESTRICTED TO PRIVATE CARS, MOTOR CYCLES AND OMNIBUSES.

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TAI MONG TSAI ROAD SECTION TO BE OPENED

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A SECTION OF THE RESTRICTED TAI MONG TSAI ROAD, BETWEEN TAI MONG TSAI CAR PARK AND PAK TAM CHUNG, WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 12.01 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

AT THE SAME TIME, THE BARRIER AT TAI MONG TSAI WILL BE MOVED TO PAK TAM CHUNG. MOTORISTS WILL STILL NEED A CLOSED ROAD PERMIT TO PROCEED BEYOND THE NEW BARRIER.

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OLD PEAK ROAD TO BE PARTIALLY CLOSED

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A SECTION OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF OLD PEAK ROAD, BETWEEN HORNSEY ROAD AND ROBINSON ROAD, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF A WATER PIPE.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, THE SOUTHERN LANE OF THE ROAD SECTION WILL BE CONVERTED INTO ONE-LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

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URBAN CLEARWAY FOR LOK LO HA

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AN UNNAMED ROAD WEST OF THE PUBLIC OPEN-SPACE CAR PARK IN LOK LO HA, SHA TIN, WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR CLEARWAY ZONE FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND GOODS WITHIN THE CLEARWAY.

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SIX-HOUR WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE TSZ WAN SHAN AREA WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 22) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, YUK WAH STREET, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD AND WAN WAH STREET, INCLUDING WAI WAH STREET, HONG WAH STREET, LOK WAH STREET, YUK WAH CRESCENT, PO MING LANE, PO WAI LANE, PO TIN LANE, PO HANG LANE, PO YING LANE, PO KING LANE, PO FONG LANE AND BLOCK NO. 57 TO 66 TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE.

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