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TRADE ISSUES DISCUSSED

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THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, THE RT HON HUMPHREY ATKINS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, MET THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD AND MEMBERS OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AT A WORKING LUNCHEON TODAY (FRIDAY).

THEY DISCUSSED ISSUES RELATING TO TWO-WAY TRADE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND BRITAIN, INCLUDING THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG AS A MARKET FOR BRITAIN AND THE FUTURE HK/EEC TEXTILES BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. OTHERS ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON MEETING WERE SENIOR OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING MR ATKINS AND MEMBERS OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

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MRS ATKINS VISITS YWCA

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MRS HUMPHREY ATKINS, WIFE OF THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, TODAY (FRIDAY) VISITED THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE YWCA IN MACDONNELL ROAD.

SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN.

MRS ATKINS WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION IN HONG KONG BY THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF YWCA, MISS KO SIU-WAH. ALSO PRESENT WERE TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE ASSOCIATION, MRS MABEL WONG AND MRS TAN JEN-CHIU.

AMONG OTHER SERVICES, THE YWCA OPERATES FOUR NURSERIES FOR 470 CHILDREN BETWEEN TWO AND SIX YEARS OF AGE. TWO NEW NURSERIES WILL SOON BE OPENED.

THE ASSOCIATION ALSO RUNS 11 CHILDREN AND YOUTH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRES AND ONE SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY.

IT ALSO RUNS ONE KINDERGARTEN, FOUR EVENING SCHOOLS, FOUR CENTRES PROVIDING ADULT EDUCATION TRAINING CLASSES, AND A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 700 STUDENTS.

MRS ATKINS LATER CROSSED THE HARBOUR TO KOWLOON TO VISIT THE ANNE BLACK YWCA CENTRE AND GUEST HOUSE IN HO MAN TIN.

HER FINAL STOP BEFORE RETURNING TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE WAS THE YWCA'S MAURINE GRANTHAM NURSERY CENTRE IN YAU YAT CHUEN, WHICH PROVIDES DAY-CARE SERVICE FOR 120 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND FIVE.

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MR ATKINS IMPRESSED BY HOSPITAL WORK

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THE LORD PRIVY SEAL, THE RT. HON. HUMPHREY ATKINS, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY VISITED QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, THE LARGEST ACUTE HOSPITAL IN THE COMMONWEALTH TO SEE HOW THE GOVERNMENT RENDERS MEDICAL CARE TO THE PEOPLE.

MR ATKINS WAS BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG AND THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, DR S.L. CHAN.

THE PARTY WAS SHOWN AROUND THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT.

MR ATKINS SAID LATER THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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NEED TO KEEP PACE WITH CHANGING TECHNOLOGY STRESSED

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IN AN AGE OF RAPIDLY-CHANGING TECHNOLOGY, IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP UP TO DATE AND THIS APPLIES PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF COMPUTERS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE COMPUTER CENTRE AT LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MR HAYE SAID THAT IT WAS WITH THIS IN MIND THAT A COMPUTER WAS INSTALLED SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT TO ENTER INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE COULD BE TAUGHT HOW TO USE THEM AND BE AWARE OF THEIR POTENTIAL AND THEIR LIMITATIONS.

THE \$2.3 MILLION COMPUTER AT LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS CONNECTED TO THE OTHER FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE THROUGH TELEPHONE LINKS. IN ALL THERE ARE 31 TERMINALS.

THE NEW FACILITIES WILL INITIALLY BE USED TO SERVE THE GENERAL COMPUTER EDUCATION NEEDS OF STUDENTS IN A WIDE RANGE OF DISCIPLINES. NEW COURSES SPECIALLY FOR COMPUTER STUDIES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE COMING SEPTEMBER.

MR HAYE RECALLED THAT TEN YEARS AGO THERE WAS ONLY ONE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND NOW THERE WERE FIVE WITH MORE BEING PLANNED.

+THE TOTAL ENROLMENT IN THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IS NOW OVER 30 000 STUDENTS AND THEY ARE MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROVISION OF EDUCATED AND TRAINED MANPOWER NEEDED BY THE MANUFACTURING, BUSINESS AND SERVICE INDUSTRIES,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

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MANPOWER TRAINING POLICY PRAISED

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HONG KONG'S RAPIDLY-CHANGING AND DYNAMIC ECONOMY CONTINUES TO DEMAND AN EQUALLY DYNAMIC MANPOWER TRAINING STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM CAPABLE OF RESPONDING TO ITS CHANGING NEEDS.

THIS WAS STATED BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR HORACE KNIGHT, IN A TALK ON +MANPOWER TRAINING IN THE 80'S+ AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON NORTH TODAY (FRIDAY).

IN THE TALK, MR KNIGHT REVIEWED THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MANPOWER TRAINING IN THE PAST DECADE AND FORECAST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FUTURE.

HONG KONG, HE POINTED OUT, HAS A SOUND POLICY WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANY EFFORT AIMED AT BRINGING ABOUT MORE AND BETTER TRAINING. GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON MANPOWER TRAINING HAS BEEN BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT BOTH GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAVE A CLEARLY DEFINED RESPONSIBILITY.

WHILE IT IS DESIRABLE AND ESSENTIAL THAT HONG KONG HAS THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION FACILITIES TO MEET THE MANPOWER DEMAND OF ITS ECONOMY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT SUCH FACILITIES SHOULD BE PLANNED ON THE BASIS OF A RELIABLE ASSESSMENT OF THE DEMAND.

SINCE 1973 THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSESSING THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY HAS FALLEN ON THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WHOSE TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR ON +THE MEASURES NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF MANPOWER TRAINING GEARED TO MEET THE DEVELOPING NEEDS OF HONG KONG'S ECONOMY+.

MUCH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE MANPOWER TRAINING SCENARIO IN THE PAST DECADE, MR KNIGHT CONTINUED. ON THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATION, HE ADDED, GOVERNMENT BUILT FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN ADDITION TO MORRISON HILL BETWEEN 1975 AND 1978. A SIXTH, AT TUEN MUN, IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1984.

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE POLYTECHNIC HAS UNDERGONE IN EXPANSION UNPARALLELED IN SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. THE UNIVERSITIES TOO HAVE EXPANDED.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE CLOTHING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES, GOVERNMENT SET UP IN 1975 THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY TO ORGANISE TRAINING SCHEMES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE INDUSTRIES.

THE FIRST TRAINING CENTRES RUN BY THE AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN IN SUCCESSFUL OPERATION SINCE 1977 AND BOTH AUTHORITIES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING THEIR SECOND TRAINING CENTRES.

ALSO ON THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL, GOVERNMENT ENACTED IN 1976 THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN THE CORNERSTONE FOR ORGANISED APPRENTICE TRAINING IN HONG KONG.

GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO ACCEPTED THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CENTRES FOR THE ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS, TEXTILES, THE HOTEL AND CATERING, THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIR AND SERVICING, AND THE PRINTING INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS SCHEMES FOR PROVIDING BASIC TRAINING IN KEY ENGINEERING TRADES AND POST-GRADUATE TRAINING FOR ENGINEERING GRADUATES.

MR KNIGHT POINTED OUT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED NEW VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WAS ALSO THE RESULT OF A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COUNCIL.

WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VTC, THE COUNCIL WILL LAPSE AFTER A JOB WELL DONE, HE SAID.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR ROAD WORKS

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THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SITE FORMATION, ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE WORKS FORM PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID ABOUT NINE HECTARES OF LAND WOULD BE FORMED NEAR SHEUNG KENG HAU FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES.

ASSOCIATED WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD AND A SECTION OF BOX CULVERT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN MARCH AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT, FORMING PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 1.2 KILOMETRES OF DISTRIBUTOR ROADS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINS AND SEWERS.

ON COMPLETION, THE ROADS WILL PROVIDE ACCESS FROM LUNG MUN ROAD TO BUTTERFLY ESTATE IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL COMMENCE IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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GENERAL HOLIDAYS LIST
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FOLLOWING IS THE LIST OF GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR 1982 REPUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE LIST WAS FIRST PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE OF JANUARY 2 LAST YEAR.

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 17 GENERAL HOLIDAYS, EXCLUDING SUNDAYS.

THE GENERAL HOLIDAYS ARE :

THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JANUARY	- FRIDAY, JANUARY 1
LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY	- MONDAY, JANUARY 25
THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	- TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
THE THIRD DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR	- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
CHING MING FESTIVAL	- MONDAY, APRIL 5
GOOD FRIDAY	- FRIDAY, APRIL 9
THE DAY FOLLOWING GOOD FRIDAY	- SATURDAY, APRIL 10
EASTER MONDAY	- MONDAY, APRIL 12
THE BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN	- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21
TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL	- FRIDAY, JUNE 25
THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JULY	- THURSDAY, JULY 1
THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST	- MONDAY, AUGUST 2
THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST, WHICH SHALL BE LIBERATION DAY	- MONDAY, AUGUST 30
THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL	- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2
CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL	- MONDAY, OCTOBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY	- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
THE FIRST WEEK-DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY	- MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

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'KEEP-CLEAN' PUBLICITY EFFORT AT WONG TAI SIN
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A MAJOR PUBLICITY EFFORT WILL BE STAGED ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 10) BY THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND SEVERAL OTHER GROUPS TO PUBLICISE THE 'YEAR-END CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN' AND THE 'RESTAURANT AND CAFES CLEANLINESS COMPETITION' IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

STARTING WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 AM ON SUNDAY AT THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE CHOI WAN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UNIT, PERFORMED BY THE AREA'S CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND RESIDENTS, THE DAY'S EVENTS WILL INCLUDE A LION DANCE, AND A PARADE OF TWO 'CLEANING SQUADS' OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AROUND THE CHOI WAN AND CHOI HUNG ESTATES AND DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS TO RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

FOLLOWING THE GENERAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN WHICH IS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN THE AREA, JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 15 (FRIDAY) OF THE 'RESTAURANTS AND CAFES CLEANLINESS COMPETITION.'

+AN INSPECTION TEAM MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE AREA COMMITTEES WILL SELECT THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CDO SAID.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS ON JANUARY 17.

OTHER GROUPS TAKING PART IN THE PUBLICITY EFFORT ARE THE CHOI HUNG AND CHOI WAN ESTATE OFFICES, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE RELEVANT AREA COMMITTEES.

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SOCCER AND FIGHT-CRIME MESSAGE
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AN INTER-SCHOOL, MINI-SOCCER TOURNAMENT, AIMED ALSO AT PROMOTING THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, WILL BE HELD AT THE HARD-SURFACED FOOTBALL PITCH OF KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK, EASTERN STREET, HONG KONG, ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 10).

THE 'INTER-SCHOOL MINI-SOCCER TOURNAMENT' IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

EIGHT SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE TOURNAMENT.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM, AND OFFICIATED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED FIRST BY A FRIENDLY MATCH BETWEEN SOUTH CHINA VETERAN PLAYERS' TEAM AND JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE'S COACHES' TEAM.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND ADMISSION IS FREE.

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HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AT FESTIVAL
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THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA WILL TAKE PART IN THE FOURTH TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL BY PERFORMING AT 2.30 PM AND 7.30 PM ON FEBRUARY 7 IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM.

THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA WAS FORMED IN 1977 BY THE URBAN COUNCIL TO MEET THE INCREASING NEEDS OF CHINESE MUSIC ENTHUSIASTS.

OVER THE YEARS IT HAS DEVELOPED A LIVELY AND MODERN STYLE IN PRESENTING CHINESE TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND HAS EARNED A REPUTATION AS A UNIQUE MUSIC ENSEMBLE.

UNDER THE BATON OF ITS MUSIC DIRECTOR NG TAI-KONG, THE ORCHESTRA WILL PLAY +DRAGON DANCE+, +EARTHQUAKE+, +FISH DANCE+, +THE WOODCUTTER'S SONG+, +VARIATION OF THE HONG LAKE+, +XINJIANG DANCE+ AND +INTERLOCKING RINGS+.

TSUI WAH-NAM WILL GIVE AN ER-HU SOLO +THE LITTLE ROOSTER+, WHILE ANNE CHENG, A MEZZO-SOPRANO, WILL SING CHINESE FOLK MELODIES.

TICKETS AT \$5 (FOR STUDENTS), \$10, \$15 AND \$20 ARE ON SALE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE, SPACE MUSEUM ASTRONOMY BOOKSHOP AND THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE
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MURRAY BARRACKS CAR PARK IN CENTRAL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 12.01 AM TO 12 MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 10) FOR A CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE POLICE.

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MUSIC CAMP FOR SAI KUNG CHILDREN
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ABOUT 180 YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS WILL ATTEND A WEEK-END MUSIC TRAINING CAMP AT SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE STARTING TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THEY ARE MEMBERS OF SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE SING AND PLAY GROUP AND THE BALLET CLASS.

THE CAMP HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE CHOIR MANAGEMENT WITH SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORSHIP.

LAST YEAR, THE CHOIR WAS WELL RECEIVED AT LOCAL EVENTS, INCLUDING THE SAI KUNG BEACH CLEANING DAY, THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL NIGHT AND THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

BESIDES MUSICAL TRAINING, THE CAMP WILL INCLUDE GROUP ACTIVITIES, GAMES, DANCING, A DRAMA COMPETITION, POTTED SPORTS AND TALKS.

EACH CHILD ATTENDING PAYS A NOMINAL FEE OF \$2.

SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR WAS INAUGURATED IN MARCH 1980, TO ENCOURAGE MUSICAL TALENT IN THE DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL OUTLETS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN.

IT NOW HAS 110 MEMBERS WHO ARE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS, TEENAGER (AGED 11 TO 15) AND YOUNGER (AGED 8 TO 10).

A BOARD OF AFFAIRS WAS FORMED LAST YEAR TO LOOK AFTER THE CHOIR. IT HAS A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE MUSIC OFFICE, SAI KUNG AND HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEES, LOCAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE SING AND PLAY GROUP, WHICH WAS ORIGINALLY PART OF THE CHOIR, HAS BEEN MANAGED BY SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD SOCIAL SERVICE SUB-COMMITTEE SINCE JULY LAST YEAR.

IT HAS 40 MEMBERS AGED FROM SIX TO 14 YEARS.

THE BALLET CLASS IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CULTURE RECREATION AND SPORT SUB-COMMITTEE AND HAS MORE THAN 40 MEMBERS.

WHEN THE CAMP WAS HELD LAST YEAR IT WAS ATTENDED BY 150 YOUNGSTERS.

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