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SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIPS AND
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OVERSEAS STUDIES

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THE SIR EDWARD YOUDE MEMORIAL FUND COUNCIL ANNOUNCES TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ITS FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OVERSEAS STUDIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1994/95 WILL BE OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AIMED AT ENCOURAGING THE BEST STUDENTS TO PURSUE FURTHER EDUCATION IN REPUTABLE INSTITUTIONS OVERSEAS.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES FOR THE AWARDS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND BE READY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY UPON RETURN FROM THEIR OVERSEAS STUDIES. THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO SERVE IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS UPON GRADUATION.

THE FELLOWSHIPS ARE FOR STUDIES LEADING TO POSTGRADUATE DEGREES EITHER BY RESEARCH OR BY COURSEWORK; THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO FIRST DEGREES.

THE APPLICANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR CHOICE, AND BE OFFERED A PLACE SUBSEQUENTLY.

THE VALUE FOR THE FELLOWSHIPS IS ABOUT \$175,000 A YEAR FOR UP TO TWO YEARS; THE VALUE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS IS ABOUT \$160,000 A YEAR FOR UP TO THREE YEARS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION NOTES ARE AVAILABLE AT:

- * STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY,
NINTH FLOOR, NATIONAL MUTUAL CENTRE,
151 GLOUCESTER ROAD
WAN CHAI,
HONG KONG.
- * EDUCATION DEPARTMENT,
CAREER AND GUIDANCE SERVICE SECTION,
ROOM 206,
MONGKOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
30 LUEN WAN STREET,
MONG KOK,
KOWLOON.
- * YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE,
GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING,
15 MIDDLE ROAD,
TSIM SHA TSUI,
KOWLOON.
- * THE BRITISH COUNCIL
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CLOSING DATE FOR ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE SEPTEMBER 30. SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE SELECTION INTERVIEW IN HONG KONG TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

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WORK STARTS ON TSING MA TOWER

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THE FIRST OF THE TWO GIANT TOWERS OF THE TSING MA BRIDGE HAS BEGUN TO RISE WITH THE COMMENCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTION ABOVE GROUND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE SAID IN A MATTER OF WEEKS, THE TOWER OF ONE OF THE WORLD'S LONGEST SUSPENSION BRIDGES WOULD BECOME CLEARLY VISIBLE.

THE TWO TOWERS, ONE ON TSING YI AND THE OTHER OFF MA WAN ISLAND, WILL BE REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURES RISING 190 METRES HIGH, EQUIVALENT TO THE HEIGHT OF A 50-STOREY BUILDING.

THE PLACEMENT OF CONCRETE AND REINFORCING STEEL AT THE TSING YI TOWER BEGAN ON JUNE 3 AND SO FAR 10 METRES OF THE TOWER BASE HAS BEEN CAST.

USING A PROCESS KNOWN AS SLIPFORMING, THE TOWER WILL REACH ITS FULL HEIGHT OF 190 METRES IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND TOWER OFF MA WAN IS DUE TO BEGIN IN AUGUST AFTER ITS BASE IS CONSTRUCTED WITHIN RECENTLY PLACED CAISSONS.

STEEL TRUSSES WEIGHING UP TO 185 TONNES EACH WILL BE INSTALLED TO BRACE THE LEGS TEMPORARILY AS CONCRETE WORK PROCEEDS. THE TRUSSES WILL EVENTUALLY BE ENCASED IN REINFORCED CONCRETE AND PRESTRESSED TO THE TOWER LEGS.

BY SPRING NEXT YEAR THE TSING MA BRIDGE WILL START TO TAKE SHAPE WHEN WORK BEGINS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN CABLES BY A PROCESS KNOWN AS AERIAL WIRE SPINNING.

THE TSING MA BRIDGE, PART OF THE LANTAU FIXED CROSSING, IS A KEY ELEMENT OF THE TRANSPORT NETWORK IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME LINKING NORTH LANTAU AND THE AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK TO THE REST OF HONG KONG.

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UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

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THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES TODAY (MONDAY) THAT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR ITS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES STARTING IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1994/95.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED BY THE COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES LEADING TO A HIGHER DEGREE EITHER BY RESEARCH OR BY COURSEWORK.

APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE ANY SUBJECT OF STUDY OR RESEARCH AT ANY LEADING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR CHOICE AND SHOULD BE OFFERED A PLACE SUBSEQUENTLY.

THEY ARE EXPECTED TO POSSESS HIGH ACADEMIC PROWESS AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. THEY SHOULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CONTRIBUTE TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG.

UPON GRADUATION, SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS.

THE VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP NORMALLY COVERS UNIVERSITY COMPOSITION FEE, A MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AND AN ALLOWANCE FOR AIR TRAVEL.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION NOTES ARE AVAILABLE AT:

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255 HENNESSY ROAD
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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS AUGUST 7. SUITABLE CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE SELECTION INTERVIEW IN HONG KONG IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR OR JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

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NINE STUDENTS WIN UK SCHOLARSHIPS
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THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCES THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR NINE OUTSTANDING HONG KONG STUDENTS TO PURSUE POSTGRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN SOME OF THE FINEST ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM STARTING IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1993/94.

THESE NINE BRILLIANT YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM OVER 200 APPLICANTS AFTER CAREFUL SHORTLISTING AND TWO SELECTION INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR PAUL CHENG.

"THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE VERY HIGH STANDARD OF THE APPLICANTS, THEIR EXCELLENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS, STRONG INTELLECTUAL AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES AND THEIR COMMITMENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT SAID.

"THE SELECTION TASK WAS NOT EASY, BUT, COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE CONFIDENT THAT MERITS HAVE PREVAILED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EACH SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE WORTH ABOUT 14,600 STERLING POUNDS TO 18,100 STERLING POUNDS A YEAR AND WILL COVER UNIVERSITY COMPOSITION FEE, COLLEGE FEE IN THE CASE OF OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE STUDENTS, ANNUAL MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE OF 6,300 STERLING POUNDS TO 7,300 STERLING POUNDS, BOOK AND EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCE AND A RETURN AIR PASSAGE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND LONDON.

ALL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDIES.

THE TWO WINNERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES ARE MR KONG SIU-MING, A MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE AND MR LEE TSZ-YEUNG, LECH, A FINAL YEAR THEOLOGY STUDENT AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THERE ARE SEVEN WINNERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES.

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THEY ARE MISS YUNG NGAR-YEE OF TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR WOO CHUN-FAI OF WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON, MR BART WONG OF NT HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR CHAN HO-MAN OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL (TSUEN WAN), MR CHAN CHUNG, ARNOLD OF HUA CHONG JUNIOR COLLEGE, SINGAPORE, MISS WAN WAI-MAN, VIVIAN AND MISS SARNA YEUNG OF ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE.

MR KONG SIU-MING, 26, WHO HOLDS A FIRST CLASS HONOURS DEGREE IN ENGINEERING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, IS CURRENTLY A MARKETING REPRESENTATIVE. HE PLANS TO READ A MASTER DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK.

MR LEE TSZ-YEUNG, LECH, 26, A FINAL YEAR THEOLOGY STUDENT AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG. HE WISHES TO PURSUE A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY AT KING'S COLLEGE LONDON.

MISS YUNG NGAR-YEE, 19, OF TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, WHO OBTAINED SEVEN DISTINCTIONS AND ONE CREDIT IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) 1991, PLANS TO READ A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN JURISPRUDENCE AT OXFORD.

MR WOO CHUN-FAI, 19, OF WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON, SCORED 10 DISTINCTIONS IN 1991 HKCEE AND FOUR DISTINCTIONS IN THE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EXAMINATION (ADVANCE LEVEL) 1992, INTENDS TO STUDY LAW AT CAMBRIDGE.

MR BART WONG, 19, OF NT HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, SCORED SEVEN DISTINCTIONS AND ONE CREDIT IN 1991 HKCEE, PLANS TO STUDY ECONOMICS AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.

MR CHAN HO-MAN, 20, OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S SCHOOL (TSUEN WAN), OBTAINED EIGHT DISTINCTIONS AND ONE CREDIT IN THE 1991 HKCEE, INTENDS TO STUDY BIO-CHEMISTRY AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES AT THE IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE.

MR CHAN CHUNG, ARNOLD, 21, OF HUA CHONG JUNIOR COLLEGE (SINGAPORE), SCORED FOUR A'S IN THE 1992 SINGAPORE-CAMBRIDGE GCE. 'A' LEVEL EXAMINATION, WILL STUDY ENGINEERING IN CAMBRIDGE.

MISS WAN WAI-MAN, VIVIAN, 18, OF ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, SCORED EIGHT DISTINCTIONS IN THE 1991 HKCEE, PLANS TO STUDY PHYSICS IN CAMBRIDGE.

MISS SARNA YEUNG, 19, ALSO OF ST MARY'S CANOSSIAN COLLEGE, SCORED FIVE DISTINCTIONS AND THREE CREDITS IN 1991 HKCEE, INTENDS TO STUDY POLITICS AT THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.

IN ADDITION TO MR PAUL CHENG WHO CHAIRED THE SELECTION COMMITTEE, THE SELECTION COMMITTEE COMPRISES MR NEIL MAIDMENT; MR JAMES SMITH-LAITTAN OF THE BRITISH TRADE COMMISSION; MS CLARE KEATES OF BRITISH COUNCIL; MR ANDREW LI KWOK-NANG, REPRESENTING THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB; PROFESSOR KENNEDY F SHORTRIDGE; DR CHEN FONG-CHING, MRS GRACE CHOW AND MR PETER WONG.

54 APPLICATIONS FOR FLAG DAYS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 54 APPLICATIONS FOR HOLDING FLAG DAYS NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) SAID THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS WERE BEING ASSESSED.

ORGANISATIONS WILL BE ALLOCATED FLAG DAYS IF THEY MEET THE CRITERIA.

EXPLAINING THE ALLOCATION PROCEDURES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS WERE CATEGORISED INTO TWO GROUPS, PRIMARY GROUP AND SECONDARY GROUP, WHICH PROVIDE DIRECT AND INDIRECT WELFARE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS RESPECTIVELY.

ORGANISATIONS IN THE PRIMARY GROUP ARE GIVEN PREFERENCES TO CHOOSE FROM ABOUT 30 POPULAR DATES WHICH EXCLUDE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND EXAMINATION PERIOD.

IF THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS EXCEEDS THE DAYS, ALLOCATION WILL BE MADE BY BALLOT.

THE ORGANISATIONS IN THE SECONDARY GROUP CAN ALSO INDICATE THEIR CHOICES AMONG THE REST OF THE FLAG DAYS.

THEIR PREFERENCES WILL BE CONSIDERED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

A BALLOT WILL BE DRAWN IF MORE THAN ONE ORGANISATION IS COMPETING FOR THE SAME FLAG DAY.

THE DEPARTMENT ENCOURAGES ELIGIBLE ORGANISATIONS TO LOOK FOR VOLUNTEERS FROM CHURCHES, ELDERLY CENTRES, WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS AND UNIFORMED GROUPS, SUCH AS JUNIOR POLICE CALL, APART FROM RECRUITING STUDENTS AS VOLUNTEERS.

"FORWARD PLANNING, AND SUFFICIENT PUBLICITY WELL BEFORE THE FLAG DAY WOULD HELP ACHIEVE A BETTER RESULT," HE SAID.

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CUSTOMS TRADE DECLARATION COUNTERS CLOSED FOR RENOVATION

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE HONG KONG COLLECTION OFFICE AT CENTRAL WILL CLOSE SOME OF THE TRADE DECLARATION COUNTERS FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO JULY 24 FOR INSTALLING NEW PROGRAMMABLE CASH REGISTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW MACHINES WOULD PROVIDE SPEEDIER PROCESSING.

DURING THE RENOVATION, COUNTERS FOR PROCESSING LODGEMENT OF ONE TO 50 TRADE DECLARATIONS WILL BE CLOSED.

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THE OFFICE WILL PROVIDE LIMITED SERVICES FOR PROCESSING LODGEMENT OF 30 TO 50 TRADE DECLARATIONS WITH PAYMENT BY CHEQUE.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED, SUCH AS BULK LODGEMENT OF MORE THAN 50 TRADE DECLARATIONS AND NORMAL DISKETTE LODGEMENT, WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

DECLARANTS AFFECTED ARE ENCOURAGED TO DECLARE THEIR LODGEMENT AT THE KOWLOON COLLECTION OFFICE ON GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, TSIM SHA TSUI.

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