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30 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN APRIL
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A SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE, A HOTEL AND A PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL WERE AMONG 30 PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN APRIL.

THE EIGHT-STOREY SOCIAL WELFARE CENTRE WILL BE BUILT AT STONE NULLAH LANE FOR ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT, WHILE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI HOTELS LTD WILL CONSTRUCT A 19-STOREY HOTEL AT MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, TO BE OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA, WILL BE BUILT AT KWAI CHUNG.

ALSO APPROVED DURING THE MONTH WERE A WORKSHOP EXTENSION AT THE JUNCTION OF PAK TAI STREET AND SUNG WONG TOI ROAD; A BOAT STORAGE YARD OFF TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD FOR CONCORD LTD; AN ELECTRICITY SWITCH STATION AND STAFF QUARTERS AT ELECTRIC ROAD FOR HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY; AN OIL TANK AT CHA KWO LING ROAD FOR THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LTD; A FACTORY AT TUEN MUN FOR Y.K.K. COMPANY (HONG KONG) LTD; AND TWO SWIMMING POOLS AT KOWLOON BAY FOR TRIPROFIT ENTERPRISES LTD.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 17 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND SEVEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO AGREED TO WORK STARTING ON 36 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS IN APRIL.

NINE WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND 21 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED A KIOSK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG SPORTS COMPLEX AT SANDY BAY; A CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE WORLD ANIMAL HOUSE AT OCEAN PARK; A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND ENGINEERING CENTRE AT YUET LUN STREET, LAI CHI KOK; A MARINE BERTH AT HO CHUNG MARINA, SAI KUNG; A PLANT HOUSE ON LAMMA ISLAND; AN ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION AT YUEN LONG; AND A TEMPLE AND QUARTER AT LING YAN MONASTERY, LANTAU ISLAND.

THE FLOOR AREA OF THESE 36 PROJECTS TOTALLED 136 682 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 80 406.1 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC USES AND THE REST FOR NON-DOMESTIC USES.

A TOTAL OF 37 OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS IN APRIL.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN APRIL WAS \$593 MILLION.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED 14 DEMOLITION ORDERS FOR 25 BUILDINGS.

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WALKERS RAISE \$100 000 FOR SCOUT BUILDING
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ABOUT \$100 000 WAS RAISED AT THIS MORNING'S WALK ALONG THE TUEN MUN TRAIL BY MORE THAN 300 MEMBERS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, VILLAGERS, STUDENTS AND FACTORY WORKERS.

THE MONEY IS FOR THE EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE DIAMOND JUBILEE MEMORIAL BUILDING OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION.

SPEAKING AT THE START-OFF CEREMONY, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THAT THE BUILDING, OPENED A YEAR AGO, HAD PROVIDED MUCH NEEDED FACILITIES FOR MORE THAN 700 MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

+IN KEEPING WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AND ITS EXPANDING SCOUT POPULATION, THE BUILDING HAS SINCE BEEN PUT TO A WIDE RANGE OF USES, PROVIDING PLENTIFUL OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TO YOUNGSTER,+ HE SAID.

IT IS NOW THE TRAINING BASE FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND SCOUTS.

+ALL THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE FOUNDER BENEFACTORS, WHO DONATED \$350 000 TOWARDS THE CONSTRUCTION COST, AND THE VALUABLE TIME AND EFFORT THAT OUR SCOUT LEADERS HAVE OFFERED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

+I AM GLAD TO LEARN THAT YOU ARE NOW ACTIVELY PLANNING TO EXPAND THE EXISTING FACILITIES AS PART OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.+

STARTING OFF AT 9 AM, PARTICIPANTS WALKED ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE RECENTLY-OPENED TUEN MUN TRAIL, PASSING FU TEI SERVICE RESERVOIR, WONG FUNG LENG AND LIT TO HANG BEFORE THEY REACHED THE FINISHING POINT AT THE RURAL TRAINING COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOOL AT TSENG TAU SHEUNG TSUEN.

THE WALK TOOK ABOUT TWO HOURS.

THE TUEN MUN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GERALD CAVANAGH, THE PRESIDENT OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU, AND THE ASSOCIATION'S DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR LEE SAU-LING ALSO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY.

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LANE-CHANGING IS BIG LEARNER DRIVER PROBLEM

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MOST CANDIDATES TAKING PRIVATE CAR DRIVING TESTS IN HONG KONG FAIL TO OBSERVE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION BEFORE CHANGING LANES, DRIVING INSTRUCTORS WERE TOLD DURING A RECENT SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT'S STATISTICS SHOW THAT 64 PER CENT OF THE CANDIDATES COMMIT THE ERROR -- THE MOST COMMON AMONG DRIVING TEST CANDIDATES IN HONG KONG.

THE INSTRUCTORS WERE TOLD OF THE NEED: +TO LOOK IN THE MIRROR, TO SIGNAL, AND THEN MAKE A 'SHOULDER' CHECK, FOR ANY ON-COMING VEHICLES FROM THE REAR AND SIDES. THIS WAY THE DRIVER WILL BE ABLE TO SEE CLEARLY THE TRAFFIC SITUATION ON ALL SIDES.

OTHER COMMON MISTAKES IN DRIVING TESTS INCLUDE WRONG PLACEMENT OF TURNS AND FAILURE TO ADJUST SPEED TO THE TRAFFIC SITUATION.

THE SEMINAR WAS CONDUCTED BY TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR PRIVATE CAR DRIVING INSTRUCTORS WITH THE AIM OF RAISING DRIVING STANDARDS IN HONG KONG.

SEVENTY SUCH SEMINARS HAVE BEEN HELD BETWEEN JULY 1983 TO APRIL THIS YEAR. ATTENDANCE TOTALLED 1 981, REPRESENTING ALMOST ALL ACTIVE PRIVATE CAR DRIVING INSTRUCTORS.

MR TANG CHUEK-FAN OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S DRIVING TEST DIVISION SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS HAPPY WITH THE TURNOUT RATE.

+I AM SURE THE SEMINARS HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO DRIVING INSTRUCTORS BY LETTING THEM KNOW ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUIREMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+WE WILL CONSIDER ORGANISING SIMILAR SEMINARS FOR INSTRUCTORS OF OTHER TYPES OF VEHICLES, SUCH AS COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, IF RESOURCES PERMIT.+

MR TANG POINTED OUT THAT THE CURRENT PASS RATE FOR FIRST-TIME PRIVATE CAR CANDIDATES TAKING COMBINED TESTS IS ABOUT 17 PER CENT.

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1983 SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES

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FOLLOWING THE 1982 ANNUAL SURVEY OF TRANSPORT AND RELATED SERVICES, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A FOLLOW-UP SURVEY TO COLLECT DATA FOR 1983.

THIS SURVEY COVERS LAND, SEA AND AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS PUBLIC BUSES, TRAMWAYS, TAXIS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, TRUCKS, FERRIES, CONTAINER HAULAGE, SHIPPING COMPANIES, AIRLINES, AND SERVICES RELATED TO TRANSPORT, SUCH AS CAR PARKS, TRAVEL AGENTS AND CARGO FORWARDING AGENTS.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO ABOUT 4 200 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF SOME 40 000.

DATA TO BE COLLECTED INCLUDE THE TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, FLOOR AREA, EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COSTS, OPERATING EXPENSES, BUSINESS TURNOVER AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

SUCH ECONOMIC DATA WILL PROVIDE THE BASIC INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE TRANSPORT SECTOR AND ARE NEEDED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

THE SURVEY RESULTS WILL ALSO BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE FORMULATION OF DECISIONS AND POLICIES.

RESPONSE TO THE SURVEY IS A LEGAL REQUIREMENT. A CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF THIS SURVEY WAS MADE BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDINANCE AND ISSUED AS LEGAL NOTICE NO. 11 IN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON JANUARY 13, 1984.

SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES BY JULY 31, 1984.

OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WHO CARRY A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS STRESSED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THAT ONLY AGGREGATE INFORMATION WHICH DOES NOT REVEAL DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE RELEASED.

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SIMPLE AIDS BRING BIG REWARDS
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+I THOUGHT TAKING AN ACCOUNTANCY COURSE WAS ONLY A DREAM - BUT WITH THE HELP OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT MY DREAM HAS BEEN REALISED,+ MR LAU TUNG-PONG, A 27-YEAR-OLD DISABLED STUDENT, SAID RECENTLY.

THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR THE DISABLED SECTION FULFILLED THE DREAM BY CONVERTING THE STUDENT COMMON ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE INTO A LECTURE ROOM FOR THIS STUDENT WHO CAN NEITHER MOUNT THE STAIRS NOR USE A WHEELCHAIR.

RAMPS WERE ALSO CONSTRUCTED IN THE INSTITUTE TO FACILITATE HIS ENTRANCE AND EXIT.

THIS STUDENT, WHO ONCE THOUGHT HIS DISABILITY WOULD BAR HIM FROM A MEANINGFUL JOB AND LIFE, IS NOW LEARNING ACCOUNTANCY WITH GREAT ENTHUSIASM AND HOPES TO TAKE UP AN ADVANCED COURSE IN THE SUBJECT.

+WE HOPE MORE PEOPLE LIKE MR LAU WILL MAKE USE OF OUR SERVICE TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL,+ THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF THE SECTION, MR GEORGE RIBEIRO, SAID TODAY.

BESIDES OFFERING VOCATIONAL TRAINING TO DISABLED STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, THE SECTION ALSO WELCOMES REQUESTS FOR SPECIAL AIDS FROM INDIVIDUALS OR ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE DISABLED, HE SAID.

AT THE TECHNICAL AIDS AND RESOURCE CENTRE, SITUATED IN THE LEE WAI LEE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN KOWLOON TONG, SPECIAL AIDS ARE MADE TO HELP DISABLED PERSONS IMPROVE THEIR LEARNING OR WORKING CONDITIONS.

MOST OF THE COMPLETED PROJECTS WERE REQUESTED BY THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SECTION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WHICH CAN IDENTIFY THE NEED OF DISABLED PERSONS WHEN THEY APPLY FOR JOBS, AND BY STUDENTS STUDYING IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

INSPECTORS OF THE SECTION VISIT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES REGULARLY TO DISCUSS THE PROGRESS OF DISABLED STUDENTS AND SUPPLY ANY NECESSARY ASSISTANCE OR SPECIAL AIDS.

AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM THESE SPECIAL AIDS IS A MANUFACTURING WORKER WHO CAN NOW USE HIS ELBOW TO CONTROL THE SPEED OF HIS SEWING MACHINE.

A WORKER WHOSE RIGHT HAND AND FINGERS ARE BENT AFTER AN ACCIDENT, IS ABLE TO KEEP UP HIS WORK WITH THE HELP OF A FINGER EXTENSION DEVICE USING WRIST SUPPORT.

+GIVEN THE RIGHT OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND ABILITY, DISABLED PERSONS CAN MAKE THE SAME CONTRIBUTION AS THEIR NORMAL COUNTERPARTS,+ SAID MR RIBEIRO, +AND THE PRIME OBJECTIVE OF OUR SECTION IS TO GIVE THEM SUCH HELP.+

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LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRY PARK FIRES REPORTED
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MORE THAN 430 FIRES BROKE OUT WITHIN OR NEAR COUNTRY PARKS DURING THE FIRE-HAZARD SEASON BETWEEN LAST SEPTEMBER AND APRIL THIS YEAR.

THIS FIGURE IS MORE THAN TWICE THE 204 FIRES RECORDED FOR THE PREVIOUS CORRESPONDING PERIOD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE TOTAL AREA AFFECTED INCREASED FIVEFOLD, FROM ABOUT 1 000 HECTARES TO 5 250 HECTARES, MOSTLY OF GRASS AND LOW SCRUBS LAND.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TYPHOON ELLEN IN SEPTEMBER UPROOTED A LARGE NUMBER OF TREES AND TORE OFF MANY BRANCHES, ADDING MORE COMBUSTIBLE FUEL IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

ALTHOUGH THE WET WEATHER LAST OCTOBER REDUCED FIRE RISKS DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, IT SHORTENED THE PERIOD OF TIME AVAILABLE FOR CONTROLLED BURNING AND OTHER FIRE-HAZARD REDUCTION WORK IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THE WET OCTOBER WAS FOLLOWED BY A PROLONGED PERIOD OF EXTREMELY DRY AND WINDY WEATHER, WHICH RESULTED IN A LARGE NUMBER OF HILL FIRES AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.

CONSEQUENTLY, FOUR COUNTRY PARKS AND A NATURE RESERVE WERE CLOSED FROM EARLY DECEMBER. THEY WERE THE SHING MUN, TAI MO SHAN, TAI LAM AND POK FU LAM COUNTRY PARKS AND THE TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE CLOSURE, THE NUMBER OF FIRES IN COUNTRY PARKS WAS REDUCED BY HALF.

+THE CLOSURE WAS ACCEPTED BY THE PUBLIC WITH UNDERSTANDING, AND MADE USERS OF OTHER COUNTRY PARKS MORE FIRE-CONSCIOUS,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE PERIOD, A TOTAL OF 3 552 VEGETATION AND HILL FIRES, INCLUDING THOSE WITHIN OR NEAR COUNTRY PARKS, WERE RECORDED.

THIS LARGE NUMBER OF FIRES SEVERELY STRETCHED THE RESOURCES OF THE FIRE SERVICES AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS, HE SAID.

HELICOPTERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE CARRIED OUT 184 WATER-BOMBING AND 14 AIR-LIFTING OPERATIONS.

DURING THE SEASON UNDER REVIEW, 124 PEOPLE WERE CHARGED WITH THE ILLEGAL USE OF FIRES IN COUNTRY PARKS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CAREERS TEACHERS TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE
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A CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE FIRST CAREERS TEACHERS TRAINING COURSE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (JUNE 1) AT THE EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR RON BRIDGE, AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WILL SPEAK AT THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 3.30 PM.

THE ONE-YEAR PART-TIME COURSE WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE MORE SOPHISTICATED TRAINING FOR CAREERS TEACHERS.

THIRTY-TWO CAREERS TEACHERS WHO ATTENDED THE COURSE FROM AUGUST 1983 TO APRIL 1984, WILL BE RECEIVING CERTIFICATES AT THE CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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NEED FOR REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE STUDIED
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A SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT NEXT MONTH TO ASCERTAIN THE DEMAND FOR A REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE IN KWUN TONG.

THE SURVEY HAS BEEN INITIATED BY A WORKING GROUP SET UP UNDER THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD LAST AUGUST.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR STEPHEN LAU, SAID TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF THE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC WOULD ASSIST IN CONDUCTING THE SURVEY AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE.

+IN THE FIRST PHASE, TRAINED INTERVIEWERS WILL VISIT 300 ORGANISATIONS IN KWUN TONG TO IDENTIFY, WITH THE HELP OF QUESTIONNAIRES, THEIR LEVEL OF DEMAND FOR VENUES TO HOLD CULTURAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

+OPERATORS OF THESE ORGANISATIONS WILL ALSO BE ASKED WHERE THE REGIONAL CULTURAL CENTRE SHOULD BE BUILT AND WHICH KINDS OF FACILITIES IT SHOULD HAVE.

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+IN THE SECOND PHASE, QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE SENT TO 100 ORGANISATIONS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT BUT WHICH MAY ALSO ORGANISE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS,+ MR LAU SAID.

FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY WOULD BE COMPILED IN A REPORT TO BE READY BY AUGUST, HE ADDED.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED \$20 000 FOR THE SURVEY.

MR LAU SAID APART FROM THE SURVEY, MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP WOULD ALSO SEEK THE VIEWS OF LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES, WHICH WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT.

THE WORKING GROUP COMPRISES TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, CHAIRMEN OF FIVE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMITTEES, CHAIRMAN OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL CHILDREN'S CHORUS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND LANDS DEPARTMENT.

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IMPORTANCE OF GOOD HEALTH STRESSED

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MONG KOK RESIDENTS WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED, THROUGH A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CARING FOR THEIR HEALTH AND OF PUBLIC HYGIENE.

FIRST-AID AND RESCUE OPERATION DEMONSTRATIONS, A SLIDE SHOW AND A TALK WERE STAGED IN A LOCAL SCHOOL TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF GOOD HEALTH AND TO WIDEN THEIR MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE PART OF THE PROGRAMME OF THE HEALTH PROMOTION FORTNIGHT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE.

SPEAKING AT AN OPENING OF TODAY'S HEALTH EDUCATION DAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FORTNIGHT'S WORKING GROUP, DR RONALD LEUNG, STRESSED THE NEED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON LOOKING AFTER THEIR OWN HEALTH.

+THIS WOULD HELP MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS TO CARRY OUT THEIR JOBS MORE EFFECTIVELY AND, IN TURN, CUT DOWN EXPENDITURE ON MEDICAL SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

DR LEUNG SAID THAT APART FROM ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS, SUCH AS THE HEALTH EDUCATION DAY, THE DISTRICT BOARD ALSO REFLECTED PUBLIC'S VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS.

+TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT TO THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, RESIDENTS SHOULD TAKE PART IN NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS AND REGISTER THEMSELVES AS VOTERS,+ HE SAID.

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TWO DISTRICTS TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAY
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NORTH DISTRICT WILL HOLD ITS TREE PLANTING DAY TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND TUEN MUN DISTRICT ON FRIDAY (JUNE 1) TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE TWO PLANTING DAYS ARE ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEI FA (BEAUTIFICATION) PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG DRIVE.

COMMUNITY LEADERS AND STUDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT WILL PLANT EVERGREENS AT AN OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO THE FANLING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TO MARK THE OCCASION TOMORROW.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF NORTH, MR IAN WOTHERSPOON; THE PROJECT MANAGER OF TAI PO AND FANLING DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR ROBERT HANNA; THE CHAIRMAN OF TA KWU LING RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN YAU-CHOI; THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE; MR YIP SHING; AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF NORTH, MR MA IU-KI.

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY ON FRIDAY WILL BE HELD AT THE TSING WAH SOCCER PITCH WHERE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS WILL PLANT 30 EVERGREENS. -

THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR TSO SIU-WAI; THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR RICKY FUNG; AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR CHAN CHAI-CHI, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH EVENTS.

THE NORTH DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY WILL BE HELD AT AN OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO FANLING TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT 2.30 PM.

THE TUEN MUN TREE PLANTING DAY WILL TAKE PLACE AT TSING WAH SOCCER PITCH IN TUEN MUN ON FRIDAY (JUNE 1) AT 2.30 PM.

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RECLAMATION AT SIU CHAI WAN
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AN AREA OF 20 HECTARES IS TO BE RECLAIMED FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES AT SIU CHAI WAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

IT WILL BE FILLED BY MATERIAL EXCAVATED FROM THE NEARBY SLOPES OF POTTINGER PEAK WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED AS A HOUSING ESTATE.

A PORTION OF THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING AN 800-METRE-LONG SEAWALL.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ALL OBJECTIONS AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICE, TOGETHER WITH RELATED PLAN, HAS BEEN POSTED ON NOTICE BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), 884-886 KING'S ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ILLEGAL STRUCTURES TO BE DEMOLISHED
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SEVENTEEN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE REAR LANE OF NOS. 1-27 WANG ON STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE DEMOLISHED ON TUESDAY (MAY 29).

THESE STRUCTURES ARE BEING USED FOR COMMERCIAL AND STORAGE PURPOSES.

THE OPERATION, CO-ORDINATED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, IS PART OF A SIX-MONTH CLEARANCE PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

STAFF FROM THE HOUSING, LANDS AND CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE POLICE WILL TAKE PART IN THE OPERATION, STARTING AT 10 AM.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPERATION.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY PLANNED FOR SOUTH LANTAU

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RESIDENTS OF SOUTH LANTAU WILL BE PROVIDED WITH TREATED WATER BY EARLY 1986 WHEN AN OVERALL WATER SUPPLY SCHEME FOR THE AREA IS COMPLETED.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR PART OF THE PROJECT WHICH INVOLVES LAYING 7 500 METRES OF WATER MAINS.

THESE MAINS, WITH DIAMETRES RANGING FROM 200 TO 400 MILLIMETRES, WILL BE LAID ALONG SOUTH LANTAU ROAD.

THEY WILL PIPE FRESH WATER FROM A TREATMENT PLANT TO BE BUILT ABOVE CHEUNG SHA TO VILLAGES BETWEEN PUI O AND SHUI HAU.

A CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLANT WAS AWARDED TWO MONTHS AGO AND PLANNING IS IN HAND FOR BUILDING IT.

TENDERS FOR PILING AND SUPERSTRUCTURE WORK WILL BE INVITED LATER THIS YEAR.

WORK ON THE MAINS LAYING CONTRACT WILL START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

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SOCCER MATCHES FOR SUMMER VACATION

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A SERIES OF MINI-SOCCER COMPETITIONS WILL BE STAGED FOR YOUNG PLAYERS FROM JULY.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION AND THE KOWLOON MINIATURE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, THE MATCHES WILL BE HELD AT FIVE DIFFERENT VENUES.

THESE VENUES ARE: SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND AND VICTORIA PARK ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND MACPHERSON STADIUM AND ARGYLE AND CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUNDS IN KOWLOON.

THE MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED BETWEEN 6 PM AND 9 PM, TUESDAYS TO FRIDAYS, FROM JULY 15 TILL SEPTEMBER.

MORE THAN 90 TEAMS OF 10 PLAYERS EACH ARE EXPECTED TO COMPETE.

AN RSS SPOKESMAN SAID THE AIM OF THE COMPETITIONS WAS TO PROMOTE FOOTBALL AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO ENCOURAGE HEALTHY PURSUITS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE ENTRY FEE IS \$20 PER TEAM AND PLAYERS MUST BE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 19.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RSS HEAD OFFICE ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE IN CENTRAL.

THOSE WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES MAY CALL 5-458511.

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NT SPORTS GROUNDS TO BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE
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SEVEN SPORTS GROUNDS AND ONE STADIUM IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER VACATION TO FACILITATE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND RENOVATION WORK.

THEIR SOCCER PITCHES HAVE BEEN HEAVILY USED BY LOCAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND SCHOOLS, AND NEED RE-TURFING.

THE FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED FOR FOUR TO TEN WEEKS, DEPENDING ON THE CONDITION OF INDIVIDUAL PITCHES.

THE CLOSURE PERIODS ARE:

- * TSUEN WAN SPORTS GROUND -- JUNE 1 TO AUGUST 19.
- * SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND -- JUNE 17 TO AUGUST 18.
- * KWAI CHUNG SPORTS GROUND -- JUNE 17 TO AUGUST 30.
- * FANLING RECREATION GROUND -- JULY 1 TO AUGUST 31.
- * YUEN LONG STADIUM -- JULY 16 TO AUGUST 31.
- * WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND -- JULY 16 TO SEPTEMBER 30.
- * SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND -- AUGUST 1 TO AUGUST 31.
- * TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND -- AUGUST 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30.

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COOKED FOOD CENTRE AND OPEN SPACE AT MUI WO
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A COOKED FOOD CENTRE WILL BE BUILT AT MUI WO FERRY CONCOURSE ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

THE CENTRE WILL HAVE 20 COOKED FOOD STALLS, FIVE FRUIT STALLS, FIVE MINI-STALLS, AN OFFICE, A STOREROOM AND A SITTING-OUT AREA.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

MEANWHILE, THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS TO CONSTRUCT OPEN SPACES AT FIVE SITES IN THE SAME LOCATION WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 1.1 HECTARES.

THEY WILL INCLUDE A REST GARDEN WHICH WILL CONTAIN TWO STONES OF THE SUNG DYNASTY FOUND AT MUI WO, AMENITY PLANTING AND A SITTING-OUT AREA.

WORK WILL START IN AUGUST AND FINISH IN FOUR MONTHS.

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VICTORIA PARK ROAD WORKS
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FROM TUESDAY (MAY 29) TO SATURDAY VICTORIA PARK ROAD WESTBOUND FROM FOOD STREET TO THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK BETWEEN 0.30 AM AND 6 AM.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE SOUTHBOUND SLIP ROAD NEAR FOOD STREET, INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND, AND THEN REJOIN VICTORIA PARK ROAD WESTBOUND VIA THE EXIT OPENING OUTSIDE WORLD TRADE CENTRE.

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CENTRAL WATER LEAKAGE TESTS
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 30) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHING WONG STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, LADDER STREET AND CIRCULAR PATHWAY.

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