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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETS

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE FIFTH TO BE SET UP IN THE URBAN AREA, HELD ITS FIRST MEETING THIS AFTERNOON (THURSDAY).

DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED IN THE COMMITTEE INCLUDE THE POLICE, PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORT, SOCIAL WELFARE, URBAN SERVICES, HOUSING, FIRE SERVICES, EDUCATION, LABOUR, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, RECREATION AND SPORT, AND HOME AFFAIRS.

+THE MEETING OPENS A NEW ERA IN THE ADMINISTERING OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT. WITH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PROVIDING A FORUM FOR INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION, IT IS HOPED THAT DISTRICT NEEDS AND PROBLEMS CAN BE TACKLED WITH FRESH IMPETUS,+ HE CHAIRMAN, MR LEE LAP-SUN, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, KOWLOON CITY DECLARED IN MAKING THE OPENING ADDRESS.

+DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL, THUS THEY CAN BE EXPECTED TO SPEAK AUTHORITATIVELY AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO ACT UPON ALL DEPARTMENTAL MATTERS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT.

+WE HOPE THAT THROUGH REGULAR MEETINGS OF THIS KIND, DISTRICT NEEDS AND DEFICIENCIES CAN BE SYSTEMATICALLY REASSESSED AND A PROGRAMME OF PROVISION AND IMPROVEMENT CAN BE DEvised TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS AND DEAL WITH THE DEFICIENCIES,+ HE SAID.

MR LEE STRESSED THAT THOUGH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE COMPRISES ONLY OFFICIAL MEMBERS, DECISIONS AFFECTING THE DISTRICT WOULD BE MADE ONLY AFTER THE VIEWS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS HAD BEEN TAKEN INTO FULL CONSIDERATION.

HE ASKED MEMBERS TO APPEAL TO LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TAKE AN INTEREST IN THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND TO MAKE KNOWN TO IT THEIR VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS.

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PEOPLE MORE THAN WILLING TO MOVE TO NEW TOWN

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SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) HE WAS OFTEN ASKED WHETHER FAMILIES WERE WILLING TO MOVE OUT TO HOUSING ESTATES BUILT FAR FROM OLDER, CROWDED URBAN AREAS.

THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, HE SAID, WAS AN UNEQUIVOCAL +YES+.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF TAI PING SHAN LIONS CLUB, MR AKERS-JONES SAID FAMILIES WERE SO WILLING THAT THERE WAS NOW A FOUR TO FIVE-YEAR WAIT FOR HOUSING IN TUEN MUN, 20 MILES AWAY FROM KOWLOON.

/THE DEMAND

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THE DEMAND FOR HOUSING WAS SO PRESSING THAT IT WOULD BE EASY IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO LOWER STANDARDS AND IGNORE THOSE THINGS WHICH DISTINGUISHED +LIFE+ FROM +A BETTER LIFE+, HE SAID.

+I BELIEVE WE ARE GOING TO ACHIEVE THIS BETTER LIFE, BUT THAT WE CAN ONLY DO SO IF WE HAVE A SENSITIVE GOVERNMENT CAREFULLY RESPONDING TO THE STRANDS AND STRESSES IN THE COMMUNITY.

+WE NOW HAVE MANY MEANS OF CONSULTING THE PEOPLE - DISTRICT BOARDS, RURAL COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND ENORMOUS VARIETIES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS - AND THERE IS A BLANKET OF DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES TO RESPOND TO VIEWS AND CRITICISMS OF THE PEOPLE.

+WE IN GOVERNMENT HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THIS SYSTEM WORK.+

HE SAID AS AN EXAMPLE THE RECENTLY REVEALED SHORTAGE OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN HAD EMERGED RATHER SUDDENLY, DESPITE A PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME BASED ON CAREFULLY ENUMERATED PLANS.

IT SO HAPPENED THAT THE FAMILIES WHO HAD CHOSEN TO GO TO TUEN MUN WERE PARTICULARLY YOUNG AND ADVENTUROUS AND PREPARED TO FORSAKE THE FAMILIAR ENVIRONMENT OF KOWLOON FOR THE NEW TOWN, AND THEY HAD FAR MORE YOUNG CHILDREN THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED AND PLANNED FOR.

+WE HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THIS SOON ENOUGH TO RESPOND AND BY MAKING A RE-ADJUSTMENT, HOPEFULLY WE WILL BE ABLE TO MEET THIS EMERGENCY.

+BUT THE LESSON HAS BEEN LEARNED AND WE WILL HAVE TO LOOK VERY CAREFULLY AT FANLING, TAI PO AND ELSEWHERE TO SEE THAT A SIMILAR IMBALANCE IN SCHOOLS AND OTHER FACILITIES DOES NOT APPEAR IN THESE TOWNS,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

SPEAKING OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, MR AKERS-JONES SAID THIS YEAR GOVERNMENT WOULD BEGIN TO BUILD A STADIUM, A RIVERSIDE PROMENADE WITH BOAT AND CYCLE HIRING, A FOOTBALL PITCH, 12 TENNIS COURTS, NINE BASKETBALL COURTS, THREE MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, AND FOUR CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

THE STORY WAS REPEATED ELSEWHERE IN EACH TOWN, HE SAID.

ALTOGETHER, GOVERNMENT HAD BUDGETED \$100 MILLION THIS YEAR FOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, COMPARED WITH \$20 MILLION LAST YEAR.

+AT THE SAME TIME WE REALISE THAT NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO PLAY BASKETBALL AND MINI-SOCCER. WE MUST TRY TO CATER FOR ALL TASTES AND ALL AGES,+ HE SAID.

/EVERY DISTRICT

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EVERY DISTRICT NOW HAD ITS ARTS COMMITTEE AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THESE ORGANISATIONS WERE THE MEETING PLACE, THE FOCAL POINT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WITH PROMOTING RECREATION AND THE ARTS- SHORTCOMINGS WERE IDENTIFIED AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT AND EXPANSION EXPLORED.

THE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS HAD NOW ORGANISED AN INTER-DISTRICT LEAGUE IN ALMOST EVERY POPULAR SPORT AND THE ARTS COMMITTEES WERE SPONSORING COURSES IN MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA.

FESTIVALS WHICH GAVE A STIMULUS TO LOCAL EFFORT AND INITIATIVE WERE NOW BECOMING A REGULAR PART OF OUR LIVES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

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INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COURSES OFFERED

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EMPLOYERS WERE URGED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO SEND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND A SERIES OF 120 INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FROM JULY TO DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID THE COURSES WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE IN THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND THE DURATION WOULD RANGE FROM ONE TO THREE DAYS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT EMPLOYERS CAN MAKE FULL USE OF OUR FREE SERVICES SO THAT MORE WORKERS WILL BENEFIT FROM THE COURSES,+ HE ADDED.

THE COURSES ARE RECOMMENDED FOR TECHNICIANS, FOREMEN, WORKS SUPERVISORS AND THOSE WHO MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM SUPERVISORY DUTIES.

THE COURSES FALL INTO 13 CATEGORIES -- BASIC INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT PREVENTION, CONSTRUCTION SAFETY, MANUAL LIFTING AND HANDLING, WORK IN CONFINED SPACES, SLINGING SAFETY, ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN INDUSTRY, SAFETY IN THE USE OF ABRASIVE WHEELS, MACHINERY SAFETY, SAFETY IN DIE-CASTING WORK, SAFETY IN PLASTIC INDUSTRY, SAFE USE OF WOODWORKING MACHINERY, SAFE USE OF POWER PRESS AND SAFETY IN WORK IN COMPRESSED AIR.

THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE COURSES ARE TO ENABLE TRAINEES TO IDENTIFY UNSAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS, TO SUGGEST METHODS FOR THEIR ELIMINATION AND TO PREPARE THEM TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE DUTIES OF A SAFETY SUPERVISOR IN ADDITION TO THEIR NORMAL DUTIES AT WORK.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE SPONSORING COMPANY IN WRITING TO THE CENTRE AND DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED ON TELEPHONE 3-688111 EXT 347.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP REFORM OFFENDERS

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PUBLIC-SPIRITED CITIZENS ARE BEING SOUGHT BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO JOIN ITS VOLUNTEER SCHEME TO BEFRIEND AND HELP REFORM OFFENDERS PUT ON PROBATION.

INTRODUCED IN 1976 AS A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT, THE SCHEME ENABLES VOLUNTEERS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION OFFICERS TO COUNSEL PROBATIONERS, PARTICULARLY THE YOUNG ONES.

AS FROM MONDAY (JUNE 1), ANY PERSON AGED 21 OR ABOVE, WITH A SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, A MATURE AND SOCIABLE PERSONALITY, AS WELL AS A FLAIR TO HELP OTHERS, MAY APPLY.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE SCHEME OFFICE IN CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, SEVENTH FLOOR, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-701474).

MR PETER LIN, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SCHEME, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) VOLUNTEERS HAD A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY IN WIDENING PROBATIONERS' SOCIAL CONTACTS AND HELPING REINTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

APART FROM BEING THEIR FRIENDS, HE SAID, VOLUNTEERS MAY HELP PROBATIONERS DEVELOP MEANINGFUL HOBBIES BY ACCOMPANYING THEM IN RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS PICNICKING, SWIMMING OR PHOTOGRAPHY.

OTHERS, CAN PROVIDE TUITION OR KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR FIELD OF SPECIALTY.

MR LIN SAID THAT VOLUNTEERS, WOULD BE BRIEFED ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PROBATION SERVICE.

ARRANGEMENTS WOULD THEN BE MADE TO MATCH THEM WITH PROBATIONERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR AREAS OF INTEREST AND ABILITY, HE SAID.

EACH ASSIGNMENT WOULD NORMALLY LAST SIX MONTHS UNDER CLOSE LAISON WITH THE PROBATION OFFICER HANDLING THE CASE, HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME ARE WELCOME AND MAY BE MADE WITH MR LIN ON TELEPHONE NO. 5-788563.

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OLD PEOPLE'S HOME PLANNED FOR YUEN LONG

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WITH ACTIVE SUPPORT FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE POK OI HOSPITAL PLANS TO BUILD A \$7.4 MILLION CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOME FOR OLD PEOPLE IN YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WAS TODAY (THURSDAY) OUTLINED BY A GROUP OF THE HOSPITAL'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LED BY THE CHAIRMAN, MR DAVID K.M. LAI, DURING A COURTESY CALL ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE.

/MR LAI

MR LAI SAID PREPARATIONS WERE WELL UNDERWAY WITH LAND PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND LAYOUT PLANS APPROVED.

THE HOSPITAL ITSELF HAD RAISED \$1.5 MILLION AND WOULD SEEK A GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND.

THE NEW HOME WOULD CARE FOR 150 OLD PEOPLE.

THE PROJECT REPRESENTS THE FIRST ATTEMPT BY THE HOSPITAL TO EXTEND ITS WORK INTO WELFARE SERVICES IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES TO MEET GROWING NEEDS.

MR ALLEYNE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK DONE BY THE HOSPITAL DIRECTORS AND ASSURED THEM OF CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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WHAT IT TAKES TO BE A GOOD PUBLIC SPEAKER

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ANYONE WITH COURAGE, WIT AND APPLICATION CAN THINK AND SPEAK TO BETTER PURPOSE, MR COLVYN HAYE, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON, HE SAID: +WHAT APPEARS TO BE A GIFT OF THE GAB IS REALLY THE PRODUCT OF CAREFUL PREPARATION AND THE APPLICATION OF SIMPLE TECHNIQUES IN SPEAKING.+

PUBLIC SPEAKING IS AN EXTENSION OF PRIVATE CONVERSATION AMOUNTING TO THE ABILITY TO STAND UP, SPEAK UP AND SHUT UP, MR HAYE SAID.

BUT THE KEY TO SUCCESS IS PREPARATION, INVOLVING AUDIENCE RESEARCH, CHOICE OF SUBJECT, DRAFTING AND PRACTICE IN PRESENTATION.

QUOTING SOMERSET MAUGHAM ON HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY, MR HAYE SAID: +ANY DAMNED FOOL CAN STAND UP AND BORE PEOPLE FOR 20 MINUTES, BUT IT MAY TAKE TWO MONTHS TO PREPARE A TELLING TWO MINUTES.+

THE TOOLS OF THE EFFECTIVE CONVERSATIONALIST AND PUBLIC SPEAKER ARE HIS APPEARANCE, VOICE, EYES AND GESTURES, AND THESE CAN BE ADAPTED TO THE OCCASION, HE SAID.

TECHNIQUE IS A MATTER OF COMMON SENSE AND APPLICATION, AND APPARENTLY EFFORTLESS ART IS THE PRODUCT OF EXPERIENCE.

CITING SAMUEL SMILES AS THE APOSTLE OF SELF-HELP, MR HAYE WENT ON TO DESCRIBE DALE CARNEGIE, RALPH SMODLEY AND ERNESTINE WHITE AS PRACTITIONERS WHO HAD BROUGHT THE GOSPEL TO MILLIONS IN THE 20TH CENTURY THROUGH PROGRAMMES OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IN GROUPS OF LIKE-MINDED ENTHUSIASTS AND SERVICE CLUBS SUCH AS THE TOASTMASTERS.

+THE GIFT OF THE GAB IS WITHIN THE REACH OF THE AVERAGE MAN AND WOMAN. ALL THEY NEED IS THE COURAGE TO GRAB,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

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COUNTRY PARK INFORMATION LEAFLETS PUBLISHED
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TWO COLOURED, BILINGUAL INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON FIVE COUNTRY PARKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY, AND ARE AVAILABLE FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

ONE OF THE LEAFLETS FEATURES THE PLOVER COVE, PLOVER COVE EXTENSION AND PAT SIN LENG COUNTRY PARKS.

THE OTHER DEALS WITH THE TAI LAM, TAI MO SHAN AND LAM TSUEN COUNTRY PARKS.

THE LEAFLETS, GIVE DETAILS ABOUT LOCATIONS OF MANAGEMENT CENTRES, PICNIC SITES, BARBECUE PITS, CAMPSITES, SHELTERS, TELEPHONES AND OTHER FACILITIES INSIDE THE PARKS, AND ARE OF SPECIAL USE TO HIKERS, PICNICKERS AND CAMPERS.

A CARTOGRAPHIC MAP PREPARED BY THE LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INCLUDED IN THE LEAFLETS FOR EASY REFERENCE.

THE LEAFLETS ARE THE SIXTH AND SEVENTH IN A SERIES SPONSORED BY THE CHARTERED BANK AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE. THEY WERE DESIGNED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THEY MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, THE MARKETING OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF BASKERVILLE HOUSE IN DUDELL STREET, AND THE TWO INFORMATION CENTRES AT ABERDEEN AND TAI MEI TUK, AS WELL AS FROM THE MANAGEMENT CENTRES INSIDE THE COUNTRY PARKS, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICES AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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PRISON RECRUITS TO PARADE
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THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF ANOTHER GROUP OF ITS RECRUITS AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY ON SATURDAY, MAY 30.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AND PRESENT GOLDEN WHISTLES TO THE BEST RECRUITS.

ON PARADE WILL BE SEVEN OFFICERS AND 123 ASSISTANT OFFICERS, INCLUDING 51 FEMALE ASSISTANT OFFICERS, WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON RECRUITS AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY AT 9.45 AM ON SATURDAY, MAY 30.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED, LEAVING THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI AT 9 AM SHARP.

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