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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME IS AGAIN OPEN FOR APPLICATION TO ENABLE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO REALISE THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH SOCIAL SERVICE.

THE SCHEME, SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN OCTOBER 1974, HAS MADE AVAILABLE A TOTAL OF \$455,000 FOR 393 PROJECTS WHICH WERE CARRIED OUT BY 14,600 VOLUNTEERS WHOSE SERVICES HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO 610,000 PEOPLE.

ADMINISTERED BY THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE SCHEME AIMS TO PROMOTE PARTICIPANTS' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO UTILISE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS WHICH WILL BENEFIT THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

EXPLAINING THE NATURE OF THE SCHEME, MR. LAM KWOK-WAN, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION, SAID TODAY THAT IN ADDITION TO PROFESSIONAL GUIDANCE, CASH GRANTS OF \$190 TO \$2,000 WOULD BE GIVEN FOR EACH APPROVED PROJECT.

+THIS WILL ACT AS AN IMPETUS FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO ACQUIRE ACTUAL EXPERIENCE IN RESEARCH, ORGANISATION, MANAGEMENT, AND EVALUATION OF A PARTICULAR TYPE OF SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT PROJECTS SUPPORTED DURING THE PAST YEARS COVERED A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SOCIAL SERVICES WHICH COULD BE BROADLY CLASSIFIED AS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SERVICES FOR THE LESS PRIVILEGED, COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME, CONSTRUCTION WORKS, FILM PRODUCTION AND PUBLICATIONS.

MR. LAM SAID THAT TARGET GROUPS BENEFITTING FROM THE 393 PROJECTS INCLUDED THE HANDICAPPED, THE ELDERLY, YOUTH, CHILDREN, VARIOUS MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE WORKERS, THE MARINE POPULATION AND THE RURAL COMMUNITY.

TURNING TO APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, MR. LAM SAID THE SCHEME WAS OPEN TO YOUTH GROUPS COMPRISING MORE THAN 10 MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25.

HE ADDED THAT THESE GROUPS HAD TO BE RECOGNISED BY INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS SCHOOLS, YOUTH AGENCIES, OR APPROVED BY THE RESPECTIVE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER PRIOR TO APPLICATION.

+ASSESSMENT OF THE MERITS OF THE PROJECT PROPOSALS WILL BE BASED ON THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY BENEFITS, PRIORITY OF NEEDS, INNOVATIVE QUALITY, FEASIBILITY AND THE OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT CONSIDERATION WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND LEAFLETS CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE SCHEME ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S 15 COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION HAS BEEN SET FOR NOVEMBER 15, 1978.

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RESEARCHERS CONTRIBUTE TO A CLEANER MARINE ENVIRONMENT  
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ALMOST DAILY A TEAM OF FOUR SCIENTISTS SET SAIL AROUND THE HARBOUR AND BEYOND ON ASSIGNMENT TO MONITOR THE QUALITY OF HONG KONG'S TERRITORIAL WATERS FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE LIFE.

THE SCIENTISTS ARE GOVERNMENT RESEARCH OFFICERS FROM THE MARINE POLLUTION SECTION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WHOSE WORK HAS CONTRIBUTED TO A CLEANER MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE TEAM HAS CARRIED OUT NUMEROUS MARINE SURVEYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS, INCLUDING PHYTOPLANKTON SAMPLING, SEABED SURVEY AND STUDY OF TOXIC METAL LOADS IN MARINE ORGANISMS.

REPORTS OF THEIR FINDINGS ARE SUBMITTED TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL BRANCH FOR STUDY.

COMMENTING ON THE QUALITY OF OUR COASTAL WATERS, THE RESEARCH TEAM LEADER, DR. G.B. THOMPSON, SAID IT VARIES FROM PLACE TO PLACE= SOME AREAS ARE CLEAN AND SOME ARE NOT.

IN ADDITION TO ITS ROUTINE STUDY, THE MARINE POLLUTION SECTION ALSO ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT ON THE SELECTION OF DUMPING SITES, LOCATIONS OF POWER STATIONS AND DESALTER PLANT, IMPROVEMENT OF SEWAGE TREATMENT AND CONTROL OF OIL SPILLS.

THE SECTION, DR. THOMPSON SAID, WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND THE TWO LOCAL UNIVERSITIES TO CONTROL MARINE POLLUTION AND TO PROTECT HONG KONG WATERS FROM CONTAMINATION.

ESTABLISHED IN 1974, THE RESEARCH SECTION OPERATES FROM ABERDEEN AND HAS ITS OWN LABORATORY. TWO OF THE RESEARCHERS ARE LOCAL OFFICERS AND THE OTHER TWO ARE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THE RESEARCHERS, FROM TIME TO TIME, ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS RELATING TO COASTAL POLLUTION CONTROL SO AS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD.

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GIS MOBILE THEATRE -- A HAPPY WAGON  
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THE MOBILE STREET THEATRE OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES IS NO STRANGER TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

SINCE 1974 THE MOBILE THEATRE HAS BEEN ROVING THE STREETS OF HONG KONG BRINGING ENTERTAINMENT AND INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC, AS WELL AS EDUCATING THEM ON THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES. DURING ITS TOUR, IT HAS STAGED SOME 850 SHOWS.

ALSO KNOWN AS THE +HAPPY WAGON+ IN CHINESE, THE STREET THEATRE IS A LORRY WHICH CAN BE CONVERTED INTO AN INSTANT STAGE. IT IS FITTED WITH LIGHTING, A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND A PORTABLE GENERATOR TO SUPPLY ITS OWN ELECTRICITY WHEN REQUIRED.

WHILE MOST PEOPLE ARE ENJOYING THEIR WEEKENDS, SUNDAYS, PUBLIC HOLIDAYS OR RELAXING AT HOME AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK, THE MOBILE STREET THEATRE TEAM GEARS FOR WORK, BRINGING ENTERTAINMENT TO THE PUBLIC AND, ABOVE ALL, PUTTING ACROSS GOVERNMENT EDUCATIONAL MESSAGES.

+IT IS MOST ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE GOOD RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC JUDGING FROM THE LARGE CROWD OF PEOPLE THAT IS ATTRACTED TO OUR SHOWS,+ A G.I.S. SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+BECAUSE OF ITS POPULARITY, THE STREET THEATRE IS HEAVILY COMMITTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS BEAT CRIME, ROAD SAFETY, CLEAN BEACH, CLEAN HONG KONG, ANTI-NARCOTICS, FIRE PREVENTION AS WELL AS POLICE AND PRISONS STAFF RECRUITMENT DRIVE,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

IN JUNE THIS YEAR, AN OFFSHOOT OF THE MOBILE STREET THEATRE -- THE PUPPET THEATRE -- WAS INTRODUCED AS ANOTHER NEW MEDIUM OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC.

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MR. F.K. LI TO OFFICIATE AT KAIFONG DAY CELEBRATION  
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. F.K. LI, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE 29TH KAIFONG DAY TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT 7 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT, CENTRAL.

THE FUNCTION, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE 64 KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, WILL BE ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, URBAN COUNCIL, CIVIC LEADERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF KAIFONG BODIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT SAI KUNG

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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE FOR FIVE DAYS FROM OCTOBER 30.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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TSIM SHA TSUI TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT

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THE JUNCTION OF PRAT AVENUE AND CHATHAM ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 24) FOR ABOUT TEN HOURS TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF ELECTRIC CABLE.

DURING THE PERIOD, PRAT AVENUE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY AND THE METERED PARKING SPACES ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 24) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY POTTINGER STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND WING WO STREET, INCLUDING THE OUTLYING DISTRICT FERRY PIER.

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