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FIRST-EVER SCHOOL DENTAL HEALTH SERVICE
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A SCHOOL CHILDREN DENTAL CARE SERVICE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED THIS MONTH FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG.

FOR ONLY A NOMINAL CHARGE OF \$5 A YEAR, ALL PRIMARY ONE CHILDREN MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS SERVICE RUN BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE SERVICE IS A VOLUNTARY SCHEME AND HE ESTIMATED THAT OVER 100 000 PRIMARY ONE CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE TO JOIN.

UNDER THE SCHEME, SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE GIVEN ROUTINE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT BY DENTAL OFFICERS AND DENTAL THERAPISTS.

DENTAL TREATMENT, INCLUDING A FULL DENTAL EXAMINATION, FILLINGS, SCALING, CLEANING OF TEETH AND IF NECESSARY, EXTRACTION, WILL BE GIVEN.

+LIMITED ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT MAY ALSO BE PROVIDED,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT HOWEVER THAT EMPHASIS OF THE SERVICE WOULD BE ON PREVENTION.

SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE TAUGHT THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF DENTAL HEALTH AND ORAL HYGIENE SO THAT THEY WILL ADOPT GOOD PRACTICE TO PREVENT DENTAL DISEASES DEVELOPING IN LATER LIFE, HE SAID.

IN ITS FIRST YEAR, THE SERVICE IS LIMITED TO PRIMARY ONE PUPILS. IT WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN IN PRIMARY CLASSES.

PARTICIPANTS OF THE SCHEME THIS YEAR WILL GO TO THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE IN MORRISON HILL ROAD FOR THE SERVICE. A SECOND DENTAL CLINIC FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN IN ARGYLE STREET WILL OPEN NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.

THE SERVICE WILL BE IN FULL OPERATION WITH THE COMPLETION OF THREE OTHER CLINICS IN LAM TIN, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN BEFORE 1985.

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PLANS FOR NEW MARKETS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT PLANS TO BUILD 23 NEW MULTI-PURPOSE MARKETS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO KEEP ABREAST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SIX WILL BE IN TUEN MUN, FIVE IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG, THREE IN YUEN LONG, TWO EACH IN TAI PO, SHA TIN AND SAI KUNG, AND THREE ON OUTLYING ISLANDS.

THE FIRST MARKET IN THE PIPELINE TO BE OPENED FOR PUBLIC USE WILL BE IN TSUEN WAN. ITS CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE REMAINING MARKETS EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR AT PLANNING STAGE WERE EXPECTED TO BE READY WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE TSUEN WAN MARKET WILL BE LOCATED ON A 3 620 SQUARE METRE SITE AT THE CORNER OF CHUNG ON STREET AND TSUEN WAN MARKET STREET, THE CENTRE OF THE NEW TOWN.

IT WILL GREATLY BENEFIT BOTH TRADERS AND SHOPPERS AS IT WILL OPEN UP A MORE SPACIOUS, BETTER-EQUIPPED AND MORE HYGIENIC AREA.

COSTING \$13 MILLION, THE TWO-STOREY MARKET WILL ACCOMMODATE 30 MEAT STALLS, 25 FISH STALLS, 10 POULTRY STALLS, ONE ICE STALL AND 330 MINI STALLS FOR VEGETABLE AND SUNDRY GOODS.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A POULTRY SCALDING ROOM, A DANGEROUS GOODS STORE, A REFUSE COLLECTION CHAMBER AND A CLEANSING STORE.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE MARKET OFFICES, STAFF QUARTERS, TOILETS AND A PARKING BAY FOR 40 BICYCLES.

ONE OF THE FEATURES WILL BE ESCALATORS FOR MARKET-GOERS FROM THE GROUND TO THE FIRST FLOOR.

ON THE ROOFTOP, THERE WILL BE A CHILDREN PLAY AREA WITH VARIOUS FACILITIES, FLOWER BEDS AND BENCHES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS THE DEPARTMENT'S PLAN TO MAKE FULL USE OF AVAILABLE SPACE IN THE NEW MARKET WHICH WILL SERVE NOT ONLY MARKET-GOERS BUT ALSO CHILDREN AND RESIDENTS.

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SNT OPENS YUEN LONG ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN

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DRUG ABUSE IS STILL ONE OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, MR AKERS-JONES SAID AS LONG AS IT REMAINED SO THERE WOULD BE A DANGER THAT YUEN LONG AND ITS CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGER ONES, WOULD BE AFFECTED OR AT RISK.

WHILE THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE REMAINED SO ENORMOUSLY PROFITABLE, HE SAID, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO ATTRACT THE CRIMINALS WHO EXPLOITED IT= AND SO LONG AS WE HAD AS MANY AS 40 000 ADDICTS IN OUR MIDST -- THE PRESENT ESTIMATED NUMBER -- THEY WOULD REMAIN, UNHAPPILY, A RESERVOIR OF POSSIBLE INFECTION TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

+AND LET US NOT FORGET THAT HONG KONG'S GREATEST ASSET IS ITS PEOPLE, AND THAT THE YOUNG REPRESENT THE FUTURE OF ANY SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID AS A RESULT OF YEARS OF DEDICATED EFFORTS BY MANY PEOPLE, BOTH GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT, WE COULD NOW SAY THAT WE WERE CONTAINING OUR OVERALL DRUG PROBLEM AND MAKING CONSIDERABLE INROADS INTO THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN DRUG-TAKING.

+BUT OUR PRIDE AND SATISFACTION IN THESE ACHIEVEMENTS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE US COMPLACENT= THERE WILL BE A CONTINUING NEED NOT MERELY TO MAINTAIN OUR EFFORTS AGAINST DRUG-TRAFFICKING AND ABUSE BUT TO ENHANCE THEM IN ALL FIELDS -- LAW ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, PREVENTIVE EDUCATION, COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG WAS A FAST DEVELOPING SOCIETY AND ALL OF US WERE CAUGHT-UP IN THE PROCESS OF CHANGE.

+HERE IN YUEN LONG WE SEE OLD BUILDINGS PULLED DOWN AND VILLAGERS RESETTLED TO MAKE WAY FOR SUCH LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENTS AS FAIRVIEW PARK AND THE SHUI BIN WAI ESTATE, ALL LEADING TO LARGE MIGRATION OF URBAN DWELLERS TO THE DISTRICT.

+ALONG WITH, AND IN MANY CASES BECAUSE OF, THESE FAST-PACED DEVELOPMENTS WE ALSO FACE PRESSURES TO ADAPT OUR TRADITIONS, ATTITUDES AND OLD HABITS TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES.

+MOST OF US HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ADJUST TO THESE STRAINS, BUT THERE ARE THOSE UNFORTUNATE ONES WHO FIND THE PACE OF LIFE AND ITS PROBLEMS TOO MUCH. SOME OF THEM TURN TO DRUGS AS AN ESCAPE FROM THE FRUSTRATIONS OF THEIR LIVES.+

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE COULD NOT BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT. THE WHOLE COMMUNITY HAD TO PLAY ITS PART.

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SINCE 1973, THEREFORE, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) HAD BEEN SPONSORING DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS, WHICH INVOLVED DISTRICT LEADERS AND RESIDENTS IN ORGANISING EVENTS AND PROGRAMMES FOR THEIR OWN CHILDREN, NEIGHBOURS AND COLLEAGUES.

IN SO DOING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ACQUIRED A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AND WHAT WAS NEEDED TO MITIGATE AND ULTIMATELY TO RESOLVE IT.

HE SAID YUEN LONG WAS FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MANY PUBLIC-SPIRITED COMMUNITY LEADERS AND CITIZENS WITH THE CONCERN, INTEREST AND COMPASSION TO DEVOTE THEIR INTEREST, THEIR TIME AND THEIR RESOURCES TO THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAUSE. HE THANKED THE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR WONG KAM-YIP, FOR THEIR EFFORTS.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN IS THE TOWN'S FIRST. ACAN HAS PROVIDED \$100 000 TOWARDS CAMPAIGN EXPENSES.

NEARLY 30 ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD DURING THE ONE-MONTH CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY AT YUEN LONG STADIUM WAS FOLLOWED BY A ONE-AND-A-HALF-HOUR VARIETY SHOW FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY THE JOINT SERVICES PARACHUTE CLUB AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR PETER LEE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR KARL STUMPF, WERE ALSO PRESENT.

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SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE EXPANDED
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS EXPANDING ITS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WHICH CATERS TO UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND PERSONS WITH POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, AND TO EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR PROFESSIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL STAFF.

THE SERVICE -- KNOWN AS SPECIAL REGISTER -- IS LOCATED AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY.

OWING TO INCREASED DEMAND FOR THE SERVICE, A NEW BRANCH OFFICE WILL BE OPENED AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 4TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI, TOMORROW (MONDAY) FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC LIVING IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ENQUIRIES IS 3-695528.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE SPECIAL REGISTER WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1973 AS AN EXTENSION OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE TO UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AND PEOPLE WITH POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

THE ASSISTANCE INCLUDED INTRODUCING JOB-SEEKERS TO EMPLOYERS, ADVISING JOB-SEEKERS ON SUITABLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND THE LABOUR MARKET SITUATION, AS WELL AS HELPING HONG KONG STUDENTS STUDYING OVERSEAS TO APPLY FOR JOBS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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THE SPECIAL REGISTER ALSO HELPED EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE, PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL STAFF.

DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE SERVICE PLACED 230 PEOPLE ON JOBS AS MANAGERS, EXECUTIVE TRAINEES, TEACHERS, ENGINEERS, SECRETARIES, ACCOUNTANTS AND PROGRAMMERS WITH INITIAL SALARIES RANGING FROM \$1 500 TO \$5 500 A MONTH.

+AS THE DEMAND FOR THE SERVICE CONTINUES TO INCREASE SINCE ITS INCEPTION, EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO EXPAND THE SERVICE IN ORDER TO MEET THE INCREASING DEMAND AND TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF SERVICE,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS LIVING IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TO USE THE NEW OFFICE, AND THOSE ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO CONTINUE TO USE THE NEW RODNEY BLOCK OFFICE.

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TEACHERS TO LEARN ABOUT DRUG PROBLEM
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TWO WORKSHOPS ON DRUG ABUSE WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS.

THE AIM IS TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG, TO EXPLORE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF EDUCATING PUPILS ON DRUG ABUSE, AND TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE TALKS, SLIDE SHOWS, DISCUSSION AND A TOUR OF THE NARCOTICS BUREAU MUSEUM.

THE TALKS WILL BE ON THE LAW RELATING TO DRUG ABUSE AND THE POLICE'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS YOUNG OFFENDERS, THE TEACHERS' ROLE IN DRUG EDUCATION AND THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMMES.

THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH IN THE THEATRE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE HEADQUARTERS IN ARSENAL STREET.

THEY WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 14 AND DECEMBER 5 FROM 2.30 PM TO 5 PM.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION) AT LEE GARDENS BY NOVEMBER 7.

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MORE LAND FOR TAI PO NEW TOWN
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ANOTHER NINE HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE RECLAIMED FOR THE TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE RECLAMATION, NEXT TO THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR AN EXTENSION PROJECT OF THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO FURTHER SERVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWN.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PWD OFFICIAL LEFT FOR TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE
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THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN NAI KEONG, LEFT FOR THE UNITED STATES TODAY FOR A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON WORLDWIDE TRANSPORTATION ISSUES.

THE CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 23 AND 24 IN WESTPOINT, CONNECTICUT, IS ORGANISED BY THE ENO FOUNDATION FOR TRANSPORTATION, A PRIVATELY ENDOWED INSTITUTION DEALING EXCLUSIVELY WITH RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES PERTAINING TO TRANSPORTATION, PLANNING, DESIGN AND OPERATION.

DURING THE CONFERENCE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE BOARD OF CONSULTANTS OF THE FOUNDATION WILL HAVE INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND VIEWS WITH GUEST SPEAKERS FROM HONG KONG, SINGAPORE, SAUDI ARABIA, CANADA, MEXICO, AND VENEZUELA.

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SHEK KU STREET TRAFFIC REROUTED
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN SHEK KU STREET, HO MAN TIN FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 22) FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR THE LAYING OF A POWER CABLE.

THE STREET WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH PERTH STREET AND KING TAK STREET.

SOUTHBOUND MOTORISTS ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD INTENDING TO ENTER SHEK KU STREET VIA PERTH STREET ARE ADVISED TO ENTER THE STREET VIA FAT KWONG STREET AND SHEUNG SHING STREET INSTEAD.

WESTBOUND MOTORISTS ON PERTH STREET INTENDING TO TURN LEFT INTO SHEK KU STREET ARE ADVISED TO ENTER THE STREET VIA PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, FAT KWONG STREET AND SHEUNG SHING STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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SAI KUNG WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN SAI KUNG TOWN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM TUESDAY (OCTOBER 21) MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY YI CHUN STREET, SAI KUNG HOI PONG STREET, SAI KUNG MAIN STREET, PO TUNG STREET AND SAI KUNG YEE KUK STREET.

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