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THE NAME OF THE GAME -- THINKING NOT MEMORISATION

A continual expansion plan during the next few years will bring the government's Educational Television (ETV) service to more than half a million children and 20,000 teachers.

The Acting Deputy Director of Education (Professional), Mr. Colvyn Haye, said today that the service had been such a great success in its first year of operation, that the number of viewers will be doubled to over 200,000 this year.

This expansion will continue until 500,000 children and 20,000 teachers accept television as a matter of course in their education.

Mr. Haye, speaking at a luncheon of the Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry, said a "quiet revolution" was taking place in Hong Kong's primary school classrooms where television was being used to "vitalise education".

"Teachers and children are discovering that learning can be fun and that thinking, not memorisation, is the name of the game."

Mr. Haye said that television can breathe "quality" into an education system which has of necessity been concerned with "quantity".

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He described television as the most powerful audio-visual tool devised by man, and said that Hong Kong could congratulate itself on having the beginnings of one of the finest educational television services in the world.

Educational Television (ETV) in Hong Kong was the product of planning over a decade covering careful observation of the application of television to education in 10 countries.

"Axioms of ETV-HK are the direction and control of the service by educators trained as broadcasters, first class production centre staffed by professionals, local lessons locally made for local classrooms, a close professional relationship between the teachers who use it, and careful evaluation of the effectiveness of ETV," Mr. Hays said.

But, he concluded, television should never replace the classroom teacher. "Of course the medium can be abused, but the awareness that television is a two-edged sword is an assurance that it will be carefully handled in communications and education."

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SECOND SQUATTER CLEARANCE FOR LUNG CHEUNG ROAD PROJECT

Some 180 huts are to be demolished in the second phase of a squatter clearance operation connected with a major road project along the Kowloon foothills.

The clearance, to take place on August 15 at Yuen Ling Village, Diamond Hill, will involve about 240 families, consisting of more than 1,200 people.

The squatters will be given resettlement in Lam Tin or Sau Mau Ping Estates. On top of resettlement, cultivators and shop operators have been given ex gratia payments totalling \$200,000. Cultivators are also being given crop compensation.

Seventeen factory operators have been allocated units in the department's resettlement flattened factories.

Of the 240 families, about 100 have already moved and others are expected to follow soon. Twenty families occupying illegal structures will be accommodated in a licensed area.

The improvement works for Lung Cheung Road will cut across Tai Hom and Yuen Ling Village and will link the two industrial complexes of Kwun Tong and Kwai Chung.

Construction of the vital project had been delayed for more than three years by squatters refusing to leave the land.

Under the road improvement scheme, Lung Cheung Road will be widened to provide two lanes in each direction and all existing intersections will be replaced by flyovers thereby eliminating all junction holdups.

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SUMMER CAMPS VISITED BY GOVERNOR

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, will visit two summer camps in the New Territories on Thursday (July 27).

He will call first at Wu Kwai Sha, where 700 secondary school girls are attending a six-day summer camp organised by the Education Department at the YMCA Youth Village.

The campers are holding an Open Day on Thursday and in addition to the normal programme of events, there will be games competitions, and exhibitions of handicrafts and other projects undertaken in the camp.

After the visit the Governor will fly by helicopter to the Princess Alexandra Community Centre in Tsuen Wan.

About 300 children, aged between 10 and 15, will be at play as part of the Social Welfare Department's summer programme.

During an hour-long visit to the Centre, Sir Murray will see folk dances, group singing, and ball games, which are all part of the 60-day programme designed to give some constructive meaning to the leisure of thousands of young people on holiday.

The Governor will be met on arrival at the Centre by Mr. Stephen Law Chi-kin, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer, and head of the Group and Community Work Division.

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Note to Editors: Reporters covering the Wu Kwai Sha visit should assemble at the Kowloon sub-pool behind the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office where two government minibuses will leave at 12.45 p.m. for University station pier.

They will then be taken by launch across to Wu Kwai Sha. The return launch will leave Wu Kwai Sha at 3.45 p.m.

For reporters covering the Princess Alexandra visit, a station wagon will wait at the Kowloon sub-pool and will leave for Tsuen Wan at 2.30 p.m. SHARP.

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SAFETY HINTS FOR NEW WORKERS

Young people taking up work in factories during the summer vacation were advised today that life on "the factory floor" would be completely different from that at school or elsewhere.

The Labour Department's Industrial Safety Training Officer, Mr. A.H. Carter, said that many accidents involving young workers and new entrants to industry were due not so much to carelessness as to ignorance of the hazards which exist in the industrial environment.

Mr. Carter invited students about to enter industry to visit the Industrial Safety Training Centre where a wide range of properly guarded machinery and personal protective clothing equipment are on display.

He also gave a list of 16 safety hints for the guidance of new workers which ranged from the use and maintenance of tools to avoiding simple accidents such as tripping over objects.

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THE JUNE WEATHER SITUATION

June 1972 will probably be remembered for the heavy rainstorms which caused disastrous landslides at Sau Mau Ping and in the Mid-Levels.

Exceptionally heavy rain and continuous thunderstorms occurred during the three day period, June 16-18. More than 100 people were killed and thousands were left homeless.

It was the first time in recorded history that rainfall in excess of 200 millimetres fell at the Observatory in three consecutive days.

The total of 652.3 millimetres recorded during the period was the highest since 1889.

The first tropical cyclone of the year to affect the south China coast also occurred in June. Three tropical cyclones were reported in the Pacific and the South China Sea during the month. They were Tropical Depression Mamie on June 3, a tropical depression on June 10-11 and Typhoon Ora on June 25 - 27.

It was sunny for the first few days of the month. A ridge of high pressure from the Pacific covered most of eastern and southern China.

A developing low pressure area over the western part of the South China Sea intensified and became tropical depression Mamie on June 3. It quickly moved overland near Danang and dissipated the following day.

Along the south China coast, winds turned to easterly on June 4 and two overcast and dull days with moderate and continuous rain followed. The weather cleared on June 6 and, fine conditions prevailed with almost cloudless skies until June 9.

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On June 10, several upper-air disturbances moved eastwards across the South China Sea and activated a surface trough of low pressure. As a result, a tropical depression formed about 190 nautical miles south of Hong Kong the same day.

The stand by signal, No. 1, was hoisted at 2.30 p.m. The tropical depression turned onto an east-northeast course and weakened on June 11 and the stand by signal was lowered at 9.40 a.m.

Locally, it was mainly cloudy with some showers during June 10 - 11. Winds freshened from the east and maximum gusts of 51 knots were recorded at Tate's Cairn and 44 knots at Waglan Island.

On June 14, an active trough of low pressure formed across south China with a series of small depressions lying along it. The trough moved slowly southwards and affected the entire south China during the following few days.

Rain began falling late on June 15, and for the next three days, Hong Kong experienced almost continuous heavy rain and frequent thunderstorms, reminiscent of the June flood of 1966.

On June 15 Dragon Boat day, a thunderstorm and heavy rain warning, the second of the month, was issued and was renewed almost continuously until June 19.

At the Observatory, rain was heaviest during midday on June 18 when 98.7 mm were recorded in one hour. This is only slightly less than the highest hourly rainfall of 108.2 mm recorded on June 12, 1966.

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The trough receded to the north on June 19 and the weather improved quickly. The remainder of the month was generally fine apart from some isolated showers and there was no significant rainfall.

Typhoon Ora first formed on June 24 about 630 miles east of the Philippines. It crossed the Central Philippines on June 25 and came to within 400 nautical miles of Hong Kong on June 26.

The stand by signal, No. 1, was hoisted at 6.15 a.m. and was followed at 9.45 a.m. by the strong wind signal, No. 3, as Ora continued to move rapidly northwestwards.

Ora finally dissipated over the Lui Chow Peninsula on June 27. All signals were lowered at 9.25 a.m. on June 27.

During the month, 19 aircraft were diverted due to adverse weather conditions.

Eleven thunderstorms and/or heavy rain warnings were issued during June.

The month's figures and departures from normal were:

Sunshine	203.6 hours;	43.7 hours above normal
Rainfall	799.8 mm ;	398.6 mm above normal
Cloudiness	64% ;	14% below normal
Relative Humidity	84% ;	normal
Mean Maximum Temperature	30.8°C ;	1.0°C above normal
Mean Temperature	27.7°C ;	0.4°C above normal
Mean Minimum Temperature	25.6°C ;	0.2°C above normal
Mean Dew Point	24.6°C ;	0.4°C above normal
Total Evaporation	155.1mm ;	4.3mm below normal

Maximum Temperature of 33.1°C was recorded on June 30.

Minimum Temperature of 23.3°C was recorded on June 6 and 18.

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CITY MUSEUM ORGANISES EDUCATIONAL COMPETITION

Young people are now visiting the City Museum and Art Gallery at the City Hall in much greater numbers and taking a far more serious look at the exhibits.

It is all part of an educational competition being organised by the Museum to attract more young visitors and enable them to share, in their own way, the pleasure many adults have derived from the collection of Chinese art on display there.

The children are asked to study the exhibits and captions and answer some simple questions afterwards.

The questions are intended to draw out their power of observation, logical thinking, imagination, and written and pictorial expression.

The competition is open to everyone under 17 and is divided into two groups -- senior (over 13) and junior (13 and under).

Medals will be awarded to those whose answers are judged to be good.

The City Museum and Art Gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. except on Thursdays and Sunday mornings.

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NO QUARANTINABLE DISEASES LAST MONTH

Hong Kong remained free from cholera and other quarantinable diseases in June.

However, a spokesman for the Medical and Health Department said there were 809 notifications of infectious diseases resulting in 83 deaths all from tuberculosis.

This compared with 914 notifications and 113 deaths recorded in May.

"Compared with May, there was a reduction in the number of notifications of chickenpox and measles, and the incidence of diphtheria was low with only one case notified," the spokesman said.

There were no cases of cerebrospinal meningitis, poliomyelitis, or puerperal fever recorded, and there was no appreciable variation in the level of notification of other infectious diseases.

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TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS

Mr. Q.W. Lee and Mr. T.K. Ann have been appointed temporary members of the Executive Council during the absence of Mr. Szeto Wai and Dr. S.Y. Chung.

Mr. Lee's appointment will continue until August 18, and Mr. Ann's until August 8.

At the same time, Mr. A.S. Robertson and Mr. J.C.C. Walden have been appointed temporarily to the Legislative Council during the absence of Mr. J.J. Robson and Mr. I.M. Lightbody respectively.

The appointment of both members to the Council will continue until September 22 and September 4 respectively.

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HA TSUEN FIRING RANGE

All of the topics relating to the Ha Tsuen Firing Range which are currently being raised by the Chairman of the Ha Tsuen Rural Committee are matters for the Government and not for the Army or Services.

The Services use the range in accordance with a government ordinance and therefore responsibility for matters of public access to, or public usage of, land within the gazetted area is a subject for the government.

The problems are of long standing. They have been constantly under review by the Government in consultation with the Army and, in fact, a possible solution has been under investigation for some months. The Chairman of the Ha Tsuen Rural District Committee has been kept informed by the District Officer Yuen Long.

On the topic of compensation payments raised by the Chairman of the Ha Tsuen Rural District Committee, the families cultivating land within the range area are regularly in contact with the District Office Yuen Long on matters related to their livelihood. It can certainly be confirmed that the Services constantly are paying compensation for lost crops.

The District Office Yuen Long first acts as the initial contact point for cultivators wishing to make claims; and second, draws up the claims in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries, and recommends to the Army the sum which should be paid. Finally the District Office hands the compensation payments to the cultivators on behalf of the Army.

Normally the Services meet claims within a short time of receiving them from the District Office Yuen Long. On no occasion that can be recalled has the Army paid less crop compensation to the range cultivators than the sum recommended by the District Office.

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