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APPLICATIONS FOR FLAG DAYS 1992 INVITED

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ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO HOLD FLAG DAYS IN 1992 TO RAISE FUNDS TO FINANCE SERVICES WHICH THEY PROVIDE ARE INVITED TO APPLY TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

ABOUT 40 FLAG DAYS WILL BE ALLOCATED IN 1992.

AN SWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT APPLICANTS MUST BE BONA-FIDE NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

ALL APPLICANTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE SUBVENTIONS AND LOTTERIES FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MERITS OF THE SERVICE OR SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUND-RAISING THROUGH A FLAG DAY WAS PROPOSED, THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION'S FINANCIAL NEEDS, AND THE ORGANISATION'S ABILITY TO EXECUTE SUCH FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES.

"IN THE EVENT THAT APPLICATIONS OUTNUMBER THE FLAG DAYS AVAILABLE, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS WHICH PROVIDE DIRECT WELFARE SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, AND WHICH HAVE GREATER FINANCIAL NEEDS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED A FLAG DAY IN THE PAST MUST NOT ASSUME THAT A FLAG DAY WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE GRANTED IN 1992," HE ADDED.

EXPLAINING THE ALLOCATION CRITERIA, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT EACH APPLICATION WOULD BE CONSIDERED BASICALLY IN THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS:

- * AN ASSESSMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY OF THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION. THIS IS IMPORTANT SINCE PUBLIC COLLECTION OF MONEY IS INVOLVED;
- * THE NATURE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ORGANISATION, AND THE DEMAND FOR SUCH FROM THE COMMUNITY;
- * THE FINANCIAL NEED OF THE ORGANISATION BASED ON ITS ANNUAL BUDGET, OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICITS, AVAILABILITY OF OTHER FUNDING RESOURCES, AND PLANNED PROJECTS; AND
- * THE ORGANISATION'S ABILITY TO ORGANISE FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES AND TO MAXIMISE THE BENEFITS OF A FLAG DAY.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH A FLAG DAY SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 PER CENT OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS, AND THAT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS NEED TO OBSERVE THE CONDITIONS FOR HOLDING FLAG DAYS LAID DOWN BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SWD, 19TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, HONG KONG FROM MAY 1, IN PERSON OR BY WRITING.

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THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF THE ORGANISATION'S LATEST ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS, MUST REACH THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MAY 31 THIS YEAR. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED BY SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

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CONTRACTORS RESPONSIBLE FOR GONDOLA WORKERS' SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONS WORKING AT A HEIGHT ON A GONDOLA TOOK ADEQUATE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAWS.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWED A RECENT CASE AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY IN WHICH A PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR AND HIS SUB-CONTRACTOR WERE FINED \$15,000 AND \$35,000 RESPECTIVELY FOR FAILING TO ENSURE THAT THEIR WORKERS OBSERVED THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN WORKING ON A GONDOLA AND THAT THE GONDOLA WAS IN A GOOD WORKING CONDITION.

THE CASE INVOLVED THE DEATH OF TWO WORKERS WHO FELL FROM A GONDOLA DURING AN ACCIDENT AT A QUEENSWAY CONSTRUCTION SITE IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

"IT IS THE OBLIGATION OF A CONTRACTOR TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONS WORKING AT A HEIGHT ON A GONDOLA SHALL WEAR SUITABLE SAFETY BELTS WITH LANYARDS ATTACHED TO A SAFE ANCHORAGE OR TO AN INDEPENDENT LIFE-LINE," THE DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID.

"IN ADDITION, THE GONDOLA AND ITS ATTACHMENTS SHALL BE OF GOOD CONSTRUCTION, SOUND MATERIAL, FREE FROM DEFECT AND REGULARLY MAINTAINED," MR CHAN SAID.

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VIDEO ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AVAILABLE

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A 17-MINUTE VIDEO ON THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) TO HELP FLAT OWNERS AND TENANTS TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT AND LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

"IT IS PART OF THE CNTA'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE PARTICIPATION AMONG FLAT OWNERS AND TENANTS IN IMPROVING BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE," A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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THE VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS THE BASIC PROCEDURES IN FORMING OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND THE IMPORTANT POINTS FLAT OWNERS SHOULD NOTE IN THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

IN ADDITION, IT POINTS OUT THE VARIOUS MAJOR PROBLEMS AND STRUCTURAL DEFECTS WHICH COMMONLY OCCUR IN OLDER BUILDINGS AND INTERVIEWED BUILDING AND MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS ON THE WAYS TO RECTIFY THESE FLAWS.

"THE VIDEO IS IDEAL FOR SHOWING AS PART OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COPIES OF THE VIDEO ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR LOAN, FREE OF CHARGE, AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES BY OWNERS CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND RESIDENTS GROUPS.

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FUND SET UP FOR KWAI TSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND HAS BEEN SET UP WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TOTTALLING \$1.4 MILLION TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY WORK IN KWAI TSING TO ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND, INITIATED BY FOUR BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS, WILL SUPPLEMENT THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE DISTRICT BOARD IN COMMUNITY BUILDING.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE FUND WOULD PUT SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON ENCOURAGING THE BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY WORK.

"THE FIRST PROJECT UNDERTAKEN BY THE FUND IS THE PUBLICATION OF AN ALBUM ON KWAI TSING'S HISTORY, TRACING THE DISTRICT'S ORIGINS AND ITS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE YEARS.

"THE KWAI TSING ARTS ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT," HE SAID.

THE FUND IS MANAGED BY A COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER MR PAUL TANG, APPOINTED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

THE FOUR FOUNDING DIRECTORS ARE MR DAVID CHAN, MR TAM WAH-CHING, MR FUNG SUN-KWAN AND MR SO HOI-PAN. TWO OTHER DIRECTORS OF THE BOARD ARE MR WONG KWOK-CHAN AND MISS MARIA WONG, A REPRESENTATIVE OF SHELL HONG KONG LTD, WHICH IS A CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF THE FUND.

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CAMPAIGN'S CLEAN ROAD/WORK SITE PHASE STARTS

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PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TRANSPORT COMPANIES, AS WELL AS ROADWORK AND BUILDING CONTRACTORS ARE URGED TO MAINTAIN ROADS AND WORK SITES IN A CLEAN CONDITION IN SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

"THE 1991/92 CAMPAIGN, WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO SEVEN CLEAN-UP PHASES, COVERS ROADS, BEACHES, SCHOOLS, THE COUNTRYSIDE, HOME, SQUATTER AREAS AND THE CITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THE CLEAN ROAD/WORK SITE PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN IS THE FIRST OF THE SEVEN PHASES BEING CONDUCTED BY THE COMMITTEE UNTIL THE END OF JUNE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THESE COMPANIES AND CONTRACTORS ARE CALLED UPON TO HELP CLEAN UP BUS TERMINI, TAXI AND MINIBUS STANDS, AND ROADWORK AND BUILDING SITES.

"GOVERNMENT SITE SUPERVISORY AND CLEANSING STAFF WOULD PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE CLEANLINESS OF THESE AREAS TO ENSURE THAT NO LITTER OR DEBRIS ARE ACCUMULATED, AND NO HAWKER HANDCARTS OR TROLLEYS ARE CHAINED TO HOARDINGS AND RAILINGS CAUSING OBSTRUCTION TO SCAVENGING OPERATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANTI-LITTER BLITZ OPERATIONS AND STEPPED-UP ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN DURING THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD AND LITTER OFFENDERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REPORT CASES OF LITTERING FROM VEHICLES BY TELEPHONING 868 0000 OR 414 5555, THE LITTER HOTLINE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT RESPECTIVELY.

"IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY HONG KONG CITIZEN TO KEEP OUR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN," HE SAID.

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DEADLINE FOR ENTERING ENVIRONMENTAL PAINTING COMPETITION

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STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR ENTERING THE "WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 1991 - STUDENT PAINTING COMPETITION" WILL BE DUE IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMPETITION URGED PARTICIPANTS TO SUBMIT THEIR WORK VIA SCHOOLS TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE (ECC), 27TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI ON OR BEFORE MAY 11.

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AS THE ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED VIA SCHOOLS, PARTICIPANTS ARE REMINDED TO OBSERVE THE DEADLINES INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS MIGHT HAVE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE ECC AND ASSISTED BY THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES THE ECC ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY ON JUNE 5.

THE THEME "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STARTS WITH ME" HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE COMPETITION TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS A BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTION. EACH SCHOOL MAY SUBMIT UP TO 10 ENTRIES.

THE ENTRIES MAY BE A PAINTING, DRAWING, CARTOON OR ILLUSTRATION IN MONOCHROME OR COLOUR OF ANY STYLE OR TREATMENT.

TEN OUTSTANDING ENTRIES FROM EACH SECTION WILL BE SELECTED BY AN ADJUDICATING PANEL COMPRISING MR WATER POON, A PHOTOGRAPHER AND MEMBER OF THE ECC; MR KAN TAI-KEUNG, A DESIGNER; MR MUI CHONG-KI, AN ARTIST; AND MR YEUNG WAI-FUNG, SENIOR INSPECTOR (ART) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY MAY 25.

THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES AND EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE KOWLOON PARK PIAZZA IN THE AFTERNOON OF JUNE 1.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION MAY BE MADE TO THE ECC ON TEL. 835 1881. STUDENTS CAN ALSO CONTACT THEIR SCHOOLS FOR INFORMATION.

THE COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, MOBIL OIL HONG KONG LIMITED, ATLANTA SPORTSWEAR LTD, JUSCO STORES (HONG KONG) CO. LTD, SHUN HING JVC LTD, AND WING FUNG P & P CO.

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STATISTICS ON POLICE THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN MARCH

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POLICE CONTINUED THEIR THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE LAST MONTH, ARRESTING 1,508 PEOPLE IN 3,481 RAIDS.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, NARCOTICS BUREAU AS WELL AS REGIONAL AND DISTRICT POLICE OFFICERS CONDUCTED 723 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, ARRESTING 553 PEOPLE.

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THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 6.4 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN, 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS, 400 GRAMS OF COCAINE AND A QUANTITY OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 111 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 811 PEOPLE. SOME \$270,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$400,000 WERE SEIZED.

POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT 2,647 ANTI-VICE RAIDS AND ARRESTED 144 PEOPLE. A TOTAL OF 40,764 OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AND 655 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES WERE SEIZED.

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YOUNGSTERS INVITED TO JOIN JPC

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YOUNG PEOPLE AGED NINE TO 16 ARE INVITED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JPC), THE LARGEST YOUTH ORGANISATION IN HONG KONG.

CENTRALLY CO-ORDINATED BY THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH, THE JPC SCHEME HAS BEEN PROVIDING THE RIGHT ENVIRONMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNGSTERS INTO LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OVER THE PAST 16 YEARS.

"BESIDES BEING A CHANNEL FOR PROMOTING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE YOUNG GENERATION, THE JPC SCHEME ALSO PROVIDES FACILITIES TO ITS MEMBERS ON A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES," A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1974, MORE THAN 540,000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE JOINED THE SCHEME AND BENEFITED FROM IT.

"IN FACE OF THE PREVALENT MATERIALISM AND CONFUSED VALUE SYSTEM IN OUR SOCIETY, THE JPC SCHEME IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL IN GUIDING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ON TO THE RIGHT TRACK.

"TO BETTER SERVE THE NEED OF JPC MEMBERS, WE ARE ORGANISING ACTIVITIES ON A DISTRICT BASIS AND HAVE SET UP CLUBHOUSES IN ALL DISTRICTS FOR THIS PURPOSE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN SUPPORT OF THE JPC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS WILL BE ORGANISING THEIR OWN RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE COMING MONTHS.

YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE JPC SCHEME ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THEIR LOCAL POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICES OR CALL THE POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH ON TEL. 528 4163 EXT. 266 AND 277.

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MAINLAYING WORKS IN YUEN LONG

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF FRESHWATER MAINS IN YUEN LONG TOWN.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE LAYING OF ABOUT 900 METRES OF WATER MAINS OF 1,400 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

WHEN COMMISSIONED, THE NEW MAINS WILL CONVEY WATER FROM THE AU TAU TREATMENT WORKS TO TIN SHUI WAI TO COPE WITH THE DEMANDS GENERATED FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON MAY 17.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 30) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY CHEUNG FAT STREET, PO ON ROAD, PRATAS STREET, UN CHAU STREET, TONKIN STREET AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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