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SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE BY LOCAL CO-OPERATIVES

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SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BY LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN VARIOUS AREAS DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 72ND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE DAY, DR LEE SAID THE MOVEMENT CONTINUED TO BRING BENEFITS TO PEOPLE WHO UPHELD THE PRINCIPLES, IDEALS AND PRACTICES OF CO-OPERATION.

REVIEWING THE PROGRESS OF THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT, DR LEE SAID THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR WAS 342.

OF THIS, HE SAID, 65 WERE FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVES, 67 WERE FISHERMEN'S AND THE REMAINING 210 WERE MAINLY URBAN-BASED SOCIETIES. THESE SOCIETIES HAVE A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 21,357.

ON FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, DR LEE SAID DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, A TOTAL OF 27 VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES HANDLED 110,000 TONNES OR \$425 MILLION WORTH OF FRESH VEGETABLES, REPRESENTING 47 PER CENT OF THE THROUGHPUT OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION (VMO).

DR LEE SAID: "THESE SOCIETIES ALSO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN PROMOTING LOCAL VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, AND UNDERTAKE A NUMBER OF AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS COVERING SOME 50 HECTARES OF CULTIVATED LAND.

"THEIR FEDERATION HAS PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ESTABLISHING LINKS FOR TECHNICAL INTERFLOW WITH THE CHINESE COUNTERPARTS.

"WITH VMO'S SPONSORSHIP, THE FEDERATION RECENTLY ORGANISED A STUDY TOUR FOR 19 LOCAL VEGETABLE FARMERS TO HOLLAND, SPAIN AND BRITAIN TO UPDATE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN ADVANCED METHODS OF VEGETABLE PRODUCTION AND MARKETING."

REGARDING AGRICULTURAL CREDIT, DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT SOME 22 PER CENT OF \$8.6 MILLION LENT TO FARMERS FROM THE VARIOUS LOAN FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY HIS DEPARTMENT WAS CHANNELLED THROUGH THE FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN 1993/94.

TURNING TO FISHERMEN'S SOCIETIES, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, AS REGISTRAR OF LOCAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES, SAID 64,000 TONNES OR \$573 MILLION WORTH OF FISH WERE LANDED AT THE MARKETS OPERATED BY THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (FMO).

LOANS TALLING \$25 MILLION WERE GRANTED TO MEMBERS DURING THE YEAR, MAINLY FOR THE BUILDING OF NEW FISHING VESSELS AND THE PURCHASE OF FISHING EQUIPMENT, HE SAID, ADDING THAT SAVINGS OF MEMBERS CONTINUED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE BUILD-UP OF THE CAPITAL OF THEIR REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS NOW STANDING AT \$6.7 MILLION.

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IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, SEVEN MEMBERS OF FISHERMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES PARTICIPATED IN A NINE-DAY STUDY TOUR TO MEXICO, ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

ON URBAN-BASED SOCIETIES, DR LEE SAID EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE TO HELP INDIVIDUAL CIVIL SERVANTS' CO-OPERATIVE BUILDING SOCIETY TO ACHIEVE THE TRANSFER OF TITLES TO FLATS AND LAND FROM THE SOCIETY TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

TURNING TO CONSUMER SOCIETIES, HE SAID LAST YEAR SAW A GROSS TRADING SURPLUS OF OVER \$2.4 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF FOUR PER CENT OVER 1992/93. THESE SOCIETIES HAVE A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 3,080.

DR LEE ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO PEOPLE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE TERRITORY'S CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT IN THE PAST YEARS.

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MAXIMUM FINE FOR ENGAGING WOMEN TO WORK
OUTSIDE THE NORMAL PERMITTED PERIOD

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYERS TO COMPLY WITH LABOUR LEGISLATION AND REFRAIN FROM ENGAGING WOMEN TO WORK OUTSIDE THE NORMAL PERMITTED PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT OR THEY WILL FACE HEAVY PENALTIES.

NICE VIEW DYEING AND BLEACHING LIMITED IN TSING YI WAS RECENTLY GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 BY A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE FOR ENGAGING WOMEN TO WORK OUTSIDE THE NORMAL PERMITTED PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.

THE CASE CAME TO LIGHT WHEN LABOUR INSPECTORS CONDUCTED A ROUTINE INSPECTION TO THE FACTORY AND FOUND THREE WOMEN WORKING AFTER 11 PM.

"THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE PROVIDES THAT THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT IN THE CASE OF A WOMAN IN ANY INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING SHALL NEITHER BEGIN EARLIER THAN 6 AM NOR END LATER THAN 11 PM," LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS) MISS RITA MA SAID.

"IT ALSO REQUIRES THE EMPLOYER TO DISPLAY IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE FACTORY A PRESCRIBED NOTICE SETTING OUT THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT, INTERVALS FOR MEALS OR REST, AND REST DAY FOR WOMAN WORKERS.

"EMPLOYERS SHOULD STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF WORK SET OUT IN THE PRESCRIBED NOTICE BECAUSE IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE LAW FOR AN EMPLOYER TO CHANGE THE PRESCRIBED WORKING HOURS OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY OR TO ENGAGE THEM IN OVERTIME WORK, WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BEFOREHAND," SHE ADDED.

MISS MA ALSO POINTED OUT THAT YOUNG PERSONS SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED TO WORK OVERTIME IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO BREACHES THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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NORMAL RAINFALL IN JUNE

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JUNE WAS THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE MONTH THIS YEAR WITH BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL, A MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID.

THE TOTAL MONTHLY RAINFALL OF 290.2 MILLIMETRES WAS 77 PER CENT OF THE JUNE NORMAL OF 376.0 MILLIMETRES.

RAINFALL IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO 556.9 MILLIMETRES, 44 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OF 992.5 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A WARM AND MOIST SOUTHWEST MONSOON AND ACTIVE LOW PRESSURE TROUGHS, THE MONTH WAS CLOUDIER BUT WARMER THAN NORMAL.

THE TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE AMOUNTED TO 107.8 HOURS WHICH WAS THE SEVENTH LOWEST FOR JUNE.

THE MEAN MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 26.5 DEGREES WAS THE SIXTH HIGHEST FOR THE MONTH.

TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS WERE HOISTED FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE APPROACH OF SEVERE TROPICAL STORM RUSS.

THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE WAS CLOUDY WITH SOME SHOWERS AT NIGHT BUT THE WEATHER IMPROVED ON JUNE 2 AND THERE WERE PERIODS OF SUNSHINE.

A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE OVER THE COAST OF GUANGDONG BROUGHT STRONG WINDS TO OFFSHORE AREAS OF THE TERRITORY EARLY ON JUNE 3 AND THE WEATHER REMAINED WINDY WITH RAIN IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA DEVELOPED INTO A TROPICAL DEPRESSION NAMED RUSS ON JUNE 4.

AS RUSS WAS STILL SOME DISTANCE AWAY, LOCAL WEATHER WAS MAINLY FINE ON JUNE 5 AND 6.

WHEN RUSS INTENSIFIED INTO A SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AND MOVED CLOSER TO HONG KONG, WINDS STRENGTHENED FROM THE EAST AND BECAME STRONG ON JUNE 6.

THE WEATHER STARTED TO DETERIORATE ON JUNE 7 WHEN THE OUTER RAIN BANDS OF RUSS AFFECTED THE TERRITORY.

ALTHOUGH THE WINDS SUBSIDED AND VEERED TO THE SOUTHEAST ON JUNE 8, INTENSE RAIN SQUALLS ASSOCIATED WITH RUSS CONTINUED TO AFFECT HONG KONG.

TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO THE MONTH'S MINIMUM OF 24.3 DEGREES THAT EVENING DURING A HEAVY DOWNPOUR.

RUSS LANDED OVER WESTERN GUANGDONG AND RAIN BEGAN TO EASE OFF ON JUNE 9.

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HOWEVER, THE APPROACH OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE OVER GUANGDONG AGAIN BROUGHT WIDESPREAD RAIN ON JUNE 10.

DAILY RAINFALL OF MORE THAN 70 MILLIMETRES WERE RECORDED IN SAI KUNG.

WITH PREVAILING SOUTHWESTERLY WINDS ESTABLISHED OVER THE TERRITORY, THE MEAN TEMPERATURES ROSE STEADILY FROM JUNE 11 TO 17.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE WEATHER WAS GENERALLY CLOUDY WITH PASSING SHOWERS.

THUNDERY SHOWERS AFFECTED THE TERRITORY IN THE MORNING OF JUNE 18 AS ANOTHER TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE MOVED ACROSS THE SOUTH CHINA COAST.

A TOTAL OF 120 MILLIMETRES OF RAIN FELL IN TSUEN WAN ON THAT DAY.

WITH THE TROUGH LINGERING NEAR THE COASTAL REGION, HEAVY RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS AFFECTED HONG KONG AGAIN DURING THE NIGHT OF JUNE 19 AND THE EARLY MORNING OF JUNE 20.

THE LANDSLIP WARNING WAS ISSUED AT 0:05 AM ON JUNE 20. THE HEAVIEST RAIN OCCURRED IN EAST KOWLOON WHERE A TOTAL OF OVER 150 MILLIMETRES OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED ON JUNE 19. TWENTY NINE FLOODING AND TWO LANDSLIP REPORTS WERE RECEIVED.

SHOWERS CONTINUED ON JUNE 21 BUT THE WEATHER TURNED FINE IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS.

ANOTHER TROPICAL CYCLONE CALLED SHARON DEVELOPED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON JUNE 23.

ON ITS APPROACH TO WESTERN GUANGDONG, WINDS BEGAN TO FRESHEN AND THERE WERE SHOWERS ON JUNE 24.

THE SHOWERS BECAME HEAVY ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 25 BUT EASED OFF THAT AFTERNOON WHEN SHARON MOVED AWAY FROM HONG KONG.

WITH THE EXTENSION OF THE SUBTROPICAL RIDGE FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA, A FINE SPELL DOMINATED THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 26 TO THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE WEATHER STAYED HOT THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD AND THE MONTH'S HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF 33.2 DEGREES WAS REACHED ON A SUNNY JUNE 28.

SEVERE TROPICAL STORM RUSS AND TROPICAL STORM SHARON WERE THE ONLY TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND SOUTH CHINA SEA IN JUNE.

DURING THE MONTH, EIGHT AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER.

DETAILS OF THE ISSUANCE/HOISTING AND CANCELLATION/LOWERING OF VARIOUS WARNINGS/SIGNALS IN THE MONTH ARE SUMMARISED IN TABLE 1.1. MONTHLY METEOROLOGICAL FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL FOR JUNE ARE TABULATED IN TABLE 1.2.

/TABLE 1.1

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MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE	30.0 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.3 DEGREE BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	28.0 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.2 DEGREE ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM TEMPERATURE	26.5 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.6 DEGREE ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	24.5 DEGREES CELSIUS; 0.1 DEGREE ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	87.7 MM; 56.2 MM BELOW NORMAL

REMARKS: ALL MEASUREMENTS WERE MADE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY EXCEPT SUNSHINE, SOLAR RADIATION AND EVAPORATION WHICH WERE RECORDED AT KING'S PARK.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,540	0930	-440
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	985	1000	-440
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	-440
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	-440	1130	-440
LAF TODAY	-115	1500	
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER	TWI 122.4	*+0.0*	16.7.94

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CNTA'S PHONE CENTRE HANDLES OVER 68,000 CALLS

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THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE (CTEC) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HANDLED A TOTAL OF 68,871 ENQUIRIES FROM JANUARY TO JUNE THIS YEAR, AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT OVER THAT RECORDED IN THE SAME PERIOD IN 1993.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID MOST OF THE QUESTIONS CONCERNED TYPHOON SITUATIONS; APPLICATION FOR BIRTH, DEATH AND MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES; AND THE LOCATIONS AND OPENING HOURS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME; STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICE; GOVERNMENT JOB VACANCIES; APPLICATION FOR BRITISH PASSPORTS AND PUBLIC HOUSING WERE ALSO HIGH ON THE ENQUIRY LIST.

THE TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE WAS SET UP IN APRIL, 1991 TO BACK UP THE SERVICES RENDERED BY THE 20 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESCS) IN VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THE HOTLINE - 835 2500 - OPERATES FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAY.

MEANWHILE, ABOUT 13,788 PEOPLE APPROACHED THE PESCS TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

AND A TOTAL OF 1,744 REFERRALS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY MADE TO THE HONG KONG LAW SOCIETY.

THE MAJORITY OF THESE CASES INVOLVED MATRIMONIAL, MONETARY, COMMERCIAL AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS.

THE FIGURES WERE 13,278 AND 1,427 RESPECTIVELY IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

UNDER THE SCHEME, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CNTA AND THE LAW SOCIETY, LAWYERS GIVE ADVICE ON CIVIL MATTERS AT FIVE DISTRICT OFFICES TO APPLICANTS REFERRED TO THEM BY THE PESCS STAFF.

THE DISTRICT OFFICES ARE IN WAN CHAI, YAU TSIM, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE SCHEME CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CTEC HOTLINE OR FROM ANY OF THE PESCS.

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NOMINATION INVITED FOR OUTSTANDING DISABLED EMPLOYEES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS INVITING EMPLOYERS TO NOMINATE DISABLED EMPLOYEES FOR THE OUTSTANDING DISABLED EMPLOYEES AWARD (ODEA) 1994.

"PRESENTED FOR THE SIXTH YEAR, THE ODEA AIMS AT GIVING FORMAL RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION TO DISABLED EMPLOYEES WITH OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN EMPLOYMENT," ACTING SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (SELECTIVE PLACEMENT) MR CHEUNG TAK-TSAI SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THIS ANNUAL MEANINGFUL EVENT, MORE EMPLOYERS CAN RECOGNISE THE WORK ABILITIES OF THE DISABLED AND PROVIDE THEM WITH MORE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACCORDING TO THEIR POTENTIALS AND TALENTS.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, WE ALSO HOPE THAT IT CAN PROVIDE AN INCENTIVE FOR DISABLED EMPLOYEES TO FURTHER IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE AT WORK," HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION (SPD) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE TO BOTH THE EMPLOYERS AND THE DISABLED.

IN 1993, SOME 1,340 DISABLED JOB SEEKERS WERE SUCCESSFULLY PLACED THROUGH THE EFFORT OF THE DIVISION.

"FINALISTS WILL BE SELECTED ON A NUMBER OF CRITERIA INCLUDING OVERALL PERFORMANCE, EFFORTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN OVERCOMING DIFFICULTIES, DILIGENCE, DEVOTION AND ACCOMPLISHMENT IN EMPLOYMENT," MR CHEUNG SAID.

"THEY ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW WITH A PANEL OF JUDGES BEFORE THE WINNERS ARE SELECTED."

HE POINTED OUT THAT ODEA WINNERS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A SOUVENIR PLAQUE AND THEIR NOMINATORS WILL ALSO RECEIVE A SOUVENIR.

THEY WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO ATTEND A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY LATER THIS YEAR.

MR CHEUNG SAID NOMINATION FOR THE AWARD WOULD CLOSE ON SEPTEMBER 15 AND RESULTS OF THE ODEA WAS EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN OCTOBER.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 852 4809.

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UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION AT COUNTRY PARKS

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COUNTRYSIDE VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF THE DEEP BLUE SEA THROUGH LENSES IN THE COMING MONTHS AS AN UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION IS TO BE HELD AT TWO OF THE TERRITORY'S POPULAR COUNTRY PARKS.

FROM WEDNESDAY (JULY 20) UNTIL MID-OCTOBER, SOME 80 UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARKS VISITOR CENTRE.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOVED TO THE CLEAR WATER BAY COUNTRY PARK AFTER THAT.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG UNDERWATER ASSOCIATION (HKUA) AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD).

A SPOKESMAN FOR AFD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE EXHIBITION WAS TO ENHANCE THE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE ON PROTECTING THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

"IT IS INDEED A DOUBLE TREAT FOR COUNTRY PARK VISITORS BECAUSE APART FROM ENJOYING THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRYSIDE, THEY CAN VIEW PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE UNDERWATER WORLD TAKEN BY PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS.

"THE BEAUTIFUL COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN UNDER THE SEA MOSTLY OUTSIDE HONG KONG," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN THANKED HKUA FOR PROVIDING THE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE EXHIBITION.

HE ALSO REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO GO TO THE EXHIBITION IF THEY HAD MISSED A SIMILAR FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE HKUA IN MAY THIS YEAR.

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