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SECOND NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL OPENED

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, OPENING THE SECOND NORTH DISTRICT FESTIVAL AT FANLING TODAY (SATURDAY), SAID INCREASED ACTIVITIES CALLED FOR A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN FACILITIES.

TO THIS END, HE SAID, NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL AND COMMUNITY CENTRE WOULD BE COMPLETED NEAR THE END OF THIS YEAR, ADDING TO EXISTING VENUES FOR INDOOR PERFORMANCES IN TSUEN WAN AND YUEN LONG.

ALSO, CONSTRUCTION WORK HAD STARTED FOR PHASE I OF SAI KUNG TOWN HALL AND CULTURAL COMPLEXES WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR SHA TIN AND TUEN MUN BY 1985.

+IN THE MEANTIME, THROUGH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE KIND COOPERATION OF SCHOOLS, MANY SCHOOL HALLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE BEING USED AS VENUES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO TRAIN AND PERFORM IN DANCE, SINGING AND MUSIC,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

MANY SCHOOLS HAD FORMED CHOIRS, BANDS, DANCE GROUPS AND ORCHESTRAS AND SOME DISTRICTS ALSO HAD CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, THE STANDARD OF WHICH WAS, IN MR AKERS-JONES'S VIEW, EQUAL TO THE BEST IN THIS TERRITORY.

SO GREAT WAS THE INTEREST OF NEW TERRITORIES RESIDENTS IN CULTURE AND MUSIC THAT THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPEECH AND MUSIC ASSOCIATION HAD SET UP A SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING ITS ANNUAL SPEECH AND MUSIC FESTIVALS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE SAID.

IT WAS ENCOURAGING THAT THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FROM NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS HAD RAPIDLY INCREASED IN THE LAST TWO YEARS.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID HE WAS GRATEFUL TO THE DISTRICT ARTS ASSOCIATIONS, THE MUSIC OFFICE, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN JOINTLY ORGANISING AND RUNNING TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND PERFORMANCES.

+THERE ARE, IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ENERGY, POTENTIAL AND INTEREST IN PROMOTING CULTURE AND MUSIC IN THIS TERRITORY AND, THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENT, I AM CONFIDENT THEY WILL BE CHANNELLED TOWARDS A BRIGHT FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF DISTRICT BOARDS, FESTIVALS HAD NOW BECOME A POPULAR YEARLY FEATURE THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES. THEY INVOLVED THE JOINT EFFORT OF COMMUNITY LEADERS, ARTISTES, SPORTSMEN, SCHOOL CHILDREN AND ENTERTAINERS IN PRODUCING IDEAS AND EXECUTING THEM. FURTHERMORE, THEY HELPED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY.

THE FESTIVAL INCLUDES A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL EVENTS OVER A NINE-DAY PERIOD.

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IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE OPENING, A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING DRAGON AND LION DANCES, FOLK DANCES, AND GYMNASTIC AND MARCHING DISPLAYS WAS STAGED.

THERE WILL BE TWO FOOTBALL MATCHES BETWEEN SOUTH CHINA VETERAN AND NORTH DISTRICT TEAMS TOMORROW.

A DANCING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY AT FUNG KAI MIDDLE SCHOOL.

OTHER FESTIVAL EVENTS INCLUDE A QUIZ ON WEDNESDAY AND A WATER TELE-MATCH ON SATURDAY.

A PROMENADE CONCERT CLOSING THE FESTIVAL WILL BE STAGED BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND, NORTH DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE 1ST/2ND RIFLES REGIMENTAL BAND AND FUNG KAI MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE GROUP ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 8).

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS PROVIDED \$60 000 TOWARDS THE FESTIVAL WHICH IS COSTING A TOTAL OF \$190 000. THE BALANCE IS BEING MET THROUGH LOCAL DONATIONS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S OPENING WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAU YUM-MAN- NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER JOHNSON- AND THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR MIKE ILLINGWORTH.

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LAND FORMATION PLAN FOR MA ON SHAN

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE FORMATION OF ABOUT 60 HECTARES OF LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF MA ON SHAN.

OF THESE, 5.5 HECTARES WILL BE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, 4.7 HECTARES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME, 11.7 HECTARES FOR PRIVATE HOUSING AND 19.3 HECTARES FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION AND COMMUNITY USES.

IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE 4.8 HECTARES FOR INDUSTRIAL USES, TWO HECTARES FOR A CIVIC CENTRE AND TWO HECTARES FOR OPEN SPACE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE SAID THAT THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW SATELLITE TOWN AT MA ON SHAN.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO COVER THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEAWALLS, 600 METRES OF OPEN RIVER CHANNEL AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER DRAINS.

WORK WILL START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 42 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FANLING SQUASH COURTS OPENED
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, OPENED THE FANLING NEW TOWN SQUASH COURTS COMPLEX TODAY (SATURDAY).

ALSO OFFICIATING WERE THE DONOR OF THE PROJECT, THE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES LIMITED, MR KWOK TAK-SENG AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID COMPLETION OF THE \$1.1 MILLION COMPLEX BROUGHT TOGETHER IN NORTH DISTRICT A VARIETY OF COMPLEMENTARY SPORTING FACILITIES: A FOOTBALL PITCH, RUNNING TRACK AND SWIMMING POOL, AND NOW THE SQUASH COURTS WERE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF THE GROWING POPULATION.

+THIS OPENING COULD NOT HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME FOR IN JUST TWO MONTHS FROM NOW WE SHALL BE STARTING AN NT DISTRICTS OPEN SQUASH COMPETITION,+ HE SAID.

+THIS ADDITIONAL VENUE WILL BE INVALUABLE AND WILL ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM NORTH DISTRICT TO TAKE PART.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT, AS WITH THE SQUASH COURTS IN KWAI SHING, YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN, THESE NEW COURTS IN FANLING WILL VERY SOON BE USED TO THEIR CAPACITY AND INTRODUCE TO MANY AN EXCELLENT AND HIGHLY ACTIVE SPORT,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

THE COMPLEX IS LOCATED AT TAI PO ROAD ADJACENT TO THE FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

IT IS THE FIRST SQUASH COURTS COMPLEX TO BE AIR-CONDITIONED AND IS BUILT ACCORDING TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS SUITABLE FOR BOTH TRAINING AND COMPETITION PURPOSES.

THE REAR WALL OF ONE OF THE COURTS IS MADE OF GLASS TO ENABLE SPECTATORS TO WATCH GAMES WITHOUT VIEWING OBSTRUCTIONS. OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, SHOWERS WITH HOT AND COLD WATER AND LOCKERS FOR PLAYERS.

THE COURTS ARE MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC USE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM DAILY.

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ROAD SECTION TO BE WIDENED

A SECTION OF CHEUNG WING ROAD BETWEEN WO YI HOP ROAD AND THE GYRATORY JUNCTION AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD WILL BE WIDENED SHORTLY.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

ON COMPLETION, CHEUNG WING ROAD WILL BECOME A TWO-WAY ROAD TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC FROM TSUEN WAN TO KWAI CHUNG NORTH AND WILL THUS RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT PRESENT EXPERIENCED AT THE GYRATORY JUNCTION AND LEI MUK ROAD.

CONSTRUCTION WILL START IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MORE TRAINING COURSES FOR TRADE INSTRUCTORS

THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR A FURTHER FOUR BLOCK-RELEASE TRAINING COURSES FOR INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS.

THE COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 23 THIS YEAR AND MAY 17, 1982, AND WILL REQUIRE FULL-TIME ATTENDANCE AT THE COLLEGE FOR TWO WEEKS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR DAY TO DAY DUTIES.

CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, AND CONTENTS WILL INCLUDE METHODS OF INSTRUCTION BASED ON THE STUDY OF EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATION PSYCHOLOGY.

FEES WILL BE \$100 PER COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 14.

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