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53 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JUNE

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED A TOTAL OF 53 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN JUNE.

OF THE PLANS, 23 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 IN KOWLOON AND 18 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 19 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; 13 FOR COMMERCIAL AND SHOP/OFFICE DEVELOPMENT; AND EIGHT FOR FACTORY AND WORKSHOP PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 53 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 81,886.9 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 255,550.09 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,475 MILLION. THE USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 163,186 SQUARE METRES AND 68,503.5 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 41 OCCUPATION PERMITS, 12 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE FOR KOWLOON AND 20 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 18 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 47 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 597 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 615 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 91 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 410 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED FOUR EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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LARGEST CANNABIS HAUL IN HK IN JULY

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POLICE ACHIEVED OVERWHELMING SUCCESS IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS LAST MONTH, SEIZING AN AMOUNT OF 981.1 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS WHICH WAS THE LARGEST CANNABIS HAUL IN A MONTH IN HONGKONG'S HISTORY.

IN A SINGLE OPERATION CONDUCTED ON JULY 12, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS UNCOVERED A TOTAL OF 980 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS WORTH ABOUT \$58 MILLION IN TWO SEPARATE RAIDS IN SANDY BAY AND TIN WAN.

THE SEIZED DRUGS, BELIEVED TO HAVE COME FROM THAILAND, WERE PICKED UP BY A HONG KONG FISHING JUNK FROM THE INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

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OVERALL FIGURES FOR JULY SHOWED THAT 593 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 817 ANTI-DRUG RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY. OTHER DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 2.83 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 1.67 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM AND A SMALL QUANTITY OF SET DRUGS.

IN THEIR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES, POLICE ARRESTED 144 PEOPLE IN 3,024 RAIDS AND SEIZED 473 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES AND 751 OBJECTIONABLE MAGAZINES.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 84 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 605 PEOPLE, SEIZING \$148,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$100,000.

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DRUG ABUSE HOTLINE FOR HELP SEEKERS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN SEEK ADVICE AND INFORMATION ON DRUG-RELATED ISSUES, INCLUDING TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES, BY CALLING A HOTLINE SET UP BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF ACAN, TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THE DRUG ABUSE TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE HOTLINE -- 366 8822 -- WAS SET UP WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDE A MORE COMPREHENSIVE AND IN-DEPTH SERVICE TO CALLERS MAKING COMPLICATED ENQUIRIES OR SEEKING COUNSELLING.

"ABOUT 700 ENQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED IN THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THIS YEAR,"

"AMONG THEM, ALMOST HALF SOUGHT ADVICE ON TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES.

"OTHERS INQUIRED ABOUT GENERAL INFORMATION RANGING FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT TO THE PREVENTION EDUCATIVE AND PUBLICITY WORK OF ACAN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE HOTLINE OPERATES FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND 9 AM TO 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS. NO SERVICE IS PROVIDED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

WHEN A CALL IS RECEIVED OUTSIDE OPERATING HOURS, A PRE-RECORDED REPLY WILL ASK THE CALLERS TO PHONE IN AGAIN DURING OFFICE HOURS AND GIVES OTHER ANTI-DRUGS HOTLINES FOR REPORTING DRUG PEDDLING ACTIVITIES.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED ON THE HOTLINE WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

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650 SCHOOL GIRLS JOIN FOOTBALL FUN

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THEY MAY NOT HAVE THE SKILL AND STAMINA OF MARADONNA, BUT THE 650 SCHOOL GIRLS WHO HAVE BEEN PASSING AND KICKING THE FOOTBALL AT VARIOUS PITCHES DURING THE SUMMER CANNOT BE FAULTED FOR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM.

AGED FROM SIX TO 18, THE GIRLS WERE TAKING PART IN THE 1990 HONG KONG YOUTH FOOTBALL PROMOTION SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS AND ASSISTED BY THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

"MORE THAN 400 GIRLS TOOK PART LAST YEAR WHEN THE FOOTBALL SCHEME WAS FIRST EXTENDED TO INCLUDE GIRLS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 200 THIS YEAR, HE SAID.

A PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENT WHEN ASKED WHY SHE JOINED THE FOOTBALL PROGRAMME SAID IT WAS BECAUSE OF NOVELTY.

ANOTHER STUDENT REPLIED: "I JOINED BECAUSE I BELIEVE IN EQUALITY OF THE SEXES."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GIRLS WERE FIRST GIVEN TRAINING IN BASIC SKILLS BY QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS WHO HAD RECEIVED TRAINING BY THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

AFTER THE BASIC TRAINING, ABOUT 480 WERE SELECTED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT DRIBBLING, INTERCEPTING, HEADING THE BALL AND PLAYING AS A TEAM.

TRAINING ENDED YESTERDAY (SATURDAY) IN VARIOUS FOOTBALL PITCHES CONDUCTED IN 16 DISTRICTS.

THE MOMENT OF TRUTH WILL COME WHEN THESE GIRLS ARE DIVIDED INTO TEAMS AND TAKE PART IN A FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR NEXT (SEPTEMBER) MONTH.

AND, LIKE THE PREVIOUS WORLD CUP VICTORS AND THE VANQUISHED, THE GIRLS WILL SOON LEARN TO ACCEPT VICTORY OR DEFEAT.

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AIRPORT PROJECT TEAM ON MOVE

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THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECT TEAM OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STUDIES DIVISION, WILL BE RELOCATED FROM ITS PRESENT ACCOMMODATION IN THE APRON SERVICES COMPLEX, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO NEW PREMISES ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28).

THE NEW ADDRESS IS SEVENTH FLOOR, SHUI ON CENTRE, 8 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 802 3413 OR 802 3414.

THE NEW FAXLINE NUMBER IS 824 2202.

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FACTORY WORKERS URGED TO SIGN UP AS VOTERS

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THE ACTING WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM KWAN, AND HIS COMMUNITY ORGANISERS HAVE STARTED THEIR ROUND OF FACTORY AND HOME VISITS IN THE DISTRICT TO URGE WORKERS AND RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

DURING A FACTORY VISIT IN SAN PO KONG, MR KWAN HELPED WORKERS FILLING IN REGISTRATION FORMS.

HE APPEALED TO WORKERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO WERE BETWEEN 21 AND 25 YEARS OLD, TO ENROLL AS ELECTORS.

YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMMUNITY BY TAKING PART IN ITS AFFAIRS, MR KWAN SAID.

"ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED IN THE GENERAL ELECTORAL ROLL CAN VOTE IN THE THREE ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

TO DATE, OVER 50 PER CENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN WONG TAI SIN HAVE REGISTERED.

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE HAD ORGANISED A SERIES OF PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BUS PARADES, HOUSEHOLD VISITS AND A FUN FAIR DURING THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR.

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DB DELEGATION LEAVES FOR U.S. AND CANADA

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A YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD DELEGATION DEPARTED THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING FOR THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA ON A 12-DAY STUDY TOUR.

LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO, THE DELEGATION COMPRISES FOUR DB MEMBERS AND EIGHT CO-OPTED AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

THEY WILL FIRST VISIT SAN FRANCISCO, WASHINGTON, ORLANDO AND NEW YORK FOR 10 DAYS, AND THEN PROCEED TO TORONTO IN CANADA BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 6.

"THE TOUR AIMS AT ENABLING THE MEMBERS TO OBSERVE AND COMPARE HOW PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE FACED BY THE BOARD ARE BEING TACKLED IN THESE CITIES," MR YIP SAID.

"WE WILL FOCUS ON THE U.S. CONGRESS SYSTEM, AND MATTERS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING AND LAND TRANSPORT POLICY, MUNICIPAL SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY BUILDING," HE ADDED.

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KWAI TSING TO TRAIN COMMUNITY LEADERS

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PEOPLE LIVING, STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO JOIN A COMMUNITY LEADER TRAINING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SCHEME, TO BE HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 23 AND 30, WILL INCLUDE SEMINARS ON THE FUNCTIONS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, VISITS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND TRAINING IN PUBLIC SPEAKING.

ENROLMENT TO THE SCHEME IS LIMITED TO 60 PARTICIPANTS AND APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS EIGHT SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 423 4002.

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ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE'S MUI WO SUB-OFFICE ON MOVE
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THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE'S MUI WO SUB-OFFICE IN MUI WO FERRY PIER ROAD, LANTAU WILL MOVE TO THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE MUI WO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE WILL REMAIN AT 984 7231.

THE SUB-OFFICE WILL ALSO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES, INCLUDING STATUTORY DECLARATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND APPLICATION FORMS.

THE SUB-OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.15 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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DB COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLAINTS
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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL LOOK INTO COMPLAINTS ABOUT ILLEGAL STORAGE OF TYRES AND BLOCKAGE OF DRAINS IN BACK LANES NEAR PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, TSZ WAN SHAN AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28).

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE GREEN PLANT PROJECT, STREET MANAGEMENT AND VARIOUS OTHER PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S CONFERENCE ROOM, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TWO SECTIONS OF UPRAMP AND DOWNRAMP LEADING TO AND FROM CANAL ROAD FLYOVER IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS.

THE UPRAMP LEADING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND TO CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 28 AND 29).

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR ABERDEEN TUNNEL OR HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PERCIVAL STREET, LEIGHTON ROAD AND MORRISON HILL ROAD.

THE DOWNRAMP LEADING FROM CANAL ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND TO CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE CLOSED ON SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4 BETWEEN 1.15 AM AND 6 AM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC FROM THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL HEADING FOR LEIGHTON ROAD OR MORRISON HILL ROAD, INCLUDING CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTES 121 AND 122, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE EXIT ROAD LEADING TO CAUSEWAY BAY, CAUSEWAY BAY FLYOVER, GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET SOUTHBOUND AND LEIGHTON ROAD WESTBOUND.

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TEMPORARY PARTIAL LANE CLOSURES ON TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SEVERAL SECTIONS OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) WILL BE PARTIALLY CLOSED ON FOUR DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS.

A SECTION OF ABOUT 1.2 KILOMETRES OF THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) SOUTHBOUND NEAR HONG LOK YUEN WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 28) AND WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 29).

A SECTION OF ABOUT ONE KILOMETRE OF THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND NEAR HONG LOK YUEN WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 31) AND SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 1).

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE THEM.

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