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INCREASES IN PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR RHKAAF, RHKR,
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INCREASES IN PAY AND ALLOWANCES FOR THE 6,600 PERSONNEL SERVING WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AND THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE INCREASES, WHICH AMOUNT TO ABOUT 60 PER CENT, HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THEY WILL BE BACKDATED TO APRIL 1.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE INCREASES REFLECT THE FACT THAT NO INCREASES IN PAY AND ALLOWANCES HAD BEEN AWARDED TO THESE VOLUNTEER SERVICES FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS. PAY INCREASES FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE WERE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL.

COVERED BY THE INCREASES ARE THE HOURLY AND DAILY RATES OF PAY, ANNUAL BOUNTY AND FLYING ALLOWANCES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ANNUAL BOUNTY, PAID FOR SATISFACTORY SERVICE AND FOR COMPLETING STIPULATED PERIODS OF TRAINING, GOES UP FROM \$260 TO \$420. FLYING ALLOWANCE IS RAISED FROM \$3.60 PER HOUR TO \$6 PER HOUR, WHILE DAILY RATION ALLOWANCE IS INCREASED FROM \$10 TO \$15.

THE INCREASES WILL COST THE GOVERNMENT AN ESTIMATED \$3 MILLION.

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HONG KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES SECOND TO NONE
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A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN WHO BEGAN STUDYING ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HAS PROVED THAT THE STANDARD OF TRAINING PROVIDED BY HONG KONG'S FOUR GOVERNMENT-RUN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IS SECOND TO NONE.

THE TECHNICIAN, MR. FUNG YUEN-KWONG, HAS BEEN AWARDED A BRONZE MEDAL FOR BECOMING EQUAL FIRST IN THE PART 2 EXAMINATION OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN PRINCIPLES B COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE IN DECEMBER, 1976.

MR. FUNG'S REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT WAS MADE IN COMPETITION WITH CANDIDATES FROM ALL OVER BRITAIN AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON SEPTEMBER 13, AT 2.30 P.M. BY THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE.

ONE OF THESE LOTS, MEASURING 6,062 SQUARE METRES AND SITUATED AT THE JUNCTION OF HARBOUR ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS, ALSO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, ARE LOCATED AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST IN KOWLOON AND UPPER-LASCAR ROW, HONG KONG. THEY MEASURE 4,400 SQUARE METRES AND 634 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405, NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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COURSE FOR INSTRUCTORS WORKING WITH THE DISABLED

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL HOLD A COURSE IN OCTOBER FOR INSTRUCTORS WORKING WITH THE DISABLED.

THE COURSE, CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, WILL PROVIDE INSTRUCTORS WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE DISABLED, AND THE TECHNIQUES OF TEACHING AND WORKING WITH THEM.

THE COURSE COSTS \$80 AND CONSISTS OF 15 WEEKLY CLASSES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY SEPTEMBER 2.

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CONGESTION AT PUBLIC PIERS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY APPEALED TO OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PLEASURE CRAFT TO USE BLAKE PIER DURING WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO AVOID CONGESTION AT QUEEN'S AND KOWLOON PUBLIC PIERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT HEAVY CONGESTION USUALLY OCCURRED AT KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AND QUEEN'S PIER DURING WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, WHERE LARGE NUMBERS OF PLEASURE CRAFT WAIT TO EMBARK AND DISEMBARK PASSENGERS.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY ISSUED A NOTICE TO OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PLEASURE CRAFT ON AUGUST 3 REMINDING THEM THAT BERTHING FACILITIES AT BLAKE PIER, ESPECIALLY FOR LARGER LAUNCHES, CAN ALSO BE USED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT STAFF FROM THE DEPARTMENT WERE POSTED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT THE THREE PIERS TO CONTROL CRAFT.

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THUNDEROUS RECEPTION FOR SCHOOLS DANCE TEAM IN CANADA

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THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE ENGULFED THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS CHINESE DANCE TEAM AT THE END OF A LION DANCE GIVEN DURING THE OPENING OF THE COMMONWEALTH CARNIVAL AT EDMONTON, ALBERTA, CANADA.

CANADIAN NEWSPAPER COLUMNISTS DESCRIBED THE APPEARANCE OF THE HONG KONG TEAM AS THE HIGH POINT OF THE EVENING.

THE 20 STRONG GROUP LEFT HONG KONG ON JULY 21 TO UNDERTAKE A HECTIC THREE-WEEK LONG SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES AND GOODWILL FUNCTIONS IN ALBERTA'S CAPITAL CITY.

THE EDMONTON SUN'S, DAVE BELLINGTON SAID OF THE LION DANCERS: +THEY EXECUTE THEIR ROUTINES WITH SUD FINESSE THAT YOU FORGET THAT WHEN THE LION REARS UP ON HIS HIND LEGS, THOSE TWO FRONT PAWS ARE THE FEET OF THE FRONT ACROBAT.+

AND DESCRIBING THE PRECEEDING +SONG OF THE SUN FLOWERS+ THE ENTERTAINMENT JOURNAL'S, LIZ OSCROFT COMMENTED: +FOLK DANCE IS COMBINED WITH AN EXPLORATION OF THE MYTHOLOGY AND CLASSICAL DANCE TRADITIONS OF THEIR CULTURES.+

AFTER THEIR PERFORMANCE THE LIONS, ESCORTED BY PRETTY ATTENDANTS, ROMPED UP AN AISLE OF THE ARTISTS VILLAGE AUDITORIUM MINGLING WITH AN ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO CONSIDER SAFETY OF WORKERS DURING TYPHOON
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NOW THAT THE TYPHOON SEASON IS WITH US AGAIN EMPLOYERS ARE URGED TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO THE SAFETY OF THEIR EMPLOYEES BOTH AT THEIR PLACE OF WORK AND DURING THEIR JOURNEY TO AND FROM HOME ON THE APPROACH OF A STORM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO LAW LAYING DOWN THE PARTICULAR PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW ON EACH OCCASION, IT WOULD BE WISE FOR EMPLOYERS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT WITH THEIR EMPLOYEES IN ADVANCE ON THEIR TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS SO AS TO AVOID CONFUSION DURING OR ON THE APPROACH OF A STORM.

+SUCH AN AGREEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE THE METHOD OF CALCULATING WAGES TO BE PAID UNDER VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING OF PAST EXPERIENCES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RECEIVED MANY ENQUIRIES DURING THE TYPHOON SEASON FROM EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES SEEKING ADVICE ON THE SUBJECT.

+BASICALLY,+ HE SAID, +IT IS A MATTER OF DECISION BETWEEN EACH EMPLOYER AND HIS EMPLOYEES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE NATURE OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE'S PLACE OF RESIDENCE, AVAILABILITY OF TRANSPORT AND OTHER FACTORS.

+CONFUSION OR EVEN DISPUTES CAN ARISE IF THERE IS A LACK OF PRIOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES AS TO WHAT TO DO WHEN A TYPHOON IS COMING.+

HE SUGGESTED THAT FIRMS SHOULD SEND THEIR EMPLOYEES HOME WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NUMBER EIGHT OR HIGHER IS HOISTED, OR WHEN CESSATION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IS IMMINENT.

OF COURSE, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL AND EMERGENCY DUTIES DURING A TYPHOON WOULD BE EXCEPTIONS, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN OFFERED THE SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE TO EMPLOYERS IN COUNSELLING ADVICE FOR DRAFTING OR PREPARING AGREEMENTS CONCERNING TYPHOON ARRANGEMENTS.

HE SAID THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OPERATES IN THE FOLLOWING BRANCH OFFICES : HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY, TELEPHONE 5-282523 EXT. 60- SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAN PO KONG, TELEPHONE 3-205638 (FOR KOWLOON EAST) AND 3-201652 (FOR KOWLOON WEST)- KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, 2ND FLOOR, TELEPHONE 3-898520- CHARTERED BANK BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR, TSUEN WAN, TELEPHONE 12-422096 AND 39 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, TELEPHONE 12-818443.

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