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NEW DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL APPOINTED

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT MISS ELLE SHUM MUN-LING HAS TAKEN OVER THE POST OF DEPUTY POSTMASTER GENERAL FROM MR HENRY WISE, WHO HAS RETIRED AFTER NEARLY EIGHT YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

MISS SHUM IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. IN THE PAST 17 YEARS SHE HELD A VARIETY OF POSTS IN THE FORMER HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

SHE WAS A DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE BEFORE JOINING THE POST OFFICE.

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RECRUITS PRAISED FOR CHOOSING TO SERVE COMMUNITY

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NEWLY TRAINED RECRUITS IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) WERE PRAISED TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR CHOOSING TO GIVE THEIR TIME, ENERGY AND SKILL IN MAINTAINING A LONG TRADITION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO HONG KONG.

THE PRAISE CAME FROM THE COMMANDER, 48 GURKHA INFANTRY BRIGADE, BRIGADIER T.A.L. GLASS, WHEN ADDRESSING THE 132 MEN AND WOMEN OF CADRE 46 AT THEIR PASSING OFF PARADE HELD AT THE REGIMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN HAPPY VALLEY.

BRIGADIER GLASS SAID BEING PREPARED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN TIMES OF TURBULENCE, DANGER OR DEED, DEMANDED COURAGE AND SACRIFICE.

"BUT IT OFFERS IN RETURN GREAT REWARDS; OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND THE SHARED EXPERIENCE OF BEING BROTHERS IN ARMS WHICH IS AT THE HEART OF REGIMENTAL LIFE," HE SAID.

"SO IN THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG'S COMMUNITY AT LARGE LONG MAY THE SPIRIT OF THE VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO THRIVE," HE ADDED.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HARD WORK PUT IN BY THE RECRUITS OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS OF TRAINING, BRIGADIER GLASS URGED THEM TO ATTEND ALL TRAINING EVENTS, WHICH WAS IMPORTANT IN BUILDING UP TEAMS WITHIN TROOPS AND SQUADRONS.

/BRIGADIER GLASS .....

BRIGADIER GLASS TOOK THE SALUTE AS THE 111 MEN AND 21 WOMEN MARCHED PAST. DURING THEIR TRAINING THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS IN VARIOUS SKILLS RANGING FROM WEAPONS TRAINING AND MAP READING TO RADIO OPERATING AND FIRST AID.

AWARDS WERE PRESENTED TO THE BEST MALE AND FEMALE RECRUITS, THE BEST SHOT IN TARGET PRACTICE AND THE BEST TROOP.

BRIGADIER GLASS ALSO PRESENTED AN EFFICIENCY DECORATION AND EFFICIENCY MEDALS TO 18 SERVING VOLUNTEERS.

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FIRE SERVICES DEPT STARTS NEW RECRUITMENT DRIVE  
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A FRESH RECRUITMENT DRIVE STARTING TOMORROW (MONDAY) THROUGH RADIO ADVERTISEMENTS AND NEWLY DESIGNED POSTERS.

AS PART OF THE FIRE SERVICES' CONTINUOUS RECRUITMENT EXERCISE, THE CAMPAIGN AIMS AT RECRUITING ABOUT 250 NEW STAFF INCLUDING 70 STATION OFFICERS, 100 FIREMEN, 12 AMBULANCE OFFICERS AND 70 AMBULANCEMEN.

THE STARTING SALARY OF A STATION OFFICER VARIES FROM \$12,250 TO \$15,225 DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE AND RISES TO A MAXIMUM OF \$26,725 PER MONTH.

STARTING FROM NEXT MONTH, A NEW TELEVISION API (ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST) WILL ALSO BE SCREENED TO FURTHER PUT ACROSS THE RECRUITMENT MESSAGE.

IN ADDITION, RECRUITMENT COUNTERS WILL BE SET UP AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE SHOPPING CENTRES UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR.

THESE COUNTERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH PANELS DISPLAYING COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS INTRODUCING THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES AND JOBS BEING OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE COUNTERS ARE SET UP AT BUTTERFLY ESTATE IN TUEN MUN AND WAH FU ESTATE IN POK FU LAM THIS MONTH AND WILL BE MOVED TO LONG PING ESTATE IN YUEN LONG AND LOK FU ESTATE IN WONG TAI SIN NEXT MONTH.

THEY ARE MANNED BY FSD STAFF FROM 11 AM TO 7 PM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

MEANWHILE, THE RECRUITMENT CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 1 HONG CHONG ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO NOON AND FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 11 AM ON SATURDAYS.

THE CENTRE STAFF GIVE ON-THE-SPOT EXAMINATION TO POTENTIAL APPLICANTS TO TEST THEIR PHYSICAL FITNESS AND EYESIGHT AND ASSIST THEM TO FILL IN THE APPLICATION FORMS.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 733 7519.

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VERIFICATION OF VOTERS IN MONG KOK

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STAFF OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE WILL VISIT HOUSEHOLDS IN THE DISTRICT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO VERIFY THE PARTICULARS OF REGISTERED VOTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE DOOR-TO-DOOR VISIT EXERCISE, WHICH WOULD LAST UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER, WAS ALSO AIMED AT REGISTERING NEW VOTERS.

THERE WERE OVER 54,000 REGISTERED VOTERS IN MONG KOK AS AT MARCH 31, 1990.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM INCREASING THE NUMBER OF VOTERS, THE EXERCISE WOULD HELP TO IDENTIFY THOSE REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAD MOVED OUT OF THE DISTRICT.

"COMMUNITY ORGANISERS, BEARING IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WILL VISIT THE HOUSEHOLDS DURING EARLY EVENINGS," HE SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE OVER 21 YEARS OLD AND ARE HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENTS OR HAVE RESIDED IN THE TERRITORY FOR SEVEN YEARS OR MORE ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

THE EXERCISE IS TO COINCIDE WITH THE FORTHCOMING VOTERS REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED IN AUGUST, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES ATTRACT 65 TEAMS

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A TOTAL OF 65 TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE TERRITORY WILL TAKE PART IN THE 1990 ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD ON MAY 28 TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND ASSISTED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (SUNDAY), THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN, SAID THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE RACES.

SHE ADDED THAT THE RACES WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG A 330-METRE COURSE OFF THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT FROM 8.30 AM TO 5 PM ON THE DAY OF THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

/THE CHAIRMAN .....

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING, SAID THERE WILL BE A RECORD 10 TEAMS COMPETING IN THE FISHERMEN'S LARGE DRAGON BOAT DIVISION.

ANOTHER 55 TEAMS WILL COMPETE IN THE MEDIUM SIZED DRAGON BOAT DIVISION.

ALTOGETHER THERE WILL BE 38 RACES THAT DAY, WITH HEATS MAINLY IN THE MORNING AND SEMI-FINALS AND FINALS IN THE AFTERNOON. THE OVERALL CHAMPIONSHIP RACE WILL BE HELD AROUND 4.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE FOUR WINNERS IN EACH SECTION OF THE DRAGON BOAT RACES, AND SOME OF THE UNPLACED TEAMS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE "PETIT RACES", NEWLY INTRODUCED THIS YEAR.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY WILL PRESENT TROPHIES TO THE WINNING TEAMS AT A CEREMONY AT 4.40 PM.

THE NEWLY-COMPLETED URBAN COUNCIL ABERDEEN PROMENADE WILL PROVIDE A VANTAGE POINT FOR THE PUBLIC TO WATCH THE RACES. A 600-SEAT SPECTATORS' STAND WILL BE PUT UP AT THE WESTERN PART OF THE PROMENADE.

AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE, AN EYE-DOTTING AND EMBLEM-HANGING CEREMONY WAS HELD TO LAUNCH SIX DRAGON BOATS.

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#### TRUST FUND TO PROMOTE MUSIC IN TUEN MUN

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A TRUST FUND WILL BE SET UP IN TUEN MUN TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE MUSIC STANDARD OF RESIDENTS, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE '90 TUEN MUN MUSIC CARNIVAL, MR HSU SAID THE FUND, WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING MUSIC-RELATED ACTIVITIES, WAS BEING ORGANISED BY LOCAL RESIDENTS.

"DESPITE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE QUITE A NUMBER OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR, IN THE DISTRICT, MANY YOUNG PEOPLE STILL HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT TO ATTEND MUSICAL COURSES.

"THIS SHOWS THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEMAND FOR MUSICAL TRAINING IN THE DISTRICT.

"TUEN MUN IS A YOUTHFUL COMMUNITY WITH A POPULATION OF 400,000; AND MOST PARENTS ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES," HE POINTED OUT.

/MR HSU .....

MR HSU SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRUST FUND FOR MUSIC WAS STILL IN THE PREPARATORY STAGE. WHEN PREPARATION WORK WAS COMPLETED, THE ASSISTANCE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WOULD BE SOUGHT TO PROVIDE VARIOUS TRAINING COURSES.

TURNING TO THE MUSIC CARNIVAL, MR HSU CONSIDERED IT "QUITE A NEW CONCEPT".

"THE ORGANISERS HAVE MADE USE OF THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE VENUE TO STAGE SIMULTANEOUSLY A TRADITIONAL INDOOR PERFORMANCE AND A RELAXING OPEN-AIR CONCERT.

"ALSO, MUSIC LOVERS CAN EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCES THROUGH PARTICIPATION," HE SAID.

APART FROM PERFORMANCES OF POPULAR WESTERN AND CHINESE MUSIC, FOLK SONGS AND CANTONESE OPERATIC SINGINGS, THE CARNIVAL ALSO PROVIDED KARAOKE SESSION FOR RESIDENTS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CARNIVAL'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE '90 TUEN MUN MUSIC CARNIVAL HAS BEEN SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER FUND APPLICATIONS

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR HOLDING ACTIVITIES BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF \$50,000 TO SPONSOR THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND ANOTHER \$25,000 FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AND THE CLOSURE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S MONG KOK LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

IN ADDITION, THEY WILL COMMENT ON THE THEMES FOR THE SPECIAL STAMPS TO BE ISSUED IN 1992.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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MAIL SERVICES ON TUEN NG FESTIVAL DAY

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ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 28 (TUEN NG FESTIVAL) EXCEPT FOR THE GENERAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR DOMINIC S.W. WONG, ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE TWO POST OFFICES WILL OPEN FOR COUNTER BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO NOON.

LETTERS WILL CONTINUE TO BE DELIVERED, HE SAID.

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REMINDER ON CAISSON WORK SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS TO TAKE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN WORKING UNDERGROUND, SUCH AS IN WELLS, MANHOLES AND CAISSONS.

IN A RECENT ACCIDENT, A WORKER PLUNGED TO HIS DEATH IN A WELL BECAUSE HIS LIFTING EQUIPMENT FAILED.

NOTING THE INCREASING USE OF CAISSON IN BUILDING FOUNDATIONS, THE ACTING CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID EMPLOYERS MUST ENSURE THAT LIFTING APPLIANCES WERE INSTALLED AND ANCHORED PROPERLY.

"EMPLOYERS SHOULD ALSO PROVIDE SAFE MEANS OF ACCESS AND EGRESS FOR WORKERS ENGAGED IN UNDERGROUND WORK," HE STRESSED.

TO FURTHER ENSURE THE SAFETY OF CAISSON WORKERS, MR CHAN SAID CONTRACTORS SHOULD TAKE THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS:

- \* EXAMINE THE SAFETY CONDITIONS OF LIFTING APPLIANCES AND THEIR SUPPORTS;
- \* USE RECEPTACLES PROVIDED WITH ANTI-SPIN AND TIP-PROOF DEVICES TO CARRY, LIFT OR LOWER WORKERS IN CAISSONS;
- \* INSTALL SECURE FENCING AND TOEBOARDS AT CAISSON HEADS TO PREVENT FALL OF PERSONS OR OBJECTS;
- \* TEST AIR CONTENTS AND ENSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FRESH AIR TO WORKERS IN CAISSONS;
- \* USE LOW-VOLTAGE POWER SUPPLY WHERE POSSIBLE AND MAINTAIN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IN SAFE CONDITION; AND
- \* PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO WORKERS.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON SAFETY IN CAISSON WORK MAY BE MADE AT ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION.

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URBAN CLINIC TO BE BUILT IN SHA TIN

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN URBAN CLINIC IN SHA TIN.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SIU LEK YUEN URBAN CLINIC IS SCHEDULED TO START IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR AND BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STOREY MAIN BUILDING, A ONE-STOREY ANCILLARY STORE BUILDING AND EXTERNAL WORKS INCLUDING FENCING, DANGEROUS GOODS STORE, PAVING AND PARKING FACILITIES.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, JUNE 8.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 22), A SECTION OF THE NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND FAST LANES OF TOLO HIGHWAY BETWEEN SHA TIN RACE COURSE AND MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF SIGN GANTRIES ALONG TOLO HIGHWAY.

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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