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SCHOOL ALLOCATION RESULTS TO BE ANNOUNCED

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RESULTS OF THIS YEAR'S ALLOCATION OF GOVERNMENT AND AIDED FORM FOUR PLACES UNDER THE JUNIOR SECONDARY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED ON TUESDAY (JULY 19), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE SYSTEM MAY GO BACK TO THEIR SCHOOLS ON THAT DAY FOR THE ALLOCATION RESULTS.

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20 PER CENT RISE IN ACCIDENT PAYMENT RATES

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PAYMENT RATES FOR PERSONAL INJURIES AND DEATH UNDER THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND, WHICH PROVIDES GRANTS TO PEOPLE IN NEED OF RELIEF AS A RESULT OF NATURAL DISASTERS, HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY ABOUT 20 PER CENT.

THE NEW RATES APPLY ALSO TO THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME AS THEIR SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS IS BASED ON THAT OF THE FUND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE INCREASE IN PAYMENT RATES CAME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 6.

+THE REVISION REPRESENTS AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE LEVEL OF PAYMENT BASED ON INCREASES IN WAGES AS WELL AS PRICES,+ HE SAID.

DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF GRANTS UNDER THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND ARE AVAILABLE TO COVER DEATH OR PERSONAL INJURY.

UNDER THE REVISED RATES, THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT FOR DEATH GRANTS INVOLVING THE LOSS OF SOLE WAGE-EARNERS HAS BEEN RAISED FROM \$26 700 TO \$33 150, COMPRISING \$23 400 FOR ONE SURVIVING DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBER AND \$1 950 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SURVIVING DEPENDENT FAMILY MEMBER.

FOR LOSS OF A WAGE-EARNER WHERE THERE ARE OTHER WAGE-EARNERS IN THE FAMILY, THE MAXIMUM GRANT HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$17 400 TO \$21 450.

IN THE CASE OF THE LOSS OF HUSBAND OR WIFE WHO IS NOT A WAGE-EARNER WHERE THERE ARE CHILDREN, THE MAXIMUM GRANT HAS ALSO GONE UP FROM \$17 400 TO \$21 450.

THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF DISABILITY GRANTS HAS BEEN RAISED FROM \$22 440 TO \$28 080. FOR INJURY GRANTS, THE NEW PAYMENT RATE IS \$190 UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$8 460, DEPENDING ON THE GRAVITY OF THE INJURY. PREVIOUSLY, THE MAXIMUM WAS \$7 080.

/THE EMERGENCY

THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND IS MANAGED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WHO ACTS ON THE ADVICE OF THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE, COMPRISING BOTH UNOFFICIAL AND OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, \$19.8 MILLION, \$32.8 MILLION AND \$2.6 MILLION WERE PAID OUT FROM THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND, THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE FUND, AND THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SCHEME RESPECTIVELY.

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR MAY
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN MAY 1983, ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

SMALL IMPROVEMENTS OCCURRED IN MOST INDUSTRIES EXCEPT THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY WHERE A SLIGHT DECLINE WAS RECORDED, FOLLOWING A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

TAKING ALL THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED AS A WHOLE, EMPLOYMENT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN MAY 1983 COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH.

EMPLOYMENT INCREASED IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY DUE TO A HIGHER SEASONAL DEMAND FOR SOFT DRINKS AND BEER.

INCREASES WERE ALSO NOTED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES AS SOME MANUFACTURERS, WITH SUFFICIENT ORDERS-ON-HAND, BEGAN TO RECRUIT STUDENTS AS SUMMER WORKERS.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT DECLINED SLIGHTLY WHEN A FEW COMPANIES REDUCED THE NUMBER OF THEIR EMPLOYEES UPON COMPLETION OF SOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ROSE IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS INDUSTRY BECAUSE OF MORE OVERTIME WORK AND MORE COMMISSION FOR EMPLOYEES IN SEVERAL BEVERAGES FACTORIES. HOWEVER, THEY DROPPED IN THE TEXTILES AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BECAUSE OF PAYMENTS FOR MORE OVERTIME WORK IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

IN THE SERVICES SECTOR, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS DECLINED GENERALLY AS BONUSSES WERE ISSUED BY A FEW COMPANIES IN THE PRECEDING MONTH.

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED PER WEEK BY OPERATIVES DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, BUT INCREASED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AS A FEW FACTORIES REVERTED TO A SIX-DAY WORKING WEEK IN MAY.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

WHEN RELEASING THE SURVEY RESULTS, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AND THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR MAY 1983 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.5 A COPY.

ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7212832).

A EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICE	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR MAY 1983 (HK\$)
	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			PRECEDING MONTH)			
	MAR. 1983	APR. 1983	MAY 1983	MAR. 1983	APR. 1983	MAY 1983	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	1	*	1	-19	7	-5	2 328
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	1	2	-9	8	5	3 301
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	1	*	-1	-5	*	1	2 031
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-1	*	1	-10	6	-4	2 302
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-1	-1	5	-29	2	-1	1 981
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	*	1	3	-25	-1	*	1 921
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	2	1	2	-26	21	-17	2 172
OTHERS	*	-1	1	-27	2	1	3 169

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<u>CONSTRUCTION</u>	- 1	- 3	- 2	3	5	*	<u>3 781</u>
<u>SERVICES</u>	*	*	*	- 3	5	- 3	<u>4 167</u>
BANKS	*	*	*	*	3	1	3 891
HOTELS	1	*	- 1	-18	17	-14	2 723
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	2	6	- 5	3 986
OTHERS	*	1	*	- 9	3	- 2	6 105

B ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			<u>ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR MAY 1983</u>
	<u>MAR. 1983</u>	<u>APR. 1983</u>	<u>MAY 1983</u>	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	3	1	4.95
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	4	1	2	2.49
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	9	16	1	3.84
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	3	10	- 1	2.74
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	3	4	2	4.98
OTHERS	*	2	1	3.64
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	2	4	1	4.21

* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5%

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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POLLUTION-FREE DEVICE FOR CREMATORIUM IN SHA TIN
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FOUR COMPUTERISED CREMATORS, COSTING \$4.3 MILLION, WILL BE INSTALLED AT A PUBLIC CREMATORIUM IN SHA TIN WHICH WILL BE READY FOR USE BY AUTUMN NEXT YEAR.

THE BRITISH-MADE, GAS-OPERATED CREMATORS ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR SMOKE CONTROL AREAS, AND CREMATION PROCEDURES WILL BE REGULATED BY COMPUTERS TO ENSURE SMOKELESS, ODOURLESS AND NOISE-FREE OPERATION.

EACH CREMATOR, WHEN IN FULL OPERATION, CAN HANDLE FOUR CREMATIONS DAILY.

A SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT HONG KONG WOULD BE THE FIRST IN THE FAR EAST TO USE COMPUTERISED CREMATORS.

HE SAID CREMATION HAD BECOME VERY POPULAR AND IT WAS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO HAVE A CREMATORIUM IN EACH NEW TOWN.

ASIDE FROM THE FOUR COMPUTERISED CREMATORS, THE CREMATORIUM IN LOWER SHING MUN, ESTIMATED TO COST \$25.6 MILLION, WILL ALSO HAVE TWO CEREMONIAL HALLS, A GARDEN AND A COLUMBARIUM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LOCATION OF THE CREMATORIUM HAD BEEN DECIDED FOLLOWING CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE LOCAL POPULATION, PARTICULARLY MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE THEN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

+EXTENSIVE AMENITY WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO MAKE THE CREMATORIUM FALL IN LINE WITH THE NATURAL GREEN BELT SKIRTING THE ENTIRE SHA TIN NEW TOWN,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE CREMATORIUM, LOCATED AT LOWER SHING MUN ROAD AND SURROUNDED BY HILL SLOPES AND EMBANKMENT, WOULD HAVE MINIMUM VISUAL IMPACT ON RESIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT IN THE NEW TOWN.

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LEARNING IS CONTINUING PROCESS FOR POLICE

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THERE ARE ALWAYS NEW TECHNIQUES, NEW TACTICS, NEW METHODS AND NEW LAWS OF WHICH POLICE OFFICERS MUST BE AWARE AND MUST LEARN, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR. ROY HENRY, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ADDRESSING 223 RECRUITS AT A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL, MR. HENRY STRESSED THERE WAS A VAST AMOUNT OF LEARNING AHEAD OF EACH FULLY FLEDGED POLICE OFFICER AND NO ONE COULD TRULY SAY THAT THERE WAS NOTHING MORE FOR HIM TO LEARN.

HE TOLD THEM THAT VERY SHORTLY, THEY WOULD BE EXERCISING THE FULL DUTIES OF A POLICE OFFICER WHICH COULD BE HEAVY, AND IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THEY TOOK THE RIGHT ACTION.

NOTING THAT IT WAS ONLY HUMAN TO AVOID PROFESSING IGNORANCE BY EMBARKING BLINDLY ON A TASK WHICH WAS NEW TO THEM, MR. HENRY URGED THE GRADUATES NOT TO BE AFRAID OF SEEKING GUIDANCE WHEN NECESSARY.

"MY ADVICE TO YOU IS TO ASK OPENLY AND FRANKLY FOR GUIDANCE AND EXPLANATION FROM YOUR SENIORS OR YOUR MORE EXPERIENCED COLLEAGUES WHEN YOU ARE NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT IS EXPECTED OF YOU.

"NO ONE WILL CRITICISE OR DESPISE YOU FOR THAT- ON THE CONTRARY SUCH ACTION WILL BE REGARDED AS SENSIBLE AND WISE," HE ASSURED THEM.

TURNING TO THE FIELD OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS ON WHICH POLICE HAVE ALWAYS LAID EMPHASIS, MR. HENRY SAID THE FORCE COULD NOT POSSIBLY OPERATE EFFECTIVELY UNLESS IT HAD THE GOODWILL AND THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY IT SERVED.

ACCORDING TO MR. HENRY, THE SERVICE POLICE RENDERED WAS AIMED AT ENSURING THAT PEOPLE LIVE, WORK AND RELAX WITHOUT THE FEAR OF THEIR LIBERTY BEING AFFECTED BY THE CRIMINAL. IT WAS ALSO AIMED AT AIDING THOSE WHO NEEDED OR ASKED FOR HELP.

"IN THIS TASK, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GET TO KNOW OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND THAT THEY KNOW AND UNDERSTAND US," HE SAID.

WHILE DISTRICT POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS AND THEIR STAFF DO MUCH TO FURTHER THIS AIM, EACH AND EVERY POLICEMAN SHOULD CONTRIBUTE IN THIS EFFORT, HE WENT ON.

"WE ARE ALL COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS, NO MATTER WHETHER WE ARE WALKING A BEAT OR SITTING IN AN OFFICE".

WARNING THE RECRUITS AGAINST RUDENESS AND LACK OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE PUBLIC, MR. HENRY SAID AN ACT OF ASSISTANCE, COMPASSION OR EFFICIENCY WOULD DO MUCH TO ENHANCE NOT ONLY THE INDIVIDUAL POLICE OFFICER'S REPUTATION BUT THAT OF THE FORCE.

HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE NEVERTHELESS THAT THEY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF THE POLICE'S IMPROVEMENT PLANS.

LASTLY, HE PRAISED THEIR SMART AND WELL CONDUCTED PARADE, AND WISHED THEM GOOD LUCK AND GREAT SATISFACTION IN THEIR CHOSEN CAREER.

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YUEN LONG SITE FOR SALE

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A PIECE OF CROWN LAND IN YUEN LONG FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, OF ABOUT 1 990 SQUARE METRES, IS SITUATED IN SHUI CHE KWAN STREET, AND IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING, WITH THE GROUND FLOOR TO BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING RESIDENTIAL, GODOWN AND CAR-PARKING) PURPOSES AND THE UPPER FLOORS AS A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON AUGUST 12, 1983.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND THE BUILDING PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF AIRPORT TUNNEL

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THE EAST KOWLOON WAY AND AIRPORT TUNNEL WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (JULY 18, 19) FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM TO FACILITATE THE TESTING OF THE COMPUTERISED TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, EASTBOUND VEHICLES FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND HUNG HOM HEADING FOR NGAU TAU KOK, KWUN TONG AND KOWLOON BAY ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS, NAMELY CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, MA TAU WAI ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC HEADING FOR HUNG HOM FROM KWUN TONG SHOULD PROCEED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST.

LOCAL ACCESS IN THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AREA WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

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GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE 1983-84 SCHOOL YEAR ARE BEING OFFERED TO STUDENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE APPROVED POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AWARDED BY THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND COMMITTEE, AND ARE INTENDED FOR STUDENTS PURSUING THE FOLLOWING FULL-TIME COURSES OF STUDY:

- * ANGLO-CHINESE SECONDARY COURSE AT THE FORM FOUR AND FORM FIVE LEVEL;
- * CHINESE MIDDLE SECONDARY COURSE AT THE MIDDLE FOUR AND FIVE LEVEL;
- * ONE-YEAR OR TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE;
- * TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL COURSE AT A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE;
- * DIPLOMA COURSE AT THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, HONG KONG SHUE YAN COLLEGE AND HONG KONG LINGNAN COLLEGE.

APPLICANTS MUST REACH A MINIMUM REQUISITE ACADEMIC STANDARD FOR PROMOTION TO THE NEXT HIGHER STAGE WITHIN THE SAME COURSE OF STUDY OR FOR ADMISSION TO A HIGHER COURSE OF STUDY.

BUT THE OVERRIDING CRITERION FOR AWARDS WILL BE THE FINANCIAL NEED OF APPLICANTS.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE TENABLE FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR.

HOWEVER, HOLDERS MAY RE-APPLY FOR THEIR COURSE OF STUDY SUBJECT TO CONTINUING FINANCIAL NEED AND SATISFACTORY PROGRESS AND CONDUCT.

THEY MAY ALSO RECEIVE OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THAT THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RECEIVED IS NOT EXCESSIVE.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS MAY NOW BE OBTAINED ON PRESENTATION OF HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS AND STUDENT IDENTITY CARDS FROM THE TRUST FUNDS SECTION, HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, YARDLEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 6TH FLOOR, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, HONG KONG.

THE COMPLETED FORM, TOGETHER WITH A SWORN STATUTORY DECLARATION OF FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES SIGNED BY THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN, MUST BE RETURNED THROUGH THE HEAD OF THE APPLICANT'S SCHOOL TO THE SAME OFFICE BY AUGUST 31.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FUND COMMITTEE ON TEL. NO. 5-422569.

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NEW OFFICES FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL SECRETARIAT AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WILL BE HOUSED UNDER ONE ROOF IN NEW OFFICES FROM MONDAY (JULY 18).

THE NEW OFFICES ARE ON THE 10TH, 14TH AND 15TH FLOORS OF HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE OFFICE HOURS WILL BE FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS.

THE MAIN EXCHANGE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-8932341.

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HORTICULTURE COURSE FOR SHA TIN RESIDENTS

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A THREE-MONTH HORTICULTURE COURSE WILL BE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR SHA TIN RESIDENTS.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT AN OPEN SPACE NEXT TO THE SHA TIN PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS ON TEN CONSECUTIVE SATURDAY MORNINGS, STARTING ON JULY 30.

EMPHASIS FOR THIS YEAR'S COURSE WOULD BE ON PRACTICAL RATHER THAN THEORETICAL ASPECTS OF HORTICULTURE, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COURSE, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED BY HORTICULTURE EXPERTS OF THE NTSD, IS OPEN TO SHA TIN RESIDENTS WHO ARE 16 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE, ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL IN LEK YUEN ESTATE.

THE SUBJECTS WILL INCLUDE SEED SOWING, FERTILISING, CUTTING, GRAFTING, LAYERING, PRUNING, WEEDING AND THE DETECTION OF PLANT DISEASES AND THEIR TREATMENT.

THE COURSE WILL ALSO INCLUDE FIELD VISITS TO TWO NTSD NURSERIES IN SHA TIN.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT AT PEAK ROAD

A SHORT SECTION OF PEAK ROAD OPPOSITE HOUSE NO. 71 WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ONE LANE FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC BETWEEN 9.30 AM AND 4.30 PM DAILY FROM JULY 18 TO AUGUST 3, EXCEPT SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE SLOPE STABILIZATION WORK THERE.

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTION ZONE

FROM MONDAY (JULY 18) AT 10 AM, THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF YUEN LONG HONG LOK ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF THAT JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 9 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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