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UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION STABILISES

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION HAS STABILISED SINCE THE SECOND QUARTER, ACCORDING TO THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1983 WAS 4.1 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 3.9 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING JULY 1983 AND 3.8 PER CENT FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1983. CHANGES OF THIS ORDER ARE NOT STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT. THE RATE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER LAST YEAR WAS 3.8 PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1983 WAS PROVISIONALLY ESTIMATED TO BE 103 000, AS COMPARED WITH 99 900 FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDING JULY 1983, AND 96 200 FOR THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AUGUST - OCTOBER 1983 WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 1.6 PER CENT; THE RATE FOR MAY - JULY 1983 WAS 1.7 PER CENT. THE PROVISIONAL ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS WAS 40 000 FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER, AS COMPARED WITH 42 400 FOR THE PREVIOUS QUARTER ENDING JULY 1983.

CONSISTENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE SEEKING MORE WORK OR WERE NOT SEEKING MORE WORK BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED MORE WORK WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

IN COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (E.G. PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES WHICH HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED FOR THE VARIATION IN FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE UNADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR THE QUARTER ENDING OCTOBER 1983 WAS 4.5 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. THIS SURVEY COVERS A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 15 000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 55 000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER IN THE HOUSEHOLD SAMPLED.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 1983 SHOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE LATER THIS MONTH.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TEL. NO. : 5-452586.

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YOUNG +ENVOYS+ HEADING FOR UK
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TWELVE YOUNGSTERS WILL LEAVE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM ON DECEMBER 20 FOR A TWO-WEEK TRIP AS HONG KONG'S AMBASSADORS.

THE YOUNGSTERS -- EIGHT GIRLS AND FOUR BOYS -- ARE OUTSTANDING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

IN A CEREMONY HELD THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, PRESENTED A BANNER AND AIR TICKETS TO THE AWARD WINNERS.

+THESE 12 OUTSTANDING CYC MEMBERS WILL, ON BEHALF OF THE 100 000 CYC MEMBERS, BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PASSING ON THE MESSAGE OF THE CYC MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG TO YOUTHS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WHOM THEY WILL MEET DURING THE TRIP AND BRINGING HOME THE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM THE TOUR TO THEIR CYC MATES,+ HE SAID.

THE WINNERS WERE SELECTED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE IN THE CYC MERIT AWARD SCHEME.

MR HAYE POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHEME WAS STARTED IN OCTOBER, 1978 WITH THE AIM OF ENCOURAGING MEMBERS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS AND TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN COMMUNITY PROBLEMS AND WELFARE.

+WHAT THESE MEMBERS GET IN RETURN ARE THE POINTS OF ENCOURAGEMENT. AFTER MUCH PERSEVERANCE AND INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES, THEY MANAGED TO RISE FROM THE BASE OF LEVEL 1 TO THE PEAK OF LEVEL 3,+ HE SAID.

DURING THEIR TRIP, THE STUDENTS WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN ADDITION TO SCENIC RESORT CENTRES.

MR HAYE THANKED THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LIMITED FOR ITS GENEROUS FUNDING OF CYC ACTIVITIES.

ALL THE EXPENSES FOR THE U.K. TRIP ARE BEING BORNE BY THE CLUB.

IN THE CEREMONY, HE ALSO PRESENTED A MEMBERSHIP CARD TO THE 100 000TH MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

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OVER 120 NURSERIES PLANNED
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PLANS FOR AN ADDITIONAL 123 NURSERIES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT A PARTY TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AND THE 20TH YEAR OF THE KOWLOON WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB NURSERY IN KOWLOON CITY.

THREE OF THE NEW NURSERIES WOULD BE IN KOWLOON CITY, HE ADDED.

/HONG KONG,

HONG KONG, HE SAID, IS A FAST-DEVELOPING CITY WHERE SMALL FAMILIES ARE DEVELOPING.

+THIS HAS RESULTED IN A LARGE NUMBER OF WOMEN TAKING UP JOBS OUTSIDE, MAKING CHILD CARE SERVICE ESSENTIAL,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHAMBERS PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO THE CLUB FOR ITS 20 YEARS OF SERVICE.

+THIS WELL-ADMINISTERED NURSERY HAS GAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF MANY PARENTS AND HAS INDIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO SOCIAL STABILITY,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE CLUB WAS A PIONEER IN THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES IN KOWLOON CITY.

THE NURSERY, LOCATED AT SHING TAK STREET, HAS CAPACITY FOR 70 CHILDREN, AGED FROM TWO TO SIX.

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NOVEMBER WAS DRIEST ON RECORD

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LAST MONTH WAS THE DRIEST NOVEMBER SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTS.

FOR MOST OF THE MONTH, A CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE COVERED CHINA, AND PROLONGED DRY AND SUNNY WEATHER WAS FELT IN HONG KONG - WITH ONLY A TRACE OF RAINFALL.

HOWEVER, ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR, AT 2 886.4 MM WAS STILL 31 PER CENT ABOVE NORMAL.

THE MONTHLY MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY OF 59 PER CENT RANKED SECOND LOWEST FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, THE LOWEST BEING 58 PER CENT IN 1971.

THE MONTHLY MEAN CLOUDINESS OF 25 PER CENT WAS ALSO THE SECOND LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH. (THE RECORD LOW MEAN CLOUDINESS FOR NOVEMBER, 9 PER CENT, WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1893).

THE TOTAL DURATION OF SUNSHINE, 252.2 HOURS, WAS ABOUT 32 PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE WHILE THE MONTHLY MEAN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE, 1 019.7 MILLIBARS, WAS THE FIFTH HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

SIX TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DURING THE MONTH.

TYPHOON MARGE FORMED NEAR GUAM ON NOVEMBER 1. IT RECURVED ON NOVEMBER 5 AND BECAME AN EXTRATROPICAL CYCLONE EAST OF JAPAN ON NOVEMBER 7.

TROPICAL STORM NORRIS FORMED EAST OF IWO JIMA ON NOVEMBER 8 AND DISSIPATED OVER THE OCEAN THREE DAYS LATER.

TYPHOON ORCHID ORIGINATED NEAR YAP ON NOVEMBER 17 AND MOVED WEST-NORTHWEST TOWARDS THE CENTRAL PHILIPPINES. ABOUT 170 PEOPLE WERE DROWNED OR MISSING WHEN THE 500-TONNE PHILIPPINE FERRY, 'DONA CASANDRA', CAPSIZED ABOUT 400 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF MANILA ON NOVEMBER 21. THE FERRY WAS CARRYING ABOUT 400 PEOPLE AND BOUND FOR CEBU CITY. ORCHID REMAINED SLOW-MOVING EAST OF LUZON FROM NOVEMBER 23 TO 26 AND DISSIPATED ON NOVEMBER 26.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM PERCY FORMED NEAR NANSHA ON NOVEMBER 18 AND MOVED SOUTH-WESTWARDS AT FIRST. THE 300-TONNE SINGAPOREAN FREIGHTER, 'JOTUN', WAS REPORTED MISSING ON NOVEMBER 20 DURING THE STORM. PERCY LATER TURNED BACK AND MOVED EAST-NORTHEASTWARDS. IT DISSIPATED NEAR PALAWAN ON NOVEMBER 25.

A TROPICAL DEPRESSION FORMED ON NOVEMBER 21 AND DISSIPATED ON NOVEMBER 24.

TROPICAL STORM RUTH DEVELOPED NEAR THE PHILIPPINES ON NOVEMBER 27 AND DISSIPATED EAST OF LUZON ON NOVEMBER 30.

DURING THE MONTH, NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 5, 6, 12, 13, 19 AND 20 WHILE THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1, 2, 16 TO 18 AND 22 TO 30.

THERE WERE 845 HILL FIRES, WITH MORE THAN 87 000 TREES DESTROYED, NEARLY THREE TIMES THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TREES DESTROYED FOR THE WHOLE OF LAST YEAR.

SIGNALS HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

| WEATHER SYSTEM | SIGNAL | DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING | DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING |
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| WINTER MONSOON | STRONG MONSOON | NOV 25 11.15 PM | NOV 26 4.00PM |
| WINTER MONSOON | STRONG MONSOON | NOV 26 11.15 PM | NOV 27 6.10AM |

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

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| SUNSHINE | 252.2 HOURS = 60.7 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL |
| RAINFALL | TRACE = 34.7 MM BELOW NORMAL |
| CLOUDINESS | 25 % = 27 % LESS THAN NORMAL |
| RELATIVE HUMIDITY | 59 % = 10 % LOWER THAN NORMAL |
| MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE | 24.6 DEGREE C = 0.2 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL |
| MEAN TEMPERATURE | 21.5 DEGREE C = 0.2 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL |
| MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE | 19.1 DEGREE C = 0.2 DEGREE C ABOVE NORMAL |
| MEAN DEW POINT | 12.4 DEGREE C = 2.5 DEGREE C BELOW NORMAL |
| TOTAL EVAPORATION | 147.9 MM = 7.2 MM ABOVE NORMAL |

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 27.7 DEGREE C WAS RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 5.

MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 12.8 DEGREE C WAS RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 27.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

ANOTHER LIAISON COMMITTEE BEING SET UP
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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE COMMITTEE, THE EIGHTH BEING FORMED IN THE URBAN DISTRICTS, COMPRISES SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FROM 147 KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN WONG TAI SIN.

IT WILL SERVE AS A LINK AMONG THE SCHOOLS, THE DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, WITH A VIEW TO ACTIVELY INVOLVING THE EDUCATIONAL SECTOR IN COMMUNITY WORK.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT 4.30 PM IN THE FUNCTION ROOM OF THE REGAL MERIDIEN AIRPORT HOTEL.

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NEW FISH MARKET FOR KWUN TONG
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A NEW WHOLESALE FISH MARKET WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN KWUN TONG.

IT WILL BE THE EIGHTH WHOLESALE FISH MARKET OPERATED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

EXISTING MARKETS ARE IN ABERDEEN, SHAU KEI WAN, CHEUNG SHA WAN, SAI KUNG, SHA TAU KOK, TAI PO AND CASTLE PEAK.

THE NEW MARKET WILL SERVICE THE POPULATION IN EAST KOWLOON AND WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL SALES OUTLET FOR THE FISHING FLEET BASED AT SHAU KEI WAN.

OCCUPYING A WATERFRONT SITE OF ABOUT 4 200 SQUARE METRES ON TUNG YUEN STREET IN YAU TONG, THE MARKET WILL BE DESIGNED FOR A THROUGHPUT OF 10 000 TONNES OF FISH EVERY YEAR. ADEQUATE LORRY PARKING AND LOADING FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED WITHIN THE COMPOUND FOR THE SINGLE-STOREY MARKET.

THE COST OF LAND, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING THE MARKET IS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT \$25 MILLION. THE FULL COST OF THE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE MET FROM THE ACCUMULATED SURPLUS OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANIZATION.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START NEXT YEAR AND THE COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN 1985.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE NEW MARKET WILL SPEED UP THE DISTRIBUTION OF MARINE FISH TO THE EAST OF THE KOWLOON PENINSULA THUS REDUCING DISTRIBUTION COSTS AND FISH PRICES.

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'TEAMWORK BEHIND SHA TIN'S SUCCESS'
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TEAMWORK WAS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS FOR SHA TIN'S SUCCESS, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LAND OFFICER, MR ROGER NISSIM, SAID TODAY.

CONTRIBUTING TO THIS TEAM WORK WERE ENGINEERS AND THEIR CONSULTANTS, PLANNERS, ESTATE AND LAND SURVEYORS, LAND STAFF, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND RURAL COMMITTEE, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

MR NISSIM WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A SEPARATE SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, INCLUDING ITS SURVEY OFFICE, WHICH BEGAN OPERATING TODAY AT 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN.

MR NISSIM SAID THE ADVANTAGE OF THE TEAM WORK APPROACH WAS THAT NO ONE DISCIPLINE WAS ALLOWED TO DOMINATE THE OTHERS IN THE REALISATION THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE TEAM HAD A CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT NO MEMBER OF THE TEAM LOST SIGHT OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVE, WHICH WAS THE SUCCESSFUL CREATION OF A BALANCED NEW TOWN.

+AS YOU WILL RECALL,+ HE SAID, +THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, WITH ITS 12 TERRITORY-WIDE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES, WAS ONLY CREATED AS RECENTLY AS APRIL 1 LAST YEAR, BUT I NOW FEEL THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH OUR OWN IDENTITY.

+THE FACT THAT WE WILL NOW OPERATE FROM OUR OWN OFFICES IN SHA TIN STRENGTHENS THIS IDENTITY AND, TO MY MIND, REPRESENTS OUR COMING OF AGE.+

MR NISSIM PLEDGED CONTINUED AND VIGOROUS SUPPORT OF HIS OFFICE TO THE +SHA TIN TEAM+.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ON LAND MATTERS IN SHA TIN SHOULD CALL 0-617111, EXTENSION 234.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON CHAN CHI-CHIU ON JANUARY 7, 1983 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO 25 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

CHAN WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER ON MAY 16, 1982 OF A MAN, LAU WAI-LUEN, AGED ABOUT 28.

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NEW DRAMA GROUP TO STAGE PERFORMANCES
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THE KWUN TONG REPERTORY THEATRE WILL MAKE ITS DEBUT BY PRESENTING A SERIES OF JOINT PERFORMANCES WITH THE YAU MA TEI - TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT THEATRE COMPANY.

THE JOINT PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED AT 8 PM FROM WEDNESDAY TO SATURDAY (DECEMBER 14 TO 17) AND AT 10 AM AND 2.30 PM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 17) IN THE STUDIO THEATRE OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE.

TICKETS AT \$15 EACH ARE NOW ON SALE AT THE ARTS CENTRE.

THE 200-MEMBER KWUN TONG REPERTORY THEATRE WAS FORMED EARLIER THIS MONTH TO PROMOTE DRAMA ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

IT IS ADMINISTERED BY THE DRAMA SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REPERTORY THEATRE, MADAM YEUNG KAM-CHUN, WHO IS ALSO A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, SAID: +THE JOINT PERFORMANCE SIGNIFIES THE BOARD'S EFFORTS IN PROMOTING RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS, AND PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DRAMA GROUPS TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES.+

A FOUR-MONTH TRAINING IS BEING PROVIDED BY THE REPERTORY THEATRE EVERY SATURDAY FOR 50 YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT TO LEARN VARIOUS DRAMA AND STAGE TECHNIQUES THROUGH SEMINARS, LECTURES AND PERFORMANCES.

THE PARTICIPANTS MAY JOIN THE THEATRE AS MEMBERS WHEN THEY COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING IN FEBRUARY.

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EXTRA-MURAL COURSES FOR TEACHERS
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TEACHERS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A NUMBER OF COURSES TO BE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

THE COURSES INCLUDE HUMAN BIOLOGY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, TEACHING ART TO YOUNG CHILDREN, ADMINISTRATION IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE USE OF GROUPS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND MORAL EDUCATION.

TEACHERS WISHING TO ATTEND ANY OF THE COURSES SHOULD APPLY DIRECTLY TO THE DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT POKFULAM ROAD OR EXTRA-MURAL TOWN CENTRE AT WING ON CENTRE, 8/F., 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

ON BEING ACCEPTED TO ANY OF THE COURSES, TEACHERS MAY APPLY TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR REFUND OF HALF OF THE COURSE FEE.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSES CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING - 5-4097307 OR 5-450021.

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NEW YEAR SOCCER COMPETITION FOR TUEN MUN
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A SOCCER COMPETITION FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS WILL BE HELD ON NEW YEAR DAY AND JANUARY 2.

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL BE STAGED AT THE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON BOTH DAYS.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO AN ADULT INVITATION SECTION AND A JUNIOR OPEN SECTION FOR YOUNGSTERS BELOW THE AGE OF 18, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS ARE BEING INVITED TO JOIN THE OPEN SECTION. EACH TEAM SHOULD COMPRISE NOT MORE THAN 12 PLAYERS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF 'TOP COURT', 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, OR THE TUEN MUN OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE IN ROOM 012, GROUND FLOOR, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TUEN MUN OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE BEFORE FRIDAY (DECEMBER 16), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PHOTOS GOING ON DISPLAY
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AN EXHIBITION OF 100 COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS, TAKEN AT A RECENT SAND SCULPTURING COMPETITION AT CLEAR WATER BAY IN SAI KUNG, WILL BE HELD AT LANDMARK FROM THURSDAY (DECEMBER 15) TO DECEMBER 31.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD FROM 8.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY AT KINGSBURG GALLERY, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE UNITED ARTIST PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION, THE CHAMPION CLUB, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE NTSD. MORE THAN 2 000 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

'MEET THE MEDIA'

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL MEET THE MEDIA IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR, ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 15) AT 4 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THIS EVENT.

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RACE DAY TRAFFIC PLAN CHANGE

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE IN HAPPY VALLEY FROM TOMORROW (DECEMBER 14) FOR EVERY DAY OR NIGHT RACE MEETING AT THE RACE COURSE THROUGHOUT THE CURRENT RACING SEASON.

AS SOON AS THE LAST RACE IS OVER, THE JUNCTION OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WITH WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC, AND EASTBOUND VEHICLES ON QUEEN'S ROAD EAST WILL BE DIRECTED TO TURN LEFT INTO MORRISON HILL ROAD VIA A SLIP ROAD.

THE MEASURES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL RACEGOERS HAVE DISPERSED.

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