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GOVERNMENT TAKES POSITIVE STEPS IN DENTAL
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING POSITIVE STEPS TO PROMOTE DENTAL HYGIENE AND PROPER DENTAL CARE IN THE COMMUNITY IN LINE WITH THE ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 10-YEAR MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING OF THE WEEK-LONG DENTAL HEALTH EXHIBITION AT CITY HALL THIS AFTERNOON.

THE 10TH BIENNIAL EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG DENTAL ASSOCIATION.

DR. THONG SAID THAT AS A FIRST STEP IN THE INTRODUCTION OF DENTAL CARE TO THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, IT IS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PROVIDE A SCHOOL DENTAL CARE SERVICE SCHEME FOR CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY ONE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID, A DENTAL NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL WOULD SOON BE ESTABLISHED, WHICH IS TO BE ACCOMMODATED IN THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE NOW IN AN ADVANCED STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION AT MORRISON HILL. THE DENTAL COMPLEX WILL ALSO INCORPORATE A SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC.

DR. THONG SAID THESE FACILITIES WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HONG KONG THE PROVISION OF A SCHOOL DENTAL HEALTH SERVICE WHICH COVERS BOTH THE PREVENTIVE AND BASIC TREATMENT ASPECTS OF DENTAL CARE FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

+THIS SERVICE IS MOST APPROPRIATE IN THAT IT IS AIMED AT A GROUP IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WILL BE ABLE TO DERIVE THE GREATEST BENEFIT, AS YOUNG RECEPTIVE MINDS COULD ALWAYS BE ABLE TO ABSORB DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION MORE READILY AND AMONG WHOM GOOD DENTAL HABITS COULD BE INCULCATED AT AN EARLY STAGE,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG SAID THE SCHEME WILL PROVIDE REGULAR DENTAL EXAMINATIONS AND SIMPLE CONSULTATIVE TREATMENT INCLUDING ORTHODONTIC TREATMENT AND THE SERVICE IS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY TRAINED DENTAL NURSES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DENTAL OFFICERS.

THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED LATER THIS YEAR AND THE FIRST INTAKE OF STUDENT NURSES SHOULD BEGIN IN THE AUTUMN. THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE SHOULD THEREAFTER START OPERATION IN 1980 WHEN TRAINED DENTAL NURSES BECOME AVAILABLE ON GRADUATION FROM THE TRAINING SCHOOL.

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DR. THONG SAID IT WAS ENVISAGED THAT FOUR MORE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS WOULD BE BUILT, TWO EACH IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, WITHIN THE NEXT SIX YEARS.

AT THE SAME TIME, PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DENTAL SCHOOL FOR DENTISTS AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

DR. THONG SAID CONSTRUCTION WORK ON A DENTAL TEACHING CLINIC AT SAI YING PUN IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN YUEN LONG SPORTS CLUB
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE \$4 MILLION YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION CLUBHOUSE IN TAI YUK ROAD AT 11 A.M. ON MONDAY (APRIL 10).

THE NEW SIX-STOREY BUILDING HAS A CONFERENCE ROOM, OFFICES AND A CANTEEN ON THE GROUND FLOOR. THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS HOUSE A BOWLING CENTRE AND THE THIRD HAS TABLE TENNIS AND BILLIARD ROOMS. THE FOURTH FLOOR ACCOMMODATES A GYMNASIUM AND BADMINTON COURTS, WHILE THE FIFTH FLOOR IS OCCUPIED BY THE DORMITORY FOR THE ASSOCIATION'S FOOTBALL TEAM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT. GOVERNMENT TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AND WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE FOR YUEN LONG AT 9 A.M. ON MONDAY.

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MAC'S CAN IMPROVE FIRE PREVENTION
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MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE ATTITUDE TOWARDS FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, MR. ALAN JONES, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES FOR TAI WO HAU INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN TSUEN WAN.

MR. JONES SAID ALTHOUGH THE FORMATION OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES CHIEFLY AROSE FROM A DESIRE FOR COLLECTIVE CONTROL OF PREMISES TO PREVENT CRIME AND IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT CONTROL, THE FIRE SERVICES BELIEVED THAT MAC'S COULD SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE THE ATTITUDE TOWARDS FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION.

+IN OUR VIEW THIS IS MOST DESIRABLE AND OF SPECIAL BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE STATED.

HE CALLED ON THE MANAGEMENT TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE FIRE SERVICES AND TO AVOID OR MINIMISE FIRES AND OTHER INCIDENTS THAT MIGHT RESULT IN DISASTER TO THEIR BUSINESS. HE POINTED OUT THAT ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF BUSINESSES WHICH SUFFERED A SEVERE FIRE CLOSED DOWN WITHIN A YEAR.

+WHERE WE USUALLY COME INTO CONFLICT IS WHEN THE LAWS OF HONG KONG ARE CONTRAVENED, LAWS WHICH IN OUR CASE ARE ENACTED FOR THE SAFETY FROM FIRE OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ MR. JONES EXPLAINED.

+IT IS NOT JUST FOR PEOPLE WORKING IN INDIVIDUAL FACTORIES, OFFICES OR SHOPS, IT IS FOR EVERYONE WHO MAY BE AT RISK IF CERTAIN PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES ARE NOT CARRIED OUT.+

HE NOTED THAT WHEN A SERIOUS FIRE OCCURRED IN A MULTI-STORY BUILDING IT WAS POSSIBLE THAT THE COST OF DAMAGE TO SURROUNDING PREMISES COULD COLLECTIVELY EXCEED THAT OF THE UNIT INITIALLY INVOLVED.

+SUCH A PROSPECT IS NOT ONLY SELFISH, TOTALLY UNECONOMIC TO YOU AS BUSINESSMEN AND THE COMMUNITY, BUT DANGEROUS TO US ALL,+ MR. JONES SAID.

AS A FIREMAN, HE ADDED, THE PROBLEM HE HAD TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT WAS THE NEED TO GAIN ACCESS.

+WHEN WE ENTER A BUILDING WE HAVE TO BE PREPARED MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY TO MEET A SITUATION WHICH CAN RANGE FROM SIMPLICITY TO HIGHLY COMPLICATED= LITTLE RISK TO EXTREMELY DANGEROUS= COMMON PLACE TO VERY DISTRESSING= AND BE READY AS MEMBERS OF A TEAM TO DO OUR JOB AND LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER,+ MR. JONES SAID.

MR. JONES SAID FIREMEN TODAY ARE FACED WITH SO MANY RISKS THAT IT WOULD TAKE HIM HOURS TO LIST THEM. AS TECHNOLOGY ADVANCES, NEW MATERIALS, PROCESSES AND MACHINERY ARE INTRODUCED AND THE RESULTS AND EFFECTS OF FIRE GROW IN MANY WAYS, HE ADDED.

HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE A RECENT FIRE IN A MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BUILDING IN SHA TSUI ROAD WHERE 31 FIREMEN WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM THE EFFECTS OF TOXIC FUMES.

+MY ADVICE TO YOU ALL IS BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT YOUR PRODUCTS AND THEIR PERFORMANCE UNDER HEAT= HAVE YOUR FIRE SERVICE EQUIPMENT PROPERLY MAINTAINED, AND INSTANTLY AVAILABLE= MAKE SURE YOUR STAFF KNOW HOW TO USE IT AND KNOW THEIR FIRE DRILL, HANDLE YOUR POWER SOURCES CORRECTLY, ESPECIALLY ELECTRICITY= AND AVOID OBSTRUCTING MEANS OF ESCAPE,+ HE SAID.

+REMEMBER THE MEANS OF ESCAPE IS USUALLY THE MEANS OF ENTRY FOR FIREMEN, AND ANY DELAY ALWAYS MEANS A BIGGER FIRE A GREATER LOSS TO YOU,+ HE WARNED.

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FIRE SERVICES DIRECTOR PRESENTS DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARD
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YOUNG PEOPLE TODAY FORM A VERY LARGE AND ESSENTIAL PART OF HONG KONG'S SOCIETY AND ECONOMY, AS THEY WILL IN THE FUTURE.

THE REMARK WAS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. FRED WATSON, AT THE PRESENTATION OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH SILVER AWARDS TO 104 YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE KESWICK HALL OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR. WATSON SAID THAT LIVING AND WORKING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD TODAY WAS IN ITSELF A CHALLENGE BUT THERE COULD BE FEWER PLACES WHERE THIS APPLIED MORE THAN HONG KONG.

+AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR A REWARDING AND SUCCESSFUL LIFE AND FOR MAKING A VALUABLE AND PARTICIPATING MEMBER OF A VITAL AND DYNAMIC COMMUNITY IS EARLY OPPORTUNITY AND TRAINING TO DEVELOP THE ESSENTIAL QUALITIES WHICH MAKE UP A GOOD CITIZEN,+ HE SAID.

+ONE ESSENTIAL QUALITY IS SELF CONFIDENCE AND THERE IS NO BETTER WAY OF DEVELOPING IT THAN BY SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVING A GOAL OR TARGET BY PERSONAL DETERMINATION, PERSEVERANCE AND SELF DISCIPLINE.

+PEOPLE WHO BEGIN EARLY TO SET THEMSELVES TARGETS AND REACH THEM ONE BY ONE USUALLY END UP AS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL, RELIABLE AND VALUABLE MEMBERS OF A COMMUNITY,+ MR. WATSON ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME, MR. WATSON SAID IT OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY AND A CHALLENGE FOR PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT AND A MEANS OF DEVELOPING MANY OF THE ESSENTIAL QUALITIES, INCLUDING SELF DISCIPLINE, INITIATIVE AND SELF CONFIDENCE.

HE NOTED THAT SINCE THE SCHEME BEGAN OPERATING IN HONG KONG IN 1961, MANY THOUSANDS OF HONG KONG CITIZENS HAD PARTICIPATED AND WERE THE BETTER FOR DOING SO.

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+IT HAS HELPED PREPARE THEM FOR THE CHALLENGES OF LIFE AHEAD AS IT WILL FOR YOU HERE TODAY WHO HAVE PERSEVERED AND QUALIFIED FOR THE SILVER AWARD, THE SECOND OF THE THREE AWARDS,+ MR. WATSON SAID.

+I HAVE NO DOUBTS THAT YOU WILL STRIVE FURTHER FOR THE NEXT AND HIGHEST AWARD, THE GOLD, AND BY DOING SO FURTHER STRENGTHEN YOUR CHARACTER AND SELF CONFIDENCE.

+I ALSO HOPE THAT YOU WILL SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS, EITHER THROUGH THE MANY ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG WHICH ARE INVOLVED WITH THE SCHEME OR BY SIMPLY POINTING THE WAY AND ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE,+ HE SAID.

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EIGHTH COUNTRY PARK DESIGNATED

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THE PLOVER COVE PENINSULA, INCLUDING THE HUGE RESERVOIR AREA, HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS A COUNTRY PARK IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PARKS DESIGNATED UNDER THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE TO EIGHT PLUS ONE SPECIAL NATURE RESERVE AT TAI PO KAU.

THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK IS THE LARGEST SO FAR DESIGNATED. COVERING AN AREA OF 4,594 HECTARES, IT IS SITUATED EAST OF TAI MEI TUK/LUK KENG ROAD, AND FROM YUNG SHUE AU ON STARLING INLET IN THE NORTH TO HARBOUR ISLAND IN THE SOUTH.

INCLUDED IN THE AREA IS 3,422 HECTARES OF GRASSY HILLS AND SCATTERED WOODLAND AND 1,172 HECTARES OF WATER SURFACE OF THE PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR.

MANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTRY PARK WILL BE AIMED PRIMARILY AT THE PROVISION FOR BARBECUE AND PICNIC ACTIVITIES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AS WELL AS MAKING THE AREA AVAILABLE FOR HIKERS AND CAMPERS.

VEGETATION AND WILD LIFE WILL BE PROTECTED AND SPECIAL ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO CONSERVATION OF THE UNSPOILT LANDSCAPE AND SCENIC VALUES OF THE AREA.

RECREATIONAL ZONES WILL BE CONCENTRATED AROUND THE WEST SHORE OF THE RESERVOIR AND ALONG THE TAI MEI TUK/LUK KENG ROAD. BARBECUE FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED ALONG THESE ZONES AT SUITABLE LOCATIONS WHERE THE FIRE RISK CAN BE CONTAINED. ALL SITES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH PICNIC FACILITIES, CHILDREN'S PLAY EQUIPMENT AND SHELTERS, ALL DESIGNED TO CATER FOR BOTH LARGE AND SMALL PARTIES OF VISITORS.

WILDERNESS ZONES WILL BE THE HILLY AND LESS ACCESSIBLE AREAS OF THE PARK WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN ESSENTIAL SCENIC BACKGROUND TO THE RECREATIONAL ZONES. THE HILLY TERRAIN PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR QUIET WALKING ALONG THE FOOTPATH SYSTEM. NATURE TRAILS AND OTHER GUIDED WALKS WILL EVENTUALLY BE ESTABLISHED.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SAID TODAY THAT DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS TO MARCH 31, ALMOST A MILLION VISITORS ENTERED THE PARK AREA THROUGH TAI MEI TUK.

HE SAID THE VISITOR FACILITIES, MANY ALREADY IN OPERATION, INCLUDES PICNIC TABLES, BARBECUE PITS, BENCHES AND LITTER BINS. SHELTERS, REFRESHMENT KIOSKS AND TOILETS ARE BEING PROVIDED IN KEY LOCATIONS.

INFORMATION BOARDS, VIEW COMPASSES AND DISPLAYS INDICATING THE LOCATION OF FACILITIES AND DESCRIBING FEATURES OF THE PARK, WILL BE ERECTED AT ENTRY POINTS, LOOKOUTS AND OTHER STRATEGIC LOCATIONS.

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HAYE COMPLIMENTS SCHOOL AND STAFF
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE, TODAY PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF RAIMONDI COLLEGE ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN EDUCATION OVER TWO DECADES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COLLEGE'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN DAY AND EXHIBITION, MR. HAYE SPECIALLY COMPLIMENTED FATHER JOSEPH CARRA, THE FIRST SUPERVISOR AND PRINCIPAL, ON HIS ACHIEVEMENTS AND ALSO THE STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO HAD BUILT THE REPUTATION OF THE COLLEGE OVER THE YEARS.

REFERRING TO ITS RECORD OF HIGH ACADEMIC ATTAINMENT, MR. HAYE RECALLED THE TWO FIRSTS THE COLLEGE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR AND SAID RAIMONDI HAD AN ENVIABLE REPUTATION FOR A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES SUPPLEMENTING THE EDUCATION OF ITS STUDENTS.

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