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ALL PARTIES WANT AN AIRPORT: ACTING CS

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BRITAIN, CHINA AND HONG KONG ALL WANT TO HAVE AN AIRPORT VERY BADLY SO THERE MUST BE A WAY OF FINDING TO DO IT, THE ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE DRAGON BOAT RACES AT SHA TIN, MR BARNES SAID: "WE ARE PAUSING TO THINK ABOUT OUR POSITIONS, BUT THE POSITION LEFT OFF BY ALL PARTIES WAS THAT EVERYBODY WANTS TO HAVE AN AIRPORT.

"IT HAS BEEN SAID MOST CLEARLY BY THE CHINESE AND MOST CLEARLY BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENTS."

NOTING THAT THE AIRPORT WAS A LONG PROJECT WHICH INVOLVED COMMUNICATIONS' PROJECTS, RECLAMATION PROJECTS AND SO ON, MR BARNES SAID A LOT OF THESE PROJECTS ALSO SERVED A PART OF THE ORDINARY INFRASTRUCTURE OF HONG KONG AND SO THEY WERE ALL PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY.

"SO, IF THERE IS A DELAY IN THE AIRPORT, A GREAT DEAL OF THINGS WILL BE GOING AHEAD IN ANY CASE," HE SAID.

"WE WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY PLAN TO HAVE A NEW AIRPORT SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE AND THAT THE OVERALL STRATEGY FOR DEVELOPMENT IS UNLIKELY TO CHANGE."

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JOINT ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION MOUNTED

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A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATION JOINTLY MOUNTED BY THE POLICE, AND THE LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS RECENTLY HAS RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS OF 92 PEOPLE.

THE OPERATION WAS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO FLUSH OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

OF THE ARRESTED PERSONS, 15 WERE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS CAUGHT AT THE BORDER. THEY HAVE BEEN SENT TO SAN UK LING FOR REPATRIATION.

THE REMAINING 77 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION, THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN REITERATED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

"OUR LATEST OPERATION SHOULD DRIVE HOME THE POINT THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE TO THIS POLICY. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE OTHERWISE IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT APART FROM CONTINUOUS CHECKS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, THERE WAS NO LET-UP IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION EFFORTS AT THE BORDER.

"A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE WILL CONTINUE TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE POLICE AND THE SECURITY FORCES BOTH AT THE LAND AND SEA BORDERS," HE SAID.

DURING THE JOINT OPERATION, WHICH BEGAN AT 5 AM ON JUNE 13 (THURSDAY) AND ENDED AT 5 AM THE NEXT DAY, THE POLICE HAD STEPPED UP THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND CARRIED OUT CHECKS AT SUSPICIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

AS A RESULT, A TOTAL OF 16,084 PERSONS, 3,035 VEHICLES AND 403 VESSELS WERE STOPPED FOR IDENTIFICATION CHECKS.

FIFTEEN PERSONS WERE SUMMONSED AND 14 PERSONS CHARGED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY. A FURTHER SIX PERSONS WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1,000.

ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 3,300 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 12,634 EMPLOYEES HAD THEIR PROOF OF IDENTITY CHECKED DURING THE OPERATION.

FORTY-ONE ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND NOT ABLE TO PROVIDE FOR INSPECTION A RECORD OF EMPLOYEES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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CHILDREN'S DRAMA IN SUPPORT OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

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THE SPIRIT OF CLEANLINESS, CO-OPERATION AND CIVIC MINDEDNESS ARE KEY ELEMENTS IN MAKING HONG KONG A CLEANER PLACE TO LIVE.

THIS WAS THE MESSAGE CONVEYED TO THE YOUNG AUDIENCE AT A DRAMA PERFORMANCE AT THE AMPHITHEATRE OF THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CHILDREN'S DRAMA, ENTITLED "PRINCESS CLEAN VS LITTER MONSTER", WAS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG FRINGE CLUB IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE SAID: "THE 40-MINUTE DRAMA FOCUSSES ON THE PROBLEM OF INDISCRIMINATE LITTERING, AND SEEKS TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF WASTE MINIMISATION AND RE-USE."

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WERE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE DRAMA PERFORMED BY THE "TOGETHER TRY" GROUP OF THE FRINGE CLUB.

"THROUGH TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE AUDIENCE AND ACTORS, THE KEEP CLEAN MESSAGE WAS REINFORCED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE "DRAGON OF CLEANLINESS", THE MASCOT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, ALSO APPEARED IN THE SHOW AND DISTRIBUTED SOUVENIRS TO THE AUDIENCE.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, DR PANG HOK-TUEN, WHO IS ALSO FORMER STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, ATTENDED THE SHOW AND OFFICIATED AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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IMAGE CAMPAIGN TO BOOST POLICE RECRUITMENT

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AN IMAGE CAMPAIGN AIMED AT BOOSTING RECRUITMENT IN THE POLICE FORCE WILL GATHER MOMENTUM AS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), WITH THE SCREENING OF A NEW TV COMMERCIAL ON BOTH TV STATIONS.

THE 30-SECOND TV COMMERCIAL, CARRYING THE SLOGAN LINE "MEET THE CHALLENGE, JOIN THE POLICE", REINFORCES THE MESSAGE THAT THE POLICE FORCE IS AN EFFICIENT, PROFESSIONAL AND CARING TEAM, WHICH IS AT ALL TIMES ACCOUNTABLE TO THE COMMUNITY.

"MAKING USE OF A REAL-LIFE SITUATION, WE WANT TO DEMONSTRATE THE POLICE'S QUICK RESPONSE TO CIRCUMSTANCES AND THEIR CONCERN AND CARE FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC," A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF THE FORCE AND WE EXPECT EACH AND EVERY OF OUR OFFICERS TO LIVE UP TO IT," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TIMING OF THE TV ADVERTISING BLITZ IS PURPOSELY ARRANGED FOR JUNE TO TIE IN WITH THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS WHEN MANY SCHOOL LEAVERS ARE CONSIDERING JOINING THE LOCAL WORK FORCE.

"WE HOPE WITH STEPPED-UP PUBLICITY, MORE ELIGIBLE SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS WOULD CONSIDER JOINING THE FORCE," HE SAID.

OTHER PUBLICITY MEANS INCLUDING RADIO AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS WILL COMPLEMENT THE COMMERCIAL AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE YEAR.

A 20-SECOND RADIO ADVERTISEMENT HIGHLIGHTING THE DIVERSITY AND CHALLENGING NATURE OF POLICE WORK HAS COME ON AIR SINCE JUNE 15.

"POLICE RECRUITMENT IS AN ONGOING EXERCISE THAT WE ARE ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLICITY CHANNELS TO REACH OUR POTENTIAL APPLICANTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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61 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN APRIL

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT APPROVED A TOTAL OF 61 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN APRIL.

OF THE PLANS, 21 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 13 FOR KOWLOON AND 27 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 20 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, NINE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SIX FOR WORKSHOP AND FACTORY PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 60 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 104,283.6 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 260,499.4 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$2,713 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 316,185.7 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 127,729.1 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 25 OCCUPATION PERMITS: NINE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, TWO FOR KOWLOON AND 14 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 29 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 70 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 816 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,469 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 1,462 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 734 BUILDINGS AND NO EMERGENCY CLOSURES WERE REQUIRED.

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30 COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS LAST MONTH

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 30 COURSES, SEMINARS, TALKS BY SPECIALISTS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE SEMINARS INCLUDED THE LIBERAL STUDIES SYLLABUS; SAFETY IN PRIMARY SCHOOL ART AND CRAFT ACTIVITIES; THE REVISED SYLLABUS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE; AND APPLYING THE PRINCIPLES OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE PRE-SCHOOL CLASSROOM FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.

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WORKSHOPS HELD IN MAY INCLUDED THOSE ON REMEDIAL TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE; TEACHING CHINESE LITERARY PROSES AND POEMS IN UPPER PRIMARY CLASSES; AND SETTING ENGLISH TEST/EXAMINATION PAPERS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

COURSES INCLUDED COMPUTER AWARENESS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS AND LIBRARIANS; CREATIVE MUSIC MAKING; LEARNING CHINESE HISTORY AND PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE CHINESE HISTORY CURRICULUM; AND POLYSTYRENE FOAM MODEL MAKING FOR KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

TALKS WERE ALSO ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION FOR ITS REFRESHER COURSE PARTICIPANTS ON LEARNING AND TEACHING OF PUTONGHUA; THE BRIDGING COURSE FOR SECONDARY ONE STUDENTS; AND HOW TO MAKE SPEECH INFECTIOUS.

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POLICEWOMAN TAKES UP PARACHUTING

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EXCITEMENT AND CHALLENGE DROVE DOROTHY CHU TO JOIN THE POLICE FORCE 16 YEARS AGO. NOW A SUB-UNIT COMMANDER IN TUEN MUN DIVISION, DIMINUTIVE DOROTHY STILL LOOKS FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO FULFIL HER DESIRES - AND TESTED THEM FURTHER RECENTLY BY MAKING TWO PARACHUTE JUMPS.

"IT'S PERFECTLY SAFE," SHE CONFIDED AFTER HER EXHILARATING ADVENTURE, "BUT DON'T ASK ME IF I TOLD MY MOTHER."

"PARACHUTING IS A SAFE SPORT AND YOU CAN'T GO WRONG IF YOU TAKE CARE TO FOLD YOUR PARACHUTE CORRECTLY AND CHECK ALL EQUIPMENT THOROUGHLY."

DOROTHY COMPLETED HER JUMPS AFTER A TWO AND A HALF DAY COURSE WHICH SHE SHARED WITH MILITARY PERSONNEL.

"A COURSE INSTRUCTOR WATCHED US CAREFULLY AND HE ALSO TOLD US WHAT TO DO BY RADIO. I JUST FOLLOWED HIS INSTRUCTIONS."

SHE MADE LIGHT OF HER MAIDEN JUMP THROUGH THE AIR. THE INSTRUCTIONS WHEN TO OPEN HER PARACHUTE AND HOW TO LAND WERE GIVEN WHEN SHE WAS FLYING IN THE AIR ABOUT 2,000 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND AND FALLING RAPIDLY.

HER FIRST STEP INTO SPACE WAS MEMORABLE.

"A CLOUD WAS FLOATING BY. I COULD SEE NOTHING AND HEARD ONLY THE SOUND OF THE WIND.

"MY MIND WENT BLANK AND I COULD NOT COUNT THE TIME AS I HAD BEEN TOLD. BUT MY SENSES CAME BACK AND I REGAINED MYSELF WHEN MY PARACHUTE OPENED. IT GAVE ME GREAT SATISFACTION TO HAVE A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF SEK KONG.

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"I ENJOYED THE FEELING OF FLYING IN THE AIR VERY MUCH. WHEN FALLING TO THE HEIGHT OF 300 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND THE SPEED ACCELERATED AND IT SEEMED THAT EVERYTHING WAS OUT OF CONTROL."

IT TOOK ONLY ONE AND A HALF MINUTES TO COMPLETE A JUMP FROM THE HEIGHT OF 2,000 FEET.

"IT WOULD BE A LIE IF I SAID THAT I WAS NOT NERVOUS ABOUT THE JUMP. BUT I WAS WELL PREPARED TO OVERCOME THE FEAR.

"I ALSO CARRIED A RESERVE PARACHUTE, WHICH I COULD OPEN IF THE ONE AT THE BACK DID NOT WORK.

"EVERYBODY HAS HIS TIME. WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU MAY DIE EVEN THOUGH YOU SIT AT HOME. THEREFORE I DO NOT SEE A GREAT DANGER IN PARACHUTING," SHE ADDED.

SUPERINTENDENT NORRIE GALBRAITH, POLICE DIVISION COMMANDER, TUEN MUN, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENCOURAGING HER INTEREST IN PARACHUTING. HE IS A LIGHT AIRCRAFT PILOT AND HAS LATELY BEEN WORKING ON HIS PILOT INSTRUCTION COURSE.

"MANY PEOPLE DO NOT REALISE THAT THEY CAN TAKE UP PARACHUTING," MR GALBRAITH SAID.

"THEY EITHER THINK IT IS TOO DANGEROUS OR BELIEVE THAT ONLY MEMBERS IN THE SERVICES CAN HAVE ACCESS TO IT.

"IN FACT, THERE ARE ABOUT EIGHT LADIES WHO REGULARLY COME TO HONG KONG AVIATION CLUB TO JUMP.

"PARACHUTING IS A SPORT WHICH GIVES YOU A LOT OF FREEDOM. THE MOST DIFFICULT PART OF TAKING IT UP IS TO CONVINCING YOURSELF THAT YOU CAN JUMP," HE ADDED.

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