



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY: GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 842 8777

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1991

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
84,251 PRIMARY 6 PUPILS ALLOCATED FREE SECONDARY 1 SCHOOL PLACES	1
'DANCES WITH DRAGONS' CARNIVAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI	3
OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS INVALID FROM TOMORROW	4
SAI KUNG SYP BEGINS	5
CALL TO HEED SAFETY IN DEMOLITION WORK	6
COMPULSORY SIDEGUARDS AND REARGUARDS FOR GOODS VEHICLES	6
NEW PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL LABORATORY SET UP	7
WATER CUTS IN SOUTHERN LANTAU, EAST KOWLOON	9
SEMINAR ON COMMUNITY CARE	9

84,251 PRIMARY 6 PUPILS ALLOCATED FREE SECONDARY 1 SCHOOL PLACES

* * * * *

ALL 84,251 PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED SECONDARY 1 PLACES IN GOVERNMENT, AIDED OR PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE NUMBER INCLUDES 3,056 PUPILS (3.63 PER CENT) WHO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING DISCRETIONARY PLACES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT 38,871 (46.14 PER CENT) WERE ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO THEIR FIRST CHOICE.

"THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO WERE ALLOCATED ACCORDING TO THEIR FIRST THREE CHOICES IS 68.41 PER CENT, OR 57,638 PUPILS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL PLACES ALLOCATED ARE FOR THREE YEARS DURING WHICH NO TUITION FEES WILL BE CHARGED.

"IN ADDITION TO 84,251 PUPILS, A TOTAL OF 22 PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS JOINING THE DIRECT SUBSIDY SCHEME IN SEPTEMBER 1991," HE SAID.

ALLOCATION RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE PUPILS' PRIMARY SCHOOLS ON TUESDAY (JULY 16).

PUPILS SHOULD FOLLOW THE ARRANGEMENTS SET DOWN BY THEIR SCHOOLS AND COLLECT THE ADMISSION SLIP AND ALLOCATION SLIP CONTAINED IN THEIR PRIMARY 6 IDENTIFICATION FORM FROM THEIR SCHOOLS.

THERE IS ONLY ONE REGISTRATION PERIOD - JULY 22-23 (MONDAY AND TUESDAY).

ALL PUPILS MUST REPORT DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED.

"FAILING TO DO SO MAY MEAN THAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO TAKE UP THE PLACES ALLOCATED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN CASE BOTH THE PUPIL AND THE PARENT/GUARDIAN ARE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, THEY SHOULD AUTHORISE IN WRITING REPRESENTATIVES TO COMPLY WITH THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES ON THEIR BEHALF.

COPIES OF LETTERS OF AUTHORISATION ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THEIR SCHOOLS, HE SAID.

IN CASE OF GENUINE DIFFICULTIES, THE PARENTS OR PUPILS SHOULD INFORM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION BEFORE THE END OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD SO THAT ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE.

/"AFTER THE

"AFTER THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, VACANCIES ARISING FROM NON-REPORTEES WILL BE FILLED AT THE ENTIRE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOLS," HE ADDED.

WHEN REPORTING TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR REGISTRATION, PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND MUST BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- (A) PRIMARY 6 IDENTIFICATION FORMS AND THEIR ALLOCATION SLIPS;
- (B) THE ADMISSION SLIPS;
- (C) BIRTH CERTIFICATES, HONG KONG JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR DATE OF BIRTH AND THEIR STATUS AS PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG (NOTE: PUPILS SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS IF THE SYMBOL 'C' (FOR CONDITIONAL STAY) IS FOUND AT LINE 7 OF THE NEW TYPE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD);
- (D) LATEST SCHOOL REPORTS, IF ANY; AND
- (E) TWO RECENT PASSPORT-SIZE PHOTOGRAPHS.

PARENTS SEEKING TRANSFERS FOR THEIR CHILDREN HAVE TO APPROACH THE SCHOOLS DIRECT FOR APPLICATION. ACCEPTANCE IS AT THE ENTIRE DISCRETION OF THE SCHOOLS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS HAVE TO RETRIEVE THE ADMISSION SLIPS FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH THEY HAVE REGISTERED AND HAND THEM TO THE SCHOOLS OF TRANSFER.

"PARENTS/PUPILS ARE REMINDED THAT BY RETRIEVING THEIR ADMISSION SLIPS, THEIR REGISTRATION WITH THE SCHOOLS WILL AT THE SAME TIME BE CANCELLED," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"SHOULD THE TERRITORY BE AFFECTED BY TYPHOON OR PERSISTENT RAIN DURING THE REGISTRATION PERIOD, HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO PAY HEED TO ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THE MEDIA FOR ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION RESULTS SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 891 2200.

'DANCES WITH DRAGONS' CARNIVAL IN TSIM SHA TSUI

* * * * *

THE 19TH KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED TODAY (SUNDAY) WITH A LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FUNCTION - THE "DANCES WITH DRAGONS" CARNIVAL - IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

HELD AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, THE CARNIVAL WAS ATTENDED BY A LARGE AUDIENCE COMPRISING URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILLORS, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, DISTRICT OFFICERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKING AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO START THE CAMPAIGN, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR ALBERT LAM, SAID THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN HAD BROUGHT ABOUT MAJOR STRIDES IN IMPROVING BOTH ACTUAL AND PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF CLEANLINESS OVER THE PAST YEARS.

"APART FROM THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHO HAVE ENDEAVOURED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS THROUGH DAY-TO-DAY CLEANSING WORK, DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS' UNRESERVED SUPPORT ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT.

"THEIR PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT IN VARIOUS DISTRICT ACTIVITIES HAS NOT ONLY HELPED TO DISSEMINATE THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGE, BUT HAS ALSO SET A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE TOWARDS A HEALTHIER AND CLEANER ENVIRONMENT," MR LAM SAID.

HE ALSO APPEALED TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL OF THE COMMUNITY TO "TAKE THE LEAD TO KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN", WHICH IS THE SLOGAN FOR THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN.

MR LAM NOTED THAT TO ADD FRESH IMPETUS AND TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF PUBLICITY, THE CAMPAIGN MASCOT, THE DRAGON OF CLEANLINESS, HAD SET UP A FAMILY OF FIVE DRAGONS WHICH INCLUDED THE COUNTRY DRAGON, THE BEACH DRAGON AND TWO KID DRAGONS.

"THEY WILL CERTAINLY GENERATE VERY IMPRESSIVE PUBLICITY AND HELP PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE," HE SAID.

THE FIVE DRAGONS ACTIVELY TOOK PART IN TODAY'S CARNIVAL, PLAYING KEY ROLES IN A SPECIALLY CHOREOGRAPHED DANCE BY THE STUDENTS OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS AND IN A MIME DESIGNED BY THE FRINGE CLUB, AS WELL AS DANCED TO A SPECIAL RAP TUNE COMPOSED TO PUBLICISE THE NEW CAMPAIGN SLOGAN.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR GILBERT LEUNG AND MISS CHRISTINA TING; DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS IRENE YAU; DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR ADOLF HSU; AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR PETER NG.

/IN HIS

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR GILBERT LEUNG SAID THE PURPOSE OF ORGANISING KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES WAS TWO-FOLD.

"FIRSTLY, WE HOPE TO SOLICIT, THROUGH WIDE PUBLICITY, EXTENSIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TO KEEP THE TERRITORY CLEAN.

"SECOND, WE WISH TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC-SPIRITED ORGANISATIONS AND COMPANIES TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAMPAIGN," HE SAID.

TO REMIND THE PUBLIC NOT TO LITTER, MR LEUNG SAID TWO TELEVISION ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC INTEREST FEATURING ARTISTES MISS NG KWAN-YUE AND MR WONG YAT-SHAN, AS WELL AS THE DRAGON OF CLEANLINESS, WERE BEING PRODUCED.

THESE TWO PERFORMING ARTISTES WERE ALSO THE MASTERS OF CEREMONY AT TODAY'S FUNCTION. OTHER CELEBRITIES PRESENT INCLUDED MISS ANITA MUI, MS SIAO FONG-FONG, MR ALEX TO, MISS LILY POON, MISS SAMMI CHENG, MR JACKY TSUE AND MR LEE KAR-KEUNG.

FOLLOWING THE CARNIVAL, THE DRAGONS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS FORMED CLEANING SQUADS AND HEADED FOR SHA TIN TOWN HALL SQUARE FOR A CLEAN-UP OPERATION.

THE FIVE DRAGON CLEANING SQUADS PICKED UP LITTER AT THE SQUARE AND URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

- - - - 0 - - - -

OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS INVALID FROM TOMORROW
* * * * *

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1929 AND 1950 THAT THEIR OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BEFORE JULY 1, 1987 WILL BECOME INVALID FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

"THIS IS THE 10TH BATCH OF IDENTITY CARDS DECLARED INVALID SINCE THIS NEW IDENTITY CARD RE-ISSUE SCHEME STARTED ON JULY 1, 1987," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT ONCE AN OLD CARD WAS DECLARED INVALID, IT WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED FOR ANY PURPOSE.

"FOR EXAMPLE, WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP HOLDING AN INVALID OLD-TYPE IDENTITY CARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR TRAVELLING ABROAD OR TO APPLY FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, THOSE WHO HAVE MISSED THEIR SPECIFIED CARD REPLACEMENT PERIODS DUE TO THEIR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG OR ANY OTHER REASONS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES."

THESE CASES WILL BE LOOKED INTO THOROUGHLY AND DEALT WITH ON THEIR INDIVIDUAL MERITS.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1991

- 5 -

SAI KUNG SYP BEGINS

* * * * *

MORE THAN 1,500 YOUNGSTERS TOOK PART IN A CARNIVAL IN PO LAM ESTATE, TSEUNG KWAN O THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

THE CARNIVAL FEATURED STALL GAMES AND A VARIETY SHOW PERFORMED BY STUDENTS AND VOLUNTARY WORKERS.

SPEAKING AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FREDERICK TONG, SAID SAI KUNG, WITH ITS SCENIC BEAUTY AND NATURAL LANDSCAPE, WAS AN IDEAL PLACE FOR OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

NOTING THAT THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SYP WAS "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", HE URGED PARENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE YOUNGSTERS TO FULFIL THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES BY SUPPORTING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

ABOUT 100 EVENTS, INCLUDING FUN FAIRS, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECTS, EXCURSIONS AND TRAINING COURSES, HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE SAI KUNG YOUTHS.

AT A COST OF MORE THAN \$170,000, THE EVENTS ARE SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

PAMPHLETS WITH PROGRAMME DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

OFFICIATING GUESTS OF TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY ALSO INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR EDWARD PONG; THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WAN HON-CHEUNG; AND MEMBER OF THE SYP COMMITTEE, MR KWOK KA-MING.

MEANWHILE, THE SYP IN SHA TIN, SOUTHERN, KWAI TSING, WONG TAI SIN, KOWLOON CITY, AND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WERE ALSO LAUNCHED TODAY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1991

- 6 -

CALL TO HEED SAFETY IN DEMOLITION WORK

* * * * *

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO TAKE EXTRA CARE AND NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF WORKERS EMPLOYED TO DEMOLISH ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

"THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE DEPARTMENT IS PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO SAFETY IN SUCH DEMOLITION WORK FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S STEPPED-UP CONTROL ON UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES," THE DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID.

"WE HAVE RECENTLY FOUND A DEMOLITION WORKER WORKING AT A HEIGHT AT I-FENG MANSION, TO KWA WAN, WITHOUT WEARING A SUITABLE SAFETY BELT," MR CHAN SAID.

"AS THIS HAS CONSTITUTED AN OFFENCE UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, PROSECUTION WILL BE TAKEN OUT AGAINST THE CONTRACTOR CONCERNED WHO WILL FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND 12 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT," HE SAID.

MR CHAN EXPLAINED THAT AS A STANDARD PRECAUTION, A SAFE WORKING PLATFORM SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, WHILE A SAFETY NET SHOULD ALSO BE INSTALLED WHERE PRACTICABLE TO PROVIDE EXTRA PROTECTION.

"OTHER MEASURES TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF WORKERS WORKING AT A HEIGHT INCLUDE THE USE OF LIFELINES AND SAFETY BELTS ATTACHED TO SUITABLE AND SECURE ANCHORAGES," HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

COMPULSORY SIDEGUARDS AND REARGUARDS FOR GOODS VEHICLES

* * * * *

OWNERS OF GOODS VEHICLES, TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS ARE REMINDED THAT REARGUARDS AND SIDEGUARDS MUST BE FITTED TO THESE VEHICLES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THE NEW REQUIREMENTS TOOK EFFECT FROM JULY 1 LAST YEAR.

HOWEVER, THERE IS A THREE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD FOR VEHICLES REGISTERED BEFORE THAT DATE.

THE INSTALLATION OF REARGUARDS APPLIES TO GOODS VEHICLES WHICH HAVE A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES AND TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS WHICH HAVE A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING TWO TONNES.

/"THIS WILL

"THIS WILL PREVENT VEHICLES FROM UNDER-RUNNING INTO THE VEHICLES AT THE FRONT IN THE EVENT OF A COLLISION," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"TO PREVENT MOTOR CYCLISTS OR PEDESTRIANS FROM BEING TRAPPED BETWEEN THE AXLES IN THE EVENT OF A COLLISION, IT IS COMPULSORY TO FIT SIDEGUARDS," HE ADDED.

THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO GOODS VEHICLES WHICH HAVE A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES AND WHICH HAVE A DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CENTRES OF ANY TWO CONSECUTIVE AXLES EXCEEDING THREE METRES.

TRAILERS WHICH HAVE A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING TWO TONNES AND A DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CENTRES OF ANY TWO CONSECUTIVE AXLES EXCEEDING THREE METRES; AND SEMI-TRAILERS WHICH HAVE A PERMITTED GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT EXCEEDING TWO TONNES AND DISTANCE BETWEEN THE CENTRE OF ITS FIRST AXLE AND THE CENTRE OF THE KING-PIN EXCEEDING 4.5 METRES MUST ALSO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT.

"CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF VEHICLES ARE EXEMPTED FROM THE REQUIREMENTS ON GROUNDS OF THE SPACE CONSTRAINTS AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, AND DETAILS OF WHICH ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION.

"FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

NEW PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL LABORATORY SET UP
* * * * *

A NEW PURPOSE-BUILT PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL LABORATORY HAS BEEN SET UP AT KOWLOON BAY TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

"THE NEW LABORATORY OCCUPIES A FLOOR AREA OF 3,500 SQUARE METRES AND COSTS ABOUT \$50 MILLION TO SET UP," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CESD) SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE NEW LABORATORY WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR KENNETH KWOK WAI-KAI, ON FRIDAY (JULY 19) AND REPLACES FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY LOCATED AT JAVA ROAD IN NORTH POINT, FARM ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY, AND MOUNT BUTLER IN QUARRY BAY.

"IT HOUSES A LARGE NUMBER OF TECHNICALLY ADVANCED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE TESTING OF SOILS, CONCRETE, STEEL, BITUMEN AND OTHER CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.

"APART FROM PROVIDING TESTING SERVICES FOR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE NEW LABORATORY ALSO OFFERS TESTING SERVICES TO ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS FOR PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ON A NON-PROFIT MAKING BASIS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE CENTRAL LABORATORY, TOGETHER WITH FIVE REGIONAL LABORATORIES LOCATED IN SHA TIN, TAI PO, TSUEN WAN, TIN SHUI WAI AND TUEN MUN, FORM THE PUBLIC WORKS LABORATORIES UNDER THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE CESD.

OVER 330,000 TESTS ON VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WERE CARRIED OUT IN THESE LABORATORIES LAST YEAR.

THE CENTRAL LABORATORY IS GENERALLY INVOLVED IN COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATIVE TESTING, BUT SOME RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK IS ALSO CARRIED OUT. IT ALSO MAINTAINS A DATA BANK ON CEMENT WHICH IS OPEN TO ALL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

SINCE 1988, THE LABORATORIES HAVE BEEN ACCREDITED UNDER THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME TO CARRY OUT CALIBRATION SERVICES, AS WELL AS TESTS ON SUCH CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AS CONCRETE, STEEL, AGGREGATES, CEMENT AND PULVERISED FUEL ASH.

THIS ASSURES CLIENTS THAT THE TEST RESULTS ARE TOTALLY RELIABLE AND ARE VERIFIABLE TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

THE CENTRAL LABORATORY COMPRISES VARIOUS UNITS. THE SOIL AND ROCK UNIT PROVIDES A FULL RANGE OF LABORATORY AND IN-SITU SOIL TESTING ON CLASSIFICATION, COMPACTION, CONSOLIDATION, DIRECT SHEAR AND EFFECTIVE STRESS TRIAXIAL.

THE CALIBRATION UNIT PROVIDES IN-HOUSE CALIBRATION SERVICES WHICH INCLUDE THE CALIBRATION OF COMPRESSION MACHINES, PROVING RINGS, LOAD CELLS, PRESSURE GAUGES, EXTENSOMETERS, DIAL GAUGES, TRANSDUCERS, SIEVES, VOLUMETRIC APPARATUS, THERMOMETERS, OVENS AND BALANCES.

THE GENERAL MATERIALS AND STEEL UNIT IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN COMPLIANCE TESTING OF STEEL REINFORCING BARS, WITH ABOUT 20,000 SPECIMENS BEING TESTED EVERY YEAR. TESTS ON PIPES, ROPE, RUBBER AND TIMBER ARE ALSO CARRIED OUT.

THE CONCRETE UNIT CARRIES OUT COMPLIANCE TESTS ON OVER 160,000 CONCRETE CUBES AND CORE SAMPLES EACH YEAR. IT IS ALSO IN THE PROCESS OF REPLACING OLD MANUALLY OPERATED CONCRETE COMPRESSION MACHINES BY MODERN COMPUTER CONTROLLED MACHINES.

THE WORK OF THE CHEMICAL TESTING UNIT COMPRISES THE COMPLIANCE TESTING OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, ANALYSIS OF THE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION OF HARDENED CONCRETE, AND THE EXAMINATION OF MISCELLANEOUS SAMPLES FOR OBJECTIVES SUCH AS IDENTIFICATION, EVALUATION OF QUALITY AND SUITABILITY FOR USE, AND CAUSE OF FAILURE IN PERFORMANCE.

THE BITUMINOUS MATERIALS AND AGGREGATES UNIT CARRIES OUT A FULL RANGE OF TESTS ON BITUMEN, MASTIC ASPHALT, BITUMINOUS MATERIALS AND AGGREGATES.

THE FIVE PUBLIC WORKS REGIONAL LABORATORIES ARE ESTABLISHED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SERVE THE REGIONS AROUND THE NEW TOWNS.

A NEW REGIONAL LABORATORY IS PLANNED IN THE SOUTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES TO PROVIDE DEDICATED MATERIAL TESTING SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH HONG KONG'S NEW PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENTS.

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1991

- 9 -

WATER CUTS IN SOUTHERN LANTAU, EAST KOWLOON

* * * * *

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN SOUTHERN LANTAU WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 16) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION WORKS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS ALONG SOUTH LANTAU ROAD FROM PUI O KAU TSUEN TO SHUI HAU INCLUDING PUI O KAU TSUEN, PUI O SAN TSUEN, HAM TIN, SAN SHEK WAN, CHEUNG SHA, TONG FUK AND SHUI HAU.

MEANWHILE, FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 16) FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE SAN PO KONG, NGAU CHI WAN, CHOI HUNG ESTATE, PING SHEK ESTATE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT, SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, KOWLOON BAY, KWUN TONG, LAM TIN, SAU MAU PING AND CHA KWO LING.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SEMINAR ON COMMUNITY CARE

* * * * *

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY SERVICES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST REGION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE WAYS TO BUILD A CARING SOCIETY.

THE "CARE AND SHARE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING" SEMINAR IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 18 AT THE HILLTOP COUNTRY CLUB, TSUEN WAN.

THOSE WHO ARE AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 30 AND ARE LIVING IN KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI, TUSEN WAN AND TUEN MUN ARE WELCOME TO APPLY NOW.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THE SEMINAR AIMED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO HAVE A BETTER SELF EVALUATION AND AWARENESS OF THEIR POTENTIAL AND ABILITY.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THEY WILL LEARN THE WAYS TO CONDUCT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMMES; THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEADERSHIP AND PROGRAMME PLANNING.

/"THE SEMINAR

SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1991

- 10 -

"THE SEMINAR IS ONLY THE BEGINNING. WE HOPE THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL PUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE INTO ACTION AND ORGANISE SOME ACTIVITIES BETWEEN AUGUST AND OCTOBER," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

A VETERAN SOCIAL WORKER, DR YEUNG WAI-TSANG, WILL BE THE MODERATOR OF THE SEMINAR. GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE A PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, MR CHAN WING-TAI AND A SENIOR LECTURER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, MR CHENG CHI-HO.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM VARIOUS YOUTH OFFICES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES IN THE RELEVANT DISTRICTS. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS JULY 31.

----- 0 -----