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POST OFFICE GOES METRIC
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THE HONG KONG POSTAL SERVICE WILL GO METRIC ON AUGUST 5 WHEN POSTAGE RATES WILL BE BASED ON GRAMS AND KILOGRAMS AND LETTER AND PARCEL SIZES WILL BE EXPRESSED IN METRES AND MILLIMETRES.

COMMENTING ON THE CHANGEOVER, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR A.C. HEATHCOTE SAID THERE WOULD BE NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LETTER OR PARCEL POSTAGE RATES AND GENERALLY SPEAKING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD BE ABLE TO POST SLIGHTLY HEAVIER ITEMS FOR THE SAME AMOUNT OF POSTAGE.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE PRESENT RATE FOR A LOCAL LETTER WEIGHING ONE OUNCE OR 28.3 GRAMS IS 20 CENTS= THE METRIC RATE WILL BE 20 CENTS FOR 30 GRAMS. BECAUSE OF THIS, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD EXPERIENCE ANY PROBLEM, HE SAID.

MR HEATHCOTE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR THEM TO CARRY OUT CONVERSIONS FROM OUNCES TO GRAMS IMMEDIATELY. +ANYONE WHO IS IN DOUBT CAN ENQUIRE AT A POST OFFICE OR SIMPLY PAY THE SAME POSTAGE AS AT PRESENT.+ HE SAID. +A LIMITED GRACE PERIOD WILL BE GIVEN ON SURCHARGES TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO GET USED TO THE NEW RATES.+

LEAFLETS PUBLICISING THE NEW METRIC BASED POSTAGE RATES ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL POST OFFICES. IN THE MEANTIME BUSINESS FIRMS AND MAJOR USERS OF THE POSTAL SERVICE SHOULD TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR WEIGHING SCALES ARE CALIBRATED IN METRIC UNITS.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE NEW RATES MAY BE MADE AT ANY POST OFFICE OR BY RINGING THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU AT 5-2671222.

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SHORTER DAY FOR YOUNG WORKERS
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WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), THE HOURS DURING WHICH YOUNG INDUSTRIAL WORKERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 17 MAY BE EMPLOYED WILL BE ADJUSTED TO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE ADJUSTMENT WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS 1980 WHICH WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE TOMORROW.

UNDER THE EXISTING FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS, WORKERS AGED 14 AND 15 CAN BE EMPLOYED FOR EIGHT HOURS PER DAY BETWEEN 6 AM AND 7 PM AND THOSE AGED 16 AND 17 BETWEEN 6 AM AND 8 PM.

+THESE EMPLOYMENT PERIODS ARE BEING ADJUSTED TO BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDARDS SET BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID SEVERAL FORMS PRESCRIBED UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE LAST FRIDAY TO REPLACE THOSE PRESCRIBED UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS.

AS FROM TOMORROW, EMPLOYERS IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR SHOULD USE THE NEW FORMS INSTEAD OF THE OLD ONES.

SOME OF THE NEW FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THEY INCLUDE FORMS FOR EMPLOYERS TO SPECIFY THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT OF THEIR WOMEN AND YOUNG WORKERS AND TO INFORM THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR THEIR INTENTION TO EMPLOY WOMEN WORKERS IN OVERTIME, AND CHANGE OF REST DAY FOR THEIR WORKERS.

OTHER FORMS CAN BE BOUGHT FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, INCLUDING NOTICES TO INFORM WORKERS OF OVERTIME WORK ON A CERTAIN DAY AND REGISTERS FOR EMPLOYERS TO RECORD THE PARTICULARS OF THEIR WORKERS.

ALSO COMING INTO EFFECT TOMORROW WOULD BE THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980, WHICH REQUIRES ALL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES DEALING SOLELY WITH DOMESTIC SERVANTS TO BE LICENSED.

+AS FROM TOMORROW ANYONE OPERATING SUCH AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WILL REQUIRE A LICENCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

+THOSE OPERATING WITHOUT A LICENCE WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE AND LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$5 000,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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BALLET IN YUEN LONG * * * *

THE FIRST BALLET SCHOOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN YUEN LONG WITH LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD ASSISTANCE.

MANAGED BY YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE, THE SCHOOL IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN NINE AND 14 AT A MONTHLY TUITION FEE OF \$40.

A MEMBER OF THE ARTS COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG CHUNG-YAN, SAID THIS WAS A NEW VENTURE TO PROVIDE A RICHER CULTURAL LIFE IN THE NEW TOWN. +WHILE INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESS ARE THRIVING HERE, WE HOPE TO PROMOTE ARTS AND CULTURE TO MAKE LIFE MORE BALANCED AND ENJOYABLE.+

MR CHEUNG SAID FEES HAD BEEN KEPT LOW WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE DAB SO THAT CHILDREN FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE COULD HAVE A CHANCE TO LEARN THE ART IF THEY WANTED TO.

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HE SAID THE BALLET SCHOOL HAD BEEN WELL-RECEIVED. A TOTAL OF 49 STUDENTS JOINED WHEN IT OPENED IN APRIL LAST YEAR, AND THE NUMBER HAD GROWN TO 60 THIS TERM.

IN APRIL THIS YEAR, 28 STUDENTS ENTERED AN EXAMINATION CONDUCTED BY THE IMPERIAL SOCIETY FOR TEACHERS OF DANCING, OF WHOM 21 PASSED AND TWO RECEIVED HONOURS.

+THIS IS A VERY GOOD RESULT CONSIDERING THAT THE CHILDREN HAVE ONLY BEEN LEARNING BALLET FOR ONE YEAR,+ SAID THE SCHOOL'S DIRECTOR, MR MICHAEL ANTHONY.

MR ANTHONY, WHO HOLDS A TEACHER'S DIPLOMA IN BALLET AND HAS BEEN A PROFESSIONAL DANCER FOR 20 YEARS, ALSO TEACHES AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET. HE SAID: +HONG KONG CHILDREN ARE BORN DANCERS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE JOINING THE CLASSES.+

HE SAID NOT EVERY STUDENT OF THE SCHOOL WOULD BECOME A PROFESSIONAL DANCER, BUT BALLET GAVE THEM PHYSICAL GROWTH, DISCIPLINE AND ART APPRECIATION.

STUDENTS ATTEND ONE-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS WEEKLY AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL.

THE SYLLABUS FOLLOWS THE CECCHETTI BRANCH OF THE IMPERIAL SOCIETY AND LASTS THREE YEARS. BESIDES INTERNAL EXAMINATIONS, STUDENTS ALSO ENTER EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS SO THAT THEIR ATTAINMENTS CAN BE PROPERLY ASSESSED AND RECOGNISED.

THE ARTS COMMITTEE IS PLANNING TO SET UP A SCHOLARSHIP TO SEND TALENTED CHILDREN OVERSEAS FOR FURTHER TRAINING.

YUEN LONG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDED THE SCHOOL WITH \$60 000 IN 1979/80. THIS YEAR \$54 000 HAS BEEN APPROVED TO MEET THE EXPENSES OF TRAINING AND STAGING PERFORMANCES.

IT IS HOPED THAT STUDENTS WILL GIVE THEIR FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

RECRUITMENT FOR THE COMING TERM WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST. APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE SENT TO SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT AND WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND TOWN HALL.

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CHORAL WORKSHOP BY SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS

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SIR DAVID WILLCOCKS, DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC, WILL CONDUCT A CHORAL WORKSHOP IN HONG KONG IN THE MORNING OF JULY 26 IN THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

HE WILL BE IN HONG KONG ON HIS WAY TO SYDNEY WHERE HE WILL CONDUCT TWO PERFORMANCES OF BACH'S MASS IN B MINOR WITH THE SYDNEY PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

SIR DAVID BEGAN HIS MUSICAL TRAINING AS A CHORISTER AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY, LONDON, AFTER WINNING SCHOLARSHIPS AT CLIFTON COLLEGE, BRISTOL AND KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE.

AFTER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD OF WAR SERVICE HE WAS ELECTED A FELLOW OF KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, AND CONDUCTOR OF THE CAMBRIDGE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY. SUBSEQUENTLY HE BECAME ORGANIST OF SALISBURY CATHEDRAL AND LATER OF WORCESTER CATHEDRAL, CONDUCTING AT THE THREE CHOIRS FESTIVAL FROM 1950 TO 1957.

FROM 1957 TO 1974 HE WAS ORGANIST OF KING'S COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE, UNIVERSITY LECTURER IN MUSIC AND CONDUCTOR OF THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MUSICAL SOCIETY. SINCE 1960 HE HAS BEEN MUSICAL DIRECTOR OF THE BACH CHOIR AND SINCE 1974 DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON.

UNDER HIS DIRECTION, THE BACH CHOIR AND KING'S COLLEGE CHOIR HAVE MADE MANY RECORDINGS WITH LEADING ORCHESTRAS OF GREAT CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL WORKS.

AFTER CONDUCTING THE BACH MASS IN SYDNEY, SIR DAVID WILL MAKE AN EXTENSIVE TOUR OF NEW ZEALAND FOR PERFORMANCES OF THE BERLIOZ REQUIEM, HANDEL'S CORONATION ANTHEMS, WALTON'S BELSHAZZAR'S FEAST, TIPPETT'S A CHILD OF OUR TIME AND HAYDN'S CREATION.

HIS WORKSHOP IN HONG KONG IS SPONSORED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE. PERFORMING AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE SAI KUNG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE BOYS' CHOIR OF WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON, THE GOOD HOPE SCHOOL GIRLS' CHOIR, THE MIXED VOICE CHOIR OF ST PAUL'S CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE, THE TEACHERS' CHOIR, THE GRADUATE CHORAL SOCIETY AND THE LEARNERS CHORUS.

ALL CHOIR CONDUCTORS AND MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKSHOP WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

FREE TICKETS ARE DISTRIBUTED AT THE HEAD OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES: HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 9TH FLOOR, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, HONG KONG (HEAD OFFICE)- 100 TING FU STREET, 3RD FLOOR, YAN HAU MANSION, NGAU TAU KOK, KWUN TONG- 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, 3RD FLOOR, TUNG PING BUILDING, KOWLOON- AND CHEUNG YIU BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, 167-173 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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65 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN MAY

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 65 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN MAY, COMPARED WITH 69 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THESE, 25 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FOUR FOR KOWLOON, AND 36 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AT PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG, A TEMPLE IN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, A SEWAGE PUMPING STATION AT DISCOVERY BAY, LANTAU, A JETTY AT SOK KWU WAN, LAMMA ISLAND AND THREE ELECTRICAL SUBSTATIONS IN TAI PO NEW TOWN.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED WAS \$183 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$347 MILLION IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THEIR TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA AMOUNTED TO 107 099.8 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 66 630.8 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 40 469 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 43 PROJECTS, INCLUDING A HOSPITAL BUILDING IN WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, A CHURCH AND SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE IN OI KWAN ROAD AND TWO HOTELS IN NATHAN ROAD AND IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

A TOTAL OF 48 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION, INCLUDING A SCHOOL IN STUBBS ROAD, A PETROL FILLING STATION IN KWUN TONG ROAD, A TEMPLE IN WONG TAI SIN AND AN ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 137 BUILDINGS.

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FURTHER LINK IN FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM

A NEW SECTION OF THE CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL FOOTBRIDGE SYSTEM WILL OPEN FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 2).

IT CAN BE REACHED FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL NEAR GILMAN STREET. THE ESCALATORS THERE WILL SERVE FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM DAILY.

MEANWHILE THE EXISTING GROUND LEVEL CROSSING IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL NEAR GILMAN STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM SUNDAY (JULY 6).

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WORKS OF ART AND DESIGN ON DISPLAY
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THIRD YEAR STUDENTS OF THE ART AND DESIGN COURSE AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL HOLD A GRADUATION EXHIBITION OF THEIR WORKS BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY (JULY 2 AND 5).

THE DISPLAY WILL MAINLY BE OF THEIR STUDIO WORKS, INCLUDING PAINTINGS, SCULPTURES, CERAMICS, PRINTS AND DESIGNS.

THE STUDENTS ARE EITHER SERVING ART TEACHERS, MAINLY FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS, OR GRADUATES FROM THE TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION WHO HAD ART AS AN ELECTIVE SUBJECT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL OF GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, 42 GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON, AND THE DAILY OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 4.30 PM.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY OFFICIATED BY MR A.J. REEVE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER).

ALL ARE WELCOME AT THE EXHIBITION.

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UNIFORM LOOK AT CARPARKS
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ALL TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT STAFF IN GOVERNMENT CARPARKS AND DRIVING TEST CENTRES WILL BE IN UNIFORM FROM WEDNESDAY (JULY 2).

LABOURERS AND CLERICAL STAFF ON DUTY IN CARPARKS WILL WEAR PLASTIC IDENTITY BADGES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOVE WAS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DRIVE TO IMPROVE THE GENERAL IMAGE OF CARPARKS AND THE PERSONAL APPEARANCE OF THE STAFF.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF PEDDER STREET
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PEDDER STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (JULY 2 AND 3) NIGHT FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORK ON A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS THE STREET.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE CHATER ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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