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ORDERS-ON-HAND CONTINUE TO RISE

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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN APRIL THIS YEAR ACCORDING TO THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT OCCURRED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY FOLLOWED BY THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS AND WEARING APPAREL INDUSTRIES, THE DEPARTMENT REPORTED TODAY, IN RELEASING STATISTICS FROM THE MONTHLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR APRIL.

TAKING ALL THE MANUFACTURERS SURVEYED AS A WHOLE, EMPLOYMENT REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE IN APRIL, COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH. EMPLOYMENT IN THE FOOD AND DRINKS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES SHOWED SLIGHT INCREASES, WHILE THAT IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY AND THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR RECORDED SLIGHT DECLINES.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ROSE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, FOLLOWED BY THE FOOD AND DRINKS AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES. SLIGHT INCREASES WERE ALSO RECORDED IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE +OTHERS+ CATEGORY OF THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR. IN GENERAL, THE INCREASES WERE DUE TO WAGE AND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS, AND MORE OVERTIME WORK.

IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, EMPLOYMENT DECLINED FOLLOWING THE RETRENCHMENT OF EMPLOYEES BY SEVERAL COMPANIES AFTER THE COMPLETION OF SOME CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS. PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS INCREASE CORRESPONDINGLY FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF SEVERANCE PAY.

IN THE SERVICES SECTOR, PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS ROSE GENERALLY ON ACCOUNT OF WAGE AND SALARY ADJUSTMENTS AND THE ISSUE OF BONUSES BY SEVERAL COMPANIES FOLLOWING THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR IN MARCH.

THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS WORKED PER WEEK BY OPERATIVES REMAINED THE SAME IN MOST INDUSTRIES BUT INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES ON ACCOUNT OF MORE ORDERS-ON-HAND.

THE PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT, PER CAPITA EARNINGS AND ORDERS-ON-HAND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS ARE SHOWN IN THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.

IN RELEASING THE SURVEY RESULTS, THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES (CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT SIZE IN SEPTEMBER 1979) AND THE 43 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR APRIL 1983 IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE, AT \$1.5 PER COPY. ENQUIRIES ON THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7212832).

A. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICE	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR APRIL 1983 (HK\$)
	FEB. 1983	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)		FEB. 1983	MAR. 1983	APR. 1983	
		MAR. 1983	APR. 1983				
MANUFACTURING	- 2	1	*	4	-19	7	2 438
FOOD AND DRINKS	*	*	1	-35	- 9	8	3 156
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	- 1	1	*	- 9	- 5	*	2 007
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	- 2	- 1	*	-10	-10	6	2 402
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	- 2	- 1	- 1	34	-29	2	2 003
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	- 2	*	1	9	-25	- 1	1 922
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	- 2	2	1	11	-26	21	2 622
OTHERS	- 1	*	- 1	26	-27	2	3 133

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CONSTRUCTION	** - 3	- 1	- 3	-27	3	5	3 766
SERVICES	*	*	*	-34	- 3	5	4 311
BANKS	- 1	*	*	-35	*	3	3 871
HOTELS	*	1	*	-31	-18	17	3 148
PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	-39	2	6	4 177
OTHERS	- 1	*	1	-20	- 9	3	6 257

B. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR APRIL 1983
	FEB. 1983	MAR. 1983	APR. 1983	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	*	*	3	4.91
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	1	4	1	2.45
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	6	9	16	3.80
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	20	3	10	2.78
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	3	3	4	4.86
OTHERS	1	*	2	3.62
ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES	2	2	4	4.16

* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5%

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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**GOVERNMENT COMMITTED TO IMPROVING LANGUAGE STANDARD
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THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR KENNETH TOPLEY TODAY (FRIDAY) REAFFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE STANDARD OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN SCHOOLS.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE SECOND RETRAINING COURSE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION (ILE).

THE TEACHERS WERE BEING CONGRATULATED ON HAVING SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE FOUR-MONTH, FULL-TIME COURSE AT THE ILE, WHICH HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LANGUAGE PACKAGE ANNOUNCED IN 1981.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED TO HELP TEACHERS IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE TEACHING SKILLS.

+IT IS NOW WIDELY RECOGNISED NOWADAYS THAT SUCCESSFUL LANGUAGE TEACHING AT ALL LEVELS REQUIRES A CADRE OF WELL-TRAINED SPECIALIST TEACHERS WITH A STRONG PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT TO A CAREER IN LANGUAGE TEACHING.

+FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE PLACING EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING AND IMPROVING OUR TEACHING FORCE, STARTING WITH YOU, THE TEACHERS OF LANGUAGE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS+, MR TOPLEY SAID.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE FIRST PRIORITY OF THE ILE WAS TO CONDUCT REFRESHER COURSES, AFTER WHICH IT WAS PLANNED TO UNDERTAKE CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND RESEARCH PROJECTS.

ANOTHER FUNCTION OF THE ILE WAS TO DEVELOP TEACHING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES IN ORDER TO BECOME A CENTRE WHERE TEACHERS COULD COME FOR IDEAS ON CLASSROOM TEACHING, HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, MR TOPLEY JOINED THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (ILE), MR ANDREW FOK, AND STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE TO LOOK AT AN EXHIBITION OF ORIGINAL AND ADAPTED TEACHING MATERIALS PRODUCED BY THE GRADUATES.

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**CHINESE CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO VISIT HONG KONG
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A DELEGATION OF SENIOR CHINESE CUSTOMS OFFICIALS, LED BY MR SUN CHUENLU, DIRECTOR OF THE GUANGDONG BRANCH OF THE GENERAL CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATION, WILL ARRIVE ON MONDAY (JUNE 20) FOR MEETINGS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE HONG KONG CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

THE VISIT IS PART OF THE ON-GOING CONTACTS AT DIRECTORATE LEVEL OF THE TWO CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS.

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DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTRE ON REVIEWING THE FACILITATION OF TRADE AND PASSENGER FLOW, THE LIAISON ARRANGEMENTS, AND IMPROVING MEASURES TO COUNTER THE TRAFFICKING OF NARCOTICS AND SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES AT THE BORDER.

THE DELEGATES WILL ALSO VISIT THE HONG KONG TOBACCO CO., SAN MIGUEL BREWERY, KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL AND VARIOUS CUSTOMS OFFICES.

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**PRIMARY ONE ALLOCATIONS READY TOMORROW
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THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY ONE PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR UNDER THE NEW PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM WILL BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW AND ON SUNDAY.

PARENTS CONCERNED SHOULD GO TO THE DISTRIBUTION COLLECTION CENTRE IN THEIR DISTRICTS ON EITHER OF THESE TWO DAYS, BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM TO COLLECT AN ALLOCATION SLIP ADVISING OF THE SCHOOL IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN PLACED.

PARENTS WHO FOR PERSONAL REASONS CANNOT REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN WITH THE SCHOOL ON THESE TWO DAYS MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL DIRECT OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 2/F, FOR ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

PARENTS WHO FAIL TO DO SO WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACE ALLOCATED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ARE FINAL AND NO RE-ALLOCATION IS POSSIBLE.

HOWEVER, IF PARENTS HAVE GENUINE DIFFICULTIES SUCH AS HAVING MOVED FAR AWAY, THEY MAY SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT.

ANY PARENT WISHING TO MAKE FURTHER ENQUIRIES MAY CONTACT THE UNIT ON 5-724383 DURING OFFICE HOURS ON OR AFTER TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

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**NEW ADMISSION SYSTEM AT SWIMMING POOLS
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A NEW ADMISSION SYSTEM WILL BE INTRODUCED AS FROM MONDAY (JUNE 20), AT ALL PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

UNDER THIS NEW SYSTEM, PARENTS AND ADULTS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 14 CAN BE ADMITTED TO A SWIMMING POOL AT THE SAME POINT -- THE ADULTS AND FAMILY ADMISSION POINT.

AT PRESENT, PARENTS AND ADULTS WITH CHILDREN QUEUE UP IN THE SAME LINE AND HAVE TO SPLIT UP WHEN THEY APPROACH THE SEPARATE ADMISSION POINTS.

THE NEW SYSTEM IS THEREFORE TO ENABLE PARENTS AND ADULTS TO TAKE GREATER CARE OF THE CHILDREN AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN ADMITTED INTO A SWIMMING POOL, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HAVING PAID THE FEES AT THE TURNSTILES, PARENTS AND ADULTS WILL BE FOR RECORD PURPOSES ISSUED WITH A TICKET ON WHICH THE DATE AND TIME WILL BE IMPRINTED.

THEY ARE EXPECTED TO CHECK THE DATE AND TIME CHOPPED ON THE TICKETS ISSUED TO THEM AS CORRECT AND TO REPORT DISCREPANCIES, IF ANY, TO THE POOL MANAGEMENT FOR INVESTIGATION.

THEY SHOULD ALSO RETAIN THE TICKETS FOR INSPECTION BY THE SWIMMING POOL STAFF, UNTIL THEY LEAVE THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX.

NOTICES TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE PUT UP AT ALL SWIMMING POOLS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE EXISTING ADMISSION PROCEDURES FOR CHILDREN WHO GO TO THE POOLS ALONE REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THIS MEANS THAT THEY CAN BE ADMITTED TO A SWIMMING POOL THROUGH THE CHILDREN ADMISSION POINT AFTER THEY HAVE PAID THE FEES, HE SAID.

THE NEW ADMISSION SYSTEM APPLIES TO ALL PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS AT VICTORIA PARK, MORRISON HILL, KENNEDY TOWN, ABERDEEN, CHAI WAN, KWUN TONG, LEI CHENG UK, MORSE PARK, AND KOWLOON-TSAI, TAI WAN SHAN IN THE URBAN AREA AND THOSE AT KWAI SHING, FANLING SHATIN AND YUEN LONG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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HK REGIMENT WANTS MORE VOLUNTEERS

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) TODAY (FRIDAY) LAUNCHED A RECRUITMENT DRIVE FOR 80 TO 100 MALE VOLUNTEERS.

THE VOLUNTEERS THAT THE REGIMENT IS LOOKING FOR MUST BE INTELLIGENT AND MATURE MEN OF GOOD PHYSIQUE AND HIGH CALIBRE, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF CHARACTER AND INITIATIVE, AND MUST BE AT LEAST 17-1/2 YEARS OF AGE.

+THE MAIN ATTRACTIONS OF VOLUNTEERING ARE COMRADESHIP, A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF THE URBAN AREAS AND DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT, AND A FEELING THAT ONE IS DOING SOMETHING USEFUL FOR THE COMMUNITY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIMENT SAID.

+LAST YEAR WE HAD A PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AND HAD SOME 1 300 APPLICATIONS FOR 150 VACANCIES AND 115 OF THESE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS OF TRAINING,+ HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS BY JULY 15.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE REGIMENT'S RECRUITING OFFICER AT 5-7952038, EXT. 41.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE REGULAR CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG.

+THEY SHOULD ENSURE BEFORE THEY APPLY THAT THEIR EMPLOYERS ARE HAPPY ABOUT THE PROSPECT OF THEIR JOINING AND ARE PREPARED TO RELEASE THEM FOR TRAINING,+ HE SAID.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE A SECONDARY EDUCATION AND MUST BE ABLE TO SPEAK AND WRITE ENGLISH AND CHINESE FLUENTLY.

THEY MUST ALSO PASS THE GOVERNMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION BEFORE ENLISTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A FURTHER RECRUITMENT DRIVE WOULD BE HELD TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR OR EARLY NEXT YEAR TO ENLIST 20 FEMALE RECRUITS FOR A FULL ESTABLISHMENT OF 40.

TWENTY OF THEM WERE RECRUITED IN MARCH AND ARE NOW RECEIVING INTENSIVE BASIC TRAINING IN VARIOUS MILITARY SUBJECTS.

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YUEN LONG TREE PLANTING DAY
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RESIDENTS IN YUEN LONG WERE TODAY URGED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO A TREE-PLANTING SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL ENVIRONMENT.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR TANG CHI-LEUNG, IN A SPEECH AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE YUEN LONG TREE PLANTING DAY.

THE TREE PLANTING DAY, ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS HELD AT THE TAI YUK ROAD REST GARDEN.

MR TANG SAID THAT RESIDENTS COULD GROW PLANTS AND TREES IN THEIR GARDENS OR KEEP POT FLOWERS AT HOME TO IMPROVE THEIR SURROUNDINGS.

A TOTAL OF 100 YOUNG TREES WERE PLANTED TODAY BY LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PLANT ANOTHER 3 500 TREES IN YUEN LONG DURING THE CURRENT PLANTING SEASON.

THIS FIGURE DOES NOT INCLUDE TREES WHICH WILL BE PLANTED BY OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS.

BESIDES TREE PLANTING, THE NTSD WILL CARRY OUT VARIOUS LANDSCAPING PROJECTS TO BEAUTIFY THE NEW TOWN.

THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR KWONG WEI-LIM, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR DAVID SKINNER LATER JOINED MR TANG IN PLANTING A YOUNG TREE DESPITE HEAVY DOWNPOURS.

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RADIO PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE
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THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE WILL BE DIRECTED AT TEENAGERS THROUGH A SERIES OF RADIO PROGRAMMES TO BE BROADCAST THIS SUMMER.

THE WEEKLY PROGRAMME WILL BE BROADCAST ON RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG RADIO TWO EVERY SATURDAY FROM JUNE 18 TO AUGUST 20 AT 5 PM.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE PROGRAMME IS THE SECOND RADIO SERIES PRODUCED IN SUPPORT OF THE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME CAMPAIGN. THE FIRST SERIES, FEATURING HEALTHY ACTIVITIES OFFERED BY VARIOUS YOUTH CLUBS, WAS BROADCAST LAST SUMMER AND SCORED A VERY HIGH AUDIENCE RATING.

/+OUR TARGET

+OUR TARGET AUDIENCE THIS TIME WILL BE YOUNGSTERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 TO 20. IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THIS INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING 60-MINUTE PROGRAMME, THEY WILL BE DISSUADED FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN CRIME,+ SAID MISS CANDY CHEA WHO IS HOSTING THE PROGRAMME.

+IN EACH EPISODE, WE WILL BE INTERVIEWING A WELL-KNOWN PERSON WHO WILL TELL US HOW HE OR SHE OVERCAME ADVERSITIES AND EVENTUALLY ATTAINED HIS OR HER GOAL. IT IS HOPED THAT THE SUCCESS STORIES OF THESE PERSONALITIES WILL SET GOOD EXAMPLES FOR THE YOUNG AUDIENCE,+ SHE SAID.

+THE PROGRAMME WILL ALSO FEATURE CASE STORIES OF YOUTHS WHO HAD ONCE BEEN INVOLVED IN CRIME BUT WHO MANAGED TO TURN OVER A NEW LEAF,+ SHE ADDED.

AN ESSAY COMPETITION WILL BE ORGANISED AS PART OF THE RADIO PROGRAMME AND THE AUDIENCE WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PHONE IN FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE PROGRAMME PRESENTER.

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GROUPS TO GET AWARDS FOR EXCEPTIONAL WORK * * * *

LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE GIVEN AWARDS FOR ORGANISING OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

A SELECTION COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR H.T. LUI, AND COMPRISING THREE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND EIGHT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, WAS FORMED IN MARCH THIS YEAR TO CONSIDER THE AWARDS.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED WITH SUBSIDIES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS BETWEEN MAY 1 THIS YEAR AND FEBRUARY 14, 1984 WILL BE ELIGIBLE.

MR LUI SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE AWARD SCHEME WAS TO ENCOURAGE EFFECTIVE USE OF BOARD FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY WORK AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE THE +SPIRIT OF EASTERN+ AND THE IMAGE OF THE BOARD.

IT WILL ALSO HELP UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS AND KEEP BOARD MEMBERS BETTER INFORMED OF THE PROGRESS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

DETAILS OF THE AWARD SCHEME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON. MR LUI AND MEMBERS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE WILL BE PRESENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3 PM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 884-886 KING'S ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COMMENDATION FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS
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TWENTY-TWO OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR RON BRIDGE, ON MONDAY (JUNE 20) AFTERNOON.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 4.15 PM AT IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 61 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE BY 4 PM AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY OF THE HEADQUARTERS, WHERE THEY WILL BE MET BY MR H.T. IP, THE DEPARTMENT'S LIAISON OFFICER.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTER RETIRES
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THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER, MR DENNIS RICK, WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE IN JULY, AFTER 28 YEARS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

MR RICK JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1955 AS A POLICE SUB-INSPECTOR. HE WAS APPOINTED ON TRANSFER AS AN ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT IN THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT IN 1961. HE WAS PROMOTED TO PRINTING SUPERINTENDENT IN 1965, ASSISTANT GOVERNMENT PRINTER IN 1974 AND GOVERNMENT PRINTER IN 1978.

MR RICK WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR HARRIS MYERS, WHOSE APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR MYERS, WHO IS DUE TO TAKE UP THE APPOINTMENT SHORTLY FROM ENGLAND, IS 45 YEARS OF AGE. HE HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A PRINTING CAREER SINCE 1954. HE WAS PRODUCTION AND WORKS DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE PITMAN PRESS FROM APRIL 1970 TO NOVEMBER 1973.

AFTER A PERIOD OF ONE AND A HALF YEARS AS MANAGING DIRECTOR IN A PRINTING FIRM IN EDINBURGH, HE JOINED THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS IN APRIL 1975 AS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ITS PRINTING DIVISION, AND SUBSEQUENTLY BECAME PRINTER TO THE UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTOR OF THE PUBLISHING DIVISION. HE WAS ELECTED FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTE OF PRINTING AND THE INSTITUTE OF DIRECTORS IN 1981.

MR MYERS HAS HELD SENIOR APPOINTMENTS IN PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. HE WAS A GOVERNOR OF THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, AND WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRINTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE COLLEGE FROM 1976 TO 1982. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRIES RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (AN INTERNATIONAL BODY OF WHICH THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT IS A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER) SINCE 1976, AND A MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONIC PUBLISHING RESEARCH COMMITTEE SINCE 1981. HE WAS ADMITTED INTO THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF LONDON IN THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF STATIONERS AND NEWSPAPER MAKERS IN 1983.

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OVERSEAS ROWING TEAMS COMPETING HERE
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THREE OVERSEAS ROWING TEAMS WILL TEST THEIR SKILL AT THE SHA TIN SPRINT ROWING REGATTA TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON BEFORE COMPETING IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACE ON SUNDAY.

THE THREE TEAMS FROM BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND WEST AUSTRALIA, WILL JOIN SEVEN OTHER LOCAL TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN TOMORROW'S COMPETITION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AND COVER 600 METRES ALONG THE SHING MUN RIVER.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG AMATEUR ROWING ASSOCIATION AND SUPPORTED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

SUNDAY'S DRAGON BOAT RACE, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD ALONG THE WATERFRONT IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAMS.

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TSUEN WAN, SHA TIN WIN BADMINTON LEAGUE
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BADMINTON PLAYERS FROM TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN WON THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS IN THIS YEAR'S NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT BADMINTON LEAGUE BY BEATING TEAMS FROM FIVE OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE REGION.

MORE THAN 140 PLAYERS FROM SEVEN OF THE EIGHT NT DISTRICTS TOOK PART IN THE SERIES OF COMPETITIONS OVER THE PAST FOUR WEEKS.

THE LEAGUE, IN ITS SECOND YEAR, IS SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES INTER-DISTRICT SPORTS CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAMS AT A CEREMONY AT 4 PM TOMORROW.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR CHIU YIM-SHUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU, AND THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT, MR LAU WONG-FAT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 4 PM AT THE YAN OI COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

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**BROADWOOD ROAD TRAFFIC CHANGE
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BROADWOOD ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY, BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO HOUSE NO. 20, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 20) FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND DURING THIS TIME, ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED VIA LINK ROAD.

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