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HONG KONG NARCOTICS REPORT PUBLISHED
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A COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT ON HONG KONG'S WORK AGAINST DRUG ABUSE - HONG KONG NARCOTICS REPORT 1974/75 - WAS PUBLISHED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE REPORT, PUBLISHED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, REPLACES THE ACAN'S OLD ANNUAL REPORT WHICH WAS CONSIDERABLY NARROWER IN SCOPE.

THE REPORT NOT ONLY TAKES A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, BUT ALSO GIVES A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, INCLUDING THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS AND THE DISCHARGED PRISONERS' AID SOCIETY.

+THE AIM OF THIS REPORT,+ SAYS SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF ACAN, IN HIS 'FOREWORD', +IS TO MAKE CLEAR WHAT HONG KONG HAS BEEN DOING DURING THE PAST YEAR IN THE FOUR MAIN FIELDS OF ACTION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, I.E., INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, AND PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY.+

+IT IS HOPED THAT THIS REPORT WILL ENCOURAGE EVEN GREATER CO-OPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONGST ALL THOSE WHO ARE SUPPORTING OUR EFFORTS TO OVERCOME WHAT IS NOW NOT ONLY ONE OF HONG KONG'S, BUT ALSO ONE OF THE WORLD'S, MOST SERIOUS SOCIAL AND HUMAN PROBLEMS,+ SIR ALBERT ADDED.

THE REPORT, PUBLISHED IN COMBINED ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS, WILL BE WIDELY DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, FOREIGN ANTI-NARCOTICS AGENCIES OVERSEAS, AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

IN REVIEWING HONG KONG'S WORK AGAINST DRUG ABUSE, THE REPORT DESCRIBES THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW AS AN UNUSUALLY SIGNIFICANT AND EXCITING ONE. IT MENTIONS ABOUT THE REMARKABLE SUCCESSES ACHIEVED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, THE PROGRESS MADE IN THE SPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION, AND THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS INITIATED IN THE FIELD OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, ACAN SPENT MOST OF THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW DEVISING A NEW BLUEPRINT TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG. IT ALSO MADE COMPREHENSIVE STUDIES ON:-

- (A) EXISTING TREATMENT FACILITIES - TO FIND OUT WHETHER THEY WERE BEING USED TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE, AND WHETHER A PHASED PROGRAMME COULD BE FORMULATED TO TREAT DRUG ADDICTS EN MASSE AT A REASONABLE COST-
- (B) LAWS AND PROCEDURES REQUIRED TO CONTROL FACTORY MADE DRUGS (PSYCHO-TROPIC SUBSTANCES) WHICH MAY BE ABUSED-
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- (C) PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ABOUT DRUGS - TO FIND OUT HOW THEY CAN BEST AND MOST EFFECTIVELY BE PROMOTED AND REGULATED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED IN GIS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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KCR TO INTRODUCE FIXED EXCESS FARE

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS TO INTRODUCE A FIXED EXCESS FARE STRUCTURE FROM THURSDAY (MAY 6) TO AVOID POSSIBLE DELAYS OF PASSENGERS.

FROM THAT DAY, ANY PASSENGER WHO ARRIVES AT MONGKOK OR THE HUNG HOM TERMINAL WITHOUT PAYING HIS FARE AND UNABLE TO SATISFY THE RAILWAY OFFICER OF HIS ORIGINATING STATION WILL BE CHARGED A FIXED FARE OF \$2.40 FOR AN ADULT AND \$1.20 FOR A CHILD. THIS IS BASED ON THE ORDINARY FARE FROM SHEUNG SHUI PLUS 50 PER CENT OF THE TICKET COST.

A TICKET WILL BE ISSUED IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT UNDULY DELAYING THE PASSENGER.

IF A PASSENGER CAN PROVE HIS ORIGINATING STATION HE WILL BE CHARGED ACCORDINGLY PLUS 50 PER CENT OF THE FARE CHARGED. A HAND-WRITTEN RECEIPT WILL BE ISSUED AS AT PRESENT.

THE PRESENT PRACTICE FOR THOSE TRAVELLING FROM KOWLOON TO THE NEW TERRITORIES WITHOUT PAYING FARES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

EXPLAINING THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, THE KCR ACTING GENERAL MANAGER, MR. U.L. WONG, SAID THERE HAD BEEN COMPLAINTS CONCERNING DELAYS IN ISSUING EXCESS FARE TICKETS FROM PASSENGERS WHO DID NOT OBTAIN A TICKET AT THEIR ORIGINATING STATION AND THEY HAD TO PAY AT THE DESTINATION.

THERE WERE ALSO COMPLAINTS THAT SOME RAILWAY STAFF COLLECTED FARES WITHOUT ISSUING ANY RECEIPTS.

MR. WONG EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SITUATION WOULD BE IMPROVED FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW SYSTEM.

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WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION DAY
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LOCAL AMATEUR RADIO ENTHUSIASTS CAN TAKE PART IN TWO EVENTS ORGANISED AS PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS OF WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DAY WHICH FALLS ON MAY 17, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

IN GENEVA, THE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB (IARC) WILL BE OPERATING THE WORLD'S ONLY INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR RADIO STATION.

THOSE WHO CONTACT THE STATION BY USING THE CALL SIGN 4U8ITU WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL QSL (ACKNOWLEDGEMENT) CARD.

GENEVA IS THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU) TO WHICH 148 STATES NOW BELONG.

MEANWHILE, THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS OF BRAZIL IS ORGANISING A WORLD-WIDE AMATEUR RADIO CONTEST.

THE ITU TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE COUNTRY GAINING THE MOST POINTS WHILE MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS WILL BE AWARDED TO INDIVIDUAL WINNERS IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES.

COPIES OF THE RULES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR RADIO TRANSMITTING SOCIETY, MR. JOHN SWEENEY, WHO CAN BE CONTACTED ON TELEPHONE 5-238111 EXTENSION 408 OR AT P.O. BOX 541.

ALL LICENSED AMATEURS IN HONG KONG BELONGING TO THE SOCIETY CAN TAKE PART IN BOTH EVENTS.

MAY 17 HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DAY AS IT WILL BE THE 111TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONVENTION IN PARIS, THUS MAKING THE ITU THE OLDEST INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATION BELONGING TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON JUNE 5, 1975 ON YEUNG TEI-SUN SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT.

YEUNG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF LAM KIT-LUNG.

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BOOKS AND BOOKSHELVES FOR COMMUNITY CENTRES
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WAS TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED WITH TWO SETS OF BOOKS AND TWO BOOKSHELVES BY THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN FOR USE IN THE LIBRARIES AT CHAI WAN AND WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRES.

THE GIFTS AMOUNTING TO \$11,000, WERE PRESENTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB, MR. WU PO-LING, AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

IN ACCEPTING THE GIFTS, MR. LEE NOTED THAT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIBRARY HAD MORE THAN 10,000 REGISTERED READERS. AN AVERAGE OF 900 PEOPLE USED THE LIBRARY DAILY. +THIS CLEARLY INDICATES THAT THE LIBRARY SERVICE IS MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE LOCAL RESIDENTS.+

THE DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT THE LIBRARY +PROVIDES NOT ONLY REFERENCE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, READING-ROOMS AND BOOK-LENDING SERVICES, BUT ALSO ORGANISES ACTIVITIES SUCH AS QUIZ CONTESTS, ARTS COMPETITIONS AND CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITIONS.+

THERE ARE ALTOGETHER SEVEN COMMUNITY CENTRES RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG AND THEY OFFER A VARIETY OF SERVICES TO THE LOCAL RESIDENTS. THERE INCLUDE GROUP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, FAMILY SERVICES, NURSERIES, ENQUIRY SERVICES AND LIBRARY SERVICES, MR. LEE ADDED.

THE DIRECTOR EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE CLUB FOR THEIR KEEN INTEREST IN WELFARE SERVICES AND THEIR DONATIONS WHICH ENABLE THE LIBRARIES TO OFFER A WIDER SELECTION OF READING MATERIALS.

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ROAD CLOSURE
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THE SECTION OF SHAUKIWAN MAIN STREET EAST FROM THE JUNCTION OF KAM WAH STREET NORTHWARDS WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. ON THURSDAY (MAY 6) BECAUSE OF THE TAM KUNG FESTIVAL.

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE THE LARGE CROWD WHICH IS EXPECTED TO VISIT THE TAM KUNG TEMPLE ON THAT DAY.

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LABORATORY TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH LEADERS

THE YOUTH WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING A LABORATORY TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH LEADERS AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE COURSE IS AIMED AT HELPING POTENTIAL YOUTH LEADERS DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE IN HUMAN RELATIONS AND THEIR SENSITIVITY TO THE ENVIRONMENT. IT WILL LAST FROM MAY 31 TO JUNE 10, WITH LECTURES ON EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY EVENING BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 9.30 P.M. THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE AT OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE COURSE WILL END WITH AN OVERNIGHT CAMP AT THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CENTRE IN POKFULAM ROAD ON JUNE 12.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 18 AND 25 WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST FORM FIVE LEVEL.

CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO FINISH THE WHOLE COURSE.

AS THE COURSE IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS, ENROLMENT WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE YOUTH WORK UNIT ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICES BUILDING AT 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON BEFORE MAY 15. THE COST WILL BE \$13 A PERSON.

SEVEN SIMILAR COURSES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED SINCE EARLY 1974. MORE THAN 200 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED IN EACH OF THE PAST COURSES INDICATING THAT THE DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF TRAINING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE WAS ENTHUSIASTIC.

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WATER CUT

WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SAN PO KONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (MAY 6).

THIS IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TSEUK LUK STREET, KING FUK STREET, KING TAI STREET, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND CHOI HUNG ROAD. IT ALSO INCLUDES YIN HING STREET, KAM WING STREET, SHUNG LING STREET, YI LUNG STREET AND HONG KEUNG STREET.

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