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WELL ORGANISED MACHINERY TO TACKLE STAFF PROBLEMS: CS

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) HONG KONG HAS A VERY WELL ORGANISED CIVIL SERVICE MACHINERY WHICH WORKS CLOSELY WITH BOTH THE STAFF AND EMPLOYER'S SIDES TO TACKLE PROBLEMS.

SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AFTER HE ATTENDED THE OPENING OF A FAMILY CARNIVAL AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE 1989 OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SCHEME AT VICTORIA PARK, SIR DAVID SAID: "NORMALLY, THE TRADITION IN THE SERVICE IS THAT PEOPLE DO TALK THEM THROUGH WITHOUT RESORTING TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION. AND IF THERE IS INDUSTRIAL ACTION, IT SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE PUBLIC. THAT IS A VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TRADITION AND I HOPE EVERYONE WILL STICK TO IT."

IN REPLY TO A QUESTION ON CURRENT INDUSTRIAL ACTION, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED WAS VERY SMALL AND IT HAD NOT AFFECTED THE SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

"IF THERE ARE DISPUTES, THEY ARE SETTLED WITHOUT DISRUPTING THE PUBLIC SERVICE. I THINK THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT AND I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SERVICE IS OBVIOUSLY AFFECTED FOR THAT REASON."

HE ALSO NOTED THAT ALL THE GRADES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE WERE BEING REVIEWED AND THAT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME. "UNTIL ALL THOSE QUESTIONS ARE RESOLVED, IT IS NOT A VERY EASY TIME FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE. BUT, I AM SURE EVERYONE WOULD COME THROUGH IT WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS TROUBLE."

ON THE QUESTION OF ORDERLY RETURN OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE, SIR DAVID SAID: "I THINK, AS YOU ALL KNOW, THAT WE DO FEEL THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MANDATORY REPATRIATION IS PUT IN PLACE BEFORE WE FACE THE PROSPECT OF ANOTHER INFLUX OF BOAT PEOPLE NEXT YEAR."

"IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THE MESSAGE GETS THROUGH TO VIETNAM THAT THERE IS REALLY NO FUTURE HERE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS REFUGEES."

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COMBINED EFFORT IN PROMOTING RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD

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THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HAVE WORKED HAND IN HAND TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FAMILY CARNIVAL AND OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SCHEME BEST AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT VICTORIA PARK IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

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HE NOTED THAT "RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND CHILD CARE" HAD BEEN ADOPTED AS THE THEME FOR THE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE THIS YEAR.

"A WIDE VARIETY OF PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS TO EMPHASISE THE MESSAGE OF 'LOVE AND CARE FOR CHILDREN'," HE SAID.

"WE ALL LOVE OUR CHILDREN, BUT WE CAN ALL BENEFIT FROM KNOWING MORE ABOUT WHAT IS NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE THE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CHILDREN AND TO CARE FOR THEIR COMPLETE PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS.

"WITHOUT AN ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF CHILD CARE, THE CHILDREN MAY BE NEGLECTED AND IN EXTREME CASES, THEIR HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT HINDERED," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY SAID THE SUBJECT OF PARENTHOOD AND SAFETY OF CHILDREN AT HOME HAD ALSO BEEN EMPHASISED IN PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, AN ANNUAL EVENT, HAD BEEN CONDUCTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL SERVICES AND TO OFFER THEM A VALUABLE WAY OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

"I UNDERSTAND THAT OVER 3,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS SCHEME AND OVER 170,000 PEOPLE HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THEIR SERVICES," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT SOME OF THE OUTSTANDING PROJECTS WERE SHOWN AT THE EXHIBITION TODAY, SIR DAVID SAID: "NOT ONLY DO THESE PROJECTS PROMOTE THE IDEA OF BEING A GOOD PARENT, THEY ALSO HELP TO HEIGHTEN THE AWARENESS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE - WHO ONE DAY WILL THEMSELVES BECOME PARENTS."

THE FAMILY CARNIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE FLE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO COMMEMORATE THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD AND TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN THE COMMUNITY.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON YOUTH FESTIVAL, MR ERIC LI; DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE; CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR DAVID CHU; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MRS PATRICIA CHU.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE OFFICIATING PARTY TOURED THE CARNIVAL VENUE AND VISITED THE TWO EXHIBITIONS ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SCHEME (OYS) AWARD.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TOOK A GREAT INTEREST IN A PROJECT WHICH WON THE HONG KONG BEST AWARD OF THE OYS.

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THE PROJECT WAS CARRIED OUT BY A GROUP OF YOUNG VOLUNTEERS FROM THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER TO PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF HOME SAFETY.

THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE PROJECT INCLUDED A MOBILE EXHIBITION, TALKS, TRAINING COURSE AND A SOCIAL GATHERING.

THROUGH IMPLEMENTING THE PROJECT, THE VOLUNTEERS HAVE ACQUIRED MORE TECHNIQUES AND SKILLS IN PROGRAMME PLANNING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY HAVE ALSO HELPED SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF HOME SAFETY TO RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

APART FROM THE EXHIBITIONS, THERE WERE ALSO ABOUT 30 GAMES STALLS WITH ATTRACTIVE PRIZES AND NINE FAMILY ACTIVITY STALLS.

WHILE THE GAMES STALLS OFFERED INTERESTING GAMES ON THE THEMES OF GOOD PARENTING AND HOME SAFETY, THE FAMILY ACTIVITY STALLS PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILY MEMBERS TO SHARE THE FUN IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS TAKING FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS, MAKING HANDICRAFTS AND DRAWING.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW WITH THE SAME THEME WHICH WILL BEGIN AT VICTORIA PARK AT 8 PM.

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SHAM SHUI PO DEVELOPMENTS RELATED TO TERRITORY'S FUTURE

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DEVELOPMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE CLOSELY RELATED TO THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL, HELD IN A HK-TVB STUDIO, MR LAN CITED SOME OF THE MAJOR PROJECTS WHICH WILL BENEFIT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY OF THE ROUTE III PROJECT WILL PASS THROUGH SHAM SHUI PO; AND THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION PROJECT WILL PROVIDE MORE LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAFFIC AND MAJOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

"AND MORE NOTABLE IS THE PROPOSED CONTAINER TERMINAL NUMBER 8 ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND," HE SAID.

THANKING LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR SUPPORTING THE CONTAINER TERMINAL PLAN, MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER THEIR VIEWS AND DEAL WITH POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHTED BY RESIDENTS.

SHAM SHUI PO HAD SEEN THE COMPLETION OF SEVERAL MAJOR PROJECTS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, MR LAN SAID.

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THESE INCLUDED THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR, THE TUNG CHOW AND LAI CHI KOK PARKS, AND THE REDEVELOPMENT OF LI CHENG UK ESTATE AND THE NAM CHEONG ESTATE, ALL OF WHICH HAD BROUGHT ABOUT FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC CONDITIONS AND TO THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

MR LAN PRAISED THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR SUPPORTING THE CURRENT TERRITORY-WIDE YOUTH FESTIVAL BY ADOPTING TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AS THE THEME.

HE SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO ADOPTED A FITTING SLOGAN FOR THE FESTIVAL WITH A VIEW TO GROOMING YOUNG PEOPLE FOR THE FUTURE.

"THE SLOGAN CALLS ON THE COMMUNITY TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY WORK SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL," HE NOTED.

MR LAN SAID THE FESTIVAL HAD BECOME A MAJOR ANNUAL EVENT IN THE DISTRICT SINCE 1981, AND REPRESENTED PART OF EFFORTS MADE BY COMMUNITY LEADERS IN SHAM SHUI PO TO MOTIVATE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

"ONE OF THE OBJECTS OF THE SCHEME IS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY BUILDING, THE CONCEPT OF WHICH IS TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY WORK SO AS TO FEEL MORE ATTACHED TO THE COMMUNITY, AND TO BUILD A HARMONIOUS AND BETTER LIVING ENVIRONMENT."

MR LAN THANKED THE DISTRICT BOARD AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FOR SUPPORTING THE FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL OFFER 55 DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES AT A COST OF OVER \$1.3 MILLION.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW BROADCAST LIVE ON HK-TVB'S JADE CHANNEL.

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MENTALLY HANDICAPPED MUST BE GIVEN THEIR RIGHTS

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THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED MUST BE GIVEN THEIR BASIC RIGHTS. THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON UNION CHURCH'S NEW WAI JI HOSTEL AND SHELTERED WORKSHOP, MRS GOODSTADT SAID THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WERE ENTITLED "TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMUNITY, TO HAVE A HOME WHERE THEY CAN ENJOY PRIVACY AND PERMANENCY AND A JOB WITHIN THEIR CAPACITY."

SHE SAID HER DEPARTMENT WAS NOW ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN EXPLORING WITH VOLUNTARY AGENCIES A NEW STYLE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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THE MAIN PROBLEM FACING MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS WAS THAT AS THEY GREW OLDER, THEY NEEDED TO BE GIVEN SHELTER AND WORK FOR THE REST OF THEIR ADULT YEARS, MRS GOODSTADT SAID.

"WE NOW NEED TO THINK OF MORE PERMANENT HOMES AND HOSTELS, POSSIBLY DESIGNED ON A MUCH SMALLER AND MORE PRIVATE MODEL," SHE POINTED OUT.

MRS GOODSTADT SAID THAT THE GOAL MUST BE TO CREATE HOMES FOR THE ADULT MENTALLY DISABLED "AS CLOSE TO A NATURAL FAMILY AS POSSIBLE".

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR ALSO CALLED FOR AN URGENT EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE COMMUNITY WITH INFORMATION "ON THE WONDERFUL QUALITIES WHICH THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED POSSESS".

THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY WAS BASICALLY WARM-HEARTED AND COMPASSIONATE, SHE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD FOUND THAT "MANY GROUPS, ONCE THEY COME TO UNDERSTAND THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, ARE VERY HAPPY TO HELP THEM".

MRS GOODSTADT ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DOING FAR MORE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT AND DAY ACTIVITIES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS ONCE THEY HAD REACHED ADULTHOOD.

"WORK IS NOT PURELY A MATTER OF ECONOMIC RETURN," SHE SAID. "IT IS THE MOST NATURAL WAY FOR AN ADULT TO LEAD A REGULAR AND SATISFYING LIFE, WITH A SENSE OF PURPOSE AND ACHIEVEMENT".

MRS GOODSTADT PRAISED THE KOWLOON UNION CHURCH'S EFFORTS IN THIS FIELD.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WAS GRATEFUL TO THE CHURCH FOR BEING AMONG THE FIRST TO START WORK WITH MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

THE NEW HOSTEL, AND SHELTERED WORKSHOP, CREATED BY THE KOWLOON UNION CHURCH WAS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS, SHE ADDED.

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DISABLED PERSONS NEED COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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IN THE PROCESS OF REHABILITATION, THE DISABLED NEED SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY, AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE FROM THE PUBLIC WOULD HELP THEM BUILD UP CONFIDENCE TO OVERCOME THEIR DISABILITIES, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY AND VARIETY SHOW OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT JOINT PROGRAMME HELD IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE "IN TOUCH WITH REHABILITATION" CAMPAIGN, MR KWOK SAID HONG KONG HAD DEVELOPED A WIDE RANGE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF DISABLED PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS.

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"FOR INSTANCE, THERE ARE SEVERAL KINDS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR DISABLED PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN.

"THESE INCLUDE EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES, SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES AND INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES IN CHILD CARE CENTRES.

"FOR THE MILDLY TO MODERATELY HANDICAPPED, THERE ARE HOME-BASED TRAINING AND SHELTERED WORKSHOP TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR THEM," HE SAID.

MR KWOK ALSO COMMENDED THE COMMUNITY OF KWUN TONG, WHICH ORGANISED A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES RECENTLY TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE POTENTIALS OF THE DISABLED.

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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS INCREASE BY SIX PER CENT

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DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1989-90, COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1989, THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 2,916 COMPLAINTS, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF SIX PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TCU SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE COMPLAINTS WERE RELATED MAINLY TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES, TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, ROAD MAINTENANCE AND ENFORCEMENT.

AS REGARDS THE ADEQUACY OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 212 COMPLAINTS COVERING HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES. COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, THERE WAS A DECREASE OF 11 CASES OR 5 PER CENT.

ON THE STANDARD OF FRANCHISED BUS SERVICE, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 506 COMPLAINTS, A DECREASE OF 3 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 519 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THESE COMPLAINTS WERE INDIVIDUALLY TAKEN UP WITH THE BUS COMPANIES CONCERNED.

THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST TAXI SERVICE INCREASED BY 38 PER CENT FROM 390 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 539 CASES BUT A DECREASE OF 10 PER CENT WAS NOTED WHEN COMPARED WITH 601 CASES IN THE SAME QUARTER LAST YEAR.

THE NUMBERS OF COMPLAINTS RELATED TO RAIL TRANSPORT SERVICES AND FERRY SERVICES ROSE FROM LAST QUARTER'S 58 CASES TO 92 CASES, AND FROM 25 CASES TO 31 CASES RESPECTIVELY. THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT INCLUDE INADEQUATE FREQUENCY, STAFF CONDUCT AND PERFORMANCE, AND PASSENGER SERVICES AND FACILITIES.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION INCREASED BY 6 PER CENT TO 396 CASES WHICH WERE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS: 124 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 175 IN KOWLOON, 89 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 8 IN TUNNELS OR OTHER AREAS.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION AND ROAD WORKS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES DROPPED BY 5 PER CENT FROM 233 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 222 THIS QUARTER. THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN WERE PHASING OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND TRAFFIC LANE ARRANGEMENT, AND ADDITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND AIDS, AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS DECREASED BY 5 PER CENT FROM 239 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 227 CASES. THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINTS WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, FAULTY TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS/AIDS.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES STOOD AT 387 IN THE QUARTER, A DECREASE OF 9 CASES OR 2 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THESE WERE RELATED MAINLY TO REQUESTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING AND MOTORISTS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PRAISE FOR CAS WORK IN MANAGING VBP DETENTION CENTRES

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THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING COMMENDED THE CIVIL AID SERVICES (CAS) FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION IN MANAGING VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRES.

ADDRESSING THE 39TH RECRUITS' PASSING-OUT PARADE OF THE CAS, MR ASPREY POINTED OUT THAT THE JOB WAS NOT A POPULAR ONE AND MIGHT APPEAR TO MANY TO BE THANKLESS.

"IT IS A FINE ACHIEVEMENT FOR A VOLUNTEER SERVICE TO HAVE PROVIDED THE STAFF TO MANAGE THE ARGYLE STREET CAMP AND THE ACCOMMODATION ON THE FERRIES AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND, ON A FULL-TIME BASIS THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

"IT SAYS MUCH FOR THE DEDICATION AND MORALE OF THE CAS THAT THE TASK HAS BEEN ACCEPTED SO WILLINGLY AND PERFORMED SO WELL.

"AND I SHOULD LIKE TO RECORD THE THANKS AND APPRECIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THE CONTRIBUTION WHICH THE CAS HAS MADE IN HELPING TO COPE WITH THIS CRISIS."

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MR ASPREY SAID THIS WAS AMONG THE MANY EXAMPLES OF BACK-UP SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CAS TO THE REGULAR SERVICES IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY SUCH AS THOSE INVOLVING TYPHOONS, LANDSLIDES, FIRES AND OTHER DISASTERS.

AT THE CEREMONY, HE ALSO PRESENTED CAS MEMBERS WITH CIVIL DEFENCE LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS, THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES AND OUTSTANDING RECRUIT CERTIFICATES.

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BOOKLETS ON CFC'S AND HALONS PUBLISHED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED THREE EXPLANATORY BOOKLETS ON CHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (CFC'S) AND HALONS AND HOW THESE SUBSTANCES AFFECT THE OZONE LAYER OF THE EARTH.

THE BOOKLETS ARE "A GUIDE TO CFC'S AND HALONS", "A CONCISE GUIDE TO THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE" AND "INFORMATION LEAFLET ON CFC'S AND HALONS CONTROL".

"A GUIDE TO CFC'S AND HALONS" IS A SIMPLE BOOKLET WHICH AIMS TO EXPLAIN TO THE PUBLIC WHAT CFC'S AND HALONS ARE, WHAT THEY ARE USED FOR, WHY THESE CHEMICALS ARE CREATING A GLOBAL PROBLEM AND HOW CAN PEOPLE ASSIST IN HELPING TO SAVE THE OZONE LAYER.

THE SECOND BOOKLET - "A CONCISE GUIDE TO THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE" - IS A SIMPLIFIED EXPLANATORY BOOKLET ON THIS HONG KONG ORDINANCE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 1 THIS YEAR.

THE ORDINANCE GIVES EFFECT TO INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS AFFECTING HONG KONG UNDER THE 1985 VIENNA CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OZONE LAYER AND THE 1987 MONTREAL PROTOCOL ON SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER.

THE ORDINANCE PROHIBITS THE MANUFACTURE OF SUBSTANCES THAT DEplete THE OZONE LAYER AND IMPOSES CONTROLS ON THE IMPORT AND EXPORT OF THESE SUBSTANCES THROUGH REGISTRATION AND LICENSING PROVISIONS.

THE "INFORMATION LEAFLET ON CFC'S AND HALONS CONTROL" IS AIMED AT PROVIDING INFORMATION TO INDUSTRY ON THE WAY TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION, IMPORT AND EXPORT LICENCES UNDER THE OZONE LAYER PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

THE THREE BOOKLETS CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, 28TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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CS OPENS FEDERATION'S 35TH YOUTH CENTRE

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THE OPENING OF THE 35TH YOUTH CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS MARKS ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE FEDERATION'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE A NEIGHBOURHOOD-BASED, MULTI-SERVICES COMMUNITY FACILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE FEDERATION'S NEWEST CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, WHICH INCORPORATES AN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE, IS LOCATED IN TSUEN WAN.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS VERY FITTING THAT ITS ESTABLISHMENT SHOULD COINCIDE WITH THE ORGANISING OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH FESTIVAL.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WERE ESTABLISHED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL DURING THEIR FORMATIVE YEARS.

"AS A PLACE FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, THIS CENTRE WILL FOCUS ON THE NEED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP NOT ONLY AN ANALYTICAL MIND BUT ALSO CRITICAL AND INDEPENDENT THINKING ON WIDE RANGING ISSUES OF MAJOR CONCERN.

"THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THIS CENTRE, YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOP THEIR SENSE OF COMMITMENT AND BELONGING TO HONG KONG," HE SAID.

COMMENTING THAT THE CONCEPT OF COMBINING A YOUTH CENTRE WITH AN INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE WAS BOTH LOGICAL AND FUNCTIONAL, SIR DAVID SAID THE CENTRE WOULD PROVIDE A FOCAL POINT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEET AND CHANNEL THEIR ENERGIES TOWARDS WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAID THAT SINCE THE FEDERATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1960 IT HAD BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN PROVIDERS OF YOUTH SERVICES WHICH INCLUDED CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND YOUTH COUNSELLING.

"THE SIMULTANEOUS OPENING TODAY OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE FEDERATION IN PROVIDING RECREATION-FACILITIES TO MEET THE DIVERSIFIED NEEDS OF THE LOCAL POPULATION," HE SAID.

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55,000 VISIT CAREERS '90 EXHIBITION

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MORE THAN 55,000 PEOPLE HAVE VISITED THE "CAREERS '90 EXHIBITION" AT THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL SINCE IT WAS OPENED ON DECEMBER 2.

"JOB-SEEKERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, SHOULD SEIZE THIS VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FROM THE VARIOUS PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS," A LABOUR OFFICER OF THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MRS NORA YEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN FROM 9.30 AM TO 6.30 PM DAILY UNTIL MONDAY (DECEMBER 11) AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY AND THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL.

THIS YEAR, 23 ORGANISATIONS FROM THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND SOCIAL SERVICE SECTORS AS WELL AS PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE TAKING PART IN THE EXHIBITION WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

"VIDEOS INTRODUCING DIFFERENT TRADES AND ORGANISATIONS ARE SHOWN HOURLY EVERY DAY," MRS YEUNG SAID.

"WORK DEMONSTRATIONS AND OUTDOOR DISPLAYS WILL BE STAGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE OPEN SPACE BETWEEN THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND THE NEW TOWN PLAZA." SHE ADDED.

MRS YEUNG ALSO REMINDED VISITORS THAT A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IS BEING HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXHIBITION.

ENTRIES, WHICH SHOULD DEPICT THE EXHIBITION AND ITS OUTDOOR DEMONSTRATIONS, MAY BE IN COLOUR OR BLACK AND WHITE AND SHOULD BE MOUNTED ON CARDBOARD AND MEASURE 20.3 CM BY 25.4 CM (8R).

THE TOP THREE WINNERS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A CAMERA, WHILE THE FIRST 100 ENTRIES RECEIVED WILL EARN THEIR ENTRANTS A SOUVENIR.

ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE AT 16TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, BY DECEMBER 23.

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JOB BAZAAR PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A JOB BAZAAR IN TUEN MUN EARLY NEXT YEAR TO HELP EASE THE CURRENT LABOUR SHORTAGE.

ACCORDING TO SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE), MR JOHN SUNG, THE JOB BAZAAR IS A COLLECTIVE RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO HELP EMPLOYERS PUBLICISE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND TO ATTRACT MORE PEOPLE TO TAKE UP NEW OR ALTERNATE EMPLOYMENT.

"IT ALSO PROVIDES IMMEDIATE, CORDIAL AND DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS, THUS REDUCING THEIR TIME EITHER IN FILLING VACANCIES OR SEEKING EMPLOYMENT," MR SUNG SAID.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED FOUR SIMILAR EVENTS IN THE URBAN AREAS AND SHA TIN SINCE LAST YEAR, WHICH WERE ALL WELL-RECEIVED," HE NOTED.

THIS TIME, THE ACTIVITY WILL BE HELD IN THE TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA FROM MARCH 9 TO 12.

"IT IS PLANNED PARTICULARLY TO COINCIDE WITH THE RECRUITMENT BOOM AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR," MR SUNG SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE BAZAAR WOULD ACCOMMODATE UP TO 15 EXHIBITORS, WITH ONLY ONE TO TWO FIRMS FROM EACH TRADE OR INDUSTRY.

"THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTICIPATING COMPANIES WILL COME FROM A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND THAT A GOOD RANGE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE DISPLAYED," HE EXPLAINED.

"FOR THIS REASON," HE SAID, "INTERESTED COMPANIES SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS IMMEDIATELY AS ACCEPTANCE FOR ENROLMENT WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS."

EACH PARTICIPATING COMPANY WILL OCCUPY AN EXHIBITION BOOTH WHICH CAN BE FITTED OUT ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS.

COMPANIES WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE BY 5 PM ON DECEMBER 11 (MONDAY) ON TEL. 0-4140652 OR 0-4920154.

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FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT ON SHOW IN SHA TIN

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A DEMONSTRATION AND DISPLAY OF SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES IN DEALING WITH FIRES AND OTHER EMERGENCIES WILL BE STAGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN SHA TIN TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE VENUE WILL BE THE OPEN AREA BETWEEN SHA TIN TOWN HALL AND THE NEW TOWN PLAZA.

PART OF ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE CAREERS EXHIBITION ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE SHOW IS INTENDED TO INTRODUCE THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC. IT WILL BE HELD FROM 10.30 AM TO 4.30 PM.

THE DEMONSTRATION WILL INCLUDE THE USE OF HURST RESCUE TOOL AND RESCUE RATCHET, RESCUE OF PEOPLE FROM A HEIGHT BY USING A TURNABLE LADDER AND AN HYDRAULIC PLATFORM, AND RESCUE OF INJURED PEOPLE TRAPPED INSIDE A VEHICLE, USING ADVANCED CUTTING EQUIPMENT.

APPLIANCES ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE AN HYDRAULIC PLATFORM, A TURNABLE LADDER, AN AMBULANCE, AN AMBULANCE AID MOTORCYCLE, A MOBILE CASUALTY TREATMENT CENTRE, AND A MOBILE COMMAND UNIT.

EQUIPMENT USED IN DEALING WITH VARIOUS EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING FIRES, LANDSLIDES, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, HOUSE COLLAPSES AND MOUNTAIN RESCUES, WILL BE ON DISPLAY.

PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE HISTORY OF THE FIRE SERVICES, NOTABLE FIRES, AND FIRE FIGHTING AT SEA, FROM THE AIR AND ON LAND WILL BE EXHIBITED.

A TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRE WILL BE SET UP WHERE INTERESTED PERSONS WILL BE GIVEN MEASUREMENT AND EYESIGHT TESTS.

FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE HOW TO OPERATE SOME COMMON TYPES OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DEMONSTRATION TO BE STAGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEAR SHA TIN TOWN HALL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 4.30 PM.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL ENDS

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THE MONTH-LONG TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL CONCLUDED THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING WITH PERFORMANCES BY HONG KONG AND SHENZHEN MARTIAL ARTS TEAMS.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL.

"ABOUT 40 EVENTS WERE HELD IN A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES WHICH STARTED ON NOVEMBER 4. THESE PROGRAMMES PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR.

"THE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED VOLLEYBALL AND TABLE TENNIS DEMONSTRATIONS BY TEAMS FROM CHINA AND A BOXING COMPETITION," HE SAID.

THE 11TH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WAS PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

EXPENDITURE AMOUNTED TO OVER \$1 MILLION, WITH \$300,000 COMING FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, \$350,000 FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND THE REMAINDER FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

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INCREASED PUBLICITY ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT URGED

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR CHUNG PUI-LAM TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO STEP UP PUBLICITY IN SUPPORT OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SCHEME.

MR CHUNG, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, POINTED OUT THAT RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE SOME BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT BECAUSE "IT IS THE BUSINESS OF EVERY ONE IN THE COMMUNITY".

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, MR CHUNG CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR RUNNING MORE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

"THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO LAUNCH A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLICITY PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

"THIS WILL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS, WAYS TO HANDLE ROUTINE AND MAJOR MATTERS AND RELATED LEGISLATION," HE ADDED.

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TURNING TO MAJOR PROJECTS RECENTLY ANNOUNCED BY THE GOVERNMENT, MR CHUNG SAID TOWN RE-DEVELOPMENT, RECLAMATIONS AND DEVELOPMENTS OF NEW TOWNS WOULD ACCELERATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS AND COMMERCIAL CENTRES.

"THIS WILL, IN PARTICULAR, BE THE CASE IN KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FOLLOWING THE WALLED CITY CLEARANCE, WHICH IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED SOON, AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE KAI TAK AIRPORT SITE," HE SAID.

MR CHUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE COMPLETION OF MORE BUILDINGS WOULD UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT, WHICH, HE ADDED, "IS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE WELL-BEING OF EVERY ONE IN THE COMMUNITY".

EARLIER, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD, GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, WHICH WAS SET UP IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR TO ASSIST LOCAL RESIDENTS IN IMPROVING THEIR BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

MR PESCOD POINTED OUT THAT IMPROVEMENTS IN BUILDING MAINTENANCE, FIRE PRECAUTION MEASURES AND ENVIRONMENT HAD BEEN MADE IN MORE THAN 10 RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, COVERED BY AN IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME BEING RUN BY THE TEAM.

"THE ACHIEVEMENTS, HOWEVER, CAN ALSO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FULL CO-OPERATION BY OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE AREAS," HE ADDED.

IN CONCLUSION, HE SAID THE TEAM WOULD CONTINUE CARRYING OUT IMPROVEMENTS TO A FURTHER 12 TARGETTED BUILDINGS IN THE COMING SIX MONTHS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, TWO PROPERTY MANAGEMENT EXPERTS GAVE TALKS TO MORE THAN 100 OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS, AND OFFICERS FROM THE POLICE AND THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TALKED ON HOME SECURITY AND FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES RESPECTIVELY.

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TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE MOVES TO NEW ADDRESS

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THE TSEUNG KWAN O SUB-OFFICE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL START OPERATING FROM ITS NEW PREMISES AT FLAT 121-122, GROUND FLOOR, PO NING HOUSE, PO LAM ESTATE, ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 11).

THE OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 8.30 AM TO 12.45 PM AND FROM 1.45 PM TO 5.15 PM ON MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS, UNTIL 4.45 PM ON FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7013218.

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THE SUB-OFFICE OPERATES A PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES TO RESIDENTS.

THESE INCLUDE ADMINISTERING DECLARATIONS, THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, RENT OFFICER SCHEME, AND ANSWERING ENQUIRIES CONCERNING GOVERNMENT SERVICES. TO SAVE WAITING TIME, RESIDENTS CAN MAKE APPOINTMENTS BY TELEPHONE FOR THE DECLARATION SERVICE.

THE SERVICE COUNTER ALSO DISTRIBUTES GOVERNMENT FORMS, PUBLICATIONS, FACT SHEETS, PAMPHLETS, LEAFLETS, AND ENROLMENT FORMS OF ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. AT PRESENT, IT IS ASSISTING IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE APPLICATION FORMS.

RESIDENTS CAN ALSO APPROACH THE SUB-OFFICE TO MAKE SIMPLE COMPLAINTS REGARDING TRANSPORT, RECREATION FACILITIES, EDUCATION, MEDICAL SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT; AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT VACANCIES REGISTERED AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND IN THE CIVIL SERVICE AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

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EARLY WELFARE PAYMENT

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOK MAY RECEIVE EARLIER WELFARE PAYMENT IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BETWEEN DECEMBER 24 AND 26.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THEY MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS ON DECEMBER 21 AND 23 RESPECTIVELY, OR AFTER AT THEIR DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

RECIPIENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE UNDER THE BANK PAYMENT SYSTEM WHOSE PAY DAY FALLS ON DECEMBER 25 WILL ALSO HAVE THEIR PAYMENT ADVANCED TO DECEMBER 22.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF DRAKE STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT DRAKE STREET BETWEEN COTTON TREE DRIVE AND TAMAR STREET IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 11) FOR THREE DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS ON WESTBOUND HARCOURT ROAD HEADING FOR DRAKE STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA COTTON TREE DRIVE, QUEENSWAY AND TAMAR STREET.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN FANLING AND TAI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORK, THE OUTERMOST LANES OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND NEAR KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY TO WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 11 TO 13).

THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 18 TO 20.

MEANWHILE, TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS, THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO PAN CHUNG VILLAGE FROM PO HEUNG STREET, TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 11).

FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS MAY USE THE NEW ACCESS ROAD FROM WAN TAU STREET TO GAIN ACCESS TO PAN CHUNG VILLAGE.

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LEARNER DRIVERS BAN ZONE IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 11), NAM CHEONG STREET FLYOVER IN SHAM SHUI PO, AND THE SECTION OF LUNG PING ROAD LEADING FROM NAM CHEONG STREET FLYOVER TO A POINT ABOUT 300 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED LEARNER DRIVERS BAN ZONES 24 HOURS DAILY.

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