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WSD INTRODUCES AUTOMATIC TELEPHONE INFORMATION SERVICES
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT (WSD) HAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED AN AUTOMATED TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO ITS CUSTOMERS AROUND THE CLOCK, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THROUGH THIS WATER INFOLINK SERVICE, CUSTOMERS CAN OBTAIN INFORMATION ON ACCOUNT-RELATED MATTERS, INCLUDING WATER RATES, HOW TO OPEN AND CLOSE ACCOUNTS, AND TECHNICAL MATTERS SUCH AS REASONS FOR WATER DISCOLOURATION, BY SIMPLY CALLING 802 9966.

"CALLERS CAN FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS OF THE WATER INFOLINK AND SELECT NUMBERS TO PRESS TO GET THE INFORMATION THEY NEED," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ADDED THAT, HOWEVER, INFORMATION ON PERSONAL ACCOUNTS, SUCH AS ACCOUNT BALANCE AND REQUEST FOR DUPLICATE BILLS, IS ONLY AVAILABLE FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND FROM 8 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

LEAFLETS ON THIS NEW SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DISTRICT OFFICES AND WSD'S CUSTOMER ENQUIRY CENTRES STARTING NEXT MONTH. ENQUIRIES REGARDING THIS SERVICE CAN ALSO BE MADE BY CALLING 824 5000.

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NOISE LEVEL AT HK STADIUM
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THE NOISE MEASUREMENTS RECORDED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) AT YESTERDAY'S CONCERT AT THE HONG KONG STADIUM HAVE BEEN FAXED.

SINCE THE NOISE LEVELS HAVE EXCEEDED THOSE STIPULATED IN THE NOISE CONTROL ORDINANCE, EPD WILL LAY INFORMATION BEFORE THE COURT WITH A VIEW TO ISSUING WEMBLEY INTERNATIONAL WITH A SUMMONS.

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EIGHT BODIES TO RAISE FUNDS IN MAY
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EIGHT ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RAISE FUNDS NEXT MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THEY WILL EITHER SELL FLAGS, TOKENS OR SIMILAR ITEMS, OR PLACE DONATION BOXES IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC AREAS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S 866 8123 IN CASE OF DOUBT.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ORGANISERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"SELLERS SHOULD DISPLAY THE PERMIT OR CARRY COPIES OF THE PERMIT FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IF THE FUND-RAISING IS MOBILE," HE ADDED.

HE ADVISED THEM TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES AND THE TIMES FOR SELLING AND THE COLLECTION POINTS FOR BAGS.

ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND SEEK THEIR HELP WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND.

PERMITS ARE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR RAISING FUNDS NEXT MONTH:

EVENT DATE -----	ORGANISATION -----
FLAGS -----	
MAY 7	HONG KONG KIDNEY FOUNDATION LTD.
MAY 14	SUEN MEI SPEECH & HEARING CENTRE FOR THE DEAF
MAY 21	CHAI WAN BAPTIST CHURCH
MAY 28	SHENG KUNG HUI LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE
PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION -----	
MAY 1 AND 8	THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF JESUS CHRIST, THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME, ADMINISTRATOR, INC.
MAY 21 AND 28	LAND OF VIRTUE CENTRE LTD
MAY 1, 8, 15 AND 29	JESUS IS LORD SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (HK) LTD
MAY 1, 7 AND 8	RALEIGH INTERNATIONAL HONG KONG COMMITTEE

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STUDYING HISTORY OUTSIDE CLASSROOM

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THERE IS A CHINESE SAYING WHICH GOES: "IT IS BETTER TO TRAVEL 10,000 MILES THAN TO READ 10,000 BOOKS."

WHAT THIS SAYING TEACHES IS THAT STUDY SHOULD NOT BE CONFINED TO THE CLASSROOM.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SHARES THE SAME VIEW, AND RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED HOW STUDENTS COULD LEARN LOCAL HISTORY BETTER BY VISITING PLACES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE HAS RECENTLY ORGANISED A TWO-DAY "HISTORY OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM" FIELD-WORK AND WORKSHOP IN THE PING SHAN HERITAGE TRAIL FOR 30 HISTORY TEACHERS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

IT WAS ONE IN A SERIES OF SIMILAR EVENTS TO HELP TEACHERS ACQUIRE NEW PERSPECTIVES IN THE TEACHING OF HISTORY IN HONG KONG SCHOOLS.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED WITH A VIEW TO CHANGING THE TRADITIONAL CONCEPT THAT HISTORY COULD ONLY BE TAUGHT INSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

"TEACHING HISTORY IS NOW A DIFFERENT MATTER WITH THE INCLUSION OF LOCAL HISTORY IN THE SIXTH FORM CURRICULUM IN 1992 AND ITS IMMINENT INCORPORATION IN THE FORMAL HISTORY CURRICULUM FOR SECONDARY ONE TO THREE," HE SAID.

"THE CURRICULUM FOR SIXTH FORM INCLUDES THE HISTORY AND HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG FROM 1800 WHILE THAT PROPOSED FOR S1-3 EXTENDS THE STUDY OF LOCAL HISTORY TO THE PERIOD BEFORE 1800.

"HISTORY BECOMES A MORE INTERESTING SUBJECT WHEN STUDENTS AND TEACHERS CAN PAY VISITS TO THESE HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND LEARN ABOUT THE CHANGE, GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG THROUGH LIVING, CONCRETE EVIDENCE."

THE TWO-DAY FIELD-WORK AND WORKSHOP HAS DRAWN FAVOURABLE COMMENTS FROM MOST OF THE 30 PARTICIPANTS.

"THEY ARE EXTREMELY USEFUL AND GIVE US A COMPLETE NEW IDEA OF HISTORY TEACHING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM," ONE PARTICIPATING TEACHER SAID.

HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO BRING STUDENTS ON FIELD TRIPS IN LEARNING HISTORY WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

"STUDENTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND BETTER AND ENJOY HISTORY LEARNING MORE THROUGH PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN AFTER EACH FIELD TRIP," ANOTHER TEACHER SAID.

"LEARNING HISTORY OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM IS DEFINITELY BENEFICIAL TO STUDENTS IN THEIR STUDIES," THE TEACHER SAID.

THE PING SHAN HERITAGE TRAIL IS A TYPICAL SITE FOR STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY AS BUILDINGS ALONG THE TRAIL BELONG TO A LINEAGE OF THE TANG CLAN, ONE OF THE "FIVE GREAT CLANS" IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WHICH HAS BEEN LIVING IN THE AREA SINCE THE 12TH CENTURY.

NUMEROUS ELEGANT STRUCTURES BUILT IN THOSE DAYS REMAIN TODAY, BEARING WITNESS TO HISTORY AND THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND CHANGES OF THE PAST CENTURIES.

THE TRAIL IS APPROXIMATELY 1.4 KILOMETRE LONG WITH UNIQUE HISTORICAL STRUCTURES RANGING FROM ANCESTRAL HALLS TO STUDY HALLS, TEMPLES, A WALLED VILLAGE AND PAGODA, ALL LOCATED WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE FROM ONE ANOTHER. THE TRAIL MEANDERS THROUGH HANG MEI TSUEN, HANG TAU TSUEN AND SHEUNG CHEUNG WAI.

IT LINKS UP A NUMBER OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE STRUCTURES, PROVIDING VISITORS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECAPTURE ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE OLD DAYS IN A CONVENIENT HALF-DAY EXCURSION.

IN THE MORNING OF DAY ONE, THE 30 HISTORY TEACHERS WERE GIVEN A BRIEFING ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE TANGS LIVING IN THE PING SHAN TRAIL AND HOW THE TRAIL WAS BROUGHT INTO BEING.

THE SENIOR PROPERTY SERVICES MANAGER (ANTIQUITIES), MR LAM SIAR-LING AND ASSISTANT CURATOR (EDUCATION), MR MING KAY-CHUAN, BRIEFED TEACHERS ABOUT THE PAST ENVIRONMENT, THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE WORK OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE.

THE AFTERNOON FIELD-WORK INCLUDED VISITS TO THE HUNG SHING TEMPLE, KUN TING STUDY HALL, CHING SHU HIN, TANG ANCESTRAL HALL, YU KIU ANCESTRAL HALL, YEUNG HAU TEMPLE, AN OLD WELL, SHEUNG CHEUNG WAI, SHRINE OF THE EARTH GOD AND TSUI SHING LAU.

TEACHERS WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE NOTES IN PRODUCING TEACHING MATERIALS FOR FUTURE FIELD WORK AT THE TRAIL DURING THE WORKSHOP SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE TEACHING MATERIALS THUS PRODUCED WOULD LATER BE USED DURING FIELD TRIPS ON THE TRAIL AND SHOULD INCLUDE ALL ASPECTS RELATING TO PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRAIL AND VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES THAT ONE CAN OBSERVE IN THE AREA. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH STUDENTS COULD BE ARRANGED SUBSEQUENT TO FIELD VISITS TO THE TRAIL.

TEACHERS WERE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF THEIR TEACHING MATERIALS IN STIMULATING INTEREST IN THE LEARNING OF LOCAL HISTORY AND CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DURING FIELD TRIPS.

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ISLANDERS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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IT IS IMPORTANT TO BECOME A VOTER IF YOU WANT TO MAKE YOURSELF HEARD, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG KWOK-BUN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF CEREMONY, MR WONG URGED ISLANDERS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND TO BECOME ELECTORS.

HE ALSO URGED YOUNGSTERS REACHING THE AGE OF 18 TO DO THE SAME.

IN SO DOING, HE SAID, THEY COULD HAVE THEIR VIEWS HEARD ON DISTRICT MATTERS INCLUDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, TRAFFIC AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL SET UP REGISTRATION BOOTHS AT VARIOUS PIERS AS WELL AS CARRY OUT DOOR TO DOOR VISITS ON CHEUNG CHAU, MUI WO AND DISCOVERY BAY. ISLANDERS PLYING BETWEEN CENTRAL AND THEIR HOMES CAN ALSO REGISTER ON FERRIES IN LATE JUNE.

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