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INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CONFERENCE ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

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AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 17 TO 19 TO DISCUSS SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE IN HONG KONG ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL.

THE CONFERENCE, WITH THE THEME OF "QUILL AND QUILT" - MAINTAINING AND ACHIEVING QUALITY IN LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING, IS ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL BE OPENED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN.

EIGHTY-SEVEN OF THE NEARLY 400 PARTICIPANTS ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM 17 COUNTRIES.

AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED WILL BE:

- * THE CONCEPT OF QUALITY IN LANGUAGE LEARNING, LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LANGUAGE USE;
- * QUALITY IN SCHOOLS: THE TRAINING OF TEACHERS;
- * RELATIONSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS;
- * QUALITY IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES;
- * LANGUAGE STANDARDS;
- * KEY AREAS IN THE PURSUIT OF QUALITY, AND
- * ASSESSMENT, APPRAISAL AND MONITORING.

"AS IN THE PAST SIX CONFERENCES, THE SPEAKERS INCLUDE SOME OF THE WORLD'S LEADING AUTHORITIES ON LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THEY INCLUDE THE PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, NORTHERN TERRITORY UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA, PROF FRANCES CHRISTIE; THE HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES AT ASTON UNIVERSITY, ENGLAND, PROF NIGEL REEVES; THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, DR LOO SHAW CHANG; THE DIRECTOR OF HENAN TV UNIVERSITY, TIANJIN, PROF TIAN BEN-NA, AND DR BONIFACIO SIBAYAN, A NOTED FILIPINO SOCIOLINGUIST.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION WILL BE OPENED ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 17), AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE ON HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 8.45 AM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING AND THE PLENARY SESSIONS DURING THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE ON LEVEL SIX OF THE CENTRE AT 8.30 AM.

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PUBLIC URGED TO KEEP COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN

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THE HON PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG MOUNTAINEERING UNION, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO HELP KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF "THE DAY OF CLEAN MOUNTAINS" AT THE LION ROCK COUNTRY PARK, SIR DAVID SAID EVERYONE COULD HELP BY SIMPLY PUTTING ALL LITTER IN THE BINS PROVIDED OR BETTER STILL, BY TAKING THEM HOME.

"THE DAY OF CLEAN MOUNTAINS" IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG MOUNTAINEERING UNION (HKMU), AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF COUNTRYSIDE ACTIVITIES (HKFCA) TO ACTIVATE THE LARGEST POSSIBLE AUDIENCE TO THE NEEDS FOR A BETTER PROTECTION OF THE MOUNTAIN ENVIRONMENT.

SIR DAVID SAID HONG KONG HAD SOME OF THE BEST NATURAL COUNTRYSIDE WITH OVER 40 PER CENT OF ITS LAND DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY PARKS.

"THESE HILLY AREAS FORM A SCENIC BACKDROP TO THE URBAN AREAS AND PROVIDE A MAJOR SOURCE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION AND ENJOYMENT," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT EVERY YEAR OVER NINE MILLION PEOPLE VISITED THE PARKS AND SOME 4,000 TONNES OF LITTER WERE LEFT BEHIND.

"THOUGH THE MAIN BULK OF LITTER IS COLLECTED FROM BINS PROVIDED IN THE PARK, THERE IS STILL LITTER LEFT ON THE GROUND IN BARBECUE, PICNIC OR CAMPING SITES, ALONG FOOTPATHS AND EVEN ON STEEP SLOPES," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID COMMENDED THE HKMU AND THE HKFCA FOR MOBILISING THEIR MEMBERS TO HELP CLEAN UP THE MOUNTAINS ON THIS DAY OF CLEAN MOUNTAINS.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT 16 HIKING AND MOUNTAINEERING GROUPS HAD ENROLLED IN THE "HIKING LITTER WARDEN SCHEME" AND HAD ASSISTED ON MANY OCCASIONS TO CLEAN UP THE MOUNTAINS AND TO ADVISE OTHER VISITORS TO KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR FRANK LAU.

AT TODAY'S FUNCTION, MORE THAN 80 MEMBERS OF THE HKMU AND THE HKFCA CONDUCTED CLEAN-UP AT THE LION ROCK AND THE KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARKS.

SIR DAVID AND MR LAU ALSO LED A TEAM OF 15 PROFESSIONAL ROCK CLIMBERS TO CLEAN UP THE SUMMIT AND STEEP SLOPES OF AMAH ROCK WHERE ACCESSIBILITY IS POSSIBLE ONLY FOR THE EXPERIENCED MOUNTAINEERS.

ON THE COMING FOUR SUNDAYS, MEMBERS OF THE TWO BODIES WILL CONTINUE THEIR CLEANING EXPEDITIONS IN COUNTRYSIDE THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

KWUN TONG BENEFITS FROM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME

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THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN KWUN TONG HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOARD IN 1981, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL WONG, SAID TONIGHT (SUNDAY).

"AND IT WAS THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME IN THE DISTRICT OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED," HE ADDED.

MR WONG SAID THIS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A VARIETY SHOW ON THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE CELEBRATION PROGRAMME OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

HE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH KWUN TONG WAS ALREADY WELL DEVELOPED IN THE EARLY EIGHTIES, THERE WERE STILL PROBLEMS PUZZLING LOCAL RESIDENTS.

"THESE INCLUDED ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON REAR LANES, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND SHABBY HOUSING ESTATES.

"HOWEVER, WITH THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, THESE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED," MR WONG SAID.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT MOST OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON REAR LANES IN THE DISTRICT'S INDUSTRIAL AREA WERE CLEARED IN AN OPERATION IN 1983.

"TRAFFIC CONDITION IN THE DISTRICT HAVE ALSO IMPROVED FOLLOWING THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING IN 1989 AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN THE AREA.

"MOST OF THE OLDER HOUSING ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN REDEVELOPED WITH IMPROVED LIVING CONDITIONS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY," HE SAID.

MR WONG ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME BY ACTIVELY TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

MORE THAN 1,000 RESIDENTS ATTENDED THE VARIETY SHOW WHICH WAS PRODUCED BY AND BROADCAST LIVE ON ATV.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S 15 AREA COMMITTEES. A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN HELD IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S VARIETY SHOW WERE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CELEBRATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR MAU KEI-ON.

RESIDENTS URGED TO HELP FIGHT CRIME

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN COMBATTING CRIME AND IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN THE TERRITORY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (SDFCC), MR CHAN YAU-YUE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR CHAN MADE THE REMARK DURING AN ANTI-CRIME PUBLICITY BUS PARADE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF THIS YEAR'S DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

HE SAID RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID OF TROUBLE AND SHOULD DISCHARGE THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY BY PREVENTING, REPORTING AND PROVING CRIME WITHOUT HESITATION, AS IS CALLED FOR IN THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN.

"BY DOING SO, RESIDENTS CAN HELP THE POLICE CLAMP DOWN ON CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES, AND THEY THEMSELVES ARE SET TO BENEFIT FROM THIS," HE ADDED.

IN THIS REGARD, MR CHAN SAID THE DISTRICT'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC) WERE TAKING THE LEAD AS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THEM HAD PROVED A TREMENDOUS HELP TO THE POLICE IN TRACKING DOWN CRIMINALS IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD.

SDFCC MEMBERS RECENTLY VISITED THESE RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS AND EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH THEM ON RESIDENTS' CONCERN OVER LAW AND ORDER AND OBTAINED INFORMATION ON THE LOCAL SITUATION.

ECHOING MR CHAN'S VIEWS, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ROSANNA URE, PRAISED THE SDFCC'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN PROMOTING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN RESIDENTS AND THE POLICE.

SHE NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD ALL ALONG BEEN WORKING VERY HARD TO GET ACROSS THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE THROUGH VARIOUS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

SO FAR THIS YEAR THE COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED A JUVENILE DELIQUENCY SEMINAR IN A FAMILY DAY CAMP, A PRIMARY STUDENTS' COLOURING CONTEST, VISITS TO MAC'S AND TODAY'S BUS PARADE.

MRS URE WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT ALL THESE ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN WELL-RECEIVED BY RESIDENTS.

MORE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE IN THE PIPE-LINE, SHE SAID.

THESE INCLUDE A MAJOR CRIME PREVENTION PUBLICITY DRIVE IN THE ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD AND A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL IN FEBRUARY.

/MRS URE

MRS URE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE POLICE, ESPECIALLY THE WESTERN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE, FOR THEIR UNFAILING SUPPORT IN MAKING THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS.

SDFCC'S MEMBERS, TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN JUNIOR POLICE CALL, TOOK TO THE STREETS IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE DISTRICT TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF A LEAFLET ESPECIALLY PRODUCED FOR THE OCCASION AND OTHER PUBLICITY ITEMS DURING THE PARADE.

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GOODWILL AMBASSADORS CALL ON RESIDENTS TO KEEP HK CLEAN

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"KEEP CLEAN AMBASSADORS" FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL TODAY (SUNDAY) TOURED THE DISTRICT TO URGE RESIDENTS TO TAKE THE LEAD IN KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN.

IN A PUBLICITY BUS TOUR ORGANISED BY THE DB'S WORKING GROUP ON THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, THE AMBASSADORS, TRAVELLING ON TWO DOUBLE-DECKER OPEN-TOP BUSES, TOOK TURNS TO REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE DISTRICT CLEAN.

ONE OF THE AMBASSADORS, THE WORKING GROUP'S CHAIRMAN MISS VIVIAN CHIH, SAID AS CIVIC-MINDED CITIZENS, RESIDENTS SHOULD MAKE "PITCHING-IN" THEIR HABIT.

HER COLLEAGUE, DB MEMBER MR IP KWOK-HIM REMINDED "LITTER BUGS" THAT THEIR UNCIVILISED ACTS WERE PUNISHABLE BY HEAVY FINES AND IMPRISONMENT.

ANOTHER AMBASSADOR, CENTRAL AND WESTERN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER MISS MARY TSANG, CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE DB'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A CLEANER AND BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN.

NOTING THAT THE DISTRICT HAD BECOME MUCH CLEANER SINCE THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN STARTED 19 YEARS AGO, URBAN COUNCILLOR MR CHAN TAK-CHOR ENCOURAGED RESIDENTS TO KEEP UP THEIR GOOD EFFORTS.

APART FROM THE APPEALS, THE AMBASSADORS ALSO DISTRIBUTED ASSORTED PUBLICITY ITEMS DURING THE TOUR.

THE PUBLICITY TEAM, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED THE HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE CENTRAL AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT, MESSRS S.W. SHUM AND K.C. LIU, AND STAFF FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TOURED CENTRAL, MID-LEVELS, SHEUNG WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN.

MEMBERS OF VARIOUS AREA COMMITTEES ALSO JOINED IN THE PUBLICITY DRIVE AT DIFFERENT STAGES.

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PHOTO CONTEST IN TAI PO

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PHOTOGRAPHY ENTHUSIASTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CONTEST IN TAI PO WHICH IS AIMED AT PROMOTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DISTRICT.

ORGANISED BY THE THIRD TAI PO FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE CONTEST FOCUSES ON THE SCENERY AND ANCIENT MONUMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE 3R COLOUR PRINTS, EACH ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENTRY FORM AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION.

THERE WILL BE ONE "GOLD" PRIZE, THREE "SILVER" PRIZES AND 10 "BRONZE" PRIZES. WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT COUPONS WORTH BETWEEN \$200 AND \$1,000.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE EXHIBITED OR USED FOR PRODUCING PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, AND AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN TING KOK ROAD.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY IS JANUARY 24. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 661 4010.

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DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ISLANDS ACTIVITIES

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ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CENTRES IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT CAN NOW APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS IN 1992/93.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT ACTIVITIES FINANCED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD SHOULD BE NON-PROFIT MAKING, SHOULD NOT GIVE UNDUE CREDIT OR PUBLICITY TO A PARTICULAR PERSON, AND SHOULD NOT INCUR ANY RECURRENT EXPENSES TO BE BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HE REMINDED APPLICANTS TO OBSERVE THE VARIOUS DEADLINES AND SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY.

THE DEADLINE FOR DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF APPLICATIONS ARE:

- * SPORTS, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES HELD BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE NEXT YEAR FEBRUARY 1, 1992

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- * SPORTS, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES HELD BETWEEN JULY, 1992 AND MARCH, 1993 APRIL 1, 1992
- * DRAGON BOAT ACTIVITIES IN 1992 FEBRUARY 1, 1992
- * LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES IN 1993 APRIL 1, 1992

THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE VETTED BY EITHER THE CULTURAL, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OR THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 852 4325.

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FOUNDATION PROMOTES EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

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A TOTAL OF \$12.5 MILLION WAS GRANTED BY THE QUEEN ELIZABETH FOUNDATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED (QEF) FOR THE ORGANISATION OF 46 PROJECTS BENEFITTING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1988.

THE FOUNDATION WAS ESTABLISHED WITH THE PURPOSE OF FURTHERING THE WELFARE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, AND PROMOTING THEIR EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS.

THE SOURCES OF FINANCE OF THE FOUNDATION COME FROM THE NET PROFIT OF \$30 MILLION FROM THE SALE OF GOLD COINS TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO HONG KONG IN 1986 AND OTHER DONATIONS.

"THE COUNCIL MAKES USE OF THE FOUNDATION'S INCOME AND ASSETS TO CARRY OUT THE AIM OF THE FOUNDATION AND TO DETERMINE AND PERFORM ALL MATTERS IN THIS REGARD," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL OF THE QEF SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"IN CONSIDERING THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS, STRONG EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED ON PROJECTS PROVIDING JOB TRAINING FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS OR PROMOTING THEIR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

AMONG ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE RECEIVED GRANTS FROM THE COUNCIL ARE THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE AND ST JAMES SETTLEMENT.

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THE PROJECTS INCLUDE AN INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A SYSTEMATIC AND COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS AND THE PRODUCTION OF A VIDEO FILM WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER A PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE VIDEO BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF THE QEF FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, MR JOHN BUDGE, TO THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND A TOUR OF THE DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE OF THE YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE WHERE THE INDEPENDENT LIVING PROGRAMME IS CARRIED OUT.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE YANG MEMORIAL METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE, 54 WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON AT 2.45 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

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FLAG DAYS IN 1992

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A TOTAL OF 44 ORGANISATIONS WILL HOLD FLAG DAYS TO RAISE FUNDS ON SATURDAYS NEXT YEAR, STARTING FROM JANUARY 4, A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 576 5922 OR ITS HOTLINE 343 2255 IN CASE OF ANY DOUBTS ABOUT ANY PARTICULAR WELFARE ORGANISATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO CALLED ON FLAG DAY ORGANISERS TO ADOPT PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

THEY SHOULD ALSO EXERCISE GREATER EFFORT IN MONITORING THEIR FLAG SELLING ACTIVITIES, HE ADDED.

THE ORGANISERS ARE ADVISED TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES WHERE THEY ARE EXPECTED TO SELL THE FLAGS, THE TIME FOR THEIR SELLING AND THE COLLECTION POINTS WHERE THE INDIVIDUALLY-NUMBERED BAGS SHOULD BE RETURNED.

"FLAG DAY ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF FLAGS OR COLLECTION BAGS AND SHOULD SEEK THEIR ASSISTANCE WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND," HE SAID.

/THE ORGANISATIONS

THE ORGANISATIONS HOLDING FLAG DAYS IN 1992 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE -----	AGENCY -----
JANUARY 4	CHAI WAN BAPTIST CHURCH
11	YAN OI TONG
18	OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL, LTD (MARYKNOLL MEDICAL AND WELFARE ASSOCIATION)
25	YAN CHAI HOSPITAL
FEBRUARY 1	CHESHIRE HOME, HONG KONG
8	HK WORKERS' HEALTH CENTRE LTD
15	ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING AND MEDICAL VOLUNTEER SERVICES
22	LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, KOWLOON
29	POK OI HOSPITAL
MARCH 7	HK ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND
14	JUNK BAY MEDICAL RELIEF COUNCIL (HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL)
21	ALICE HO MIU LING NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL
28	HK COUNCIL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SERVICES
APRIL 11	NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION
25	BREAKTHROUGH LTD
MAY 2	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS
9	HK PHAB ASSOCIATION
16	CHRISTIAN FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE
23	COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG
30	HK SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN
JUNE 6	HK ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
20	ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION LTD
27	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH - HK SYNOD

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JULY	4	HK CHILDHEALTH FOUNDATION
	11	METHODIST CHURCH, HK (METHODIST EPWORTH VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE)
	18	ARTS WITH DISABLED ASSOCIATION, HK
	25	HK TUBERCULOSIS, CHEST AND HEART DISEASES ASSOCIATION (THE RUTTONJEE HOSPITAL)
AUGUST	1	OXFAM
	8	HK AIDS FOUNDATION LTD
SEPTEMBER	5	SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND
	19	PO LEUNG KUK
	26	NEIGHBOURHOOD ADVICE ACTION COUNCIL
OCTOBER	3	HK SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
	10	SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED
	17	MONG KOK KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION
	24	HK FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH
	31	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION
NOVEMBER	7	ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
	14	SALVATION ARMY
	21	YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF HK
	28	HK OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL
DECEMBER	5	STEWARDS' COMPANY (HK) LTD
	12	SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CHILDREN (DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN HOSPITAL)
	19	HK PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

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SAFETY REMINDER ON UNVENTED ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT ALL ELECTRIC THERMAL STORAGE TYPE WATER HEATERS, IN PARTICULAR, THE UNVENTED ONES, SHOULD BE PROPERLY INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED BY QUALIFIED PLUMBERS OR ELECTRICAL WORKERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID: "ELECTRIC THERMAL STORAGE TYPE WATER HEATERS ARE COMMONLY USED IN HONG KONG. THEY CAN BE BROADLY DIVIDED INTO TWO TYPES -- VENTED AND UNVENTED."

"TO SAFEGUARD AGAINST THE DANGER OF EXCESSIVE STEAM ACCUMULATING IN THE STORAGE TYPE WATER HEATERS, THUS POSING A RISK OF EXPLOSION, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE WATER HEATERS SHOULD BE EQUIPPED WITH SUITABLE MEANS TO RELEASE THE STEAM WHEN REQUIRED.

"AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO PREVENT STEAM ACCUMULATION IS TO INSTALL AN OPEN VENT," HE EXPLAINED.

PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, ONLY VENTED WATER HEATERS WERE PERMITTED TO BE INSTALLED. FOLLOWING AN AMENDMENT TO THE WATERWORKS REGULATIONS IN AUGUST LAST YEAR, PERMISSION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE INSTALLATION OF UNVENTED WATER HEATERS WITH STORAGE CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 200 LITRES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

"THESE UNVENTED WATER HEATERS SHOULD BE FITTED WITH SPECIFIC SAFETY DEVICES OF APPROVED STANDARDS IN ORDER TO PREVENT STEAM PRESSURE FROM BUILDING UP INSIDE THE WATER HEATERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TO ENSURE THAT INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS ARE PROPERLY COMPLIED WITH, INSTALLATION OF UNVENTED ELECTRIC WATER HEATERS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY LICENSED PLUMBERS OR ELECTRICAL WORKERS WITH APPROPRIATE TRAINING," HE ADDED.

A LIST OF LICENSED PLUMBERS AND ELECTRICAL WORKERS WITH SPECIFIC TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S SEVEN CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRES FOR INSPECTION.

CONSUMERS CAN ALSO OBTAIN COPIES OF AN INFORMATION LEAFLET ON INSTALLATION OF UNVENTED WATER HEATERS FROM THESE CENTRES.

"FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY INSTALLED UNVENTED ELECTRIC STORAGE TYPE WATER HEATERS, WE ADVISE THEM TO EMPLOY A QUALIFIED PERSON TO CHECK WHETHER THEIR WATER HEATERS COMPLY WITH SAFETY REQUIREMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO CARRY OUT MAINTENANCE CHECKS ON THEIR WATER HEATERS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR," HE ADDED.

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NEW TRAINING POOL FOR CIVIL AID SERVICES

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL CONSTRUCT A TRAINING SWIMMING POOL IN ITS TAI TAN TRAINING CAMP IN SAI KUNG NORTH, THANKS TO A DONATION OF \$5.66 MILLION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AID SERVICES SAID THE SWIMMING POOL WOULD BE AN INVALUABLE TRAINING FACILITY FOR WATER SPORTS AS IT ALLOWED THE INSTRUCTOR TO KEEP A CLASS ORGANISED AND TO FOLLOW INDIVIDUAL LEARNER'S PROGRESS CLOSELY.

THE SWIMMING POOL, MEASURING 25 METRE BY 12.5 METRE AND WITH A DEPTH FROM ONE TO TWO METRE, WILL PROVIDE A SAFE AND CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT FOR SWIMMING TUITION.

THE POOL WILL ALSO ENABLE THE TEACHING OF BASIC SKILLS OF WATER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CANOEING, LIFE-SAVING AND SNORKEL-DIVING BEFORE THE LEARNERS PRACTISE IN THE OPEN SEA.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE POOL HAS STARTED SINCE THE END OF LAST MONTH (NOVEMBER) AND WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE JUNE NEXT YEAR.

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AREA NORTH OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND TO CLOSE TO MARINE TRAFFIC

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MASTERS AND COXSWAINS ARE REMINDED THAT THE WATER AREA BETWEEN THE NORTH OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND THE BACKUP AREA OF KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL 7 WILL BE CLOSED TO MARINE TRAFFIC FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, A TEMPORARY PROHIBITED ANCHORAGE WILL BE ESTABLISHED OFF WESTERN KOWLOON TO FACILITATE MARINE TRAFFIC ACCESSING THE SHAM SHUI PO AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THESE ARRANGEMENTS WERE NECESSARY TO FACILITATE MARINE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL 8 ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

DETAILS OF THE CLOSURE OF THE AREA AND THE TEMPORARY PROHIBITED ANCHORAGE WERE GIVEN IN MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTICE NO. 200 AND NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 115(T) ISSUED ON DECEMBER 4 THIS YEAR.

COPIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE GENERAL REGISTRY OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ON THE 21ST FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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