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LEGCO BILL - TIME FOR CALM CONSIDERATION
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IT IS TIME THERE WAS A PERIOD OF CALM CONSIDERATION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) BILL, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

+THERE WAS A VERY GOOD DEBATE ON WEDNESDAY AND THE AMENDED BILL HAS BEEN PUBLISHED, AND I THINK THE THING TO DO NOW IS WHAT THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS SAID, THAT IS, HAVE A CAREFUL LOOK AT THE BILL AS IT NOW STANDS,+ HE SAID.

SIR EDWARD WAS REPLYING TO A QUESTION FROM A REPORTER AFTER ATTENDING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SPORTS PROGRAMME AT MORSE PARK.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON CALLS BY SOME CRITICS THAT THE BILL SHOULD BE COMPLETELY REWRITTEN, HE SAID, +THE BILL HAS ONLY JUST BEEN GAZETTED AGAIN, AND IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT BILL. SO WHY NOT HAVE A LOOK AT IT.+

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON WHETHER THE THIRD READING OF THE BILL WOULD BE DEFERRED, THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL WAS NOW WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+WHAT THE UNOFFICIALS HAVE SAID VERY SENSIBLY IS LOOK AT THE BILL. AND I THINK THAT IS PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO TAKE IT -- STEP BY STEP.+

ASKED WHETHER IT WAS +INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE HEAD OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO GIVE HIS PERSONAL BACKING TO A CONTROVERSIAL BILL LIKE THE LEGCO BILL+, SIR EDWARD SAID, +I AM THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG, AND MY RESPONSIBILITY IS THE GOOD GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG, AND THAT'S A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH ANY GOVERNOR HAS TO TAKE.

+BUT THE BILL IS NOW WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. IT IS NOT WITH ME.+

ON THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK ISSUE, SIR EDWARD SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD MOVED VERY QUICKLY.

+THE OTB IS NOW OPERATING NORMALLY, AND THE SITUATION IS STILL AS IT WAS WHEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY SAID THAT THE OBJECT OF GOVERNMENT POLICY IS TO DO ALL WE CAN TO MAINTAIN THE STABILITY AND THE REPUTATION OF THE HONG KONG BANKING SYSTEM.

+I THINK THAT POLICY HAS VERY CLEARLY BEEN SHOWN OVER THE LAST WEEK OR SO THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT ACTIONS,+ HE SAID.

ON HIS VISIT TO THE CELEBRATION SPORTS PROGRAMME THIS MORNING, SIR EDWARD SAID HE HAD BEEN VERY TEMPTED TO STAY AND JOIN IN SOME OF THE COMPETITIONS.

+I THINK PARACHUTING WOULD BE A LITTLE BEYOND ME, BUT I MAY MANAGE SOME OF THE SWIMMING COMPETITIONS.

+IF YOU WILL GET TOGETHER A TEAM, I MIGHT BE EVEN MORE TEMPTED,+ HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR JOINS MORSE PARK CELEBRATIONS

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDED A PROGRAMME OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS EVENTS AT MORSE PARK TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE WERE WELCOMED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HOWARD YOUNG; DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM; THE CHIEF MANAGER (LEISURE SERVICES) KOWLOON EAST, MR JOHNNY WOO.

THEY FIRST WATCHED A CHINESE DANCE AT THE MINI-SOCCER PITCH AND THEN TOURED VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PARK TO SEE CHILDREN TAKING PART IN GAMES, A FOOTBALL COMPETITION AND A PARACHUTE PERFORMANCE.

IN THE GAMES HALL, THE GOVERNOR AND LADY YOUDE STOPPED TO CHAT WITH PARTICIPANTS OF THE +SPORTS FOR THE ELDERLY+ COMPETITION.

LATER, SIR EDWARD STARTED THE +ROUND-THE-PARK OBSTACLE RACE+ IN THE SOCCER PITCH BEFORE MEETING PARTICIPANTS OF THE +AQUATIC TELEMATCH+ AT THE PARK'S SWIMMING POOL.

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SUGGESTIONS ON BILL WILL BE CONSIDERED

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THERE COULD WELL BE OTHER SENSIBLE AND REALISTIC SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THE REVISED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL (POWERS AND PRIVILEGES) BILL AND THEY WILL BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION SPORTS PROGRAMME AT THE WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND IN KWAI CHUNG, SIR DAVID SAID MANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL HAD BEEN PUBLISHED AND THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE VOTED ON IN THE THIRD READING.

+AFTERALL THE BILL IS NOW WITH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND IT WILL BE FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE VOTED ON THE SECOND READING TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISION WHEN ITS COMES TO THE THIRD READING OF THE BILL,+ HE SAID.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY AGAIN POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL WAS PART OF A PACKAGE OF LEGISLATION AND PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+WE HAD TO AMEND THE LETTERS PATENT; WE'VE GOT TO PROVIDE NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM; WE'VE GOT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER, AND WE'VE GOT TO PROVIDE THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH THE NEW COUNCIL WILL OPERATE,+ HE SAID.

+I THINK THAT IS THE THING WHICH PEOPLE MUSTN'T LOSE SIGHT OF.+

SIR DAVID SAID THE PAST TWO OR THREE WEEKS HAD BEEN VERY IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG.

+I THINK IT IS A REMARKABLE THING ABOUT HONG KONG THAT WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE THESE PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF OPINIONS AND CRITICISMS, THAT THE CRITICISMS CAN BE LISTENED TO BY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LEGISLATION AND THAT THE NECESSARY AMENDMENTS CAN BE MADE.

+THIS IS AN INDICATION OF THE SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE HERE.+

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAD ANTICIPATED SUCH A STRONG REACTION TO THE BILL, SIR DAVID SAID, +WITH HINDSIGHT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER PERHAPS IF WE HAVE HAD A GREATER DEGREE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION BEFORE GOING FORWARD.

+BUT IT HAS BEEN A VERY USEFUL LEARNING EXERCISE FOR US ALL AND I THINK THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY IS STRONGER AS A RESULT OF THESE FEW WEEKS THAT WE HAVE HAD.

+IT HAS DEMONSTRATED, I THINK, THAT THE SYSTEM IS ALIVE AND HEALTHY AND WORKING -- THE SYSTEM OF PUBLIC REPRESENTATION AND A GOVERNMENT WHICH IS LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT STILL HOPED THAT THE BILL COULD BE PASSED BEFORE THE NEW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WAS ASSEMBLED, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID, +YES INDEED, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS VERY NECESSARY THAT THE NEW LEGISLATURE IN ITS NEW CHAMBER SHOULD HAVE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH TO CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS.+

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NT SPORTS PROGRAMMES TO CELEBRATE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
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OVER 6 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN SOME 30 RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS IN CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY TODAY.

THE EMPHASIS FOR ALL THE ACTIVITIES IS ON AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION, WITH EACH OF THE NINE NON-URBAN DISTRICTS HOLDING AT LEAST ONE DISTRICT-LEVEL COMPETITION EITHER IN TENNIS, BASKETBALL OR TABLE TENNIS, IN ADDITION TO A WIDE VARIETY OF FUN-AND-GAMES CARNIVALS SUCH AS THE AQUATIC CARNIVAL FOR WORKERS IN KWAI CHUNG, THE SWIM-IN FOR ALL IN YUEN LONG OR THE WINDSURFING FUN DAY IN TAI PO.

VISITING THE WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND WHERE THE CELEBRATIONS IN KWAI CHUNG WERE BEING HELD, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE AGE GROUP OF THE PARTICIPANTS WHICH RANGES FROM SEVEN TO 70.

SIR DAVID SAID: +IT IS MARVELOUS TO SEE THE WIDE RANGE OF RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES AVAILABLE AT THE WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND WHERE ONLY FIVE YEARS AGO IT WAS A PLOT OF EMPTY HILLSIDE.+

HE NOTED THAT THE SPORTS GROUND NOW OFFERS FACILITIES FOR FOOTBALL, GYMNASTICS, BASKETBALL, SWIMMING, DIVING AND OTHER INDOOR SPORTS AND WATER SPORTS.

ABOUT 1 400 KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS TOOK PART IN SEVEN SPORTS AND FUN-AND-GAMES PROGRAMMES WHICH INCLUDED A GYMNASTICS DEMONSTRATION AND PLAY-IN, AEROBIC DANCE-IN, SWIM-IN FOR THE THE YOUNG AND OLD AND OTHER COMPETITIVE GAMES.

SIR DAVID AND LADY AKERS-JONES WERE GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR NATHAN MA, AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND.

FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE ACTIVITY VENUES, SIR DAVID, LADY AKERS-JONES, MR MA AND MR HAMMOND MET WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS OF KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, HEADED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO TUNG-CHING.

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CHANCE FOR YOUTHS TO DEVELOP TALENTS

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THE HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN ACTIVITIES THAT WOULD HELP DEVELOP THEIR INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL AND AROUSE THEIR INTEREST IN TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND ARTS, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS HELD AT THE CITY HALL.

THE COMPETITIONS, HELD OVER THE PAST YEAR, WERE SPONSORED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WITH ABOUT 7 000 YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING PART IN VARIOUS INTERESTING ACTIVITIES.

MR LIAO PRAISED PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR TALENTS AND ABILITIES, AND SAID THAT THEY HAD COMPLIED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR THEME OF PARTICIPATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

HE SAID THE COMPETITIONS HAD BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS AND WERE STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ACADEMIC ORGANISATIONS AND PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.

MR LIAO ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF EIGHT CATEGORIES OF THE COMPETITIONS WHICH INCLUDE TRANSLATION, CHINESE ESSAY WRITING, CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY, DEBATE, POSTER DESIGN, CHINESE SPEECH, PAINTING, AND NEWS AND ACADEMIC QUIZ.

AN EXHIBITION OF THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK ON JUNE 29 AND 30.

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REMINDER ABOUT NEW ID CARDS

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MEN BORN IN 1937, 1938, 1939 AND 1940 ARE REMINDED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THEY SHOULD APPLY FOR NEW ID CARDS BEFORE JUNE 29.

+SINCE JUNE 17 AND JUNE 22 ARE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THERE ARE ONLY 10 WORKING DAYS LEFT BEFORE THE END OF THIS PHASE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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IN THE PAST FOUR WEEKS, THE EIGHT ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 93 183 APPLICATIONS.

+IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 28 617 MEN HAVE NOT YET APPLIED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE URGED THEM TO CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE ISSUE OFFICES WITHOUT DELAY, BRINGING ALONG THEIR OLD CARDS.

THESE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT NO AMNESTY WOULD BE GRANTED TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND THEY WOULD BE REPATRIATED ON DETECTION.

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INCENTIVE IN EASTERN DISTRICT FOR INVESTORS * * * * *

THE MUCH IMPROVED TRAFFIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN EASTERN DISTRICT, LINKING IT WITH OTHER PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, WOULD BE AN INCENTIVE FOR MORE PEOPLE TO INVEST IN THE DISTRICT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

+AND THE RECENT FORMATION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION, PROVIDES A SUITABLE FORUM FOR INDUSTRIALISTS TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS AND TO PROMOTE MUTUAL INTERESTS,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR LUI NOTED THAT THERE WERE ABOUT 1 000 FACTORIES IN THE DISTRICT, RANGING FROM HIGH TECHNOLOGY ELECTRONICS FACTORIES TO SMALL WORKSHOPS.

+THE FACTORIES PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FAST-GROWING DISTRICT, AND I HOPE THE ASSOCIATION WOULD ADOPT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO MEET THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE,+ HE ADDED.

THE 70-MEMBER EASTERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE DISTRICT, WAS SET UP WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

MS JACQUALINE HA IS THE CHAIRPERSON OF ITS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM 13 LOCAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTES.

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COMPUTER CONTEST TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A TWO-SECTION COMPUTER PROGRAMME DESIGN COMPETITION PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY, WHICH CLOSES ON JULY 20.

TOP PRIZES OFFERED IN THE COMPETITION ARE TWO RETURN AIR TICKETS TO FRANKFURT OR KUALA LUMPUR.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, HONG KONG COMPUTER SOCIETY, HANG SENG BANK AND CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO A SENIOR SECTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AND A JUNIOR SECTION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS UP TO FORM 7 LEVEL.

PROGRAMMES DESIGNED SHOULD EMPHASISE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, GOOD DRIVING MANNERS AND CYCLING SAFETY.

REFERENCE MATERIAL ON ROAD SAFETY MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE MARKETING SECTION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, SECOND FLOOR, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL.

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN GRAPHIC AND IN ENGLISH. THEY MUST BE APPLICABLE TO APPLE II E COMPUTER WITH APPLESOFT BASIC, AND ACCOMPANIED BY DOCUMENTATION AND FLOPPY DISK CONTAINING THE PROGRAMME AND AN ENTRY FORM.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND ARE ALSO PUBLISHED REGULARLY IN THE SCM POST, WAH KIU YAT PO AND THE HONG KONG COMPUTER JOURNAL.

THREE WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED FROM EACH SECTION, AND THEIR ENTRIES WILL BE USED ON THE COMPUTER IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE'S ROAD SAFETY BUS. THE BUS REGULARLY CALLS AT SCHOOLS, HOUSING ESTATES, COMMUNITY HALLS AND OTHER PLACES TO SPREAD THE ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE.

THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES COMPRISE GIFT COUPONS OF \$2 000 AND \$1 000 RESPECTIVELY PLUS SIX-MONTHS' FREE SUBSCRIPTION OF HONG KONG COMPUTER JOURNAL. THERE ARE ALSO FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES IN EACH SECTION.

RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY AUGUST.

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WOMEN LIFEGUARDS PROTECT SWIMMERS AT HK BEACHES
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WOMEN'S LIB. HAS COME TO OUR BEACHES. THE URBAN COUNCIL LIFEGUARDS PROTECTING THE 12 BEACHES ON HONG KONG INCLUDE SOME FIT, CAPABLE AND FULLY QUALIFIED YOUNG LADIES SUCH AS 18-YEAR-OLD MISS TSOI KWEI-YIP, WHO SERVES AT REPULSE BAY.

+WOMEN ARE JUST AS CAPABLE AS THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS IN PROVIDING LIFE-SAVING SERVICES,+ SHE SAYS.

BUT SHE CONCEDES THAT WOMEN MUST BE PSYCHOLOGICALLY PREPARED TO FACE A FEW HURDLES BEFORE TAKING UP THE CHALLENGING AND MEANINGFUL JOB.

+MANY MEN HAVE TRIED TO APPROACH OR PLAY JOKES ON ME WHILE I AM PATROLLING IN A CATAMARAN OR AT THE BEACH, OR SITTING AT A LOOK-OUT POST. AT FIRST I WAS VERY EMBARRASSED BY THEIR BEHAVIOUR, BUT NOW I AM GETTING USED TO THE SITUATION AND GIVE MY FULL ATTENTION TO GUARDING THE SAFETY OF SWIMMERS,+ SHE ADDED.

+I AM SURE THAT AS MORE WOMEN JOIN THE PROFESSION, THE PUBLIC WILL GET MORE ACCUSTOMED TO THE SIGHT OF WOMEN LIFEGUARDS AND MIGHT GET TO LIKE US.+

MISS CHOI IS GRATIFIED THAT WOMEN ARE PLAYING THEIR PART IN PROTECTING OUR BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS. HER REGULAR DUTIES INCLUDE MANNING THE OBSERVATION TOWER, KEEPING IN TOUCH BY WALKIE TALKIE WITH OTHER LIFEGUARDS, AND DOING PATROLS BY CATAMARAN.

HUNDREDS OF SWIMMERS WOULD HAVE FACED THE RISK OF DROWNING EVERY YEAR BUT FOR THE VIGILANCE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S LIFEGUARDS.

LAST YEAR, THREE PERSONS WERE DROWNED BUT 595 OTHERS WERE RESCUED AT URBAN COUNCIL BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE FACT THAT UP TO 25 MILLION PEOPLE USE URBAN BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS EVERY YEAR, THE TOLL IS CONSIDERED TO BE VERY LOW BY ANY STANDARDS.

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+IN FACT, THE USD'S LIFEGUARDS ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED,+
SAID MR PAUL CHEUNG, SENIOR AMENITIES OFFICER (SWIMMING).
+THE MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS OF LIFEGUARDS ARE A BRONZE
MEDAL AWARD AND A VALID FIRST-AID CERTIFICATE. IN ADDITION
THEY MUST HAVE A GOOD PHYSIQUE, GOOD VISION AND A GOOD
EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.+

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT ALL SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES RECEIVED
A TWO-WEEK INDUCTION COURSE BEFORE BEING POSTED TO BEACHES
OR SWIMMING POOLS. DURING THE COURSE, THEY ARE TAUGHT
LIFE-SAVING SKILLS, FIRST-AID TECHNIQUES, LAW ENFORCEMENT AT
BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS, AND THE OPERATION OF CATAMARANS.

EVERY YEAR THE DEPARTMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE AUXILIARY
MEDICAL SERVICES, ORGANISES REFRESHER COURSES FOR SERVING
LIFEGUARDS TO UPDATE THEM ON FIRST-AID TECHNIQUES.

IN ADDITION, REGULAR DRILLS ARE HELD FOR ALL SERVING
LIFEGUARDS TO ENABLE THEM TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES
EFFICIENTLY.

THE DEPARTMENT FURTHER ENCOURAGES SERVING LIFEGUARDS TO
ATTAIN HIGHER LIFE-SAVING QUALIFICATIONS SO AS TO PROVIDE A
BETTER STANDARD OF SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

MR CHEUNG SAID THAT TO STRENGTHEN ITS NORMAL
LIFE-SAVING SERVICES DURING THE SUMMER SEASON, THE
DEPARTMENT RECRUITS A LARGE NUMBER OF PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS.
AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 280 FULL-TIME LIFEGUARDS AND 100
PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS.

THE PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS ARE EITHER EMPLOYED ON A SHORT
CONTRACT TERM AT A MONTHLY SALARY OF \$3 055 OR ON A
\$121-A-DAY BASIS.

THE NUMBER OF LIFEGUARDS POSTED AT THE VARIOUS URBAN
COUNCIL BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS DEPENDS ON THEIR
RESPECTIVE SIZE AND ATTENDANCE FIGURES. THERE ARE AT LEAST
SIX LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY AT A BEACH AND 12 AT A SWIMMING POOL.
HOWEVER, AT A LARGE AND HEAVILY PATRONISED BEACH SUCH AS
REPULSE BAY, THERE ARE AS MANY AS 20 LIFEGUARDS AT ANY ONE
TIME PLUS ADDITIONAL STAFF DURING WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC
HOLIDAYS.

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SUMMER COURSE FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS
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FOUR IDENTICAL THREE-DAY SUMMER COURSES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR PRIMARY SCIENCE TEACHERS BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST.

THE COURSES, CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

IN EACH COURSE, THERE WILL BE TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SCIENCE TEACHING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

APART FROM CONDUCTING WORKSHOPS ON THE MAKING OF SIMPLE TEACHING AIDS, THERE WILL ALSO BE A COMPETITION ON THE DESIGN OF SUCH AIDS.

FIELD TRIPS TO AN URBAN COUNCIL NURSERY WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED FOR TEACHERS TAKING PART IN THE COURSES.

PRIMARY SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSE SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE INSPECTOR (PRIMARY SCIENCE), PRIMARY SCIENCE SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE JUNE 20.

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NEW POLICE STATION FOR TAI PO
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A NEW DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION IS TO BE BUILT ON A 5 100-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN TAI PO.

THE NEW STATION, TO BE BUILT AT NAM WAN ROAD NEAR THE TAI PO TOWN CENTRE, WILL CONSIST OF A THREE-STOREY PODIUM AND A 16-STOREY TOWER BLOCK.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE OFFICES, PUBLIC REPORTING FACILITIES, BARRACKS, CELLS, CANTEEN AND MESS FACILITIES, DOG KENNELS, EQUIPMENT STORAGE AND VEHICLE PARKING AND SERVICING FACILITIES.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE 1987.

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SPECTACULAR SHOW FOR WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE ABLE TO SEE A SPECTACULAR SEA-PARADE AND A HELICOPTER RESCUE PERFORMANCE WHEN THEY VISIT THE TSIM SHA TSUI EAST PROMENADE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS IN THE 1985 WATER SPORTS SAFETY DAY, TO BE HELD BETWEEN 3 PM AND 7 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS TO PROMOTE THE +PLAY SAFE+ MESSAGE, THE EVENT, WHICH WILL BE OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PETER CHAN, WILL PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT AND EDUCATION THROUGH A VARIETY OF WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES, SAFETY DEMONSTRATIONS AND STATIC DISPLAYS.

QUIZ FORMS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE VENUE AND THOSE WHO TAKE PART IN THE QUIZ COMPETITION STAND TO WIN A HOTEL BUFFET COUPON, A SIGHT-SEEING TRIP OR A TRAINING COURSE OFFERED BY THE ADVENTURE SHIP LIMITED AND THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST OF HONG KONG.

TAKING PART IN THE EVENT ARE THE ADVENTURE SHIP LTD.; HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION; HONG KONG CANOE UNION; HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS; HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB; HONG KONG POWER BOAT ASSOCIATION LTD.; HONG KONG SCHOOL TEACHERS' LIFE SAVING SOCIETY; HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS.; HONG KONG UNDERWATER FEDERATION; HONG KONG WATER SKI ASSOCIATION; HONG KONG YACHTING ASSOCIATION; OUTWARD BOUND TRUST OF HONG KONG; SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG; AND WINDSURFING ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG.

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EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY
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SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY OF A NEW DRAGON BOAT AT THE SAI KUNG PUBLIC PIER AT NOON ON TUESDAY (JUNE 18).

THE NEW DRAGON BOAT IS MADE OF GLASS FIBRE AND WAS DONATED TO THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE BY THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD BY THE 1985 SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE, TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE FORTHCOMING DRAGON BOAT RACE.

A CHARITY RACE AND A HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CUP RACE WILL BE HELD IN SAI KUNG THIS YEAR, AND THE SAI KUNG DRAGON BOAT TEAM WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG AT AN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN SINGAPORE.

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TENNIS COURSE OFFERED IN FANLING
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A TENNIS TRAINING COURSE FOR PEOPLE OVER 16 YEARS OLD IN FANLING FROM JUNE 26 TO AUGUST 7.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD IN THE FANLING TEMPORARY TENNIS COURT EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY BETWEEN 5.30 PM AND 7 PM.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE COURSE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE RSD'S SUB-OFFICE AT 170 JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI, OR TELEPHONING 0-925529 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

MEANWHILE, OPENING HOURS OF THE FANLING TEMPORARY TENNIS COURT ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED.

THE COURT WILL NOW BE OPENED FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM ON THOSE DAYS AND FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS.

FREE BOOKINGS OF THE COURT CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 0-922892 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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MORE URGED TO USE COMMUNITY FACILITIES
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN TAI PO ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO MAKE MORE USE OF COMMUNITY HALL AND CENTRE FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT FOR THEIR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE TAI YUEN COMMUNITY HALL AND THE KWONG FUK COMMUNITY HALL PROVIDE MANY FACILITIES AND ARE GOOD VENUES FOR ACTIVITIES AND FUNCTIONS.

+THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HALLS AND CENTRE WAS HANDED OVER TO THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE EARLIER THIS MONTH,+ HE SAID.

+THE CENTRE AND THE HALLS ARE WELL EQUIPPED WITH FACILITIES SUCH AS HALLS, DRESSING ROOMS, CONFERENCE ROOMS AND BADMINTON COURTS. THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE HAS BASKETBALL COURTS, AN EXHIBITION HALL AND A COVERED PLAYGROUND,+ HE ADDED.

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THEY ARE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 9.30 PM ON MONDAY TO FRIDAY,
FROM 9 AM TO NOON AND 2 PM TO 9.30 PM ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

OPENING HOURS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS DEPEND UPON DEMAND AND THE
AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES.

+ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO USE THE FACILITIES SHOULD SUBMIT
THEIR APPLICATIONS AT LEAST FOUR WEEKS IN ADVANCE, AND THEY MAY BE
EXEMPTED FROM CHARGES IF THEY COMPLY WITH THE EXEMPTION
REGULATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE RESPECTIVE
COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRE.

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MAN KAM TO ROAD BEING IMPROVED
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THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A
\$10.3-MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MAN KAM TO ROAD
BETWEEN LIN MA HANG ROAD AND THE CROSS-BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES
AT MAN KAM TO.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE REALIGNMENT AND WIDENING OF THE
EXISTING MAN KAM TO ROAD UP TO THE MUK WU PUMPING STATION AND
THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 300-METRE CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN LIN MA HANG
ROAD AND THE NEW BORDER CONTROL BUILDING AT MAN KAM TO.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, WHICH IS PART OF THE PROPOSED EXTENSION
OF THE VEHICULAR BORDER LINK IN THE AREA, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 12
MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK
RANGE FROM MONDAY (JUNE 17) TO FRIDAY (JUNE 21) BETWEEN 8.30 AM
AND 5 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN
RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

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