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UNUSUALLY BUSY YEAR FOR RHKAAF

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE HAD AN UNUSUALLY BUSY TIME LAST YEAR CARRYING OUT A TOTAL OF 663 FLIGHTS, INCLUDING MANY +WATER-BOMBING RUNS+ TO HELP FIGHT FOREST FIRES.

DAUPHIN HELICOPTERS OF THE AUXILIARY UNIT WERE CALLED OUT TO COMBAT OVER 60 SERIOUS OUTBREAKS OF FIRE IN COUNTRY PARKS AND AFFORESTED AREAS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RHKAAF SAID.

THE UNIT, WORKING IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRE SERVICES AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, RELEASED OVER 1 000 TONS OF WATER IN A SERIES OF HIGHLY-SUCCESSFUL BOMBING RUNS OVER THE FLAME FRONTS, INVARIABLY CONTAINING AND EXTINGUISHING THE BLAZES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RHKAAF ALSO RESPONDED TO MANY LIFE-SAVING REQUESTS AND OPERATED SOME 200 EMERGENCY MEDICAL FLIGHTS FROM THE OUTLYING ISLANDS TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL. IT ALSO CONDUCTED 30 SEARCH AND RESCUE MISSIONS, MANY OF WHICH INVOLVED WINCHING OF SURVIVORS FROM HIGH SEAS.

HOWEVER, NOT ALL THE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS WERE SUCCESSFUL, HE SAID, RECALLING THAT ON NOVEMBER 30, DESPITE A TWO-AND-A-HALF-HOUR SEARCH INVOLVING THREE AIRCRAFT, THE UNIT COULD NOT LOCATE THE 13 SEAMEN LOST FROM A FISHING VESSEL WHICH SANK 30 MILES EAST OF HONG KONG.

THE UNIT ALSO HELPED WITH ANTI-ILLEGAL-IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS, BY GIVING ADVANCED INFORMATION THROUGH AIRBORNE SURVEILLANCE PATROLS. THIS WORK CONTRIBUTED TO THE ROUNDING UP OF THOUSANDS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS.

LAST YEAR, DUE TO THE STRONGER OVERALL MEASURES TO CURB ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, THE FORCE CARRIED OUT FEWER SUCH SPECIAL SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS BOTH OVER LOCAL WATERS AND OFF-SHORE.

THE 406 SUCH FLIGHTS CARRIED OUT LAST YEAR WERE MUCH LESS THAN THE 553 IN 1980, HE SAID.

+THE REDUCED LEVEL OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ACTIVITIES IN 1981 PROVIDED A WELCOME RELIEF TO MANY FLYING AND NON-FLYING VOLUNTEERS WHO HAD SPENT ALMOST EVERY DAY FOR THE PRECEDING TWO YEARS REPORTING FOR RHKAAF DUTY AS EARLY AS 5 AM TO CARRY OUT DAWN SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS BEFORE GOING ON TO THEIR NORMAL JOBS AND CARRYING OUT A NORMAL DAYS WORK FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+TRIBUTE IS DUE TO THE MANY EMPLOYERS WHO RELEASED MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFF FOR ESSENTIAL RHKAAF DUTY THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD OF INTENSE ACTIVITY,+ HE ADDED.

LOOKING AHEAD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID 1982 IS EXPECTED TO BRING MORE UNIQUE CHALLENGES TO THE AUXILIARY UNIT.

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HE SAID: +IN ADDITION TO THE ANTICIPATED REGULAR INCREASE IN EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION FLIGHTS, FIRE-FIGHTING AND OTHER CALLOUTS, A NUMBER OF NEW PROJECTS ARE ALREADY ARISING.

+THERE WILL BE A THRICE-WEEKLY EARLY MORNING HELICOPTER SURVEY OF THE HARBOUR AND ADJACENT WATERS IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN WHERE SURFACE VESSELS WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE AREAS OF ACCUMULATED FLOATING DEBRIS TO COLLECT IT BEFORE TIDAL AND OTHER EFFECTS RESULT IN ITS DISPERSAL.+

IN ADDITION TO THE THRICE-WEEKLY FIXED-WING WEATHER DATA COLLECTION FLIGHTS AROUND LANTAU IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPLACEMENT AIRPORT STUDY, A REGULAR PROGRAMME OF FIXED-WING FLIGHTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN A SPECIALLY-INSTRUMENTED AIRCRAFT TO LOCATE AND IDENTIFY SOURCES OF RADIO FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE AFFECTING THE AIRPORT NAVIGATION AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT.

+ALSO,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +HELICOPTERS WILL BE PROVIDED TO TRANSPORT BUILDING MATERIALS AND PERSONNEL TO A NUMBER OF ISOLATED HILLTOPS WHERE A NUMBER OF NEW TRANSMITTER SITES WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.+

THE REGULAR DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES COVERING AERIAL SURVEY AND THE PROVISION OF A GENERAL SCHEDULE OF TERRITORY WIDE VIP AND ROUTINE COMMUNICATION FLIGHTS WILL CONTINUE.

IN VIEW OF THE INCREASING USE OF VOLUNTEER AIRCREW TO PROVIDE THIS WIDE SPECTRUM OF FLYING SERVICES, MANY OF WHICH ARE NOW PROVIDED OUTSIDE NORMAL WORKING HOURS, THE RHKAAF WILL BE SEEKING TO RECRUIT MORE VOLUNTEER PILOTS AND CREWMEN IN 1982.

+ANY HONG KONG RESIDENT WHO FEELS HE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS TYPE OF SPECIALIST AND CHALLENGING CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY IN HIS SPARE TIME IS INVITED TO COME FORWARD AND OFFER HIS SERVICE TO THE RHKAAF,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW ROAD, SALT WATER PUMPING STATION FOR TUEN MUN
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A NEW ROAD WILL BE BUILT ACROSS THE NULLAH IN THE CENTRAL PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE ROAD, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE NEW TOWN NETWORK, WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO ON TING, YAU OI AND BUTTERFLY ESTATES AND CASTLE PEAK POWER STATION.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF TWO-WAY SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY ROAD TOGETHER WITH A 100-METRE LONG THREE-SPAN BRIDGE ACROSS THE NULLAH, A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY AT THE EASTERN END OF THE BRIDGE AND A COMBINED PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLIST SUBWAY AT THE OTHER END.

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CONSTRUCTION WILL COMMENCE IN APRIL AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1983.

IN ANOTHER TUEN MUN NEW TOWN PROJECT, A SALT WATER PUMPING STATION WILL BE BUILT AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE PUMPING STATION WILL PUMP SALT WATER TO THE FUTURE CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX IN THE TOWN CENTRE AND THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL IN THE NORTH OF THE TOWN. THE WATER WILL BE USED AS A COOLANT IN THE AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED IN THE TWO BUILDINGS.

WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN APRIL AND WILL BE COMPLETED ABOUT 18 MONTHS LATER.

THE WORKS FORM PART OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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FOOTBALL MATCHES TO CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR
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AN ALL-DAY PROGRAMME OF FOOTBALL WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO NEXT FRIDAY (JANUARY 29) TO CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF YEAR OF THE DOG.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS WHICH STARTED LAST FRIDAY.

A TOTAL OF 16 TEAMS REPRESENTING VARIOUS TRADES, PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND VILLAGES WILL TAKE PART IN THE FIVE-A-SIDE COMPETITION AT TAI PO SPORTSGROUND.

BEFORE THE FINAL IS PLAYED, TEAMS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION WILL PLAY AN EXHIBITION MATCH.

THE COMPETITION WILL START FROM 9 AM AND LAST UNTIL 7 PM.

THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE TROPHIES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO.

THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME, WHICH INCLUDES A VARIETY SHOW, FUN FAIRS, CONCERTS, A FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY, AN EXHIBITION AND A DISCO NIGHT, IS BEING FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL DONATIONS.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, COMPRISING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, MEMBERS OF RURAL AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS, WAS FORMED IN OCTOBER TO CO-ORDINATE ACTIVITIES.

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME NEW YEAR WALK
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RESIDENTS OR PEOPLE WORKING IN TSUEN WAN ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A FIGHT CRIME NEW YEAR WALK ROUND THE SHING MUN RESERVOIR ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 29).

THE WALK IS ONE OF TWO MAJOR FUNCTIONS ORGANISED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE THIS YEAR TO PUBLICISE CRIME FIGHTING AND PREVENTION.

THE OTHER IS A THREE-DAY DISCUSSION CAMP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN SAI KUNG DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS IN APRIL.

THE 12-KILOMETRE WALK WILL START AT THE OPEN GROUND OPPOSITE SAM TUNG UK RESITE VILLAGE NEAR CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE.

TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE START OF THE WALK AT 9.30 AM.

WALKERS WHO COMPLETE THE WHOLE JOURNEY WILL RECEIVE A SOUVENIR.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT (TSUEN WAN OFFICE) AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY CENTRES.

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$30 000 FOR THE WALK AND THE DISCUSSION CAMP.

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REMINDER TO CHE KUNG TEMPLE WORSHIPPERS
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A SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN ISSUED A REMINDER TODAY (TUESDAY) TO PEOPLE GOING TO WORSHIP AT CHE KUNG TEMPLE TOMORROW.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO PARKING ANYWHERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE TEMPLE AND URGED WORSHIPPERS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO GET THERE.

HE SAID THERE WOULD BE EXTRA BUSES ON 13 KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY (KMB) ROUTES FROM THE URBAN AREAS AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH, TOGETHER WITH PUBLIC LIGHT BUS (PLB) AND TAXI SERVICES, SHOULD MEAN LITTLE DIFFICULTY GETTING TO THE TEMPLE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC OF THE ONE-WAY CIRCUIT WHICH WOULD BE OPERATING FOR PEDESTRIANS GOING TO AND FROM THE TEMPLE.

HE SAID IT WAS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN A FLOW OF WORSHIPPERS AND ASKED THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE BY MAKING FULL USE OF IT.

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HE SAID THERE WERE ENTRIES TO THE CIRCUIT IN SHING HO ROAD, TAI WAI, WHERE THERE WOULD BE PLB AND TAXI STANDS, AND ADJACENT TO THE BUS STOP IN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR THE KMB DEPOT.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THE PUBLIC THAT LARGE CROWDS ATTRACTED PICKPOCKETS AND ADVISED THEM TO BE ALERT.

HE ALSO ASKED EVERYONE TO BE CAREFUL WITH BURNING JOSS STICKS AS THE FIRE RISK WAS HIGH DUE TO THE DRY WEATHER.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS INVITED TO JOIN YOUTH ORCHESTRAS

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OPPORTUNITIES EXIST FOR QUALIFIED YOUNG MUSICIANS TO JOIN THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, BOTH FORMED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S MUSIC OFFICE.

YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER THE AGE OF 23 WITH KNOWLEDGE OF ONE OR MORE CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA WHICH HAS PERFORMED FREQUENTLY THROUGH OUT THE TERRITORY AS WELL AS OVERSEAS.

FORMED IN JULY 1978, THE ORCHESTRA GAVE ITS INAUGURAL CONCERT IN DECEMBER THE SAME YEAR UNDER THE BATON OF TONG LEUNG-TAK, TRAINING OFFICER (CHINESE MUSIC) OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

IN ADDITION TO PERFORMING FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, MEMBERS OF THE ORCHESTRA HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO PERFORM OVERSEAS UNDER THE BANNER OF THE HONG KONG JING YING. THESE MUSICAL AMBASSADORS HAVE GIVEN CONCERTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, PARIS, CYPRUS AND ISRAEL AND HAVE GIVEN HONG KONG'S CULTURAL IMAGE A TREMENDOUS 'BOOST' OVERSEAS.

A NUMBER OF VACANCIES ALSO EXIST IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE'S HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND FOR THOSE UNDER 23 WHO HAVE ATTAINED A STANDARD OF AT LEAST GRADE FIVE OR EQUIVALENT IN THE PRACTICAL EXAMINATION OF THE ASSOCIATED BOARD OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC IN THEIR RESPECTIVE BAND INSTRUMENT/INSTRUMENTS. THESE INCLUDE FLUTE, CLARINET, OBOE, ALTO SAXOPHONE, TENOR SAXOPHONE BARITONE SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, HORN, TROMBONE, EUPHONIUM, TUBA, PERCUSSION AND KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS.

SINCE IT WAS FORMED IN MAY 1978, THE YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND HAS GIVEN MANY POPULAR CONCERTS AND PLAYS AN ACTIVE PART IN THE ANNUAL SYMPHONIC BAND FESTIVAL.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE, (9/F, HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD), EAST KOWLOON MUSIC OFFICE (100 TING FU STREET, 2/F, YAN HAU MANSION, NGAU TAU KOK, KWUN TONG), WEST KOWLOON (TEMPORARY) MUSIC CENTRE (BLOCK D, 3/F, VICTORIA BARRACKS, WAN CHAI) AND THE NEW TERRITORIES MUSIC CENTRE (167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, 2/F, CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, TSUEN WAN).

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 13, 1982 FOR THE ORCHESTRA AND FEBRUARY 19, 1982 FOR THE SYMPHONIC BAND. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION.

PLEASE TELEPHONE 5-283257 FOR ENQUIRIES.

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