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Kwai Tsing District Board by-election forum

Residents are invited to attend a district board by-election forum for the Lai Wah constituency in Kwai Tsing district on Tuesday (March 28).

The forum will enable voters to get to know the platforms of the two contesting candidates - Mr Wong Yiu-chung and Mr Lau San-ching.

The forum will start at 8.30 pm at the TWGH Ko Ho Ning Memorial Primary School, Lai Yiu Estate.

Attention News Editors:

Your representatives are invited to cover the forum.

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Saturday clinic sessions for teachers

Teachers are encouraged to make full use of the Education Department's "Saturday Clinic Sessions" to improve communication with the department.

A spokesman for the department said the sessions were aimed at improving the channel of communication between school staff and the department and providing teachers with an easy access for consultation with area staff of the department.

Through the sessions, teachers can also discuss with the staff of District Education Offices any professional or personal matters they are concerned about.

"The clinic system has been in operation for years and the general feedback is that it has offered a useful channel for teachers to air grievances, seek advice and bridge any communication gaps that may exist," the spokesman said.

"We are confident that the sessions will continue to bring about better communication and understanding between teachers and the department," he said.

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Fund-raising schedule for April

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Ten organisations have been granted permission to raise funds next month (April), 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 places.

"Members of the public can call the Department's hotline 2343 2255 or the Hong Kong Council of Social Service at 2866 8123 in case of doubt.

"Any organisation planning to hold activities involving collection of money or sale or exchange for donation of badges, tokens or similar articles in a public place for charitable purposes should apply for a public subscription permit from the Social Welfare Department," the spokesman said.

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 said.

The spokesman also 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," he added.

Permits are given to the following organisations for raising funds next month:

Flag Day

Event Date	Organisation
April 1	Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital
April 8	Baptist Oi Kwan Social Service
April 15	Green Power
April 22	Christian Family Service Centre
April 29	Kwun Tong Methodist Centre

Public Subscription

Event Day	Organisation
April 1 & 29	Land of Virtue Centre Ltd.
April 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Jesus is Lord School of Ministry (HK) Ltd.
April 4	Hong Kong Aids Foundation Ltd.
April 14-21	Artiste Training Alumni Association Charitable Fund
April 23 & 30	Hong Kong Church of Christ

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Lady Youde presents awards to 850 students

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The following is issued on behalf of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Council:

Lady Youde today (Sunday) presented awards to 850 students who were granted awards and scholarships under the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Sir Piers Jacobs, and Chairman of the Council, Mr Ronald Arculli, also officiated at the Ceremony in City Hall.

"I should like to congratulate everyone who has received an award this afternoon," Lady Youde said.

"The very high standard of academic achievement and leadership qualities is most impressive.

"I am sure you will all continue to excel in your studies and maintain a keen interest in the affairs of the community, and that when you are successful in your chosen careers, you will recall with gratitude the help of your parents and teachers."

In pursuing the very objective of the Fund, which is to encourage and promote education and learning of the young people of Hong Kong, the Fund has disbursed a total of \$9.4 million in the 1994-95 academic year.

These include 12 awards for overseas studies; three medals for students who have obtained outstanding results in public examinations; 10 awards for disabled students; 77 scholarships for diploma and undergraduate students; 46 fellowships for post-graduate students and 698 prizes for senior secondary school students.

Exclusive sponsorship in the amount of \$600,000 towards the Young Friends of the Hong Kong Arts Festival Scheme has continued in 1994-95, the aim being to increase secondary school students' exposure to and knowledge of the performing arts.

Competition for the overseas fellowships and scholarships for 1995-96 is extremely keen.

Thirteen brilliant students, from among 293 applicants, have won the awards.

They will receive a maximum of \$208,000 a year for a fellowship award or a maximum of \$190,000 for a scholarship award.

These students will have to return to work in Hong Kong for at least three years after completion of their studies.

The award recipients for the six Overseas Fellowships 1995-96 are:

* Mr Chan Ka-lok, 27, currently a lecturer of Warsaw University, Poland; plans to pursue a doctorate in Politics at the University of Oxford, UK.

* Mr Chan Tat-keung, 24, a first class honours graduate in Information Engineering and currently a master degree student in Philosophy of the Chinese University of Hong Kong; intends to pursue a doctorate in Electrical Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley, USA.

* Miss Leung Bo-ye, Nancy, 23, a graduate in LLB of the University of Hong Kong; intends to pursue a LLM at the University of Cambridge, UK.

* Mr Tang Tin-hong, Alexander, 27, now works as an associate dentist of a community health centre; intends to pursue a Master of Science and Membership in Orthodontics at the University of London, UK.

* Miss Yeung Yang, 25, currently a reporter of TVB (Pearl); plans to pursue a doctorate in Anthropology at the Yale University, USA.

* Miss Yip Choi-fung, 29, currently an undergraduate student in Fine Arts at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts; plans to read a Master degree in the same field at Sarah Lawrence College, New York.

The seven Overseas Scholarships winners are:

* Miss Chan Yee-shan, Hilda, 19, of Sacred Heart Canossian College, who scored nine distinctions in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) in 1993. She plans to study Architecture and Surveying at Cornell University, USA.

* Mr Chi Yuk-lun, Alwin, 18, of Queen's College who obtained 10 distinctions in HKCEE in 1994. He plans to study Business at Stanford University, USA.

* Mr Ho Lai-man, Raymond, 17, of Wah Yan College, who obtained 10 distinctions in HKCEE in 1994. He plans to study Economics at MIT, USA.

* Mr Bernard Man, 19, of Diocesan Boys' School who obtained nine distinctions and one credit in HKCEE in 1993. He plans to study Law at the University of Cambridge, UK.

* Mr Ng Chi-keung, Kenneth, 17, of Wah Yan College, who obtained 10 distinctions in HKCEE in 1994. He plans to study Civil Engineering at MIT, USA.

* Mr Ng Ting-fai, 17, of St. Paul's Co-educational College, who obtained nine distinctions in HKCEE in 1994. He plans to read Computer Science at MIT, USA.

* Mr Tsui Siu-kay, Gordon, 19, of Queen's College, who obtained nine distinctions and one credit in HKCEE 1993. He plans to read Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, UK.

An overseas scholarship/fellowship exclusively for disabled students was introduced in 1994.

The 1995-96 award recipient is Mr Tse Siu-lam, Bowic, 27, a physically-handicapped graduate who plans to study MBA at Baylor University, USA.

Three students who obtained outstanding results in the 1994 public examinations have been awarded the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Medals. They are:

* Mr Chi Yuk-lun, Alwin, of Queen's College who scored 10 distinctions in HKCEE in 1994. (He is also one of the winners of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarships for Overseas Studies 1995-96.)

* Mr Woo Shan-ming of Sing Yin Secondary School who scored five distinctions in the 1994 Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (Science Stream). (He was also one of the winners of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Scholarships for Overseas Studies 1994-95 and is now pursuing a B.A. degree in Computer Science at the University of Cambridge.)

* Miss Choi Mui-fun of Heep Yunn School who scored six distinctions in the 1994 Hong Kong Advanced Level Examination (Arts Stream).

A total of \$190,900 has been expended on the Award Scheme for the Disabled Students, under which 10 students have been provided with financial assistance for the purchase of study aids.

This year also sees 30 postgraduate students being awarded the Local SEYM fellowships, at \$35,000 each and 77 undergraduate and diploma students awarded the local scholarships at \$20,000 each. In addition, 14 postgraduate students have their Local SEYM fellowships renewed, at \$35,000 each.

The Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund has since its inception supported more than 5,500 Hong Kong students under its major awards schemes.

More than 455 scholars and fellows have completed their studies and are now working in Hong Kong in different fields, contributing to the well-being and development of the territory.

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Divorce Registry to be closed on Saturday

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The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Divorce Registry and offices of the Family Court will be closed this Saturday (April 1) to make way for office removal.

The Divorce Registry and offices of the Family Court, currently situated in the Wan Chai Law Courts, Wan Chai Tower will be relocated to the Supreme Court Building at 38 Queensway.

The Divorce Registry, which will be renamed the Family Court Registry, will be located on LG3 of the Supreme Court Building while the family courts will be on the 14th floor.

From April 3 (Monday), members of the public wishing to visit the Registry and offices of the Family Court should go to the Supreme Court Building in Queensway.

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Kowloon Walled City Park taking shape

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The Kowloon Walled City Park, a future landmark of Central Kowloon, is taking shape with 60 per cent of construction work completed.

Designed by the Architectural Services Department, the park will be Hong Kong's first authentic Chinese garden capturing the essence and style of the gardens commonly found in southern China in the early Qing dynasty.

Specialist contractors from China are now busy putting the finishing touches to the pavilions, winding galleries, rockeries, landscaping and water features.

Colourful stone pavings, stones inscribed with poetry as well as wood and bamboo carvings are also being put in place in the park.

Meanwhile, two of the six rock features to be shipped for the first time from Changxing via Shanghai to Hong Kong have arrived and are being placed at strategic locations in the park.

Four of them will be dedicated to five missionaries who have worked in the former Kowloon Walled City for the well-being of the residents. They include Rev Kwong Yat-sau, Rev Lau Chi-san, Ms Jackie Pullinger, and Jean and Rick Willans.

Owing to the educational value of the planning and architectural design of the Chinese garden, many guided tours have already been conducted for various groups of academics, students and interested parties from both local and overseas.

Upon its completion around October, the 3.1-hectare park will enhance the amenities provided for the public, especially Kowloon Central residents.

It will also become a major tourist attraction with many of the relics of the Kowloon Walled City, such as Yamen, the footing of the original wall, granite paths, entrance gates, old wells, stone tablets and column bases, having been restored.

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Public urged to plant trees and protect countryside

The Secretary for Planning, Environment and Lands, Mr Tony Eason, today (Sunday) called on members of the public to come forward and plant more trees in the country parks in the coming months.

Mr Eason made the appeal when addressing the launching ceremony of this year's "Community Tree Planting Scheme" at Pak Tam Au, Sai Kung Country Park.

He urged members of the community to show support for countryside conservation both by planting trees and taking every precaution to protect the countryside from hill fires.

Noting that the Agriculture and Fisheries Department (AFD) had produced some 800,000 tree seedlings each year for planting in country parks and for use in various Government landscaping projects, Mr Eason stressed that it would be really sad if any of these trees turned out to be damaged by hill fires or vandalism.

"It is everyone's civic responsibility to care for and help conserve our countryside.

"Involvement in tree planting helps people to see and understand more about our countryside environment and reminds us of our obligations to keep it clean, green and healthy," he said.

On the Community Tree Planting Scheme, Mr Eason said it had become a very popular annual event receiving great support from all sectors of the community.

He took the opportunity to thank the Lions Clubs International District 303 and Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB) for co-organising this year's scheme and offering publicity support respectively.

Also speaking at the launching ceremony, AFD's Director Dr Lawrence Lee said the scheme, started in 1957, was one of the major conservation education programmes conducted by his department every year.

Last year, more than 26,000 participants took part in the scheme, planting some 34,000 trees.

Dr Lee said that following the launching ceremony, four planting sites in selected country parks would be opened on Sundays and public holidays this month and in April for tree planting by the public.

The four planting sites are at Nam Shan on Lantau, Tai Mo Shan, Tai Mei Tuk and Quarry Bay.

"Country park staff will be on duty during the period to provide tree seedlings, planting tools and technical advice.

"For interested schools and organisations, they are welcome to contact AFD's Conservation Education Unit on 27332121 so that separate arrangements could be made for them to plant trees in eight other designated sites in April and May," He said.

Arrangements have already been made with the Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Community Chest, Conservancy Association, Friends of the Earth and many other organisations to support this meaningful purpose, Dr Lee added.

Also attending this morning's launching ceremony were the Lions Clubs' District Governor, Mr William Leung; General Manager of TVB, Mr Alex Ying; Chairman of Country Parks Board's Planning and Management Committee, Dr Jim Chi-yung and winners of last year's Miss Hong Kong Beauty Pageant.

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