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NEED TO RESTRAIN VEHICLE GROWTH STRESSED
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THERE IS A NEED TO RESTRAIN THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES, PARTICULARLY PRIVATE CARS, THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR GARY MULLOY, SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF TSUNG TSIN COLLEGE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, MR MULLOY SAID THAT NEW ROAD CONSTRUCTION COULD NOT KEEP UP WITH INCREASES OF THE ORDER EXPERIENCED OVER THE LAST TWO OR THREE YEARS.

IN 1980, MORE THAN 38 000 NEW VEHICLES WERE REGISTERED AND IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR ANOTHER 25 000 WERE REGISTERED, GIVING A GRAND TOTAL OF NEARLY 300 000 LICENSED VEHICLES, OF WHICH NEARLY 200 000 WERE PRIVATE CARS.

+BUT MERELY TO RESTRAIN IS NEGATIVE APPROACH,+ MR MULLOY SAID.

+WHILE IT MAY SLOW DOWN THE INCREASE IN CONGESTION, IT WOULD DO LITTLE TO HELP THE MAN WHO HAS TO TRAVEL.+

+SO IMPROVEMENTS IN PUBLIC TRANSPORT HAVE A VERY HIGH PRIORITY.+

HE SAID THE MOST DRAMATIC EXAMPLE OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS WAS THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, WHICH MUST RANK AS ONE OF HONG KONG'S BIGGEST SUCCESS STORIES IN THE LAST DECADE.

THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WILL EXTEND TO TSUEN WAN NEXT YEAR, TO SHAU KEI WAN IN 1985 AND CHAI WAN IN 1986.

+IMPROVEMENTS TO BUS SERVICES ARE MORE GRADUAL AND, THEREFORE, LESS STRIKING, BUT THEY ARE GOING ON,+ MR MULLOY SAID.

+BOTH OF THE MAJOR BUS COMPANIES HAVE CONSIDERABLY INCREASED AND IMPROVED THEIR FLEETS IN THE LAST FEW YEARS AND KMB, IN PARTICULAR, HAS EXTENDED ITS SERVICES INTO THE RAPIDLY-DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS.+

OTHER NEW DEVELOPMENTS WOULD INCLUDE A NEW LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM TO SERVE TUEN MUN AND TO LINK THE NEW TOWN WITH YUEN LONG.

THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY ALSO WAS RAPIDLY TRANSFORMING ITSELF FROM A SLOW AND RATHER OLD-FASHIONED RAILWAY INTO AN ELECTRIFIED, RAPID TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

+OTHER PLANS, LINKED WITH PROPOSED NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENTS LIKE JUNK BAY, ARE IN THE PIPELINE,+ MR MULLOY SAID.

+TO REFLECT THESE DEVELOPMENTS, THE ORGANISATION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CHANGE AND SHOULD HAVE SOME EFFECT ON SPEEDING UP DEVELOPMENTS.

+THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE OVER CERTAIN DIVISIONS OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LATER THIS YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR, AND THIS RE-ORGANISATION WILL ENSURE A MORE INTEGRATED AND RATIONAL APPROACH TO SOLVING HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN THE 1980S,+ HE SAID.

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LICENCES NOT NEEDED FOR MOST RADIO MODEL CARS

MOST RADIO-CONTROLLED MODELS AND TOYS WILL NO LONGER NEED TO BE LICENSED UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATION ORDINANCE (CAP 106), THE ACTING POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR T.H. BARMA, ANNOUNCED TODAY.

AT PRESENT, NO PERSON MAY POSSESS OR USE ANY RADIO TRANSMITTING APPARATUS EXCEPT UNDER LICENCE GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE.

THE REQUIREMENT FOR A LICENCE RELATES NOT ONLY TO RADIOCOMMUNICATION APPARATUS BUT ALSO TO ANY EQUIPMENT THAT GENERATES AND EMITS RADIO WAVES.

+IT HAS, THEREFORE, BEEN NECESSARY FOR ANYONE OWNING A RADIO-CONTROLLED MODEL TO HOLD A VALID MODEL CONTROL LICENCE,+ MR BARMA SAID.

+IT HAS BEEN RECOGNISED, HOWEVER, THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF SUCH MODELS, PARTICULARLY RADIO-CONTROLLED TOYS, HAVE A VERY LIMITED RANGE OF OPERATION AND CAUSE A NEGLIGIBLE AMOUNT OF RADIO INTERFERENCE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS, THEREFORE INVESTIGATED THE NEED FOR LICENSING AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT A LARGE NUMBER OF RADIO-CONTROLLED MODELS AND TOYS USED IN HONG KONG THAT CONFORM TO A GIVEN SPECIFICATION MAY BE EXEMPTED FROM THE NEED TO BE LICENSED.

+THE SPECIFICATION COVERS RADIO-CONTROLLED MODELS (FOR EXAMPLE, CARS, BOATS, AND PLANES) THAT OPERATE IN THE 26.96 - 27.28 MHZ RADIO-FREQUENCY BAND WITH A POWER OUTPUT OF UP TO 0.5 WATT.

+THE ORDER BRINGING THIS INTO EFFECT WAS GRANTED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1981, HENCE ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR LICENSING FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF TOYS THAT WILL BE BOUGHT AT CHRISTMAS.

+IN FUTURE, THEREFORE, RADIO-CONTROLLED MODELS CONFORMING TO THE SPECIFICATION IN THE ORDER DO NOT REQUIRE A LICENCE WHEREAS ONES OUTSIDE OF THE SPECIFICATION STILL REQUIRE LICENSING.

+FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE POST OFFICE TELECOMMUNICATIONS LICENSING CENTRES IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE (SECOND FLOOR), OR FROM POST OFFICE HEADQUARTERS, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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ANALYSIS OF MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED
BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981

THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMODITY ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (ISIC), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

AN ALTERNATIVE CLASSIFICATION BY PRODUCING INDUSTRIES MAY BE USEFUL FOR EXAMINING THE CHANGING RELATIVE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIES BASED ON EXPORT SALES, FOR STUDYING IMPORT PENETRATION, AND FOR COMPARING EXTERNAL TRADE DATA WITH INFORMATION COLLECTED FROM INDUSTRIAL ENQUIRIES.

WHEN INTERPRETING THE RE-CLASSIFIED TRADE FIGURES, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT AN EXPORTED COMMODITY REQUIRING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH IT IS FINALLY PRODUCED, BUT THAT INDUSTRY WILL NOT NORMALLY BE THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO ITS OVERALL EXPORT VALUE.

FURTHERMORE, THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE LOT OF SUCH COMMODITY IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED ELSEWHERE.

FINALLY, WHILE THE VALUE OF IMPORTS OF A PARTICULAR COMMODITY IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE INDUSTRY OF WHICH THE COMMODITY IS A PRINCIPAL PRODUCT, IT WILL BE ERRONEOUS TO REGARD THAT INDUSTRY AS IMPORTER OF THE COMMODITY CONCERNED.

FOR DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND METAL PRODUCTS. THEY TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 87 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981.

THE LARGEST INCREASES IN TERMS OF ABSOLUTE VALUES OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1980 OCCURRED IN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS (\$864 MILLION), TEXTILES (\$547 MILLION), WEARING APPAREL (\$358 MILLION), AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (\$258 MILLION). IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE HIGHEST INCREASES WERE: BEVERAGES (263 PER CENT), TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (124 PER CENT), FOOTWEAR (47 PER CENT), TOBACCO (44 PER CENT), AND PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL (41 PER CENT). SIGNIFICANT DECREASES IN DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED FOR METAL PRODUCTS (\$75 MILLION) IN TERMS OF ABSOLUTE VALUES, AND IN MINING AND QUARRYING (-79 PER CENT) WHEN EXPRESSED IN PERCENTAGE TERMS.

FOR IMPORTS, PRODUCTS OF TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS, PETROLEUM AND COAL, CHEMICALS, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, METALS, AND FOOD INDUSTRIES TOGETHER ACCOUNTED FOR 66 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1981.

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INCREASES IN ABSOLUTE VALUES OVER THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1980 WERE LARGEST IN ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS (\$1 372 MILLION), TEXTILES (\$1 211 MILLION), PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (\$757 MILLION), AND PRODUCTS OF PETROLEUM AND COAL (\$688 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE HIGHEST INCREASES WERE: WEARING APPAREL (65 PER CENT), PLASTIC PRODUCTS (50 PER CENT), TOBACCO (47 PER CENT), AND PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT (44 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN IMPORTS WERE OBSERVED FOR MINING AND QUARRYING (-9 PER CENT), AND FORESTRY AND LOGGING (-4 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS OF MERCHANDISE TRADE STATISTICS RE-CLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (TEL. 3-7221914).

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TUEN MUN FISHERMEN ENTITLED TO EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES

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FISHERMEN AFFECTED BY THE SO KWUN WAT BAY MARINA PROJECT IN TUEN MUN HAVE BEEN URGED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO REGISTER THEIR CLAIMS FOR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES BY OCTOBER 19.

THE PROJECT, SCHEDULED TO START NEXT SEPTEMBER, INVOLVES RECLAMATION OF PART OF THE BAY AND BUILDING A SEA WALL. AS A RESULT OF THE PROJECT FISHING RIGHTS IN THE AREA WILL HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN BUT EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES WILL BE PAID TO THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE.

A GOVERNMENT REGISTRATION TEAM WILL INTERVIEW FISHERMEN WHO ARE EITHER BASED IN OR WHO FISH REGULARLY IN THE WATERS OF TAI LAM CHUNG, CASTLE PEAK BAY, MA WAN AND TSING LUNG TAU, INCLUDING SHAM TSENG, AND WILL INSPECT THEIR VESSELS AND GEAR.

THE TEAM, CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND MARINE DEPARTMENTS, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE ABOARD A MARINE DEPARTMENT LAUNCH ANCHORED NEAR SO KWUN WAT BAY DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD.

FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSE, THE FISHERMEN WILL BE REQUIRED TO PRESENT VALID DOCUMENTS SUCH AS VESSEL LICENCES, MARINE DEPARTMENT LICENCES, IDENTITY CARDS, CREW BOOKS AND FISH MARKET RECEIPTS.

FISHING BOATS EXCEEDING 50 FEET IN LENGTH ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS.

REGISTRATION DATES FOR CASTLE PEAK BAY AREA WILL BE OCTOBER 12-14- TAI LAM CHUNG OCTOBER 15- MA WAN OCTOBER 16- AND TSING LUNG TAU, INCLUDING SHAM TSENG, OCTOBER 19.

THE NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION OF CLAIMS WILL BE POSTED AT ALL AFFECTED FISHING BASES, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE. EXPLANATORY LEAFLETS WILL ALSO BE DESPATCHED TO FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS.

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TOPLEY HAS HIGH HOPES OF EDUCATION REVIEW
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THE CURRENT OVERALL REVIEW OF EDUCATION OFFERED A MOST WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR AN IMPARTIAL APPRAISAL OF THE PRESENT STATE OF EDUCATION IN HONG KONG AND OF THE AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF EDUCATION POLICY, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, MR KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG EAST.

MR TOPLEY SAID HE BELIEVED THAT WE HAD REACHED THE POINT IN OUR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WHERE THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO BE GAINED FROM AN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW.

+JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY IN HONG KONG HAS AN OPINION ABOUT ONE ASPECT OR ANOTHER OF OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM,+ HE STATED.

+THE REVIEW WILL ENABLE US TO TAKE STOCK OF WHAT WE HAVE ACHIEVED AND HELP US TO SEE OUR FUTURE NEEDS MORE CLEARLY.+

IT WAS RIGHT, HE SAID, THAT THE REVIEW SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY AN INTERNATIONAL PANEL, AS THIS WOULD ENSURE AN OBJECTIVE THIRD-PARTY APPROACH TO OUR PROBLEMS, SHARPENED BY THE PANEL'S EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE OF EDUCATION IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD. HOWEVER, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PANEL'S THINKING WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY THE WISHES OF THE HONG KONG PUBLIC, WHOM THE EDUCATION SYSTEM WAS DESIGNED TO SERVE.

POINTING OUT THAT THE PANEL WOULD BE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG IN THREE WEEKS' TIME FOR THEIR FIRST JOINT MEETING, MR TOPLEY EXPLAINED THAT FOR SOME MONTHS MEMBERS HAD BEEN STUDYING AT THEIR HOME BASES THE PRINCIPAL POLICY DOCUMENTS CONCERNING HONG KONG EDUCATION, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION ON THE EDUCATION SYSTEM. THEY WERE ALSO LOOKING VERY CLOSELY AT THE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS, ASSOCIATIONS AND INTEREST GROUPS IN RESPONSE TO THE OPEN INVITATION ISSUED EARLIER THIS YEAR. THESE REPRESENTATIONS COVERED A VERY WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS.

MR TOPLEY SAID THAT WHILE HE WAS SURE THAT THE PANEL'S CONCLUSIONS WOULD BE SOUNDLY BASED AND TAKE FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE MANY AND VARIED VIEWS HELD BY THE PUBLIC, WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT FORMAL PRONOUNCEMENTS ON EVERY LAST DETAIL OF HONG KONG EDUCATION.

+THE PANEL WILL BE CONCERNED, RATHER, WITH THE MAIN LINES OF EDUCATIONAL POLICY, THOUGH THIS MIGHT WELL ENTAIL THE EXAMINATION OF SIGNIFICANT DETAIL WHERE THIS HAS DETERMINED POLICY,+ HE SAID.

MR TOPLEY SAID THERE WAS NO SHORTAGE OF IDEAS ABOUT EDUCATION AMONG THE HONG KONG PUBLIC.

+IN TACKLING OUR EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS,+ HE STATED, +WE MUST RECOGNISE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES. YOU CAN'T SIMPLY PRODUCE A LIST OF THINGS TO BE DONE AND THEN KNOCK THEM OFF ONE BY ONE AS THOUGH THEY WERE COMPLETELY FREE-STANDING.

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+EDUCATION IS INTERTWINED WITH THE WHOLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FABRIC OF SOCIETY AND WE NEED TO BE SURE THAT THE FURTHEST-REACHING IMPLICATIONS ARE RECOGNISED AND UNDERSTOOD BEFORE WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO A MAJOR CHANGE OF DIRECTION. IN THESE MATTERS A CLEAR-THINKING APPROACH IS NECESSARY. AND WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO ENSURE THAT WE COMMAND THE RIGHT RESOURCES, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER IN DETERMINING EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS CANNOT BE MASS-PRODUCED.+

MR TOPLEY SAID THAT HE HAD HIGH HOPES OF THE EDUCATION REVIEW AND WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE PANEL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW PANEL ARE SIR JOHN LLEWELLYN, DR GREG HANCOCK, DR KARL ROELOFFS AND PROFESSOR MICHAEL W. KIRST. THEY ARE ASSISTED BY TWO SPECIAL ADVISERS: MR Q.W. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND MR JAMES MCHUGH, AN OVERSEAS MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE.

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HEIGHT LIMIT FOR CHILDREN PASSENGERS RELAXED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RELAXED THE HEIGHT LIMIT FOR COUNTING CHILDREN AS PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES.

IN AMENDING REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, THE CARRYING CAPACITY OF PRIVATE CARS AND PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES WILL NOW BE ASSESSED ON THE BASIS OF THREE CHILDREN UNDER 4-1/2 FT. (1.37 METRES) IN HEIGHT BEING RECKONED AS EQUAL TO TWO ADULT PASSENGERS. THE PREVIOUS HEIGHT LIMIT WAS 3 FT. (0.92 METRES).

THE RELAXATION IN THE HEIGHT LIMIT FOLLOWS REPRESENTATIONS BY THE OPERATORS OF SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND A PRACTICAL EXPERIMENT CARRIED OUT BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH A MORE REALISTIC RATIO OF SMALL CHILDREN TO ADULTS WHEN LOADING A VEHICLE.

THE EXPERIMENT FOUND THAT A RELAXATION IN THE HEIGHT LIMIT FOR COUNTING CHILDREN AS PASSENGERS IN VEHICLES WOULD NOT AFFECT SAFETY.

STATISTICS PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON THE AVERAGE WEIGHT AND HEIGHT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN BELOW 4-1/2 FT. (1.37 METRES) ALSO INDICATED THAT A CHANGE IN THE HEIGHT LIMIT WOULD NOT RESULT IN VEHICLES BEING OVERLOADED.

THE AMENDED REGULATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FROM TODAY.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO HELP SOCIALLY HANDICAPPED
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, APPEALED TODAY (FRIDAY) TO MORE MANAGERS AND INDUSTRIALISTS TO HELP WITH THE RE-INTEGRATION OF THE SOCIALLY HANDICAPPED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY HELD AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL BY THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE TO THANK EMPLOYERS WHO HAD GIVEN JOBS TO SOCIALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

THE STAFF OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE HAD, OVER THE YEARS, WORKED ENERGETICALLY TO FIND PLACEMENT FOR AS MANY OF THEIR CLIENTS AS POSSIBLE, MR ALLEYNE SAID.

+HOWEVER, + HE SAID, +THE SUCCESS OF THE SERVICE DEPENDS EQUALLY ON THE WILLINGNESS OF EMPLOYERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS WORK AND PERHAPS, FROM TIME TO TIME, TO MAKE A GAMBLE ON THE FUTURE POTENTIAL OF THE PERSON THEY ACCEPT FOR PLACEMENT.+

IN THE PAST YEAR, SOME 500 JOBS WERE FOUND FOR PEOPLE WHO SOUGHT ASSISTANCE.

MOST OF THE PEOPLE ASSISTED BY THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ARE DISCHARGED PRISONERS, PROBATIONERS, EX-DRUG ADDICTS, THE ELDERLY AND THOSE WITH PERSONALITY PROBLEMS.

+THE SERVICE IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO NEWLY-ARRIVED IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO ADJUST TO LIVING CONDITIONS AND TO THE COMPETITIVE NATURE OF THE JOB MARKET HERE,+ MR ALLEYNE NOTED.

MOST OF THE SOCIALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE +SHARE A COMMON FEAR OF REJECTION OR STIGMATISATION BY EMPLOYERS, BASED ON THEIR PAST RECORD OF CRIMINAL BEHAVIOUR OR POSSIBLE DOUBT AS TO THEIR ABILITY TO MIX WITH OTHER WORKERS,+ HE CONTINUED.

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LORD KADOORIE
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A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY ANNOUNCES THAT THE QUEEN HAS BEEN PLEASED TO CONFER THE DIGNITY OF A BARONY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR LIFE UPON SIR LAWRENCE KADOORIE.

THE FORMAL AND CEREMONIAL TITLE OF LORD KADOORIE IS +BARON KADOORIE, OF KOWLOON IN HONG KONG AND OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER+, BUT THE NORMAL STYLE IS +LORD KADOORIE+.

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FIRE WATCH TEAMS TOP 100 MARK
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MORE RESIDENTS OF SQUATTER AREAS AND VILLAGES ARE AWAKENING TO THE PERILS THAT FIRE BRINGS TO THEIR LIVES AND PROPERTIES.

IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CALL, VOLUNTEERS FROM THESE AREAS TODAY (FRIDAY) FORMED 25 NEW FIRE WATCH TEAMS TO JOIN IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FIRE.

THE NEW PATROLS COMPRISE 13 FROM URBAN SQUATTER AREAS AND 12 FROM NEW TERRITORIES VILLAGES, INCLUDING TWO FROM LANTAU ISLAND.

THEY ARE THE FIFTH GROUP OF FIRE WATCH TEAMS TO BE FORMED UNDER THE FIRE WATCH SCHEME, IMPLEMENTED IN FEBRUARY 1979 BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TO DATE, 108 TEAMS HAVE BEEN FORMED.

TODAY'S OCCASION WAS DESCRIBED BY THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND, MR FRED JACKSON, AS A FURTHER MILESTONE TOWARDS BETTER FIRE PRECAUTION AND PREVENTION IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY AT SHA TIN FIRE STATION, MR JACKSON COMMENDED THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN ORGANISING THEMSELVES FOR THE BETTER PROTECTION OF THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD AGAINST FIRE.

HE SAID: +FINDING AND GIVING UP ONE'S TIME IN ORDER TO BE TRAINED AND IF NECESSARY, BE ON CALL NOT ONLY IN OUR DRY LOW HUMIDITY PERIODS BUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, IS NOT ALWAYS EASY. IT CALLS FOR SOME SACRIFICE OF LEISURE TIME AND DEMANDS A GREAT UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FAMILY MEMBERS.

+THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE JOINED SUCH A WORTHWHILE CAUSE IS IN ITSELF MOST HEARTENING AND I SINCERELY HOPE THAT WITH ADEQUATE TRAINING FROM PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS YOU YOURSELVES AND THOSE YET TO COME, WILL EMERGE AS TRUE SEMI-PROFESSIONALS.+

MR JACKSON SAID THE DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF FIRES WERE EVER PRESENT. +BUT WITH IMMEDIATE ACTION BY YOU, YOUR COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS, THEY CAN BE REDUCED AND CONTROLLED,+ HE ADDED.

+IT IS NOT AN EASY BATTLE AND ONE WHICH WILL NOT BE OVERCOME BY LETHARGY.+

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MRS SHELLEY LAU AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR KEITH KWOK.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE TAI WAI FIRE WATCH TEAM AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT JOINTLY PRESENTED A SPECIAL FIRE FIGHTING DEMONSTRATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE NEW TEAM MEMBERS.

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APPOINTMENT OF HIGH COURT JUDGE

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THE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT JUDGE E.C. BARNES AS JUDGE OF THE HIGH COURT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE QUEEN.

HIS APPOINTMENT BECAME EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 28.

MR JUSTICE BARNES WAS BORN IN QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA IN 1924 AND WAS EDUCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND. HE WAS ADMITTED AS A BARRISTER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF QUEENSLAND IN 1957.

HE SERVED AS A MAGISTRATE IN HONG KONG FROM 1966 TO 1968, AND THEN PRACTISED AT THE BAR IN BRISBANE FOR A YEAR BEFORE REJOINING THE HONG KONG JUDICIARY AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1970.

HE WAS APPOINTED DISTRICT JUDGE IN 1978 AND HAS SAT AS A COMMISSIONER OF THE HIGH COURT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

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TSUEN WAN STUDENTS TO HELP IN VOTER REGISTRATION

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE SENDING OUT LETTERS TO 40 000 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS URGING THEM TO ENCOURAGE THEIR PARENTS AND RELATIVES TO REGISTER AS VOTERS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

EACH STUDENT WILL BE GIVEN FOUR REGISTRATION FORMS TO BE FILLED IN AND HANDED BACK TO TEACHERS BEFORE OCTOBER 8.

AT A MEETING WITH ABOUT 30 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS TODAY (FRIDAY), ACTING TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, THANKED THEM FOR ALLOWING THEIR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE CAMPAIGN.

+BUT I MUST STRESS THAT THIS IS NOT COMPULSORY, STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO HELP ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS,+ HE SAID.

+MORE ELIGIBLE PEOPLE REGISTERED AS VOTERS WILL ENSURE THAT PERSONS WITH THE RIGHT CALIBRE ARE TO BE ELECTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS,+ HE ADDED.

A WORKING PARTY, COMPRISING SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, STAFF FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND DISTRICT OFFICE, HAS BEEN FORMED TO MOBILISE STUDENTS FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

SO FAR TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECEIVED 30 000 COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS.

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REVISED TRAIN TIMETABLE
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A REVISED TIMETABLE WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON OCTOBER 5 TO FACILITATE ENGINEERING WORKS AT TAI PO KAU AND SHEUNG SHUI STATIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY.

+THIS IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE MODERNISATION AND ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMME,+ HE STRESSED.

HOWEVER, THE EXPRESS THROUGH TRAINS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE NEW SCHEDULES.

THE REVISED TIMETABLES WILL BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED AT ALL STATIONS.

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NEW BUS ROUTE AND MAXICAB SERVICE FOR LAI KING
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A NEW BUS ROUTE AND A NEW MAXICAB SERVICE WILL SERVE LAI KING HEADLAND FROM SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4).

THE SERVICES ARE BEING INTRODUCED TO COMPENSATE FOR THE CANCELLATION OF KMB ROUTE NO. 46B, WHICH OPERATED BETWEEN LAI KING HEADLAND AND CHAI WAN KOK WEST.

THE NEW KMB ROUTE, 39B, WILL BE A CIRCULAR SERVICE OPERATING BETWEEN CHAI WAN KOK WEST AND SHA TSUI ROAD/TSUEN WAN FERRY. THE SERVICE WILL TRAVEL VIA TSUEN KING CIRCUIT, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TAI HO ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD, KWU HANG ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD, TAI HO ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TSUEN KING CIRCUIT.

A FLAT FARE OF 60 CENTS WILL BE CHARGED FROM CHAI WAN KOK WEST TO SHA TSUI ROAD, AND FROM TSUEN WAN FERRY TO CHAI WAN KOK.

THE NEW MAXICAB ROUTE, TO OPERATE BETWEEN WAH YUEN CHUEN AND HAM TIN STREET, TSUEN WAN, IS AIMED AT PROVIDING A BETTER TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR PEOPLE LIVING AT LAI KING HEADLAND.

THE MAXICAB SERVICE WILL PASS THROUGH WAH YUEN PATH, WAH KING SHAN ROAD, A FLYOVER, WAH YIU ROAD, LAI CHI LING ROAD, LIM CHO ROAD, LAI CHO ROAD, JOINT STREET, LAI KING HILL ROAD, KWAI FUK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD, KWU HANG ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD AND HAM TIN STREET.

A FLAT FARE OF \$1 WILL BE CHARGED.

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MENTAL HEALTH DISPLAY OPENED

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MENTAL ILLNESSES HAVE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON THE HEALTH AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF A SOCIETY, RESULTING IN FAR-REACHING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

THIS WAS STATED BY DR MA LIN, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION AT CITY HALL THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE POINTED OUT THAT MENTAL DISEASES STRAINED MEDICAL RESOURCES AND CAUSED LOSS OF HUMAN PRODUCTIVITY.

DR MA APPEALED FOR JOINT EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH THROUGH MASS EDUCATION, AND COMMENDED THE DEPARTMENT FOR ORGANISING THE MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, EXPLAINED THAT THE EXHIBITION WAS MOUNTED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT WAYS TO PREVENT MENTAL ILLNESSES.

ANOTHER OBJECTIVE IS TO ALLAY FEARS AND CORRECT MISCONCEPTIONS AMONG THE PUBLIC ON PSYCHIATRIC ILLNESSES AND TO PROMOTE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES' SERVICES ON PREVENTION, COUNSELLING, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION, HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION IS ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN ACTIVITIES IN THE MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

THE JOINT ORGANISERS OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT AND THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

THE DIRECTOR THANKED MR JOSEPH KOO AND MR CHENG KWOK-KONG, LOCAL MUSICIANS, FOR HAVING ADJUDICATED AT THE SONG COMPOSITION AND LYRIC-WRITING CONTESTS HELD IN JULY.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TODAY TILL THURSDAY (OCTOBER 8) BETWEEN 10 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

DISPLAYS ARE IN THE FORM OF CARTOONS, PHOTOGRAPHS, SLIDES AND VIDEO-SHOWS.

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MEDALS PRESENTED TO FIREMEN

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OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WERE PRESENTED TODAY (FRIDAY) WITH MEDALS AND CLASPS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR LONG SERVICE.

THE PRESENTATIONS WERE MADE TO 121 OFFICERS AND MEN AT VARIOUS FIRE COMMANDS, INCLUDING THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, BY THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS.

AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, MR BRIAN FENDER, PRESENTED COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICE MEDALS TO AN ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, AN AMBULANCE OFFICER, THREE PRINCIPAL FIREMEN, FIVE SENIOR FIREMEN AND FIVE FIREMEN, EACH OF WHOM HAS COMPLETED 18 YEARS' SERVICE.

MR FENDER ALSO PRESENTED A STATION OFFICER, THREE PRINCIPAL FIREMEN AND A FIREMAN WITH FIRST CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS FOR 25 YEARS' SERVICE. A RECENTLY RETIRED PRINCIPAL FIREMAN RECEIVED SECOND CLASP FOR 30 YEARS' SERVICE

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE OFFICERS AND 32 OTHER RANKS WERE PRESENTED WITH MEDALS AND CLASPS BY CHIEF FIRE OFFICER MONTAGUE KINGDOM.

IN KOWLOON, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER ANTHONY CONWAY PRESENTED THE LONG SERVICE MEDAL TO AN ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, THREE PRINCIPAL FIREMEN, TWO SENIOR FIREMEN AND 14 FIREMEN. TWO PRINCIPAL FIREMEN EACH WITH 25 YEARS' SERVICE RECEIVED FIRST CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES COMMAND, THREE OFFICERS, TEN NCO'S AND FIVE FIREMEN RECEIVED THEIR LONG SERVICE MEDALS FROM CHIEF FIRE OFFICER FRED JACKSON. IN ADDITION, TWO OFFICERS AND THREE PRINCIPAL FIREMEN RECEIVED FIRST CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS FOR 25 YEARS' SERVICE.

AT THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, AN ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, THREE STATION OFFICERS AND FOUR SENIOR FIREMEN RECEIVED THEIR LONG SERVICE MEDALS FROM CHIEF FIRE OFFICER JOHN MARCH.

MR MARCH ALSO PRESENTED A DIVISIONAL OFFICER, A PRINCIPAL FIREMAN AND A SENIOR FIREMAN FIRST CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS FOR 25 YEARS' SERVICE. A SENIOR DIVISIONAL OFFICER WITH 30 YEARS' SERVICE RECEIVED SECOND CLASP.

IN THE AMBULANCE SERVICE, A SENIOR AMBULANCE OFFICER, AN AMBULANCE OFFICER, A SENIOR AMBULANCEMAN, TWO AMBULANCEMEN AND A PRINCIPAL AMBULANCEMAN RECEIVED THEIR LONG SERVICE MEDALS FROM CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER HARRY KENYON.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES GROUP VISIT NEW TERRITORIES

A 12-MEMBER GROUP FROM BRITAIN'S ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES VISITED TAI PO AND AN ANCESTRAL HALL IN TAI WAI, SHA TIN, TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE GROUP, LED BY AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR ROBERT FREER, COMPRISES SENIOR MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, GERMANY, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA AND ITALY.

THEY ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 30 FOR A ONE-WEEK VISIT AS PART OF THEIR FAR EAST TOUR.

THEIR VISIT PROGRAMME TODAY BEGAN WITH BRIEFINGS AT TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO.

AFTERWARDS THE GROUP TOURED TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND WERE BRIEFED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, MR VIC MILLER, AND THE COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR, MR P.K. WONG.

IN THE AFTERNOON THE GROUP TOURED SHA TIN NEW TOWN AND WERE BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR KENNETH KWOK.

THE GROUP ALSO VISITED THE WAI FAMILY ANCESTRAL HALL AT TAI WAI WHERE THEY WERE GREETED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG.

THE ANCESTRAL HALL WAS BUILT IN THE MING DYNASTY MORE THAN 300 YEARS AGO AND WAS RENOVATED LAST YEAR.

THE GROUP WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 6 FOR LONDON.

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WEAK WATER PRESSURE

CERTAIN PREMISES IN MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI WILL EXPERIENCE WEAK WATER PRESSURE BETWEEN 10 PM TOMORROW (OCTOBER 3) AND 6 AM ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 4) WHEN REPAIR WORK IS CARRIED OUT ON RESERVOIR VALVES.

THE AFFECTED BUILDINGS ARE BOUNDED BY SOY STREET, JORDAN ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD.

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YOUNG MUSIC MAKERS' TALENT QUEST
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THE FINAL CONTEST OF THE 1981 YOUNG MUSIC MAKERS' TALENT QUEST JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SPONSORED BY AIWA DRANSFIELD CO. WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 17 AT 7.30 PM AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

POP SINGER MR ALBERT AU AND THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL BE GUEST PERFORMERS, ADDING ATTRACTION TO THE COMPOSITIONS AND PERFORMANCES OF THE YOUNG LOCAL ARTISTES.

THE TALENT QUEST PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE TO PERFORM THEIR OWN COMPOSITIONS IN PUBLIC BEFORE AN AUDIENCE AND THEREBY GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: WESTERN MUSIC, CHINESE MUSIC AND FOLK MUSIC.

THE PRELIMINARY ROUND WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ARTS CENTRE RECITAL HALL ON OCTOBER 11 PRIOR TO THE FINAL CONTEST.

THE WINNER OF EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED AN AIWA 30TH ANNIVERSARY SCHOLARSHIP OF \$5 000 AND TWO SPECIAL AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR +BEST PERFORMANCE+ AND +BEST COMPOSITION+.

JUDGES WILL BE: MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE- MR THOMAS WANG, ASSISTANT MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR (PROFESSIONAL), MUSIC OFFICE- MR KENNETH FUNG, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF AIWA DRANSFIELD CO.- AND LEADING COMPOSERS PROF. LIN SHING-SHIH, MR DOMING LAM AND DR YIP WAI-HONG, AS WELL AS MR CHAN HO-CHOI, MUSIC CRITIC.

ADMISSION TICKETS AT \$5 TO THE GRAND FINAL ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT A.C. HALL AND ALL THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. FOR ENQUIRIES, CALL 5-283257.

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STAFF SWIMMING GALA
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS SEVENTH ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA FOR STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE ANNUAL EVENT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES TO GET TOGETHER AND AT THE SAME TIME FOR THE CHILDREN TO HAVE A DAY OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT.

ABOUT 300 DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER STAFF AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL COMPETE IN 27 EVENTS. IN ADDITION, 40 OFFICERS FROM 10 OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL TAKE PART IN AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL INVITATION RELAY.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES.

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MINI SOCCER MATCHES TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION

TWO SEVEN-A-SIDE FOOTBALL MATCHES WERE HELD AT THE TAI WAI PLAYGROUND IN SHA TIN TODAY (FRIDAY) AS PART OF THE CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

THE FIRST MATCH WAS PLAYED BETWEEN A TEAM FROM SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE AND A TEAM OF VETERAN SOCCER STARS FROM THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CHINA VETERAN TEAM INCLUDED MESSRS LAU KIN-CHUNG, KO PO-KEUNG, LAU YEE, WONG CHE-KEUNG, YIU CHENG-YIN, MOK CHUN-WAH AND WONG CHE-KWONG.

FOLLOWING THE DEMONSTRATION MATCH, A CONTEST WAS HELD BETWEEN THE HONG KONG MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TEAM AND A REPRESENTATIVE TEAM FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND TAI WAI VILLAGE OFFICE.

AFTER THE MATCHES, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF TAI WAI VILLAGE OFFICE, VISITED HOUSEHOLDS IN TAI WAI TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

DR HASE TOLD THE VILLAGERS THAT THE SIX-WEEK REGISTRATION PERIOD WOULD END ON OCTOBER 12, AND PEOPLE WHO HAD NOT REGISTERED SHOULD DO SO AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

SO FAR, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS RECEIVED MORE THAN 8 000 REGISTRATION FORMS.

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