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DRUG EDUCATION KIT COMPETITION FOR TEACHERS
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED A DRUG EDUCATION KIT COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

A CIRCULAR, GIVING THE COMPETITION'S PARTICULARS, WAS SENT OUT TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS YESTERDAY (MONDAY) INVITING TEACHERS TO TAKE PART.

+DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS IS REGARDED AS IMPORTANT BY MANY WORLD ANTI-NARCOTICS EXPERTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY.

+AND THE CURRENT COMPETITION IS DESIGNED TO BETTER ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM IN HONG KONG SO THAT THEY WILL, IN TURN, EDUCATE THEIR STUDENTS,+ HE SAID.

+THE ULTIMATE AIM OF THE COMPETITION,+ HE ADDED, +IS TO INVOLVE THE TEACHERS IN DESIGNING AND PRODUCING A SUITABLE DRUG EDUCATION KIT WHICH MAY BE MASS REPRODUCED FOR USE IN EVERY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.+

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. ONE IS FOR FORM 1 TO FORM 3 AND THE OTHER FOR FORM 4 TO FORM 7.

PARTICIPANTS CAN BE GROUPS MADE UP OF SERVING TEACHERS OR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS COMBINED. THEY SHOULD COMPLETE AN ATTACHED FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AT LEE GARDENS, 5TH FLOOR, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30.

FINISHED KITS SHOULD BE HANDED IN TO THE MARKETING OFFICE OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 1A, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY NOVEMBER 30.

CASH AWARDS OR TROPHIES WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNING ENTRIES, AFTER BEING TOUCHED UP OR MODIFIED AS NECESSARY, MAY BE MASS REPRODUCED FOR USE IN SCHOOLS.

TO HELP PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN THEIR RESEARCH WORK, REFERENCE MATERIALS ON DRUGS SUCH AS BOOKS, MAGAZINES, PAMPHLETS AND POSTERS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT MONTH, A TEACHERS' SEMINAR ON DRUG EDUCATION WILL BE HELD UNDER THE SAME SPONSORSHIP, FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO VARIOUS ANTI-DRUG INSTITUTIONS. PARTICIPATING TEACHERS IN THIS DRUG KIT COMPETITION MAY FIND THIS SEMINAR USEFUL FOR THEIR PROJECT.

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HIGHER POSTAGE FOR PARCELS TO US

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POSTAL CHARGES FOR SURFACE AND AIR PARCELS TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE INCREASED STARTING FROM NEXT MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE POST OFFICE SAID IT WAS DUE TO THE INTRODUCTION BY THE U.S. POST OFFICE OF HANDLING AND DELIVERY CHARGES IN RESPECT OF PARCEL MAIL RECEIVED FROM ABROAD.

FOR SURFACE MAIL, THE CHARGE FOR A PARCEL NOT EXCEEDING TWO POUNDS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT $10.50, WHILE THAT FOR PARCELS OF SEVEN POUNDS, 11 POUNDS AND 22 POUNDS WILL BE INCREASED FROM $15, $21.50 AND $34.50 TO $22, $35.50 AND $66.50 RESPECTIVELY.

FOR AIR MAIL, THE POSTAGE FOR THE FIRST POUND TO THE UNITED STATES WILL BE REDUCED FROM $21 TO $20, BUT THE CHARGE FOR EACH ADDITIONAL POUND WILL BE RAISED FROM $13 TO $15.

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BETTER PUBLIC FACILITIES AT KCR

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TWO SPECIALLY MODIFIED LAVATORIES HAVE BEEN OPENED AT THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TERMINUS IN HUNG HOM FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE DISABLED.

AND, TO FURTHER HELP THE DISABLED TO TRAVEL BY TRAINS, RAILWAY STAFF HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED THAT +THEY MUST ASSIST DISABLED PEOPLE TO GAIN ACCESS TO AND ALIGHT FROM TRAINS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR K.C.R. SAID.

+BY GIVING ADVANCE WARNING OF AN INTENTION TO TRAVEL, SUCH ASSISTANCE CAN BE BETTER ORGANISED,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

AS A NOTE OF ADVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THOSE HANDICAPPED TO TRAVEL ON TRAINS OUTSIDE PEAK HOURS.

K.C.R. HAS ALSO INTRODUCED ANOTHER NEW FEATURE AT THE TERMINUS -- THE DISPLAY OF EXAMPLES OF REPRESENTATIVE TAXI FARES TO VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG.

+THIS HAS PROVED EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO PEOPLE TRAVELLING FROM CHINA AND TOURISTS IN HONG KONG WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE LITTLE IDEA OF THE FARES THEY SHOULD BE CHARGED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A MAP OF ALL CONNECTING BUS ROUTES AT THE KOWLOON TERMINUS IS ALSO DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS TO HELP PEOPLE COMPLETE THEIR JOURNEYS.

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SEMINAR ON SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A ONE-DAY INTER-DEPARTMENTAL SEMINAR ON SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PORT CONTROL SECTION IN RUMSEY STREET.

PARTICIPANTS FROM THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, ROYAL NAVY AND AIR FORCE, SECURITY BRANCH AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL ATTEND.

DURING THE SEMINAR, OFFICERS OF THE MARINE AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENTS WILL GIVE TALKS ON THE DUTIES, FUNCTIONS AND AIMS OF THE PORT CONTROL SECTION= ON COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO SEA SAFETY AND THE RESPECTIVE ROLE PLAYED BY THE TWO DEPARTMENTS IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS AND CONVENTIONS WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

THE TALKS WILL BE SUPPLEMENTED BY VISITS TO THE PORT COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE'S SIGNAL TOWER AND THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION ROOM. A HARBOUR CRUISE ON BOARD THE MARINE LAUNCH +TIN HAU+ AND A VISIT TO A CONTAINER TERMINAL AND CONTAINER VESSEL WILL ALSO BE CONDUCTED.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED OF WORKERS' STATUTORY HOLIDAY

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MR. PETER WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT SEPTEMBER 28, THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE TEN STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE APPLY NOT ONLY TO EMPLOYEES IN INDUSTRY, BUT ALSO TO THOSE IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION AND INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN $2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

+AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED ON A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT -- FOR EXAMPLE, ONE WHO WORKS FOR LESS THAN SIX HOURS A DAY OR HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR LESS THAN THREE MONTHS -- IS STILL ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY, BUT HAS NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT TO BE PAID,+ MR. WILLIAMS POINTED OUT.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIS EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THAT ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES OR COMPLAINTS REGARDING STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST - 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST - 3-201652= KWUN TONG - 3-898520= TSUEN WAN - 12-422096= TUEN MUN - 12-818443= AND HONG KONG ISLAND - 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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FOLK SONG CONTEST FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT

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THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND THE SAI YING PUN AREA COMMITTEE ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A FOLK SONG CONTEST ON OCTOBER 8 AT THE ST. PAUL BOYS COLLEGE.

THE CONTEST AIMS AT PROMOTING THE INTEREST OF THE DISTRICT YOUTHS IN FOLK SONG SINGING AS WELL AS PROVIDING THEM WITH A CHANCE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR TALENT.

PEOPLE OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE, WHO ARE EITHER LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT, ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE CONTEST ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 205A, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, WESTERN STREET, SAI YING PUN. THE CLOSING DATE WILL BE NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 26).

THERE WILL BE FIVE PRIZES, INCLUDING TWO CONSOLATION PRIZES.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY SAN MIGUEL AND ROCKSON PIANO COMPANY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT TUEN MUN

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LADY MACLEHOSE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, WILL BE VISITING TUEN MUN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) MORNING TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NEW TOWN THERE.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HAVE THE VISIT COVERED. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 9.30 A.M. TOMORROW TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO, AND LATER, BACK FROM TUEN MUN.

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NEW WATER SUPPLY HOURS IN SHA TIN

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NEW HOURS OF WATER SUPPLY WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CERTAIN AREAS OF SHA TIN ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 22-23), TO ALLOW WATER-PIPE CONNECTION WORKS AT LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, NEAR SHA TIN BY-PASS ROAD.

ON THURSDAY, THE SUPPLY WILL BE FOR 14 HOURS FROM 6 A.M. TO 8 P.M. WHILE ON FRIDAY, IT WILL BE FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON, AND 4 P.M. TO 10 P.M.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED BY THE NEW ARRANGEMENT LIE ALONG TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND UNIVERSITY STATION IN MA LIU SHUI, SHA TIN NEW TOWN, LEK YUEN ESTATE, FO TAN ROAD, SHEUNG WO CHE, AP LIU HANG, JARDINE DYEING AND FINISHING CO. LTD., K.C.R. WORKSHOP AND QUARTERS, AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR KWAI CHUNG AND CENTRAL

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A NEW PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED AREA WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWAI CHUNG TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF THE EXISTING SIGNAL-CONTROLLED JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND WO YI HOP ROAD, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 23), THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WO YI HOP ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 80 FEET EAST WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE DAILY.

AS A RESULT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING WITHIN THIS CARRIAGEWAY OF THE ROAD TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

MEANWHILE ON THE ISLAND, THE NEW LOK KU ROAD, WILL BE OPENED TO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC FROM HOLLYWOOD ROAD TO QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL FROM 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 25).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED AT THESE ROADS TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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