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WORK STARTS ON NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE

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THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE, TO BE DEVELOPED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) IN SAI KUNG, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A VERY WORTHWHILE PROJECT FOR HONG KONG.

IT HAD AROUSED INTERNATIONAL INTEREST IN HONG KONG AND IN WHAT THE TERRITORY WAS DOING TO PRESERVE NATURE AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT GENERALLY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRE.

THE PROJECT, BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE AFD, INVOLVES THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE SAI KUNG FARM INTO HONG KONG'S FIRST NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303 - HONG KONG AND MACAU.

MR HSU EXPRESSED HIS DEEP RESPECT FOR THE LIONS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIETY, AND TO PROVIDING NATURE EDUCATION FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

HE ALSO REITERATED THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL OBJECTIVES FOR NATURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION.

THESE INCLUDED MAKING OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING SPECIFIC SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, AWARE OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN CREATING AND MAINTAINING A HEALTHY AND PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT AND ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT, THROUGH THE FORMAL EDUCATION SYSTEM, OF A WELL-INFORMED, ENVIRONMENTALLY AWARE AND RESPONSIBLE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

IT ALSO ENTAILED MAKING PROFESSIONALS CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT, AND DECISION MAKERS, MORE AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF THEIR DECISIONS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH AND WELFARE OF OUR COMMUNITY, HE ADDED.

IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THESE POLICY OBJECTIVES, MR HSU SAID, THE GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE MACHINERY HAD BEEN GIVEN RESPONSIBILITIES TO INCLUDE IN THEIR WORK PROGRAMMES ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING TO AVOID CREATING NEW PROBLEMS IN FUTURE AND LEGISLATION TO ENSURE ADHERENCE TO POLLUTION CONTROLS.

THERE WERE ALSO FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF THE WASTES GENERATED BY THE COMMUNITY AND CONSULTATION AND MONITORING ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMME.

"AS WITH ALL OTHER PROGRAMMES, GOVERNMENT ACTION IS NOT ENOUGH. WE NEED COMMUNITY AND ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT, AND SUCH SUPPORT WILL BE RECOGNISED," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD CONSENTED TO BE THE PATRON OF THE PROJECT WAS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF THE ESTEEM THE GOVERNMENT HAD FOR THE PROJECT.

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OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS OF THE CEREMONY INCLUDED THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, MR WILLIAM WAN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, MR CARLOS CHEUNG, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303, MR PAUL FAN, SAID THE GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY SIGNIFIED THE FIRST STEP OF THE NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE PROJECT IN MOVING FROM THE DISCUSSION STAGE TO THE ACTION STAGE.

HE SAID THE LIONS SPONSORED THE PROJECT BECAUSE IT WAS REALISED THAT THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED TO EDUCATE OUR NEXT GENERATION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURE CONSERVATION.

HE HOPED THEIR EFFORTS WOULD AROUSE THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR, TO THIS ISSUE AND URGED THAT CONCERTED EFFORTS BE MADE TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER HONG KONG.

THE LIONS HAVE SET UP A LIONS NATURE EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE PROJECT. THE MONEY WILL BE USED TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRE'S EXHIBITION HALLS, INSECT HOUSE, A CAFETERIA AND AN ELEVATED WALK AS WELL AS TO UPGRADE OTHER ASSOCIATED FACILITIES.

THE CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

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INVITATION FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS TO BECOME TEACHERS

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SCHOOL LEAVERS WISHING TO BECOME TEACHERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE FOUR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

THE COLLEGES ARE THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID STUDENTS WITH CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS CAN APPLY FOR THE THREE-YEAR COURSE AND ADVANCED LEVEL STUDENTS, THE TWO-YEAR COURSE.

"THE COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO PREPARE STUDENTS TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS TO TEACH GENERAL SUBJECTS AT PRIMARY LEVEL AND TWO ELECTIVE SUBJECTS UP TO SECONDARY 3 LEVEL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE ENTITLES THEM TO AN INITIAL MONTHLY SALARY OF \$9,035 AND A MAXIMUM OF \$14,640.

"ADVANCEMENT PROSPECTS INCLUDE BEING HEADS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS LECTURERS AT THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, INSPECTORS OR AS SENIOR EDUCATION ASSISTANTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT WHILE GRANTHAM, SIR ROBERT BLACK AND NORTHCOTE TRAIN STUDENTS IN GENERAL SUBJECTS, THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE PREPARES STUDENTS TO TEACH EITHER DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY OR COMMERCE SUBJECTS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE FOUR COLLEGES AND AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

APPLICATIONS, WHICH WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, CAN BE SUBMITTED THROUGH SCHOOLS FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL LEAVERS OR, FOR THOSE WHO HAD ALREADY LEFT SCHOOL, AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

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EXHIBITION TO SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG DAY
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A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION TO COMMEMORATE THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) AND TO SUPPORT THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK EXHIBITION HALL, CENTRAL, ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (JUNE 27 AND 28).

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OCCASION ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26) AFTERNOON.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN FROM 10.30 AM TO 6.30 PM.

IT IS ORGANISED BY ACAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS AND A COUNSELLING CENTRE FOR PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCE ABUSERS, PS 33.

A WIDE RANGE OF PANELS INTRODUCING HONG KONG'S OVERALL ANTI-DRUG WORK AND THE ROLES PLAYED BY THE PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS WILL BE DISPLAYED.

THE DISPLAYS OF THE POLICE AND CUSTOMS WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE DEPICTION OF A NUMBER OF MAJOR DRUG TRAFFICKING AND MANUFACTURING CASES DEALT WITH IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

AS MAIN ATTRACTIONS OF THE EXHIBITION, VIDEOS AND SLIDES WILL BE SHOWN TO GIVE AUDIENCE AN INSIGHT INTO THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-DRUG STRATEGIES AND THE HARMFUL EFFECTS CAUSED BY ABUSING PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES. A VIDEO WALL AND LARGE SCREEN WILL BE SET UP FOR THIS PURPOSE.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE EXHIBITS RELATED TO SEIZED DRUGS AND OPIUM-SMOKING PARAPHERNALIA.

IN ADDITION TO PRINTED PUBLICITY MATERIALS, GIVE-AWAY ITEMS, SPONSORED BY THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AT WHICH THE GOVERNOR WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK EXHIBITION HALL, CENTRAL, AT 4 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26).

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NEW TEST KITS FOR DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL SOON BE ABLE TO ASSESS MORE ACCURATELY THE WORKING ABILITIES OF DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS WITH THE HELP OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

WITH THE RECENT ACQUISITION OF THREE ASSESSMENT KITS KNOWN AS VALPAR COMPONENT WORK SAMPLE SERIES (VCWSS), THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION CAN BETTER IDENTIFY THE JOBS THAT BEST SUIT THE ABILITY OF DISABLED JOB APPLICANTS.

THE SYSTEM WAS PURCHASED WITH A GRANT OF \$940,000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE VCWSS IS A WELL-DEVELOPED VOCATIONAL ASSESSMENT SYSTEM SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE DISABLED, WHICH HAS BEEN TESTED AND WIDELY USED IN THE EMPLOYMENT REHABILITATION CENTRES IN BRITAIN.

THE NEW EQUIPMENT MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR PLACEMENT OFFICERS TO REALISTICALLY AND ACCURATELY ASSESS INDIVIDUAL DISABLED PERSONS' RESIDUAL WORKING ABILITIES AND PLACE THEM IN THE RIGHT JOB.

TO TRAIN PLACEMENT OFFICERS ON THE USE OF THE ASSESSMENT KIT, THE JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED ANOTHER \$175,000 TO THE DIVISION TO FUND A TRAINING PROJECT.

AN EXPERT INSTRUCTOR FROM THE USA WILL RUN A TRAINING COURSE FOR SOME 20 PLACEMENT OFFICERS LATER THIS YEAR.

AFTERWARDS, THE SYSTEM WILL BE PUT INTO USE IN THE THREE REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE DIVISION.

IN ADDITION, THE DIVISION WILL ORGANISE AN ANNUAL EXHIBITION IN NOVEMBER TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED, WITH A DONATION OF \$40,000 FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB TOWARDS PART OF THE COSTS.

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MAINTENANCE OF HK'S INTEGRITY A POLICE PRIORITY

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AS HONG KONG STRIVES TO AFFIRM ITS POSITION AS AN INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CENTRE, THE MAINTENANCE OF THE TERRITORY'S INTEGRITY IN THE WORLD BUSINESS MARKET IS ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES OF THE POLICE FORCE.

HENCE, THE FORCE HAS INCREASED THE MANPOWER OF THE COMMERCIAL CRIME BUREAU (CCB) BY THREE FOLD FROM 93 OFFICERS IN 1973 TO 289 OFFICERS IN 1989.

"IF THERE IS NO INTEGRITY, THERE WILL BE NO CONFIDENCE. IF THERE IS NO CONFIDENCE, THERE WILL BE NO HONG KONG," CCB'S CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR BEN MUNFORD, SAID.

"FRAUD AND, IN PARTICULAR, INTERNATIONAL FRAUD IS REGARDED AS A SERIOUS MATTER BY THE FORCE," HE SAID.

BUSINESSMEN FIND NO BOUNDARY IN THEIR PURSUIT OF PROFITS AND SO IT IS WITH FRAUD. "VERY FEW CASES WITH WHICH WE ARE DEALING DO NOT HAVE SOME SORT OF INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION," MR MUNFORD SAID.

TO CCB OFFICERS, LIAISON WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THEREFORE, IS ALMOST A MUST DURING INVESTIGATIONS.

IN ADDITION, CCB'S INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ALSO MONITORS CLOSELY THE MOVEMENT OF KNOWN INTERNATIONAL SWINDLERS. IT CONDUCTS ENQUIRIES ON BEHALF OF FOREIGN ANTI-FRAUD AUTHORITIES, MR MUNFORD SAID.

WORKING PARALLEL WITH THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION ARE THREE TEAMS OF FRAUD INVESTIGATORS - TWO ON COMMERCIAL FRAUD AND ONE ON COUNTERFEIT AND FORGERY CRIMES - WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF TREASURY ACCOUNTANTS.

LAST YEAR, MR MUNFORD SAID, CCB HANDLED 600 FRAUD CASES EACH INVOLVING AN AVERAGE OF \$1.2 MILLION.

"FRAUD INVESTIGATION IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM NORMAL CRIME INVESTIGATION.

"A GOOD FRAUD CASE IS USUALLY NOT IMMEDIATELY DETECTED. WHEN THE VICTIM DOES KNOW ABOUT IT, IT MIGHT BE SEVERAL MONTHS LATER. AND HE USUALLY HAS A GOOD IDEA WHO HAS CHEATED HIM," MR MUNFORD NOTED.

THE CHALLENGE TO A CCB OFFICER WAS TO PRODUCE DETAILED EVIDENCE TO LINK THE FRAUD WITH SUSPECTS WHO MIGHT HAVE COVERED THEIR TRACKS WELL AND EVEN FLED THE TERRITORY, HE SAID.

ON AVERAGE, MR MUNFORD SAID, EACH FRAUD ENQUIRY WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS AND IT WAS NOT UNCOMMON TO HAVE A CASE ON THE BOOK FOR SIX YEARS.

"VERY OFTEN IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO INVOLVE COMPANY RECORDS DATING BACK MANY YEARS IN JUST ONE CASE.

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"I REMEMBER THERE WAS ONE CASE IN WHICH I HAD 100,000 EXHIBITS," HE SAID.

HENCE, CCB OFFICERS HAVE TO BE SELF-MOTIVATED WITH A FAIR DEGREE OF PATIENCE.

"LIKE AN AUTHOR OF A BOOK, THEY HAVE TO WORK TO SELF-IMPOSED DEADLINES," MR MUNFORD NOTED.

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STATISTICS ON POLICE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS IN MAY
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POLICE CONTINUED THEIR THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE ACTIVITIES LAST MONTH, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 1,208 PEOPLE IN 4,044 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE MONTH, POLICE ARRESTED 236 PEOPLE IN 339 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 754 PEOPLE IN 3,410 RAIDS IN KOWLOON AND 193 PEOPLE IN 276 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS ARRESTED 25 PERSONS IN 19 OPERATIONS.

IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING IN MAY, POLICE OFFICERS CARRIED OUT 811 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 565 PEOPLE. THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 14.7 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 6.6 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 4 HEROIN, 10 KILOGRAMS OF CANNABIS RESIN, 44 GRAMS OF CANNABIS AND 11.3 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM, THE LATTER OF WHICH WAS THE LARGEST AMOUNT SEIZED THIS YEAR.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 91 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 505 PEOPLE, SEIZING \$153,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$125,000.

IN THEIR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES, POLICE ARRESTED 138 PEOPLE IN 3,142 RAIDS AND SEIZED 547 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEOTAPES AND FOUR OBJECTIONABLE MAGAZINES.

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CIVIC EDUCATION PIONEERS SCHEME IN SOUTHERN

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAS INITIATED A CIVIC EDUCATION PIONEERS SCHEME TO GROOM LOCAL YOUTH FOR AN ACTIVE PART IN SPREADING CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGES.

ALL THOSE AGED 15 OR ABOVE, WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT, ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE SCHEME. THEY MAY TAKE PART INDIVIDUALLY OR IN GROUPS OF UP TO EIGHT PEOPLE.

TRAINING FOR THOSE CHOSEN AS CIVIC EDUCATION PIONEERS WILL INCLUDE A SEMINAR IN JULY ON THE "TRANSFORMATION OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG", AND VISITS TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, URBAN COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

THE CIVIC EDUCATION PIONEERS WILL THEN BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MOUNTING AN EXHIBITION ON THEIR FINDINGS AND ASSESSMENTS OF THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

THEY WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE ORGANISATION OF A LARGE-SCALE CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 2 IN THE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

DETAILS OF THE SCHEME AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT ABERDEEN CENTRE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN ABBA COMMERCIAL BUILDING, LEI TUNG ESTATE, WAH FU ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS WILL CLOSE ON JUNE 30. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 552 1006.

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DB COMMITTEE TO REVIEW TUNNEL TOLLS

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW THE TOLLS OF THE LION ROCK AND SHING MUN TUNNELS AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS PUBLIC BUS SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AND THE POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF TRAIN SERVICES AT NIGHT.

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OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE PRIVATE ESTATE COACH SERVICES, PUBLIC LIGHT BUS SERVICES AND TRAFFIC CONGESTIONS IN LOK KING STREET, FO TAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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ACTIVE SUMMER FOR MONG KOK YOUTHS
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MORE THAN 40,000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN MONG KOK ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

A TOTAL OF 121 ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANISED FOR PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 BY THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIPS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 8 TO END OF AUGUST WITH "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY" AS THE THEME.

"WE HOPE YOUNGSTERS CAN ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITIES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"APART FROM RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THE COMMITTEE HAS SPECIALLY DESIGNED OTHER PROJECTS TO ENHANCE YOUNG PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS," HE SAID.

THESE INCLUDE SEMINARS ON LAW, A QUIZ COMPETITION ABOUT HONG KONG AND MONG KOK, ESSAY AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, COURSES ON NEWS REPORTING AND WRITING, AND TALKS ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

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AN OPENING CEREMONY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN ART AND HANDICRAFT FAIR, STALL GAMES AND SINGING PERFORMANCES, WILL BE HELD AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND ON JULY 8.

A "KARAOKE NIGHT" WHICH FORMS PART OF THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL BE STAGED AT THE MACPHERSON STADIUM ON AUGUST 26.

TICKETS FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY AND PROGRAMME PAMPHLETS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND ITS TAI KOK TSUI SUB-OFFICE AT GROUND FLOOR, 31A ANCHOR STREET.

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REMOVAL OF KENNEDY TOWN SUB-OFFICE

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE'S KENNEDY TOWN SUB-OFFICE IN BELCHER'S STREET WILL MOVE TO THE GROUND FLOOR OF SMITHFIELD TERRACE, 71-77 SMITHFIELD, TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE WILL REMAIN AT 817 1843, WHILE THE MAIN EXCHANGE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE WILL CHANGE TO 855 9372.

AS WELL AS PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE, STAFF OF THE SUB-OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES, SUCH AS STATUTORY DECLARATION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LEAFLETS AND APPLICATION FORMS. THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO OPERATE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO CALL AT THE SUB-OFFICE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON SATURDAYS.

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NEW GARDEN FOR WAN CHAI

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RESIDENTS IN WAN CHAI WILL HAVE MORE OPEN SPACE FOR RELAXATION BY MAY NEXT YEAR.

A \$3.8 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MORRISON HILL ROAD GARDEN HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE GARDEN, WHICH OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,000 SQUARE METRES, WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES INCLUDING A CYCLING TRACK, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A REST AREA.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START NEXT MONTH.

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PUBLIC EARTH DUMP AT MA ON SHAN TO BE CLOSED

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THE PUBLIC EARTH DUMP AT MA ON SHAN, SHA TIN, WILL BE CLOSED AS FROM 6 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 30).

MEANWHILE, THE EARTH DUMP AT HANG HAU IN TSEUNG KWAN O WILL CONTINUE TO BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC.

DUMPING PERMIT IS REQUIRED AT THE EARTH DUMP. IT CAN BE OBTAINED BY APPLYING TO THE SOUTH EAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, FORMERLY KNOWN AS JUNK BAY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26), ALL VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING FROM SHANGRI-LA HOTEL ONTO MODY ROAD, IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT ONTO MODY ROAD EASTBOUND.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO EXERCISE DUE CARE WHEN CROSSING THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF MODY ROAD.

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CANCELLATION OF URBAN CLEARWAYS IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26), THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS DESIGNATED ON TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CANCELLED.

THEY ARE AT THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF MIDDLE ROAD BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND HANKOW ROAD, AND AT THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HANKOW ROAD BETWEEN MIDDLE ROAD AND PEKING ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN NGAU TAU KOK

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 26), THE LEFT-TURNING MOVEMENT FROM TING YIP STREET ONTO TING ON STREET IN TUEN MUN WILL BE BANNED FOR ABOUT ONE AND A HALF MONTHS.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

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