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YEAR ROUND LAND-SEA-AIR RECREATION PROJECT FOR WORKERS

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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS LAUNCHING A MASSIVE LAND-SEA-AIR RECREATION PROJECT FOR THE WORKING POPULATION OF HONG KONG.

SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR. DICKEN YUNG, SAID THE AIM OF THE +THREE-DIMENSIONAL+ PROJECT WAS TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR WORKERS TO RELAX THEMSELVES AFTER OFFICE HOURS.

MR. YUNG SAID: +PARTICULAR EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON THE SECTOR OF PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 40.+

MR. YUNG POINTED OUT THAT RECREATION FOR WORKING PEOPLE IS IMPORTANT IN SOCIAL, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL POINTS OF VIEW.

+MANY EMPLOYERS MAY NOT REALISE THAT SUCH RECREATION BENEFITS NOT ONLY THEIR EMPLOYEES, IT ALSO HELPS INCREASE THE PRODUCTION OF THE ORGANISATIONS IN WHICH THEY WORK,+ MR. YUNG EMPHASISED.

+THAT IS WHY WE ARE TRYING TO PERSUADE THE EMPLOYERS TO RELEASE THEIR EMPLOYEES TO JOIN THE PROGRAMMES ORGANISED DURING WEEKDAYS UNDER THE PROJECT.+

THE LAND-SEA-AIR RECREATION PROJECT IS A PILOT PROJECT WHICH WILL BE LAUNCHED THE YEAR ROUND IF PROVED POPULAR. THE FIRST PHASE HAS STARTED RECENTLY AND WILL LAST FOR A FEW MONTHS.

+SOME OF THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE SEA-BORNE HOLIDAY CAMP, LARGE SCALE GAMES COMPETITION, HONG KONG-WIDE SKATEBOARD COMPETITION AND AIR-BORNE RECREATION CAMP,+ MR. YUNG SAID.

+THE MOST ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME IS THE AIR-BORNE RECREATION CAMP WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE BRITISH FORCES IN HONG KONG.+

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT, THE ARMY WILL PROVIDE TWO HELICOPTERS TO TAKE CAMPERS TO AND FROM THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE WHERE THEY WILL STAY OVER NIGHT AND TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION OF THE PROGRAMMES, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTACT THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HEAD-QUARTERS AT WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL (TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-458511) OR OTHER BRANCH OFFICES.

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CHEUNG CHAU RECLAMATION
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RECLAIM ABOUT 4.8 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED AT CHEUNG CHAU.

THE RECLAIMED AREA WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARKET, COOKED FOOD STALLS, VILLAGE TYPE HOUSING AND OPEN SPACES WHICH FORM PART OF THE CHEUNG CHAU DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

ANYONE WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM TODAY.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, AND ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, 1ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG= THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, ISLANDS, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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WEATHER IN MAY - COOL AND CLOUDY
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LAST MONTH WAS THE COOLEST AND CLOUDIEST MAY SINCE 1972, ACCORDING TO THE WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY.

THE MEAN TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH WAS 25 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS 0.9 DEGREE BELOW NORMAL WITH THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 21 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED ON MAY 22, AND THE MAXIMUM OF 32 DEGREES ON MAY 30.

A TOTAL OF 89.4 HOURS OF SUNSHINE WAS RECORDED IN THE MONTH WHICH WAS THE THIRD LOWEST ON RECORD FOR MAY.

THE MONTH'S RAINFALL OF 300.4 MM WAS MORE THAN 11 MM ABOVE NORMAL AND THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL OF 720.3 MM FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS 32 PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE.

ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, RAIN WAS VERY HEAVY BETWEEN 8 P.M. ON MAY 4 AND 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY WHEN A TOTAL RAINFALL OF 110.4 MM WAS RECORDED.

THE DOWN POUR WAS DUE TO A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE WHICH FORMED OVER SOUTH CHINA ON MAY 3 AND REACHED HONG KONG ON THE FOLLOWING EVENING, ACCOMPANIED BY HEAVY SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

HEAVY RAIN OCCURRED AGAIN ON MAY 18 WHEN AN ACTIVE TROUGH MOVED CLOSE TO HONG KONG FROM SOUTH CHINA.

THE TROUGH STAYED OVER THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS AND THE WEATHER IN HONG KONG DURING THIS PERIOD REMAINED CLOUDY WITH OCCASIONAL SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS.

THE TROUGH EVENTUALLY MOVED NORTH TO CENTRAL CHINA ON MAY 28 AND HONG KONG'S WEATHER GRADUALLY IMPROVED. APART FROM SOME FOG AT SEA, THE NEXT TWO DAYS WERE FINE AND HOT. ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 30, TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 32 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE HIGHEST SINCE SEPTEMBER 1977.

DURING THE MONTH NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER. NO TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNALS OR STRONG MONSOON SIGNALS WERE HOISTED AND NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

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DIRECTOR OF N.T. DEVELOPMENT RETIRING
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MR. J.R. WHITAKER, DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, WILL PROCEED ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE LATER THIS MONTH AFTER NEARLY 24 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

AT A CEREMONY AT THE P.W.D.'S CONFERENCE ROOM TODAY, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, PRESENTED HIM WITH A FAREWELL GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

MR. MCDONALD RECALLED THAT MR. WHITAKER, KNOWN TO HIS COLLEAGUES AS JAY, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ENGINEER IN 1954.

WITHIN FOUR YEARS HE BECAME AN ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER. HE THEN MOVED STEADILY UPWARDS THROUGH BOTH THE NEWLY FORMED CIVIL ENGINEERING AND HIGHWAYS OFFICES AND IT WAS IN 1971, HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT.

MR. MCDONALD SAID: +IN 1973 IT BECAME NECESSARY TO FORM A NEW DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE P.W.D. IN ORDER TO CO-ORDINATE THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 10-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME SET BY THE GOVERNOR.

+THE PROGRAMME ENTAILED THE CREATION OF NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE NEW DEPARTMENT WAS THEREFORE NAMED THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

+THE MAN MOST SUITABLE TO HEAD IT WAS JAY,+ MR. MCDONALD SAID. +SO HE MOVED FROM THE HEAD OF ONE DEPARTMENT TO ANOTHER AND HAD REMAINED IN THAT VERY RESPONSIBLE AND DIFFICULT POST FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.+

MR. WHITAKER'S SERVICES WERE RECOGNISED BY THE QUEEN WHEN HE WAS AWARDED THE IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST LAST WEEK, MR. MCDONALD SAID.

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ACTING SHA TO PRESENT BANNERS TO DRAGON BOAT TEAMS

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, WILL PRESENT BANNERS AND TROPHIES TO 12 LOCAL FISHERMEN'S TEAMS COMPETING IN THE SELECTION RACES ON SUNDAY (JUNE 11) FOR THE HONOUR TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 12.40 P.M. AT THE V.I.P. STAND ON THE SITE OF THE NEW WORLD CENTRE COMPLEX, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE SELECTION RACES WILL START AT 11 A.M. OFF TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WATERFRONT, WHERE THE INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES WILL ALSO BE HELD THE SAME DAY AT 2.10 P.M.

THE THREE WINNING TEAMS WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG TO COMPETE WITH TEAMS FROM NAGASAKI, PENANG AND SINGAPORE IN THE INTERNATIONAL RACE.

THE COMMANDER OF BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL R.M.F. REDGRAVE WILL PRESENT TROPHIES AND SOUVENIRS TO PARTICIPATING TEAMS IN THE INTERNATIONAL RACES.

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P.W.D. TEAM TO COMPETE IN DRAGON BOAT RACES

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL TOMORROW (SATURDAY) COMPETE IN THE ANNUAL DRAGON BOAT RACES IN TUEN MUN FOR THE FOURTH SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

AS IN LAST YEAR, THE P.W.D. TEAM COMES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. THE 24-MEMBER CONTINGENT CONSISTS OF ENGINEERS, TOWN PLANNERS, SURVEYING OFFICERS, TECHNICAL OFFICERS, CLERKS AND MESSENGERS.

A TOTAL OF 18 TEAMS WILL BE COMPETING IN THE RACES FOR THE TUEN MUN CUP WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR GENERAL ROY REDGRAVE.

TEAM CAPTAIN KWAN CHOI-KWEI SAID THAT THE TEAM HAD GONE THROUGH A LOT OF TRAINING RECENTLY AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT WOULD DO WELL.

ON THE EVE OF THE RACES, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR. J.R. WHITAKER, WHO IS TO RETIRE LATER THIS MONTH, WISHED THE CREW LUCK IN THE RACES.

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RE-ROUTING OF MAXICAB ROUTE 3
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM MONDAY (JUNE 12) JOURNEYS FOR MAXICAB ROUTE 3 LEAVING PO SHAN ROAD FOR CENTRAL WILL BE RE-ROUTED BY WAY OF CONDUIT ROAD, CASTLE ROAD AND ROBINSON ROAD TO ALBANY ROAD.

THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT, LASTING FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS, IS TO ALLOW WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE NEW FLYOVER FROM UPPER GLENEALY TO ROBINSON ROAD.

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