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PLAY LEADERSHIP SCHEME - A SUCCESS

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YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN THE DENSELY-POPULATED SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ARE NOW SPENDING THEIR LEISURE TIME IN A MORE CONSTRUCTIVE WAY.

THIS HAS COME ABOUT UNDER A PLAY LEADERSHIP SCHEME LAUNCHED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO YOUTH CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER 1974.

THE SCHEME HAS PROVED TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION. TOTAL ATTENDANCE IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE SCHEME REACHED AN AVERAGE OF 4,000 PER MONTH IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1975.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT THREE PLAY LEADERS ENGAGED IN THE DAY TO DAY RUNNING OF THE SCHEME UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A STEERING COMMITTEE.

OF THE THREE PLAY LEADERS, TWO ARE SWD STAFF WORKING FULL-TIME AND THE OTHER IS A POST-SECONDARY STUDENT HELPING OUT ON A PART-TIME BASIS.

MR. CHENG PO-WONG, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE PLAY LEADERSHIP SCHEME SAID, "OUR EFFORTS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED NOT ONLY TOWARDS THE PLANNING AND ORGANISING OF PROGRAMMES TO ENRICH THE PLAY LIFE OF YOUNG PEOPLE BUT ALSO TOWARDS USING THESE ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS TO MODIFY THEIR BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDE."

THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THESE ACTIVITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR SENSE OF FAIR PLAY AND ESTABLISH THE RIGHT SOCIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PEOPLE.

THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT OF THE PLAY LEADERSHIP SCHEME IN THIS RESPECT CAN BE FOUND IN THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

THIS PLAYGROUND USED TO BE A PROHIBITED AREA FOR GIRLS AND THE MORE RULE-ABIDING YOUTHS BECAUSE IT WAS MONOPOLISED BY SEVERAL GROUPS OF REBELLIOUS YOUTHS WHO OFTEN PESTERED OTHER PLAYERS AND EVEN REFUSED TO ALLOW PERMIT-HOLDERS TO USE THE FOOTBALL PITCH.

TO OVERCOME THIS PROBLEM, TACT AND PATIENCE WERE REQUIRED. THE PLAY LEADERS TRIED TO APPROACH THE MORE ACCESSIBLE "REBELLIOUS YOUTHS" AND THEN THEIR LEADERS BY SUGGESTING TO FORM THEMSELVES UP INTO FOOTBALL PLAY GROUPS.

FRIENDLY MATCHES WERE THEN ORGANISED AMONG THESE "REBELLIOUS YOUTHS" AND OTHER PLAY GROUPS TO IMPROVE INTER-GROUP RELATIONSHIP.

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LEADERS OF THE SO-CALLED +DEFYING YOUTHS+ WERE ASKED TO ACT AS REFEREES DURING THESE MATCHES AND AS COACHES TO THE YOUNGER FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

SOON A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY DEVELOPED AMONG THEM AND THEIR BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDE GREATLY IMPROVED.

+THEY WILL NOW APPLY FOR PITCH PERMITS AND EVEN TRY TO RECTIFY THE MISCONDUCT OF MEMBERS OF THE YOUNGER PLAY GROUPS,+ MR. CHENG SAID.

AT PRESENT, AN AVERAGE OF 30 MATCHES ARE ORGANISED EACH MONTH. IN ADDITION, THE PLAY GROUPS TAKE PART IN FOOTBALL MATCHES WITH OTHER DISTRICTS, AND IN THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S YOUTH LEAGUE.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES WAS THE PLAY LEADERSHIP FOOTBALL CUP TOURNAMENT AND THE FORMATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TEAM WHOSE MEMBERS WERE SELECTED FROM VARIOUS GROUPS.

MR. CHENG REVEALED THAT THEY WERE PLANNING TO HOLD FILM SHOWS ON WORLD FOOTBALL MATCHES TO ENABLE THE PLAY GROUPS TO IMPROVE THEIR SKILL, AND ABOVE ALL, TO INSTILL IN THEM A SENSE OF SPORTSMANSHIP.

ALTHOUGH +DEFYING YOUTHS+ PROBLEM DID NOT EXIST IN THE MAPLE STREET REST GARDEN AND THE WONG CHUK STREET CHILDREN PLEASURE GROUND WHERE THE PLAY LEADERSHIP SCHEME ALSO COVERS, PLAY LEADERS HAVE TO SPEND GREAT EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT PLAYERS ARE ENGAGED IN MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES.

PLAY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CHINESE BILLIARD, FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL AND BADMINTON SETS ARE AVAILABLE TO VISITORS OF THE TWO PLAYGROUNDS.

UNDER THE PLAY LEADERSHIP SCHEME, GROUP GAMES SUCH AS MODEL-MAKING, PAINTING, PAPER CRAFT, KNOWLEDGE GAMES, STORY-TELLING AND HANDICRAFT ARE ALSO HELD REGULARLY. THEY ALSO ATTRACT GOOD ATTENDANCE.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHEME, MR. CHENG SAID, +THERE ARE NO HARD AND FAST RULES. ALL THAT THE CHILDREN HAVE TO DO IS COME TO THE YOUTH CENTRE, SIGN THEIR NAMES AND THEN TAKE THE PLAY EQUIPMENT AWAY.+ THERE HAS BEEN ONLY ONE CASE IN WHICH A CHILD FAILED TO BRING THE PLAY EQUIPMENT BACK.

+TO KEEP ADULT INTERFERENCE TO THE MINIMAL CHILDREN ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS ARE GIVEN THE TASKS OF TAKING DOWN ORDERS, BRINGING THE PLAY EQUIPMENT TO THE PLAYGROUND AND KEEPING THEM IN GOOD CONDITION.+ SAID MR. CHENG.

MR. CHENG NOTED THAT IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE PARENTS WHO ONCE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO GO TO PLAYGROUNDS BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR FUNCTIONS.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN FUNG MO STREET AND SHA TIN PASS ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.15 A.M. AND 5.30 A.M. ON MONDAY (JUNE 7) TO FACILITATE THE ERECTION OF THE MAIN SPAN OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS THE ROAD NEAR SHUNG TAK STREET.

DURING THE PERIOD OF CLOSURE, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON LUNG CHEUNG ROAD SHOULD TURN RIGHT INTO FUNG MO STREET, LEFT INTO TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, LEFT INTO SHA TIN PASS ROAD AND THEN RIGHT TO REJOIN LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

THE RIGHT-TURNING RESTRICTION FROM SHA TIN PASS ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE REMOVED TEMPORARILY TO FACILITATE THIS MANOEUVRE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE CLOSURE AND DIVERSION.

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WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE
CELEBRATES ITS 16TH ANNIVERSARY

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THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE HAS ORGANISED TWO ENTERTAINMENT SHOWS TO CELEBRATE ITS 16TH ANNIVERSARY WITH RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

A 'DRAMA NIGHT' WILL BE HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE BETWEEN 7.30 AND 10 P.M. THIS SUNDAY (JUNE 6).

THREE PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED BY THE DRAMA GROUPS OF THE CHOI HUNG SUB-DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND PING SHEK YOUTH CENTRE.

A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE STAGED IN THE MOBILE STREET THEATRE ON JUNE 12 (SATURDAY) FROM 7.45 TO 10 P.M. AT THE PLAYGROUND NEXT TO BLOCK 29 OF THE LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

PROGRAMMES IN THE VARIETY SHOW WILL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA, SINGING, DANCING AND DRAMA. THE SHOW IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE AND Y.M.C.A.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JUNE 8) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CHAI WAN ROAD FROM AH KUNG NGAM ROAD TO WAN TSUI ROAD, HONG MAN STREET, CHEUNG LEE STREET, KUT SHING STREET, LEE CHUNG STREET, NING FOO STREET, AND CHAI WAN HILL RESITE AREA SECTION 'A'.

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