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GOVERNOR URGES A CLEANER AND GREENER ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE

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WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO PASS ON TO FUTURE GENERATIONS AN ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS CLEANER AND GREENER THAN THE ONE WE INHERITED, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE'S 500TH TREE PLANTING CEREMONY IN WAN CHAI, THE GOVERNOR SAID THE LAST TWO DECADES HAD SEEN MAJOR CHANGES IN PUBLIC ATTITUDES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

"MOST PEOPLE IN HONG KONG NOW SEE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS A VITAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY'S HERITAGE," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT TWO YEARS AGO THERE WERE NO TREES ON THE STREETS OF WAN CHAI AND IT WAS THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND PRIVATE COMPANIES IN THE DISTRICT THAT RESIDENTS NOW HAD A MUCH GREENER AND MORE PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT.

SIR DAVID SAID HE HOPED THE "GREEN WAN CHAI" CAMPAIGN WOULD SPREAD TO OTHER URBAN AREAS AND TREES SHOULD BECOME AS FAMILIAR IN THE STREETS AS LAMPPOSTS.

"BY PLANTING TREES IN OUR STREETS, I HOPE WE ARE ALSO PLANTING IDEAS IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG THE IDEA THAT OUR ENVIRONMENT MATTERS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

HE ALSO HOPED THAT TREE PLANTING WOULD SPREAD THE IDEA THAT EVERYBODY COULD PLAY A ROLE IN PRESERVING OR IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THAT A GREENER HONG KONG WOULD BE A BETTER HONG KONG FOR EVERYBODY WHO LIVED HERE.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD SET ASIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO TACKLE THE ENVIRONMENT PROBLEMS.

HE SAID IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SPEND ALMOST \$3 BILLION ON CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO EARMARKING A FURTHER \$3.7 BILLION TO FUND NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, SAID THE GOVERNOR CITING THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES OF THE MASSIVE PROJECTS WHICH WERE UNDERWAY:

- THE \$1.4 BILLION SIX-YEAR PROGRAMME TO CLEAN UP TOLO HARBOUR WAS NOW APPROACHING THE HALF-WAY STAGE.
- A \$1.3 BILLION NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SCHEME WOULD BE COMPLETED NEXT YEAR.
- THE NORTH WEST NEW TERRITORIES SEWAGE TREATMENT SCHEME, COSTING \$1.2 BILLION, WAS ON SCHEDULE FOR COMPLETION IN 1995.

/THE GOVERNOR .....

THE GOVERNOR SAID IMPORTANT PROGRESS WERE ALSO MADE ON OTHER FRONTS AND AIR QUALITY HAD BEEN IMPROVED BY CONTROLS ON FUEL AND SMOKE EMISSIONS.

HE GAVE THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES :

- LEVELS OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE IN THE AIR WHICH WAS ONE OF THE WORST POLLUTANTS HAD DROPPED BY 40 PER CENT (80 PER CENT IN THE WORST AFFECTED AREAS) SINCE CONTROLS WERE INTRODUCED IN JULY LAST YEAR.
- MORE CARS NOW USED UNLEADED PETROL THAN THOSE WHICH STILL USED LEADED PETROL.
- CONTROLS ON PERCUSSIVE PILING HAD REDUCED NOISE POLLUTION FROM CONSTRUCTION SITES AND JACK HAMMERS AND AIR COMPRESSORS WOULD ALSO BE MUCH QUIETER BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR.
- MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS WERE BEING MADE TO THE WAY WASTE WAS DISPOSED OF AND WORK HAD BEGUN ON THREE MAJOR LANDFILLS FOR WASTE DISPOSAL WHICH WOULD CREATE LAND FOR FUTURE USE; AND
- THE NEW TSING YI CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE SHOULD COME INTO FULL OPERATION THIS TIME NEXT YEAR.

SIR DAVID SAID THE FACT THAT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES NOW HAD A HIGH PRIORITY WAS IN LARGE PART DUE TO THE WORK OF PEOPLE COMMITTED TO RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE ISSUES INVOLVED.

"THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS WORK," HE SAID.

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GOVERNOR PLANTS TREE IN SUPPORT OF ENVIRONMENT FESTIVAL

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (SATURDAY) PLANTED THE 500TH TREE FOR THE "GREEN WAN CHAI PROGRAMME" IN A CEREMONY ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FESTIVAL (EPF).

THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AT THE WESTERN GARDEN OF CONVENTION PLAZA IN WAN CHAI WAS PART OF THE "EPF SPECIAL" PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (ECC) AND SUPPORTED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD.

ANOTHER SUPPORTING BODY, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK), ASSISTED IN THE PRODUCTION OF A CONCERT ENTITLED "EARTH IS OUR HOME" FOR THE EPF SPECIAL.

INTERNATIONAL SUPERSTAR JOHN LONE ATTENDED TODAY'S SHOW AS AN "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PIONEER". SINGERS JENNY YEN, HACKEN LEE, TIMOTHY WONG, EDDIE NG THE BAND TAI CHI, AND RTHK'S DISC-JOCKEYS ALSO TOOK PART AND DELIVERED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MESSAGES.

THE CONCERT WILL BE BROADCAST ON TVB-JADE CHANNEL AT 1.15 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

IN SUPPORT OF THE EPF, RTHK HAS DESIGNATED THE FIRST TWO WEEKS IN DECEMBER AS THE "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FORTNIGHT" AND A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED TO DISSEMINATE THE MESSAGE.

MEANWHILE, THE ECC CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO 10 SCHOOLS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION BEFORE THE CONCERT STARTED.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE "AWARDS FOR 10 OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION" SCHEME WAS AIMED TO AROUSE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS, TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIOUR AMONG SECONDARY STUDENTS, AND TO ENCOURAGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THIRTY-SIX REPORTS WHICH CARRIED DESCRIPTION OF EXPERIENCES IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FOR THE LAST AND CURRENT ACADEMIC YEARS AS WELL AS PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING ACADEMIC YEAR WERE SUBMITTED FOR SELECTION.

MRS LAM SAID: "FEEDBACK FROM SCHOOLS IS EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING. THE REPORTS SUBMITTED HAVE NOT ONLY REFLECTED THE ACTUAL SCENE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN SCHOOLS, BUT ALSO INDICATED THE SCHOOL MANAGERMENTS' DETERMINATION TO INTRODUCE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.

"ACCORDING TO THE PANEL OF JUDGES, MOST OF THE REPORTS SUBMITTED ARE OF HIGH STANDARD, INNOVATIVE AND PRACTICABLE," SHE SAID.

PRIZES VALUED AT \$40,000 WERE PRESENTED TO THE 10 OUTSTANDING SCHOOLS. EACH OF THESE SCHOOLS WAS AWARDED A TROPHY AND A BOOK COUPON VALUED AT \$3,000.

THE 10 SCHOOLS WERE BUDDHIST LEUNG CHIK WAI COLLEGE, COGNITIO COLLEGE (HONG KONG), HO FUNG COLLEGE, JU CHING CHU ENGLISH COLLEGE (YUEN LONG), LOK SIN TONG KU CHIU MAN SECONDARY SCHOOL, PO LEUNG KUK (PLK) CENTENARY COLLEGE, PLK TUNG YUK TIEN COLLEGE, TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS (TWGH) KAP YAN DIRECTORS' COLLEGE, TWGH LO KON TING MEMORIAL COLLEGE, AND TWGH WONG FUT NAM COLLEGE.

THE AWARDS SCHEME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ECC AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS ONE IN A SERIES OF EPF ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION TO TODAY'S EVENTS, OTHER EVENTS INCLUDE SEMINARS, TALKS, EXHIBITIONS, A CUT WASTE SLOGAN COMPETITION, AN ELECTION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FAMILIES, A PUBLIC HOUSING WASTE PAPER RECYCLING PROJECT, PAINTING OF BUILDING SITE HOARDINGS, AND VARIETY SHOWS.

THE ECC HAS ADOPTED "CUT WASTE" AS THE THEME OF THE FESTIVAL.

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LEGAL STUDY VISIT TO CHINA  
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AT THE INVITATION OF THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, A GROUP OF HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LED BY MR JOHN WOOD, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS, WILL BE PAYING A LEGAL STUDY VISIT TO PEKING AND SHANGHAI FROM DECEMBER 9 TO 18.

THE DELEGATION COMPRISES SEVEN OFFICIALS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS BRANCH.

THE VISIT IS ONE OF A SERIES OF RECIPROCAL LEGAL STUDY VISITS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS.

THESE ARE INTENDED TO GIVE OFFICIALS AND LEGAL EXPERTS OF THE TWO SIDES A FIRST-HAND UNDERSTANDING OF THE OTHER'S LEGAL SYSTEM AND LAWS.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE ESSENTIAL TO CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEERS TEAM IN ADOPTION SERVICE IN A BID TO ACTIVELY PROVIDE CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION WITH PRE-ADOPTION FOSTER CARE.

SPEAKING AT AN AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR VOLUNTEERS IN ADOPTION SERVICE ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR CARTLAND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE SERVICE.

"INDEED, YOU HAVE BRIGHTENED UP THEIR LIVES AND HAVE HELPED PREPARE THEM FOR FAMILY LIFE SO THAT WHEN THEY ARE EVENTUALLY ADOPTED, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO INTEGRATE INTO THEIR NEW FAMILIES MORE EASILY," HE SAID.

MR CARTLAND NOTED THAT A MINORITY OF THE CHILDREN, THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, COULD NOT EXPECT TO BE ADOPTED SO QUICKLY.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ARE THOSE WITH MENTAL OR PHYSICAL HANDICAPS, HEALTH PROBLEMS AND CHRONIC ILLNESSES, LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS, AND THOSE WHOSE BACKGROUND IS SO COMPLICATED OR ADVERSE THAT MOST PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WOULD NOT NORMALLY ACCEPT THEM.

"FORTUNATELY, HOWEVER, THINGS CAN BE DONE TO IMPROVE THEIR SITUATION CONSIDERABLY IN THE MEANTIME," HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT VOLUNTEERS' INVOLVEMENT BY VISITING THEM FOR OUTINGS, SPENDING WEEKENDS WITH THEM OR PROVIDING THEM WITH PRE-ADOPTION FOSTER CARE HAD HELPED PREPARE THEM FOR FAMILY LIFE.

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NOTING THAT THERE WERE STILL SOME SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN REQUIRING PRE-ADOPTION FOSTER CARE IN CHILDREN'S HOMES, MR CARTLAND CALLED ON MORE VOLUNTEERS TO COME FORWARD TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.

AT TODAY'S AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY, LADY FORD AND 30 COUPLES WERE PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION.

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AMENDMENTS TO RESUMPTION AND REPAIR WORKS  
IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN  
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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO AMEND THE RESUMPTION AND REPAIR OF SAM TO LANE, CHUNG WO LANE, WA IN FONG EAST AND WEST IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WAS TO INCLUDE THE PUBLIC FOOTWAYS OF THESE STREETS INTO THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS.

"ALL THESE STREETS ARE UNDER PRIVATE MULTIPLE OWNERSHIPS AND ARE NOT PROPERLY MANAGED OR MAINTAINED.

"THE STREETS ARE IN POOR REPAIR AND ARE PARTLY OCCUPIED BY STALLS THAT OBSTRUCT PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT, CAUSING CONSIDERABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE RESUMPTION WILL ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CLEAR THE OBSTRUCTING STALLS AND TO REPAIR THE LANE AND STREETS TO A PROPER STANDARD FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. WORKS ON THE PROJECTS ARE EXPECTED TO START BY MARCH 1993.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT WORKS ARE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS AND LAND RESUMPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; AND AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG WEST, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSALS MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 4 NEXT YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSALS.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT NAM WAH PO  
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO RECONSTRUCT A BRIDGE ACROSS A STREAM EAST OF NAM WAH PO IN TAI PO.

THE PROJECT ALSO COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS IN THE APPROACH AREAS AND THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE.

VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO AND FROM NAM WAH PO WILL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORKS TOGETHER WITH A SCHEME DESCRIPTION CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- \* CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL; AND
- \* TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, BOTH AT TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG NOT LATER THAN FEBRUARY 4 NEXT YEAR, DESCRIBING HIS INTEREST AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED WORKS.

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REMINDER ON PROPER LABELLING FOR PREPACKAGED FOOD  
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED FOOD MANUFACTURERS AND RETAILERS THAT FOOD ITEMS IN PREPACKAGED FORM, WHETHER COMPLETELY OR PARTIALLY PACKED, MUST BE PROPERLY MARKED AS REQUIRED BY THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS (COMPOSITION AND LABELLING) REGULATIONS.

OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF \$25,000 IN FINE AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT,

THE REMINDER FOLLOWED A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A RETAIL SHOP IN YUEN LONG WAS FINED \$2,000 FOR SELLING IMPROPERLY-MARKED PREPACKAGED "STRAWBERRY STRING SUGAR".

THE FOOD ITEM DID NOT HAVE THE NAME OR DESIGNATION OF THE FOOD, THE LIST OF INGREDIENTS, THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE PACKER, THE INDICATION OF MINIMUM DURABILITY, THE NUMERICAL COUNT OF THE CONTENTS OR THE NET WEIGHT OF THE FOOD AS STIPULATED IN THE THIRD SCHEDULE OF THE SAID REGULATIONS.

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### CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME LAUNCHED

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD), MR FRANK LAU, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COUNTRYSIDE LOVERS, TO JOIN IN TO MAKE COUNTRY PARKS CLEANER AND GREENER.

OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME 1991 AT THE TWISK MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK, MR LAU SAID THE SCHEME, WHICH WAS STARTED IN 1982, WAS AN ANNUAL EVENT TO GET THE PUBLIC INVOLVED IN KEEPING THE COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN.

HE SAID LAST YEAR, THE SCHEME ATTRACTED 10,000 PARTICIPANTS.

ANNOUNCING THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES, MR LAU SAID THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE SCHEME WOULD LAST FROM DECEMBER TO END OF FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR DURING WHICH SEPARATE COMPETITIONS CATERING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN, PARK VISITORS AND HIKERS WOULD BE ORGANISED.

THE "KNOW YOUR COUNTRYSIDE TREES QUIZ" CONSISTS OF TWO PHASES. PHASE I INVOLVES LITTER COLLECTION IN COUNTRY PARKS WHILE IN PHASE II, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASKED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATING TO COUNTRYSIDE TREES.

HE SAID: "FROM MONDAY TILL THE END OF JANUARY NEXT YEAR, SCHOOLS AND ORGANISED GROUPS CAN TAKE PART IN LITTER COLLECTION OR TREE TENDING IN COUNTRY PARKS ON WEEKDAYS OR SATURDAYS WITH PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH AFD.

"ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, COUNTRY PARK VISITORS CAN PARTICIPATE IN LITTER COLLECTION AT 10 DESIGNATED SITES IN COUNTRY PARKS.

"AFTER COMPLETING PHASE I, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN AN ENTRY FORM FOR THE 'KNOW YOUR COUNTRYSIDE TREES QUIZ'. THE QUIZ REQUIRES THEM TO IDENTIFY SIX COMMON COUNTRYSIDE TREE SPECIES AND ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS ON COUNTRYSIDE TREES."

IF MORE THAN ONE PARTICIPANT GET THE BEST RESULT, WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED BY A LUCKY DRAW. THERE WILL BE 10 ATTRACTIVE PRIZES.

MR LAU SAID FOR HIKERS AND THOSE INTERESTED IN DESIGNING HIKING ROUTES, THEY MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE "CLEAN AND GREEN" SCENIC ROUTE COMPETITION.

"THE ROUTE MUST COVER AT LEAST A SHORT SECTION OF THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL AND BE CONSIDERED SCENIC, CLEAN AND GREEN. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD HAVE ACTUALLY TRIED THE ROUTE THEMSELVES, AND THEN COMPLETE A REPORT ON THE ENTRY FORM."

PARTICIPANTS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES TO AFD OR ANY COUNTRY PARKS VISITOR CENTRES NOT LATER THAN THE END OF FEBRUARY.

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ENTRY FORMS WITH RULES FOR THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE FROM AFD, COUNTRY PARKS VISITOR CENTRES AND TIMBERLAND SHOPS AS FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 9).

ADJUDICATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY A PANEL OF JUDGES COMPRISING HIKERS, COUNTRY PARKS BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORGANISERS. TEN ATTRACTIVE PRIZES ARE OFFERED IN THIS COMPETITION.

THE FINALE OF THE SCHEME IS A "CLEAN AND GREEN COUNTRYSIDE FUN DAY" TO BE HELD IN APRIL NEXT YEAR IN A SCENIC COUNTRY PARK.

WINNERS AND OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS OF THE TWO COMPETITIONS WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE FUN DAY TO ENJOY THE CLEAN AND GREEN COUNTRYSIDE AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION.

MR LAU THANKED THE SPONSOR OF THIS YEAR'S SCHEME -- TIMBERLAND AND ITS SOLE AGENT, WILTONA ENTERPRISES -- FOR THEIR GENEROSITY AND CIVIC-MINDEDNESS IN SUPPORTING THE PROGRAMME.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD'S PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, MR GEORGE TAN, AND MRS CECILIA LI OF WILTONA ENTERPRISES.

MR TAN SAID: "LITTERING IN OUR SCENIC COUNTRY PARKS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM WHICH, IF NOT SOLVED, CAN DEGRADE THE QUALITY OF SCENERY OF OUR COUNTRY PARKS AND REDUCE OUR ENJOYMENT IN THE BEAUTIFUL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

"THIS BIG PROBLEM CANNOT BE SOLVED WITHOUT PUBLIC'S SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT. IT IS SIMPLE -- JUST PUT THE LITTER IN THE LITTER BINS."

ON EFFORTS TO MAKE THE COUNTRY PARKS GREENER, MR TAN SAID TREES WERE AN IMPORTANT NATURAL ASSET OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

HE SAID: "THE TWO TREE NURSERIES OF AFD PRODUCE ABOUT 800,000 SEEDLINGS ANNUALLY. ABOUT HALF OF THESE SEEDLINGS ARE USED FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS' LANDSCAPING PROJECTS. THE REST ARE USED FOR AFD'S OWN PLANTING PROGRAMME AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

"IT IS WORTH MENTIONING THAT SOME 10 PER CENT OF ALL THESE TREES ARE PLANTED BY THE PUBLIC THROUGH INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY PARKS EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES," HE ADDED.

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DUCHESS OF KENT VISITS HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF KENT, ACCOMPANIED BY LADY WILSON, VISITED THE HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ON ARRIVAL, THE DUCHESS WAS GREETED BY THE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, DR E.K. YEOH; CHAIRMAN OF HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE, DR DING LIK-KIU; CHAIRMAN OF THE HOSPITAL'S GOVERNING COMMITTEE, DR ALFRED Y.C. TAM; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF HAVEN OF HOPE CHRISTIAN SERVICE, DR ANTONY C.T. LEUNG; AND THE HOSPITAL'S MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, DR BENJAMIN K.M. CHAN.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS THEN INVITED TO A RECEPTION HELD IN THE HOSPITAL LECTURE HALL WHERE DR ALFRED Y.C. TAM DELIVERED A WELCOMING SPEECH IN WHICH HE OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL HAS EVOLVED FROM A TUBERCULOSIS SANATORIUM TO A SPECIALTY HOSPITAL OVER THE PAST 36 YEARS PROVIDING MEDICAL SERVICES IN THREE SPECIALTIES. THEY ARE:

- I) PULMONARY MEDICINE INCLUDING PULMONARY REHABILITATION;
- II) GERIATRIC REHABILITATION FOR PATIENTS WITH ORTHOPAEDIC AND MEDICAL PROBLEMS AND CEREBROVASCULAR ACCIDENTS;
- III) HOSPICE PALLIATION FOR THE TERMINAL CANCER PATIENTS.

AFTER THE RECEPTION, THE DUCHESS TOURED THE HOSPITAL AND VISITED THE HOSPICE CARE WARD, THE PULMONARY REHABILITATION WARD AND THE TRAINING CENTRE FOR PULMONARY REHABILITATION OF THE HOSPITAL.

THE DUCHESS CHATTED WITH THE PATIENTS AND CONVEYED HER WARMTH AND CONSOLATION TO THEM.

SHE THEN VISITED THE BEFRIENDERS INTERNATIONAL AT THE WAN CHAI MTR STATION WHERE SHE WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANISATION'S HONG KONG AND ASIA EAST REPRESENTATIVE, MRS JESSAMINE DOE.

THE DUCHESS WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE SAMARITANS IN WAN CHAI.

THE MAIN TASK OF THE WAN CHAI BRANCH OF THE BEFRIENDERS INTERNATIONAL, THE SAMARITANS, IS TO PREVENT SUICIDE BY BEFRIENDING DEPRESSED AND LONELY PEOPLE AND TO HELP THEM REGAIN A BALANCED PERSPECTIVE OF LIFE.

IN THE EVENING, THE DUCHESS WILL ATTEND THE AIDS FOUNDATION WHITE CHRISTMAS BALL AT THE REGENT HOTEL.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION AT FINGER TIPS

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INFORMATION ON HONG KONG'S PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES IS NOW AVAILABLE IN A GUIDEBOOK COMPILED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

THE PUBLICATION, ENTITLED "PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG - A GUIDE TO SERVICES 1991", IS ON SALE AT \$34 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL. IT IS AVAILABLE IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS.

THE FIRST PART OF THE GUIDE GIVES THE ROUTES, FARES, FIRST AND LAST DEPARTURE TIMES, FREQUENCY RANGE AND JOURNEY TIME OF ALL SCHEDULED PUBLIC TRANSPORT, INCLUDING TRAM, RAIL, FRANCHISED BUS, GREEN MINIBUS, FERRY AND KAITO SERVICES.

FOR FERRY OR BUS SERVICES WITH A FREQUENCY OF OVER 60 MINUTES, THE FULL TIMETABLE IS GIVEN.

THE SECOND PART OF THE GUIDE CONTAINS AN INDEX OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES GROUPED ON AREA BASIS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT BY CROSS-REFERENCING, READERS WOULD BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE MOST CONVENIENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES FOR ANY PARTICULAR JOURNEY.

THE SERVICES OF TAXIS AND RED PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WERE NOT COVERED BY THE GUIDE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT OPERATE ON FIXED ROUTES AND SCHEDULES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, A TABLE ON URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXI FARES WAS INCLUDED, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE GUIDE GENERALLY INDICATED THE POSITION OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT NETWORK IN AUGUST THIS YEAR.

AS THE NETWORK MAY CHANGE TO MEET PASSENGER DEMAND, IT ALSO PROVIDES THE ENQUIRIES HOTLINES OF MAJOR PUBLIC TRANSPORT OPERATORS FOR COMMUTERS TO OBTAIN THE LATEST INFORMATION.

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NEW GMB SERVICE IN SHA TIN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT A NEW GREEN MINIBUS SERVICE PLYING BETWEEN YIU ON ESTATE AND FO TAN (SHAN MEI STREET) WILL COME INTO OPERATION FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 9).

THIS IS A CIRCULAR SERVICE RUNNING VIA YIU ON ESTATE ACCESS ROAD, HANG HONG STREET, MA ON SHAN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, FO TAN ROAD, KWEI TEI STREET, WONG CHUK YEUNG STREET, SUI WO ROAD, SHAN MEI STREET, FO TAN ROAD, TAI CHUNG KIU ROAD, MA ON SHAN ROAD, HANG HONG STREET AND YIU ON ESTATE ACCESS ROAD.

IT WILL BE OPERATED FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM AT A FREQUENCY OF 12 TO 20 MINUTES. THE FARE IS \$5 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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EXHIBITION ON SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECTS  
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SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECTS GIVE A CHANCE FOR TEACHERS TO ADAPT THE CENTRALLY DESIGNED CURRICULUM INTO FORMS OF EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES APPROPRIATE TO THE ABILITY AND SPECIFIC NEEDS OF PUPILS IN THEIR SCHOOLS, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR LI YUET-TING, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF THE SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECTS EXHIBITION AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE.

PROJECTS ON DISPLAY COMPRISED THREE AT KINDERGARTEN LEVEL, 25 AT PRIMARY LEVEL AND 26 AT SECONDARY LEVEL.

THE TEACHERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECTS WERE PRESENTED WITH LETTERS OF APPRECIATION BY MR LI.

THE EXHIBITION IS OPEN FOR PUBLIC VIEWING FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM UNTIL WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 11), EXCEPT SUNDAY, AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

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SOCIAL DANCE OPEN COMPETITION

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FIFTY PAIRS OF AMATEUR DANCERS WILL COMPETE FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE FOURTH SOCIAL DANCE OPEN COMPETITION TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE MIRAMAR HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE CONTEST IS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION AS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE CONTESTANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEMONSTRATE MODERN OR LATIN STEPS SUCH AS WALTZ, TANGO, RUMBA, JIVE AND CHA CHA.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AFTER THE COMPETITION.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDE THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR GERALD FRITH; AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR CHEUNG WING-SUM; AND THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN MOW-FAT.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FOURTH SOCIAL DANCE OPEN COMPETITION TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 3 PM TO 7.30 PM AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, MIRAMAR HOTEL, 118 NATHAN ROAD. THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 7.45 PM.

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CARNIVAL FOR SOUTHERN RESIDENTS

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A CARNIVAL WITH A HOST OF ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) BETWEEN 2 PM AND 9.30 PM IN THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE ON THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S ABERDEEN AND HARBOUR AREA COMMITTEE (AHAC) AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

FOR YOUNGSTERS, THERE WILL BE A KINDERGARTEN PUPILS STORY-TELLING COMPETITION, A PRIMARY STUDENTS DRAWING CONTEST AND A VARIETY OF STALL GAMES.

CHILDREN INTENDING TO JOIN THE DRAWING COMPETITION ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR DRAWING KITS AND SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS AT THE VENUE EARLY AS THEY WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

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FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION ON THE PREVENTION OF COMMON ILLNESSES OF THE ELDERLY TO BE STAGED BY THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG STUDENT UNION.

A COUNTER WILL BE SET UP WHERE SENIOR RESIDENTS CAN GET HEALTH ADVICE AND HAVE THEIR BLOOD PRESSURE TAKEN.

IN ADDITION, A TWO-HOUR CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE WILL BE STAGED, STARTING AT 7.30 PM.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHARLES CHAN; DB CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; DB MEMBERS MR LAI CHI-TONG AND MR WONG MAN-KIT; AND AHAC'S CHAIRMAN MR CHEN KWONG, AND VICE-CHAIRMAN, MISS TSANG TAK-LAN.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE CARNIVAL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CARNIVAL WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 2 PM TO 9.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE, ABERDEEN WATERFRONT.

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VARIETY SHOW TO LAUNCH KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN  
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A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE CHEUNG FAT ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX ON TSING YI ISLAND TO LAUNCH THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE SHOW WILL START AT 2.30 PM. RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. ADMISSION IS FREE.

WINNERS OF A SLOGAN COMPETITION HELD EARLIER WILL BE PRESENTED PRIZES DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEUNG KWONG-CHEONG; AND REGIONAL COUNCILLORS MR CHOW YICK-HAY, MR SIN CHUNG-KAI AND MR TING HIN-WAH.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT CHEUNG FAT ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX ON TSING YI ISLAND. IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS  
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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	6.12.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	7.12.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

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