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INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING TO BECOME PART OF POLYTECHNIC

THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING WHICH PROVIDES A TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSE FOR MID-LEVEL SOCIAL WORKERS, IS TO BE INTEGRATED WITH THE POLYTECHNIC FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1977.

THE INSTITUTE WAS SET UP IN 1973. IN ORDER TO ALLOW IT TIME TO BECOME PROPERLY ESTABLISHED AND STAFFED BEFORE A DECISION WAS MADE ON ITS PERMANENT STATUS IT OPERATED UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE RECOMMENDATION TO INTEGRATE IT WITH THE POLYTECHNIC HAS BEEN MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, THE INSTITUTE'S ACADEMIC BOARD AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WORK TRAINING FOLLOWING EXAMINATION OF THE EXPERIENCE GAINED OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, IT WAS FELT THAT SOCIAL WORK TRAINING AND ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE AT A TERTIARY LEVEL AS PART OF THE POLYTECHNIC RATHER THAN IN A GOVERNMENT INSTITUTION.

+AS MEMBERS OF A LARGE TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION, SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS WOULD HAVE EXTENSIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONTACTS WITH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS IN OTHER DISCIPLINES AND PROFESSIONS, THUS BROADENING THEIR OUTLOOK,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE RESOURCES OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN THE POLYTECHNIC WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE TRAINING IN RELATED SOCIAL SCIENCE FIELDS SUCH AS ECONOMICS.

THE POLYTECHNIC ITSELF WOULD BENEFIT, HE POINTED OUT, IN THAT THE ADDITION OF A SOCIAL WORK PROGRAMME WOULD ASSIST IN DEVELOPING ITS APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAMMES AND ITS SOCIAL SCIENCE STAFF RESOURCES.

THE OTHER ADVANTAGES ARE THAT THE POLYTECHNIC HAS THE MACHINERY TO EXPLORE AND MEET MANPOWER NEEDS AND IS BEST FITTED TO COPE WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR EXPANDING SOCIAL WORK TRAINING IN FUTURE- RECOGNITION AND ACCREDITATION OF SOCIAL WORK COURSES CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED AND MAINTAINED IN A BROADER TERTIARY INSTITUTION SUCH AS THE POLYTECHNIC, AND IT WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE A MORE SATISFACTORY CAREER STRUCTURE FOR FACULTY MEMBERS.

THE DIRECTORS AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE POLYTECHNIC HAVE BEEN CONSULTED AND SUPPORT THE INTEGRATION SUBJECT TO THE NECESSARY FINANCE BEING MADE AVAILABLE.

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THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING IS PRESENTLY HOUSED IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ITS PROGRAMME FOR THE CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SOCIAL WORK IS DIVIDED INTO TWO ACADEMIC YEARS. FIELD WORK PLACEMENTS TAKE PLACE DURING THE SUMMER IN BOTH YEARS SO THAT STUDENTS HAVE AT LEAST 1,000 HOURS OF FIELD PRACTICE.

IN THE FIRST YEAR, AN OVERALL GENERAL APPROACH IS ADOPTED AND A DEGREE OF SPECIALISATION IS PERMITTED IN THE SECOND YEAR. IN KEEPING WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO PROVIDE FRONT LINE WORKERS FOR HONG KONG'S SOCIAL SERVICES, EMPHASIS IS LAID ON THE PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF TRAINING IN THE CONTEXT OF LOCAL NEEDS AND PROBLEMS.

THE INSTITUTE AT PRESENT HAS A TOTAL ENROLMENT OF 121 STUDENTS IN EITHER THEIR FIRST OR SECOND YEAR OF STUDY. ABOUT A THIRD OF THEM ARE SERVING SOCIAL WORKERS WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN SPONSORED BY THEIR PARENT VOLUNTARY AGENCY OR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE TRAINING STAFF CONSISTS OF THE PRINCIPAL AND 18 OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF ALL OF WHOM ARE OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. THE POLYTECHNIC WILL RECRUIT ALL THE NECESSARY SOCIAL WORK TRAINING STAFF BY SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR, BUT IN CERTAIN CASES IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO SECOND TEMPORARILY SOME OF HIS STAFF TO ASSIST DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.

THE INSTITUTE'S PRESENT PREMISES IN THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AFTER SEPTEMBER 1977 FOR EXPANDED IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR NURSERY WORKERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE, AND THOSE BEING TRAINED FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WORK.

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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION'S REPORT FOR 1975 PUBLISHED
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OF THE 2,635 VACANCIES WHICH OCCURRED IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS LAST YEAR, 2,561 WERE FILLED BY LOCAL RECRUITMENT AND 74 BY OVERSEAS RECRUITMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION.

ACCORDING TO FIGURE RELEASED BY THE P.S.C. THE VACANCIES FILLED LOCALLY INCLUDED 960 NEW APPOINTMENTS, 1,141 PROMOTIONS, 227 RENEWALS OF CONTRACT, 126 TRANSFERS AND 107 OTHER APPOINTMENTS.

VACANCIES REFERRED OVERSEAS FOR RECRUITMENT INCLUDED THREE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, ONE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C, ONE PERSONAL ASSISTANT AND VARIOUS OTHER POSTS IN 17 DEPARTMENTS.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFERED THE GREATEST NUMBER OF 13 VACANCIES FOR OVERSEAS RECRUITMENT FOLLOWED BY THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WITH EIGHT VACANCIES.

IN HIS REPORT FOR 1975, THE P.S.C. CHAIRMAN, SIR RONALD HOLMES SAID THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MANY YEARS THE NUMBER OF NEW APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS ON WHICH THE COMMISSION'S ADVICE WAS SOUGHT SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION.

+THIS WAS DUE TO THE ADOPTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF STRICT ECONOMY MEASURES MADE NECESSARY BY THE GENERAL CONTRACTION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE WHICH CAME ABOUT IN 1974,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THROUGHOUT 1975 THE POLICY WAS TO RESTRICT THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE MOST PART TO ITS EXISTING STRENGTH AND TO APPROVE CAREFULLY CONTROLLED EXPANSION IN ONLY A FEW ESSENTIAL SECTORS.

THEREFORE, THE FIGURES OF VACANCIES AND PROMOTIONS IN 1974 WERE HIGHER. THERE WERE 4,732 VACANCIES OF WHICH 207 WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION FOR OVERSEAS RECRUITMENT AND 4,525 FOR LOCAL RECRUITMENT WHILE THE FIGURE FOR PROMOTIONS WAS 1,651.

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TEMPERATURES IN HONG KONG

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PEOPLE IN HONG KONG OFTEN COMPLAIN ABOUT THE HEAT WHEN TEMPERATURE REACHES 30 DEGREES CELSIUS, BUT IMAGINE SOMEWHERE IN THE WORLD, IT CAN BE AS HOT AS 57.8 DEGREES CELSIUS.

THIS RECORD TEMPERATURE OCCURRED ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1922 IN TRIPOLITANIA, A PROVINCE OF LIBYA IN AFRICA.

FORTUNATELY, THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE IN HONG KONG EVER SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884 IS 36.1 DEGREES CELSIUS, WHICH CAN HARDLY BE DESCRIBED AS HIGH BY WORLD STANDARDS.

THIS READING WAS RECORDED ON AUGUST 19, 1900. THE SECOND HIGHEST READING IS 35.7 DEGREES CELSIUS AND THE THIRD, 35.6 DEGREES CELSIUS.

IN A RECENT PUBLICATION ON EXTREME TEMPERATURES, MR. PETER PETERSON, SENIOR SCIENTIFIC OFFICER OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, POINTS OUT THAT NINE OF HONG KONG'S TEN HOTTEST DAYS WERE ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL CYCLONES TO THE EAST OR SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG.

OF THE 20 HOTTEST DAYS BETWEEN 1884 AND 1976, 14 OF THEM WERE ASSOCIATED WITH TROPICAL CYCLONES.

ALL THESE TROPICAL CYCLONES WERE CENTRED AROUND THE LUZON STRAITS WHERE THEY WOULD JUST BEGIN TO CAUSE NORTHERLY OR NORTHWESTERLY OFFSHORE WIND IN HONG KONG AND AS LAND TEMPERATURES WERE HIGHER THAN SEA TEMPERATURES HONG KONG EXPERIENCED HOT WEATHER.

ONE RECENT EXAMPLE WAS TYPHOON RUBY WHICH THREATENED HONG KONG FOR SOME TIME LATE LAST MONTH. DURING ITS APPROACH TEMPERATURE REACHED 36.5 DEGREES CELSIUS AT TAI O ON JUNE 26. WHILE AS IT MOVED AWAY CHEUNG CHAU RECORDED 35.1 DEGREES CELSIUS ON JUNE 29. AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, READINGS FOR BOTH DAYS WAS 33.8 DEGREES CELSIUS.

ANOTHER FEATURE ABOUT THE HOTTEST DAYS IS THAT THEY TEND TO FOLLOW DRY SPELLS.

IN 1963, HONG KONG EXPERIENCED THE DRIEST MAY ON RECORD WITH ONLY 6 MM OF RAINFALL. ON MAY 31, THE TEMPERATURE REACHED 35.5 DEGREES CELSIUS FOLLOWED BY 35.6 DEGREES CELSIUS THE NEXT DAY, THESE ARE THE FOURTH AND THE THIRD HIGHEST TEMPERATURE ON RECORD RESPECTIVELY.

THESE VERY HIGH TEMPERATURES NOT ONLY MEAN DISCOMFORT TO PEOPLE, BUT THEY ARE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN THE DESIGN OF PROJECTS LIKE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEMS, POWER CABLES AND RAILWAY LINES. EXTREME TEMPERATURES ARE IMPORTANT TO THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

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THE LOWEST TEMPERATURES IN HONG KONG, ARE ALSO NOT VERY LOW BY WORLD STANDARDS.

THE RECORD TAKEN ON JANUARY 18, 1893, STANDS AT 0 DEGREE CELSIUS, WHILE A STRIKING -88.3 DEGREES CELSIUS HAS BEEN RECORDED IN ANTARCTICA.

THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED AT PLACES OTHER THAN THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IS -3 DEGREES CELSIUS. IT WAS TAKEN ON TAI MO SHAN ON FEBRUARY 8, 1974.

ALTHOUGH HONG KONG'S WEATHER IS NOT REALLY COLD BY WORLD STANDARDS, PEOPLE STILL FEEL QUITE COLD IN WINTER BECAUSE BUILDINGS HERE WERE GENERALLY DESIGNED TO BE WELL VENTILATED AND COOL IN SUMMER AND ARE THEREFORE NOT EASILY HEATED IN WINTER. ALSO THE COLDEST WEATHER IN HONG KONG OFTEN ARRIVES RATHER SUDDENLY BEFORE PEOPLE HAVE TIME TO BECOME ACCLIMATIZED.

THE COLDEST PLACE IN HONG KONG IS OFTEN THE TOP OF TAI MO SHAN AT A HEIGHT OF 958 METRES.

HOWEVER, LOWER TEMPERATURES ARE RECORDED MORE FREQUENTLY BY TATE'S CAIRN RADAR STATION AT A HEIGHT OF 575 METRES. THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT THE WINTER MONSOON USUALLY RESULTS IN TEMPERATURE INVERSION SO THAT THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE DOES NOT USUALLY OCCUR AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.

IN WINTER, PHENOMENA SUCH AS FROST, RIME AND SNOW APPEAR BUT THEY ARE GENERALLY LOCAL AND DO NOT LAST LONG. SNOW AND SLEET HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED FROM TIME TO TIME.

COLD SPELLS HAVE OFTEN CAUSED THE DEATH OF POULTRY AND POND FISH AND DAMAGE TO PLANTS AND VEGETABLES.

SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884, THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY HAVE INCREASED BY ABOUT 1.5 DEGREES CELSIUS AND THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURES BY ABOUT 0.75 DEGREE CELSIUS.

THE INCREASE IN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES IS MOSTLY DUE TO DECREASE IN VENTILATION AS A LARGE NUMBER OF TALL BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ERECTED AROUND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE INCREASE IN MINIMUM TEMPERATURES CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO A COMBINATION OF FACTORS, INCLUDING ARTIFICIAL HEATING FROM INDUSTRY AND AIR-CONDITIONERS TOGETHER WITH RADIATIVE EFFECTS.

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NEXT T.O.E.F.L. TEST TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER
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THE NEXT T.O.E.F.L. TEST (TEST OF ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE) WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1976, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ALL CANDIDATES WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE TEST SHOULD COMPLETE THE NECESSARY REGISTRATION FORMS AND TAKE THEM IN PERSON TO THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FROM JULY 26, TO JULY 30.

+THEY SHOULD BRING WITH THEM THEIR PASSPORTS OR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS AND TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS,+ HE SAID. +JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY A PHOTO-BEARING DOCUMENT.+

HE STRESSED THAT THE LACK OF IDENTIFICATIONS DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING STANDARD PHOTOGRAPHS, COULD DISQUALIFY A CANDIDATE FROM REGISTERING.

+REGISTRATION BY MAIL AND LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TEST FEE OF HK\$95 PER CANDIDATE MUST BE PAID ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 4 AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR.

+FEES MAY ALSO BE PAID BY CROSSED CHEQUE PAYABLE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE POST,+ HE ADDED.

COPIES OF THE BULLETIN OF INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR= THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIP SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, BONAVENTURE HOUSE, 2ND FLOOR, 91, LEIGHTON ROAD= AND THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION, 408, J. HOTUNG HOUSE, 4TH FLOOR, 5-15 HANKOW ROAD, KOWLOON.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CASTLE PEAK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 21) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CONNECT WATER MAINS AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR SAM SHING HUI.

ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN TAI LAM CHUNG AND TSEUNG TAU SHEUNG TSUEN, SAN HUI, WILL BE AFFECTED.

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CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN SAI KUNG ENDS TOMORROW
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A PARTY OF YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS WILL TOMORROW (TUESDAY) COMPLETE A THREE-DAY CLEAN UP OF THE KEI LING HA PICNIC AREA — AND THEIR FINAL +HAUL+ WILL BE ABOUT 400 BASKETS OF RUBBISH.

SINCE SUNDAY, THE 35 YOUNGSTERS, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP, HAVE BEEN COLLECTING RUBBISH FROM THE AREA AS WELL AS DISTRIBUTING CONSERVATION LITERATURE TO PICNICKERS.

THEY WERE VISITED TODAY BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, TAI PO, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, AND THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. WONG CHUN-WAI AND MR. LAU MAN-HEI.

MR. OXLEY PRAISED THE GROUP FOR GIVING UP THEIR FREE TIME TO CLEAN UP A POPULAR NEW TERRITORIES RECREATIONAL SPOT.

+THE Y.E.A.G. EFFORT IS A GOOD EXAMPLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY MUST WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ENSURE WE CONSERVE OUR SCENIC SPOT,+ MR. OXLEY TOLD THE GROUP.

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CBF VISITS HOUSING ESTATES
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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, LIEUTENANT GENERAL SIR JOHN ARCHER, HIS WIFE AND THEIR TWO SONS TODAY SPENT THREE HOURS VISITING VARIOUS TYPES OF HOUSING ESTATES IN KOWLOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. D.P.H. LIAO, THE PARTY WAS DRIVEN TO BEACON HILL WHERE THEY WERE SHOWN THE BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA.

SIR JOHN AND HIS FAMILY WERE THEN TAKEN TO PING SHEK PART-BUILT LICENSED AREA WHERE SOME 4,000 PEOPLE NOW LIVE. FOLLOWING THIS, THE PARTY TOURED ONE OF THE BIGGEST HAWKER BAZAARS IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE PARTY WAS ALSO BRIEFED ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME TO CONVERT MARK ONE ESTATE TO PROVIDE BIGGER LIVING SPACE WITH BUILT-IN KITCHEN AND TOILETS FOR THE TENANTS.

THE TOUR ENDED WITH A VISIT TO ONE OF THE FLATS IN THE OI MAN ESTATE.

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