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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO HELP FIGHT DRUG ABUSE

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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR LEUNG CHIN-MAN TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN HONG KONG'S BATTLE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

+YOUNG PEOPLE CAN OFTEN COME UP WITH INNOVATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS THAT MAY BRING ABOUT A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF PREVENTING DRUG ABUSE,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TRAINING CAMP ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS IN THE PAK TAM CHUNG CAMP OF PO LEUNG KUK.

HE TOLD CAMPERS THAT ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME WAS TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY, DRUG-FREE SOCIETY IN HONG KONG THROUGH THEIR DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK.

+THE TRAINING CAMP IS INDEED A VERY IMPORTANT AND ENCOURAGING STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE CAMP WILL ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE SO THAT THEY CAN HELP SPREAD THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE TO THE OTHERS IN THEIR GENERATION,+ HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NO SINGLE OR SIMPLE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG OR ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD, HE HOPED THE INTENSIVE TRAINING CAMP WOULD PROVIDE SOME INSIGHTS AND NEW APPROACHES THAT MIGHT BRING ABOUT CHANGE.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE TRAINING CAMP INCLUDE TALKS, GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND EXERCISE, FILM SHOWS AND RECREATIONAL AND SPORT ACTIVITIES.

THE TRAINING CAMP, WHICH ENDS ON MONDAY, BRINGS TOGETHER SOME 100 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO RECENTLY JOINED THE ACAN VOLUNTEER GROUP.

THE OTHER SPEAKERS IN THE CAMP INCLUDE TWO SENIOR OFFICERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES: MR GEORGE YUEN, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER AND MRS BETTY SHUM, PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER.

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SPECIAL CAR NOS. SALE BY AUCTION

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THIRTY-TWO SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF $650 000 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER CP1 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF $180 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER BS8 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF $100 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS $1 000 FOR CM277, CM8223, CL8613 AND CM449.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES :

CL8698	$3 000	HK1955	$4 500	CM 811	$4 000
CM 329	$26 000	CM 320	$3 300	CM1288	$4 000
7650	$36 000	CL8828	$9 800	CL8109	$1 500
CM 308	$12 000	CM 211	$4 500	AF1881	$22 000
CM 5	$52 000	CM 238	$8 000	CM 968	$3 000
CM 928	$9 000	AX1283	$3 000	CM 333	$90 000
CL9928	$4 000	CM 987	$3 200	CM 911	$21 100
CM1123	$4 000	CM 110	$3 000	CM 887	$5 100
CM 332	$18 000	CN 238	$12 000		

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 67TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO $20 743 732.

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SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR RETIRES

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SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR I, MR LESLIE FOO CHI-YAN IS RETIRING AFTER 20 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.

AT A CEREMONY LAST NIGHT, THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR P. JACOBS PRESENTED A SOUVENIR TO MR FOO ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR FOO JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1961 AS ASSISTANT REGISTRAR II AND WORKED IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. HE WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT REGISTRAR I IN 1968 AND SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR IN 1976.

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HK OBSERVES LIBERATION DAY

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HONG KONG WILL OBSERVE THIS YEAR'S LIBERATION DAY WITH A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 31).

DURING THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM IN THE GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HONG KONG BRITISH FORCES, HONG KONG PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS), THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT AND HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE WILL LAY WREATHS AT THE SHRINE IN MEMORY OF MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS WHO DIED IN THE BATTLE OF HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1941 OR LATER AS PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL J.L. CHAPPLE WILL LAY A WREATH ON BEHALF OF THE HONG KONG BRITISH FORCES.

THE WREATH OF THE PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION WILL BE LAID BY ITS PRESIDENT, MR JACK MITCHELL.

REGIMENTAL WREATHS OF THE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE LAID BY THE HONORARY COLONEL, MR OSWALD CHEUNG AND ITS COMMANDING OFFICER, LIEUTENANT-COLONEL, M.P. BARNEBY, AND THAT OF THE MIDDLESEX REGIMENT BY SERGEANT D. GODDARD.

THE WREATH OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL FUND COMMITTEE WILL BE LAID BY ITS CHAIRMAN, SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES.

THE WREATH-LAY CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE SOUNDING OF THE LAST POST, A TWO MINUTE SILENCE AND REVEILLE, AND THE FIRING OF THREE VOLLEYS OF SALUTE.

THE FIRING PARTY, BUGLER AND SENTRIES WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE VOLUNTEERS.

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TAMAR STREET SECTION TO BE CLOSED FOR ONE WEEK

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THE SECTION OF TAMAR STREET BETWEEN QUEENSWAY AND DRAKE STREET LEADING TO THE MTR ADMIRALTY STATION (WEST) WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1) TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIRS.

DURING THE TIME OF CLOSURE, CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTES NO. 40M AND 90M WILL BE DIVERTED VIA RODNEY STREET INSTEAD OF TAMAR STREET TO THE MTR ADMIRALTY STATION (WEST) BUS TERMINUS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SNT LAYS FOUNDATION STONE FOR YUEN LONG
GIRL GUIDES RECREATION CENTRE

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THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION RECREATION CENTRE AT YUEN LONG WAS LAID TODAY (SATURDAY) BY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

THE CENTRE WILL BE BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE YUEN LONG HOLIDAY HOUSE, WHICH WAS GRANTED BY GOVERNMENT TO THE ASSOCIATION IN 1972 FOR CAMPING PURPOSES.

DUE TO INCREASED USAGE IN RECENT YEARS AND THE EXPANSION IN GIRL GUIDE NUMBERS, THE ASSOCIATION DECIDED TO DEMOLISH THE SINGLE-STOREY HUT AND BUILD A TWO-STOREY, FULLY-EQUIPPED MODERN RECREATION CENTRE ON THE SITE.

WHEN THE NEW CENTRE IS COMPLETED NEXT YEAR IT WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE 120 GUIDES, SIX TIMES MORE THAN THE YUEN LONG HOLIDAY HOUSE CAN ACCOMMODATE.

A COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY MRS JANE AKERS-JONES WAS FORMED LAST YEAR TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECT, TARGETED AT $3 MILLION.

IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES NEW TERRITORIES LOCAL ASSOCIATION, MR AKERS-JONES RECEIVED DONATIONS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND LOCAL LEADERS TO BUILD THE CENTRE.

MR AKERS-JONES THANKED THE YUEN LONG PEOPLE FOR THEIR TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE GIRL GUIDE AND SCOUT MOVEMENTS.

+THEY HAVE MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRENGTHENING OF CHARACTER, AND IN GIVING A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND SERVICE TO THOUSANDS OF YOUNG POEPLE IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

THE CENTRE WOULD BE A BASE FOR FUTURE EXPANSION OF GUIDING NOT ONLY IN YUEN LONG BUT THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, HE SAID.

PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE MRS AKERS-JONES= THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR S.E. ALLEYNE= THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT= THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG= THE NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL COMMISSIONER, SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR CHEUNG CHI-FAN= THE ACTING CHIEF COMMISSIONER OF THE GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MISS GERTIE CHOA= AND THE ASSISTANT CHIEF COMMISSIONER (NEW TERRITORIES), HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, MISS KATIE HO.

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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HK STUDENTS

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HONG KONG STUDENTS WHO WISH TO UNDERTAKE POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM MAY APPLY TO THE OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS FEES SUPPORT SCHEME FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

THE SCHEME WAS SET UP IN NOVEMBER 1979 BY THE UNITED KINGDOM SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE TO PROVIDE AWARDS FOR PARTIAL REMISSION OF TUITION FEES TO OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS.

THE ONLY CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDS ARE OUTSTANDING MERIT AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL- OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS MEANS, NATIONALITY AND PROPOSED FIELD OF STUDY ARE NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

IN 1981, 622 SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS COME FROM 68 COUNTRIES- OF THESE, 30 ARE FROM HONG KONG, 23 FROM SINGAPORE, 41 FROM MALAYSIA AND 12 FROM CHINA. THESE AWARDS WILL BE HELD IN A WIDE RANGE OF DISCIPLINES, INCLUDING ARTS, EDUCATION, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE, LAW, MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY.

AS A RULE ONLY A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS A FULL-TIME RESEARCH STUDENT AT ONE OF THE 97 PARTICIPATING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN UK, OR IS ALREADY UNDERTAKING SUCH A COURSE AND DOES NOT HAVE AN ORS AWARD, MAY APPLY.

THE APPLICATION MUST BE MADE THROUGH THE INSTITUTION WHICH HAS ACCEPTED HIM OR HER. WHERE A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT HAS APPLIED THROUGH MORE THAN ONE ACADEMIC INSTITUTION HE OR SHE IS FREE TO DECIDE AT WHICH INSTITUTION THE AWARD WILL BE HELD.

THE ANNUAL VALUE OF AN AWARD IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TUITION FEE FOR A HOME POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AND THE +FULL-COST+ RATE CHARGEABLE TO AN OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENT.

SUBJECT TO THE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF AN AWARDHOLDER, AN AWARD WILL BE RENEWED FOR A SECOND AND THIRD YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE NORMAL LENGTH OF THE RESEARCH COURSE BEING UNDERTAKEN.

DETAILS OF THE 1982 SCHEME WILL BE AVAILABLE IN OCTOBER 1981 AND INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE BRITISH COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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FREE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COURSE FOR FISHERMEN

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THE FIRST TRAINING COURSE ON RADIO TELEPHONY FOR FISHERMEN ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN NEXT MONTH.

THE TWO-WEEK COURSE, TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POST OFFICE, WILL BE HELD AT THE DIVISION'S OFFICE IN ABERDEEN FROM SEPTEMBER 15.

AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, AN EXAMINATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS BRANCH OF THE POST OFFICE.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE AWARDED RESTRICTED CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY IN RADIO TELEPHONY (FISHING VESSEL RADIO NETWORK) BY THE POST OFFICE.

THE AIM OF THE COURSE IS TO PROVIDE FISHERMEN WITH A PROPER KNOWLEDGE ON THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ON BOARD FISHING VESSELS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID.

IT WILL INCLUDE GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND FREQUENCY ALLOCATION FOR FISHING VESSELS, AND PROCEDURES TO ADOPT IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND DISTRESS.

IT IS HOPED THAT FISHERMEN WILL BENEFIT FROM THE COURSE AND PLAN THEIR FISHING EXPEDITIONS MORE SYSTEMATICALLY SO AS TO IMPROVE THEIR CATCH AND PROFIT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO ALL FISHERMEN WHO HAVE ATTAINED PRIMARY SIX EDUCATION. THE COURSE IS FREE OF CHARGE.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE COURSE MAY APPLY THROUGH AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE AT ABERDEEN OR THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION'S LIAISON OFFICES IN THE VARIOUS FISH LANDING DISTRICTS.

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TSUEN WAN MARKET OPENS TODAY

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THE $13 MILLION TSUEN WAN MARKET WAS OPENED TODAY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO TZE-PING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR HO SAID THIS DEMONSTRATED THE STRENUOUS EFFORT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN BUILDING MORE AND MORE NEW MARKET COMPLEXES ON THE SITES FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY OBSOLETE AND PRIMITIVE MARKETS UNABLE TO CATER FOR THE NEED OF A MODERN COMMUNITY.

MR HO APPEALED TO STALL HOLDERS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE REFUSE CONTAINERS AVAILABLE AT THE MARKET AND TIDY-UP THE SURROUNDINGS OF THEIR STALLS EVERYDAY.

HE ALSO URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO CO-OPERATE IN KEEPING THE MARKET AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT CLEAN.

ALSO OFFICIATING WERE THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR ALLAN BRISTOW AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOUTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JAMES WILSON.

JOINING THE PARTY AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TSUEN WAN, MR FONG CHUN-NAM, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TSUEN WAN, MR LI TIN-MING.

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TENDERS FOR SITTING OUT AREAS IN KWUN TONG

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SITTING OUT AREAS IN KOWLOON.

THE LARGEST AREA, OF ABOUT 1 000 SQUARE METRES, IS IN HOI BUN ROAD, FACING THE KWUN TONG TYPHOON SHELTER.

WORK WILL INCLUDE ARBOURS, PARK BENCHES, BAMBOO RAILINGS AND A PAVILION.

THE SECOND AREA, OF ABOUT 470 SQUARE METRES, IS IN WAI YIP STREET. THE SITTING OUT AREA WILL INCLUDE FLOWER BEDS, A PAVILION, CONCRETE BENCHES, ARBOURS AND CHESS TABLES.

WORK ON BOTH PROJECTS IS EXPECTED TO START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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PASSING OUT PARADE OF CUSTOMS OFFICERS

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE NEEDS MORE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF THE RIGHT CALIBRE TO MEET ITS INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT, MR K.W. CHOW SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

TAKING THE SALUTE AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF 21 CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT THE SERVICE'S TAI LAM CHUNG TRAINING SCHOOL, MR CHOW SAID THE TARGET OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL WAS TO TRAIN 600 OFFICERS THIS YEAR - A NUMBER SUBSTANTIALLY LARGER THAN IN THE PAST.

+TO COPE WITH THE EXTRA DEMAND, ALL THE SCHOOL RESOURCES HAVE TO BE FULLY STRETCHED AND THE EXCISE STATION AT TAI LAM HAS TO BE USED AS AN ANCILLIARY TRAINING CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

CONGRATULATING THE PROBATIONARY OFFICERS ON THEIR SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING COURSE, MR CHOW STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING UP THE HIGH REPUTATION OF THE SERVICE.

+THE GOOD REPUTATION OF THIS SERVICE WAS NOT BUILT BY ONE MAN, BUT ONE MAN ALONE CAN PULL IT DOWN,+ HE SAID. +TO KEEP THIS REPUTATION UP, YOU WILL NEED TO SET YOURSELF A HIGH STANDARD OF PERSONAL CONDUCT- HAVE A HIGH SENSE OF DUTY AND OBLIGATION TO THE SOCIETY YOU SERVE, AND NEVER SUCCUMB TO ANY TEMPTATION TO BEND THE LAW.+

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