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ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR CATERING STUDENTS OF
TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
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CATERING STUDENTS AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE RECEIVING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN PLACES WHERE THEY WILL EVENTUALLY SERVE HONG KONG'S TOURIST INDUSTRY.

UNDER A PILOT SCHEME DRAWN UP BY THE HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF THE INSTITUTE, STUDENTS ARE SENT TO A HOTEL DINING ROOM OR KITCHEN TO GAIN EXPERIENCE TWO DAYS A WEEK IN ADDITION TO THREE DAYS OF FULL TIME STUDIES IN THE INSTITUTE FOR INTENSIVE RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

TWO CLASSES UNDER THIS 'INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL COOKERY AND FOOD SERVICE PROGRAMME' STARTED LAST NOVEMBER AND ARE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY WITH THE SUPPORT OF 15 HOTELS ARRANGED BY THE HONG KONG HOTELS ASSOCIATION.

+THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME IS TO FIND A FORMULA FOR LINKING INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE WITH FORMAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION THAT WILL MORE EFFECTIVELY MEET THE NEEDS OF NEW ENTRANTS TO THE HOTEL INDUSTRY AND ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WILL LATER EMPLOY THEM,+ SAID MR PETER KERRISON, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE INTEGRATED COURSE WOULD GIVE A FULL PICTURE OF SHIFT WORK AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN LIKELY PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT TO THE STUDENTS WHO CAN IN TURN APPRECIATE AND EXPERIENCE REAL PROBLEMS AND WORKING BENEFITS.

WHILE UNDERGOING HIS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN A HOTEL, A STUDENT IS PAID ABOUT \$20 A DAY. IN ADDITION TO TRANSPORT EXPENSES THIS SHOULD HELP HIM MEET THE COST OF FEES AND TEXTBOOKS.

+HOWEVER THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE STUDENTS ARE GIVEN AN EARLY INTRODUCTION TO A POSSIBLE LONG-TERM EMPLOYER WHILE GAINING EXPERIENCE AND WORKING FOR HIS CERTIFICATE IN HOTEL CATERING.

+BESIDES, THE HOTELS CAN BE HELPED OUT BY SUPPORTING STAFF WHO ARE HIGHLY MOTIVATED, JOB STABLE AND OF GOOD QUALITY,+ MR KERRISON SAID.

THE POPULARITY OF THE SCHEME IS SUCH THAT MANY LEADING HOTELS ARE LENDING THEIR FULL SUPPORT.

IN ORDER TO ASSESS THE PERFORMANCE AND GENERAL SUITABILITY OF THE STUDENTS, THE HOTEL IS REQUIRED TO RETURN A PROGRESS REPORT ON EACH STUDENT ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS TO THE INSTITUTE.

THE SUCCESS OF THE PROGRAMME WILL OPEN UP MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROSPECTIVE FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND WILL INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PLACES IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR FROM 160 TO 260, AND UP TO 300 IN 1981.

THIS WILL HELP THE HOTEL INDUSTRY WHICH IS YET FACING AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF GOOD STAFF AND WHICH WILL SHORTLY REQUIRE ABOUT 30 PER CENT ADDITIONAL STAFF FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF NEW HOTEL PROJECTS.

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MORE FIRE PREVENTION CHECKS MADE LAST YEAR.
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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU CARRIED OUT 289 780 INSPECTIONS LAST YEAR, ABOUT 10 PER CENT MORE THAN THE RECORD SET IN 1978.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 10 316 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED AND 3 622 PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT WITH FINES AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$1.1 MILLION IMPOSED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTED FOR 68 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL INSPECTIONS WITH 162 684 RELATING TO MEANS OF ESCAPE AND 34 922 CONCERNING OTHER HAZARDS.

IN ADDITION, STAFF OF THE BUREAU PAID 13 431 REGULAR VISITS TO BUILDINGS TO ENSURE THAT CORRIDORS AND EXITS WERE FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION.

DURING THE YEAR, THE BUREAU CONDUCTED 45 921 INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PREMISES AND 4 994 CHECKS ON VENTILATION SYSTEMS.

ANOTHER 12 700 VISITS WERE MADE TO RESTAURANTS, NIGHTCLUBS, SCHOOLS, CINEMAS, MATSHEDS, DANCE HALLS, BILLIARD ROOMS AND TIMBER YARDS.

CHECKS ON PREMISES USED FOR MANUFACTURE AND STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS NUMBERED 6 656, AND 3 018 OTHERS WERE MADE ON VEHICLES USED FOR CONVEYING COMPRESSED GAS AND INFLAMMABLE LIQUID.

IN ADDITION ABOUT 3 000 INSPECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT ON FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS AND NEON SIGNS, AND 477 OTHERS ON CHILD CARE CENTRES.

THE BUREAU ALSO FINALISED 8 986 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN RESPECT OF ESCAPE MEANS AND FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS AND ISSUED OR RENEWED 3 746 DANGEROUS GOODS AND TIMBER YARD LICENCES.

STAFF OF THE BUREAU ALSO INVESTIGATED 93 FIRES AND CONDUCTED 255 LECTURES AND EXHIBITIONS ON FIRE PREVENTION FOR STUDENTS, STAFF OF PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT AT TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK
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PLAY EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK, THANKS TO A \$50 000 DONATION FROM THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG (CENTRAL).

AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT TODAY (SATURDAY), THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE CLUB APPROACHED THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY DURING THE YEAR OF THE CHILD, OFFERING A DONATION OF \$50 000 TO BE USED TO BENEFIT THE CHILDREN OF HONG KONG.

+THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY TO THE GROWING CHILD SHOULD NOT BE UNDER-ESTIMATED AND OUR COUNTRY PARKS OFFER IDEAL PLACES FOR THIS.

+THE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT IN THE PARKS IS HEALTHY, THE SURROUNDINGS BEAUTIFUL AND FREE FROM THE DANGERS OF TRAFFIC, NOISE AND POLLUTION OF THE CITY,+ SAID MR RIDDELL-SWAN.

THE PLAY FACILITIES OF FIVE DIFFERENT DESIGNS WERE INSTALLED IN THREE LOCATIONS WITHIN THE TAI TAM COUNTRY PARK, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF CHILDREN'S PLAY SITES TO 20 WITHIN THE COUNTRY PARKS SYSTEM.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THE TAI TAM FACILITIES WHICH WERE IMPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA +ARE INTENDED TO STIMULATE THE CHILD TO USE HIS OWN IMAGINATION DURING HIS GAMES, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE LEARNING PROCESS.+

THE PRESENTATION WAS MADE BY PRESIDENT OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG (CENTRAL), MR JOHN W H CHAN.

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YUEN LONG TO GET A NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD A NEW FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR IN YUEN LONG TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED DEMAND FROM NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE NEW SERVICE RESERVOIR WILL BE BUILT ON A SITE NEXT TO THE EXISTING ONE AT AU TAU. IT WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 16 000 CUBIC METRES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 21 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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NEW ROAD FOR ABERDEEN

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A NEW SERVICE ROAD WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY ON THE ABERDEEN RECLAMATION NEAR THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

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

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 200 METRES LONG AND 7.5 METRES WIDE TWO-LANE NEW CARRIAGEWAY WITH A FOOTPATH OF FOUR METRES WIDE ON ONE SIDE.

SOME 175 METRES OF STORMWATER DRAINS WILL ALSO BE LAID IN THE PROJECT.

WORK WILL START NEXT MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE. ON COMPLETION, THE NEW ROAD WILL SERVE AS A TEMPORARY ACCESS FOR STATIONARY FLOATING CRAFT AND FERRIES WHICH WOULD BE MOVED TO THIS AREA TO MAKE WAY FOR THE SECOND STAGE OF RECLAMATION IN ABERDEEN.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (HONG KONG) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR TO GIVE INAUGURAL CONCERT

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE INAUGURATION OF SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR - THE FIRST DISTRICT-WIDE MUSIC GROUP TO BE SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7.30 PM IN THE BAPTIST COLLEGE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A MULTI-LINGUAL PROGRAMME OF 15 SONGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

THE CHOIR WAS FORMED MORE THAN A YEAR AGO IN CONJUNCTION WITH SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE INAUGURAL CONCERT OF THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR. THEY ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL NOT LATER THAN 7.15 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FRIDAY (MARCH 14) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

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