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PAK TIN ELECTORS URGED TO VOTE

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED ELECTORS IN THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

MR FUNG EMPHASISED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD WAS AN IMPORTANT CONSULTATIVE BODY IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND HAD CONTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF RESIDENTS' QUALITY OF LIFE.

"THE SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME DEPENDS LARGELY ON THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF RESIDENTS.

"I HOPE REGISTERED VOTERS IN PAK TIN WILL CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD BY CASTING THEIR BALLOTS TOMORROW TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THE BY-ELECTION WAS CALLED AFTER THE RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR CHENG HOK-CHIT. IT WILL BE HELD FROM 7.30 AM TO 10.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE TWO POLLING STATIONS, ONE IN THE PAK TIN ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL AND THE OTHER AT MU KUANG CHAK ON KINDERGARTEN AT WAH CHAK HOUSE, CHAK ON ESTATE.

WITH 12,521 REGISTERED VOTERS, THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY COVERS MAINLY THE PAK TIN ESTATE, CHAK ON ESTATE, BEACON HEIGHTS AND A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

THE THREE CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE VACATED SEAT ARE 41-YEAR-OLD LECTURER MR STANLEY SUM YIU-CHO, 33-YEAR-OLD CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR MR LEUNG WAI-SHING, AND 26-YEAR-OLD COMMUNITY ORGANISER MR YAN KAI-WING.

RESIDENTS MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON TEL 827 1122.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	22.5.92	1,688
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	23.5.92	-700 *
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL
* O/N ASSISTANCE TO BE REVERSED		

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JOIN FORCES CALLED TO CURB CAR THEFTS

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THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU (CPB) WILL SOON PUT OUT A CAR PARK MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK AS PART OF A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH TO COUNTER THE CONTINUING PROBLEM OF CAR THEFTS.

WITH APRIL EMERGED AS THE WORST MONTH FOR THE STEALING OF A POPULAR LUXURY MAKE IN THE PAST YEAR, A CPB SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO JOIN FORCES TO FEND OFF ATTACKS BY CAR THIEVES.

IN APRIL, HE NOTED, THERE WAS A DRASTIC RISE IN THE NUMBER OF LUXURY CARS REPORTEDLY STOLEN. FOUR OF THE MOST POPULAR MAKES STOOD AT A TOTAL OF 109, COMPARED WITH 71 RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, AN INCREASE OF 54 PERCENT.

ONE EUROPEAN MAKE ACCOUNTED FOR 67 OF THE TOTAL, A RISE OF 49 PERCENT WHEN COMPARED WITH SIMILAR FIGURE REGISTERED IN MARCH.

THE CPB SPOKESMAN SAID THE BUREAU HAD BEEN IN CONSTANT LIAISON WITH INSURERS, MOTOR TRADERS, CAR MANUFACTURERS AND CAR PARK OPERATORS AS WELL AS OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WITH A VIEW TO MAPPING OUT LASTING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM.

HE NOTED THAT THE BUREAU HAD ALSO HAD REGULAR MEETINGS WITH CAR PARK OPERATORS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS TO IDENTIFY WAYS OF IMPROVING SECURITY AT CAR PARKS.

THE COMPILATION OF THE CAR PARK MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK WAS ONE POSITIVE OUTCOME OF THESE MEETINGS.

"INITIATIVES TAKEN ON THE PART OF THE CAR MANUFACTURERS HAVE DEMONSTRABLY PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CARS FALLING PREY TO CAR THIEVES.

"SUCH INITIATIVES UNDERTOOK BY THE MANUFACTURER OF A POPULAR JAPANESE LUXURY MAKE, IN THE FORM OF ENHANCED BUILT-IN ANTI-THEFT DEVICES AND TIGHT CONTROLS OVER SPARE PARTS STOCK, HAVE EFFECTED A NOTICEABLE DROP OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS IN THE NUMBER OF MISSING REPORTS OF SUCH MAKE,"HE ADDED.

TO KEEP CAR THIEVES AT BAY, CAR OWNERS, WATCHMEN AND SECURITY GUARDS, CAR PARK OPERATORS COULD ALL CONTRIBUTE IN THE BATTLE, HE SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE CHANCE OF HAVING ONE'S CARS STOLEN WOULD BE GREATLY REDUCED IF THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES WERE OBSERVED:

* ALWAYS LOCK THE VEHICLE COMPLETELY AND TAKE THE KEYS WITH YOU, EVEN IF YOU ARE LEAVING THE CAR FOR JUST A MOMENT;

* KEEP ALL PROPERTY INSIDE THE CAR OUT OF VIEW - DON'T LEAVE ANY VALUABLES WHERE THEY CAN BE SEEN;

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* ALWAYS TRY TO PARK YOUR CAR IN AREAS OF HIGH VISIBILITY, AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR CAR PARKED IN THE SAME PUBLIC PLACE FOR MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS;

* USE UP-TO-DATE LOCKS AND AN EFFECTIVE SECURITY ALARM. HAVE A SECRET ENGINE IMMOBILISER SWITCH FITTED. THIS IS CHEAP AND EFFECTIVE;

* DON'T RELY SOLELY ON SECURITY SERVICES PROVIDED IN PUBLIC CAR PARKS;

* BE CAUTIOUS WHEN USING CAR PARKING SERVICES;

* FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND ADVICE, YOU SHOULD CONTACT THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU ON TEL 721-2486.

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COMPANY GIVEN MAXIMUM FINE FOR NEGLECTING SAFETY

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BUILDING CONTRACTORS MUST ENSURE THEIR WORKERS WEAR SAFETY HELMETS ON SITE AT ALL TIMES.

RECENTLY, THE HIP HING CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED WAS GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000 BY A TUEN MUN MAGISTRATE FOR FAILING TO ENSURE THAT ITS WORKERS WEAR SAFETY HELMETS ON A TUEN MUN CONSTRUCTION SITE.

DURING A SPECIAL INSPECTION CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR, FACTORY INSPECTORS FOUND 23 WORKERS NOT WEARING SAFETY HELMETS ON THE SITE.

"THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS REQUIRE A CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SAFETY HELMETS FOR ALL HIS WORKERS AND TO TAKE ALL REASONABLE STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE WORKERS WEAR THEM WHILE REMAINING ON SITE," SAID DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR KAN HON-SANG OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

MR KAN SAID A THREE-MONTH SPECIAL INSPECTION CAMPAIGN IS BEING LAUNCHED ON BUILDING SITES WITH POOR RECORDS OF ACCIDENTS AND PROSECUTIONS.

"FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL CONCENTRATE ON BLACK SPOT AREAS LIKELY TO CAUSE FALLS OF PERSONS OR OBJECTS SUCH AS SCAFFOLDS, LIFT-SHAFT OPENINGS, FLOOR EDGES AND CAISSON WORK," HE SAID.

"THEY WILL ALSO CHECK ON THE USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING SAFETY HELMETS AND SAFETY BELTS OF WORKERS, AS WELL AS THE SAFE OPERATION OF LIFTING APPLIANCES, CRANES AND OTHER SITE PLANTS," HE ADDED.

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APART FROM HIGH RISK AREAS, MR KAN SAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO HOUSE KEEPING ON THE SITES TO ENSURE THEIR PROPER AND ORDERLY MAINTENANCE AS POOR HOUSE KEEPING HAS BEEN THE CAUSE OF MANY COMMON ACCIDENTS ON SITE.

HE ALSO CAUTIONED THAT PROSECUTION WILL BE TAKEN OUT DURING THE INSPECTIONS AGAINST BLATANT OFFENDERS.

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FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON AIRPORT FINANCING PLAN

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THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MAY 28 (THURSDAY) FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS ON THE AIRPORT FINANCING PLAN.

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE HALL, FIRST FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING (NEW ANNEXE), STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS ARE REQUESTED TO RESERVE A SEAT BY CALLING MS LEUNG WING-CHONG ON 802 3302 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

AS SEATING IS LIMITED, BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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CAS - A BRIDGE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES (CAS), AN AUXILIARY RELIEF ORGANISATION, PLANS TO RECRUIT 500 TO 600 ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND 800 CADETS THIS YEAR TO UNDERTAKE ITS MULTIFARIOUS SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

ACCORDING TO STAFF OFFICER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR S.F. LAM, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE JOINING EVERY YEAR JUST OFFSET THE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS DROPPING OUT.

HE URGED MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN IN TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE SERVICES.

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"YOU CAN GET SATISFACTION AND A SENSE OF SUCCESS FROM CAS WORK," MR LAM SAID, ADDING THAT IT NOT ONLY GAVE THE YOUTH AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENHANCE THEMSELVES, BUT ALSO PROVIDED THEM WITH DIFFERENT WAYS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

"MEMBERS FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AS WELL AS A SENSE OF DUTY. THIS LEADS TO CO-OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS."

FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT, CAS AT PRESENT HAS 3,800 ADULT VOLUNTEERS AND 3,200 CADETS, ALMOST REACHING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 3,818 ADULTS AND 3,232 CADETS.

MR LAM SAID CAS REGULARLY CARRIED OUT PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES WITH A SPECIAL RECRUITMENT EXERCISE LAUNCHED EVERY SUMMER TO ATTRACT SCHOOL LEAVERS TO JOIN THE SERVICES.

HE SAID YOUTHS IN HONG KONG HAD BECOME MORE CIVIC-MINDED. THIS COULD BE REFLECTED BY THE FACT THAT AN AVERAGE OF 130 PEOPLE INCLUDING 50 ADULTS AND 80 YOUNGSTERS JOINING THE SERVICES EVERY MONTH LAST YEAR.

ANYONE WHO IS OVER THE AGE OF 16 (THOSE WHO ARE UNDER 18 HAVE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM PARENTS OR GUARDIANS) CAN APPLY TO JOIN THE ADULT SERVICE. THE AGE FOR JOINING THE CADET CORPS IS 12.

ONCE THEY HAVE PASSED A MEDICAL EXAMINATION, THEY WOULD BE ACCEPTED AS MEMBERS.

NEW RECRUITS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING CONDUCTED IN EVENINGS, OVER WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS TO ACQUIRE BASIC KNOWLEDGE ON FIRST-AID, CASUALTY HANDLING AND FOOTDRILL.

ON COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING COURSE, THEY WOULD BE DEPLOYED TO DIFFERENT UNITS AND WOULD RECEIVE FURTHER TRAINING, HE ADDED.

IT HAS BEEN A FAMILIAR FACE TO SEE CAS MEMBERS AND CADETS ON DUTY IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

THEY ARE EASILY RECOGNISABLE IN THEIR FAMILIAR BLUE UNIFORMS, CONTROLLING CROWDS AT FESTIVAL TIMES, PATROLLING THE COUNTRY PARKS AND GENERALLY BEING PRESENT AT A WIDE VARIETY OF CIVIC FUNCTIONS.

THEY HAVE TO RESCUE VICTIMS FROM COLLAPSED AND DANGEROUS BUILDINGS, MUDSLIDES AND ROCK FALLS.

THEY ARE ALSO CAPABLE OF BRIDGE-BUILDING AND THEY PROVIDE THE ONLY RECOGNISED MOUNTAIN RESCUE SERVICE IN THE TERRITORY. FOREST FIRE FIGHTING, OIL POLLUTION AND TYPHOON RESPONSE ARE OTHER AREAS OF EXPERTISE.

ALSO, CAS CAN HANDLE MASS EVACUATION, REGISTRATION AND FEEDING OF HOMELESS DISASTER VICTIMS.

IN ADDITION, THEY MAY ALSO RESPOND TO ANY MASS INFLUX OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SET UP AND MANAGE HOLDING CENTRES. THEY ALSO HELP IN THE MANAGEMENT OF VIETNAMESE ASYLUM SEEKERS.

BRIDGING COURSE FOR STUDENTS

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A SIX-WEEK PILOT BRIDGING COURSE FOR STUDENTS WISHING TO TRANSFER FROM A GRAMMER TO A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WILL BE HELD IN JULY.

THE COURSE, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, PROVIDES THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL STUDIES ON METALWORK, ELECTRICAL STUDIES AND TECHNICAL DRAWING.

"STUDENTS APPLYING SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY 1 BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES IN SECONDARY 2 IN A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PILOT SCHEME, SERVED TO ESTABLISH THE FEASIBILITY OF AND DEMAND FOR THE BRIDGING COURSE, WOULD INITIALLY PROVIDE ONE CLASS OF 40 STUDENTS EACH ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

"THE PILOT COURSE WAS ARRANGED FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NO. 4 WHICH LOOKED AT THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WHO, HAVING BEEN ALLOCATED PLACES IN GRAMMER SCHOOLS, FOUND THEMSELVES AFTER THE FIRST YEAR OR SO LOSING INTEREST IN THE MORE ACADEMIC APPROACH AND WISHING TO LEARN MORE PRACTICAL SUBJECTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD CONDUCTED A TELEPHONE SURVEY IN 1986 OF PRIMARY 6 LEAVERS WHO DID NOT ATTEND THEIR ALLOCATED SECONDARY 1 CLASSES AND DROP-OUTS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

"ABOUT 88% OF THE RESPONDENTS INDICATED A POSITIVE INTEREST IN ATTENDING PRACTICAL COURSES," HE SAID.

THE BRIDGING COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THREE CENTRES:

- * CARITAS ST FRANCIS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
2 CAINE ROAD
CARITAS HOUSE
HONG KONG
- * BISHOP HALL MEMORIAL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
82 HIU KWONG STREET
SAU MAU PING
KOWLOON
- * COTTON SPINNERS ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL
350 KWAI SHING CIRCUIT
KWAI CHUNG
NEW TERRITORIES

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STUDENTS SHOULD ATTEND ALL CLASSES AND PASS A TEST AT THE END OF THE BRIDGING COURSE.

APPLICANTS CAN SELECT ONE OF 16 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO TRANSFER TO.

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FRESH WATER SUSPENSION IN KENNEDY TOWN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 26) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES BOUNDED BY KENNEDY TOWN NEW PRAYA, SMITHFIELD, FORBES STREET AND CADOGAN STREET AS WELL AS THOSE LOCATED AT 1-7 VICTORIA ROAD AND 30 CADOGAN STREET.

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