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GOVERNMENT STEPS UP EFFORTS TO EMPLOY DISABLED PEOPLE
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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO AMEND ITS RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES TO ENABLE MORE DISABLED PERSONS TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE HAD SENT A CIRCULAR TO HEADS OF ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS STATING THAT SUITABLE AMENDMENTS WILL BE MADE TO RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES +TO INCREASE THE TEMPO OF RECRUITING DISABLED PERSONS CONSISTENT WITH GOVERNMENT POLICY.+

THE CIRCULAR POINTS OUT THAT THERE ARE AT PRESENT ABOUT 11,000 BLIND, DEAF OR PHYSICALLY DISABLED PERSONS OF WORKING AGE IN HONG KONG, OF WHOM 451 HAD JOBS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE ON APRIL 1.

IT SAYS: +IT IS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO PLACE THE DISABLED IN APPROPRIATE JOBS (I.E. IN THE CIVIL SERVICE) WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL POLICY TO INTEGRATE THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE PROCESS OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND EVENTUAL GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTOR AS WELL AS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.+

TO ACHIEVE THIS, THE GOVERNMENT MUST CONTINUE TO GIVE A LEAD IN PLACING THE DISABLED IN APPROPRIATE JOBS IN THE CIVIL SERVICE, RECOGNISING THAT THE ABILITIES OF MANY DISABLED PERSONS OUTWEIGHED THEIR DISABILITIES AND THAT ONLY IN PRODUCTIVE AND REMUNERATIVE EMPLOYMENT WOULD THEIR FULLEST POSSIBLE VOCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL BE REALISED.

+DISABLED EMPLOYEES HAVE MUCH TO OFFER. THEIR VERY LACK OF MOBILITY, COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT THEIR EMPLOYMENT ENABLES THEM TO REGAIN SELF-RESPECT AND HENCE GENERATES CONSIDERABLE JOB SATISFACTION, MEANS THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE HARD WORKING AND LOYAL.+

THE CIRCULAR URGES HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS TO MAKE +EVEN GREATER EFFORTS+ TO EMPLOY MORE DISABLED PERSONS BY:

- * ACTIVELY IDENTIFYING JOBS WHICH COULD BE FILLED BY DISABLED PERSONS= AND
- * ARRANGING WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR ANY NEW OFFICE BUILDINGS EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN THE PLANNING STAGE TO BE PROVIDED WITH NECESSARY FACILITIES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF DISABLED PERSONS, AND FOR NECESSARY ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING OFFICE PREMISES AND FITTINGS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF DISABLED OFFICERS.

IT REMINDS HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS OF THE PROVISIONS OF A CIVIL SERVICE REGULATION REQUIRING DEPARTMENTS TO INFORM THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF ANY VACANCY, RECRUITMENT TO WHICH IS NOT BY ADVERTISEMENT, IF THE RECRUITING DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THAT THE DUTIES OF SUCH A VACANT POST COULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY DISABLED PERSONS.

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NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTE BEING BUILT IN
KOWLOON TONG
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A FIFTH TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS BEING BUILT AT RENFREW ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG.

THE INSTITUTE WILL BE NAMED LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AFTER A GENEROUS DONOR WHO HAS CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TOWARDS EQUIPPING OF THE INSTITUTE.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY AND THE FIRST STAGE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR WHEN CLASSROOMS AND THE ADMINISTRATION BLOCK WILL BE READY. THE SECOND STAGE COMPRISING THE WORKSHOPS, LABORATORIES AND HALL IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN FEBRUARY, 1980.

THE INSTITUTE WILL HAVE 21 CLASSROOMS, 30 WORKSHOPS OR SPECIALISED ROOMS AND THREE MAJOR LABORATORIES AS WELL AS A VISUAL-AID ROOM, A LANGUAGE LABORATORY AND SPORTS FACILITIES.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW INSTITUTE, THE PRINCIPAL, MR. HUGH CAMERON SAID, +I THINK THIS IS THE BEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TO BE BUILT SO FAR IN HONG KONG BECAUSE NOT ONLY IS IT WELL PLANNED, IT IS LOCATED ON AN EXTENSIVE OPEN SITE WITH FREE SPACE FOR RECREATION PURPOSES BY THE STUDENTS.

+THERE IS ALSO ROOM ON THE SITE FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.+

MR. CAMERON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE INSTITUTE HAS BEEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED AND EQUIPPED TO CATER FOR HANDICAPPED STUDENTS WHO WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ENROL. THERE WILL BE AN ELEVATOR AND RAMPS THROUGHOUT THE BUILDINGS SO THAT STUDENTS IN WHEELCHAIRS CAN GAIN ACCESS TO ALL AREAS.

THE INSTITUTE WILL OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF COURSES FOR FORM III AND FORM V SCHOOL LEAVERS. THE DISCIPLINES WILL INCLUDE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING, MOTOR VEHICLE, METAL FINISHING AND A FULL RANGE OF COMMERCIAL, ACCOUNTANCY AND SECRETARIAL COURSES.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WITH A DESIGN DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL INCORPORATE COURSES ON GRAPHIC, INTERIOR, FABRIC AND FASHION DESIGNS AS WELL AS JEWELLERY AND CERAMICS.

THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING THE INSTITUTE DAILY WHEN CLASSES ARE FULL IS ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 1,300 AND 1,500, BUT MR. CAMERON POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTUAL ENROLMENT FIGURE WILL BE MUCH HIGHER BECAUSE MANY OF THE STUDENTS WILL BE ATTENDING PART-TIME COURSES -- ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK.

THE INSTITUTE WILL ALSO BE HEAVILY COMMITTED TO RUNNING EVENING COURSES AND THE NUMBER OF SUCH STUDENTS WILL RUN INTO THOUSANDS.

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YOGA COURSE TO KEEP FIT
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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STARTED A NEW COURSE ON YOGA LAST MONTH FOR PEOPLE OF VARIOUS AGE GROUPS WHO WANT TO KEEP FIT.

THE YOGA CLASS BEGAN AT THE MA TAU CHUNG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM SEPTEMBER 21, AND IT IS ONE OF THE MANY +KEEP FIT+ COURSES ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE SAID YOGA IS A GOOD EXERCISE THAT CAN PROVIDE BOTH PHYSICAL FITNESS AND RELAXATION FROM MENTAL STRAIN TO THOSE WHO PRACTISE IT.

+THE COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR BEGINNERS WITH SIMPLE YOGA POSTURES WHICH CAN BE PRACTISED WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE,+ HE SAID.

+THE BEAUTY OF THIS EXERCISE IS THAT IT CAN ALSO CURE MINOR AILMENTS AND SPEED UP RECOVERY FROM AN ILLNESS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID BY PRACTISING YOGA PROPERLY AND REGULARLY IT WILL HELP STIMULATE THE CIRCULATION OF BLOOD AND TONE UP THE HEART AND LUNGS AS WELL AS OTHER VITAL PARTS OF THE BODY.

HE SAID THE EXERCISE IS PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL IF IT IS PRACTISED IN THE MORNING BEFORE ONE BEGINS A DAY'S WORK BECAUSE YOGA PROVIDES AN EXERCISE FOR EVERY PART OF THE BODY, INCLUDING THE MIND THUS ENABLING ONE TO START THE DAY WITH FITNESS AND IN A GOOD MOOD.

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. MEANWHILE A LEAFLET LISTING THE DETAILS OF THE COURSES ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE FOR THIS MONTH IS OBTAINABLE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE'S 17 DISTRICT OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN ALSO BE MADE AT THE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, TELEPHONE 5-458791.

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ALL URBAN CENTRES TO HAVE SWIMMING POOLS
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THE GOVERNMENT AIMS AT ENSURING THAT ALL URBAN CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE SWIMMING POOLS AS PART OF A CALCULATED PLAN TO PROVIDE EVERY COMMUNITY WITH FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OF ALL KINDS.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE THIRD NEW TERRITORIES SWIMMING GLGA AT KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL.

+AT THE MOMENT THERE IS ONLY ONE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL,+ HE SAID. +A NEW SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL HOWEVER BE OPENED IN FAN LING LATER THIS MONTH.+

+THREE OTHER POOLS, ONE AT YUEN LONG, AND ONE AT TUEN MUN AND ANOTHER AT SHA TIN ARE DUE FOR COMPLETION IN 1981,+ HE ADDED.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED BY MORE THAN 350 COMPETITORS IN THE SWIMMING GALA WAS INDICATIVE OF THE GROWING INTEREST IN SWIMMING AS A COMPETITIVE SPORT IN HONG KONG.

THE ANNUAL SWIMMING EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK CULTURAL AND RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

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BUSY MONTH FOR FLYING VOLUNTEERS
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT 24 MISSIONS IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY CALLS LAST MONTH -- THE HIGHEST FOR A SINGLE MONTH SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

ON SEVEN OCCASIONS DURING THE MONTH, THE FORCE'S HELICOPTERS WERE CALLED OUT TO SEARCH FOR MISSING CAMPERS, SURVIVORS OF A SUNKEN BOAT AND A LIGHT AIRCRAFT CRASH.

OTHER MISSIONS INVOLVED FLYING PREGNANT WOMEN AND INJURED PERSONS, INCLUDING THOSE SUFFERING FROM SNAKE BITES, FROM OUTLYING ISLANDS TO HOSPITALS.

OF THE MISSIONS, SEVEN WERE UNDERTAKEN DURING THE NIGHT TIME.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE RHKAAF HAS MADE MORE THAN 100 FLIGHTS IN RESPONSE TO EMERGENCY CALLS.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN SAN TIN
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT THE OFFICE OF THE SAN TIN RURAL COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA FOR TWO DAYS ON OCTOBER 16 AND 17.

DURING THE TWO DAYS REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THE AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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