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GRADUATES URGED TO SUPPORT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME  
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY TODAY CALLED ON GRADUATING STUDENTS AT CHUNG CHI COLLEGE OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

SPEAKING AT THE COLLEGE'S 27TH VALEDICTORY SERVICE, MR BRAY POINTED OUT THAT ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WOULD NOT REPRESENT ANYONE MUCH IF ONLY A SMALL MINORITY TOOK THE TROUBLE TO VOTE.

+IF YOU WANT TO HAVE YOUR CHOICE AMONG THE CANDIDATES ELECTED, AND THEREBY HAVE A MEDIUM FOR CHANNELLING YOUR VIEWS ON AND ASPIRATIONS FOR YOUR DISTRICT TO GOVERNMENT, THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE -- TO REGISTER AND TO VOTE, AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE YOU KNOW WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO DO THE SAME,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THEY COULD DO EVEN MORE ONCE THEY HAD SETTLED DOWN IN THEIR CAREERS. +TRY TO DEVOTE A LITTLE OF YOUR THOUGHT AND TIME TO THOSE AFFAIRS OF YOUR DISTRICT WHICH NEED IMPROVEMENT OR REQUIRE CONSIDERATION AS TO WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED BY THE RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID, +.... THEN, EVEN IF THE ABSENCE OF FACILITIES DOESN'T AFFECT YOU DIRECTLY, LET YOUR DISTRICT BOARD KNOW.+

HE SAID REGISTRATION OF VOTERS WOULD BE MADE AS EASY AS POSSIBLE -- FILLING UP A VERY SIMPLE FORM AND HANDING IT IN OR POSTING IT. REGISTRATION FORMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ALL CDO'S, DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES AND HOPEFULLY AT MTR STATIONS AND BANKS, AS WELL AS FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY ORGANISERS.

THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF DESIGNATED POLLING STATIONS IN EACH OF THE 122 DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES AND POLLING HOURS WOULD BE FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM +SO THERE WOULD BE PLENTY OF TIME FOR EVEN THE BUSIEST PEOPLE TO VOTE WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE TIME OFF.+

MR BRAY SAID THE SUCCESS OF THE SCHEME WOULD DEPEND A LOT ON WHO WOULD STAND FOR ELECTION AND WHO WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

+SINCE YOU BELONG TO THE BETTER INFORMED SECTOR OF OUR SOCIETY, WHAT YOU DO WILL INFLUENCE OTHERS. THE GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS VERY BEST TO MAKE THE NEW PATTERN OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION A SUCCESS BUT THIS IS NOT JUST A MATTER FOR US,+ MR BRAY SAID.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED TO CHECK VR'S EMPLOYMENT STATUS  
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EMPLOYERS WHO ENGAGE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AWAITING OVERSEAS RESETTLEMENT HERE WERE REMINDED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO MAKE SURE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981, VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARE PROHIBITED FROM TAKING EMPLOYMENT DURING THEIR TEMPORARY STAY HERE IF THEY CONTRAVENE A CONDITION OF STAY, INCLUDING REFUSAL OF A RESETTLEMENT OFFER.

THE PROHIBITION WOULD BE CLEARLY ENDORSED ON THE OFFENDING VIETNAMESE REFUGEE'S CARD, MAKING HIM NO LONGER +LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE+.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT UNDER EXISTING LAW ANY EMPLOYER OFFERING EMPLOYMENT TO A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHO IS NOT +LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE+ WILL RISK A \$50 000 FINE AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT.

IN ADDITION, HE POINTED OUT, THE ORDINANCE MAKES IT MANDATORY FOR EMPLOYERS TO INSPECT THE CARDS OF THEIR VIETNAMESE REFUGEE EMPLOYEES EVERY TIME WAGES ARE PAID TO THEM AS A CHECK ON THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JUNE 1, A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE ALSO RISKS DETENTION OF UP TO 28 DAYS IF HE BREAKS ANY OF HIS CONDITIONS OF STAY, INCLUDING REFUSING AN OFFER OF RESETTLEMENT WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR SHIU-KIN TANG DONATES \$140 000 FOR OLD PEOPLE  
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SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, A DONOR OF THE TANG SHIU KIN-HO TIM CHARITABLE FUND ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HAS DONATED \$140 000 FOR DISTRIBUTION AS +LUCKY MONEY+ TO 4 574 RESIDENTS OF 27 GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED AND 12 NON-SUBVENTED OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES.

THE DONATION COMPRISES \$70 000 SIR SHIU-KIN RECEIVED AS BIRTHDAY PRESENTS IN CASH THIS YEAR AND ANOTHER \$70 000 FROM HIMSELF.

THE MONEY, IN RED PACKETS OF \$30 EACH, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON HIS BEHALF BY LEADING TELEVISION AND FILM ACTRESS, MISS FUNG PO-PO, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON HER VISITS TO EACH HOME.

/THE SERIES .....

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THE SERIES OF VISITS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (MONDAY) STARTING WITH THE DAVID TRENCH HOME FOR THE AGED AT 29, NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, HONG KONG, BETWEEN 11.45 AM AND 12.45 PM.

IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY VISITS IN THE AFTERNOON TO THE ST. MARY HOME AT 2 WELFARE ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, BETWEEN 2.30 PM AND 3.30 PM- AND TO THE WAN CHAI WOMEN SHELTER AT WOOD ROAD, WAN CHAI, BETWEEN 4 PM AND 4.45 PM.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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### AMS DOUBLES LIFEGUARD EFFORTS

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MANY MEMBERS OF THE 6 000-STRONG AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE ARE OFFERING THEIR TIME TO HELP WATCH OVER SWIMMERS AT BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS THIS SUMMER.

SOME 21 000 MAN HOURS ARE BEING PUT INTO LIFEGUARD DUTIES THIS YEAR, NEARLY TWICE AS MUCH AS LAST YEAR, THE AMS MEDICAL DEFENCE STAFF OFFICER, MR K.C. TONG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT ABOUT 800 AMS MEMBERS ARE ALREADY QUALIFIED LIFEGUARDS.

+AS THE SWIMMING SEASON IS APPROACHING, AMS LIFEGUARDS WILL BE HEAVILY COMMITTED TO HELP WITH WATER SAFETY ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY IN SUPPORTING THE REGULAR LIFEGUARDS,+ HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ON THEIR WATER SAFETY EFFORTS, THE AMS HAS STARTED SENDING TRAINED MEMBERS IN TEAMS OF THREE ON SPECIALLY BUILT RESCUE CANOES TO CARRY OUT LIFEGUARD DUTIES.

+AND SINCE THE CANOE HAS PROVED TO BE A VERY FAST AND EFFECTIVE MEANS OF LIFE-SAVING, PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO TRAIN ALL AMS LIFEGUARDS IN THE USE OF CANOES TO SAVE LIFE AT SEA,+ MR TONG SAID.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO ORGANISE TRAINING COURSES ON CANOE LIFE-SAVING FOR REGULAR LIFEGUARDS. FOR THIS REASON, WORK IS BEING CARRIED OUT TO SET UP A CANOE CENTRE AT CHAM CHUK WAN IN SAI KUNG AND THIS WILL BE COMPLETED BY NEXT MONTH.

COURSES TO BE HELD AT THE CENTRE WILL BE DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS -- BASIC CANOE TRAINING, CANOE RESCUE TECHNIQUES AND LIFE-SAVING PROFICIENCY.

+IN ANOTHER EFFORT TO ENHANCE ITS OPERATIONAL AND TRAINING EFFICIENCY, THE AMS LIFE-SAVING TEAM WILL SOON BE ADDING A MOTORISED RESCUE CRAFT TO ITS RANGE OF EQUIPMENT,+ MR TONG SAID.

THE CRAFT, AN INFLATABLE MOTORISED RUBBER SPEEDBOAT MEASURING ABOUT 4 METRES BY 1.7 METRES, WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A 40 HORSEPOWER OUTBOARD ENGINE AND IT HAS A CAPACITY OF SIX PERSONS.

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IT COULD BE USED FOR ACTUAL RESCUE OPERATIONS AT SEA AND FOR PATROL WORK WHENEVER MAJOR AQUATIC FUNCTIONS ARE ORGANISED OR SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

A NUMBER OF AMS STAFF MEMBERS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO SIT FOR A MARINE DEPARTMENT EXAMINATION FOR MASTER CERTIFICATE AND MASTER ENGINEER'S LICENCE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE RESCUE CRAFT.

+IN JULY THIS YEAR WE ARE ALSO SENDING ONE OF OUR OFFICERS TO ENGLAND TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN MORE ADVANCED CANOE RESCUE TECHNIQUES,+ MR TONG SAID.

+AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE TAKE TO THE WATER TO GO SWIMMING AND THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS WILL PROBABLY INCREASE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HONG KONG'S LIFEGUARDS ADOPT THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNIQUES OF LIFE-SAVING TO HANDLE ANY EMERGENCY SITUATION WHICH MAY ARISE,+ MR TONG SAID.

THE AMS OFFICER WILL LEAVE HONG KONG FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM IN LATE JULY TO ATTEND A FIVE-WEEK COURSE FOR TWO BRITISH CANOE UNION QUALIFICATIONS WHICH ARE FULLY RECOGNISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CANOE FEDERATION.

MR TONG SAID THE AMS, APART FROM CARRYING OUT LIFE-SAVING DUTIES, PLANNED TO PROVIDE OCCASIONAL TALKS TO YOUTH LEADERS, FACTORY GROUP ORGANISERS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES ON HOW TO PLAY SAFE IN WATER AND WHAT TO DO IN AN EMERGENCY.

+ARRANGEMENTS ARE UNDERWAY WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES,+ MR TONG SAID.

MEANWHILE, AN AMS DELEGATION HAS RETURNED TO HONG KONG AFTER TAKING PART IN THE WORLD LIFE SAVING INTERCLUB SURF CHAMPIONSHIPS HELD RECENTLY IN BALI, INDONESIA.

A 32-MEMBER AMS LIFE-SAVERS TEAM WAS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT HONG KONG AT THE FUNCTION.

+THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT AN AMS TEAM REPRESENTED HONG KONG IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST AND WON PRIZES,+ MR TONG SAID.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN THE EVENT, HELD FROM APRIL 28 TO MAY 3, INCLUDED BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND INDONESIA.

THE AMS LIFE-SAVING TEAM, FORMED IN 1968, HAS WON THE GOVERNOR'S SHIELD FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS IN SUCCESSION FOR ITS PERFORMANCES IN THE ANNUAL MARCH PAST OF HONG KONG LIFEGUARDS.

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THIRTY MONTHS TRAINING REVENUE ASSESSORS WAS  
'TIME WELL SPENT,' SAYS TONY PYE  
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WHEN HE RETURNS TO BRITAIN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, TONY PYE, CHIEF ASSESSOR IN CHARGE OF TRAINING AT THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TRAINED 36 ASSESSORS AND 170 ASSISTANT ASSESSORS IN THE 30 MONTHS THAT HE HAS BEEN IN HONG KONG.

AND IT WILL HAVE BEEN TIME WELL SPENT AND OF MUCH PERSONAL SATISFACTION TO HIM, FOR AFTER THAT HONG KONG'S OWN SENIOR OFFICERS WHO BENEFITED FROM HIS ADVICE WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY ON THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING PROGRAMME WITHOUT OUTSIDE HELP.

+AND THERE WILL BE MUCH WORK AHEAD FOR THE ASSESSORS, AND TRAINERS,+ SAID MR PYE.

AS HEAD OF THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, MR PYE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING COURSES FOR NEWLY-RECRUITED ASSISTANT ASSESSORS AND SPECIAL COURSES FOR ASSESSORS. THIS WORK INVOLVES PREPARING THE CURRICULA, COURSE MATERIALS, TUTORING, AS WELL AS SETTING PAPERS FOR INTERNAL TESTS AND OPEN EXAMINATIONS.

MOST OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK IS BASED ON TAX LAW, AND FOR THIS REASON EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THIS SUBJECT SO AS TO GIVE THE NEW-COMERS A SOUND FOUNDATION.

+ALL OF THEM MUST TAKE A TWO-YEAR BASIC TRAINING COURSE IN TAXATION LAW AND PRACTICES AS SOON AS THEY JOIN THE DEPARTMENT,+ MR PYE EXPLAINED.

THE COURSE IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS, EACH OF WHICH IS OF NINE MONTHS' DURATION, AND THERE IS AN EXAMINATION AT THE END OF EACH PART WHICH THEY HAVE TO PASS BEFORE CONFIRMATION OF THEIR APPOINTMENTS.

IN THE FIRST PART, ASSISTANT ASSESSORS STUDY THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF HONG KONG'S TAX LAW, INCLUDING SALARIES TAX, PROPERTY TAX AND PROFITS TAX, INTEREST TAX AND PERSONAL ASSESSMENT. IN THE SECOND PART, THEY CONCENTRATE ON LEGISLATION ON PROFITS TAX.

+COURSES ARE CONDUCTED IN TUTORIALS, CONSISTING OF GROUPS OF 12 TO 15 PERSONS, SO THAT I CAN GIVE CLOSE GUIDANCE AND ATTENTION TO EACH PERSON IN THE GROUP,+ HE EXPLAINED.

COURSE MEMBERS HAVE ONE HALF-DAY SESSION A WEEK FOR GROUP STUDY AND PRACTICAL WORK IN ADDITION TO THEIR TUTORIALS WITH HIM ON SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE TAX LAW AND ITS APPLICATION TO NEW CIRCUMSTANCES. SO AS TO STUDY OR CLARIFY THE SPECIFIC MEANING OF WORDS IN LAW, TAX CASES IN BOTH HONG KONG AND BRITAIN ARE REFERRED TO.

FOR THIS YEAR, THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL PART ONE COURSE FOR ASSISTANT ASSESSORS.

+THIS IS TO PREPARE FOR THE INCREASING WORK TO BE DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE FUTURE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

/LAST YEAR .....

LAST YEAR, 68 ASSISTANT ASSESSORS TOOK THE PART ONE COURSE AND 56 THE PART TWO COURSE. THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, 64 WILL TAKE THE PART TWO AND 73 NEW RECRUITS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE THE PART ONE COURSE STARTING NEXT MONTH.

IN ADDITION TO THEIR LOCAL TRAINING, FOR MANY YEARS ASSESSORS ARE SENT OVERSEAS TO BROADEN THEIR TAXATION KNOWLEDGE. LAST YEAR, AN ASSESSOR WAS SENT TO BRITAIN FOR A SIX-MONTH COURSE UNDER A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES. ANOTHER WILL BE SENT THIS YEAR IN JULY.

ASKED HOW HE FELT ABOUT LEAVING HONG KONG, MR PYE SAID IT WOULD BE SAD AS HE HAS ENJOYED WORKING HERE. +IT'S REALLY A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE.+

SPEAKING OF THE TRAINEES HE HAS TAUGHT, HE SAID THEY WERE ALWAYS EAGER AND WILLING TO LEARN. +DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY ARE LESS INCLINED TO DISPUTE WHAT THE TUTOR SAYS THAN BRITISH STUDENTS, THEY ARE WELL-MOTIVATED AND HARD-WORKING,+ HE SAID.

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#### APPLY NOW FOR EVENING ENGLISH COURSES

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EVENING COURSES IN ENGLISH WILL BE RUN FROM SEPTEMBER BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR ADULTS AGED 18 AND OVER TO HELP THEM IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH.

THE COURSES, DUE TO START IN SEPTEMBER 15, ARE DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND SENIOR LEVELS, AND ANNUAL TUITION FEES ARE \$100, \$150 AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 27 AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN LEE GARDENS, THE SUB-OFFICE AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION AT MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KING'S COLLEGE, HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHAU KEI WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS).

IN KOWLOON, FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, AND THE GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TONG MEI ROAD, KAI TAK AND KWUN TONG.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HOI PA STREET AND TAI PO GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS. HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, DISTRICT OFFICES IN SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG, AND THE SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 27 TO THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 4TH FLOOR, 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

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SERVICE ROAD FOR WATER TUNNEL  
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A SERVICE ROAD IS TO BE BUILT BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ALONG THE HILLSIDE IN NGAU TAM MEI, YUEN LONG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE NEW ROAD, MEASURING ABOUT 1 700 METRES, WOULD PROVIDE ACCESS FOR DRIVING A WATER TUNNEL WHICH FORMS PART OF STAGE ONE OF A \$1 300 MILLION SCHEME TO CATER FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES OF WATER FROM CHINA OVER THE NEXT 12 YEARS.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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HILLTOP PUMPING STATION  
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A FRESH WATER PUMPING STATION WILL BE BUILT ON A HILLTOP NEAR BRAEMAR HILL MANSION AT BRAEMAR HILL ROAD IN NORTH POINT.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH FORMS PART OF A PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE SUPPLY SYSTEM IN THE HIGH LEVEL AREA THERE, ARE BEING INVITED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE PUMPING STATION WILL HOUSE TWO ELECTRIC PUMP SETS, EACH WITH A CAPACITY OF ABOUT 1 500 CUBIC METRES DAILY, TO DRAW WATER FROM THE NORTH POINT FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TAI PO TO FORM DISTRICT DANCE GROUP  
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION IS PLANNING TO FORM A LOCAL MODERN DANCE GROUP.

THE ASSOCIATION, BACKED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD, WAS SET UP A YEAR AGO TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEW TOWN.

AN ASSOCIATION SPOKESMAN SAID ITS AIMS WERE TO BRING A RICHER CULTURAL LIFE TO TAI PO THROUGH ARTS ACTIVITIES.

+WE ARE NOW WORKING OUT DETAILS OF THE MODERN DANCE GROUP SUCH AS ELIGIBILITY TO JOIN CLASSES, TIMINGS OF TRAINING SESSIONS AND WHERE CLASSES WILL BE HELD,+ HE SAID. AN ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE SOON.

/HE SAID .....

HE SAID A CHILDREN'S CHOIR FORMED LAST YEAR BY THE ASSOCIATION HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS AND IT WAS FELT THAT THE TIME WAS RIGHT TO EXPAND ACTIVITIES BY FORMING THE MODERN DANCE GROUP.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ASSOCIATION WAS ALSO ORGANISING A DANCE TRAINING CLASS FOR CHILDREN AND AN ELEMENTARY BALLET CLASS.

ALL TAI PO CHILDREN WERE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO ATTEND THE CLASSES WHICH WILL BE HELD ON WEEKENDS AT A LOCAL SCHOOL.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE BEING SENT TO ALL SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

OTHER ACTIVITIES THE ASSOCIATION IS ORGANISING INCLUDE CONCERTS, EXHIBITIONS, COMPETITIONS AND TRAINING CLASSES IN DRAMA, PHOTOGRAPHY, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT PLAYING AND FLOWER PLANTING.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS EARMARKED \$120 000 FOR THE ASSOCIATION THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, OF WHICH \$40 000 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR.

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#### NEW LOOK FOR PLAYGROUND

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MA TAU WAI SERVICE RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND WILL SOON TAKE ON A NEW LOOK, WHEN MORE FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED FOR IT UNDER AN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

THE NEW FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE FOUR TENNIS COURTS, A BOOKING OFFICE AND CHANGING ROOMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING CALLED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

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#### TAPS OFF FOR MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 9 HOURS FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 9) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING (JUNE 10) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES AT WO LIU HANG TSUEN, PAT TZE WO TSUEN AND FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA.

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