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GOVERNOR URGES ELECTORS TO VOTE
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY URGED THE 700 000 REGISTERED VOTERS FOR THE COMING URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS TO VOTE ON POLLING DAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

+THEY SHOULD NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT BY CASTING THEIR VOTE,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

+BY DOING SO THEY DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT NOT ONLY FOR THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE, BUT ALSO THEIR INTEREST IN, AND CONCERN FOR, THE GENERAL WELFARE AND GOOD ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLACE IN WHICH WE LIVE.+

SIR EDWARD WAS ADDRESSING CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS AND DISTRICT OFFICERS IN THEIR CAPACITY AS CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND RETURNING OFFICERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AT A DISTRICT OFFICERS' MEETING CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

DESCRIBING THE PROGRESS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AS +IMPRESSIVE+, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE SYSTEM WOULD BE ENTERING AN IMPORTANT SECOND PHASE IN THE URBAN AREAS: ELECTED MEMBERS WOULD JOIN THE APPOINTED MEMBERS AND URBAN COUNCILLORS.

+ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WILL ADD CREDIBILITY AND NEW TALENT TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND FOR THE FIRST TIME PEOPLE IN THE URBAN DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WILL BE ABLE TO ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON A WIDE ELECTORAL FRANCHISE,+ HE SAID.

+WITH SOUND ADVICE FROM PEOPLE AT A LOCAL LEVEL, OUR MAJOR PROGRAMMES, WHICH MUST BE CENTRALLY PLANNED AND CO-ORDINATED, CAN BE BETTER DIRECTED AND BETTER GEARED TO MEET THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE IN EACH LOCALITY.

+THIS IS WHAT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IS ALL ABOUT: IT IS ABOUT PEOPLE AND THEIR IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT, THEIR WELL-BEING, WHAT THEY LIKE AND WHAT THEY DON'T LIKE, AND THEIR INTER-ACTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS PROGRAMMES AND POLICIES.

+THE FUNDAMENTAL DUTY OF DISTRICT BOARDS IS THEREFORE TO REPRESENT THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE AT DISTRICT LEVEL AND TO REFLECT THEIR VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT.+

SIR EDWARD RE-AFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE AND SUPPORT THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

+IT WILL DO ITS UTMOST TO FOLLOW UP THE BOARD'S ADVICE AND ENSURE THAT THEIR VIEWS ARE GIVEN DUE WEIGHT IN THE FORMULATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES,+ HE SAID.

+BUT FOR DISTRICT BOARDS TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEIR MEMBERS SHOULD FIRST HAVE THE GENERAL BACKING OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.

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+A STRONG MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE, MANIFESTED IN THE NUMBER OF VOTES A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER GETS AT THE ELECTIONS, WILL NOT ONLY INCREASE HIS OR HER PERSONAL CONFIDENCE AND AUTHORITY, BUT ALSO ENHANCE THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD AS A WHOLE.+

THE GOVERNOR CONGRATULATED THE 229 CANDIDATES, WHO WILL STAND FOR THE ELECTIONS NEXT WEEK, ON THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES.

HE ALSO THANKED THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, AND HIS STAFF AND MANY OTHERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN PREPARING THE COMING ELECTIONS.

+I AM CONVINCED THAT THE ELECTIONS WILL BE A GREAT SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

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BANK LICENSING POLICY

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS CARRIED OUT THE FIRST ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CRITERIA RELATING TO THE SIZE OF ASSETS AND DEPOSITS, WHICH NEED TO BE SATISFIED BEFORE APPLICATIONS FOR BANKING LICENCES, UNDER THE BANKING ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 155), WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL.

PROVISION FOR THIS ANNUAL REVIEW WAS MADE BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS SPEECH TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 27, 1981.

THE REVISED CRITERIA ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- (I) FOR BANKS INCORPORATED OUTSIDE HONG KONG, TOTAL ASSETS (NET OF CONTRA ITEMS) SHOULD EXCEED US\$12 000 MILLION (PREVIOUSLY US\$10 000 MILLION);
- (II) FOR COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG:-
 - (A) TOTAL ASSETS (NET OF CONTRA ITEMS) SHOULD EXCEED HK\$2 500 MILLION (PREVIOUSLY HK\$2 000 MILLION);
 - (B) DEPOSITS FROM THE PUBLIC (THAT IS, OTHER THAN FROM BANKS, OTHER DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES OR CONNECTED PARTIES) SHOULD EXCEED HK\$1 750 MILLION (PREVIOUSLY HK\$1 500 MILLION).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE OTHER CRITERIA ANNOUNCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ON MAY 27, 1981 REMAINED IN FORCE.

HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THESE VARIOUS CRITERIA WERE MERELY THOSE WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE SATISFIED BEFORE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL WOULD CONSIDER APPLICATIONS.

THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL RETAINED COMPLETE DISCRETION OVER THE GRANTING OF BANK LICENCES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART III OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE, HE SAID.

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CALL FOR GREATER EFFORT AGAINST NARCOTICS

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED FOR INTENSIFIED ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS IN ALL FIELDS - LAW ENFORCEMENT, TREATMENT, PREVENTION AND INTERNATIONAL ACTION.

SIR ALBERT SAID THAT FOLLOWING TWO SUCCESSIVE BUMPER OPIUM CROPS IN THE +GOLDEN TRIANGLE+ IN 1981 AND THIS YEAR, AND THE LOSS OF MUCH OF THEIR FORMER LUCRATIVE MARKETS IN EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA TO HEROIN FROM SOUTH-WEST ASIA, DRUG TRAFFICKERS IN SOUTH EAST ASIA WERE +MARKETING THEIR EVIL PRODUCTS MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVELY IN THIS REGION, IN AUSTRALIA AND IN HONG KONG.+

SIR ALBERT WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON DURING WHICH ABOUT \$50 MILLION WORTH OF NARCOTIC DRUGS SEIZED BY THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS SERVICES WERE DESTROYED AT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS AGGRESSIVE MARKETING, SIR ALBERT SAID, +OUR POLICE AND CUSTOMS SEIZED MORE DRUGS IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR THAN IN THE WHOLE OF 1981.+

+DESPITE THESE SUCCESSES, THERE IS NOW A GREATER AVAILABILITY OF DRUGS ON THE STREETS, AND PRICES HAVE DROPPED TO THEIR LOWEST LEVEL SINCE 1976,+ HE ADDED.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND, THE DECLINING TREND IN DRUG ADDICTION SINCE 1974 WAS REVERSED IN 1981 AND THE SITUATION WAS A CAUSE FOR CONCERN, HE SAID.

SIR ALBERT APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO REPORT TO THE POLICE AND THE CUSTOMS SERVICES ANY SUSPICIONS THEY MIGHT HAVE, OR ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT COME TO THEIR NOTICE, IN RELATION TO THE IMPORT, MANUFACTURE AND DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS.

+OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN DO WITH, AND DESERVE, ALL THE HELP WE CAN GIVE,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE CEREMONY, SOME 80 000 RECORDS HELD BY THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE, WHICH CONTAINED THE PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF ADDICTS CONTACTED BY VARIOUS AGENCIES FROM 1972 TO 1976, WERE ALSO DESTROYED.

GUESTS WITNESSING THE DESTRUCTION OF THE DRUGS AND THE RECORDS INCLUDED THE UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS MARIA TAM; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS, SISTER AQUINAS; THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG; THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR PETER MOOR; THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR DOUGLAS JORDAN; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR PETER LEE.

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NEW POST OFFICE IN TUEN MUN
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A NEW POST OFFICE, THE 86TH IN HONG KONG, WILL BE OPENED IN TUEN MUN AT NOON ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

IT WILL BE LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE CAR PARK-MARKET BLOCK AT ON TING ESTATE.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM THE SAME DAY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK AND TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, TUEN MUN, MR BILLY C.L. LAM, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW POST OFFICE IN TUEN MUN AT 11 AM ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

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FISHERMEN WARNED AGAINST USE OF EXPLOSIVES

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS STEPPING UP PATROLS TO PREVENT THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES FOR FISHING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE USE OF EXPLOSIVES FOR FISHING IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FISHERIES PROTECTION ORDINANCE AND OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2 000 AND THREE-MONTH IMPRISONMENT.

LAST YEAR SIX FISHERMEN WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$4 300 FOR FISHING ACTIVITIES INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES.

THE STEPPED-UP PATROLS IN THE WATERS OF HONG KONG WILL INVOLVE FISHERIES INSPECTORS AND THE MARINE POLICE.

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CAREERS QUIZ FOR STUDENTS
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MORE THAN 60 000 STUDENTS OF FORMS III, IV AND V THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CAREERS QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY DAO HENG BANK.

DETAILS OF THE QUIZ WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SERVICE, MRS EVELYN PUN, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CONFERENCE WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR AND BUSINESS ADVISOR OF THE BANK, MR FRANK TUNG.

MRS PUN POINTED OUT THAT THE QUIZ WAS AIMED AT MAKING STUDENTS MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING CAREERS AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO SEARCH FOR RELEVANT USEFUL MATERIALS.

QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE SENT TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS, REQUIRING STUDENTS TO ANSWER 50 QUESTIONS WITHIN 15 MINUTES IN RELATION TO CAREERS INFORMATION, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, INFORMATION ABOUT FURTHER STUDIES, EMPLOYMENT LAWS AND GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CAREERS.

MR TUNG POINTED OUT THAT FOLLOWING ITS PARTICIPATION IN A CAREERS EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN TSUEN WAN EARLY THIS YEAR, THE BANK DECIDED TO CONTINUE TO BE INVOLVED IN WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS, SUCH AS THE QUIZ.

+WE HOPE THAT THE QUIZ WILL ENCOURAGE MORE INTEREST IN THE CAREERS '83 EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. WE ALSO HOPE THAT A BROAD AWARENESS OF CAREERS OPPORTUNITIES WILL ENABLE STUDENTS TO BETTER PLAN FOR THEIR FUTURE CAREERS,+ HE ADDED.

THE QUIZ WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THREE ROUNDS, WITH THE FIRST ONE BEGINNING THIS MONTH.

IN THE FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS, THE STUDENT WHO SCORES THE HIGHEST MARKS IN HIS CLASS WILL BE AWARDED A PRIZE BY DAO HENG BANK.

IN EACH ROUND, THE SCHOOL WITH THE HIGHEST TOTAL AVERAGE MARKS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED WITH A TROPHY.

IN THE THIRD ROUND, STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETURN THEIR QUESTIONNAIRES AT A CAREERS EXHIBITION TO BE HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL IN NOVEMBER.

THE FIRST THREE STUDENTS WHO SCORE THE HIGHEST MARKS IN THE THIRD ROUND WILL RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$2 000 EACH FROM THE BANK.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO 100 STUDENTS WHO SCORE HIGH MARKS.

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TRACK AND FIELD COURSE FOR CHEUNG CHAU YOUNGSTERS
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A TRAINING COURSE ON TRACK AND FIELD WILL BE PROVIDED FOR YOUNGSTERS ON CHEUNG CHAU FROM EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHEUNG CHAU SPORTSGROUND EVERY SATURDAY BETWEEN OCTOBER 9 AND NOVEMBER 13 FROM 3 PM TO 6 PM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

COACHES FROM THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION WILL GIVE LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS ON RUNNING, SHOT PUT, HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP AND HURDLE, AMONG OTHER EVENTS.

TO PROMOTE THE COURSE, THE ASSOCIATION WILL GIVE TRACK AND FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE SPORTSGROUND ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

THE COURSE IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS -- ONE FOR CHILDREN AGED 10 TO 15 AND THE OTHER FOR YOUNGSTERS AGED 15 OR ABOVE.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE, A COMPETITION WILL BE ARRANGED FOR THE TRAINEES.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COURSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE VARIOUS DISTRICT URBAN SERVICES OFFICES OF THE NTSD, THE ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ISLANDS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF WAI HONG BUILDING, 55 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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WATER FIGURES
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 79.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 457.894 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 259.045 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 44.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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REDUCED TRAM SERVICES ON WEDNESDAY
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TRAM SERVICES WILL BE REDUCED ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 15)
FOR THE TESTING OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IN SHEUNG WAN.

THE LAST TRAMS WILL DEPART FROM NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET
AT 10.10 PM FROM HAPPY VALLEY TO KENNEDY TOWN AT 10 PM; FROM
HAPPY VALLEY TO WHITTY STREET AT 10.10 PM; FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO
HAPPY VALLEY AT 10.40 PM AND FROM WHITTY STREET TO NORTH POINT AND
HAPPY VALLEY AT 10.50 PM.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN CAUSEWAY BAY
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EAST POINT ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND
GREAT GEORGE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON
WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT
RAILWAY CAUSEWAY BAY STATION.

DURING THE CLOSURE, NORMAL TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON
A NEW ACCESS ROAD NEXT TO EAST POINT ROAD.

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