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GOVT TO TAKE FRESH INITIATIVE TO BRING ABOUT
NEW AWARENESS OF CARE FOR ENVIRONMENT IN NT
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO TAKE A FRESH INITIATIVE TO BRING ABOUT A NEW AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHETHER IT BE DOMESTIC RUBBISH AND LITTER, FARM WASTE OR FACTORY EFFLUENT, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EIGHTH HONG KONG YOUTH ENVIRONMENT FORUM HELD AT THE CHUNG CHI COLLEGE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID: +I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT AN IMPROVEMENT TO OUR STANDARD OF LIVING, WHICH IS THE AIM OF US ALL, IS COMPATIBLE WITH AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS IN DANGER OF TURNING INTO A RUBBISH DUMP.

+I PROPOSE SHORTLY TO TAKE THE ADVICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS IN EACH DISTRICT AS TO HOW WE SHOULD GO ABOUT GENERATING THIS INITIATIVE AND NEW AWARENESS.+

THE SECRETARY NOTED THAT DESPITE THE CREATION OF COUNTRY PARKS AND VARIOUS EFFORTS AND MEASURES TAKEN TO KEEP THE NEW TERRITORIES CLEAN, THE LOWLAND AREAS OF THE DISTRICT HAVE BECOME STEADILY MORE POLLUTED AND MORE OF A MESS OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

+PERHAPS MANY BELIEVE THAT THE SITUATION IS SO BAD THAT TO ADD TO IT WILL NOT MAKE IT WORSE, AND THAT THEY CAN DO NOTHING TO MAKE IT BETTER, THAT IT IS NOT WORTH THE EFFORT.

+THIS IS REALLY THE ATTITUDE OF MIND WHICH WE SHOULD SEEK TO REVERSE, WHICH YOU, AS YOUNG PEOPLE, IN CONVERSATION WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND RELATIONS CAN CHANGE,+ HE SAID.

OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IS THE PROBLEM OF WASTE FROM THE PIG AND CHICKEN FARMS AND THE TEMPORARY FACTORIES WHICH IS WASHED AND DUMPED INTO THE NEAREST STREAM.

HOWEVER, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT THERE IS AN INTERESTING EXPERIMENT BEING CONDUCTED IN FANLING FOR THE COLLECTION OF WASTE FROM PIG AND CHICKEN FARMS IN A PARTICULAR AREA.

+THE FARMERS LIKE IT, AND IT SEEMS TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

+IT COULD BE EXPENSIVE IF IT WERE CARRIED OUT ON A LARGE SCALE, AND WE WILL NEED TO FIND SOME GOOD USE FOR THE MANURE THAT IS COLLECTED, IN ORDER TO MAKE THE OPERATION VIABLE.+

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HE ALSO REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS BUILDING A SMALL SETTLEMENT TANK ON A STREAM-COURSE IN THE SAME AREA TO SEE WHETHER THIS METHOD CAN BE USED ELSEWHERE AS ANOTHER WAY OF DEALING WITH EFFLUENT FROM THE FARMS AND ANALYSING WAYS TO KEEP ONE OF THE MOST HEAVILY POLLUTED AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CLEAN AND FREE FROM RUBBISH.

BUT HE ADDED: +NO AMOUNT OF LEGISLATION CAN PRODUCE THE ENVIRONMENT WE WANT UNLESS THERE IS A WILL AMONG THE PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION, UNLESS IT IS BACKED BY PRACTICAL AND, IN MANY CASES, SIMPLE MEASURES.+

THE GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT NO LESS THAN \$4 MILLION ON EXPERT ADVICE ON THE LANDSCAPING OF THE NEW TOWNS, HE SAID.

+A LANDSCAPE STUDY TELLS US HOW WE CAN MAKE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF OUR DENSELY POPULATED TOWNS AS PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN THE PLANNING CONSTRAINTS OF HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT AND HIGH-RISE LIVING.

+IT TELLS US HOW TO TURN OUR STREETS INTO ATTRACTIVE PLACES FOR PEDESTRIANS- IT TELLS US WHAT TREES TO PLANT AND WHERE TO PLANT THEM- HOW WE CAN POSITION OUR BUILDINGS AND DESIGN OUR PARKS SO THAT THEY WILL GIVE THE MOST PLEASURE TO THE PEOPLE.+

THOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY YET TO SEE THE RESULTS OF THESE STUDIES, MR. AKERS-JONES GAVE HIS ASSURANCE THAT THE ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF THE NEW TOWNS ARE DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THE PROPOSALS IN THESE STUDIES.

HE REVEALED THAT THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL TEAM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF EACH TOWN TO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS AND THAT A CAREFUL STUDY ON THE NUMBER OF TREES AND PLANTS AND SHRUBS WHICH WOULD BE NEEDED OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS HAD BEEN COMPLETED.

THE FOUR-DAY FORUM WAS ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH ENVIRONMENT ACTION GROUP OF THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION.

THE THEME IS +LOOK OUT FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT+ AND ITS OBJECTIVES INCLUDE THE TRANSMITTANCE OF BASIC ENVIRONMENTAL CONCEPT, THE SPREAD OF MASS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND AROUSING OF YOUTH'S RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

HUNDREDS OF UPPER-FORM STUDENTS FROM VARIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG TOOK PART IN THE EVENT.

APART FROM MR. AKERS-JONES, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MR. G. BARNES, WAS ALSO INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES COURSES
GRADUATES IN DEMAND
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STUDENTS SPECIALLY TRAINED IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM ARE IN BIG DEMAND.

REFLECTING THE NEED FOR SUCH PERSONNEL, EMPLOYERS RECENTLY OFFERED JOBS TO MOST OF THIS YEAR'S 107 WOULD-BE GRADUATES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES IN THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

AND TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND, THE DEPARTMENT HOPES TO INCREASE ITS INTAKE OF STUDENTS FOR ITS COURSES, PART-TIME ONES IN PARTICULAR, IN THE NEW SESSION.

WHEN THE DEPARTMENT'S CERTIFICATE FOR TOURISM CO-ORDINATION OFFICERS COURSE WAS FIRST OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER 1977, THERE WERE ONLY 16 PLACES AVAILABLE. MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THE STUDENTS WERE ALSO OFFERED JOBS LONG BEFORE THEIR GRADUATION.

IN ANNOUNCING THE EXPANDED INTAKE OF STUDENTS, THE HEAD OF THE INSTITUTE'S DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, MR. PETER KERRISON, SAID THAT APART FROM INCREASING THE FULL-TIME ONE-YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSE FOR TOURISM CO-ORDINATION OFFICERS TO 40 STUDENTS, THE EVENING COURSES OFFERED ON THE SAME SUBJECT HAVE BEEN INCREASED TO ACCOMMODATE 120 STUDENTS.

+THIS IS DUE TO THE TRANSFER OF THE ONE-YEAR AND TWO-YEAR COURSES IN TOURISM FROM THE POLYTECHNIC,+ MR. KERRISON SAID.

APPLICATION FOR THE THREE FULL-TIME COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW OPEN TO ALL FORM 5 GRADUATES BUT ENROLMENT FOR THE EVENING COURSES IS CLOSED.

MR. KERRISON SAID HUNDREDS OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S EVENING COURSES POURED IN SHORTLY AFTER ENROLMENT WAS ANNOUNCED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN 200 STUDENTS HAVE GRADUATED FROM THIS DEPARTMENT SINCE THE INSTITUTE'S OPENING IN 1977.

THE THREE FULL-TIME COURSES, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL WORK, COVERS GENERAL CATERING, HOTEL RECEPTION, OFFICE STUDIES AND TOURISM CO-ORDINATION RESPECTIVELY.

THE EVENING AND PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES ACCENTUATE ON COOKERY, WINE AND BEVERAGE SERVICES, TOURISM ORGANISATION AND SO ON.

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LADY MACLEHOSE JOINS CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES
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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITED SOME 300 STUDENTS IN A CHILDREN'S CAMP AT CHEUNG CHAU TODAY (SATURDAY) AND RECEIVED FROM THEM A SOUVENIR T-SHIRT WITH THE CAMP LOGO AND CHINESE CHARACTERS MEANING +I LOVE MY FAMILY.+

THE CAMP, FUNDED BY THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND ORGANISED BY CARITAS - HONG KONG, IS THE ONLY ONE OPERATED FOR CHILDREN OF THE ISLAND THIS SUMMER.

WHEN LADY MACLEHOSE ARRIVED AT THE CAMPSITE, THE STUDENTS WERE ENGAGED IN A VARIETY OF GAMES INCLUDING BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, TABLE TENNIS AND FOLK DANCING.

THE THEME OF THE CAMP IS ON FAMILY LIFE AND, TO SIMULATE A FAMILY ENVIRONMENT, PARTICIPANTS ARE DIVIDED INTO FAMILY UNITS LED BY SPECIALLY TRAINED VOLUNTEERS SERVING AS +PARENTS.+

APART FROM RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES DURING THEIR THREE-DAY STAY, THE CAMPERS WILL ALSO HOLD SEVERAL INFORMAL MEETINGS TO DISCUSS THE ROLE THEY PLAY AT HOME AND THE COMMON PROBLEMS IN THE FAMILY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, THE ACCESS ROAD FROM NATHAN ROAD INTO ARRAN STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR MTR CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ARRAN STREET FROM LAI CHI KOK ROAD TO A POINT 10 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE
PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED
FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
AUGUST 14 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
AUGUST 15 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
AUGUST 16 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 8 P.M.

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