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GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR SIX-DAY CHINA VISIT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, LEFT TODAY (MONDAY) FOR A SIX-DAY VISIT IN CHINA WHERE HE WILL OPEN THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OFFICE IN SHANGHAI AND MEET SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS IN PEKING.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE BY TRAIN AT THE KCR KOWLOON STATION, SIR DAVID SAID THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT TO CHINA WAS TO OPEN THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OFFICE IN SHANGHAI AND TO ATTEND THE OPENING SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND TRADE CO-OPERATION SEMINAR THERE.

"THE OPENING OF THE SECOND TDC OFFICE SYMBOLISES THE GREAT INCREASE IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND HONG KONG.

"TRADE BETWEEN US AND CHINA HAS GONE UP BY SOME 12 TIMES IN THE LAST EIGHT YEARS AND BY THE REMARKABLE FIGURE OF 50 PER CENT IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THIS YEAR.

"CHINA IS NOW OUR LARGEST TRADING PARTNER AND THIS YEAR, IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS, WE HAVE OVERTAKEN JAPAN AS CHINA'S MAJOR TRADING PARTNER," SIR DAVID SAID.

ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, THE POLITICAL ADVISER, MR DICK CLIFT, AND THE GOVERNOR'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, MR RICHARD HOARE, SIR DAVID WILL FIRST VISIT GUANGZHOU BEFORE GOING ON TO SHANGHAI AND THEN PEKING.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS TAKING THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT GUANGZHOU FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE BECOMING GOVERNOR BECAUSE GUANGDONG PLAYED A MAJOR PART IN THE INCREASED ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA.

SIR DAVID WILL CALL ON THE GOVERNOR OF GUANGDONG TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT WHILE IN PEKING HE WOULD TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE THE INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS THAT HE HAD EARLIER IN THE YEAR WITH SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS AND CHINESE LEADERS DEALING WITH HONG KONG AFFAIRS.

"I EXPECT TO COVER THE WHOLE RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST BETWEEN US," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE AN OCCASION TO BRING CHINESE LEADERS UP TO DATE ON WHAT HAD BEEN HAPPENING TO THE ECONOMY IN HONG KONG AS WELL AS OTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

"IT IS NOT AN OCCASION FOR TAKING DECISIONS," SIR DAVID SAID.

SEEING THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON OFF AT THE RAILWAY STATION WERE THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR S. Y. CHUNG; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MISS LYDIA DUNN; AND VICE-DIRECTOR OF THE NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, MR QIAO ZHONGHUAI.

FLEXIBLE APPROACH IN PLANNING CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES

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A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH SHOULD BE ADOPTED IN ASSESSING THE LEVEL OF PROVISION OF CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SUCH FACTORS AS POPULATION CONCENTRATION, DEMOGRAPHIC MAKE-UP AND GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD OF THE AREA.

THIS APPROACH WAS ENDORSED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) AT ITS MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

THE EXISTING PLANNING RATIO OF ONE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE TO EVERY 20,000 GENERAL POPULATION WAS DETERMINED IN 1973.

IN THE LIGHT OF CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT THIS RATIO BE REVISED TO ONE CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE FOR EVERY 20,000 TO 30,000 GENERAL POPULATION.

THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDE THE PROJECTED DECREASE IN YOUTH POPULATION; THE INCREASE IN OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND NEW PATTERN IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF POPULATION CONCENTRATION.

IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SETTING UP A CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE FOR A NEIGHBOURHOOD OF 15,000 IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE POCKET OF POPULATION IS GEOGRAPHICALLY ISOLATED AND THAT MINI-CENTRES BE SET UP IN THE REMOTE RURAL AREAS.

WHILE ACCEPTING THE MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH TO PLANNING, THE COMMITTEE ALSO SAW THE NEED FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CENTRES AND THAT THERE WAS A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS SERVICE AND FAMILY SERVICE.

IT ALSO BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR BETTER CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR YOUTH AND, IN THIS RESPECT, THE COMMITTEE EXPRESSED THE WISH TO BE KEPT POSTED ON THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH.

THE COMMITTEE FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES AVAILABLE FOR USE IN THE MORNING BY YOUNG HOUSEWIVES AND THEIR CHILDREN.

ALSO DISCUSSED AT TODAY'S MEETING WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE CONSULTATION BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ON THE PROPOSED FORMULA FOR DETERMINING THE LEVEL OF SUBVENTION FOR CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION AND THE PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE ORIGINAL FORMULA ARISING THEREFROM.

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IT WAS AGREEED AT THE SWAC MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 28 THAT THE FORMULA SHOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR EACH OF THE THREE COMPONENT PARTS OF CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION, NAMELY CO-ORDINATION AND PLANNING OF SERVICES; FINANCIAL CONTROL AND ACCOUNTING; AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, INCLUDING PERSONNEL MATTERS.

AS A RESULT OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROPOSED, AND THE COMMITTEE ENDORSED THE PROPOSAL, THAT ACCOUNTING STAFF WOULD BE PROVIDED BY POST AT A LEVEL EQUIVALENT TO 1.4 PER CENT OF THE RECOGNISED EXPENDITURE OF AN AGENCY.

IT WAS ALSO ACCEPTED THAT THE STAFFING PROVISION FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION SHOULD BE IMPROVED AND THAT ONE CO-ORDINATOR WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR AN AGENCY WITH THREE OR MORE SUPERVISORS.

THE COMMITTEE FURTHER AGREED THAT NURSERIES SHOULD BE PROVIDED WITH CHILD CARE CO-ORDINATORS AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ON THE SAME BASIS AS FOR OTHER AGENCIES AND THAT THEY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO INCLUDE IN THEIR FEE CALCULATION A PROVISION FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICE.

AS FOR THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUBVENTION FOR CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT FURTHER CONSULTATION BE CONDUCTED WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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EPCOM URGES SPEEDY ACTION ON LIVESTOCK WASTE

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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIROMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) TODAY (MONDAY) EXPRESSED THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION BY JUNE 1988 OF THE AGRICULTURAL WASTE CONTROL SCHEME SO THAT A POTENTIAL ENVIROMENTAL DISASTER IN TOLO HARBOUR CAN BE AVERTED.

MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF ABANDONED VEHICLES, OLD TYRES AND DISCARDED HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

AT THE MEETING, MEMBERS NOTED THAT DISTRICT LANDS OFFICERS (DLO'S) ARE RESPONSIBLE UNDER THE CROWN LAND ORDINANCE FOR ENSURING THAT GOVERNMENT LAND IS NOT ILLEGALLY OCCUPIED.

RECENT STATISTICS SHOWED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE NO INCREASING TREND CONCERNING ABANDONED VEHICLES.

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OF THE 823 ABANDONED VEHICLES DISCOVERED BY THE DLO'S IN 1986, 605 WERE REMOVED BY OWNERS UPON SERVING OF NOTICES, AND THE REMAINDER WERE REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR DISPOSAL. FIGURES FOR THE FIRST 10 MONTHS OF THIS YEAR SHOW A SIMILAR PERCENTAGE (OVER 80 PER CENT) OF VOLUNTARY REMOVAL.

AS FOR DISCARDED HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE THEIR REGULAR CLEANING SERVICE AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS ARE MOUNTED WHERE SITUATIONS WARRANT. BUILDING DEBRIS ON MAJOR HIGHWAYS IS CLEANED UP BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT ON A REGULAR BASIS. POSITIVE STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO DISCOURAGE ILLEGAL DUMPING BY HEIGHTENING VIGILANCE AND BY INCREASING PENALTIES.

MEMBERS FELT, HOWEVER THAT EXISTING LEGISLATION NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED AND NEW LEGISLATION ENACTED BEFORE EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT CAN BEGIN TO CONTAIN AND REDUCE THE SCALE OF THE PRESENT PROBLEM.

MEMBERS LEARNT THAT THE MONITORING PROGRAMME FOR POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB'S) IN FOOD IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE FOOD SURVEILLANCE SECTION OF THE HYGIENE DIVISION IN THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH.

THE PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO DETECT ANY TRENDS OF PCB CONTAMINATION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT AND TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FORTHCOMING REGULATORY CONTROL OF PCB'S.

ON AVERAGE, 16 SAMPLES OF FISH, SHELLFISH (CLAM, OYSTER, SCALLOP, MUSSEL) AND SOMETIMES SHRIMP AND CRAB ARE COLLECTED MONTHLY FROM MARKETS AND SENT TO THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY FOR ANALYSIS. SAMPLES COLLECTED OVER THE LAST YEAR INDICATED THAT, WITH A DETECTION LIMIT OF 10 PARTS PER BILLION, PCB'S WERE UNDETECTED IN MOST SAMPLES EXCEPT A FEW IN THE RANGE OF 10 TO 30 PARTS PER BILLION.

EPCOM MEMBERS WERE ALSO INFORMED THAT PREPARATORY WORKFORTHE 1988 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WAS UNDERWAY AND THAT A NEW DIVISION - THE ENVIRONMENT DIVISION - HAS BEEN FORMED WITHIN THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

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MORE RESOURCES FOR INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION

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INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION, WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON FACILITATING THE TRANSFER OF USEFUL TECHNOLOGY TO HONG KONG, IS AN ACTIVITY THAT WILL CONTINUE TO HELP THE MANUFACTURING COMMUNITY TO UPGRADE THE EFFICIENCY AND QUALITY OF ITS OUTPUT, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHAIRMEN OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR YEUNG SAID THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO DEVOTE MORE RESOURCES IN 1988 TO ITS INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME, TO ATTRACT EVEN MORE OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS DEVELOPING AN IMPROVED TARGETTING SYSTEM TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL INVESTORS OVERSEAS AND WAS PREPARING MORE UP-TO-DATE AND BETTER RESEARCH PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH POTENTIAL INVESTORS.

"WHILE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION ACTIVITY IS SECURED BY HONG KONG'S EXCELLENT PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE, THERE IS INCREASING EVIDENCE THAT OVERSEAS BUSINESSES WHO ARE ATTRACTED BY OUR INFRASTRUCTURE ADDITIONALLY REQUIRE THE SUPPORT THAT OTHER SERVICES PROVIDE BEFORE THEY WOULD BE PREPARED TO COME TO HONG KONG WITH THEIR TECHNOLOGIES," HE SAID.

"THUS THE DEPARTMENT'S INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME SERVES ALSO AS A USEFUL GAUGE FOR ASSESSING THE ADEQUACY OR OTHERWISE OF OTHER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

"INSOFAR AS THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, THE BEST AND MOST OBJECTIVE MEASURE OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ITS INWARD INVESTMENT PROMOTION PROGRAMME LIES IN ITS ANNUAL SURVEYS OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES."

MR YEUNG SAID THE 1987 SURVEY, JUST PUBLISHED AND COVERING OVERSEAS INVESTMENT UP TO THE END OF 1986, SHOWED AN ENCOURAGING GROWTH IN BOTH THE QUANTITY AND THE QUALITY OF OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

IN TERMS OF QUANTITY, THE TOTAL VALUE OF INVESTMENTS AT THE END OF 1986, AT NEARLY $20,000 MILLION, WAS 26 PER CENT HIGHER THAN AT THE END OF 1985.

"THE NET ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS IN 1986 WAS $1,603 MILLION, UP BY 55 PER CENT ON THE 1985 FIGURE," HE SAID.

"IN TERMS OF QUALITY, NEARLY HALF OF THE 541 ESTABLISHMENTS IDENTIFIED IN THE SURVEY WERE JOINT VENTURES WITH LOCAL PARTNERS, A FORM OF CO-OPERATION WHICH PROVIDES A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER."

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IN ORDER TO ATTRACT OVERSEAS COMPANIES TO SET UP A MANUFACTURING OPERATION IN HONG KONG, MR YEUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT PUBLICISED HONG KONG'S ATTRACTIONS AS AN OFFSHORE LOCATION, THROUGH ADVERTISING, MEDIA COVERAGE, SEMINARS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS INVOLVING INDUSTRIALISTS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS.

"WE ALSO ESTABLISH CONTACTS, THROUGH DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGNS, TRADE FAIRS, AND CONTACT WITH TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND COMPANIES, AND WE CULTIVATE THOSE CONTACTS WHO SHOW INTEREST IN MANUFACTURING IN HONG KONG, AND GIVE THEM ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE," HE SAID.

"IN THE CONTEXT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER, THE DEPARTMENT'S 'ONE STOP UNIT' CAN HELP SERVICE FIRMS AND FACTORIES THAT ARE SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO ABSORB THE TECHNOLOGIES THAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED FROM AMONGST OVERSEAS COMPANIES, AND IT CAN AND DOES MATCH POTENTIAL JOINT-VENTURE PARTNERS."

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HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAMME FOR WORKERS
IN HIGH RISK INDUSTRIES
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A YEAR-LONG CAMPAIGN ON HEARING CONSERVATION FOR WORKERS IN SIX HIGH RISK OCCUPATIONS WILL BE LAUNCHED NEXT MONTH.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (FTU), THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH UNIT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE MEASUREMENT OF HEARING ACUITY OF WORKERS AND SURVEYS OF NOISE LEVELS IN THEIR WORKPLACES.

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE CAMPAIGN AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY), ONE OF THE SPEAKERS, THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID IT WAS A WORLD-WIDE PHENOMENON THAT WORKERS HAD NOT FULLY APPRECIATED THE NEED FOR HEARING PROTECTORS, ALTHOUGH IT WAS RELATIVELY EASY AND INEXPENSIVE FOR EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE SUCH PROTECTORS AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

"THERE IS INDEED A DEFINITE NEED FOR A WELL ORGANISED HEARING CONSERVATION PROGRAMME TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE TYPE OF HARM EXCESSIVE NOISE CAN DO TO HEARING AND THE FACT THAT THEY CAN ACTUALLY BECOME DEAF AS A RESULT OF PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO EXCESSIVE NOISE," HE SAID.

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"IN THIS CONNECTION, EMPLOYERS' CO-OPERATION AND INVOLVEMENT ARE MOST ESSENTIAL. WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT NO CAMPAIGN OR PROGRAMME HOWEVER WELL ORGANISED CAN TAKE OFF."

MR YIP CALLED ON ALL EMPLOYERS TO DO THEIR BEST TO MAKE THEIR WORKERS UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE THE HAZARD CAUSED BY EXCESSIVE NOISE AND TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENT TO EITHER REDUCE THE LEVEL OF NOISE IN THE WORK ENVIRONMENT OR PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE HEARING PROTECTION EQUIPMENT FOR WORKERS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FTU, MR CHENG YIU-TONG, AND THE HEAD OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE, PROFESSOR STUART DONNAN.

THE COST OF THE PROJECT, ESTIMATED AT $200,000, IS FUNDED BY THE FTU.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, AUDIOMETRIC TESTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY STAFF OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH UNIT AMONG WORKERS IN THE SIX NOISE-PRONED INDUSTRIES, NAMELY ELECTRONICS, SHIPBUILDING/SHIP REPAIRING, PLASTICS, TEXTILES, METAL AND CONSTRUCTION.

SEVERE CASES OF HEARING LOSS DISCOVERED IN THE COURSE OF FACTORY VISITS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL FOR ASSESSMENT.

THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING APPROPRIATE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS FOR THE PROJECT, CONDUCTING NOISE SURVEYS AND GIVING ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS TO FACTORY PROPRIETORS TO REDUCE THE NOISE LEVELS IN THEIR WORKPLACES.

AT THE END OF THE CAMPAIGN, A REPORT WILL BE COMPILED AND FORWARDED TO THE RELEVANT ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR REFERENCE.

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TEACHERS DISCUSS ANTI-DRUG EDUCATION

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ANTI-DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS IS IMPORTANT, BUT IT NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE MADE A COMPULSORY SUBJECT, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS GENERALLY AGREED AT A SEMINAR TODAY (MONDAY) ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE.

IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT ANTI-DRUG EDUCATION COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO SUCH SUBJECTS AS SOCIAL STUDIES AND ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

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ALTERNATIVELY, IT WOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME.

THE TOPIC WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AT THE SEMINAR ON PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE ORGANISED FOR SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, AND HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), DR GERALD CHOA, ALSO URGED THOSE ATTENDING TO CONSIDER THE ROLE OF PARENTS/TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS IN PREVENTING DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO GATHER VIEWS AND CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS FROM PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELD AND TO USE THEM AS REFERENCE AND AS DIRECTIVES IN DEVISING FUTURE ANTI-NARCOTICS STRATEGIES.

DR CHOA EXPLAINED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY ACAN IN A BID TO CURB THE RECENT RISING TREND IN PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSE.

"IN FACT, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING A LARGE-SCALE SCHOOL SURVEY, THE SETTING-UP OF THE COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR PSYCHOTROPIC DRUG ABUSERS AND STEPPED-UP PUBLICITY ON THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THESE DRUGS ARE CURRENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT IN FULL FORCE," HE SAID.

MORE THAN 300 SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, STUDENT COUNSELLORS AND TEACHERS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE TERRITORY ATTENDED THE SEMINAR, DURING WHICH A NEW SET OF EDUCATIONAL SLIDES ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES WAS INTRODUCED AND DISTRIBUTED BY STAFF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

THE NEW SET OF SLIDES WAS PRODUCED TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING MATERIAL IN THE SCHOOL DRUG EDUCATION TEACHING KITS DISTRIBUTED LAST YEAR.

SPEAKERS IN THE SEMINAR WERE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS AGNES ALLCOCK; HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, PROFESSOR C.N. CHEN; SENIOR INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MISS W.N. BAU; CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU, MR L.C. TANG; AND CHAIRMEN AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEES.

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SAFETY OFFICER LAW BECOMES EFFECTIVE

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED BUILDING CONTRACTORS THAT THE PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE COMPULSORY EMPLOYMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WOULD COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW.

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS) REGULATIONS, A PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR OR SPECIALIST CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO EMPLOY ONE REGISTERED SAFETY OFFICER FULL-TIME IF HE EMPLOYS 200 OR MORE PEOPLE ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE OR SITES, AND TO EMPLOY ONE SAFETY SUPERVISOR ON EACH CONSTRUCTION SITE ON WHICH HE EMPLOYS 20 OR MORE WORKERS.

"A PROPRIETOR WHO FAILS TO EMPLOY A SAFETY OFFICER IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF $20,000," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IF HE FAILS TO EMPLOY A SAFETY SUPERVISOR OR CONTRAVENES OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATIONS, HE IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF $10,000."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD PUBLISHED A GUIDE FOR THE USE OF EMPLOYERS AND SAFETY OFFICERS EXPLAINING THE REGULATIONS AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE APPLIED.

COPIES OF THIS GUIDE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DEVISION.

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BLITZ OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF POSTERS

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MORE THAN 15 SUMMONSES HAD BEEN ISSUED DURING A TWO-DAY BLITZ OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL DISPLAY OF POSTERS ON WALLS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS AND AT PUBLIC PLACES.

THE COMMON PRACTICE OF DISPLAYING POSTERS OR SIMILAR FORM OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS AT PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PLACES DURING WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS HAD CREATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

THE BLITZ OPERATION, CARRIED OUT BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT LAST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AIMED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

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ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, THE DISPLAY OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS AT PRIVATE PLACES WITHOUT THE OWNERS' CONSENT OR AT PUBLIC PLACES WITHOUT THE GOVERNMENT'S AUTHORITY WAS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE. OFFENDERS WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $2,000.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT SIMILAR OPERATIONS WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN THE FUTURE. HE HOPED THAT THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THE ADVERTISED COMPANIES CONCERNED, WOULD EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE TO HELP KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

MEANWHILE, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT A BLITZ OPERATION AGAINST LITTERING BY FILIPINA MAIDS IN CENTRAL ON SUNDAY, AND A TOTAL OF 26 SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED SUCH AN OPERATION.

"THE CENTRAL DISTRICT HAS BECOME A POPULAR MEETING AREA FOR FILIPINA MAIDS DURING HOLIDAYS, AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS TO SPEND A LOT OF EFFORT IN CLEARING THE RUBBISH LEFT BEHIND," HE SAID.

"MOREOVER, WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE LITTERING PROBLEM CAUSED BY FILIPINA MAIDS IN CENTRAL," HE ADDED.

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EDUCATION BRIEFING FOR URBAN DB MEMBERS

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OFFICIALS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) MET MORE THAN 70 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS IN THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON REGIONS FOR DISCUSSIONS ON EDUCATIONAL MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN.

THE MEETING, HELD AT THE OLD LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER IN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BEGAN WITH A BRIEFING SESSION CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN.

THIS SESSION INCLUDED A TALK BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (BUILDING AND SYSTEMS), MR S. H. HSU, ON THE SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME, THE REPROVISIONING OF URBAN SCHOOLS WITH SUB-STANDARD PREMISES TO THE NEW TOWNS, AND CONVERSION WORK TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TEACHING SPACE IN SCHOOLS.

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THERE WAS ALSO A TALK ON THE EXPULSION OF STUDENTS AND FLOATING CLASSES BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MR S. W. WONG, AND ON THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL EDUCATION BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), MR LUCAS CHAN.

THE MEETING ENDED WITH A QUESTION AND ANSWERS SESSION CHAIRED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y. T. LI.

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WAN CHAI LAUNCHES 'CARE FOR THE OLD' CAMPAIGN

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES AIMED AT BRINGING JOY AND ENTERTAINMENT TO THE ELDERLY POPULATION IN WAN CHAI WAS LAUNCHED THIS (MONDAY) EVENING WITH THE OPENING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CARE FOR THE OLD CAMPAIGN AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S CARE FOR THE OLD CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, THE ACTIVITIES WILL RUN UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES A CANTONESE OPERA NIGHT, A VISIT TO A HOME FOR THE ELDERLY, A CONCERT AND DIM SUM RECEPTION, AND A FEAST FOR THE ELDERLY.

MORE THAN 1,000 SENIOR RESIDENTS HAVE REGISTERED TO TAKE PART.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALLAN CHOW, SAID THE CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN HELD ANNUALLY SINCE 1969, AND HAD FOSTERED A SENSE OF RESPECT FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

SPONSORSHIPS AND SUPPORT FROM LOCAL BODIES AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS HAD NOT ONLY REFLECTED THE DISTRICT'S SUPPORT, BUT HELPED TO PROMOTE THE VIRTUE OF CARING FOR THE AGED, HE ADDED.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE AUDIENCE WAS TREATED TO A CANTONESE OPERA SHOW.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN, MR HSU CHUNG-CHI, AND FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU WAI-SHING.

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WARNING SIGNS AGAINST PICKPOCKETS PUT UP IN YAU MA TEI

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SIGNBOARDS TO WARN PEDESTRIANS AGAINST PICKPOCKETS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN PUT UP AT EIGHT PICKPOCKETING BLACK SPOTS IN YAU MA TEI TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO KEEP A GOOD WATCH OVER PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

THE MEASURE IS PART OF THE FIGHT CRIME PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND YEAR.

ACCORDING TO POLICE STATISTICS, MORE THAN 100 PICKPOCKET CASES HAVE OCCURRED AT THE EIGHT BLACK SPOTS IN THE PAST YEAR ENDING OCTOBER.

THE BLACK SPOTS ARE THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND CAMERON ROAD; JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND MODY ROAD; JUNCTION OF GRANVILLE ROAD AND CARNAVON ROAD; JUNCTION OF SALISBURY ROAD AND CANTON ROAD; JUNCTION OF JORDAN ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD; JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD; AND NEAR TWO SHOPPING CENTRES AT NATHAN ROAD AND DUNDAS STREET.

"WE HOPE THAT THE SIGNBOARDS, BEARING THE 'BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS' WARNING IN CHINESE, ENGLISH AND JAPANESE, WILL ALERT BOTH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND TOURISTS TOWARDS GUARDING THEIR PROPERTY," THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR JOHN WU, SAID.

"THE BLACK SPOTS WILL BE REGULARLY REVIEWED BY THE POLICE AND THE SIGNBOARDS WILL BE MOVED TO OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE NECESSARY," HE ADDED.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS POLLUTION OF SHING MUN RIVER

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE POLLUTION PROBLEM IN SHING MUN RIVER AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 2).

DB MEMBER MR WONG HONG-CHUNG WILL ASK THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WHETHER THE POLLUTION OF TOLO HARBOUR WILL REACH A CRITICAL POINT NEXT YEAR AND ITS EFFECT ON THE WATER QUALITY OF SHING MUN RIVER.

ANOTHER DB MEMBER MR CHAN TO-YEUNG WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT NEAR YUE TIN COURT, SHING MUN EAST.

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OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE SUI WO COURT YOUTH CENTRE, REPORTS BY THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE EXPENDITURE NEEDS AND TENTATIVE EXPENDITURE CEILINGS FOR 1988-89.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 2) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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SAI KUNG EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES TO BE DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION PROMOTION COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. IT WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION

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MORE THAN 150 ATHLETES FROM 15 SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S SECONDARY SCHOOL TRAMPOLINING COMPETITION AT THE SPORTS STADIUM OF THE DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL AT MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, KOWLOON ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 2).

THE COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL, WILL START AT 9 AM.

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THERE WILL BE SIX GROUP COMPETITIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR FAN KAM-PING, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT THE END OF THE COMPETITION AT ABOUT 5 PM ON THAT DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOOL AT GLEE PATH, MEI FOO SUN CHUEN, KOWLOON.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE

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THE SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE HAS MOVED ITS OFFICE FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO THE VICTORIA BARRACKS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, SECURITIES REVIEW COMMITTEE, 1ST FLOOR "O" BLOCK, VICTORIA BARRACKS, CENTRAL.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COMMITTEE ON 5-285137 OR 5-285354.

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SUBSIDISED TRAINING COURSE FOR TOURISM PERSONNEL

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A SUBSIDISED TRAINING COURSE ON "MANAGING PEOPLE PERFORMANCE" WILL BE OFFERED FOR TOURISM STAFF WITH SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES ON DECEMBER 17.

THE COURSE IS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY COUNCIL OF HONG KONG.

THIS ONE-DAY COURSE WILL EXAMINE TOPICS ON SYSTEM APPROACH TO PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, TARGET SETTING AND PERFORMANCE STANDARD, JOB DESCRIPTION, AND PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL.

THE COURSE FEE IS $500. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REPAID HALF OF THE FEE AND PRESENTED AN ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE BY THE VTC UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

ENROLMENT CLOSES ON DECEMBER 10. ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD ON 5-8932341, EXT. 282.

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SHAM SHUI PO TO GET BETTER DRAINAGE FACILITIES

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STORMWATER AND SEWER WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON, ARE TO BE IMPROVED TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FROM DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TOTAL OF 900 METRES OF STORMWATER DRAINS IN KWONG LEE ROAD, FAT TSEUNG STREET, TONKIN STREET AND PO ON ROAD. THIS WILL FORM PART OF A STORMWATER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TO COPE WITH THE STORMWATER RUN-OFF IN THE AREA.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT IS THE PROVISION OF 300 METRES OF SEWER WATER DRAINS IN PO ON ROAD AND NEAR LEI CHENG UK SWIMMING POOL REST GARDEN.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MARCH AND BE COMPLETED IN 14 MONTHS.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE DRAINAGE (DESIGN) DIVISION AND CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE DRAINAGE (CONSTRUCTION) DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 18.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER WORKS PROJECTS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A NEW CENTRALISED WORKSHOP IN CENTRAL KOWLOON AND LAY ABOUT 2,100 METRES OF WATER MAINS IN SHA TAU KOK TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING SUPPLY SYSTEM.

THE NEW WORKSHOP WILL BE LOCATED AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, ADJACENT TO THE BEACON HILL INTERMEDIATE LEVEL FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR.

IT WILL CONSIST A MAIN WORKSHOP BUILDING, A SEVEN-STOREY BUILDING AND AUXILIARY WORKSHOP BUILDINGS, HAVING A TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 16,500 SQUARE METRES.

THE WORKSHOP IS DESIGNED TO BE A CENTRALISED MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL UNIT, REPLACING THE FACILITIES NOW PROVIDED BY VARIOUS DEPOTS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

CONTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MARCH AND TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT CLOSE ON JANUARY 8.

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THE FRESH WATER MAINS TO BE LAID ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD WILL RANGE FROM 150 TO 450 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER TO FORM PART OF A PROJECT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM SERVING SHA TAU KOK AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FEBRUARY AND BE COMPLETED WITHIN NINE MONTHS.

THE DEADLINE FOR TENDERS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 18.

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WINNERS OF YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS FOR 1987

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THE 1987 HONG KONG YOUNG MUSICIANS' AWARDS COMPETITION ENDED YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) AFTER TWO NIGHTS OF KEEN COMPETITION AMONG 12 TALENTED YOUNG COMPOSERS AND ENSEMBLE GROUPS.

THE CHINESE MUSIC FINAL WAS HELD ON SATURDAY, FOLLOWED BY THE WESTERN MUSIC FINAL LAST NIGHT. THE VENUE WAS THE CONCERT HALL, HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

THE AWARDS COMPETITION, NOW IN ITS SIXTH YEAR, IS PRESENTED JOINTLY BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK) AND THE COMPOSERS AND AUTHORS SOCIETY OF HONG KONG (CASH).

SPEAKING AT THE WESTERN MUSIC FINAL, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, SAID THE COMPETITION OFFERED A POSITIVE STIMULUS TO YOUNG COMPOSERS AND PERFORMERS IN DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SKILLS.

"THE ORGANISERS ARE KEEN TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE INCENTIVES BUT IT IS UP TO OUR YOUNG MUSICIANS TO TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE AND WORK AT DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, BE IT IN COMPOSING OR IN PERFORMANCE," MR OXLEY ADDED.

THERE WERE FOUR CATEGORIES IN THE AWARDS : CHINESE COMPOSITION, CHINESE ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE, WESTERN COMPOSITION AND WESTERN ENSEMBLE PEFORMANCE.

THE WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY RECEIVED CASH AWARDS OF $6,000 WHILE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP RECEIVED $3,000 AND $1,000 RESPECTIVELY, AMOUNTING TO A TOTAL OF $40,000 AND ALL DONATED BY CASH.

/FULL RESULTS .....

FULL RESULTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CHINESE COMPOSITION

1, DANCING ON THE MOON BY CHAN MING-CHI; 2, A POET'S DREAM BY CHAN HING-YAN; 3, THE BRAVE MAN BY CHEUNG CHI-LEUNG.

CHINESE ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

1, SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION BY CHAN KAM-BIU AND PARADE (PERFORMERS: CHEUNG SUET-FAN, CHAN CHEUK-TING, FUNG CHING-WAN, CHAN YEE-LING, LEUNG SUK-HAN, WONG SIU-TO, PAN YA-SZE, FAN HO-LOK, CHU SIU-WAI, LOO SZE-WANG, CHIN KWOK-WAI AND LAM CHIK-TUNG).

2, THE TIGER GNASHES ITS TEETH BY AN ZHI-SUN AND DRUM POEM BY LI ZHEN-GUI AND TAN DUN (PERFORMERS: CHAN KWOK-WAI, CHAU CHIN-TUNG, HUI CHI-HANG, KWONG WING-CHUNG, LAM CHIK-TUNG, TANG WING-HUNG AND WONG DICK-PONG).

3, A JOYFUL EVENING AND THREE VARIATIONS ON YANG CITY TUNE BOTH BY HU DENG-TIAO (PERFORMERS: KWONG WAI-KEI, WONG SIU-TO, LOO SZE-YUEN, CHAN SHUK-HAR, LI CHUNG-LOK AND FAN HO-LOK).

WESTERN COMPOSITION

1, AUTUMN MIST BY LAM KUN-WONG; 2, BALLAD BY LEUNG BO-WAH; 3, "C" QUINTET BY HO SIU-WA.

WESTERN ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE

1, TRIO FOR PIANOFORTE, CLARINET AND CELLO IN B FLAT MAJOR, OP.11 BY BEETHOVEN AND TRIO FOR PIANOFORTE, CLARINET AND CELLO IN A MINOR, OP.114 BY BRAHMS (PERFORMERS: SUSAN CHAN, MAY WU AND ALEXANDRA LO).

2, BRASS QUINTET NO. 3 BY VICTOR EWALD AND BRASS QUINTET BY MALCOLM ARNOLD (PERFORMERS: CHAN TAM-SAN, CHEW HO-YIN AND PAK WING-FAI, CHONG PAK-FU AND YIP CHEUNG-HING).

3, TRIO FOR PIANOFORTE, CLARINET VIOLIN BY ARAM IL'YICH KHACHATURIAN AND SUITE FOR PIANOFORTE, CLARINET AND VIOLIN BY DARIUS MILHAUD (PERFORMERS: YUE TIN-KONG, MA WAI-KWAN AND IVY LO).

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE AT ADMIRALTY

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TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF A TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE, THE GROUND LEVEL PART OF COTTON TREE DRIVE BETWEEN DRAKE STREET AND QUEENSWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 1.30 AM TO 6 AM FROM WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 2) TO SATURDAY (DECEMBER 5).

THE SOUTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF DRAKE STREET BETWEEN TAMAR STREET AND THE GROUND LEVEL PART OF COTTON TREE DRIVE WILL ALSO BE CLOSED AT THE SAME TIME.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON WESTBOUND HARCOURT ROAD HEADING FOR QUEENSWAY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER, THE SLIP ROAD SOUTH OF THE ST. JOHN'S BUILDING AND GARDEN ROAD FLYOVER TO JOIN QUEENSWAY.

MEANWHILE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON TAMAR STREET HEADING FOR CENTRAL WILL HAVE TO USE THE COTTON TREE DRIVE FLYOVER, THE SLIP ROAD SOUTH OF THE ST. JOHN'S BUILDING AND GARDEN ROAD TO JOIN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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WAN CHAI TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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THE DOWN RAMP OF CANAL ROAD FLYOVER IN WAN CHAI LEADING TO GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND IS CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM DAILY UNTIL FRIDAY (DECEMBER 4) FOR ROAD WORKS.

VEHICLES ON CANAL ROAD FLYOVER HEADING FOR CENTRAL SHOULD USE THE RAMP TO GLOUCESTER ROAD EASTBOUND, GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 64.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 377.487 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 367.862 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 62.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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