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COMMONWEALTH LAWYERS WELCOMED

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HONG KONG'S CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT BRINGS WITH IT THE NEED TO IMPROVE CONTINUALLY THE INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH IT OPERATES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SEVENTH COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE AT THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+I WISH TO EXTEND TO YOU ALL, AND IN PARTICULAR TO YOU, LORD HAILSHAM, A VERY WARM WELCOME TO HONG KONG.

+THIS GATHERING OF SO MANY PEOPLE OF GREAT DISTINCTION AND GREAT STATURE IN THE LEGAL FIELD, FROM EVERY CORNER OF THE COMMONWEALTH, SPEAKS FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS CONFERENCE AND OF THE COMMONWEALTH. HONG KONG IS PROUD TO HOST THE COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND I CONGRATULATE MR TURNBULL AND HIS ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND THE HARD WORK THEY HAVE PUT IN BEHIND THE SCENE.

+HONG KONG'S CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT BRINGS WITH IT THE NEED TO IMPROVE CONTINUALLY THE INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH WE OPERATE. I AM SURE THAT WHAT THE COMMONWEALTH MAGAZINE HAS CALLED 'THE MOST SPECTACULAR ASSEMBLY OF LEGAL MINDS THE COMMONWEALTH HAS WITNESSED TO DATE' WILL STIMULATE THIS PROCESS AND THUS HELP US IN OUR ENDEAVOURS.

+YOU HAVE A WIDE AGENDA AND A BUSY PROGRAMME. I HOPE NEVERTHELESS THAT DURING YOUR STAY YOU WILL ALL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOMETHING OF THIS UNIQUE TERRITORY. IT IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE MOST VIGOROUS INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRES IN THE WORLD; IT IS A PLACE WHERE THE CULTURES OF EAST AND WEST SUCCESSFULLY COMBINE. I TRUST YOU WILL ALSO TAKE AWAY WITH YOU FOND MEMORIES OF YOUR VISIT. I WISH YOU ALL A PLEASANT STAY IN HONG KONG AND THE CONFERENCE EVERY SUCCESS.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

GOVERNOR TO LEAVE FOR PEKING

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A FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, FOR PEKING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

SIR EDWARD, ACCOMPANIED BY THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR ROBIN MCLAREN, WILL BE LEAVING ON FLIGHT CA 102, ETD 1 PM.

PLEASE ADVISE THOSE ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DEPARTURE TO ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 11.45 AM TOMORROW. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTION IN PEAK AREA
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE PEAK AREA DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 21).

FROM 7 PM TO MIDNIGHT, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES, MAXICABS, PRIVATE OMNIBUSES AND TAXIS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE UPHILL TRAFFIC LANE OF PEAK ROAD WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MAGAZINE GAP ROAD.

PEOPLE HEADING FOR THE PEAK AREA ARE ADVISED TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

PEAK RESIDENTS REQUIRING EMERGENCY ACCESS TO THE PEAK AREA DURING THE PERIOD MAY CONTACT THE PEAK POLICE STATION ON 5-96242.

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EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR JULY
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN JULY.

MORE ORDERS-ON-HAND WERE RECORDED FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE 'OTHERS' CATEGORY OF INDUSTRIES. ON THE OTHER HAND, A MILD DECLINE WAS EXPERIENCED IN THE WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRY.

THESE FIGURES WERE RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND.

INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT WAS REPORTED BY RESPONDENTS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR.

PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES HAD A FAIRLY LARGE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES SURVEYED, THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION, IN RESPECT OF DIRECT COMPANY EMPLOYEES, WAS STABLE IN JULY AFTER A CONTINUAL DECREASE SINCE FEBRUARY.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE SERVICES SECTOR ALSO REMAINED UNCHANGED.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, TEXTILES AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. WHILE PAYROLL INCREASED, PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECLINED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES BECAUSE OF THE LOWER WAGES PAID TO THE SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS.

IN THE SERVICES SECTOR, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASED IN BANKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES DUE TO THE PAYMENT OF GRATUITIES AND SALARY REVISIONS BY SOME FIRMS.

/THE PERCENTAGE

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

WHEN RELEASING THE SURVEY RESULTS, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS FROM JUNE 1983, THE PANEL FOR THIS SURVEY HAS BEEN UPDATED. THE SELECTION OF THE PANEL MEMBERS IS NOW BASED ON THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR JULY 1983 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.5 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7212832).

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>(PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>			<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR JULY 1983</u>
	<u>MAY 1983</u>	<u>JUNE 1983</u>	<u>JULY 1983</u>	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	1	1	-1	4.95
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2	-4	*	2.40
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	1	3	1	3.96
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	7	2	2.99
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	2	4	4	5.42
OTHERS	1	-2	1	3.58
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	1	3	3	4.44

/B. EMPLOYMENT

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

<u>INDUSTRY/SERVICE</u>	<u>PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS</u>			<u>PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR JULY 1983 (HK \$)</u>
	<u>(PERCENTAGE CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)</u>						
	<u>MAY 1983</u>	<u>JUNE 1983</u>	<u>JULY 1983</u>	<u>MAY 1983</u>	<u>JUNE 1983</u>	<u>JULY 1983</u>	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	1	4	3	-5	-1	-1	2 280
FOOD AND DRINKS	2	5	2	5	2	1	3 413
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-1	1	1	1	2	-1	2 048
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	1	1	2	-4	1	1	2 340
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	5	9	11	-1	-2	-1	1 905
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	3	7	6	*	-2	-1	1 859
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	2	6	4	-17	-3	2	2 134
OTHERS	1	1	*	1	*	-1	3 134
<u>CONSTRUCTION **</u>	-2	-2	*	*	-1	-3	3 609
<u>SERVICES</u>	*	*	*	-3	1	6	4 468
BANKS	*	*	*	1	-1	5	4 051
HOTELS	-1	*	*	-14	4	-1	2 799
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	-5	4	10	4 580
OTHERS	*	1	1	-2	-4	*	5 857

* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5 PERCENTAGE

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY= SITE WORKERS
EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

DB TO DISCUSS BUILDING PROJECT

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A LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL HUNG HOM COMPLEX TO BE BUILT ON A 2 970-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF MA TAU WAI ROAD AND STATION LANE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23).

PROPOSED FACILITIES IN THE NEW COMPLEX WILL INCLUDE A MARKET, A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, A CULTURAL CENTRE AND OFFICES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF \$150 000 FROM DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO BUILD A TEMPORARY CYCLING TRACK ON A VACANT CROWN SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF FAT KWONG STREET AND GOOD SHEPHERD STREET.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE DISTRICT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, A DANCE TRAINING SCHEME FOR SCHOOLS AND A PROGRESS REPORT ON STREET SLEEPERS IN THE DISTRICT.

TEN SEATS WILL BE RESERVED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AND THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD CONTACT MR KWAN WAI-HAY AT 3-7110171.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL START AT 2.15 PM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD.

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ANTI-SMOKING EFFORT AIMED AT YOUTHS

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TO HOLD MORE WORKSHOPS TO DISCOURAGE YOUNGSTERS FROM STARTING TO SMOKE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) IT WOULD START THE WORKSHOPS ON SEPTEMBER 26 AND CONTINUE THEM UNTIL DECEMBER.

FORM 1 - 3 STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO VISIT THE UNIT AT CENTRE POINT AS PART OF THEIR SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM EACH AFTERNOON FROM MONDAY - FRIDAY TO WATCH SLIDE AND VIDEO SHOWS, ATTEND LECTURES, VISIT EXHIBITIONS AND TAKE PART IN DISCUSSIONS AND QUIZZES.

ALREADY, VISITS FOR MORE THAN 700 STUDENTS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED.

/THE UNIT

THE UNIT STARTED ITS ANTI-SMOKING DRIVE AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE TWO YEARS AGO, AND SINCE THEN ABOUT 7 000 STUDENTS HAVE ATTENDED THE 100 SESSIONS HELD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THE AIM OF THE WORKSHOPS IS TO DISCOURAGE INTEREST IN SMOKING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE BY POINTING OUT TO THEM THE LINK BETWEEN SMOKING AND VARIOUS DISEASES.

HE SAID LAST YEAR THERE WERE 2 000 SMOKING-RELATED DEATHS IN HONG KONG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SCHOOLS WANTING THEIR STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE SESSIONS COULD TELEPHONE 5-720861 FOR INFORMATION.

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ENERGY STATISTICS COMPILED

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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED +HONG KONG ENERGY STATISTICS, 1972-1982+ HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IT HAS BEEN PREPARED IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE TO THE HONG KONG ECONOMY OF ENERGY SUPPLIES AND IN RESPONSE TO INTEREST BOTH WITHIN GOVERNMENT AND AMONG THE PUBLIC ON ENERGY STATISTICS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE REPORT CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE QUANTITY OF IMPORTS, PRICES, SALES AND STORAGE CAPACITY OF OIL PRODUCTS= THE CONSUMPTION, PRODUCTION AND TARIFF CHARGES FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS= AS WELL AS STATISTICS ON THE IMPORTS OF COAL AND CHARCOAL.

HONG KONG DERIVES ITS ENERGY SUPPLIES ENTIRELY FROM OVERSEAS SOURCES. ENERGY IS EITHER IMPORTED DIRECTLY (AS IN THE CASE OF OIL PRODUCTS, COAL AND CHARCOAL), OR PRODUCED THROUGH AN INTERMEDIATE TRANSFORMATION PROCESS, USING IMPORTED FUEL INPUTS (AS IN THE CASE OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

THIS REPORT NOT ONLY PROVIDES FRESH INFORMATION (NOTABLY STORAGE CAPACITY AND TANK STOCKS OF OIL PRODUCTS, GENERATING CAPACITY FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS, SALES PRICES AND TARIFF CHARGES) BUT ALSO COLLATES ENERGY STATISTICS PUBLISHED ELSEWHERE (SUCH AS FUEL IMPORTS FROM HONG KONG TRADE STATISTICS, AND THE CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRICITY AND GAS FROM THE MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS).

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, AT \$10 A COPY.

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FIRE OFFICERS ATTENDING OVERSEAS COURSES

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FOUR ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE GOING TO LOS ANGELES TO ATTEND A MONTH-LONG COURSE ON FIRE AND ARSON DETECTION.

THE COURSE WAS ORGANISED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPECIALISTS FROM THE U.S. NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION.

THE OFFICERS - WONG SUN-MAN, WONG KIN-CHEONG, LAM CHUNG-MING AND TSUI HIN-KWING - WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE ARSON UNIT OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, FOUR OTHER FIRE OFFICERS WILL BE LEAVING FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ATTEND A THREE-WEEK AIRPORT OFFICERS COURSE FOR TWO-WEEKS' ATTACHMENT TO AN AIRPORT FIRE STATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THEY ARE ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICERS VICTOR HSU, LIU TIN-CHEE, WONG GON-SAN AND LEUNG KWOK-CHIU. THEY WILL ATTEND COURSES AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT TEESIDE AIRPORT IN DARLINGTON, AND LATER BE ATTACHED TO GLASGOW AND PRESTWICK AIRPORT FIRE STATIONS.

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NEW ROADS TO MA ON SHAN PLANNED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT SEVERAL NEW ROADS IN MA ON SHAN, SHA TIN TO PROVIDE VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AREAS IN MA ON SHAN.

THE SCHEME FORMS A PART OF THE CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE- THE SHA TIN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15.

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NEW ROAD PROJECT FOR TUEN MUN
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A GRADE-SEPARATED INTERCHANGE AT THE JUNCTION OF LUNG MUN ROAD AND TSING WUN ROAD.

THE SCHEME FORMS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE SCHEME CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE- AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY NOVEMBER 15.

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AIKIDO TRAINING COURSE OFFERED
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A FREE ELEMENTARY AIKIDO TRAINING COURSE FOR KWAI CHUNG YOUNGSTERS WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE AIKIDO TRAINING CLASS, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AIKIDO ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL ON EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS BETWEEN 6 PM AND 8 PM FROM OCTOBER 4.

THE THREE MONTH-LONG COURSE IS AIMED AT PROVIDING YOUNGSTERS WITH A HEALTHY SPORTING ACTIVITY AS WELL AS DEVELOPING THEIR PERSONALITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY VETERAN INSTRUCTORS OF THE HONG KONG AIKIDO ASSOCIATION.

ENTRIES FOR THE CLASS ARE NOW OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS OVER 14, AND PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE LIVING IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICTS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF KWAI CHUNG ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF SHING WAH BUILDING, 31 SHING FONG STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 27.

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NO HOLIDAY POSTAL SERVICE

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THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY AND ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY.

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WATER STORAGE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 96.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 567.588 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 469.874 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 80.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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