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PROSPECTS FOR A 'NO WATER RESTRICTION' WINTER ARE VERY GOOD
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO RECOMMEND TO THE GOVERNMENT IN OCTOBER THAT WATER RESTRICTIONS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY NEXT WINTER.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. TOM TOMLINSON SAID TODAY THAT WITH THIRTEEN OF THE TERRITORY'S EIGHTEEN RESERVOIRS FULL AND TOTAL STORAGE ALMOST 60 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, THE PROSPECTS FOR A WINTER FREE OF RESTRICTIONS WERE VERY GOOD.

HE SAID THAT THE YIELD FROM SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AGNES HAD BEEN MUCH BETTER THAN AT FIRST ANTICIPATED AND THAT RUN OFF WAS STILL FLOWING INTO THE RESERVOIRS.

SINCE THE NUMBER ONE SIGNAL WENT UP LAST TUESDAY, A TOTAL OF 89,817 MILLION CUBIC METRES (19,757 MILLION GALLONS) OF WATER HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE RESERVOIRS.

AGNES DUMPED A TOTAL OF 473 MM OF RAIN ON HONG KONG IN FIVE DAYS, THE FOURTH HIGHEST QUANTITY OF RAIN BROUGHT BY A TROPICAL STORM SINCE 1883.

AT NINE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING THE RESERVOIRS HELD 327.632 MILLION CUBIC METRES, OR 56.7 PER CENT OF TOTAL CAPACITY.

AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS WERE ONLY 28 PER CENT FULL.

THE FIVE RESERVOIRS WHICH ARE NOT FULL ARE TAI TAM TUK, KOWLOON BY-WASH, RECEPTION, PLOVER COVE AND HIGH ISLAND.

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HONG KONG FREE FROM CHOLERA

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT HONG KONG HAS BEEN DECLARED FREE FROM CHOLERA INFECTION AS FROM TODAY, JULY 31, 1978.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID SINCE THE CONFIRMATION OF THE LAST CHOLERA CASE ON JULY 20, 1978 AND THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF CONTROL MEASURES, NO FURTHER CASE HAS BEEN FOUND OR REPORTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +ACCORDING TO THE W.H.O. REGULATIONS AN INFECTED AREA MAY BE CONSIDERED AS FREE FROM INFECTION WHEN THERE IS NO FURTHER CASE REPORTED DURING A PERIOD WHICH IS EQUAL TO AT LEAST TWICE THE INCUBATION PERIOD OF THE DISEASE, SINCE THE LAST CASE IDENTIFIED HAS DIED, RECOVERED OR BEEN ISOLATED. IN THE CASE OF CHOLERA, TWICE THE INCUBATION PERIOD IS 10 DAYS.+

ALTHOUGH HONG KONG HAS BEEN DECLARED FREE FROM CHOLERA INFECTION THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO CONTINUE OBSERVING PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF PREVENTING THE LOCAL SPREAD OF CHOLERA IS BY STRICT OBSERVANCE OF PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE E.G. CLEAN FOOD, CLEAN WATER AND OBSERVING SIMPLE RULES OF HYGIENE SUCH AS WASHING OF HANDS BEFORE MEALS AND AFTER VISITING TOILETS, WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF ENSURING THE ENVIRONMENT FREE FROM GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES.

IMMUNIZATION IS ONLY PARTIALLY EFFECTIVE AND FOR A SHORT PERIOD. ACCORDING TO W.H.O., IMMUNIZATION DOES NOT PREVENT THE INTERNATIONAL IMPORTATION OF CHOLERA CASES OR CARRIERS BUT GENERAL SANITARY CONDITIONS SUCH AS SAFE WATER SUPPLY, PROPER DISPOSAL OF NIGHTSOIL, FOOD HYGIENE AND PERSONAL HYGIENE WOULD BE EFFECTIVE MEASURES IN THE PREVENTION OF LOCAL SPREAD OF CHOLERA.

MEANTIME, THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE ITS YEAR-ROUND SURVEILLANCE MEASURES OVER CHOLERA.

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JOBS FOUND FOR REDUNDANT PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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ALL OF THE 372 REDUNDANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO REGISTERED WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE IN MAY HAVE BEEN FOUND ALTERNATIVE TEACHING POSTS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE PLACEMENT SERVICE, MR. CHAN SAI-BUN, SAID ONLY 30 OF THE 402 TEACHERS SCHEDULED TO BE MADE REDUNDANT FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OF CLASSES IN UNDER-USED SUBSIDISED PRIMARY SCHOOLS NEXT SEPTEMBER FAILED TO REGISTER WITH THE SERVICE FOR ALTERNATIVE POSTS.

OF THE 30 WHO DID NOT REGISTER, SEVEN DID NOT REQUIRE PLACEMENT IN ALTERNATIVE JOBS= 15 WERE REDEPLOYED TO OTHER SCHOOLS OPERATED BY THE SAME SPONSORING BODY= AND EIGHT RESIGNED.

+I AM DELIGHTED THAT NOT A SINGLE REDUNDANT TEACHER WHO REGISTERED WITH THE SERVICE FOR ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT HAS GONE WITHOUT A JOB,+ MR. CHAN SAID.

+AND I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE MANY SCHOOL AUTHORITIES THAT CO-OPERATED WITH US TO MAKE THIS COME ABOUT.+

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE HAS HELPED A TOTAL OF 1,124 REDUNDANT TEACHERS FIND ALTERNATIVE JOB SINCE IT WAS SET UP IN 1975.

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CLOSURE OF BUILDINGS

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY GAVE THE DETAILS OF THE VARIOUS BUILDINGS FOR WHICH CLOSURE ORDERS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED OR NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CLOSE HAS BEEN POSTED.

THE BUILDINGS AFFECTED ARE:

HONG KONG

WELLINGTON STREET: NOS. 89, 91 (BASEMENT TO 2ND FLOOR), 81 AND 83, AND 112 (GROUND FLOOR).

WING LOK STREET: NOS. 91 (CLOSED ON JULY 10), 93 AND 95 (CLOSED ON JULY 28), 46 (NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CLOSE POSTED AT 2.30 P.M. TODAY AND APPLICATION TO BE HEARD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2, AT VICTORIA COURT).

ICANHAN STRAND: NOS. 65 AND 67 (CLOSED ON FRIDAY).

JARDINE'S CRESCENT: NOS. 1 AND 3 (NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CLOSE POSTED AT 2.30 P.M. TODAY AND COURT HEARING TOMORROW).

HOLY CROSS PATH VILLAGE, SHAU KEI WAN: SEVERAL STONE HUTS (NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CLOSE POSTED, COURT HEARING TOMORROW).

KOWLOON

FUK LO TSUEN ROAD: NO.94 (CLOSURE ORDER OBTAINED TODAY).

NEW TERRITORIES

INVESTIGATIONS ARE IN PROGRESS REGARDING SEVERAL STONE HUTS IN SAI KUNG AND SHAU KOK.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ROADS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AS A RESULT OF DAMAGE CAUSED BY SEVERE TROPICAL STORM AGNES.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE SECTIONS OF ROADS WHICH HAVE BEEN CLOSED ARE HILLIER STREET BETWEEN BONHAM STRAND EAST AND DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, WELLINGTON STREET BETWEEN LYNHURST TERRACE AND GRAHAM STREET, COCHRANE STREET BETWEEN STANLEY STREET AND WELLINGTON STREET, LOK KU ROAD BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND LOWER LASCAR ROW, KAI CHIU ROAD BETWEEN JARDINE'S BAZAAR AND YUN PING ROAD, AND WING LOK STREET BETWEEN CLEVERLY STREET AND RUMSEY STREET.

AS A RESULT OF THESE TEMPORARY CLOSURES, THE PROHIBITION TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES ON DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL BETWEEN CLEVERLY STREET AND RUMSEY STREET HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY LIFTED AND THE MAXI-CAB STAND IN CAUSEWAY BAY HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY RESITED TO THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF KAI CHIU ROAD BETWEEN LEE GARDEN ROAD AND YUN PING ROAD.

IN KOWLOON, ANDERSON ROAD BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND JUNK BAY ROAD HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY CLOSED.

MOTORISTS WHO WISH TO GO TO PENNIE'S MILL ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA KWUN TONG INSTEAD OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD.

AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE ROUTE TWISK FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF SHEK KONG VILLAGES IS CLOSED.

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KAI TAK AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS CALLING TENDERS FOR A NEW CHECK-IN AREA, MODERNISING OF THE DEPARTURE AREA, FITTING OUT OF THE NEW ARRIVAL HALL, AND INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY FACILITIES AT KAI TAK AIRPORT.

BOTH INCOMING AND OUTGOING PASSENGERS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE IMPROVEMENTS.

THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, MR. T.T. SIU OF THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT ON THE ARRIVAL LEVEL :-

- * THE EXISTING BUFFER HALL WOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE WEST=
- * THE NEW ARRIVAL HALL AT PRESENT NEARING COMPLETION WOULD BE FITTED OUT AND THE EXISTING ARRIVAL HALL REFURBISHED TO MAKE AN ENLARGED ARRIVAL HALL=
- * A NEW SNACK BAR WILL BE BUILT= AND
- * THE BAGGAGE RECLAIM HALL WILL BE MODERNISED WITH TWO NEW BAGGAGE RECLAIM LOOPS REPLACING THE EXISTING ONES.

THE WORK ON THE DEPARTURE LEVEL WILL INCLUDE :-

- * ENLARGING AND MODERNISING THE EXISTING DEPARTURE HALL WITH TWO NEW CHECK-IN ISLANDS AND A NEW BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM REPLACING THE EXISTING CHECK-IN AREA= AND
- * MODERNISATION OF THE EXISTING AIR-SIDE WAITING AREA AND THE INSTALLATION OF NEW SECURITY FACILITIES.

MR. SIU SAID THAT IN ORDER TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION OF NORMAL AIRPORT OPERATIONS, THE WORK WOULD BE PHASED OVER THREE YEARS.

THE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN OCTOBER.

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HONG KONG AFFAIRS COUNSELLOR IN GENEVA IS HERE FOR TALKS

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MR. PETER K.Y. TSAO, COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN GENEVA, IS NOW IN HONG KONG FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

THE CONSULTATIONS WILL CENTRE ON THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS (MTN) WHICH REACHED A CRUCIAL STAGE IN MID-JULY WITH THE ISSUING BY A GROUP OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF A 'FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING' ON THE MAJOR ELEMENTS OF A COMPREHENSIVE TRADE PACKAGE.

MR. TSAO IS HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE TALKS FIRST LAUNCHED IN TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER 1973. THESE TALKS ARE AIMED AT LIBERALISING WORLD TRADE THROUGH TARIFF REDUCTIONS, THE REMOVAL OF NON-TARIFF TRADE BARRIERS, AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE DISCIPLINE FOR TAKING PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

MR. TSAO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG ON THURSDAY (JULY 27) AND WILL RETURN TO GENEVA AT THE END OF AUGUST.

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TEXTILE QUOTA UTILISATION POSITION

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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE END-OF-JUNE 1978 FIGURES ON THE UTILISATION OF QUOTA IN RESPECT OF MARKETS TO WHICH HONG KONG'S TEXTILES EXPORTS ARE RESTRAINED.

A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE QUOTA POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AND EEC, HONG KONG'S TWO MAJOR TEXTILE MARKETS IS GIVEN BELOW.

US:

THE CURRENT 12-MONTH U.S. TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1978. QUOTA USED IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS AMOUNTED TO 436.90 MILLION EQUIVALENT SQ. YDS. OR 45.62 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL RESTRAINT LIMIT. FIGURES SHOWING THE QUANTITIES LICENSED FOR EXPORT AND PERCENTAGES OF UTILISATION ON A GROUP BASIS ARE SET OUT BELOW:

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<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED (IN MILLION EQUIVALENT SQ. YDS.)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION AGAINST GROUP LIMITS</u>
I	YARNS AND FABRICS OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	76.24	29.12
II	APPAREL OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	310.44	52.20
III	MADE-UPS AND MISCELL- ANEOUS ARTICLES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	29.99	50.73
IV	WOOL TEXTILES AND APPAREL	20.24	48.02

THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN NINE OF THE 24 CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITS IN THE HONG KONG/U.S. TEXTILE AGREEMENT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY HIGH. THEY ARE CATEGORY 331 (COTTON GLOVES), CATEGORY 333/334/335 (COTTON COATS), CATEGORY 340 (COTTON SHIRTS, NOT KNIT), CATEGORY 341 (COTTON BLOUSES, NOT KNIT), CATEGORY 347/348 (OUTER TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS), CATEGORY 445/446 (WOOLLEN SWEATERS), CATEGORY 638/639 (M.M.F. KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES INCLUDING T-SHIRTS), CATEGORY 645/646 (M.M.F. SWEATERS) AND CATEGORY 649 (M.M.F. BRASSIERS, ETC.).

EEC

THE CURRENT 12-MONTH RESTRAINT PERIOD ALSO BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1978. QUOTA UTILISATION POSITION ON A MEMBER STATE BASIS FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS IS GIVEN BELOW:

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED (IN MILLION EQUIVALENT KGS)</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION</u>
UNITED KINGDOM	28.60	45.10
DENMARK	1.41	29.90
IRISH REPUBLIC	0.18	25.50
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	18.30	34.00
BENELUX	4.13	35.80
FRANCE	0.73	20.50
ITALY	0.55	17.50

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OUT OF A TOTAL OF 287 CATEGORIES ON MEMBER STATE/CATEGORY BASIS, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN 38 OF THEM WAS RELATIVELY HIGH. THE MORE POPULAR CATEGORIES ARE TABULATED BELOW:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MEMBER STATES WITH HIGH RATE OF QUOTA UTILISATION</u>
4	KNITTED SHIRTS ETC.	ITALY
5	KNITTED SWEATERS ETC.	UK, FRANCE, ITALY
6	WOVEN TROUSERS AND MEN'S SHORTS	UK, IRELAND
7	WOVEN/KNITTED BLOUSES	UK, DENMARK, IRELAND, FRG
8	WOVEN SHIRTS	UK, DENMARK, IRELAND, FRG, BENELUX, ITALY
10/11	KNITTED GLOVES	UK, IRELAND, BENELUX
12	KNITTED SOCKS AND STOCKINGS	FRG
13	KNITTED UNDERPANTS	UK, IRELAND, FRG, BENELUX, FRANCE
14E	MEN'S WOVEN COATS, RAINCOATS, ETC.	FRANCE
19/89	COTTON HANDKERCHIEFS	FRANCE
20	BED LINEN	UK
21	ANORAKS AND WINDCHEATERS	BENELUX, FRANCE, ITALY
31	BRASSIERS	DENMARK, BENELUX, FRANCE
73	KNITTED TRACK SUITS	DENMARK
76	WOVEN WORK GARMENTS	BENELUX
83	OTHER KNITTED OUTERWEAR	IRELAND, FRG

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GRANTS APPROVED FROM SIR DAVID
TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION

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A TOTAL OF 111 APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE .
TOTALLING ABOUT \$430,000 HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR THIS FISCAL
YEAR FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION WAS SET UP IN
1970 AND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND
SPORT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID THE APPROVED GRANTS
FROM THE FUND WILL ENABLE VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE
RECREATIONAL, SPORTS, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR
ALL PEOPLE, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE PURPOSEFUL USE OF
LEISURE TIME BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR
1979-80 WILL BE INVITED LATER THIS YEAR.

HE SAID AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN THE NEWSPAPERS
IN MID-DECEMBER, AND APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE
FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE URBAN AREAS, AND FROM
THE DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT THAT TIME.

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE
WILL OFFER A PIECE OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE
ON AUGUST 22 AT 2.30 P.M.

THE SITE, WITH AN AREA OF 740 SQUARE-METRES AT KAM SHING ROAD,
KOWLOON, IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

AT THE SAME AUCTION, THE GROUND FLOOR AND FRONT COCKLOFT, AND
THE FIRST FLOOR AND REAR COCKLOFT OF 38, NGA TSIN LONG ROAD, KOWLOON
WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE.

THE ANNUAL CROWN RENT FOR EACH OF THE TWO FLATS WHICH MEASURE
ABOUT 53 SQUARE-METRES AND 67 SQUARE-METRES RESPECTIVELY, IS \$250.

INSPECTION OF THE PREMISES MAY BE MADE ON AUGUST 9 AND 18,
BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND NOON.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM
AND SALE PLAN INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE
CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405,
NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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VISITING U.K. SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA TO GIVE CONCERT
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THE VISITING COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE ITS FIRST CONCERT IN HONG KONG AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL IN KOWLOON TONG TOMORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING UNDER THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL YOUTH MUSIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THEY WILL BE JOINED BY 500 CHILDREN HERE WHO WILL GIVE A PERFORMANCE OF CHINESE FOLK SONGS SINGING IN TOMORROW'S CONCERT.

THE CHILDREN ARE FROM THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE MONG KOK CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE TSUEN WAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE TSUEN WAN GIRLS' CHOIR, THE SHEK KIP MEI SHUM OI CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND THE SCHOOL CHOIR OF THE CHING YIH GIRLS' SCHOOL.

AMONG THE POPULAR CHINESE BALLADS THEY WILL SING TOMORROW ARE +PASTORAL SONG+ AND +MOONLIGHT LULLABY+.

ALSO APPEARING IN TOMORROW'S CONCERT IS THE TALENTED LOCAL VIOLINIST, MISS TO YAN, WHO TOOK LEAVE FROM HER MUSIC STUDY IN ENGLAND TO TRAVEL WITH THE ORCHESTRA ON ITS ASIAN TOUR.

MISS TO WILL GIVE A SOLO PERFORMANCE IN THE CONCERT.

ANOTHER LOCAL VIOLINIST MR. RAYMOND LEUNG, WINNER OF THE COMMERCIAL RADIO TROPHY IN THIS YEAR'S SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL AND MR. FUNG WING-KIT, AN ACCOMPLISHED FLUTIST, WILL ALSO GIVE SOLO PERFORMANCES AT THE CONCERT.

THE COUNTY OF AVON SCHOOLS ORCHESTRA HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE LEADING ORCHESTRAS IN ENGLAND WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF LITTLE MORE THAN FOUR YEARS.

ITS MEMBERS ARE SELECTED FROM AMONG THE BEST INSTRUMENTALISTS IN AVON, WITH AN AGE RANGE OF 14 TO 19 YEARS.

THEY WILL GIVE FOUR CONCERTS IN HONG KONG AND HAVE MANY OPPORTUNITIES WHILE HERE TO WORK WITH LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS, LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER AND EXCHANGING IDEAS.

OTHER THAN REHEARSALS AND CONCERTS, THEY ALSO FIND TIME TO DO SOME SIGHTSEEING. TODAY THEY WENT ON A LAUNCH PICNIC TO SAI KUNG, AND WERE VERY IMPRESSED BY THE MANY BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND MUCH RURAL LIFE IN HONG KONG.

+TO US, HONG KONG MEANS ONLY BUSY STREETS AND BRIGHT LIGHTS, WE DID NOT KNOW THAT THERE IS ANOTHER SIDE TO THIS COMMERCIAL CITY TILL TODAY,+ SAID MR. RONALD SMITH, TOUR DIRECTOR OF THE ORCHESTRA.

+THIS PICNIC IS A REFRESHING CHANGE. NOW WE FEEL READY FOR THE CONCERTS AND REHEARSALS AGAIN,+ HE ADDED.

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ANOTHER CANADIAN TRIUMPH FOR HONG KONG DANCERS

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THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS CHINESE DANCE TEAM ADDED ANOTHER NOTCH TO THE SUCCESS OF THEIR CANADIAN TOUR WHEN THEY PERFORMED TO A FULL HOUSE IN THE COMMONWEALTH DANCE GALA LAST SATURDAY (JULY 29) AT THE NORTHERN ALBERTA JUBILEE AUDITORIUM, WHICH SEATS 2,500 PEOPLE.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE EVENING INCLUDED LYNN SEYMOUR, PRIMA BALLERINA OF LONDON'S ROYAL BALLET, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL DANCE GROUPS SUCH AS THE STATES DANCE ENSEMBLE OF SRI LANKA, MONTREAL ENTRE SIX, AND THE ALBERTA BALLET COMPANY.

THE HONG KONG TEAM PRESENTED FOUR DANCES, INCLUDING THE FAN DANCE, BOW DANCE, SONG OF THE SUNFLOWERS AND LION DANCE TOGETHER WITH THE GRAND FINALE. THEIR GRACEFUL MOVEMENTS AND COLOURFUL COSTUMES OVERWHELMED THE CANADIAN AUDIENCE, AND ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAMME WAS MEANT TO BE A CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE, THE SEQUENCE WAS REPEATEDLY INTERRUPTED BY APPLAUSE.

ONLY LYNN SEYMOUR RECEIVED THE SAME RESPONSE FOR HER BEAUTIFUL PERFORMANCE IN PAS DE DEUX IN ROMEO AND JULIET. THIS WAS HONG KONG'S GREATEST CANADIAN TRIUMPH TO DATE.

AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT FOR THE HONG KONG DANCERS WAS THE VISIT OF A BRITISH FAMILY WHO SAW THE GROUP'S PERFORMANCE IN ABERDEEN IN 1976 BUT HAS SINCE MIGRATED TO USA. THEY HEARD ABOUT THE GROUP'S PERFORMANCE AND SPECIALLY DROVE SOME 2,000 MILES TO EDMONTON TO SEE THE TEAM.

AT THE END OF THE SHOW THEY WENT BACK STAGE TO RENEW THEIR ACQUAINTANCE WITH MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WHO HAD PERFORMED PREVIOUSLY IN ABERDEEN. THEY VISITED THE ARTIST VILLAGE AGAIN THE NEXT MORNING TO CHAT WITH THE DANCERS.

THE COMMONWEALTH CARNIVAL OPENS OFFICIALLY TODAY (JULY 31) AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS DANCE TEAM WILL BE PERFORMING TO A TIGHT SCHEDULE.

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O PUI SHAN BOYS HAVE SHARE OF SUMMER FUN

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LIKE MOST OTHER CHILDREN IN HONG KONG, BOYS UNDER THE CARE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY THIS SUMMER BY TAKING PART IN A PROGRAMME OF HEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

A SERIES OF EVENTS INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, WAS LAUNCHED THIS (MONDAY) MORNING AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY JOINTLY PERFORMED BY A LEADER OF WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS, MRS. KHO CHEE-SENG- THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION, MR. KHOO TAI-PIN- JUVENILE COURT MAGISTRATES AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FIVE-WEEK PROGRAMME WILL BE AN OVERALL OUTDOOR AND INDOOR GAMES COMPETITION DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE PHYSICAL AND INTELLECTUAL EXERCISE AMONG THE BOYS.

ALSO INCORPORATED IN THE PROGRAMME ARE EVENING FUNCTIONS SUCH AS DRAMA NIGHTS, FILM SHOWS, TALENT QUESTS AND CONCERTS. CYCLING TOURS, SWIMMING SESSIONS, EXPEDITIONS, VISITS AND PROVIDING SERVICE FOR OLD PEOPLE WILL ALSO BE HELD AT REGULAR INTERVALS, ENDING WITH A HOLIDAY CAMP AT SILVER MINE BAY.

THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME, SITUATED AT KAU WA KENG, LAI CHI KOK, IS ONE OF THE FIVE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. IT PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL TRAINING FOR 140 YOUNG OFFENDERS.

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WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN AND KOWLOON TONG
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. THURSDAY (AUGUST 2) TO FACILITATE WORK ON FRESH WATER MAIN CONNECTION AT KWOK SHUI ROAD.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY BLOCKS 1 - 20, TAI WO HAU ESTATE, 1 - 18 KWAI CHUNG ESTATE, SHING MUN ROAD, TAI HA STREET, EAST OF TEXACO ROAD BETWEEN TAI WO HAU ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SOUTHWEST OF WO YIP HOP ROAD BETWEEN CHEONG WING ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND INCLUDING KWOK SHUI ROAD, YAU MA HOM ROAD, LEI MUK ROAD, TAI YUEN STREET, CHUN PIN STREET, TA CHUEN PING STREET, LAM TIN STREET, SHEK KIN STREET, YIP SHING STREET, SHEK MAN PATH, SHEK YING PATH, SHEK LEI STREET, PING LAI PATH, PING FU PATH, KWAN MUN HAU TSUEN, HO PUI TSUEN, HAM TIN TSUEN, FU UK TSUEN, YEUNG UK TSUEN AND SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG TSUEN.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PREMISES IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY RENFREW ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, CORNWALL STREET, KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY LINE, YORK ROAD AND HEREFORD ROAD, INCLUDING KAM SHING ROAD, EDE ROAD, BEACON HILL ROAD, KENT ROAD, SOMERSET ROAD, DEVON ROAD, DORSET CRESCENT, WATERLOO ROAD, SUFFOLK ROAD, NORFOLK ROAD AND BAPTIST HOSPITAL WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FROM MIGNIGHT TUESDAY (AUGUST 1) TO 6 A.M. WEDNESDAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

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