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TENTH PHASE OF NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME STARTING MONDAY
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MEN BORN IN 1948 AND 1949 SHOULD APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS DURING THE 10TH PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME WHICH BEGINS ON MONDAY (MARCH 12).

MEN BORN IN 1965 WHO ARE STILL HOLDING THE OLD I.D. CARDS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO APPLY DURING THE COMING PHASE.

+IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 39 000 MEN IN THIS AGE GROUP HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED WITH NEW CARDS, LEAVING ONLY ABOUT 11 000 STILL HOLDING OLD CARDS,+ AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

AFTER THE 10TH PHASE, THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME WILL BE TARGETED AT THE FEMALE POPULATION.

+THE TURN FOR MEN BORN IN 1947 OR BEFORE WILL BEGIN IN 1985,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BETWEEN MARCH 12 AND APRIL 19, THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS THROUGH SATURDAYS.

APPLICANTS ARE URGED TO VISIT THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNING OR AT WEEKENDS TO AVOID THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING RUSH.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IN ADVANCE SHOULD FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE ISSUE OFFICE OF HIS CHOICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE PHASE.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR ANY TIME BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5.30 PM ON ANY WORKING DAY OTHER THAN MONDAYS.

THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND IMMIGRATION OFFICES.

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MORE DAY-CARE CENTRES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED
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TWENTY-THREE DAY-CARE CENTRES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PEOPLE ARE PLANNED FOR THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL 1 900 PLACES, THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (HONG KONG), MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON UNION CHURCH'S WAI CHI CENTRE AT NAM SHAN ESTATE, SHE SAID IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 4 000 MENTALLY RETARDED YOUNG PERSONS WOULD NEED THIS TYPE OF DAY-CARE ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ONLY 11 SUCH CENTRES OFFERING ABOUT 600 PLACES.

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+WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE WE COME ANYWHERE NEAR ADEQUATE PROVISION OF PLACES,+ SHE SAID.

SHE SAID THAT BOTH GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE VERY MUCH COMMITTED TO THIS WORK.

+EVEN IF ALL NEW PROJECTS PROCEED ACCORDING TO PLAN, BY 1989, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PLACES WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR ONLY 60 PER CENT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO NEED THEIR PROGRAMMES,+ SHE SAID.

MRS GOODSTADT SAID SHE HOPED THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD RECOGNISE THE NEEDS OF THIS SPECIAL GROUP AND, IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT, STRIVE TO PROVIDE FACILITIES SO ESSENTIAL FOR THEIR WELL-BEING.

SHE SAID THAT FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, ESPECIALLY THOSE AT THE MORE SEVERE END OF THE SCALE, FORMAL LEARNING HAD TO BE EXTENDED MUCH LONGER.

+AS THEY REACH ADULTHOOD, THEY HAVE TO BE TAUGHT SOCIAL SKILLS, COMMUNICATION, WORK HABITS, FOR EXAMPLE, BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE STORE OF ABILITIES ACQUIRED IN CHILDHOOD OR AT SCHOOL,+ SHE SAID.

+THIS IS NOT A PHENOMENON UNIQUE TO HONG KONG,+ SHE SAID, +IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES, FOR EXAMPLE, DAY TRAINING CENTRES ARE PROVIDED FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.+

+OUR AIM IN SUCH CENTRES IS TO HELP THE YOUNG PERSON TO REACH MAXIMUM INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-RELIANCE, GOALS MORE EASILY REACHED IN A DAY CENTRE RATHER THAN IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING,+ SHE ADDED.

MRS GOODSTADT SAID THAT OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS WERE SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO THEIR RAPID EXPANSION.

THERE ARE NOW 24 SHELTERED WORKSHOPS OFFERING ABOUT 2 000 PLACES TO THE DISABLED, ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF WHOM ARE MENTALLY RETARDED.

THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WILL SEE THIS NUMBER SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED SO THAT BY 1989, THERE WILL BE ABOUT 5 000 ADULT MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS IN WORK ACTIVITY CENTRES AND SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

+THIS RECORD IS ONE OF WHICH ANY COMMUNITY SHOULD BE PROUD. TO ENSURE THAT OUR AMBITIOUS PLANS CAN BE IMPLEMENTED, WE NEED MANY MORE DEDICATED AGENCIES AND PROFESSIONALS AS WELL AS VOLUNTEERS,+ MRS GOODSTADT SAID.

THE WAI CHI CENTRE, WHICH SERVES 50 TRAINEES, WAS DECORATED AND EQUIPPED WITH THE HELP OF A \$860 000 GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND. THE RECURRENT EXPENDITURE IS MET IN FULL BY SUBVENTIONS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

RARE SPECIES AT FLOWER SHOW

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ONE OF THE BIGGEST FLOWER SHOWS IN HONG KONG WAS OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY) AT FANLING PLAYGROUND BY LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, FEATURES A WIDE RANGE OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS FLOWERS.

THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS ARE AFRICAN VIOLETS, SOME OF WHICH ARE EITHER RARE OR NEW SPECIES.

OTHER SPECIAL FLOWERS INCLUDE CHINESE ORCHIDS, AZALEAS AND BONSAIS, HAWAIIAN ORCHIDS AND THE NATIONAL FLOWERS OF AUSTRALIA AND PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE OVER 1 000 ENTRIES TO COMPETITIONS UNDER SEVEN CATEGORIES: CUT FLOWERS, SCENTED CUT FLOWERS, POT PLANTS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, ORCHIDS AND BONSAI-TYPE PLANTS.

IN ADDITION, THERE ARE EXHIBITS PROVIDED BY 20 ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE KADOORIE EXPERIMENTAL AND EXTENSION FARM, THE CHING CHUNG KOO TAOIST MONASTERY AND LOCAL FLOWER FARMS.

THE SHOW IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM UNTIL TUESDAY (MARCH 13).

TALKS ON BONSAI, IKEBANA AND POT PLANT CULTIVATION WILL BE GIVEN DAILY AT THE SHOW.

VISITORS WILL BE GIVEN A BOOKLET CONTAINING DETAILS OF THE EXHIBITS AND ARTICLES ON THE TECHNIQUES OF FLOWER PLANTING.

THE SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG BONSAI TYPE PLANTS ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG AFRICAN VIOLETS SOCIETY, HONG KONG FLOWER CLUB AND THE HONG KONG BRANCH, IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL.

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PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS NEEDED

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YOUNG PEOPLE HOLDING APPROVED LIFESAVING QUALIFICATION ARE NEEDED TO SERVE AS PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS IN THE COMING SWIMMING SEASON.

THEY WILL BE PUT ON DUTY AT GAZETTED PUBLIC BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THEY WILL BE EMPLOYED ON SHORT-TERM CONTRACT TERMS AT A MONTHLY SALARY OF \$2 480, HE SAID.

THE NTSD IS LOOKING FOR ABOUT 100 PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS WHO MUST HOLD AT LEAST THE ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY BRONZE MEDALLION, BE UNDER 35, HAVE STRONG PHYSIQUES AND GOOD EYESIGHT WITHOUT WEARING SPECTACLES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WHO HAVE HIGHER LIFE SAVING QUALIFICATIONS AND ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

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WOMEN VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE IS LOOKING FOR YOUNG WOMEN VOLUNTEERS TO BE TRAINED AS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS.

THE RECRUITMENT EXERCISE TO BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY, WILL BE THE FIRST EVER CONDUCTED BY THE FORCE FOR WOMEN VOLUNTEERS SINCE THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FORCE SAID THAT THE RECRUITS WILL BE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO TRAINING DURING WEEKENDS. THEIR MAIN DUTY WILL BE TO PROVIDE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SERVICES AT ROYAL AIR FORCE SHEK KONG DURING SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

+CANDIDATES WILL BE CAREFULLY SELECTED AND ONE OF THE PRIME CONSIDERATIONS IS WHETHER THEY HAVE A KEEN INTEREST IN AVIATION AND CAN PUT IN THE NECESSARY TRAINING TIME AND EFFORT TO ATTAIN THE HIGH STANDARD OF PROFICIENCY REQUIRED FOR THE POST,+ HE SAID.

APPLICANTS MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 AND 30, MEDICALLY FIT AND HAVE A GOOD COMMAND OF SPOKEN AND WRITTEN ENGLISH.

THEY MUST ALSO HAVE PASSED AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) AT GRADE C IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION OR AN EQUIVALENT EXAMINATION, AS WELL AS FOUR OTHER SUBJECTS AT GRADE E OR ABOVE.

APPLICANTS SHOULD SUBMIT PERSONAL DETAILS AND PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE COMMANDING OFFICER, ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AIRPORT TUNNEL EAST EXIT, KOWLOON.

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SQUASH AND TENNIS COURTS FOR MORSE PARK
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WORK WILL START IN MAY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THREE SQUASH COURTS AND SIX TENNIS COURTS AT MORSE PARK IN WONG TAI SIN.

THEY WILL BE BUILT ON THE SITE OF TWO FORMER MINI-SOCCER PITCHES AND WILL BE READY BY FEBRUARY, 1985.

THE SQUASH COURTS WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED AND INCLUDE STANDS FOR 120 SPECTATORS.

THE TENNIS COURTS WILL BE FLOODLIT FOR USE IN THE EVENING.

A SERVICE BUILDING PROVIDING SOLAR-HEATED CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS AND A STOREROOM IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THEY SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE 12 NOON ON FRIDAY, MARCH 30.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 13TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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MORE SEWERS FOR TAI O
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ADDITIONAL SEWERS WILL BE BUILT AT TAI O, LANTAU, TO SERVE EXISTING AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE TOWN.

THESE INCLUDE LUNG TIN ESTATE, TAI O FIRE STATION, A SECONDARY SCHOOL AND A PROPOSED PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE PREPARATORY EARTH-FILLING WORK FOR ABOUT A HECTARE OF LAND NORTH OF TAI O PRIOR TO SITE FORMATION WORK.

IN ADDITION, A 40-METRE-LONG TRIAL SEAWALL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE TAI O RIVER CHANNEL TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FLOODING.

IT WILL BE USED FOR DESIGN TESTING AND FORM PART OF A PERMANENT SEAWALL TO BE BUILT AT A LATER STAGE.

WORK ON THE WHOLE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO FINISH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TOPPING CEREMONY FOR SPORTS CENTRE

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, WILL PERFORM THE TOPPING CEREMONY FOR MONG KOK'S FIRST MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING ON MONDAY (MARCH 12) AFTERNOON.

THE BUILDING IS THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S LIM POR YEN CENTRE.

THE CENTRE WILL HAVE A GYMNASIUM HALL, TWO SQUASH COURTS, A FITNESS TRAINING CENTRE, A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, A DANCING ROOM AND FOUR MUSIC ROOMS.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE TOPPING CEREMONY AT 3 PM AT THE CHAN HING COMMUNITY SERVICES CENTRE AT 45 FUK TSUN STREET, TAI KOK TSUI.

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTION

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 12), THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF HIP WO STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY :

- * THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HIP WO STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 55 METRES NORTH OF ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH YUET WAH STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 250 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.
- * THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HIP WO STREET FROM A POINT ABOUT 65 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MUT WAH STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 110 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN - CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE PRACTICE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (MARCH 12) AND THURSDAY (MARCH 15) FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM.

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RESTRICTED ZONE TO BE EXTENDED

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 12), THE EXISTING DAILY RESTRICTION ON SAN MA TAU STREET WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARDS TO ITS JUNCTION WITH WAI KING STREET.

WITHIN THE ZONE, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS, OR FROM LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTION HOURS.

THESE HOURS ARE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM.

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ROAD WORK AT TUNNEL EXIT

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FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE ROAD LEADING FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TO CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ROAD WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE EXIT ROAD LEADING TO NORTH POINT.

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