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OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY MOVEMENT TO ENTER NEW ERA

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AS HONG KONG WAS ABOUT TO ENTER A NEW ERA IN THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY MOVEMENT, EMPLOYEES IN EVERY OCCUPATION WOULD HAVE A BETTER AND SAFER ENVIRONMENT TO WORK IN, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR HAMMOND WAS OFFICIATING AT THE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL SAFETY CAMPAIGN PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE PENINSULA JAYCEES AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN.

HE WAS REFERRING TO THE FORMATION OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL WHICH WOULD WORK HAND IN HAND WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK.

"WITH THE CONTINUED ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY, THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG IS ABOUT TO ENTER A NEW ERA," MR HAMMOND SAID.

HE SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD SOON COME INTO OPERATION NOW THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COUNCIL BILL HAD BEEN PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH.

"INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IS A TRIPARTITE BUSINESS WHICH REQUIRES THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES AND THE GOVERNMENT," HE POINTED OUT.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL HAD BEEN DRAWN UP ALONG THIS LINE AND IT WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS, EMPLOYEES, PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS, AND THOSE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH WERE CLOSELY INVOLVED IN THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH FIELD.

"THE VALUE OF SUCH TRIPARTITE INVOLVEMENT HAS BEEN PROVED THROUGH THE SUCCESS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE SET UP UNDER THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD 11 YEARS AGO.

"CONTRIBUTIONS FROM BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO THE WORK OF THIS COMMITTEE HAVE DONE A GREAT DEAL TO FOSTER INTEREST IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AND HAVE ENSURED A BETTER WORKING ENVIRONMENT FOR WORKERS IN HONG KONG," MR HAMMOND WENT ON.

MR HAMMOND PRAISED THE PENINSULA JAYCEES FOR ORGANISING THE PROJECT DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

"I AM GLAD TO SEE THAT OTHER ORGANISATIONS FROM OUTSIDE THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR HAVE ALSO SHOWN KEEN INTEREST AND HAVE ORGANISED VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION IN THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY," HE ADDED.

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IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 18,265 INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND 32 WORKERS WERE KILLED, MR HAMMOND SAID.

THESE FIGURES REPRESENTED A SLIGHT DECREASE OF ABOUT TWO PER CENT COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"IN SPITE OF THIS SMALL IMPROVEMENT, IT IS STILL VERY WORRYING TO SEE SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF WORKERS SUFFERING FROM VARIOUS DEGREES OF INJURY, NOT TO MENTION THOSE WHO SO TRAGICALLY HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES," HE SAID.

IT WAS FOUND THAT A GREAT PROPORTION OF ACCIDENTS WERE FAIRLY MINOR IN NATURE AND WERE CAUSED BY EITHER OVERSIGHT ON THE PART OF THE MANAGEMENT OR BY A MOMENT OF CARELESSNESS ON THE PART OF THE INJURED WORKERS THEMSELVES.

MR HAMMOND THEREFORE URGED BOTH PARTIES TO BE MORE ALERT ABOUT SAFETY AT WORK WHICH COULD PREVENT A LOT OF THESE CASES FROM HAPPENING.

TO INCREASE GENERAL AWARENESS, HE SAID SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS COULD ONLY BE INCULCATED BY WAY OF TRAINING AND EDUCATION.

"IN ADDITION TO THEIR REGULATORY INSPECTION DUTIES, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO SPEND A LOT OF THEIR EFFORT IN THESE AREAS.

"THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE RUNS REGULAR SAFETY TRAINING COURSES FREE OF CHARGE FOR INDUSTRY," HE SAID. "IN 1987 ALONE, MORE THAN 22,000 PERSONS PARTICIPATED IN OUR SAFETY COURSES AND TALKS."

TO ACHIEVE A MULTIPLYING EFFECT, THE CENTRE INTENDED TO CONCENTRATE IN FUTURE ON THE TRAINING OF THE TRAINERS WHO WOULD EVENTUALLY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY TRAINING IN THEIR OWN RESPECTIVE INDUSTRIES.

MR HAMMOND SAID A NUMBER OF TRAINING PACKAGES HAD ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED BY STAFF OF THE CENTRE FOR USE BY THOSE WHO WERE INTERESTED IN RUNNING THEIR OWN SAFETY COURSES.

ON THE CONCEPT OF SELF-REGULATORY APPROACH TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, MR HAMMOND SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHED A SAFETY PROGRAMME PROMOTION UNIT IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

ITS JOB WAS TO OFFER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO ORGANISATIONS IN THE SETTING UP OF IN-HOUSE SAFETY COMMITTEES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFETY POLICIES.

HE SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO SEE THAT 67 SAFETY COMMITTEES HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED SINCE THE UNIT CAME INTO OPERATION.

THE COMMISSIONER HOPED THAT MANY MORE SUCH SAFETY COMMITTEES WOULD BE SET UP IN THE FUTURE.

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MORE YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S FACILITIES FOR SHA TIN

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN SHA TIN WILL ENJOY MORE GROUP ACTIVITIES AS FOUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND AN OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAM WILL BEGIN SERVICE THIS YEAR.

THESE NEW CENTRES WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE 16 YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES ALREADY SERVING THE DISTRICT, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 1988 SHA TIN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HELD AT THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK.

"IN 1988-89, A TOTAL OF 27 YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CENTRES WILL BE COMPLETED, ADDING TO SOME 230 OF THESE CENTRES NOW SERVING 270,000 YOUNG PATRONS IN THE TERRITORY," MR LAW SAID.

"ALSO, THE MEMBERSHIP OF UNIFORMED YOUTH ORGANISATIONS NOW EXCEEDS 70,000."

HE NOTED THAT MORE THAN 50,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAD TAKEN PART IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN SHA TIN THIS YEAR, WHILE THE TERRITORY-WIDE FIGURE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ONE MILLION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR PETER S.T. LEE, SAID THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN SHA TIN COMPRISED A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES.

THESE CATERED FOR THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 35 PER CENT OF SHA TIN'S 460,000 POPULATION.

"THE AIM OF THE PROGRAMME IS TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE MORE CHANCES FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND TO DEVELOP BODY AND MIND IN A HEALTHY WAY," HE SAID.

THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR LAU KONG-WAH, ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY HELD AT THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK'S AMPHITHEATRE.

THE HIGHLIGHT WAS A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW IN THE EVENING, INVOLVING PERFORMANCES BY 10 SCHOOL AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS. THE PERFORMANCES INCLUDED A CHILDREN'S FASHION SHOW, DANCING, SINGING, CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC AND A BRASS BAND DISPLAY.

BETWEEN 4 PM AND 6 PM, THERE WERE ON-THE-SPOT DRAWING COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN IN THE AGE GROUPS OF SIX TO NINE YEARS AND 10 TO 15 YEARS.

THE WINNING ENTRIES, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FROM AN EARLIER PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION ON SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES, WERE THEN DISPLAYED IN THE CENTRAL PARK FOR THE EVENING.

THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THE AMPHITHEATRE WAS USED FOR PUBLIC PERFORMANCES SINCE THE PARK'S OPENING LAST MONTH.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS DETENTION CENTRE FUNDING

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 24) TO DISCUSS FUNDING FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DETENTION CENTRE FOR VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT WHITEHEAD, WU KAI SHA, IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING.

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VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE STARTS IN YAU TSIM

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THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER (YAU TSIM), MISS MARY CHOW, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS.

"SIGNING UP AS AN ELECTOR IS THE RIGHT AND OBLIGATION OF AN ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL," SHE SAID.

MISS CHOW WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY, HELD AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA IN TSIM SHA TSUI, TO LAUNCH THE DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

"ANYONE WHO HAS REACHED OR WILL BE 21 YEARS OF AGE BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR AND WHO HAS BEEN LIVING IN HONG KONG FOR SEVEN YEARS OR IS A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT CAN REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR.

"THOSE WHO HAVE REGISTERED CAN VOTE IN FUTURE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AS WELL AS THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR," SHE ADDED.

MISS CHOW ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE CHANGED THEIR ADDRESSES TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION OFFICER.

THE POPULATION OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT IS AROUND 142,000 AND THE POTENTIAL ELECTORATE IS ESTIMATED AT 96,000.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE PUT TOGETHER A COLOURFUL PICTURE, MEASURING 160 SQUARE FEET, SHOWING A SLOGAN AND DISTRICT LANDMARKS. STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE HELPED THOSE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER AT THE SPOT.

THE CEREMONY BEGAN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO REMIND RESIDENTS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE.

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FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF NEXT MONTH, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL VISIT HOUSEHOLDS IN THE DISTRICT, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NEW BUILDINGS.

IN ADDITION, 5,000 POSTERS AND 25,000 LEAFLETS HAVE BEEN PRINTED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

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KWUN TONG FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN STARTS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE 1988-89 WILL BE MOUNTING A SERIES OF COLOURFUL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR TO DRIVE HOME THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE PUBLICITY PACKAGE INCLUDES VISITS, A GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME, A COLOURING AND DRAWING COMPETITION, DISPLAY OF PUBLICITY SIGNBOARDS AND A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL.

"ALL THE ACTIVITIES ARE AIMED AT INVOLVING EVERY SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY IN CRIME PREVENTION, AND BOLSTERING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF FIGHTING CRIME," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE JUST STARTED A PROGRAMME OF GROUP VISITS TO LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

EACH GROUP IS ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH ENABLES MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH GRASSROOT ORGANISATIONS ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION, WILL CONTINUE UNTIL MARCH.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO VISIT PRISONS AND MAGISTRACIES SO THAT MEMBERS CAN HAVE A FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS.

TO ENCOURAGE DISTRICT-WIDE PARTICIPATION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, A COLOURING AND DRAWING COMPETITION WOULD BE ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KWUN TONG SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CRIME PREVENTION.

IN ADDITION, THE GOOD CITIZEN AWARD SCHEME AND THE FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR WHICH WERE HELD LAST YEAR WOULD BE REPEATED.

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THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR'S ACTIVITIES WILL BE A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL SCHEDULED TO BE HELD EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE CARNIVAL, FEATURING GAMES STALLS, EXHIBITIONS, VARIETY PERFORMANCES AND PRIZE PRESENTATION FOR VARIOUS CONTESTS, WILL WIND UP THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF $20,800 THIS YEAR FOR ORGANISING VARIOUS FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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TUEN MUN DISTRICT TO SET UP AREA COMMITTEES

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT WILL SET UP SEVERAL AREA COMMITTEES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, WITH EACH COMPRISING PROFESSIONALS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS, WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS AND RELATED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JOHN WAN, SAID THIS AT THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HELD THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

"TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF RESIDENTS' NEEDS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY SET UP A NUMBER OF AREA COMMITTEES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES TO INCREASE THE CHANNELS FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION SO AS TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE DISTRICTS," MR WAN SAID.

"MOREOVER, THE AREA COMMITTEES WILL ORGANISE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE COHESION OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS," HE ADDED.

MR WAN PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

EARLY THIS YEAR, THE ASSOCIATION HAS CONDUCTED AN OPINION SURVEY ON THE NEEDS OF TUEN MUN RESIDENTS WITH RESPECT TO EDUCATION, MEDICAL, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES.

IN ADDITION, IT WILL ORGANISE AN EXHIBITION ON COMPUTERISATION OF PRIVATE OFFICES BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

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MR WAN SAID THESE ACTIVITIES, PLUS OTHER FUNCTIONS ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION, WERE EVIDENCE THAT THE ASSOCIATION WAS A GROUP CARING FOR LOCAL AFFAIRS AND AT THE SAME TIME PLACING EMPHASIS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN TECHNOLOGY.

MR WAN POINTED OUT THAT SINCE TUEN MUN WAS A NEW TOWN, MOST OF THE RESIDENTS WHO MOVED IN FROM OTHER DISTRICTS WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO ADAPT THEMSELVES TO THE ENVIORNMENT. LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WERE REQUIRED TO REACT TIMELY TO COPE WITH THEIR NEEDS.

MR WAN PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESIDENTS IN THIS RESPECT.

AT THE CELEBRATION, MR WAN ALSO URGED RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AREA COMMITTEES IN ORDER TO BUILD A MORE ENERGETIC AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETY.

OTHER GUESTS ATTENDING TONIGHT'S FUNCTION INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAU WONG-FAT; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR TAI CHIN-WAH; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WEST DISTRICT RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, MR LEE MING-HOI.

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VARIETY SHOW TO MARK CLOSING OF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY (AUGUST 28) AS THE FINALE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP).

MORE THAN 50,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE PARTICIPATED IN ABOUT 600 ACTIVITIES HELD IN THE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER.

THE VARIETY SHOW, FEATURING SINGING, DANCING AND ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES, WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES IN WHICH THE AUDIENCE WILL PARTICIPATE.

BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS, A BRIEF CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS JOEY LAM; SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER, MR NGAI WAI-MING AND MR CHAN HEI.

VOUCHERS FOR FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, AND AT THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE IN WESTERN STREET.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-8523462.

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FUN DAY FOR VIETNAMESE CHILDREN
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VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CHILDREN, AGED SIX TO 12, IN SHAM SHUI PO CLOSED CENTRE ENJOYED AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND LAUGHTER TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN A GAMES DAY WAS ORGANISED FOR THEM.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT.

"THE FUNCTION IS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE DEPARTMENT AND A LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCY TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE REFUGEE CHILDREN," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED TELE-MATCHES, FOLK DANCING AND A FILM SHOW.

A SIMILAR GAMES DAY WILL BE HELD FOR ANOTHER GROUP OF VIETNAMESE CHILDREN IN THE CENTRE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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UK/HK GOVERNMENTS JOINT FUNDING SCHEME FOR STUDENTS
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THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED NEW STUDENTS WHO INTEND TO PURSUE TERTIARY EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AS FROM THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE UK/HK GOVERNMENTS JOINT FUNDING SCHEME.

THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG AND UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENTS TO HELP NEEDY HONG KONG STUDENTS MEET THE HIGH TUITION FEES CHARGED TO OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

IT IS OPEN TO HONG KONG STUDENTS PURSUING FULL-TIME FIRST DEGREE OR HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES AT UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND MAINTAINED COLLEGES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THEY MUST HAVE RESIDED CONTINUOUSLY OR BEEN DOMICILED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO COURSE COMMENCEMENT.

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THE SCHEME IS MEANS-TESTED AND THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE IS THE FULL DIFFERENCE OF TUITION FEES PAYABLE BY AN OVERSEAS STUDENT AND A BRITISH HOME STUDENT STUDYING THE SAME COURSE.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS.

BUT IF THE TOTAL REQUIREMENT EXCEEDS THE JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THEN EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT'S SHARE OF GRANT WOULD BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED, WITH THE BALANCE MADE UP BY AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN FINANCED SOLELY BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

FOR THE 1988-89 ACADEMIC YEAR, APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAYS, HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR HAVING BEEN ACCEPTED BY AN INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ONE OF THE COURSES COVERED BY THE SCHEME (PROOF OF CONDITIONAL OFFER WIL BE ACCEPTABLE). TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO 5-8622741.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY HAND TO THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1.

TO MEET THE DEADLINE, NEW STUDENTS INTENDING TO START THEIR COURSES IN 1988-89 SHOULD APPLY ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED ADMISSION BY AN INSTITUTION EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE UNIVERSITIES CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ADMISSION (UCCA) OR POLYTECHNICS CENTRAL ADMISSION SYSTEM (PCAS), EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A CONDITIONAL OFFER.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED ABOVE BUT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 MAY BE ACCEPTED BUT WILL BE PROCESSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTEREST-FREE LOANS ONLY. THESE WILL BE OFFERED SOLELY BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME MEANS-TESTING CRITERIA.

AS THE AMOUNT OF GRANT PAYABLE IN EACH CASE CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED AFTER ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND PROCESSED, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE MADE BEFORE TERM COMMENCEMENT.

STUDENTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO EXAMINE DISCREETLY THEIR OWN MEANS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO STUDY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND TO BE PREPARED TO PAY THE FULL TUITION FEES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHILE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

AFTER SUBMISSION OF HIS APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT AND/OR AN ADULT MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD WHO KNOWS THE FAMILY'S CIRCUMSTANCES (PREFEREABLY THE PERSON WHO DECLARES HIS APPLICATION) WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW TO CLARIFY THE VARIOUS PARTICULARS REPORTED IN THE APPLICATION.

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INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION EMPHASISED THAT INCORRECT OR INACCURATE INFORMATION NOT ONLY WILL LEAD TO REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION BUT MAY ALSO GIVE RISE TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DECLARANT.

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EARLY WELFARE PAYMENT

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOKS MAY RECEIVE EARLIER WELFARE PAYMENT IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL ON AUGUST 27 TO 29.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THEY MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS ON AUGUST 24 TO 26 RESPECTIVELY OR AFTER AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN ON CHAI WAN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT VEHICLES ON CHAI WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT TO THE SERVICE ROAD LEADING TO ST BASIL'S SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND LEI YUE MUN BARRACKS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 23).

THIS MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN ON NGAU TAU KOK ROAD

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TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS AT THE JUNCTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND LUEN ON STREET, NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO MAKE RIGHT TURNS FROM NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WESTBOUND ONTO LUEN ON STREET NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 23).

MOTORISTS FROM NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WESTBOUND HEADING FOR LUEN ON STREET NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ON SHIN ROAD, ON TAK ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK ROAD EASTBOUND AND LUEN ON STREET NORTHBOUND.

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