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EXPLOSIVE FINALE FOR SUCCESSFUL HONG KONG FESTIVAL

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THE LONDON SKYLINE WAS ABLAZE WITH COLOUR LAST (SUNDAY) NIGHT IN A MASSIVE FIREWORKS DISPLAY IN BATTERSEA PARK MARKING THE END OF A VERY SUCCESSFUL +HONG KONG IN LONDON+ FESTIVAL.

THE CHINESE FESTIVAL ATMOSPHERE WAS ENHANCED BY HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN AS THEY SNAKED THEIR WAY AROUND THE PARK IN A MID-AUTUMN LANTERN PROCESSION LED BY MISS HONG KONG, WANDA TAI, AND THE NEWLY-CROWNED FESTIVAL QUEEN, MISS MABEL LIU.

MORE THAN 750 000 VISITORS THRONGED TO THE PARK FOR THE TWO-DAY FESTIVAL WHICH STARTED ON SATURDAY WITH THE FIRING OF A REPLICA OF THE NOON DAY GUN BY LADY BRAMAL, WIFE OF GENERAL SIR EDWARD BRAMAL, CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, AND FORMER COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES IN HONG KONG.

TRAFFIC CAME TO A NEAR STANDSTILL AS THOUSANDS OF CARS CONVERGED ON THE PARK ON THE SOUTH-SIDE OF THE RIVER THAMES. YESTERDAY, THERE WAS A TRAFFIC JAM ON THE BATTERSEA BRIDGE FOR MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR, BUT POLICE BROUGHT THE TRAFFIC UNDER CONTROL. AND AT SLOAN SQUARE, WHERE SPECIAL BUSES WERE RUNNING A SHUTTLE SERVICE TO THE PARK, QUEUES WENT BACK HUNDREDS OF METRES.

BUT DESPITE THE VAST CROWD, ALL THE EVENTS WENT ON SMOOTHLY IN A TYPICALLY FESTIVE HONG KONG ATMOSPHERE.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON, THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, MR DAVID FORD, SUMMED UP THE FESTIVAL WITH: +IF THE PUBLIC RESPONSE ON THE FIRST DAY WAS MARVELLOUS, THIS IS INCREDIBLE.+

THE FESTIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL, WAS FULL OF COLOUR AND ACTIVITY.

THERE WERE DRAGON BOAT RACES, +DAI PAI DONGS+ (COOKED FOOD STALLS), HONG KONG CRAFT PRODUCT STALLS, ACROBATIC AND MARTIAL ART DISPLAYS, VARIETY SHOWS AND THE KEYING II SAILING UP AND DOWN THE RIVER THAMES.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED THE FESTIVAL INCLUDED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JOHN GRIFFITHS= THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR BERNARD WILLIAMS= AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN ARMSTRONG-WRIGHT.

OTHER GUESTS WERE UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MISS LYDIA DUNN= THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT= AND MR JOHN SWIRE OF THE SWIRE GROUP.

THERE WAS ALSO THE RECENTLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BBC, MR GEORGE HOWARD AND TWO FORMER DIRECTORS OF BROADCASTING IN HONG KONG, MR DONALD KERR AND MR JIMMY HAWTHORNE.

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FIRE IS BIGGEST THREAT TO COUNTRYSIDE
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS, MR JOHN WHOLEY, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING THAT FIRE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY THE BIGGEST SINGLE THREAT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, IN TERMS OF ITS SCENIC APPEARANCE AND ITS VALUE AS A RECREATIONAL RESOURCE FOR THE PEOPLE.

AT A DINNER OF THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB OF VICTORIA, HE SAID ALL HILL FIRES IN HONG KONG COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO HUMAN CARELESSNESS. NATURAL CAUSES, HE SAID, SUCH AS LIGHTNING STRIKES AND SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION WERE VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN HERE.

MR WHOLEY POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS THERE HAD BEEN MORE THAN 500 OUTBREAKS OF FIRE EACH YEAR IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

+IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL HILL FIRES START SMALL AND ANY ONE OF THESE OUTBREAKS COULD EASILY HAVE DEVELOPED INTO THE SORT OF FIRE WHICH LAST NOVEMBER BURNED FOR 29 HOURS DAMAGING 500 HECTARES OF LAND AND A QUARTER OF A MILLION TREES.+

WITH THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL +ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY,+ MR WHOLEY SAID HE HOPED THE HONG KONG PEOPLE, IN OBSERVING THE AGE OLD TRADITIONS OF CLEANING THEIR FAMILY GRAVES, WOULD EXERCISE EXTRA CARE IN HANDLING CANDLES, JOSS STICKS AND PAPER MONEY, AS THESE ITEMS WERE THE MAIN CAUSES OF HILL FIRES.

HE RECALLED THAT DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG PERIOD LAST YEAR THERE WERE 145 FIRES OVER THE THREE DAYS OF WHICH 67 WERE INSIDE OR THREATENED COUNTRY PARKS. DURING CHUNG YEUNG IN 1978 THERE WERE 99 FIRES INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS.

HE HOPED THAT IN TIME, THROUGH EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, THE ORDINARY MAN IN THE STREET WOULD BECOME MORE CONSCIOUS OF THE FIRE PROBLEM IN HIS COUNTRY PARKS AND LEARN TO RESPECT THE COUNTRYSIDE AS A RECREATIONAL RESOURCE.

MR WHOLEY SAID THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE HAD BEEN RISING STEADILY BY ABOUT 40 PER CENT PER ANNUM AND LAST YEAR MORE THAN SEVEN MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE COUNTRYSIDE.

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GOVERNMENT ASSISTS IN BUILDING VILLAGE OFFICES
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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN GRANTING LAND TO BUILD VILLAGE OFFICES.

MR LUI WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A VILLAGE OFFICE AT CHUEN LUNG IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT.

HE SAID TSUEN WAN WAS A PROSPEROUS NEW TOWN WHERE BOTH NEW COMMUNITY BUILDING AND TRADITIONAL VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS WERE PROGRESSING ACTIVELY.

/+THE OPENING .....

+THE OPENING OF THIS OFFICE TODAY IS A FURTHER STEP FORWARD IN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

+A VILLAGE OFFICE IS A GRASSROOTS ORGANISATION IN RURAL AREAS. APART FROM BEING A VENUE FOR DISCUSSION AMONG VILLAGERS TO IMPROVE THEIR WELFARE, IT IS ALSO AN ACTIVITY CENTRE WHERE THEY CAN PROMOTE FRIENDSHIP,+ HE SAID.

+THE OPINIONS OF VILLAGERS ARE CONSULTED AND COLLECTED BY THE OFFICE AND REFLECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE RURAL COMMITTEE,+ HE SAID.

MR LUI SAID THIS EXPLAINED WHY THE GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN STRONG SUPPORT TO THE SETTING UP OF VILLAGE OFFICES.

+THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS PREPARED TO ASSIST IN GRANTING LAND TO BUILD VILLAGE OFFICES AND IN THEIR ORGANISATION - JUST AS WE HAVE ASSISTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VILLAGE OFFICE HERE,+ HE SAID.

THE OFFICE OPENED BY MR LUI IS A TWO STOREY BUILDING DESIGNED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS OFFICE, WHICH SUPERVISED THE BUILDING WORK, WITH MONEY DONATED BY THE VILLAGERS THEMSELVES.

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LANTERN EXHIBITION TO CELEBRATE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

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A LANTERN EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD IN SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND THIS EVENING (MONDAY) TO CELEBRATE THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF A SERIES OF EVENTS ORGANISED BY NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TO CELEBRATE ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY.

THE LANTERNS TO BE DISPLAYED HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 500 ENTRIES IN A COMPETITION.

WINNING ENTRIES IN A CHINESE COUPLETS COMPETITION, MOST OF WHICH DESCRIBE THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH DISTRICT IN RECENT YEARS, WILL ALSO BE A DISPLAY.

THIRTY-THREE PRIZES VALUED AT $3 500 WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS AT THE EXHIBITION.

NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER JOHNSON, CHAIRMEN OF LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL BE GUESTS AT THE EXHIBITION.

AFTER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE LION DANCES AND A LANTERN RIDDLE CONTEST.

THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, WHICH INCLUDE A QUIZ CONTEST, A SOCCER TOURNAMENT, A LANTERN PARADE, A VARIETY SHOW AND A LOGO COMPETITION, WILL LAST A MONTH.

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SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING TONIGHT IN VICTORIA BARRACKS

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THE 'SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING NIGHT' ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS), THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB, WILL BE HELD AT THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SWIMMING POOL THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

THE EVENT WILL START AT 7.30 PM AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM WILL BE THE OFFICIATING GUEST.

THE RSS ORGANISED SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING TRAINING CLASSES LAST YEAR AS A PILOT SCHEME AND AS THE RESULT WAS FOUND TO BE ENCOURAGING MORE TRAINING CLASSES WERE ORGANISED THIS YEAR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB'S EDUCATION OFFICER, MR LI CHI SHING.

MR LI POINTED OUT THAT IF SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING WAS LISTED AS A COMPETITIVE EVENT IN THE OLYMPICS, HONG KONG SWIMMERS WOULD BE ABLE TO SHOW OFF THEIR TALENT AND EVEN MIGHT BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE GOOD RESULTS.

+THIS IS BECAUSE THE PERFORMANCE OF OUR SYNCHRONISED SWIMMERS HAVE BEEN VERY GOOD AND AS THERE ARE ONLY ABOUT 15 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD PROMOTING THIS EVENT, SO WE ARE NOT FACED WITH STRONG COMPETITION,+ HE SAID.

LAST MONTH, WHEN THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION HELD THE FIRST HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, THERE WERE TWO DEMONSTRATION SESSIONS ON SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING, WITH LIVE MUSIC BEING INTRODUCED TO ACCOMPANY THE SWIMMERS.

AT TONIGHT'S FUNCTION, THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND OF THE MUSIC OFFICE WILL PROVIDE LIVE MUSIC FOR THE SWIMMERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING NIGHT TO BE HELD AT 7.30 PM TONIGHT (MONDAY) AT THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SWIMMING POOL.

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THREE-YEAR COURSE FOR JOURNALISTS

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THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IS PLANNING TO LAUNCH A BASIC THREE-YEAR COURSE IN JOURNALISM, PRIMARILY DESIGNED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO WISH TO START A CAREER IN THE PROFESSION OF JOURNALISM.

MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN HE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 20 WORKING CHINESE JOURNALISTS WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED THE +ENGLISH ORAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS+ COURSE.

THE FIVE-WEEK COURSE, WHICH LAID EQUAL EMPHASIS ON THEORY AND PRACTICE, WAS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD.

+THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES WHICH HAVE PROVED EXCEEDINGLY SUCCESSFUL IN OTHER TRADES, WILL BE USED AS REFERENCE IN PROPOSING THIS BASIC TRAINING,+ SAID MR SHUM.

IN OTHER WORDS, HE SAID, +JOURNALIST+ MAY POSSIBLY BECOME ANOTHER DESIGNATED TRADE.

+SOME MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ON THIS PROPOSED TRAINING COURSE HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO UNIVERSITY OR POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES FOR WHOM THE DURATION OF THIS COURSE SHOULD BE REDUCED TO ONE YEAR OR EVEN SHORTER.

+THIS IS A VERY SOUND SUGGESTION AND AS EVERYTHING IS STILL AT A PLANNING STAGE, MORE THOUGHT WILL BE GIVEN TO REFINING THE FINAL PROPOSAL,+ HE ADDED.

MR SHUM REVEALED THAT THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD WILL CONDUCT A MANPOWER SURVEY AT THE END OF NEXT YEAR ON THE MEDIA WITH A VIEW TO FINDING OUT THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF THE JOURNALISM SECTOR.

+ON THE BASIS OF SURVEY FINDINGS AND THE FORECAST OF MANPOWER NEEDS, THE TRAINING BOARD WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNMENT ON HOW TO MEET SUCH MANPOWER NEEDS THROUGH TRAINING,+ HE SAID.

THE JOURNALISM TRAINING BOARD -- ONE OF THE MANY TRAINING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL -- IS PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENT OF JOURNALISM, PREPARING JOB STANDARDS FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS, AND DESIGNING TRAINING PROGRAMMES TO MEET THE RECOMMENDED JOB STANDARDS.

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OPEN SWIMMING SYMPOSIUM

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SWIMMING TEACHERS FROM THE UK, AUSTRALIA, SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, HOLLAND WILL MEET IN HONG KONG NEXT WEEK AT A SYMPOSIUM ON THE TEACHING OF SWIMMING.

THIS WILL BE THE SECOND SYMPOSIUM AND CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SWIMMING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS. THE SWIMMING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG WILL BE HOST OF THE SYMPOSIUM AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI.

LECTURES AND PAPERS RELATED TO THE TEACHING OF SWIMMING WILL BE PRESENTED BY LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXPERTS DURING THE SYMPOSIUM.

SUBJECTS WILL INCLUDE LEARN-TO-SWIM SCHEMES, TEACHING THE DISABLED TO SWIM, ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED BY SWIMMING TEACHERS, LIFE SAVING SKILLS AND FIRST AID FOR SWIMMING TEACHERS.

THE LECTURES WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE AND WILL BE HELD DAILY FROM 10 AM FROM SEPTEMBER 30 TO OCTOBER 2. EACH SESSION WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS.

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED BY DELEGATES IN GROUPS WILL INCLUDE SPECIFIC ASPECTS RELATED TO THE TEACHING OF SWIMMING IN SCHOOLS= ESSENTIAL LIFE SAVING SKILLS REQUIRED FOR QUALIFIED TEACHERS OF SWIMMING= AND THE VALUE AND SOCIOLOGICAL BENEFITS OF AQUATIC INSTRUCTION FOR PUPILS AGED THREE YEARS AND BELOW.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE DISCUSSIONS.

DETAILS OF THE LECTURES AND APPLICATIONS TO THE GROUP DISCUSSIONS MAY BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG SWIMMING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, MR MA YING-KIN, C/O PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 7TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, OR ON TELEPHONE 3-884111 EXT. 267.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER 29 AT THE MANDARIN HOTEL. MR DENIS BRAY, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS= MR HARRY BATES, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SWIMMING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATIONS= AND MISS WANDA TAI, MISS HONG KONG 1980 WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SYMPOSIUM AT 6.15 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 IN THE PLEASANT ROOM OF THE MANDARIN HOTEL.

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ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL TRAINING SCHEME OFFER

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YOUNG MEN SEEKING A CAREER IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL FIELD NOW HAVE A CHANCE OF BECOMING A GOVERNMENT APPRENTICE.

THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM FORM TWO SCHOOL LEAVERS BETWEEN 14-17 YEARS OF AGE TO JOIN THE CRAFT APPRENTICE SCHEME.

+CANDIDATES SELECTED FOR THE SCHEME WILL RECEIVE FOUR YEARS TRAINING AS CRAFTSMEN IN ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL OR AIR-CONDITIONING FIELDS AND BE ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY SALARY BETWEEN $550 AND $830 WITH ANNUAL PAID LEAVE AND FREE MEDICAL CARE,+ SAID MR KWOK SEN, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT OF APPRENTICES OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE TODAY (MONDAY).

+ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, APPRENTICES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS ARTISAN IN THE GOVERNMENT. THEY ARE ALSO FREE TO JOIN THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN WHICH WELL-TRAINED CRAFTSMEN ARE IN GREAT DEMAND,+ HE ADDED.

MR KWOK POINTED OUT THAT PROMOTION PROSPECTS FOR ARTISANS WERE GOOD AND THEY WERE ELIGIBLE FOR PROMOTION TO WORKS SUPERVISOR OR EVEN MORE SENIOR POSTS DEPENDING ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE.

+THEY MAY BE EMPLOYED IN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, WATER SUPPLIES OFFICE, AND GEOTECHNICAL OFFICE OF THE PWD OR KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WORKSHOPS ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT THEY WILL ALL BE TAKEN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE ADDED.

+HOWEVER, ARTISAN I AND II POSTS ARE NORMALLY FILLED BY CRAFT APPRENTICES WHO HAVE SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING.+

ABOUT 120 APPRENTICES WILL BE RECRUITED FOR THESE POSTS THIS YEAR.

THE FOUR-YEAR APPRENTICESHIP CONSISTS OF BASIC AND ON-THE-JOB TRAINING.

DURING THE FIRST YEAR, APPRENTICES WILL ATTEND A SIX-MONTH FULL-TIME ENGINEERING CRAFT COURSE AT MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER SIX MONTHS BASIC TRAINING IN THE APPRENTICE TRAINING CENTRE AT CAROLINE HILL.

IN THE FOLLOWING THREE YEARS, THEY WILL RECEIVE FURTHER TRAINING IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT WORKSHOPS AS WELL AS ATTENDING PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS ON BENCH FITTING, MACHINE TOOLS, WELDING, ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONICS AND SHEET METAL WORK.

+THE TRAINING SCHEME PRACTICALLY COVERS EVERY MAJOR ARTISAN TRADE THUS PROVIDING APPRENTICES WITH A BROAD ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE,+ MR KWOK SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SCHEME ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICES AND THE APPRENTICE TRAINING CENTRE OF THE PWD'S ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE.

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## ACCOUNTANCY STUDENT GAINS TOP AWARD

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AN ACCOUNTANCY STUDENT OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HAS BEEN AWARDED FIRST PRIZE IN THE INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTING STAFF EXAMINATIONS PART TWO HELD IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

HE IS MR CHEUNG YING-CHI, WHO OBTAINED THE HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE AMONG 1 539 CANDIDATES WORLDWIDE WHO SAT THE EXAMINATION. ONLY 39 PER CENT OF THE CANDIDATES PASSED THIS EXAMINATION.

FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENT, MR CHEUNG HAS BEEN AWARDED 50 POUNDS STERLING BY THE INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTING STAFF.

+THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT STUDENTS FROM THE TWO-YEAR DIPLOMA COURSE IN ACCOUNTANCY TOOK PART IN THE IAS EXAMINATIONS AND RESULTS HAVE BEEN MOST SATISFACTORY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SAID.

OF THE 23 STUDENTS WHO TOOK THE PART ONE EXAMINATION, 19 PASSED OF WHICH 15 OBTAINED CREDITS. IN THE PART TWO EXAMINATION, 29 OF THE 31 STUDENTS PASSED AND 28 OBTAINED CREDITS.

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## NEW RESERVOIR IN HAMMER HILL

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TENDERS HAVE BEEN INVITED FOR THE SITE FORMATION FOR NGAU CHI WAN SERVICE RESERVOIR AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCESS ROAD TO THE SITE ON THE SOUTHERN SLOPE OF HAMMER HILL.

THE RESERVOIR, OF 54 000 CUBIC METRES CAPACITY, WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPPLY THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID THE WORKS WOULD INCLUDE EXCAVATION OF ABOUT 400 000 CUBIC METRES, PREPARING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS. THE FOUNDATION AREA WOULD BE ABOUT 11 000 SQUARE METRES.

HE SAID THE ACCESS ROAD, INCLUDED IN THE PREPARATORY WORKS, WOULD BE ABOUT 370 METRES LONG AND SEVEN METRES WIDE.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN DECEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 21 MONTHS.

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## NEW TAXI STAND IN CENTRAL

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A NEW TAXI STAND HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN CHATER ROAD OUTSIDE ALEXANDRA HOUSE TO REPLACE THE TAXI STAND OUTSIDE CENTRAL BUILDING IN PEDDER STREET.

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