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NEED FOR FAIRNESS IN APPROACH TO SOCIAL WORK

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER TOLD A MEETING OF SOCIAL WORKERS TODAY THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO APPRECIATE THE CONSTRAINTS UNDER WHICH ALL GOVERNMENTS HAD TO WORK.

+THE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION HAS BOUNDLESS ENTHUSIASM FOR CHANGE THAT WOULD TRANSFORM SOCIETY. SUCH ENTHUSIASM IS NECESSARY AND PRAISEWORTHY.

+BUT IT MUST TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE WIDER PERSPECTIVE OF THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS AS A WHOLE AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT RESOURCES ARE FINITE AND THAT THERE MUST BE PRIORITIES IN IMPLEMENTATION,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS AT THE MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL, SIR JACK SAID HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF PRIORITY DECISIONS, +AT TIMES, IT IS A HEART-BREAKING BUSINESS+.

+LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SHARES WITH YOU THE GOAL OF A BETTER SOCIETY WHEREIN ALL CAN SHARE THE FRUITS OF PROSPERITY: IF THERE IS ANY DIFFERENCE AT ALL, IT LIES AS I HAVE SUGGESTED IN THE PACE AT WHICH ONE SHOULD PROCEED AND THE NEED FOR FAIRNESS BETWEEN ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

SIR JACK DOUBTED WHETHER CONFRONTATION WITH AUTHORITY WAS NORMALLY NECESSARY IN ORDER TO BRING A PARTICULAR SOCIAL ISSUE TO NOTICE.

+IS IT THE ONLY, IS IT THE BEST WAY? IN A FREE SOCIETY LIKE HONG KONG, SUCH ACTIONS MUST BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR NORMAL COURSE WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE LAW.

+IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS METHOD MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES BUT WIDE USE SURELY WILL BLUNT ITS EDGE AND WOULD, I IMAGINE, PROVE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

+BUT I ACCEPT THAT ALL BUREAUCRACIES RUN THE RISK OF BECOMING TOO INWARD-LOOKING AND REQUIRE CRITICS TO KEEP THEM ON THEIR TOES.

+HOWEVER, CRITICISMS, IF THEY ARE TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY, MUST BE CONSTRUCTIVE AND WELL-BASED IN-FACT,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN HONG KONG THERE WERE PROPER AND EFFECTIVE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE FIELD, THROUGH WHICH SUCH CRITICISMS MAY BE EXPRESSED.

A RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION CAN DO MUCH TO ACT AS A CATALYST FOR GREATER OR RENEWED AWARENESS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMUNITY'S SOCIAL NEEDS, HE ADDED.

SIR JACK HAD RAISED THESE POINTS TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION AT THE SYMPOSIUM.

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JUNE -- SUNNIER AND HOTTER THAN USUAL

JUNE WAS MUCH SUNNIER AND HOTTER THAN USUAL, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) IN ITS MONTHLY WEATHER SUMMARY.

THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE MONTH WAS JUNE 22 WHEN THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE REACHED 34.8 DEGREES CELSIUS -- THE SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE. THE HIGHEST WAS 35.6 DEGREES RECORDED ON JUNE 1, 1963.

MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES WERE ABOVE 33 DEGREES ON EIGHT CONSECUTIVE DAYS, BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND 24, AND ABOVE 34 DEGREES ON FOUR, BETWEEN JUNE 19 AND 22.

THIS IS ALSO UNPRECEDENTED IN ANY JUNE SINCE RECORDS BEGAN IN 1884.

THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH WAS 31.6 DEGREES, RANKING SECOND HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR JUNE, THE HIGHEST BEING 31.7 DEGREES IN JUNE 1938.

FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH, THERE WERE 240 HOURS OF SUNSHINE, 90.6 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL.

HOWEVER, THE MONTH SET A NEW RECORD FOR JUNE WITH ONLY 12 DAYS WITH MEASURABLE RAINFALL WHICH TOTALLED 150.9 MM, 306.6 MM BELOW NORMAL.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO 684.9 MM WHICH IS 32 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL.

DUE TO THE PRESENCE OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE NEAR THE SOUTH CHINA COAST, THE FIRST FOUR DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE CLOUDY WITH SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

IT WAS RELATIVELY COOL DURING THESE FOUR DAYS AND ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 4 TEMPERATURE FELL TO A MINIMUM OF 22 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH.

THE WEATHER BEGAN TO IMPROVE ON JUNE 5 WHEN A RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE FROM THE PACIFIC ANTICYCLONE EXTENDED WESTWARDS TO COVER SOUTH CHINA.

THE HIGH PRESSURE RIDGE REMAINED PRONOUNCED AND PERSISTENT AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG WAS MAINLY FINE AND VERY HOT UNTIL JUNE 26 WHEN SEVERE TROPICAL STORM HERBERT APPROACHED, CAUSING THE STANDBY SIGNAL TO BE HOISTED THE SAME DAY UNTIL JUNE 28.

AS HERBERT MOVED NORTHWESTWARDS INTO THE GULF OF TONKIN, HONG KONG RECORDED SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS FROM JUNE 26 TO 29.

FRESH TO STRONG SOUTHEASTERLY WINDS WERE EXPERIENCED IN EXPOSED PLACES FROM JUNE 26 TO 28 BUT THE RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE FROM THE PACIFIC RETURNED ON JUNE 30 AND THE WEATHER BECAME FINE AND SUNNY AGAIN.

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SEVERE TROPICAL STORM HERBERT WAS THE ONLY TROPICAL CYCLONE OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING JUNE.

IT DEVELOPED ABOUT 650 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF HONG KONG ON JUNE 24 AND PASSED ABOUT 300 NAUTICAL MILES TO THE WEST-SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG ON JUNE 28.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON FOUR DAYS.

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PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL
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THE PRINCE PHILIP DENTAL HOSPITAL WHICH IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION AT SAI YING PUN WILL BE THE FIRST DENTAL TEACHING HOSPITAL TO BE BUILT IN HONG KONG.

SITE FORMATION WORK WAS STARTED IN JUNE 1978, THE SUBSTRUCTURE WAS COMPLETED IN MAY 1979 AND THE BUILDING IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE PHASED OCCUPATION TOWARDS THE END OF 1980.

THE BUILDING CONSISTS OF TEN FLOORS, EXCLUDING THE LOWER BASEMENT HOUSING THE BOILER ROOM AND PLANT ROOM, SEVEN OF WHICH ARE ABOVE GROUND LEVEL.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA IS ABOUT 33 000 SQUARE METRES. THERE WILL BE 241 DENTAL CHAIRS TOGETHER WITH A WIDE RANGE OF TEACHING FACILITIES.

THE PROJECT AROSE FROM A PROPOSAL IN THE 1974 WHITE PAPER ON THE +FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG+ THAT A DENTAL SCHOOL SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN ORDER TO TRAIN DENTISTS FOR GENERAL PRACTICE. THE CAPITAL COST OF THE BUILDING EXCLUDING EQUIPMENT AND STORES IS \$140 MILLION. THIS COST HAS BEEN MET BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ROLE OF THE DENTAL HOSPITAL IS TO PRODUCE A MINIMUM OF 60 QUALIFIED DENTISTS A YEAR--TOGETHER WITH A NUMBER OF ANCILLARY DENTAL WORKERS SUCH AS DENTAL SURGERY ASSISTANTS AND DENTAL TECHNICIANS. THE FIRST GROUP OF DENTAL STUDENTS WILL QUALIFY IN 1985.

MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSPITAL WILL BE BY A STATUTORY BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND PENDING THE PREPARATION OF THE NECESSARY LEGISLATION A PROVISIONAL BOARD OF 15 MEMBERS, CHAIRED BY THE HON T.S.LO, HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.

THE BOARD INCLUDES PROFESSOR G.L. HOWE, DEAN OF DENTAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY, THE HONG KONG DENTAL PROFESSION AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF A SUBVENTION. FUNDS FOR THE PROVISION OF TEACHING WILL COME FROM THE BUDGET OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG THROUGH GRANTS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE FLOW OF SUITABLE PATIENTS TO ENABLE THE HOSPITAL TO MEET ITS TEACHING NEEDS TREATMENT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A +WALK-IN+ BASIS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

AFTER PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TO DECIDE WHETHER THE PATIENT IS SUITABLE FOR TEACHING PURPOSES CLINICAL ATTENTION WILL BE PROVIDED BY, OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF, DENTALLY QUALIFIED STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

NOMINAL CHARGES, TO BE DETERMINED AND REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, WILL BE MADE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED. THE FEE ENVISAGED FOR THE FIRST VISIT WILL BE \$3 WITH A MAXIMUM OF \$15.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES ENVISAGED FOR DENTAL APPLIANCES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

DENTURE, PLASTIC BASE	\$35 PER DENTURE IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NUMBER OF TEETH INVOLVED
DENTURE, METAL BASE	\$70 PER DENTURE IRRESPECTIVE OF THE NUMBER OF TEETH INVOLVED
BRIDGES	\$70 PER UNIT
INLAYS AND CROWNING	\$50 PER ITEM IF PRECIOUS METAL USED
REPAIRING, RELINING OR REMODELLING DENTURES	A UNIFORM FEE OF \$10

PATIENTS FOUND TO BE UNSUITABLE FOR TEACHING PURPOSES WILL BE GIVEN ONLY EMERGENCY TREATMENT.

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APPRENTICE TRAINING FOR WESTERN COOKS WELL-TIMED
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THE INCLUSION OF +HOTEL COOK -- WESTERN STYLE+ IN THE COMPULSORY APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME WILL HELP MEET A GREAT DEMAND FOR A WELL-TRAINED WORKFORCE IN THE HOTEL INDUSTRY.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, MR LARRY TCHOU, TODAY IN COMMENT ON THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO BRING THE TRADE UNDER THE COVERAGE OF THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE.

THE GOVERNOR, ON THE ADVICE OF THE COUNCIL, HAS SPECIFIED THE JOB AS +DESIGNATED TRADE+ UNDER THE ORDINANCE, EFFECTIVE FROM AUGUST 1, 1980.

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FROM THAT DAY, AN EMPLOYER MAY EMPLOY A YOUNG PERSON BETWEEN THE AGE OF 14 AND 18 IN THE NEWLY-DESIGNATED TRADE ONLY IF THE YOUNGSTER IS EMPLOYED AS AN APPRENTICE UNDER A CONTRACT REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE EMPLOYER MAY ALSO DO SO IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS ALREADY COMPLETED AN APPRENTICESHIP IN THAT TRADE OR WITH EXEMPTION FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

THE APPRENTICESHIP PERIOD IS THREE YEARS AND THE ENTRY REQUIREMENT IS COMPLETION OF FORM 3.

MR TCHOU DESCRIBED THE NEW DESIGNATION AS A +TIMELY MOVE+ BECAUSE OF THE GROWING DEMAND FOR WELL-TRAINED STAFF IN THE HOTEL INDUSTRY.

+YOUNG PEOPLE JOINING THE RANK OF APPRENTICE COOKS CAN FOLLOW SYSTEMATIC TRAINING AND HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE IN THE INDUSTRY,+ HE NOTED.

MR TCHOU POINTED OUT THAT THE SERVICE INDUSTRY WAS PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HONG KONG, BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY.

+TO COMPETE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR MORE VISITORS, THERE IS A GREAT DEMAND FOR A WORKFORCE CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING A HIGHER STANDARD OF SERVICE, AND THIS IS POSSIBLE ONLY WITH PROPER TRAINING.

+MANY HOTEL WORKERS CAN BEST BE TRAINED THROUGH ORGANISED APPRENTICESHIP, DURING WHICH APPRENTICES RECEIVE BOTH ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AS WELL AS RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION,+ HE ADDED.

MR TCHOU ADVISED HOTEL EMPLOYERS TO COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE BY ENTERING INTO CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP WITH THEIR YOUNG WORKERS.

THE CONTRACT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE APPRENTICE WOULD BE GIVEN ADEQUATE TRAINING, INCLUDING THE STUDY OF A TECHNICAL COURSE AT A GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE CONTRACT WOULD ALSO HELP PROTECT THE EMPLOYER FROM LOSING HIS APPRENTICE TO ANOTHER EMPLOYER.

MR TCHOU URGED EMPLOYERS WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN STARTING AN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME TO CONTACT THE TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

RIVER CLEAN-UP OPERATION TO BE COMPLETED SOON

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A CLEAN-UP OF BEAS RIVER IN SHEUNG SHUI, WHICH IS PART OF THE DRIVE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL WATER POLLUTION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, IS TO BE COMPLETED SHORTLY.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER NORTH, MR DAVID PIRKIS, SAID LIKE OTHER RIVERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BEAS RIVER HAD BEEN POLLUTED BY ANIMAL WASTE FROM CHICKEN AND PIG FARMS LOCATED ALONG THE BANKS.

HE SAID IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT 1 360 CUBIC METRES OF PIG MANURE AND 210 TONNES OF CHICKEN WASTE WENT INTO NEW TERRITORIES STREAMS EVERY DAY.

IN THE WET SEASON, WHEN THE LEVEL OF THE RIVER ROSE, THIS WASTE WAS GENERALLY WASHED AWAY.

IN THE DRY SEASON, HOWEVER, IT ACCUMULATED, CAUSING A BUILD-UP WITH ROTTING VEGETATION WHICH FORMED A THICK CRUST ON THE WATER.

THE CONSEQUENT SANITARY AND HEALTH HAZARDS WERE OBVIOUS, MR PIRKIS SAID.

TO CONTROL THE SITUATION, STAFF FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE LAUNCHED A SERIES OF CLEANING OPERATIONS IN NT RIVERS DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS.

AT PRESENT, 18 WORKERS IN THREE TEAMS FROM THE NTSD ARE CLEANING BEAS RIVER BY REMOVING RUBBISH FROM THE RIVER BOTTOM AND FROM ALONG THE BANKS.

THE OPERATION, THE SECOND IN TWO YEARS, BEGAN THREE MONTHS AGO.

HOWEVER, MR PIRKIS SAID, THIS WAS A TEMPORARY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. SO LONG AS PIG AND CHICKEN FARMERS CONTINUED FLUSHING WASTE OUT OF THEIR YARDS INTO NEARBY STREAM COURSES, THE BASIC PROBLEM WOULD REMAIN.

THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION, HE SAID, LAY IN STOPPING POLLUTION AT SOURCE. +CO-OPERATION OF CHICKEN AND PIG FARMERS AS WELL AS PICNICKERS IS THEREFORE NEEDED TO STOP WATER POLLUTION.+

HE SAID LEGISLATION WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL WASTE DISPOSAL. IT WAS HOPED THAT STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF ITS PROVISIONS WOULD HELP DETER PEOPLE FROM INDISCRIMINATELY THROWING RUBBISH INTO RIVERS.

FOR THE MOMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND NTSD ARE RUNNING AN EXPERIMENTAL ANIMAL WASTE COLLECTION SCHEME AT TA KWU LING.

UNDER THE SCHEME, WORKERS COLLECT ON A DAILY BASIS REFUSE AND FARM WASTE LEFT AT COLLECTION POINTS BY VILLAGERS. VEHICLES THEN COLLECT IT FOR DISPOSAL.

TWO SETTLEMENT TANKS HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTALLED IN THE AREA TO FILTER THE WATER FLOWING OUT OF FARMERS' YARDS.

90 006 PUPILS ALLOCATED SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES

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ALL 90 006 PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FORM I OR MIDDLE I PLACES IN GOVERNMENT, AIDED OR PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+ALL ARE THREE-YEAR PLACES FOR WHICH NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED,+ HE ADDED.

RESULTS OF ALLOCATION WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS TOMORROW (MONDAY). WHEN ENQUIRING ABOUT THEIR ALLOCATION RESULTS, PUPILS SHOULD FOLLOW THE ARRANGEMENTS SET DOWN BY THEIR RESPECTIVE PRIMARY SCHOOLS. THEY SHOULD ALSO TAKE ALONG THEIR PRIMARY 6 IDENTIFICATION FORMS SO THAT THEIR INDIVIDUAL ALLOCATION SLIPS MAY BE ATTACHED TO THE FORMS.

+ALL PUPILS SHOULD REPORT DURING THE FIRST REGISTRATION PERIOD (JULY 21 AND 22) TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DATES AND TIMES SPECIFIED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS,+ HE ADDED.

+PUPILS WHO FAIL TO REPORT TO THEIR ALLOCATED SECONDARY SCHOOLS DURING THIS PERIOD ARE DEEMED TO HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO TAKE UP THE PLACES ALLOCATED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEREFORE THOSE PUPILS OR THEIR PARENTS WHO HAVE GENUINE DIFFICULTY IN REPORTING TO THE SCHOOLS DURING THIS PERIOD ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION BEFORE JULY 22 SO THAT OTHER ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE.

+THE SECOND REGISTRATION PERIOD (JULY 28 AND 29) IS MAINLY FOR PUPILS WHO HAVE TO SEEK TRANSFER BECAUSE THEY HAVE MOVED HOUSE RECENTLY,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

+THEY OR THEIR PARENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY OF THE NET TO WHICH THEY HAVE RECENTLY MOVED HOUSE.

+THE SECRETARY, IF SATISFIED WITH THE GENUINENESS OF THE CASE, MAY THEN GRANT APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER AND ASSIST THEM IN SECURING PLACES IN THE NETS CONCERNED,+ HE SAID.

ALTERNATIVELY, THE PUPILS OR THEIR PARENTS MAY CONTACT A SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE IN THE NET THEY HAVE MOVED TO, AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE SCHOOL SHOULD THEN SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL SECRETARY OF HIS NET ON BEHALF OF THE PUPILS BEFORE ADMITTING THEM.

+IF A TYPHOON AFFECTS HONG KONG DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIODS, HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MEDIA ON ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION RESULTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TELEPHONE 5-272013.

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PRISONS RECRUITMENT TEAM MOVES TO SHA TIN
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE RECRUITMENT DISPLAY WILL MOVE TO THE COMMUNITY HALL NEAR KWAI WO HOUSE IN LEK YUEN ESTATE, SHA TIN, TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS, SHOWING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF PRISON WORK AND ITS STAFF WELFARE FACILITIES, IS AIMED AT ATTRACTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT AS ASSISTANT OFFICERS II.

A RECRUITMENT STAND WILL ALSO BE SET UP IN THE HALL WHERE PRISON OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THOSE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP THE CAREER.

THE DISPLAY WILL BE OPEN FROM 3 PM TO 10 PM ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

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MORE WATER FOR TAI PO DEVELOPMENT
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL BUILD ANOTHER FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR AT HA HANG IN TAI PO.

THE NEW RESERVOIR IS PART OF A WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME TO CATER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN AND TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

IT WILL BE AN EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING HA HANG SERVICE RESERVOIR AND WILL GIVE AN ADDITIONAL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 10 000 CUBIC METRES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED. IT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SITTING-OUT AREA IN MONG KOK

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A NEW SITTING-OUT AREA WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN PORTLAND STREET, MONG KOK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT, SAID THE AREA WOULD COVER 325 SQUARE METRES.

IT WILL HAVE PAVILIONS, FLOWER BEDS, CONCRETE BENCHES, CHESS TABLES, CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT AND A STORE ROOM.

WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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OI KWAN ROAD REROUTED

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OI KWAN ROAD IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC AND GUARDIAN HOUSE, AND SUNG TAK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 15).

LEARNER DRIVERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF OI KWAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SUNG TAK STREET BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 8 PM DAILY.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SPEECH BY HE THE ACTING GOVERNOR SIR JACK CATER KBE JP AT THE
OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE
INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS AT THE MARYKNOLL
CONVENT SCHOOL ON 13TH JULY 1980

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in extending a warm welcome to all participants in this Symposium, and in particular to our visitors from overseas.

Some of you may be visiting Hong Kong for the first time: in spite of our size - perhaps miniscule in comparison to your own countries - we are not exactly unknown or without repute. We occasionally hit the World's headlines - as we did last year with the dramatic but tragic arrival of the Vietnamese boat refugees: but it is our trade and our industry that has made Hong Kong known throughout much of the World. And there can be no denying the economic success of Hong Kong due I should add not only to the good sense, drive and flexibility of our business community, but largely because we have a hard-working, versatile work-force. But economic growth without social progress would produce a situation where the great majority of the people remain in poverty, while a privileged few reap the benefits of rising abundance. And Hong Kong has not stood still in this vital section of social progress, and I am sure that in your discussions, you will learn a great deal about our very substantial expansion of services to the public such as housing, education, medical and health services and, of course, social welfare.

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The social progress of Hong Kong owes much to the pioneering spirit and dedication of its social workers in both the public and the voluntary sectors. The voluntary - or private - sector has traditionally played a conspicuous and valuable role in the provision of social services in Hong Kong, with the encouragement and financial support of the Government. Indeed, this sector employs greater numbers of social workers than the Government. This has given the social work profession in Hong Kong a greater latitude in its speech and action than might otherwise have been possible in a profession composed largely of civil servants.

Social action can and does take many and varied forms. However, irrespective of whether it takes the form of mobilising volunteers to work for the less privileged and fortunate groups, research and surveys on specific needs or in planning functions, they all have as their ultimate goal the solution of human problems or the relief of hardship and suffering. This, in turn, will lead to a steady improvement in the quality of community life. A responsible and progressive government encourages popular participation and responsible social action by the public.

Of course all of us would like to see quick progress: we are naturally impatient for results. But there are many demands, many desirable objectives and all too often the resources are simply not sufficient to enable programmes to be completed in double-quick time. Priorities have to be decided and that means some programme or parts of programmes

may have a lower priority than others. And having been involved in a number of priority decisions I can assure you that, at times, it is a heart-breaking business. It is important for social workers, for those of us here today to appreciate the constraints under which all governments must work. Let me assure you that the Hong Kong Government shares with you the goal of a better society wherein all can share the fruits of prosperity: if there is any difference at all, it lies as I have suggested in the pace at which one should proceed and the need for fairness between all sectors of the community. The social work profession has boundless enthusiasm for change that would transform society. Such enthusiasm is necessary and praiseworthy. But it must take into consideration the wider perspective of the community's needs as a whole and the knowledge that resources are finite and that there must be priorities in implementation.

I imagine that one of the areas which will attract attention during the Symposium will be the position of the social worker and the style of activity that he or she may feel necessary to bring the attention of authority to a particular issue. Of course, ideally it should not be necessary to have to do this - but I accept that at times it is necessary and desirable. I shall be interested later to learn your views on this - what is the most effective way of achieving your objective - of bringing a particular issue to notice: is it lawful? does it impinge on the rights of others? I have heard it said by some that some

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form of confrontation with authority is normally necessary: I wonder whether this is so: is it the only, is it the best way? In a free society like Hong Kong, such actions must be allowed to take their normal course within the bounds of the law. It seems to me that this method may be effective in certain circumstances but wide use surely will blunt its edge and would, I imagine, prove counter-productive. But I accept that all bureaucracies run the risk of becoming too inward-looking and require critics to keep them on their toes. However, criticisms, if they are to be taken seriously, must be constructive and well-based in fact. And it is for authority to ensure that there are proper and effective channels of communication through which such criticisms may be expressed. In Hong Kong, we have many of these ranging from building-based Mutual Aid Committees to district-based Advisory Boards and City District Officers in Hong Kong and Kowloon or District Officers in the New Territories; to central organs like the Office of Unofficial Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, as well as petitions and appeals to the Government Secretariat or to Government House. As far as the social welfare field is concerned, there are both regular and ad hoc advisory, management and planning forums through which social workers can express their views. But is this enough? What other - if any - effective channels of effective communication are necessary?

A responsible social work profession can do much to act as a catalyst for greater or renewed awareness in the Government of the community's social needs. But what sort of person should the social worker be? What sort of professional associations should you have? It has been

The aim surely is the best organisation, the best training, the best social workers for the job in hand - assisting, improving the lot of the community: in particular the less fortunate, the deprived and those who are finding it difficult to cope with the pace of modern day life. The aim is not self-glorification, but service.

It is not for me to pontificate but I do believe that there are important questions to be asked, and which need to be answered, within the framework of your Symposium. Indeed, your Symposium's theme: "Social work and Social Action: Implications for the Social Worker, the Agency and the Professional Association" provides an excellent opportunity for these complex matters and their interplay to be examined and discussed.

I hope you will find Hong Kong a stimulating place to carry out your deliberations. Hong Kong's social work profession is, of course comparatively young: no doubt we have much to learn from more seasoned social work professions elsewhere but this learning will, I hope, result in a judicious selection and application of what is best for Hong Kong and its people at its present stage of development.

Madam Chairman, I wish the Symposium every success and our visitors a fruitful and pleasant stay in Hong Kong.