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TSUEN WAN CENTRAL LIBRARY IN SERVICE BY YEAR END

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ANOTHER REGIONAL CENTRAL LIBRARY CUM GOVERNMENT OFFICE TOWER WILL BE IN SERVICE BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, SERVING TSUEN WAN, A DISTRICT WITH A POPULATION OF 270,000.

OFFICIATING AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE BUILDING THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING, THE DIRECTOR OF ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES, MR PAUL CORSER, SAID THE PROJECT WOULD ENHANCE THE SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR THE PUBLIC IN THE AREA.

HE ESTIMATED THAT SOME 8,000 PEOPLE WOULD FREQUENT THE BUILDING EVERYDAY.

"BOTH FIRST AND ENDURING IMPRESSIONS ABOUT A SOCIETY ARE GIVEN BY ITS BUILDINGS; THEY ARE THE MEASURE BY WHICH VISITORS JUDGE ITS SOPHISTICATION.

"IN THIS CASE, THE PEOPLE OF TSUEN WAN WILL RIGHTLY FEEL PROUD OF THIS NEW LANDMARK WHEN, BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, IT STARTS ITS OPERATIONAL LIFE," MR CORSER SAID.

THE \$363-MILLION DEVELOPMENT COMPRISES A FOUR-STOREY LIBRARY BLOCK AND A 26-STOREY OFFICE TOWER SHARING A COMMON FOUR-STOREY PODIUM.

LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THE PROJECT WILL PROVIDE 3,700 SQUARE METRES OF SPACE FOR THE LIBRARY AND SOME 16,000 SQUARE METRES FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THE PODIUM FLOORS WILL BE OCCUPIED BY HIGHLY PATRONISED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS POST OFFICE AND MUSIC OFFICE WHILE THE OFFICE TOWER WILL HOUSE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS, SOCIAL WELFARE, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENTS AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

THE DESIGN AND PLANNING CONSTRAINTS OF THE PROJECT, AS A RESULT OF THE ODDLY-SHAPED SITE AND ITS PROXIMITY TO RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, WERE MASTERED BY THE SPECIAL TOUCH IN THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN.

THE OFFICE TOWER, WHICH IS POSITIONED AT THE CENTRE LINE OF TWO ADJACENT RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS, HAS ITS SIZE REDUCED PROGRESSIVELY AS ITS HEIGHT INCREASES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE EFFECTS OF MINIMISING THE VISUAL IMPACT ON THE NEIGHBOURING OCCUPANTS.

A SIMILAR PLAN WAS ADOPTED FOR THE LIBRARY BLOCK FOR CONSISTENCY IN DESIGN CONCEPT.

THE USE OF WINDOW OPENINGS OF VARIOUS SIZES HAS ALSO CREATED A RHYTHM ON THE ELEVATION.

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TO FACILITATE BETTER ACCESS TO THE BUILDING, A COVERED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY CANTILEVERED FROM THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE PODIUM WILL LINK UP WITH THE EXISTING WALKWAY OF THE ADJACENT NAM FUNG CENTRE AND TSUEN KAM CENTRE WHERE THE MTR STATION AND BUS TERMINUS ARE LOCATED.

THE TSUEN WAN CENTRAL LIBRARY IS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL STOCK OF 300,000 BOOKS, EXPANDABLE TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO 500,000.

IT WILL CONSIST OF AN ADULT LIBRARY, A JUNIOR LIBRARY, A REFERENCE LIBRARY, A NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS LIBRARY, AN AUDIO-VISUAL LIBRARY, A COMPUTER ROOM, A 180-SEAT STUDENTS' STUDY ROOM AND AN EXTENSION ACTIVITIES ROOM.

THE THIRD OF ITS KIND RUN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE LIBRARY WILL BE THE LARGEST IN THE COUNCIL'S AREA.

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LADY WILSON OPENS NEW YOUTH CENTRE

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THE NEW FONG SHU CHUEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE WOULD PROVIDE WELL-PLANNED FACILITIES TO MEET THE SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF MANY YOUNG PEOPLE, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE AT WHAMPOA GARDEN, SHE SAID SPECIAL CARE AND ATTENTION WERE NEEDED TO ENSURE YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP INTO MATURE, RESPONSIBLE, AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

"AS HONG KONG ENTERS A PERIOD OF RAPID SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHANGES, IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ARE GIVEN THE SUPPORT AND OPPORTUNITIES TO PREPARE THEM FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THEY MAY HAVE TO CARRY IN THE YEARS TO COME," LADY WILSON SAID.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES ARE ESTABLISHED ON A NEIGHBOURHOOD BASIS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES AND TO ALLOW THEM TO ORGANISE THEIR OWN GROUPS.

SHE SAID ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THESE CENTRES WAS TO PROMOTE VOLUNTEERISM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

"PARTICIPATION IN VOLUNTEER WORK PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-REALISATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE," SHE SAID.

THROUGH VOLUNTEER WORK, YOUNG PEOPLE COULD EXPRESS THEIR CONCERN FOR SOCIAL PROBLEMS, PARTICIPATE IN THE PROMOTION OF THE WELL-BEING OF SOCIETY, AND LEARN TO CARE FOR AND SHARE WITH OTHERS.

"VOLUNTEER WORK FOSTERS A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND A COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY THEY LIVE IN.

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"IT GIVES YOUNG PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND MEET NEW FRIENDS," LADY WILSON ADDED.

THE POLICY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WAS FIRST DETERMINED IN 1973. THE RECENT WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE IN THE 1990'S AND BEYOND STATED THAT THERE WERE GROUNDS FOR GREATER INTEGRATION OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

THE FONG SHU CHUEN CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE IS ONE OF THE SIX SIMILAR CENTRES RUN BY THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES (HKCYS), WHICH NOW HAVE OVER 26,000 MEMBERS.

HKCYS ALSO OPERATES A FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE, THREE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION TEAMS, THREE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK UNITS AND FOUR SMALL GROUP HOMES.

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KNOWLEDGE AT WORK KEEPS AIDS AWAY

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LOCAL EMPLOYERS SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE WORKPLACE TO EDUCATE WORKERS AGAINST AIDS NOW RATHER THAN DEAL WITH THE AIDS PROBLEM AND PAY A HIGHER COST LATER.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR STEPHEN CHEONG AT A SEMINAR ON "AIDS AND THE WORKPLACE - SHARING THE CHALLENGE" THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ADDRESSING THE SEMINAR, MR CHEONG SAID: "IN HONG KONG, THE EPIDEMIC IS ONLY NOW BEGINNING. WE HAVE THE BENEFIT OF HINDSIGHT, LESSONS LEARNT FROM THE UNITED STATES, TO ACT SWIFTLY AND INTELLIGENTLY TO CURB THE SPREAD OF AIDS VIRUS (HIV) NOW RATHER THAN WHEN IT IS TOO LATE.

HE CAUTIONED THAT AS THE PATTERN OF THE DISEASE CHANGED AND A BROADER SPECTRUM OF PEOPLE WERE AFFECTED, THE BURDEN OF PAYING FOR MEDICAL CARE WOULD ALSO SHIFT FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE SYSTEM TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR. ULTIMATELY, IT PAID TO BE PREPARED.

"SINCE MANY COMPANIES IN HONG KONG HAVE MEDICAL BENEFIT SCHEMES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, IT ONLY MAKES DOLLAR SENSE TO EDUCATE AND THEREBY PREVENT THE DISEASE FROM OCCURRING NOW RATHER THAN DEAL WITH THE HUGE CHRONIC CARE COSTS LATER," HE STRESSED.

HE SAID THE WORKPLACE PROVIDED A UNIQUE SETTING TO DISSEMINATE AIDS INFORMATION EFFICIENTLY AND FOSTER A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS PERSONS WITH AIDS.

IN ORGANISING EFFECTIVE AIDS EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IN THE WORKPLACE, MR CHEONG ADVISED: FIRSTLY, THERE SHOULD BE A CLEAR MESSAGE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM, AND THAT HIV/AIDS CONCERNS EVERYONE.

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SECONDLY, APPROPRIATE AND SENSIBLE PREVENTIVE MEASURES SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED TO DISPEL MISCONCEPTIONS WHICH QUITE OFTEN ARISE FROM IGNORANCE.

THIRDLY, POSITIVE ATTITUDES SHOULD BE FOSTERED TOWARDS THE HIV INFECTED PEOPLE.

"THEY ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED AND WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SOCIETY. ISOLATION OR PREJUDICE CAN CAUSE DISRUPTION TO THE WORKPLACE AND LEAD TO FINANCIALLY DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES," HE SAID.

MR CHEONG BELIEVED THAT A CAREFULLY CONSIDERED POLICY ABOUT AIDS WOULD FOSTER CO-OPERATION AND LOYALTY FROM EMPLOYEES AS IT WOULD SHOW THEM THAT MANAGEMENT HAD THEIR INTERESTS AT HEART.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDED DR PATRICK LI OF THE HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION; THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT, MR M.E. PEAKE; MR HO SAI-YIU OF FOOK LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER MISS LI FUNG-YING.

THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS WITH THE AIM OF HELPING PARTICIPANTS AND EMPLOYERS TO ARRIVE AT A SENSIBLE POLICY ABOUT AIDS IN THE WORKPLACE.

THE CONVENER OF THE SEMINAR, URBAN COUNCILLOR MS CARLYE TSUI, THANKED THE HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION FOR CO-ORGANISING THE FUNCTION AND BURROUGHS WELLCOME AND COMPANY FOR SPONSORING THE EVENT.

SHE NOTED THAT 14 BUSINESS ORGANISATIONS, WHICH INCLUDED MOST OF THE MAJOR LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, ALSO GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THIS SEMINAR PROJECT.

MS TSUI ADDED THAT THE OVER-SUBSCRIPTION OF SEMINAR SEATS WAS ANOTHER ENCOURAGING INDICATION OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS.

"THE PROMOTION OF AIDS EDUCATION IN THE WORKPLACE IS ONE OF THE LONG BATTLES AGAINST AIDS. WE WILL CONTINUE WHAT WE HAVE STARTED TODAY AND I HOPE LEADERS OF THE BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS WILL CONTINUE SUPPORTING OUR COMMITTEE," SHE URGED.

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23 COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED 23 COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS LAST MONTH.

THE WORKSHOPS INCLUDED THOSE ON THE USE OF HAND TOOLS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL ART AND DESIGN TEACHERS, SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECTS FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS AND NURSERY CLASS ACTIVITIES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE SEMINARS COVERED COMPUTER AWARENESS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR TEACHERS OF VARIOUS SUBJECTS, NEUROSCIENCE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL BIOLOGY TEACHERS, THE TEACHING OF AS-LEVEL MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS AND APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND AIDS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

THE COURSES INCLUDED TRAINING FOR TEACHER LIBRARIANS, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT SCHEME ON LOCAL HISTORY, COMPUTER AWARENESS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, REFRESHER COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WAYS TO ORGANISE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN THE TEACHING OF PUTONGHUA AND WAYS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH THE TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE.

ORIENTATION SEMINARS FOR AS-LEVEL BIOLOGY TEACHERS WERE ALSO ORGANISED.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	20.3.92	700
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	21.3.92	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

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