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DRAGON BOAT RACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

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DRAGON BOAT RACES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE HELD ON THE FESTIVAL DAY, NEXT TUESDAY, JUNE 17, AT TAI O, CHEUNG CHAU, TAI PO, SAI KUNG, TUEN MUN AND TSING YI.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ATTEND RACES AT TAI O AT 12.30 PM AND AFTERWARDS GO TO CHEUNG CHAU WHERE HE WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNING TEAMS.

AT TAI PO, RACES WILL TAKE PLACE FOR THE FIRST TIME AT SHUEN WAN HOI, ALONG THE MAIN DAM OF PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR, AS THE TRADITIONAL VENUE AT YUEN CHAU TSAI IS BEING RECLAIMED FOR DEVELOPMENT. RACES WILL START AT 10.30 AM. FORTY TEAMS HAVE ENTERED. UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION. ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

TO GET ROUND THE TRADITION THAT DRAGON BOATS ARE NOT TO BE ROWED BY WOMEN, THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE AT SAI KUNG HAS DECIDED TO DECORATE SOME OF THE BOATS SO THAT THEY RESEMBLE THE MYTHICAL BIRD, THE PHOENIX, INSTEAD OF A DRAGON. SIX WOMEN'S TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN THE RACES.

BESIDES THE +PHOENIX+ BOATS, 12 DRAGON BOATS WILL ALSO COMPETE AT SAI KUNG. THE CHAMPION TEAM WILL REPRESENT THE DISTRICT AT THIS YEAR'S INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT INVITATION RACE ON JUNE 22.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AT THE SAI KUNG RACES WHICH START AT 9 AM.

FIFTY TEAMS, REPRESENTING LOCAL FISHERMEN, SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, FACTORIES, COMMERCIAL FIRMS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE ENTERED THE TUEN MUN RACES TO BE HELD IN CASTLE PEAK BAY STARTING AT 9 AM. THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR LI FOOK-KOW, WILL PRESENT PRIZES.

AT TSING YI, WHERE RACES WILL START AT 10.30 AM, THE TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER TSUEN WAN, MR JAMES HAYES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION.

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DISABLED SPORTSMEN TO COMPETE FOR HONG KONG

HONG KONG IS SENDING A TEAM OF DISABLED SPORTSMEN TO THE OLYMPICS FOR THE DISABLED TO BE HELD IN ARNHEM, HOLLAND, FROM JUNE 21 TO JULY 5.

LADY MACLEHOSE WILL PRESENT THE HONG KONG FLAG TO THE TEAM AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD TODAY (MONDAY) AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB IN HAPPY VALLEY.

THE HONG KONG TEAM COMPRISES 14 COMPETITORS ACCOMPANIED BY SEVEN OFFICIALS. THEY WILL TAKE PART IN FENCING, TABLE-TENNIS, SWIMMING AND FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS.

THE LEADER IS MR FRANCIS TSANG AND THE TEAM MANAGER IS MR DAVID GRIFFITH. THEY WILL LEAVE FOR HOLLAND ON JUNE 18 AND RETURN ON JULY 8.

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MAJOR ROAD PROJECT IN EAST KOWLOON

WORK WILL BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR ON A MAJOR ELEVATED ROAD AND GRADE-SEPARATED INTERSECTION ON KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN EAST KOWLOON.

THE PROJECT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ROAD SCHEME TO LINK KWUN TONG WITH EAST KOWLOON VIA THE AIRPORT TUNNEL.

TENDERS FOR IT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR TOM ARMOUR, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION, SAID THE WORK WOULD COMPRISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF ELEVATED ROAD TO CONNECT THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD WITH WAI YIP STREET, AND AN ELEVATED ROAD OVER KWUN TONG ROAD.

+GROUND LEVEL ROADWORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT IN AND AROUND WAI YIP STREET TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AND FROM THE NEW ELEVATED ROAD THERE.

+ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE A SERIES OF FOOTBRIDGES WITH STEPS AND RAMPS FOR PEDESTRIANS.

+AN AMENITY AREA WITH SOME SITTING-OUT SPACE WILL BE PROVIDED TO BEAUTIFY THE ROAD JUNCTION,+ MR ARMOUR ADDED.

WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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AWARD WINNERS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

ONE OUT OF EVERY 10 FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAS BEEN AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP OR PRIZE IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THESE STUDENTS ARE STUDYING IN THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG AND LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, ALL RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE AWARDS AMOUNTS TO \$171 628, AND IS SHARED AMONG 316 STUDENTS.

+THE NUMBER OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES STANDS AT 3 179 IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THIS MEANS THAT ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THEM ARE EITHER RECEIVING A SCHOLARSHIP OR PRIZE, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON AVERAGE, EACH SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER OR PRIZE WINNER RECEIVES \$543, HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, A GROUP OF STUDENTS AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE HAS RECENTLY WON A CASH PRIZE OF \$500 IN A FURNITURE DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL AND THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

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SURVEY ON SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRS INDUSTRY

A MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIRS INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE SURVEY, THE FIFTH OF ITS KIND, IS SCHEDULED TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT FROM JUNE 23 TO JUNE 30.

IT WILL COVER ALL SHIPYARDS, BOATYARDS, REPAIRS PONTOONS, SHIP SURVEYOR AND CONSULTANT FIRMS, SHIPPING FIRMS WHICH RECRUIT THEIR SHORE-BASED TECHNICAL STAFF LOCALLY, AND ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH DEAL WITH MARINE ENGINES AND MARINE ELECTRICAL REPAIRS AND SERVICING.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE SENT TODAY (MONDAY) TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS.

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EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED AND THAT OF THOSE UNDER TRAINING- THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES- AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

ASSISTANT CENSUS AND STATISTICS OFFICERS WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS DURING THE SURVEY TO COLLECT COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND TO HELP EMPLOYERS COMPLETE THEM, IF NECESSARY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRAINING BOARD SAID THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

APPEALING FOR CO-OPERATION FROM EMPLOYERS, HE STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY.

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FACILITIES FOR CAR USERS AT ADMIRALTY STATION

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TWO LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE AT ADMIRALTY MTR STATION FOR PRIVATE CARS TO PICK UP AND SET DOWN PASSENGERS.

THEY ARE THE LAY-BYS ON THE RECENTLY OPENED HARCOURT ROAD SLIP ROAD IN FRONT OF THE TWIN TOWERS OF ADMIRALTY CENTRE, AND ON THE SERVICE ROAD AROUND THE CENTRE.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES MAY ALSO STOP FOR PASSENGERS AT THE LAY-BY ON THE HARCOURT ROAD SLIP ROAD.

MAXICABS AND TAXIS WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE EXISTING STANDS IN THE COVERED AREA BETWEEN THE TWO BUS TERMINI THERE.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THESE FACILITIES WOULD REPLACE THE SETTING DOWN AREA IN THE LAY-BY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF QUEENSWAY WHICH IS NOW A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY.

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SEMINARS ON PRACTICAL ENGLISH

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A SERIES OF SEMINARS WILL BE HELD SHORTLY FOR LECTURERS IN ENGLISH IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES TO ACQUAINT THEM WITH THE PRESENT SITUATION IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE DESIGN.

THE FOCUS WILL BE ON PRACTICAL APPLICATION IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF CURRENT TRENDS IN LANGUAGE TEACHING.

ENTITLED +ENGLISH FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES+, THE SEMINARS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND THE WORKING PARTY ON ENGLISH FOR LECTURERS IN ENGLISH IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THEY WILL BE HELD AT LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN KOWLOON TONG EVERY WEDNESDAY BETWEEN JUNE 11 AND JULY 9 FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM. THERE WILL ALSO BE ONE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 21 FROM 9.30 AM TO 12 NOON.

GUEST SPEAKERS AND CONSULTANTS WILL INCLUDE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, BRITISH COUNCIL AND THE CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING DIVISION.

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MUSIC FOR BLIND STUDENTS

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THE NEXT CONCERT IN THE +MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS+ SERIES, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, WILL MOVE TO THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE MUSIC OFFICE'S CHINESE MUSIC INSTRUCTOR ORCHESTRA, CONDUCTED BY MR TONG LEUNG-TAK, WILL PLAY A NUMBER OF POPULAR CHINESE CLASSICAL TUNES. STUDENTS WITH MUSIC TALENTS AT THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO DEMONSTRATE. THEIR PROGRAMME WILL FEATURE TWO RECORDER ENSEMBLES AND A VOCAL SOLO.

THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND HAS FOR YEARS BEEN ACTIVE IN THE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL, MUSIC COMPETITION FOR THE HANDICAPPED, AND OTHER MUSIC CONTESTS, AND HAS OBTAINED VERY GOOD RESULTS.

IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, ITS RECORDER TEAMS HAVE BEEN SCORING ALL THE TOP THREE PRIZES OF THE JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE SECTIONS OF THE RECORDER CLASS IN THE MUSIC FESTIVAL.

ITS SCHOOL BAND HAS BEEN GIVING REGULAR PERFORMANCES AND HAS BEEN GIVEN AN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE.

THE BAND HAS BESIDES SUCCESSFULLY INCORPORATED THE USE OF ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENTS IN THE PLAYING OF POPULAR LIGHT MUSIC.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL HAVE PASSED THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC GRADE 5 THEORY EXAMINATION WITH SCORES IN BRAILLE.

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PRIVATE CAR REGISTRATIONS
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THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PRIVATE CARS REACHED 174 436 AT THE END OF MAY. THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 25 000 OR 16 PER CENT IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS. LAST YEAR AT THE SAME TIME THERE WAS A RISE OF 20 000 OVER THE PRECEEDING 12 MONTH PERIOD.

DURING MAY 2 748 NEW CARS WERE REGISTERED, WHILE 1 100 REGISTRATIONS LAPSED, REPRESENTING A NET INCREASE OF 1 648.

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WATER SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF WESTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE NORTH SIDE OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, SUTHERLAND STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET, AND INCLUDES HOUSE NUMBERS 146 TO 356, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

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