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GRANTS FOR PROMOTING SPORTS AND RECREATION IN TSUEN WAN
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THE NEWLY-CREATED TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED TWO GRANTS TOTALLING NEARLY \$72,000 FOR PROMOTING SPORTS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE RECOMMENDATION WAS MADE AT THE RECENTLY-CONVENED FIRST MEETING OF THE BOARD WHICH HAS 20 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS REPRESENTING A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE VOTED FOR A GRANT OF \$31,400 TO THE TSUEN WAN RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR A PILOT SCHEME DESIGNED TO PROMOTE SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES IN FIVE MAJOR AREAS.

THE ASSOCIATION, CONSISTING OF 21 RECREATION AND SPORTS BODIES, ORGANISES AND CO-ORDINATES NEARLY ALL MAJOR DISTRICT-WIDE RECREATION AND SPORTS COMPETITIONS.

THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE SCHEME WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SCHEME WILL FEATURE A MAJOR RECREATION AND SPORTS DEMONSTRATION, INCLUDING A SERIES OF RECREATION AND SPORTS EVENTS OF GYMNASTICS, BALL GAMES AND OTHER SPORTS ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC AT SUITABLE VENUES.

TO FOSTER A LOCAL COMMUNITY SPIRIT, COMPETITIONS IN FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, TABLE-TENNIS AND OTHER SPORTS GAMES WILL BE HELD.

THE SECOND GRANT, AMOUNTING TO \$40,500, HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED TO THE TSUEN WAN CULTURAL AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION TO HELP STRENGTHEN ITS PROMOTION WORK ON CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THIS ASSOCIATION HAS FOUR COMMITTEES DEALING WITH PROMOTION ON MUSIC, DRAMA, DANCING AND CULTURAL INTEREST.

THE GRANT RECOMMENDED IS TO BE USED FOR AN INTERIM PROGRAMME THAT INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION AND STAFF, AS WELL AS THE ORGANISATION OF A SERIES OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES COVERING CONCERTS, PLAYS, DANCING PERFORMANCES AND PUBLIC LECTURES.

ON A LONGER TERM BASIS, IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT EACH OF THE FOUR PROMOTION COMMITTEES NOW REVIEW ITS WORK AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING ITS FUTURE EXPANSION.

IT IS CONSIDERED THAT A YEAR-ROUND PROGRAMME OF TRAINING, PROMOTION AND COMPETITIONS IN THE CULTURAL FIELD SHOULD BE PLANNED AND A MASTER PROGRAMME FOR ALL THE FOUR COMMITTEES SHOULD BE CO-ORDINATED AND SUBMITTED FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

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MORE DISABLED FIND WORK
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A TOTAL OF 82 DISABLED PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PLACED TO WORK BY THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

THEY INCLUDED 11 BLIND, 21 DEAF, 35 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, EIGHT EX-MENTAL PATIENTS AND SEVEN MENTAL RETARDATES.

MR. CHAN SHIU-WING, THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE UNIT, SAID THE STEADY RISE IN PLACEMENT FIGURES SHOWED THAT EMPLOYERS WERE GRADUALLY ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT DISABLED PERSONS WOULD BE GOOD WORKERS ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN PLACED ON A JOB SUITED TO THEIR ABILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS.

THOSE WHO FOUND WORK DURING THE LAST TWO MONTHS ARE WORKING MOSTLY IN ELECTRONICS FACTORIES AS ASSEMBLING WORKERS WHILE OTHERS ARE EMPLOYED AS CLERKS, MESSENGERS AND TELEPHONE OPERATORS.

THEY RECEIVE A MONTHLY PAY AVERAGING \$650 OR A DAILY RATE RANGING FROM \$18 TO \$26.

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THERE IS MORE TO THE JOB OF A
POSTMAN THAN MEETS THE EYE
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OFFICE WORKERS IN A CENTRAL COMMERCIAL BUILDING WOULD PROBABLY MISS SOMETHING IF MR. YICK MING FAILED TO APPEAR ON ANY DAY OF THE WEEK DURING OFFICE HOURS.

FOR THEY HAVE GROWN SO ACCUSTOMED TO MR. YICK'S ROUTINE CALL, BRINGING THEM GOOD TIDINGS.

THE 49-YEAR-OLD POSTMAN IS BETTER KNOWN TO OFFICE WORKERS IN CENTRAL AS MING SUK (UNCLE MING).

MR. YICK STARTS HIS FIRST MAIL DELIVERY EARLY EACH MORNING AND MAKES ANOTHER TRIP IN THE AFTERNOON EXCEPT ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. HE DELIVERS ABOUT 1,600 POSTAL ITEMS ON EACH TRIP AND DURING HIS LIFE AS A POSTMAN, HE HAS WALKED THOUSANDS OF MILES WITH A HEAVY LOAD OF MAIL ON HIS BACK OFTEN UNDER THE BLAZING SUN OR IN A DOWNPOUR.

/IT IS BY NO MEANS

IT IS BY NO MEANS AN EASY TASK, BUT MR. YICK HAS BEEN DOING IT FOR 25 YEARS.

MR. YICK, WHO JOINED THE POST OFFICE AT THE AGE OF 24 SAID:
+MAIL DELIVERY IN THOSE DAYS COVERED SEVERAL AREAS, BUT I CARRIED LESS POSTAL ITEMS THEN AND WAS NOT BOTHERED BY THE TRAFFIC.

+SOMETIMES, I EMPTIED MY MAIL BAG JUST BY WALKING FROM ONE ROOFTOP TO ANOTHER AS THE BUILDINGS WERE CONNECTED AT THE ROOFTOPS.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT LETTER BOXES ON THE GROUND FLOOR WERE UNCOMMON IN THE 1950S= THERE WERE NO LIFTS AND HE HAD TO CLIMB FLIGHTS OF STAIRS, SOMETIMES BY GROPING THEIR WAY BECAUSE OF POOR LIGHTING, TO DELIVER THE LETTERS.

ON THE SURFACE, NO QUALIFICATION SEEMS TO BE NECESSARY TO BE A GOOD POSTMAN, SAVE A THICK SOLE AND A BROAD SHOULDER.

BUT THE 700 POSTMEN IN HONG KONG WOULD DISAGREE. ACCORDING TO MR. YICK, THERE ARE TWO MORE QUALIFICATIONS WHICH STAND OUT PROMINENTLY - ALERTNESS AND GOOD MEMORY.

+WHAT WOULD YOU DO WHEN CHASED BY DOGS IN RURAL AREAS OR WHEN HELD UP BY ROBBERS DURING MAIL DELIVERY?+ HE ASKED.

+WHEN FACED BY SUCH UNEXPECTED EVENTS, YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP YOUR WITS AND STAY COOL,+ HE SUGGESTED.

+GOOD MEMORY WILL HELP YOU TO DELIVER LETTERS TO THE RIGHT ADDRESS SHOULD IT OR THE NAME ON THE ENVELOPE BE INSUFFICIENT OR INCORRECT.+

BUT THERE IS MORE TO IT THAN MEETS THE EYE.

APART FROM THEIR ROUTINE DUTY, POSTMEN MAY BE ASKED TO READ LETTERS FOR THE ILLITERATE, OR TO SHOW THEM HOW TO SIGN THE RECEIPT SLIP OF A REGISTERED LETTER.

THE LOT OF THE POSTMEN IS SOMEWHAT BETTER TODAY.

THERE ARE LIFTS IN THE BUILDINGS, LETTER BOXES ARE WELL PLACED, AND BEST OF ALL, THEIR WALK UNDER THE SUN HAS BEEN CUT DOWN BECAUSE OF HIGH RISE TENEMENT BUILDINGS, WHICH ALSO REDUCE THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE.

BUT WHAT IS THE MOST SATISFYING PART OF THE JOB?

MR. YICK REPLIED: +WHEN YOU SEE SOMEONE IS EXPECTING YOUR ARRIVAL ANXIOUSLY, YOU REALISE HOW IMPORTANT YOU ARE, AND THIS IS VERY SATISFYING.+

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SKID RESISTENCE OF ROAD SURFACE TO BE IMPROVED

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO IMPROVE THE SKID RESISTENCE OF THE ROAD SURFACE AT THE JUNCTION OF BLUE POOL ROAD AND BROOM ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY NEXT WEEK.

THE WORK, INVOLVING THE LAYING OF AN ANTI-SKID SURFACE ON BLUE POOL ROAD, WILL BEGIN ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 27) AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE FOUR DAYS TO COMPLETE.

DURING THIS PERIOD, TRAFFIC SIGNALS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE JUNCTION TO MAINTAIN SINGLE LANE TRAFFIC.

A P.W.D. SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE WORK WOULD REQUIRE SURFACE PREPARATION BY SAND BLASTING.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, APPROPRIATE MEASURES WOULD BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE NOISE AND DUST NUISANCE.

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PROPOSALS TO ALTER SECTION OF FU TEI AU ROAD

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO ALTER THE ALIGNMENT AND WIDTH OF A SECTION OF FU TEI AU ROAD IN SHEUNG SHUI.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE PROPOSALS ALSO INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF A FOOTPATH.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED CHANGES CAN BE SEEN AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY BRANCH, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING ENTRANCE, HONG KONG OR AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, 101, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON OR AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO, TAI PO MARKET, NEW TERRITORIES.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSALS MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS SO AS TO REACH HIM NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 23, 1978, WHILE CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION MUST BE MADE BY FEBRUARY 23, 1978.

ANY CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION MUST SPECIFY THE PROPERTY WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING AND THE INTEREST OF THE PERSON MAKING THE CLAIM IN THE PROPERTY AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THE PROPERTY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING. THE CLAIM MUST ALSO SPECIFY AN ESTIMATE OF THE PECUNIARY LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THE PROPERTY WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE CAUSED BY THE UNDERTAKING.

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