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FIRST STAGE OF CHICKEN HORMONE BAN

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THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD HAS AGREED TO THE BANNING OF SYNTHETIC HORMONES WHICH HAVE BEEN USED AS GROWTH STIMULANTS IN THE LOCAL POULTRY INDUSTRY.

THE BOARD DECIDED THAT THE PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS FOR VETERINARY USE WHICH CONTAIN STILBENE DERIVATIVES SHOULD BE DEREGISTERED IMMEDIATELY.

THIS MEANS THAT FROM JULY 19, ALLOWING FOR THE STATUTORY PERIOD OF 28 DAYS FOR AGGRIEVED PARTIES TO APPEAL AGAINST THE BOARD'S DECISION, THE SALE AND IMPORTATION OF THESE PRODUCTS WILL BE ILLEGAL.

HOLDERS OF THE REGISTERED PRODUCTS INVOLVED ARE BEING INFORMED BY LETTER OF THE BOARD'S DECISION.

STILBENE DERIVATIVES ARE SYNTHETIC SUBSTANCES WHICH HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO BE LINKED WITH CANCER IN STUDIES OVERSEAS.

THE HORMONES COVERED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF REGISTRATION INCLUDE HEXOESTROL, WHICH HAS BEEN WIDELY USED IN THE LOCAL POULTRY INDUSTRY- STILBOESTROL, ANOTHER GROWTH STIMULANT WHICH WAS USED PREVIOUSLY BY POULTRY BREEDERS IN HONG KONG; AND TRIPHENYL ETHYLENE BROMIDE, WHICH IS REGISTERED UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS REGULATIONS BUT HAS NOT BEEN USED BY POULTRY BREEDERS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE REASON FOR EXTENDING THE BAN TO INCLUDE ALL STILBENE PRODUCTS FOR VETERINARY USE WAS TO PREVENT IMPORTERS AND BREEDERS FROM TURNING TO OTHER SYNTHETIC HORMONES ONCE HEXOESTROL WAS PROHIBITED.

THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES ANNOUNCED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 8 THAT THE APPLICATION FOR DEREGISTRATION OF HEXOESTROL WOULD BE MADE TO THE BOARD.

DEREGISTRATION UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS REGULATIONS IS ONE OF TWO MEASURES BEING INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH BY PREVENTING THE CONSUMPTION OF POULTRY MEAT CONTAINING HEXOESTROL OR OTHER SUCH HORMONES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ACTION WAS ALSO BEING TAKEN TO AMEND THE SCHEDULE TO THE HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN FOOD REGULATIONS, MADE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, TO PROHIBIT THE IMPORT, DISTRIBUTION AND SALE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION OF MEAT CONTAINING A DETECTABLE AMOUNT OF SYNTHETIC HORMONE OF THE STILBENE FAMILY.

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HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD EFFECTIVELY SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF CONTROL OVER POULTRY IMPORTED FROM COUNTRIES IN WHICH THE USE OF SUCH HORMONES IS PERMITTED. IT IS HOPED THAT THE AMENDED REGULATIONS WILL BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION SOON AFTER THE DEREGISTRATION COMES INTO EFFECT.

TO HELP THE LOCAL POULTRY INDUSTRY TO ADJUST TO THE CHANGES, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL RUN INTENSIVE TRAINING COURSES FOR FARMERS WHO WISH TO TURN TO NEW METHODS SUCH AS REARING HYBRID BROILERS AND CONCENTRATING ON PULLET REARING. THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY SERVICE ON TECHNICAL MATTERS WILL BE STRENGTHENED. THE PROPER USE OF SUCH METHODS WILL IMPROVE THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE LOCAL INDUSTRY WITHOUT CAUSING ANY HAZARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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LADY YOUDE SEES WELFARE WORK

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LADY YOUDE SPENT A DAY TODAY SEEING SOME OF THE WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

SHE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN.

LADY YOUDE FIRST CALLED AT THE SWD'S MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME, WHICH SERVES AS A COMBINED REMAND AND PROBATION HOME AND PLACE OR REFUGE FOR YOUNG GIRLS.

SHE THEN VISITED THE MA TAU CHUNG DAY CRECHE, WHERE SHE SAW CHILDREN BEING LOOKED AFTER WHILE THEIR PARENTS WERE OUT FOR WORK. THE CRECHE IS RUN BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

IN THE VISIT TO THE SWD'S CHOI WAN SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND HOSTEL, LADY YOUDE SAW AT FIRST HAND THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES FOR PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL RETARDATION AND PHYSICAL HANDICAPS.

IN THE AFTERNOON, LADY YOUDE WENT TO SHA TIN TO VISIT THE WONG SIU CHING HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY AT SHA KOK, OPERATED BY THE CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH, HONG KONG SYNOD.

LATER, SHE VISITED THE ST JAMES' SETTLEMENT IN WAN CHAI, WHICH OPERATES A DAY CARE CENTRE FOR OLD PEOPLE, A DAY NURSERY AND GROUP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

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EPCOM CONFERENCE
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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JUNE 23) AT 5.15 PM IN THE URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBER.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THIS EVENT FROM THE PRESS GALLERY, AND TIME WILL BE RESERVED AT THE END OF THE MEETING FOR PRESS QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED.

SPEECHES WILL BE GIVEN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF EPCOM AND OF ITS THREE SPECIAL COMMITTEES. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION OF A DETAILED REPORT PREPARED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REVIEWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN HONG KONG.

TO ALLOW TIME FOR PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO READ THE REPORT BEFORE THE MEETING, COPIES (IN ENGLISH ONLY) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE DUTY OFFICER, GIS NEWSROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR, FROM 9 AM ON THURSDAY.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE REPORT IS EMBARGOED UNTIL 5.15 PM THAT AFTERNOON.

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CAR TAX EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED DRIVERS

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED DISABLED DRIVERS THAT THEY COULD APPLY FOR EXEMPTION FROM PAYMENT OF THE FIRST REGISTRATION TAX ON REGISTERING A PRIVATE CAR OF IMPORT VALUE NOT EXCEEDING \$30 000.

THE SCHEME, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE ON MAY 13, COVERS MOST TYPES OF MEDIUM-RANGE POPULAR CARS.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS AN EXTENSION TO THE CURRENT CONCESSION SCHEME FOR THE DISABLED, WHICH INCLUDED EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE, DRIVING TEST, FULL DRIVING LICENCE AND VEHICLE LICENCE FOR A PRIVATE CAR WITH CYLINDER CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 1 500 C.C.

WHEN BUYING NEW CAR, A DISABLED DRIVER ALREADY ENJOYING SUCH CONCESSIONS AND HOLDING A VALID APPROVAL LETTER ISSUED BY THE DRIVING TEST SECTION, COULD APPLY IN WRITING TO THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE AT MURRAY ROAD, HONG KONG, FOR EXEMPTION OF THE FIRST REGISTRATION TAX TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY VEHICLE DOCUMENTS, HE SAID.

THIS COULD ALSO BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE MOTOR DEALER.

UNDER THE AMENDED LEGISLATION, A DISABLED PERSON APPLYING FOR THE CONCESSION HAS TO PROVE HIS FITNESS TO DRIVE A PRIVATE CAR AND PRODUCE A CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES STATING THAT HE IS SUFFERING FROM A PERMANENT DISEASE OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY THAT CAUSES HIM CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN WALKING.

APPLICATION CAN BE MADE THROUGH THE DRIVING TEST SECTION AT PUI CHING ROAD, HO MAN TIN AND A SIMULATOR TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE APPLICANT'S FITNESS TO DRIVE.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THIS CONCESSION WAS ONLY AVAILABLE ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS APART FROM EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE CAR WAS WRITTEN-OFF.

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PUBLICITY HELPS RAISE CONCERN FOR DISABLED

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THE PUBLIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED AFTER THE 1981 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS HAS RAISED PUBLIC CONCERN TOWARDS THE DISABLED, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICER, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

IN HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ALSO SET UP A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CO-ORDINATE AND PROMOTE PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON REHABILITATION, HE SAID.

MR KWOK WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JOINT OPEN DAY OF THE WESTERN BLIND WELFARE CENTRE AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC WOULD GAIN A CLEARER PICTURE ABOUT THE LOCAL REHABILITATION WORK AFTER THE OPEN DAY, AND GIVE DISABLED PEOPLE MORE ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.

FIFTEEN OTHER REHABILITATION CENTRES AND HOMES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WERE ALSO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TODAY.

THE WESTERN DISTRICT BLIND WELFARE CENTRE PROVIDES TRAINING FOR THE BLIND TO HELP THEM BECOME INDEPENDENT WHILE THE WESTERN DISTRICT WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE OFFERS INTENSIVE TRAINING FOR SEVERE GRADE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED YOUNG ADULTS.

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NORTH EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES STUDY

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A SUMMARY OF A NORTH EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES STUDY WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (JUNE 23).

THE OBJECT OF THE STUDY, CONDUCTED BY A CONSULTANCY FIRM, IS TO EXAMINE THE POTENTIAL OF THE NORTH EASTERN SUB-REGION IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN PREPARING DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES AS A WHOLE.

MAJOR TOPICS INCLUDED IN THE STUDY ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LARGE-SCALE URBAN GROWTH, TRANSPORT CONSIDERATIONS, RURAL LAND USE AND THE ENVIRONMENT, AS WELL AS THE INTERFACE WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SHENZHEN SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE.

A REPORT ON WATERCOURSE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME AND REPORTS FROM DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 23), IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE. A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 AM FOR TAI PO.

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CHECKING ON CLEAN HONG KONG WORK

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MR CHARLES YEUNG, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WILL VISIT KWAI CHUNG ON THURSDAY (JUNE 23) MORNING TO SEE WORK BEING DONE ON THE CLEAN HONG KONG 1983 CAMPAIGN.

MR YEUNG WILL CHECK ON THE WORK OF THE FIELD STAFF OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN KEEPING THE NEW TERRITORIES CLEAN.

HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NTAC) OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE NTAC WILL LATER BE PAYING SIMILAR VISITS EACH MONTH TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

THE NTAC WAS FORMED BY THE GOVERNOR TO ADVISE ON CAMPAIGN STRATEGY AND TO LOOK INTO THE NEW TERRITORIES ASPECTS OF THE MASSIVE ANTI-LITTER DRIVE WHICH BEGAN IN OCTOBER 1981.

SINCE THEN IT HAS BEEN CHAIRED BY MR YEUNG, AND MEMBERS ARE FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND ALL NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS WHO ARE ALSO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE NEWLY ORGANISED VISITS ARE AIMED AT KEEPING THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE NTAC INFORMED OF THE ACTUAL STATE OF CLEANLINESS OF VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TO FURTHER PUBLICISE THE ANTI-LITTER MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

ON THURSDAY, MR YEUNG WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG, MR CHAN TAI-YIU.

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MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE VISIT.

A COACH FOR THEM WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9.15 AM SHARP ON THURSDAY (JUNE 23).

MR CHARLES YEUNG AND MR JOHN HEYWOOD WILL BE HAPPY TO MEET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AND TALK ABOUT THE ANTI-LITTER EXERCISE AS WELL AS THE STRATEGY OF THE CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN 1984.

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KWUN TONG PROMOTES ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE

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A NINE-DAY ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE THAT +ROAD ACCIDENTS WRECK LIVES+, WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG STARTING SATURDAY (JUNE 25).

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE CROSSWORD PUZZLES, QUIZZES FOR SECONDARY AND PRIMARY STUDENTS, FILM SHOWS, PHOTO COMPETITIONS AND VISITS TO HOMES FOR THE AGED.

SCHOOL CHILDREN, WORKERS, HOUSEWIVES, THE ELDERLY PEOPLE, THE HANDICAPPED AND NEW IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA WILL BE THE TARGET GROUPS IN THIS ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

AN OPENING CEREMONY AND AN EXHIBITION, AT WHICH THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, AND THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR BRIAN WIGLEY, WILL OFFICIATE, WILL BE HELD AT THE MAIN SQUARE OF TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY AT 1.30 PM ON SATURDAY.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LION DANCE BY KWUN TONG JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS, PERFORMANCES BY THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND THE HONG KONG CYCLIST ASSOCIATION, A POLICE DOG SHOW, A MAGIC SHOW AND SINGING BY TV ARTISTS.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WILL BE A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN TO EDUCATE CHILDREN ON ROAD SAFETY RULES AND CODES. CAPTAIN SAFETY, A CHARACTER CREATED FOR THE CAMPAIGN, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT TO DISTRIBUTE POSTERS.

TO ROUND OFF THE CAMPAIGN ON JULY 3 (SUNDAY), A REMOTE-CONTROLLED RACING CAR COMPETITION FOR SOME 60 CONTESTANTS WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUI PING ROAD RECREATION GROUND AT 10 AM.

STARTING AT 2 PM, THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE POLICE BAND, A TELEMATCH, BICYCLE PERFORMANCES, SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROL PARADE INSPECTION, AND PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITIONS AND QUIZZES HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND FINANCED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT \$50 000.

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DEMANDING ROLE FOR RURAL COMMITTEES

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INCREASING DEMANDS WERE BEING MADE ON MEMBERS OF THE RURAL COMMITTEES WITH THE ADVENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT BOARDS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION ARE NOW SOUGHT OVER A WIDE RANGE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS ISSUES, AND THIS HAS REQUIRED CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL WORK ON THE PART OF RURAL COMMITTEES TO ADAPT AND MODIFY THEIR ORGANISATION AND THEIR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT AS A RESULT, THE COMMITTEES COULD RESPOND EFFECTIVELY TO, AND HELP DISSEMINATE IDEAS ON, GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A NEW OFFICE BUILDING OF THE PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, LOCATED NEAR THE KAM TIN ROAD.

HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE HAD MET THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGING TIMES AND HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS ACTIVITIES AFFECTING THE WELFARE OF PAT HEUNG AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT AS A WHOLE.

THE TWO-STOREY BUILDING, WITH AN AREA OF 130 SQUARE METRES, HAS A CONFERENCE ROOM, AN OFFICE AND A JUNIOR POLICE CLUBHOUSE.

IT WOULD PROVIDE A USEFUL FOCUS FOR THE PAT HEUNG COMMUNITY IN THE MANAGEMENT OF RURAL AFFAIRS, HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO A NUMBER OF ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MR TANG TAK-KAU, MR MACPHERSON SAID THAT THREE PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN TUEN MUN AND ONE IN YUEN LONG BY 1985 WHILE A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WAS BEING PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN.

ON THE ISSUE OF TEMPORARY STRUCTURES, MR MACPHERSON NOTED THAT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE HAD SET UP A WORKING GROUP WITH THE SIX LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

MR MACPHERSON ALSO ASSURED THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS THAT THE GOVERNMENT FULLY RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PAT HEUNG PLAIN AS A PRIORITY AREA FOR HONG KONG'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

+PAT HEUNG IS CLOSE TO THE KADOORIE EXPERIMENTAL FARM AT KUN YAM SHAN AND THE SITE FOR THE HKU FIELD RESEARCH STATION, ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION WILL START LATER THIS YEAR.

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+THERE WILL THUS BE A BODY OF TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, IN ADDITION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S OWN SUPPORT STAFF, CLOSE TO HAND AND AVAILABLE TO ASSIST FARMERS THROUGH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S (AFD) AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID AN AGRICULTURAL SHOW, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE AFD, WOULD BE STAGED IN PAT HEUNG TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

MR MACPHERSON ADDED THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE VILLAGERS WOULD BE IMPROVED WITH THE SETTING UP OF THE NEWLY CONSTITUTED YUEN LONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

HE SAID THAT THE PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY THE INAUGURATION OF THE 16TH-TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JAMES WILSON, AND MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING'S PREPARATORY COMMITTEE.

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FIELD WORK ON PLASTICS INDUSTRY SURVEY STARTS

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FIELD WORK ON THE MANPOWER SURVEY ORGANISED BY THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL START TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND WILL LAST UNTIL JUNE 30.

OFFICERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND IF NECESSARY, ASSIST IN COMPLETING THEM.

A STRATIFIED RANDOM SAMPLE OF 782 ESTABLISHMENTS OUT OF A TOTAL OF 5 400 IN THE INDUSTRY WILL BE SURVEYED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MR DENNIS TING SAID THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

HE URGED EMPLOYERS OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO CO-OPERATE AND PROVIDE ACCURATE INFORMATION.

+THE SURVEY IS NECESSARY AND IMPORTANT TO THE FORMULATION OF MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE INDUSTRY,+ MR TING SAID.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SURVEY MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE MANPOWER STATISTICS SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-454002 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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AWARD SCHEME IS BIG HELP TO YOUTH WORK
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THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME EMBODIES MANY OF THE MAJOR PRINCIPLES WHICH MAKE UP THE PHILOSOPHY OF YOUTH WORK THAT FORMS THE BASIS OF PROGRAMMES IN THIS AREA OF SOCIAL WELFARE ACTIVITIES, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE 36TH SILVER AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SCHEME AT THE HENRY G. LEONG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN YAU MA TEI.

THE SCHEME HAD MADE A +DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD,+ HE SAID.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION HERE OVER 20 YEARS AGO, THE AWARD SCHEME HAD PROVIDED HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR PERSONALITIES AND POTENTIAL.

IT OFFERED A WELL DESIGNED AND BALANCED PROGRAMME OF LEISURE ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THEY WERE ENCOURAGED TO USE THEIR INITIATIVE, AND TO FACE CHALLENGES, BOTH PHYSICAL AND MENTAL, HE SAID.

+THE PROGRAMMES ARE ALSO DESIGNED TO INCULCATE A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE AND THE NEED TO HELP OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THE LESS FORTUNATE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE ADDED.

THE DIRECTOR CONGRATULATED THE SILVER AWARD RECIPIENTS AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD NOW GO ON TO FACE THE NEXT CHALLENGE — THE GOLD AWARD OF THE SCHEME.

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WATER MAINS WORK AT PEAK, CHAI WAN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO TWO AREAS IN HONG KONG WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED FOR SEVERAL HOURS ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY TO ALLOW MAINS WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

IN THE PEAK, THE WATER SUPPLY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS — FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM — ON FRIDAY (JUNE 24) WHILE MAINS WORK IS CARRIED OUT AT POLLOCK'S PATH.

THE AREA AFFECTED ARE NO. 2-10 POLLOCK'S PATH, 1-24 GOUGH HILL ROAD, 1-7 GOUGH HILL PATH, 1-7 PEEL RISE ROAD, 1-23 SEVERN ROAD, 8-51 BARKER ROAD, 1-15 BLUFF PATH, HOSPITAL PATH AND 60-69 PEAK ROAD.

IN CHAI WAN, THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS — FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY TO 6 AM ON SATURDAY — FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

AFFECTED WILL BE THE PREMISES BOUNDED BY KA YIP STREET, THE SEA FRONT, CHAI WAN ROAD AND WING TAI ROAD.

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MID-LEVELS TRAFFIC CHANGE

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TRAFFIC ON COOMBE ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS BETWEEN WAN CHAI GAP AND MAGAZINE GAP, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 23).

THIS IS TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK ON PEAK ROAD FOLLOWING THE RECENT COLLAPSE.

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PARKING METERS FOR KOWLOON TONG

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FIFTEEN NEW HALF-HOUR PARKING METERS WILL BE IN OPERATION ALONG KAM SHING ROAD IN KOWLOON TONG FROM 9 AM ON THURSDAY (JUNE 23) AT A CHARGE OF \$1.

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