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MINISTER TO REPORT BACK ON HK

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG, LORD CAITHNESS, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO THE PRIME MINISTER AFTER HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT AFTER A WEEK-LONG VISIT, THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, MR JOHN MAJOR, WAS FULLY INFORMED OF HONG KONG AND WAS VERY INVOLVED THROUGHOUT THE AIRPORT NEGOTIATIONS.

"BUT I WILL BE REPORTING BACK AFTER THIS TRIP WHAT IS HAPPENING AND THE THINGS I HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE GOVERNOR AND WITH OMELCO," HE ADDED.

ON HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG, HE SAID HE HAD A CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH THE GOVERNOR AND WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE WAY THAT THINGS WERE GOING.

ASKED WHAT WAS THE MAJOR CONCERN TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO HONG KONG, THE MINISTER SAID: "WE WANT TO HAVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION RIGHT THE WAY THROUGH TO 1997.

"WHAT I WANT IS FOR PEOPLE TO WAKE UP ON JULY 1, 1997 FOR LIFE TO CONTINUE, HAVE THE AUTONOMOUS GOVERNMENT HERE, AND THAT THEY HAVE A HUGE POTENTIAL AND A HUGE FUTURE.

"WE MUST DO THAT. THAT IS GOING TO MEAN GOOD GOVERNMENT BY BRITAIN AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, LEADING TO THAT SMOOTH TRANSITION."

HE WAS SEEN OFF AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON; MR PETER HEAP, SENIOR BRITISH TRADE COMMISSIONER AND MR ANTHONY GALSWORTHY, BRITISH SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE, SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP.

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HK HAS STRONG TRADITION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE: CS

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IT IS FORTUNATE FOR HONG KONG TO HAVE A STRONG TRADITION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

ADDRESSING AT THE JUNIOR CORPS PASSING-OFF PARADE AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT HEADQUARTERS AS THE REGIMENT'S HONORARY COLONEL, SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THIS WAS BEING CARRIED ON BY THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

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"YOU ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR J CORPS, AND IT IS A TRIBUTE TO YOU THAT YOU HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE UP SOME OF YOUR FREE TIME TO SERVE HONG KONG IN THIS VERY MEANINGFUL WAY," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE PARADE MARKED THE CONCLUSION OF THE BASIC TRAINING IN THE JUNIOR CORPS.

"I KNOW YOU HAVE DONE EXTREMELY WELL ON THE COURSES YOU HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKING SINCE APRIL, AND I HOPE THE SKILLS YOU HAVE LEARNED SUCH AS CAMPING, MAP READING AND FIRST AID WILL BE USEFUL TO YOU, NOT ONLY IN YOUR TIME IN THE REGIMENT, BUT IN YOUR LIVES GENERALLY," SIR DAVID SAID.

HE WISHED ALL THE 113 RECRUITS EVERY SUCCESS IN THEIR TIME WITH THE REGIMENT AND IN THEIR FUTURE CAREERS.

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WORLD BECOMING ONE GLOBAL COMMUNITY

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THE WORLD IS BECOMING ONE GLOBAL COMMUNITY, WITH GLOBAL CONCERNS AND GLOBAL PROBLEMS TO BE DEALT WITH, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR JOHN WINFIELD, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MANY OF THESE CONCERNS AND PROBLEMS, MR WINFIELD SAID, COULD NOT BE EFFECTIVELY TACKLED WITHOUT COMMON UNDERSTANDING, CONCERTED EFFORTS AND MUTUAL SUPPORT ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS.

SPEAKING AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION HELD AT THE CHINESE YMCA IN HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, TO 10 STUDENTS CHOSEN TO ATTEND THE THIRD ASIAN-PACIFIC CHILDREN'S CONVENTION IN FUKUOKA, JAPAN, HE SAID:

"I AM SURE ACTIVITIES INVOLVING STUDENT PARTICIPATION FROM MANY COUNTRIES SUCH AS THIS CONVENTION ARE AN EXCELLENT WAY OF PUTTING INTO PRACTICE THE CONCEPT OF 'PASSPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EARTH'."

HE TOLD THE STUDENTS THAT THEIR STAY IN JAPAN WOULD BE CENTRAL TO THE THEME BY GIVING THEM A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE MANY FRIENDS, LEARN FROM ONE ANOTHER, AND UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE CULTURES AND CUSTOMS WHICH THEY WERE NOT FAMILIAR WITH.

"I THINK WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT AS WE MOVE INTO THE 1990'S, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE BETTER INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENT OUTSIDE OUR IMMEDIATE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

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CONTRACTORS MUST CONSTANTLY OBSERVE WORK SAFETY  
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BUILDING CONTRACTORS MUST TAKE EXTRA CARE OF WORK SAFETY AT NIGHT, WHEN THEIR WORKERS ARE LIKELY TO FACE GREATER HAZARDS IN CONSTRUCTION SITES.

DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CHAN TAT-KING TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THAT HIS STAFF WOULD CONDUCT SURPRISE VISITS TO WORK SITES IN OPERATION, DAY AND NIGHT.

"CONTRACTORS SHOULD NOT TAKE CHANCE TO GAMBLE ON THE SAFETY OF WORKERS AND SHOULD ALWAYS COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS," INSPECTOR CHAN STRESSED.

DURING A RECENT NIGHT VISIT TO A CONSTRUCTION SITE IN CENTRAL, FACTORY INSPECTORS FOUND THAT THE CONTRACTOR HAD FAILED TO COVER OR PROVIDE RAILINGS TO A FLOOR OPENING AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

"UNCOVERED OR UNFENCED OPENINGS ARE PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS TO WORKERS WHO MOVE AROUND IN THE SITE IN THE LATE HOURS," INSPECTOR CHAN NOTED.

"THE CONTRACTOR HAS BEEN PROSECUTED FOR THE OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$50,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS," HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD SET UP A SPECIAL TASK FORCE TO TAKE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST "BLACK SPOT AREAS" IN CONSTRUCTION SITES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.

"INSPECTORS HAVE VISITED 48 SITES DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF THE OPERATION AND HAVE TAKEN OUT 52 PROSECUTIONS AGAINST 26 SITES FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES, MANY OF WHICH RELATED TO UNFENCED FLOOR EDGES OR WORKING PLATFORMS," HE SAID.

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44 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN MAY  
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 44 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN MAY.

OF THESE, 17 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 FOR KOWLOON AND 15 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 22 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, NINE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND TWO FOR FACTORY PURPOSES.

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DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 54 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 144,224.8 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 194,771.9 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,518 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 112,054.9 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 155,661.9 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 37 OCCUPATION PERMITS; 10 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 FOR KOWLOON AND 15 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 50 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 182 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 846 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,330 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 495 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 799 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED FOUR EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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#### SHA TIN KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN BEGINS \* \* \* \* \*

THE SHA TIN KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN (KHKC) WAS KICKED OFF BY THE CAMPAIGN'S AMBASSADOR - THE DRAGON OF CLEANLINESS - AT THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE DRAGON, WHILE BRINGING A LOT OF FUN TO THE RESIDENTS, ALSO APPEALED TO THEM TO KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT KHKC ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR SHUM YUK-BIU, SAID DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ORGANISED IN THE COMING MONTHS SO THAT PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN THE DISTRICT COULD TAKE PART IN THE CAMPAIGN.

THE ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE A SEMINAR ON HOME CLEANLINESS FOR HOUSEWIVES, A LYRIC WRITING COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS, AND A DESIGN COMPETITION ON RE-CYCLING.

MR SHUM ALSO URGED ALL THE RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN SO THAT SHA TIN COULD BECOME AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO LIVE.

THE CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING MAGIC SHOW, SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES.

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OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY KAN-PUI; CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU HON-KIT; AND THE ACTING SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS VICTORIA TANG.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 604 8078 EXT. 61.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME FOR CORRECTIONAL HOMES  
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SOME 180 BOYS IN THREE CORRECTIONAL HOMES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ARE TO THROW THEMSELVES VIGOROUSLY INTO A SERIES OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECTS THIS SUMMER.

THE BOYS CAME FROM THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME, CASTLE PEAK BOYS' HOME AND THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THESE PROJECTS FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMME:

THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME WAS RECENTLY AWARDED A SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SHELL BETTER ENVIRONMENT AWARDS SCHEME TO CARRY OUT A "GREEN SUMMER, GREEN LIFE" PROJECT.

THE PROJECT, STARTING THIS MONTH, INCLUDES ENVIRONMENTAL TALKS, EXHIBITIONS, TALENT QUIZ, HORTICULTURE, RECYCLE OF USED MATERIALS, ORGANIC FARMING, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES AND CONCERNED VISITS.

"MEMBERS FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE EARTH AND GREEN POWER ASSISTANCE IN DESIGNING THE PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN PROVIDING TECHNICAL ADVICE TO THE BOYS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME FOR RESIDENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL HOME TO PARTICIPATE IN SUCH A LARGE-SCALE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT WITH SPONSORSHIP, HE SAID.

"WE ENVISAGED THAT THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION, RESIDENTS IN THE HOME CAN IMPROVE THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT SURROUNDING THEM. IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCES IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICES.

"BOYS AND STAFF IN THE BEGONIA ROAD HOME HAVE SWUNG INTO FULL GEAR IN CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT. WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAMMES AND REHABILITATION SERVICES PROVIDED, RESIDENTS OF THE HOME WILL BECOME A GOOD CITIZEN AFTER THEY ARE DISCHARGED," HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, RESIDENTS OF THE CASTLE PEAK BOYS' HOME ARE ALSO BUSY IN TURNING A PLOT OF LAND ADJACENT TO THE HOME INTO AN ORGANIC FARM.

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THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FARMING THERAPY WAS INTRODUCED INTO SWD CORRECTIONAL HOMES.

"THE AIM OF THIS PILOT PROJECT IS TO EDUCATE RESIDENTS IN THE HOME THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION THROUGH ORGANIC FARMING, TO IMPROVE THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN STAFF AND RESIDENTS AND GROUP ORGANISING ABILITY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, BOYS FROM O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME WILL CONDUCT THEIR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECT IN CHEUNG HANG VILLAGE SITUATED NEXT TO THE HOME.

THEIR PROJECT INCLUDES SEVERAL PROGRAMMES, SUCH AS RENOVATION OF THE HALL OF THE CHEUNG HANG VILLAGE WELFARE ASSOCIATION AND INSTALLATION OF COMMUNAL LETTER HOMES.

THE BOYS WILL ALSO FORM WORKING GROUPS TO PROVIDE DIRECT HOME SERVICE TO DEPRIVED FAMILIES IN THE VILLAGE. A CELEBRATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AS A HIGHLIGHT OF ALL THE PROGRAMMES.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THROUGH THESE PROGRAMMES, RESIDENTS OF THE HOME WILL LEARN ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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WU YORK YU MATERNITY HOME CLOSES IN AUGUST  
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THE WU YORK YU MATERNITY HOME IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE OFFICIALLY CLOSED ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT ALL CLIENTS PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO THE MATERNITY HOME FOR ANTE-NATAL CARE WILL BE DIRECTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL STARTING FROM AUGUST 5.

THE CLOSURE WILL NOT AFFECT THE NORMAL OPERATION OF THE WU YORK YU MATERNAL AND HEALTH CENTRE WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE VARIOUS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

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