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HK NARCOTICS REPORT 1979 PUBLISHED
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HIGH ILLICIT DRUG PRICES AND LARGE NUMBERS OF ADDICTS SEEKING TREATMENT IN 1979 MARKED ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR IN HONG KONG'S ON-GOING FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTIC ABUSE AND TRAFFICKING.

THIS WAS INDICATED IN THE HONG KONG NARCOTICS REPORT 1979 PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

SINCE MID-1979, LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESSURES, TOGETHER WITH THE OPIUM CROP FAILURE IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, HAD CAUSED A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF ILLICIT NARCOTIC SUPPLY IN HONG KONG.

THE EFFECTS OF THIS SCARCITY, THE REPORT SAID, WERE REFLECTED IN AUGUST IN THE RISE OF ILLICIT DRUG PRICES BY MORE THAN 400 PER CENT, WHILE THE PURITY OF NO. 3 HEROIN DROPPED TO A LOW OF 15 PER CENT.

ALSO FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FORMED A JOINT INTELLIGENCE UNIT AT KAI TAK AIRPORT IN JULY TO PREVENT DRUG IMPORT AND TRAFFICKING.

THE REPORT ALSO REVEALED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF ADDICTS WERE INDUCED TO SEEK TREATMENT AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUOUS SHORTAGE OF ILLICIT DRUGS AND THE PERSISTENT HIGH PRICES AT STREET LEVEL.

BY THE END OF THE YEAR, 9 294 PATIENTS WERE REGISTERED FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S METHADONE TREATMENT WITH 7 270 ATTENDING DAILY, GIVING AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF 78 PER CENT, AS COMPARED WITH 7 700, 5 400 AND 70 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1978.

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN 1979 WAS THE SHARP DROP IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE CONVICTED OF MINOR DRUG OFFENCES IN THE COURTS FROM A HIGH OF 17 700 IN 1973 TO 3 600.

THE NUMBER OF ADDICTS IN PRISONS PROPER HAD ALSO DECLINED DRAMATICALLY SINCE 1976, AND 23 PER CENT OF THE 33 000 DRUG ABUSERS RECORDED IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS HAD NOT BEEN REPORTED AGAIN FROM ANY SOURCE FOR OVER THREE YEARS.

SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS SAID IN THE FOREWORD TO THE REPORT : +WHILST ALL SUCH NEWS MUST BE A SOURCE OF ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRIDE, WE HAVE NO ILLUSIONS THAT OUR EFFORTS CAN BE RELAXED IN ANY WAY.

+SO LONG AS THE ILLEGAL DRUG TRADE REMAINS SO ENORMOUSLY PROFITABLE, IT WILL REMAIN ATTRACTIVE TO THE CRIMINALS WHO EXPLOIT IT, AND SO LONG AS WE HAVE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ADDICTS IN OUR MIDST, THEY WILL REMAIN, UNHAPPILY, A RESERVOIR OF POSSIBLE INFECTION TO OUR YOUNG.

+SO MY MESSAGE TO THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ALL WHO ARE PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY INVOLVED IN THE STRUGGLE IS -- SO FAR WE HAVE DONE EXCEEDINGLY WELL, BUT MUCH MORE EFFORT IS REQUIRED.+

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THE 147-PAGE REPORT ALSO GIVES A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGING CHARACTERISTICS OF HONG KONG'S NARCOTICS SCENE AS WELL AS ALL IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE VARIOUS MAJOR ACTION PROGRAMMES BEING CARRIED OUT.

THE REPORT'S ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS ARE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY. THE CHINESE VERSION IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ACAN SAID THE REPORT IS AN INFORMATIVE AND HIGHLY READABLE DOCUMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE SERIOUS LONG-STANDING SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF NARCOTICS ADDICTION IN HONG KONG.

IT IS PARTICULARLY RECOMMENDED TO TEACHERS, STUDENTS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF OTHER PROFESSIONS WHOSE WORK MAY BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE NARCOTICS ISSUE, HE ADDED.

THE ENGLISH EDITION OF THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE AT \$15. A COPY FROM THE END OF NEXT WEEK AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER
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THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1980 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY SHOW AN ACCUMULATED SURPLUS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR (APRIL TO SEPTEMBER) OF \$1 703 MILLION, COMPARED WITH A DEFICIT OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR OF \$384 MILLION.

THIS SURPLUS WAS THE RESULT OF A HIGHER THAN EXPECTED REVENUE YIELD WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET INCREASED EXPENDITURE.

TOTAL GROSS EXPENDITURE OVER THE SIX MONTH PERIOD WAS \$7 644 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$5 667 MILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE INCREASE OF \$1 977 MILLION WAS HIGHER THAN ENVISAGED IN THE BUDGET. THE EXCESS WAS ON RECURRENT ACCOUNT, AND WAS DUE TO SALARY REVISIONS FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE AND STAFF OF SUBVENTED ORGANIZATIONS AND THE COST OF MEASURES TAKEN TO COMBAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION.

TOTAL REVENUE OVER THE SIX MONTH PERIOD WAS \$9 347 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$5 283 MILLION OVER THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE INCREASE OF \$4 064 MILLION WAS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN ENVISAGED IN THE BUDGET DUE TO HIGHER THAN EXPECTED YIELDS FROM LAND SALES AND, ADDITIONALLY, THE HIGH TURNOVER ON THE STOCK EXCHANGES WHICH RESULTED IN MORE STAMP DUTY REVENUE.

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EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED
ORDERS-ON-HAND STATISTICS FOR SEPTEMBER AS FOLLOWS:

INDUSTRY GROUP	ORDERS-ON-HAND IN TERMS OF MONTHS	
	AUGUST 1980	SEPTEMBER 1980
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	4.7	4.9
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	2.5	2.3
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	4.0	4.0
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, EXCEPT MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT	3.9	4.0
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC MACHINERY, APPARATUS, APPLIANCES AND SUPPLIES	5.3	5.2
OTHERS	3.7	3.7
ALL MANUFACTURING	4.3	4.3

THE STATISTICS ARE BASED ON AN UPDATED AND ENLARGED PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES SELECTED BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT AS THE PANEL WAS NOT A SCIENTIFICALLY DESIGNED SAMPLE, RESULTS OBTAINED WOULD BE REPRESENTATIVE ONLY OF THE COMPANIES INCLUDED IN THE PANEL.

IT WAS HOPED HOWEVER THAT THEY WOULD GENERALLY INDICATE THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE.

THE SURVEY, WHICH IS CONDUCTED MONTHLY, ALSO ASKS QUESTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL AND COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS BESIDES THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1980 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$1 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. NO. 5-274203.

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SECTION OF ROUTE TWISK CLOSED FOR MTR WORKS

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A PART OF ROUTE TWISK IN TSUEN WAN WILL SOON BE CLOSED TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, ACCORDING TO A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE AFFECTED SECTION IS JUST NORTH OF MEI WAN STREET AND IS ABOUT 190 METRES IN LENGTH.

UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION PLANS, ROUTE TWISK WILL BE REALIGNED TO JOIN CHEUNG PEI SHAN INTERCHANGE AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AROUND APRIL, 1981. UNTIL THEN, VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO MEI WAN STREET AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM ROUTE TWISK WILL BE MAINTAINED, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ADDED THAT ON COMPLETION OF THE REALIGNMENT, VEHICULAR ACCESS TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL THEN BE VIA TEXACO ROAD AS EXTENDED AND SHING MUN ROAD.

MEANWHILE, PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE PROVIDED BY A FOOTPATH TO PAK TIN PA AND A FOOTPATH OR A FOOTBRIDGE FROM PAK TIN PA TO MEI WAN STREET.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, STAFF OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE CONTACTING PERSONS AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS LIKELY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGE.

IN ADDITION, ENQUIRIES OR COMMENTS ON THE ALTERNATIVE PROVISION OF VEHICULAR OR PEDESTRIAN ROUTE CAN BE MADE AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT FOU WAH CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

A PLAN SHOWING THE AFFECTED AREA MAY BE INSPECTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE FOU WAH CENTRE, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL- AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

THE NOTICE GAZETTED TODAY STIPULATED THAT CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

CLAIMS MUST REACH THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF CLOSURE OF THE STREET WHICH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE.

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AMENDMENTS TO SHA TIN ZONING PLAN

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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD TODAY ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAFT SHA TIN OUTLINE ZONING PLAN. NOTICE OF THE AMENDMENTS IS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID THE MAIN CHANGES CONCERNED THE REZONING OF CERTAIN AREAS TO +VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT+ USE.

PART OF THE LAND NEAR HO TUNG LAU MARKED FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES HAD ALSO BEEN REZONED TO OTHER SPECIFIED USES.

IN THIS CASE, IT WAS PROPOSED TO USE THE REZONED AREA FOR A KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT WITH COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

PROPOSALS WERE ALSO MADE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OF NOTES TO THE PLAN, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE AMENDED PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED IN THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, 17TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD= THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE; AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, TUNG LO WAN HILL.

THE DRAFT AMENDMENT PLAN IS AVAILABLE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, AT \$8.50 FOR AN UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

ANY PERSON AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN SHOULD SUBMIT HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

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WATER SUPPLIES DIRECTOR REVIEWS CONSUMER ENQUIRY SERVICE
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND ITS CONSUMER ENQUIRY SERVICE BY SETTING UP AN ADDITIONAL CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE IN KOWLOON NEXT JUNE.

THE DIRECTOR, MR WILLIAM TUCKER, ANNOUNCED THIS TODAY WHEN HE INSPECTED THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AT LEIGHTON CENTRE.

+THE NEW ENQUIRY CENTRE WILL BE LOCATED AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT MAINLAND DEPOT IN ARGYLE STREET,+ MR TUCKER SAID.

+THE TIMING FOR THE JUNE OPENING TIES IN WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PHASED COMPUTERISATION OF ALL WATER ACCOUNTS.

/+THESE ITEMS

+THESE ITEMS FORM PART OF A TWO-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO FURTHER IMPROVE SERVICES TO ITS 950 000 REGISTERED CONSUMERS,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW ENQUIRY CENTRE WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH COMPUTER VISUAL DISPLAY UNITS AND FACILITIES TO GIVE QUICK REPLIES TO WATER ACCOUNT ENQUIRIES.

THE NEW CENTRE WILL SUPPLEMENT THE SERVICE NOW OFFERED BY THE ONE AT LEIGHTON CENTRE ALREADY EQUIPPED WITH COMPUTER FACILITIES.

THIS CENTRE WITH THE TELEPHONE HOTLINE 5-7900222, HANDLED 153 932 CASES DURING THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED LAST MONTH.

THERE WERE ENQUIRIES ON HIGH CONSUMPTION, CHANGE OF CONSUMERSHIP AND MAILING ADDRESS, REQUESTS FOR DUPLICATE WATER ACCOUNT, DISCONNECTION OF WATER SUPPLY AND WATER DEPOSIT.

MR TUCKER SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS CONTINUOUSLY MONITORING THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THIS CENTRE WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING SUCH ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS ARE NECESSARY.

A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON FURTHER EXTENDING THE SERVICE TO STRATEGIC LOCATIONS ALL OVER HONG KONG IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

THE DIRECTOR SPENT THE WHOLE AFTERNOON TODAY AT THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AND THE ACCOUNTS DIVISION AT LEIGHTON CENTRE.

HE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO CONSUMERS ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE NEWLY-APPOINTED BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT MR TOM MCDONOUGH.

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GRADUATE FIREMEN TOLD THEY HAVE DEMANDING JOB
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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN CHAPPLE TODAY TOLD A GROUP OF GRADUATES OF THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL THAT THEY WILL SOON LEARN THAT HONG KONG IS THE MOST DEMANDING ENVIRONMENT IN THE WORLD.

THE GENERAL TOOK THE SALUTE AND ADDRESSED THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 19 PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICERS, 71 FIREMEN AND 47 AMBULANCEMEN IN THE SCHOOL'S PARADE GROUND IN PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID THE STANDARDS OF SMARTNESS AND DISCIPLINE DEMONSTRATED BY THE GRADUATES WERE THE TWO ESSENTIAL QUALITIES FOR THE CAREERS THEY HAD CHOSEN.

+THE OTHERS ARE COURAGE AND DESIRE TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY — HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

/-WE ALL

+WE ALL HEAR ONLY TOO FREQUENTLY OF FIRES IN SQUATTER AREAS, IN HIGH-RISE FACTORIES AND APARTMENT BLOCKS, AND OF ROOF-TOP SUICIDE ATTEMPTS.

+HOWEVER MUCH YOU TRAIN YOU WILL ALWAYS FACE THE UNEXPECTED SITUATION WHEN THE SPEEDY INITIATIVE OF THE MAN ON THE SPOT CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAILURE.

+NEVER BE AFRAID TO USE YOUR INITIATIVE,+ HE SAID.

HONG KONG IS JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF ITS FIRE SERVICES AND AMBULANCEMEN, HE SAID, YOU WILL SOON LEARN THAT IT MUST BE THE MOST DEMANDING ENVIRONMENT IN THE WORLD.

+THE TRUE VALUE OF GOOD COMRADESHIP AND TEAMWORK -- THIS YOU WILL FIND THE MOST SATISFYING THING OF ALL, AND SOMETHING NORMALLY FOUND ONLY IN SUCH SERVICES AS YOURS.

+INDEED, OUR SERVICES SHARE VERY MUCH THE SAME ASPIRATIONS, SO I KNOW WELL HOW YOU MUST FEEL AS YOU GRADUATE TODAY,+ HE ADDED.

MAJOR-GENERAL CHAPPLE ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO PROBATIONARY STATION OFFICER CHOI SIU-PING, FIREMAN TANG YAU-NIN AND AMBULANCEMAN LAU KWOK-LEUNG FOR BEING THE BEST RECRUITS.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTOR SEES ACTIVITIES IN BOYS' HOME

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY VISITED THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME TO SEE HOW THE BOYS GO ABOUT THEIR DAILY ACTIVITIES.

THE HOME, RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES INSTITUTIONAL TRAINING TO BOYS PUT ON PROBATION AND REMAND, AND TO THOSE IN NEED OF CARE AND PROTECTION.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR CARLOS LEUNG, THE DIRECTOR SAW BOYS ATTENDING SCHOOL CLASSES AND UNDERGOING PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING.

HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE DAILY PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS LESSONS, AND HANDICRAFT TRAINING IN CARPENTRY, MOTOR MECHANICS AND TAILORING.

LIFE EDUCATION SEMINARS ARE ORGANISED TO AROUSE DISCUSSION AMONG THE BOYS AND AWARENESS OF PERSONAL OR SOCIAL PROBLEMS, AS PART OF THEIR REHABILITATION.

HOBBY GROUPS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE ALSO ORGANISED IN PAINTING, GUITAR PLAYING, SILK-SCREEN PRINTING, SOCCER AND BASKETBALL GAMES, PICNICS, AND SOCIAL VISITS.

MR ALLEYNE ALSO INSPECTED THE FACILITIES, LOOKING AT THE DORMITORIES, RECREATION ROOMS, PLAYGROUNDS, KITCHEN, SICKBAYS, AND CLINIC.

THE BOYS' HOME IS ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FIVE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND SERVES AS A COMBINED PROBATION AND REMAND HOME AS WELL AS A PLACE OF REFUGE FOR 160 BOYS AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND 18.

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KEEP SAI KUNG CLEAN PAINTING COMPETITION ON SUNDAY

AN OUTDOOR PAINTING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN WILL BE HELD IN SAI KUNG ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9) AS PART OF THE SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU CLEAN DISTRICT CAMPAIGN. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MAN YEE PLAYGROUND.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AT A KEEP YOUR DISTRICT CLEAN DAY TO BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH AT MAN YEE BASKETBALL COURT.

APPLICATIONS TO ENTER CAN BE MADE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE AT MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG, WHERE DETAILS OF THE COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE. MORE THAN 60 CHILDREN HAVE ALREADY ENTERED.

BESIDES A PAINTING COMPETITION, CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE DRAWING AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A SERIES OF INTENSIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS THIS MONTH COVERING 20 VILLAGES.

A MAJOR OPERATION WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 13) AT PAK SHA WAN, WHEN COMMUNITY LEADERS, LOCAL PUPILS AND MARINE AND NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL JOIN HANDS IN A MASSIVE DRIVE TO CLEAR THE AREA OF RUBBISH.

EVENTS ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU DISTRICT COMMITTEE, WHOSE CHAIRMAN IS A LOCAL LEADER, MR CHAN KWAI-SANG. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MARINE AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS AND THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE GOVERNMENT IS MEETING SOME OF THE COST OF THESE ACTIVITIES, WHILE MORE MONEY IS EXPECTED TO BE DONATED BY LOCAL PEOPLE.

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TUITION +HOTLINE+ SET UP FOR STUDENTS
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A COMMUNITY BODY SPONSORED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED A SCHEME UNDER WHICH STUDENTS ARE PROVIDED QUICK TUITION THROUGH TELEPHONE HOTLINES.

THE INNOVATIVE SCHEME OPERATES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND COINCIDES WITH THE CURRENT ACADEMIC SESSION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE FIRST PHASE OF THE SCHEME WOULD FINISH BY JANUARY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY A SECOND PHASE IN MID-FEBRUARY UNTIL JUNE.

UNDER THE SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT STUDENT SERVICE COMMITTEE, HE SAID, TWO HOTLINES ARE OPERATED IN THE WAH FU COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRE.

A GROUP OF SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS MANNING THE HOTLINES PROVIDE IMMEDIATE TELEPHONE TUITION TO CALLERS FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 9.30 PM, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME WAS TO HELP STUDENTS SOLVE THEIR DIFFICULTIES IN SCHOOLWORK SO THAT THEY COULD MAINTAIN THEIR INTEREST.

DURING AN EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD EARLIER THIS YEAR, HE SAID, THE SCHEME ATTRACTED OVER 500 STUDENTS.

ANYONE STUDYING IN PRIMARY THREE UP TO FORM 3 IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT MAY APPLY THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL OR AT THE WAH FU COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRE.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AT 52-64 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, TEL. NO. 5-534111.

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CANOE MARATHON RACE TO BE HELD AT SAI KUNG ON SUNDAY
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MORE THAN 130 CANOES HAVE ENTERED THE SECOND MARATHON RACE ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9) AT INNER PORT SHELTER, SAI KUNG.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY SAI KUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD. IT WAS FIRST HELD TWO YEARS AGO.

STARTING AT 10 AM, THE RACE WILL TAKE PLACE OVER A 23-KILOMETRE COURSE FROM INNER PORT SHELTER TO SILVER STRAND, SHELTER ISLAND, KAU SAI WAN, THE WESTERN DAM OF HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR AND BACK TO SAI KUNG.

NINE CLUBS WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE RACE. THE CLUB WITH MOST MEMBERS COMPLETING THE ENTIRE COURSE WITHIN THREE-AND-A-HALF HOURS WILL BE AWARDED A SPECIAL PRIZE - A CANOE.

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ANOTHER SIX SHORT DISTANCE EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE CLUB GAINING THE HIGHEST TOTAL POINTS FROM ALL EVENTS WILL RECEIVE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES CUP, WHICH MR DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL PRESENT AT 3 PM.

TWO HONG KONG CANOEING REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 1976 MONTREAL OLYMPIC GAMES, NG CHUN-MAN AND NG HIN-WAN, WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS TO BE OBSERVED WHEN PARTICIPATING IN THE SPORT. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE PRIZE PRESENTATIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE CANOE RACES. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 1 PM TO TAKE THE PRESS TO SAI KUNG. MR DONALD STRANGE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PRESS UNIT WILL BE PRESENT TO HELP MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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DATES FOR MAJOR SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS

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THE DATES FOR THREE MAJOR ANNUAL SPORTS EVENTS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN FIXED FOR NEXT YEAR AND APPLICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION ARE NOW INVITED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE THREE CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS - GYMNASTICS, CANOEING AND TRAMPOLINING - ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE DATES FOR THE THREE EVENTS ARE: GYMNASTICS - FEBRUARY 28 AND MARCH 5 AND 7- CANOEING - APRIL 7, 8 AND 11- AND TRAMPOLINING - APRIL 23 AND 24.

SCHOOLS INTERESTED IN ENTERING THESE COMPETITIONS ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN THEIR ENTRY FORMS BEFORE NOVEMBER 28 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 7TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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KWUN TONG TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KWUN TONG FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 10) FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS FOR WORK ON A SEWER ALONG HOI BUN ROAD.

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

- * THE EXISTING TEMPORARY ONE-WAY ROUTING OF SHUN YIP STREET WILL BE CANCELLED=
- * HOI BUN ROAD BETWEEN SHUN YIP STREET AND LAI YIP STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHEAST BOUND=
- * THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF LAI YIP STREET BETWEEN WAI YIP STREET AND HOI BUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC COMING FROM ITS NORTHERN SECTION AND FROM WAI YIP STREET, EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES THERE= AND
- * VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES IN THE SECTION OF HOI BUN ROAD BETWEEN SHUN YIP STREET AND LAI YIP STREET SHOULD PROCEED VIA WAI YIP STREET AND SHUN YIP STREET.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF CAUSEWAY BAY SLIP ROAD

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THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM HING FAT STREET TO VICTORIA PARK IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 6 AM ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 9) FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON HING FAT STREET CAN ENTER VICTORIA PARK ROAD VIA GORDON ROAD, ELECTRIC ROAD, FOOK YUM ROAD, WANG ON ROAD, OIL STREET, KING'S ROAD AND TSING FUNG STREET.

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