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SECRETARIAL EFFICIENCY IMPORTANT TO HK

HONG KONG IS A GREAT CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, AN IMPORTANT FINANCIAL CENTRE AND A VERY HIGH STANDARD OF SECRETARIAL EFFICIENCY IS NECESSARY, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF SECRETARIES LTD., SIR DAVID SAID THE SPEED AT WHICH DECISIONS WERE MADE IN THE BUSINESS, FINANCIAL AND POLITICAL FIELDS HERE WAS PROBABLY UNPARALLELED ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

+THESE DECISIONS HAVE TO BE SET DOWN AND TRANSMITTED. WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT YOU?+ HE TOLD THE GATHERING.

SIR DAVID SAID THE ASSOCIATION RIGHTLY RECOGNISED THAT HIGH STANDARDS COULD ONLY BE ATTAINED BY CONTINUING EDUCATION AND TRAINING.

+YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR CAREERS AS SECRETARIES MUST BE WELL EDUCATED AND TRAINED IN THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO USE THE NEW TECHNOLOGY OF YOUR PROFESSION: COMPUTERS, WORD PROCESSORS, TELEX MACHINES AND SUCH.

+THE DEMAND FOR HIGHLY TRAINED PERSONNEL INCREASES AND SO DOES THE DEMAND FOR AN EVER-INCREASING EFFICIENCY, ADAPTABILITY AND A READINESS TO UPDATE KNOWN AND FAMILIAR SKILLS AS NEW OFFICE MACHINERY IS INTRODUCED,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT ASSET WAS A WIDE KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE WHICH WAS THE INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE OF COMMERCE AND THE CORRECT USE OF IT BOTH WRITTEN AND SPOKEN WAS ESSENTIAL.

+YOUR ASSOCIATION HAS AS ITS AIM TO ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERS OF YOUR PROFESSION CONTINUE TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO RAISING STANDARDS.

+THIS THE TASK YOU HAVE SET YOURSELVES AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL SUCCEED,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

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MOUNTAINEERING UNION LAUDED FOR ENHANCING FITNESS

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (SUNDAY) PRAISED THE HONG KONG MOUNTAINEERING UNION FOR ENHANCING THE STANDARDS OF FITNESS AND SAFETY IN HONG KONG AND EXTENDING THE ENJOYMENT OF THE HILLS AND THE MOUNTAINS TO MORE AND MORE PEOPLE.

HE SAID THAT TO HIM MOUNTAINEERING MEANT HIKING IN THE HIGH HILLS, WHILE TO OTHERS IT MEANT ROCK-CLIMBING AND CLIMBING PEAKS.

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SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE UNION AT THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL IN SAI KUNG THIS MORNING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THAT THE UNION PROVIDED A FOCUS FOR THESE ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

+AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE MORE ADVENTUROUS, IT WILL TAKE THEM TO THE MOUNTAINS OF OTHER LANDS, AND I NOTE WITH GREAT INTEREST THAT OUR MORE ADVENTUROUS CLIMBERS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY SCALED A NUMBER OF PEAKS IN THE HIMALAYAS, IN NEW GUINEA AND IN AFRICA,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID IT SEEMED FITTING THAT THE UNION SHOULD CELEBRATE ITS INAUGURATION WITH A CROSS-COUNTRY RUN AS IT WAS +A CLEAR MANIFESTATION OF ENERGY AND PHYSICAL FITNESS NEEDED FOR MOUNTAINEERING+.

THE UNION WAS FORMALLY CONSTITUTED IN MARCH BUT FOR THE LAST 18 MONTHS HAD ORGANISED A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES: THE LANDS SPORTS PLAY SAFE DAY, SLIDE SHOWS AND TALK ON ROCK CLIMBS AND COURSES ON CLIMBING TECHNIQUES.

IT HAD ALSO ORGANISED FIRST AID COURSES FOR CLIMBING INSTRUCTORS AND ROCK-CLIMBING TRAINING COURSES FOR PROBATIONARY YOUTH AND PROBATION OFFICERS, HE ADDED.

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GAS SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN FULL SWING
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A GAS SAFETY EXHIBITION OPENED TODAY (SUNDAY) AMIDST SINGING AND DANCING WHEN AN OPENING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW WAS STAGED AT NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE HON H.K. CHENG, LEGCO MEMBER AND CONSULTANT ENGINEER, URGED THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE THE SAFETY MESSAGES OF THE GAS SAFETY EXHIBITION AND TAKE CARE WHEN USING GAS WATER HEATERS AND LP GAS CYLINDERS.

+IN FEBRUARY-MARCH 1981, THERE WERE FIVE GAS-RELATED DEATHS WITHIN THREE WEEKS, ALL OF WHICH WERE CAUSED BY UNSAFE USE OF SUB-STANDARD GAS WATER HEATERS,+ SAID MR CHENG.

QUOTING STATISTICS ON DEATH INCIDENTS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, HE RECALLED THAT IN 1984 THERE WERE SIX FATALITIES RELATED TO UNSAFE GAS WATER HEATERS COMPARED TO THREE IN 1983 AND FOUR IN 1982.

+ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN ONLY TWO FATALITIES SO FAR THIS YEAR, THERE HAVE BEEN MANY NEAR-MISSES WHERE PEOPLE, VERY LUCKILY, ESCAPED DEATH.+

/+THIS CLEARLY

+THIS CLEARLY INDICATES THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT AND THE GAS INDUSTRY TO CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS IN IMPRESSING ON THE PUBLIC THE SERIOUS DANGERS OF UNSAFE INSTALLATIONS, AND IN INTRODUCING POSITIVE MEASURES TO IMPROVE GAS SAFETY,+ HE ADDED.

FOR PEOPLE WHO WISH TO LEARN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SUB-STANDARD GAS WATER HEATERS OR THE SIMPLE SAFETY RULES FOR THE USE OF LP GAS CYLINDERS AND RUBBER TUBING, THE HON CHENG SAID THAT THE GAS SAFETY EXHIBITION PROVIDES AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY.

PEOPLE WHO VISIT THE FOOTBRIDGE GALLERY OF THE NEW TOWN PLAZA BETWEEN DECEMBER 8-14 CAN ALSO PICK UP FREE LEAFLETS ON GAS SAFETY AND HOME SAFETY.

FEATURED IN THE EXHIBITION AND AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION ARE TYPICAL SUB-STANDARD GAS WATER HEATERS. THERE ARE GRAPHS AND CHARTS SHOWING THE CONSEQUENCES OF INSUFFICIENT VENTILATION AND HOW ACCIDENTS CAN BE AVOIDED BY KEEPING BATHROOM WINDOWS WIDE OPEN.

FIVE GAS COMPANIES AND APPLIANCE IMPORTERS ARE ALSO DISPLAYING A RANGE OF SAFE MODELS OF GAS WATER HEATERS WHICH ARE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY GAS ADVISER'S OFFICE AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE EXHIBITION IS PART OF THE ONGOING GAS SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

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MOVE TO ENCOURAGE USE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES
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THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES FOR COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARE NOW CONSIDERING A MORE SIMPLE AND FLEXIBLE BOOKING SYSTEM, TO ATTRACT MORE USERS OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER FOR EASTERN, DR SIMON VICKERS SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THIS WILL ENABLE THE PUBLIC AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE FACILITIES AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, YUE WAN COMMUNITY HALL AND HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE CELEBRATIONS CEREMONY FOR THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL, DR VICKERS SAID THE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN JUNE.

IN THIS RESPECT, HE SAID, THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES, WHICH ARE ADVISORY BODIES WITH THEIR DEEP KNOWLEDGE IN LOCAL COMMUNITY STRUCTURES, HAD A MORE IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN BEING THE KEY BODIES INVOLVED IN IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT OF THESE HALLS AND CENTRES AND PROMOTING SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE AREA.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THESE COMMITTEES TO ENCOURAGE MORE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS WELL AS PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THESE CENTRES AND HALLS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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GAMES DESIGN COMPETITION ON PRODUCT SAFETY

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TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF PRODUCT SAFETY AMONG YOUNGSTERS, SCHOOL CHILDREN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A GAMES DESIGN COMPETITION ON +PRODUCT SAFETY+.

THROUGH THE GAMES DESIGN, PARTICIPANTS WOULD LEARN THE COMPARATIVE SAFETY OF CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND THE CORRECT USE OF SUCH PRODUCTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE 'YOUTH MAGAZINE' OF THE HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS.

A BRIEFING SESSION WILL BE HELD AT LOK SIN TONG YU KAN HING SCHOOL, FU YUE STREET, WANG TAU HOM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 12) AND SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED IN TWO STAGES INCLUDING DESIGN AND DEMONSTRATION AND ASSESSMENT WILL BE BASED ON THE THEME, CONTENT AND IMPACT.

AT DESIGN STAGE, SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO FIRST SUBMIT THE DESIGNS ON PAPER DESCRIBING THE PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN CARRYING OUT THE GAME, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRODUCT SAFETY.

PARTICIPANTS MAY DEPLOY SIMPLE LABORATORY TECHNIQUES, CHEMICALS, COMPUTERS OR THE PRODUCT ITSELF TO DESIGN THE GAME. SUBMISSION CAN BE EITHER IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH.

THOSE SCHOOLS HAVING SUBMITTED THEIR ENTRIES THAT ARE CONSIDERED SUITABLE WILL BE INVITED TO DEMONSTRATE THE GAME. EACH DEMONSTRATION SHOULD NOT EXCEED FIVE MINUTES.

A SUBSIDY OF \$500 WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH ENTRY QUALIFIED FOR PRESENTING THE DEMONSTRATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THERE WILL BE THREE MAIN PRIZES RANGING FROM \$1 000 TO \$2 000 PLUS A TROPHY FOR EACH WINNING ENTRY AND FOUR MERIT AWARDS OF \$500 EACH.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRY FORMS FIRST TO THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROOM 437, LEE GARDENS, FOURTH FLOOR, AND THEIR DESIGNS BEFORE JANUARY 17 NEXT YEAR.

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WARNING ON POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM ANY UNLICENSED POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS, FIRE-CRACKERS, PISTOL CAPS AND PARTY POPPERS.

UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES OR DISCHARGES ANY FIREWORKS WITHOUT A LICENCE IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT, MR BORHYEN WANG, SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID SPOT CHECKES WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY EXPLOSIVES OFFICERS OF THE DIVISION, ESPECIALLY AROUND CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR, TO SHOPS AND PREMISES SUSPECTED OF SELLING OR STORING SUCH GOODS.

MR WANG POINTED OUT THAT ANY UNLICENSED DANGEROUS GOODS FOUND WOULD BE SEIZED AND THE OFFENDERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED.

+ANYONE WHO FINDS HIMSELF IN POSSESSION OF ANY FIREWORKS OR ANY CATEGORY I DANGEROUS GOODS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY HAND THEM OVER TO THE MINES DIVISION OR TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION,+ HE ADDED.

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UK SOCIAL WORK EXPERTS HOLD WORKSHOPS
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TWO VISITING BRITISH EXPERTS ON MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORK ARE HOLDING TWO FOUR-DAY WORKSHOPS FOR 45 SOCIAL WORKERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ENGAGED IN MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICE AND FAMILY SERVICES.

THE EXPERTS, PROFESSOR ROLF OLSEN AND MR BRIAN SHELDON ARE ON AN 18-DAY VISIT PROGRAMME AT THE INVITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE WORKSHOPS, WHICH AIM AT DEVELOPING SOCIAL WORKERS' SKILL IN WORKING WITH THE MENTALLY DISORDERED, IS BEING HELD AT THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE. THE WORKSHOPS WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 17.

EARLIER, THE BRITISH EXPERTS HAD GIVEN A LECTURE TO 200 LOCAL SOCIAL WORKERS.

THEY GAVE DETAILED ACCOUNTS ON MENTAL HEALTH SOCIAL WORK IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, FOCUSING ON LEGISLATION, POLICY, RESEARCH AND PRACTICE DEVELOPMENTS.

PROFESSOR OLSEN AND MR SHELDON ARE AT PRESENT THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK COURSES IN THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON RESPECTIVELY.

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YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENT TO BE IMPROVED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IN HEAVILY POPULATED AREAS LIKE YAU MA TEI SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND THAT THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES SHOULD BE UP-GRADED, YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID THAT YAU MA TEI NORTH, JORDAN AND FERRY POINT AREAS HAVE ONLY SEVEN PER CENT OF OPEN SPACE, AS AGAINST THE DISTRICT'S AVERAGE OF ABOUT 17 PER CENT MOST OF WHICH IN YAU MA TEI EAST AND TSIM SHA TSUI.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE ACCEPTED, IN PRINCIPLE, THE HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR AN AREA KNOWN AS THE YAU MA TEI SIX STREETS BOUNDED BY PUBLIC SQUARE STREET, CANTON ROAD AND TUNG KUN STREET,+ HE SAID.

MR CHENG WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR WHICH MARKED THE OPENING OF THE YAU MA TEI ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE URBAN IMPROVEMENT SCHEME WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 1 400 HOUSING UNITS, HALF OF WHICH WILL BE FOR SALE AND THE REMAINDER FOR RENT. THE HOUSING BLOCKS WILL OCCUPY ONLY ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF THE LAND AND THE REMAINING 80 PER CENT WILL BE RESERVED FOR THE MUCH NEEDED GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

+THE SCHEME WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO PHASES, WITH THE FIRST PHASE TO START IN MID 1987. ALL ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS WILL BE REHOUSED EITHER UNDER THE NEW SCHEME OR IN OTHER HOUSING SOCIETY ESTATES,+ MR CHENG SAID.

RESIDENTS OF THE AFFECTED PROPERTIES WILL BE GIVEN THE OPTION OF BUYING FLATS IN THE SCHEME OR OTHER HOUSING SOCIETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES AT A CONCESSIONARY PRICE, WHILE ELIGIBLE COMMERCIAL TENANTS WILL BE GIVEN CASH COMPENSATION.

THE THREE-MONTH LONG ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN FEATURES A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, RANGING FROM A SEMINAR ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO GENERAL CLEANSING OPERATIONS.

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+THE AIMS OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER LIVING AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT IN YAU MA TEI DISTRICT,+ MR CHENG SAID.

THE SEMINAR HELD TODAY FOCUSED ON GENERAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS AND THE WAYS TO TACKLE THEM. SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDED THE HOUSING MANAGER OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, MR WONG KAI-SHU, AND THE HEALTH INSPECTOR OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG KAI-CHUEN.

MORE THAN 500 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE AND OWNERS CORPORATION MEMBERS ATTENDED THE FUNCTION.

OTHER ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD INCLUDE THE CLEARANCE OF 14 ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT AND A COMPETITION ON THE CLEANEST STALLS IN THE YAU MA TEI AND KWUN CHUNG MARKETS.

A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP AIMED AT HELPING RESIDENTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT BEFORE THE CHINESE NEW YEAR WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN FEBRUARY. THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WILL TAKE PLACE IN 30 BUILDINGS CHOSEN BY THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, BOARD MEMBERS AND AREA COMMITTEES MEMBERS WILL PATROL THEIR CONSTITUENCIES TO IDENTIFY ENVIRONMENTAL BLACKSPOTS AND DAMAGED ROAD SURFACES.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$30 000 FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

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REMINDER ON SEAT BELT LAW FOR TAXIS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED OWNERS OF TAXIS REGISTERED FROM JANUARY 1, 1981 TO DECEMBER 31, 1983 TO INSTALL SEAT BELTS TO THE FRONT OF THEIR VEHICLES BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

+UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SAFETY EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS 1983, ALL TAXIS REGISTERED IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PERIOD WILL HAVE TO BE INSTALLED WITH APPROVED ANCHORAGE POINTS AND SEAT BELTS FOR THE DRIVER'S SEAT AND THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT BY JANUARY 1, 1986.

+IN THE CASE OF A TAXI WHICH HAS A BENCH SEAT AT THE FRONT, A SEAT BELT SHOULD BE INSTALLED FOR THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT THAT IS AWAY FROM THE DRIVER'S SEAT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE SAID THAT SEAT BELTS WERE ALREADY MANDATORY FOR TAXIS REGISTERED FROM JANUARY 1, 1984 AND FOR PRIVATE CARS FROM AUGUST 1, 1976.

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+NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS COULD RENDER OWNERS OR USERS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$5 000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT TAXI OWNERS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THE SEAT BELTS AND ANCHORAGE POINTS FIXED TO THEIR VEHICLES COMPLY WITH THE LAW. ENQUIRIES CONCERNING APPROVED SEAT BELTS AND ANCHORAGE POINTS COULD BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 5-8933111.

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A TOUCH OF NOSTALGIA AT NEW YEAR DANCE

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THE TANGO, WALTZ AND LATIN AMERICAN DANCES WILL BRING A TOUCH OF NOSTALGIA TO THIS YEAR'S MONG KOK NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE AT MACPHERSON STADIUM.

MORE THAN 1 500 PARTICIPANTS, WHO WILL BE DANCING TO THE LATEST DISCO SOUNDS, WILL BE ABLE TO WATCH DEMONSTRATIONS OF SOME OF THE MORE REFINED DANCE STEPS OF THE PAST BY POPULAR DANCE GROUPS.

THE CHAMPION TEAM OF THE 1985 HONG KONG BALLROOM DANCING COMPETITION WILL PERFORM THE TANGO AND SLOW WALTZ, WHILE MEMBERS FROM THE HONG KONG DANCING ASSOCIATION WILL DEMONSTRATE LATIN AMERICAN DANCES, INCLUDING THE CHA CHA.

THE EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

+LAST YEAR SOME 700 DANCE ENTHUSIASTS TOOK PART IN THE EVENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID. +IN VIEW OF THE POPULARITY OF THE EVENT, THIS YEAR THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO MOVE IT TO A BIGGER VENUE SO THAT MORE PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE.+

ADMISSION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE (3-809731), TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE (3-932288), POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE, MONG KOK POLICE STATION (3-800331) AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE (RECREATION, AMENITIES AND SPORTS) (3-887183).

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\$32.8 MILLION PARK TAKING SHAPE IN CARPENTER ROAD

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A LARGE PARK IS GRADUALLY TAKING SHAPE ON A 5.9-HECTARE SITE IN CARPENTER ROAD, KOWLOON CITY, TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA.

STAGE ONE OF THE \$32.8 MILLION PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED WITH TWO CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, A REST GARDEN AND A PAVILION.

+DUE TO SITE RESTRICTION, THIS \$4.2 MILLION STAGE OF THE PROJECT OFFERS MAINLY PASSIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,+ SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY.

HOWEVER, FACILITIES FOR ACTIVE RECREATION WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE FIRST PHASE OF STAGE TWO ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION WAS WELL UNDER WAY.

+THIS PHASE OF WORK, WORTH \$6.7 MILLION, IS BEING CARRIED OUT ON A SITE OF 1.6 HECTARES,+ HE SAID.

+IN THE MEANTIME, DESIGNS FOR THE NEXT PHASE OF STAGE TWO ARE BEING PREPARED.

+THIS WILL FORM THE CREAM OF THE WHOLE PROJECT WITH A VARIETY OF NOVEL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO BE BUILT.

+AMONG THESE FACILITIES WILL BE AN ELEVATED CYCLING TRACK, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE BUILT IN AN URBAN COUNCIL PARK.

+APART FROM NORMAL CYCLING, IT IS DESIGNED ALSO FOR TRICK CYCLING BY EXPERIENCED CYCLISTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE ELEVATED CYCLING TRACK THERE WOULD BE A JOGGING TRACK WITH SEVEN FITNESS STATIONS.

+THE DESIGNERS HAVE COME UP WITH THE IDEA OF THE TWO-TIER TRACKS AS A WAY TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF SPACE,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL ENABLE TWO DIFFERENT TYPES OF FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ON ONE SITE WITHOUT CAUSING SAFETY HAZARD OR INTERFERENCE TO THE PARTICIPANTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OTHER FACILITIES TO BE BUILT THERE WOULD BE TWO PAVILIONS AND A LANDSCAPED +ROCK GARDEN+ FEATURING ROCKS OF DIFFERENT SHAPES, AS WELL AS PLANTS AND FLOWERS.

HE SAID THE SECOND PHASE OF STAGE TWO WOULD COST \$21.9 MILLION AND COVER AN AREA OF 2.68 HECTARES.

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TUEN MUN SQUASH COURTS OPEN TOMORROW
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TUEN MUN WILL HAVE ITS FIRST PUBLIC SQUASH COURTS TOMORROW (MONDAY), WITH THE OPENING OF THE TUEN MUN SWIMMING POOL SQUASH COURTS.

MANAGED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE FOUR SQUASH COURTS, ALL AIR-CONDITIONED, WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 11 PM DAILY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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TWO OF THE COURTS ARE BUILT WITH GLASS-BACK WALLS AND SPECTATORS STANDS.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A CHANGING ROOM WITH TOILET, AND A BOOKING OFFICE.

THE ENTIRE PROJECT, COSTING \$38.7 MILLION, WILL OCCUPY AN AREA OF 2.25 HECTARES AND THE SWIMMING POOL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY NEXT YEAR.

THOSE WISHING TO BOOK THE COURTS CAN CONTACT THE TUEN MUN OFFICE OF THE RSD ON TELEPHONE 0-4513086 OR 0-4513089 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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ARTS EDUCATION LECTURE FOR TEACHERS
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A LECTURE ON ARTS EDUCATION WILL BE HELD FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ARTS TEACHERS ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 14).

THE LECTURE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE.

ENGLISH LECTURE WILL BE GIVEN BY MR TOBY JACKSON, EDUCATION OFFICER OF MUSEUM OF MODERN ART OF OXFORD, ENGLAND, AT THE RECITAL HALL OF HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE AT HARBOUR ROAD ON SATURDAY BETWEEN 10 AM AND NOON.

SCHOOL HEADS WHO WISH TO NOMINATE THEIR ARTS TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE LECTURE ARE REQUESTED TO APPLY TO THE INSPECTOR (ARTS), ARTS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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30 TO BE COMMENDED FOR RESCUE
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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR PETER CHAN, WILL PRESENT HIS CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 10) TO 30 PEOPLE IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR BRAVE AND PUBLIC SPIRITED ACTION EFFECTING RESCUES IN HONG KONG WATERS.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 3 PM IN THE LECTURE ROOM (ROOM 1414), 14TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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RECIPIENTS OF THE COMMENDATIONS WILL INCLUDE ONE CITIZEN, 17 CREW MEMBERS OF PUBLIC FERRY COMPANIES, SIX CREW MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG PILOTS ASSOCIATION, FOUR POLICE OFFICERS AND TWO CARGO HANDLING ASSISTANTS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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800 CHILDREN PERFORM AT CARNIVAL
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SOME 800 CHILDREN DEMONSTRATED THEIR PERFORMING TALENTS DURING THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN DANCING CARNIVAL AT THE PODIUM OF PING SHEK ESTATE THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THE CHILDREN, FROM 20 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND SCHOOLS, STAGED DANCING AND SINGING PERFORMANCES DURING THE THREE-HOUR CARNIVAL.

SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE THE PING SHEK AND KAI YIP AREA COMMITTEE= THE PING SHEK AND KAI YIP AREA BRANCH OF THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF KAI TAI COURT, PING SHEK AND KAI YIP ESTATES, AND THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB ASSOCIATION.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF KWAI CHUNG GAMES HALL
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THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL GAMES HALL IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 16 (MONDAY) FOR IMPROVEMENT WORK OF THE LIGHTING SYSTEM.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITIES AT THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG TANG SHIU KIN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

THE RE-OPENING DATE OF THE GAMES HALL WILL BE ANNOUNCED AS SOON AS WORK IS COMPLETED, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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