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PLANS TO INCREASE NUMBER OF LAY PROSECUTORS

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THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT PLANS TO RECRUIT MORE LAY PROSECUTORS -- PENDING FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE PRESENT COMPLEMENT OF SIX TO 22.

THE LAY PROSECUTOR SCHEME STARTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR WITH SIX +LAYMEN+ PROSECUTING AT THE WESTERN AND CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACIES, A LEGAL DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY (MONDAY).

+THE ADDITIONAL PROSECUTORS WILL MEAN THAT WE CAN NOW ALSO COVER THE MAGISTRACIES AT SAN PO KONG AND NORTH KOWLOON, BRINGING TO FOUR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MAGISTRACIES WHICH WILL HAVE LAY PROSECUTORS HANDLING STRAIGHT-FORWARD CASES,+ HE SAID.

THE PILOT SCHEME, HE SAID, HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL WITH EACH OF THE SIX LAY PROSECUTORS HANDLING ABOUT 70 CASES A MONTH. VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS HAVE MADE FAVOURABLE COMMENTS DURING ITS ONE-YEAR EXPERIMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE SCHEME WAS INITIALLY AIMED AT RELEASING VITAL POLICE MANPOWER FROM COURT DUTY TO ASSIST IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

+THE MAIN AIM, HOWEVER, IS TO HAVE ALL PROSECUTIONS AT THE MAGISTRACIES EVENTUALLY UNDER ONE ROOF -- THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT. IT IS THE RIGHT MOMENT FOR US TO HAVE THIS SERVICE EXTENDED TO OTHER MAGISTRACIES,+ HE SAID.

ALL NEW RECRUITS WILL RECEIVE SIX MONTHS COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING AT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT BEFORE DEPLOYMENT. THE TRAINING PROGRAMME INCLUDES INSTRUCTIONS IN COURT PROCEDURES, LAW OF EVIDENCE, CRIMINAL LAW AND COURT ATTACHMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE THE POLICY OF ASSIGNING CROWN COUNSELS TO PROSECUTE IN MAGISTRACIES IN SERIOUS AND MORE COMPLICATED CASES.

TO COPE WITH THE PROPOSED EXPANSION, THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS ALSO CONSIDERING CREATING A POST OF SENIOR LAY PROSECUTOR WHO WILL ACT AS CO-ORDINATOR AND OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF ALL PROSECUTIONS AT THE MAGISTRACIES.

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NEW COMPENSATION RATES FOR LAND RESUMED OUTSIDE
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREAS

THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES FOR LAND RESUMED OUTSIDE THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT LAYOUT AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE NEW RATES WOULD BE EFFECTIVE RETROSPECTIVELY TO NOVEMBER 1, 1978.

+UNDER THE NEW RATES, OWNERS OF LAND OUTSIDE THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT LAYOUT AREAS WILL BE COMPENSATED IN PROPORTIONS RANGING FROM 20 TO 70 PER CENT OF THE CASH EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE CURRENTLY PAYABLE IN THE LAYOUT AREAS,+ HE SAID.

+LAND OUTSIDE THE LAYOUTS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO ZONES WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POTENTIAL USE OF THE LAND ON THE BASIS OF ITS LOCATION AND PROXIMITY TO LAYOUT AREAS.+

MR. AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESENT COMPENSATION RATE FOR PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND RESUMED IN THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT LAYOUT AREAS WAS \$39 PER SQUARE FOOT, A FIGURE THAT IS REVIEWED TWICE A YEAR.

HE SAID THE NEW SYSTEM HAD BEEN DRAWN UP IN LINE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE COMMITTEE ON URBAN LAND ACQUISITION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HEADED BY SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN.

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DISCO DANCING — TO KEEP FIT
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KEEPING FIT IS NO MORE A TORTUROUS, MUSCLE-STRAINING DISCIPLINE.

GONE IS THE WHISTLE BLOWN BY THE PHYSICAL FITNESS INSTRUCTOR WHO, AT LEAST TO THE SWEATING, STRUGGLING STUDENT, SOUNDED LIKE A REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR BARKING ON THE PARADE SQUARE.

THE TIRED YOUNG FACTORY WORKER OR THE PORTLY, RETIRED WHITE COLLAR WORKER TODAY CAN ACTUALLY BREEZE THROUGH THE KEEP FIT PACES.

FOR DISCO DANCING HAS ARRIVED ON THE KEEP FIT SCENE.

IT IS THIS SWINGING MUSIC, AND NOT THE WHISTLE, THAT THE STUDENT FOLLOWS.

DISCO DANCING IS MORE THAN A MERE FORM OF POPULAR DANCING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE — IT IS ALSO A MEANS OF ACHIEVING PHYSICAL FITNESS.

AND DISCO DANCING IS THE THEME OF A SERIES OF KEEP FIT CLASSES CURRENTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SECOND SERIES OF +FITNESS THROUGH DISCO DANCING+ CLASSES STARTED ON DECEMBER 12 AND WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR. ALTOGETHER FOUR CLASSES OF EIGHT SESSIONS EACH WILL BE HELD DURING THE TWO-MONTH PERIOD.

MRS. ELEANOR LEE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE SAID THE FIRST SERIES OF CLASSES, WHICH BEGAN IN OCTOBER AND ENDED RECENTLY, PROVED SUCCESSFUL JUDGING FROM THE LARGE NUMBER OF ENTHUSIASTS ATTRACTED TO THE CLASSES — MORE THAN 140 PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE INCLUDING STUDENTS, OFFICE CLERKS, FACTORY WORKERS, TEACHERS, NURSES AS WELL AS HOUSEWIVES JOINED THE CLASSES.

+WE ARE ALSO MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE ENTHUSIASM AND INTEREST SHOWN DURING THE TRAINING. THEY REALLY LOVE TO DO IT AND WANT TO DO IT,+ SAID THE INSTRUCTRESS OF THE CLASSES, MISS ANA MARIA CRISTINA.

+WE AIM TO INTRODUCE THIS NEW FORM OF POPULAR DANCING TO MORE YOUNG PEOPLE AND AT THE SAME TIME TEACH THEM HOW TO ATTAIN PHYSICAL FITNESS THROUGH IT,+ SHE ADDED.

EACH CLASS STARTS WITH SOME WARM-UP BODY MOVEMENTS AND MUSIC, FOLLOWED BY ISOLATION MOVEMENTS OF VARIOUS PARTS OF THE BODY, FROM SHOULDERS AND ARMS TO HIPS AND LEGS.

THE LATTER PART OF THE CLASS CONSISTS OF LEARNING BASIC DANCE FORMS IN COMBINATION WITH THE DISCO MUSIC. MODERN DANCE STEPS ARE ALSO TAUGHT.

THE CLASSES ARE HELD IN THE HUNG HOM CAR PARK SPORTS CENTRE FROM 10 A.M. TO NOON ON TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 6 P.M. ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS. EACH CLASS WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO 40 STUDENTS BECAUSE OF LIMITED SPACE.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AT 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, HONG KONG.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN MUI WO
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATION AT THE OFFICE OF THE MUI WO RURAL COMMITTEE FOR THREE DAYS FROM JANUARY 2, 1979.

REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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