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URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION ON MARCH 5

THE RETURNING OFFICER, MR THOMAS TSO, TODAY REMINDS THE PUBLIC THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 5.

THERE WILL BE 13 POLLING STATIONS, FOUR ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND THREE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE POLLING STATIONS WILL BE LOCATED AT :

HONG KONG ISLAND

1. THE HALL OF KING'S COLLEGE, 63A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG=
2. THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL, CENTRAL DISTRICT, HONG KONG=
3. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 169 THOMSON ROAD, HONG KONG=
4. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 888 KING'S ROAD, HONG KONG=

KOWLOON

1. THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, NEXT TO THE EAST WING OF KOWLOON STAR FERRY, KOWLOON=
2. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, 152 SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON=
3. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE FUK WING STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 231 FUK WING STREET, KOWLOON=
4. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE HO MAN TIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL, 8 PERTH STREET, KOWLOON=
5. THE HALL OF THE NG WAH COLLEGE, 5 CHOI HUNG ROAD, KOWLOON=
6. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 240 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, KOWLOON=

NEW TERRITORIES

1. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, HOI PA STREET, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES=
2. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, KAU YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES= AND
3. THE COVERED PLAYGROUND OF THE SUNG TAK PRIMARY SCHOOL, SUNG TAK STREET, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

/PERSONS ELIGIBLE

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PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ARE THOSE WHOSE NAME IS APPEAR IN THE ELECTORAL REGISTER, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 15.

ELECTORS MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AT POLLING STATIONS BY PRODUCING THEIR IDENTITY CARD OR SOME OTHER POSITIVE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION, SUCH AS A PASSPORT, DRIVING LICENCE, OR IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY ONE OF THE AUXILIARY DEFENCE SERVICES.

THE PRODUCTION OF A POLL CARD, ON ITS OWN, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY.

POLL CARDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MAILED TO ALL REGISTERED ELECTORS. THESE WILL HELP THE POLLING STATION STAFF TO TRACE THE ELECTOR'S NAME IN THE REGISTER, THUS SPEEDING UP THE ISSUE OF BALLOT PAPERS.

ELECTORS MUST VOTE AT THE POLLING STATION SHOWN IN THE POLL CARDS- THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE AT ANY OTHER POLLING STATION.

MR TSO POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE HEAVY PENALTIES FOR IMPERSONATION AT POLLING STATIONS.

+ELECTORS ARE FORBIDDEN TO TALK TO OTHER VOTERS, TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS, OR DISPLAY POSTERS WHILE IN THE POLLING STATION+, HE SAID. +THEY ARE ALSO FORBIDDEN TO REMOVE ANY BALLOT PAPER, MARKED OR UNMARKED, FROM A POLLING STATION, OR TO DEPOSIT IN THE BALLOT BOX ANY PAPER OTHER THAN THE BALLOT PAPER PROVIDED BY THE POLL CLERK.+

ELECTORS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MAY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX CANDIDATES.

COUNTING OF VOTES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLL. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE VOTE COUNT. THE RESULT WILL BE DECLARED AS SOON AS COUNTING IS FINISHED.

THE NINE CANDIDATES NOMINATED FOR THE ELECTION ARE :
MR FRANCIS CHAINE, MR CHAM PO-CHEUNG, MR CHAN CHAN-NAM,
MR PETER CHAN CHI-KWAN, MR PETER CHAN PO-FUN, MR CHOI KWOK-
CHING, MR CHOW WAI-HUNG, MR SHUM KUI-CHUNG AND MR TSIN SAI-NIN.

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MISSION TO STUDY H.K. TRADE PRACTICES

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A THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SIMPLIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROCEDURES BOARD (SITPRO), SIR GORDON BOOTH, WILL ARRIVE HERE ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 4) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT.

DURING HIS STAY IN HONG KONG, SIR GORDON WILL CONTACT THE LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO FAMILIARISE HIMSELF WITH THE TRADE PRACTICES IN HONG KONG, AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON TRADE FACILITATION.

IN PARTICULAR, HE WILL REVIEW AREAS OF COOPERATION AND MUTUAL INTEREST BETWEEN SITPRO AND THE HONG KONG TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE.

SITPRO WAS SET UP IN 1979 TO +GUIDE, STIMULATE AND ASSIST THE RATIONALISATION OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION AND THE INFORMATION FLOWS ASSOCIATED WITH THEM.+

IT IS ONE OF THE LEADING FACILITATION BODIES IN THE WORLD AND A MAJOR VOICE IN INTERNATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON EXPORT PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION. ITS MEMBERSHIP IS DRAWN FROM A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTS, INCLUDING SHIPPERS, CARRIERS, FORWARDERS, BANKERS, INSURERS AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR GORDON, BEFORE HIS RECENT MOVE TO THE BUSINESS SECTOR, HAD A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND WAS AN ACKNOWLEDGED EXPERT IN TRADE PROMOTION.

MORE RECENTLY, HE WAS THE BRITISH CONSUL GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BRITISH TRADE DEVELOPMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

HE ALSO HAS EXTENSIVE EXPORT PROMOTION EXPERIENCE IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES. HE WORKED IN GATT AND EUROPEAN TRADE COMMITTEES, AND WAS A DIRECTOR OF EXPORT HOUSE, WHERE HE WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH TRADERS, TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

SIR GORDON IS NOW ASSOCIATED WITH A NUMBER OF BUSINESS PROJECTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, UNITED STATES, ARABIAN GULF AND ELSEWHERE.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION ARE MR DON TRAFFORD, DIRECTOR OF ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING AND MR CHARLES FREEBURY, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCIAL PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION.

TOGETHER WITH SIR GORDON, THEY WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND SELECTIVE GROUPS OF COMPANIES IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING JARDINE MATHESON AND CO. LTD., INCHCAPE (F.E.) LTD. AND SWIRE SHIPPING (AGENCIES) LTD. TO DISCUSS CHINA TRADE. AFTER THEIR VISIT HERE, THEY WILL PROCEED TO CHINA, WHERE THEY WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE FACILITATION MATTERS.

THEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FAR EAST/PACIFIC TRADE FACILITATION CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 18 AND 19.

ENQUIRIES ON THIS CONFERENCE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG TRADE FACILITATION COMMITTEE THROUGH THE TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

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STUDENT GUIDANCE SCHEME GETS BOOST

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO HAVE THE FULL COMPLEMENT OF 230 TRAINED OFFICERS IN THE STUDENT GUIDANCE SCHEME BY JANUARY 1982 TO EXTEND ITS SERVICE TO COVER ALL TYPES OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITH A TOTAL POPULATION OF ABOUT 550 000 PUPILS.

THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO PUPILS ON PERSONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL MATTERS AND TO CHECK ON NON-ATTENDANCE.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION TWO YEARS AGO MORE THAN 5 000 SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED HELP THROUGH THE SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID MUCH OF THE EFFORTS OF THE STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS (SGO'S) ARE DEVOTED TO CASES REFERRED BY TEACHERS WHICH INVOLVE EXTENSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH TEACHERS, PARENTS AND PUPILS CONCERNED.

MANY CASES ARE REFERRED TO THE SGO'S WHEN PUPILS EXPERIENCE UNUSUAL DIFFICULTIES IN LEARNING OR SHOW UNDESIRABLE BEHAVIOUR.

THROUGH OBSERVATIONS, INTERVIEWS AND HOME VISITS, SGO'S KEEP CLOSE LIAISON WITH TEACHING STAFF AND PARENTS TO WORK OUT THE BEST REMEDIAL ACTION FOR THE CHILD AND TO HELP HIM DEVELOP MORE DESIRABLE CONDUCT.

COMPLEX CASES REQUIRING PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING ARE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OR THE STUDENT GUIDANCE CONSULTING/RECEIVING OFFICERS FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS MORE THAN 66 000 CASE INTERVIEWS AND 7 000 HOME VISITS HAVE BEEN MADE.

+THE JOB OF AN SGO REQUIRES A HIGH DEGREE OF DEDICATION AS IT INVOLVES MANY AFTER-OFFICE HOURS VISITS TO THE HOMES OF THE CHILDREN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS A LOT OF HARD WORK WHICH CAN BE FRUSTRATING AT TIMES,+ HE SAID, +BUT TO BE ABLE TO SEE YOU HAVE HELPED A YOUNG CHILD FIND HIS PLACE IN THE WORLD IS A MOST GRATIFYING EXPERIENCE.+

CASES DEALT WITH BY THE SGO'S VARY FROM HELPING THOSE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTIES TO IDENTIFY AND SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS, TO GUIDING THE PARENTS TO BECOME AWARE OF THE NEEDS AND LIMITATIONS OF THEIR CHILDREN.

TO BUILD UP A TRUSTING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL CHILDREN, SGO'S REACH OUT TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH THEM TO LET THEM KNOW THAT HELP IS AVAILABLE TO THEM WHEN THE NEED ARISES.

ASIDE FROM REMEDIAL WORK, THE SCHEME PLACES EQUAL EMPHASIS ON THE PREVENTIVE ASPECTS OF ENHANCING FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, IMPARTING SOCIAL SKILLS AND BRIDGING THE COMMUNICATION GAP BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

MORE THAN 4 000 ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY SGO'S FOR SCHOOLS AS PART OF THIS PREVENTIVE WORK. THESE INCLUDE CAMPING TRIPS, VISITS, AND TALKS ON VARIOUS TOPICS SUCH AS PERSONAL HYGIENE, FURTHER EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATIONS WITH SCHOOLMATES, TEACHERS AND PARENTS.

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NEW FACILITIES AT KAI TAK AIRPORT

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VISITORS WILL FIND THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MUCH MORE SPACIOUS WHEN A LARGE AREA IN THE OLD ARRIVALS HALL OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL IS REOPENED ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 4).

NEW FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE A FOURTH BAGGAGE RECLAIM LOOP, AN EXTENSION TO THE RESTRICTED PASSENGER BUFFER HALL AND ADDITIONAL CUSTOMS SEARCH BENCHES.

THE RENOVATED AREA IN THE ARRIVALS HALL WILL EXTEND THE PUBLIC GREETING AREA BY ABOUT 50 PER CENT AND THE PASSENGER BUFFER HALL, WITH THE NEW EXTENSION, WILL BE ABOUT TWICE ITS FORMER SIZE. GLASS AUTO-DOORS AT THE EXITS WILL ENABLE GREETERS TO SEE PASSENGERS COMING OUT FROM THE RESTRICTED AREA.

THE FOURTH BAGGAGE RECLAIM LOOP -- THE LAST TO BE INSTALLED IN THE CURRENT PHASE OF AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT -- CAN HANDLE ABOUT 1 000 BAGS AN HOUR (OR THE EQUIVALENT TO THE PROCESSING RATE FOR PASSENGER BAGGAGE OF THREE JUMBO JETS).

SIMILAR TO THE THREE EXISTING LOOPS, BAGGAGE OF ARRIVING PASSENGERS WILL BE FED BY TWO INDUCTION BELTS ON TO AN INCLINED 'RACE TRACK' CONVEYOR FOR PASSENGERS TO PICK UP. JAM DETECTION DEVICES ARE PROVIDED TO ENSURE RAPID ATTENTION OF THE BAGGAGE HANDLING STAFF.

SEVEN MORE CUSTOMS CONTROL POSITIONS WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT INTO USE TO SPEED UP THE FLOW OF ARRIVING PASSENGERS.

THE FOURTH STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPORT WILL BE COMPLETED TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR WHEN A FOURTH CHECK-IN COUNTER WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE DEPARTURE HALL OF THE BUILDING.

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TEXTILE DISCUSSIONS WITH SWEDEN RESUME TOMORROW

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TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS WITH SWEDEN WILL RESUME IN GENEVA TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE TALKS WILL COVER POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS TO SUCCEED THE CURRENT TWO-YEAR RESTRAINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SWEDEN AND HONG KONG WHICH IS DUE TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH. THE FIRST ROUND OF TALKS WAS ADJOURNED AFTER THREE DAYS' DISCUSSION IN HONG KONG IN JANUARY.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION IS LED BY COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO AND THE SWEDISH DELEGATION IS HEADED BY MR CURT WIIK, DIRECTOR, SWEDISH MINISTRIES FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE.

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ADVANCED COURSES FOR NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS
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NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY OR PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE ADVANCED COURSES OF TEACHER EDUCATION OFFERED BY THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION IN 1981/82.

TEACHERS ON ATTACHMENT OR SECONDMENT TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR THE COURSES.

+TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS, HOWEVER, SHOULD NOTE THAT THEY WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A SPONSORING BODY IS ABLE TO GUARANTEE TRANSFER TO A TEACHING POST IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSES,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT FROM AIDED SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO GIVE A FORMAL UNDERTAKING TO TEACH FULL-TIME FOR NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE COURSES, HE SAID.

THE COURSES WILL OFFER CORE STUDIES IN EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND LANGUAGE SKILLS, TOGETHER WITH COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMMES.

IN ADDITION, EACH STUDENT WILL STUDY IN DEPTH, ON AN ELECTIVE BASIS, ONE SUBJECT FOR SPECIALISATION.

APPLICANTS, WHO SHOULD BE TWO-YEAR TRAINED TEACHERS, MUST HAVE STUDIED THE SUBJECT APPLIED FOR THROUGH THE TWO YEARS OF HIS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION COURSE.

THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND TO SIT FOR A TEST OR ATTEND AN INTERVIEW.

GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL OFFER COURSES IN ART AND DESIGN, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION- NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN HOME ECONOMICS AND MATHEMATICS- AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN HOME ECONOMICS AND MUSIC.

OTHER SUBJECTS FOR SPECIALISATION INCLUDE: CHINESE, CHINESE HISTORY, ENGLISH, SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE COLLEGE LOCATION FOR THESE SUBJECTS AT A LATER STAGE.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY THE SALARY OF A TEMPORARY TEACHER OF THE APPROPRIATE OR A LOWER GRADE TO SUBSTITUTE FOR AN AIDED SCHOOL TEACHER ACCEPTED FOR A COURSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+DURING THE PERIOD OF THE COURSE, ALL SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THEIR SALARY AND INCREMENT IN THE NORMAL WAY AND THE COURSE WILL COUNT AS SERVICE OR EXPERIENCE,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA HEADS OF SCHOOLS OR SECTIONS FROM THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THERE WOULD BE NO APPLICATION FEES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/FOR TEACHERS

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FOR TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS OR ON SECONDMENT AND ATTACHMENT, COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY 5 PM ON MARCH 26 TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (SERVICING UNIT), SCHOOLS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS.

COMPLETED FORMS FROM AIDED SCHOOL TEACHERS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY THE SAME TIME TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

SELECTION OF APPLICANTS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION JOINT SELECTION BOARD.

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PLB MAXICABS PLAYING IMPORTANT ROLE

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS MAXICABS ARE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG AND ARE PROVING AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF SUPPLEMENTING EXISTING BUS SERVICES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER MILLER, AT A RECENT MEETING WITH PLB MAXICAB OPERATORS AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED PLB MAXICAB OPERATORS CONFERENCE WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A BASIS OF REGULAR LIAISON BETWEEN MAXICAB OPERATORS AND TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS GENERAL MATTERS CONCERNING THE TRADE- TO REVIEW MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST- TO IDENTIFY AND CONSIDER EXISTING AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE MAXICAB SERVICE AND TO SUGGEST MEASURES TO REMOVE OR ALLEVIATE SUCH PROBLEMS.

MR MILLER SAID THERE WERE AT PRESENT MORE THAN 20 OPERATORS RUNNING SOME 350 VEHICLES ON 53 FRANCHISED MAXICAB ROUTES. THEY CARRY ABOUT 112 000 PASSENGERS DAILY.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, HE SAID, HOPES TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MAXICABS TO 500 THIS YEAR WITH A DAILY CAPACITY OF 150 000 PASSENGERS.

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CULTURAL WEEK-END IN TAI PO

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TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION HAS ORGANISED A VARIETY OF CULTURAL PROGRAMMES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEK-ENDS.

A DRAMA PRESENTATION WILL BE ON SATURDAY (MARCH 7) AND A CONCERT WILL TAKE PLACE THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY (MARCH 14).

BOTH EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE SHENG KUNG HUI BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL AT 2 PM. SOME 800 FREE TICKETS FOR EACH EVENT ARE AVAILABLE FROM TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

TAKING PART IN THE DRAMA SHOW WILL BE TEAMS FROM THE BUDDHIST TAI KWONG, WONG SHIU CHI AND SHENG KUNG HUI BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE RECENTLY FORMED TAI PO CHILDREN'S CHOIR WILL APPEAR IN THE CONCERT ON MARCH 14, WHICH WILL ALSO FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY TAI PO ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION'S CHINESE MUSIC GROUP.

A DANCE COMPETITION, ALSO ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION, WAS HELD LAST SATURDAY AT VOLTORTA COLLEGE. A CAPACITY CROWD OF 800 WATCHED PERFORMANCES BY TEAMS FROM 12 LOCAL SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

FUNDS FOR THE WEEK-END ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES ARE PROVIDED BY TAI PO DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

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TSUEN WAN BEACHES CLEAN-UP

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HOLIDAY MAKERS AND SWIMMERS WERE TODAY (MONDAY) URGED TO LEAVE THE BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AS CLEAN AS THEY FOUND THEM.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHO SAID A NEW LEASE OF LIFE WAS NOW BEING GIVEN TO ALL EIGHT GAZETTED BEACHES IN TSUEN WAN AREA.

A MONTH-LONG CLEAN-UP EXERCISE LAUNCHED ON FEBRUARY 16 WAS STILL IN FULL SWING AT LIDO BEACH AND IT WOULD MOVE TO CASAM BEACH NEXT WEEK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

CLEANSING STAFF FROM TSUEN WAN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE HAD BEEN TO THE APPROACH BEACH, TING KAU BEACH, DRAGON BEACH, ANGLER'S BEACH, GEMINI BEACH, AND HOI MEI BEACH DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS.

THEY PICKED UP AND REMOVED MORE THAN 1 000 BASKETS OF JUNK, REFUSE AND EMPTY SOFT-DRINK TIN CANS LEFT BEHIND BY PICNICKERS AND SWIMMERS. A LARGE QUANTITY OF SEA-BORNE DEBRIS WAS ALSO COLLECTED.

SLOPES AND STAIRCASES TO BEACHES WERE ALSO FLUSHED AND BARBECUE PITS, AMENITY PLOTS AND TOILETS TIDIED UP, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THOSE WHO TURN THE BEACHES INTO A REFUSE DUMPING GROUND NOT ONLY CREATE A MESS AND A NUISANCE TO OTHER PEOPLE BUT ALSO FACE A FINE OF \$1 000 FOR LITTERING OFFENCE, HE SAID.

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