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VIEWS ON ENERGY-SAVING STANDARD SOUGHT

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THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS CONSULTING ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES ON THE PROPOSED OVERALL THERMAL TRANSFER VALUE (OTTV) STANDARD DESIGNED TO MAKE NEW COMMERCIAL AND HOTEL BUILDINGS MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT.

DETAILS OF THE CALCULATION METHODS AND THE RECOMMENDED OTTV STANDARD ARE CONTAINED IN A DRAFT HANDBOOK SENT TO ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS BY APRIL 30 NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THE HANDBOOK PROVIDED USEFUL INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY THE PROPOSED OTTV STANDARD TO EXISTING BUILDINGS AND THOSE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN THE PLANNING STAGE, PARTICULARLY ON DESIGN LIMITATION AND COST.

HE EXPLAINED THAT OTTV WAS A VALUE TO MEASURE HEAT TRANSFER THROUGH THE EXTERIOR OF A BUILDING. BUILDINGS DESIGNED WITH A LOW OTTV VALUE WOULD CUT DOWN THE ABILITY OF A BUILDING TO ABSORB HEAT FROM AN OUTSIDE ENVIRONMENT.

"THIS IN TURN, WILL REDUCE ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION OF AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEMS AND LOWER THE LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION CAUSED BY BURNING OF FOSSIL FUEL IN POWER STATIONS," HE SAID.

"VIEWS COLLECTED IN THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN EVALUATING AND FINALISING AN OTTV STANDARD FOR USE IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS SET UP IN APRIL LAST YEAR TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON PROPOSALS TO IMPROVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN HONG KONG AND TO FORMULATE A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY EFFICIENCY POLICY IN THE LONG TERM.

IT HAD RECOMMENDED THAT STATUTORY OTTV CONTROL SHOULD BE INTRODUCED INITIALLY FOR NEW COMMERCIAL AND HOTEL BUILDINGS.

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TORONTO ENJOYS HONG KONG - STYLE WEEKEND

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A HONG KONG CARNIVAL, A STREET FESTIVAL IN CENTRAL CHINATOWN AND THE TAPING OF A TVB SPECTACULAR YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 3) SAW TENS OF THOUSANDS OF TORONTO RESIDENTS TAKING TO THE STREETS TO ENJOY A VIVID TASTE OF HONG KONG'S LIFESTYLE FOR THE SECOND WEEKEND IN SUCCESSION.

BRIGHT SUNSHINE AND TEMPERATURES IN THE LOW 20S WERE MADE-TO-ORDER FOR FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 ORGANISERS AND BROUGHT BIGGER THAN EXPECTED CROWDS FLOCKING TO ALL OF THE FESTIVAL EVENTS.

"IT'S GREAT. IT'S A SUCCESS," SAID ONE EXCITED ORGANISER, SURVEYING THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN CARNIVAL MOOD STROLLING ALONG A CORDONED-OFF MAIN THOROUGHFARE IN THE HEART OF TORONTO'S CENTRAL CHINATOWN.

"WHAT IS REALLY FANTASTIC, IS THAT IT IS NOT ONLY THE CHINESE PEOPLE WHO HAVE TURNED UP, BUT THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE FROM THE OTHER MAINSTREAMS OF THE COMMUNITY AS WELL," HE SAID. "THIS IS WHAT WE ALL HOPED FOR AND WANTED TO SEE."

ORGANISED BY THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TORONTO, MRS JUNE ROWLANDS, AND THE CITY'S CHINESE BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, THE CHINATOWN FESTIVAL FEATURED DOZENS OF STREET STALLS SELLING A WIDE VARIETY OF WARES FROM DIM SUM AND LEATHER GOODS TO KUNG FU LESSONS AND COMPUTER SERVICES.

THERE WERE ALSO DEMONSTRATIONS OF SEALION DANCING, TAI CHI AND A FASHION PARADE, INTERSPERSED WITH PERFORMANCES OF CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCING.

THE ONE-DAY EVENT, JOINTLY OPENED BY MAYOR ROWLANDS AND BARONESS DUNN, NECESSITATED CLOSING AN ENTIRE CITY BLOCK TO ALL TRAFFIC, INCLUDING TRAM SERVICES -- A MOVE WHICH WAS TAKEN BY MANY AS AN INDICATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE WHICH CITY OFFICIALS HAVE GIVEN TO THE STAGING OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92 IN CANADA.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, THE HONG KONG CARNIVAL WAS OPENED WITH A DAZZLING DRAGON DANCE AND CONCERT IN THE METRO-TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE. THE TWO-DAY DISPLAY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS, COMMERCIAL SERVICES, ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY AND ENTERTAINMENT WAS PRESENTED BY THE CHINESE CULTURAL CENTRE OF GREATER TORONTO, WITH SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

IN HER OPENING SPEECH, ONTARIO'S MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HON PAULINE BROWES, SAID: "IT HAS BEEN A SPECTACULAR WEEK IN METROPOLITAN TORONTO."

SHE SAID SHE HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY MOVED TO HAVE HEARD, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE FESTIVAL HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS SINGING THE CANADIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM IN CANTONESE DURING THE MORNING'S OPENING CEREMONY.

/MRS BROWES

MRS BROWES THEN READ OUT A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA, MR BRIAN MULRONEY, IN WHICH HE EMPHASISED THE BENEFITS CANADA HAD ENJOYED IN ITS CLOSE AND GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH HONG KONG AND WHICH, HE SAID "WERE ENRICHING OUR NATION GREATLY."

"CANADA HAS A CULTURAL MOSAIC WHICH IS THE ENVY OF MANY NATIONS, AND WE ARE PROUD OF ITS DIVERSITY," THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

AFTER A WEEK OF INTENSE HONG KONG-STYLE ACTIVITY IN TORONTO, FESTIVAL HONG HONG '92 WILL NOW SWING ITS EMPHASIS TOWARD CALGARY AND VANCOUVER IN THE COMING WEEK.

TO MARK THE REMARKABLE SUCCESS OF THE TORONTO PROGRAMME, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, HELD A RECEPTION AT THE METRO-TORONTO CONVENTION CENTRE YESTERDAY TO THANK THE FESTIVAL'S SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS.

AFTERWARDS THE GUESTS HAD A TRULY AUTHENTIC HONG KONG EXPERIENCE WHEN THEY ATTENDED THE TAPING OF A HONG KONG TVB SPECTACULAR "BRIDGE ACROSS THE PACIFIC", WHICH FEATURED THE CANADIAN BALLERINA KAREN KAIN AND A STAR-STUDED LINE-UP OF TELEVISION ARTISTES FLOWN FROM HONG KONG.

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ALBERTA'S FIRST DRAGON BOAT RACES

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THE SHORES OF GLENMORE PARK IN CALGARY WERE ON SATURDAY PACKED WITH TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD, WHO MADE THEIR WAY THERE JUST TO WATCH THE FIRST EVER DRAGON BOAT RACES IN THE HISTORY OF THE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA.

AS PART OF FESTIVAL HONG KONG '92, SIX UNIQUE ONE-TON DRAGON BOATS COMPLETED WITH COLOURFUL DRAGON HEADS AND TRADITIONAL DRUMMERS TOOK PART IN THE RACE.

AFTER THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY PERFORMED BY CHILDREN AND DIGNITARIES FROM THE CITY OF CALGARY AND HONG KONG INCLUDING MRS AGNES CHAN, WIFE OF SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR JOHN CHAN, 29 COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE TEAMS BEGAN TO COMPETE AT VARIOUS EVENTS.

THE EXCITING, NOISY, COLOURFUL AND SPECTACULAR EVENTS HAD PROVIDED A WHOLE DAY OF FUN AND JOY FOR MANY CALGARIAN FAMILIES AND VISITORS FROM OTHER CITIES.

EARLIER, AT A VERY SPECIAL AND UNIQUE CALGARY TRADITIONAL CEREMONY, MR CHAN, HIS WIFE AGNES AND FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATOR MAUREEN CHAN EACH RECEIVED A WHITE COWBOY HAT AND BECAME AN HONOURARY CALGARIAN.

THE HISTORY OF THE WHITE HAT GOES BACK TO THE END OF SECOND WORLD WAR. SINCE THEN THIS TREASURED WESTERN KEEPSAKE HAS BEEN BOTH A METAPHOR FOR CALGARY AND ITS PEOPLE AND A SOUVENIR TO DOZENS OF CELEBRATED DIGNITARIES INCLUDING PRINCE PHILIP, POPE JOHN PAUL, COMEDIAN BOB HOPE AND FORMER GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT.

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SEARCH FOR OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS

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OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS ARE BEING SOUGHT FOR AWARDS AIMED AT GIVING DUE RECOGNITION TO THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE EDUCATION OF LOCAL CHILDREN.

STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS AND THOSE IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD ARE INVITED TO MAKE NOMINATIONS.

THE AWARD, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, ALSO SERVES TO ENHANCE EXCHANGES OF EXPERIENCE AMONG MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WOULD BE FIVE AWARDS FOR EACH OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES: SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION, PEDAGOGICAL ACHIEVEMENT, PERSEVERANCE AND LONG SERVICE.

SINCE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME TO OFFER THE AWARDS, THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY RETIRED, IN ADDITION TO THOSE RETIRING AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR CAN BE NOMINATED.

WINNERS WILL EACH RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OR A TROPHY AND A PRIZE.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOLS AND DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICES. NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BETWEEN OCTOBER 15 AND DECEMBER 31.

A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD NEXT JULY.

THE OUTSTANDING EDUCATORS AWARDS SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY MING PAO AND SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL BODIES.

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DRAWING CONTEST FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN CHILDREN

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CHILDREN LIVING OR STUDYING IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT CAN DEMONSTRATE THEIR DRAWING SKILLS BY ENTERING AN ANNUAL DRAWING CONTEST TO BE HELD IN THE GARDEN PLAZA OF HONG KONG PARK ON OCTOBER 25.

IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE LAST YEAR, A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS THAT ENTRIES WOULD CLOSE ON OCTOBER 16 AND WOULD BE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED.

THE CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. THE JUNIOR SECTION, ON THE THEME "NATURAL LANDSCAPES", IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED FOUR TO NINE.

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AS FOR THE SENIOR SECTION, WHICH IS OPEN TO THOSE AGED BETWEEN 10 AND 15, PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT DRAWINGS ON THE THEME "THE PRESENT AND FUTURE OUTLOOK OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT".

THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN BOTH SECTIONS WILL EACH BE AWARDED PRIZES INCLUDING A TROPHY, A BOOK COUPON AND GIFTS. OTHER OUTSTANDING ENTRANTS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN SOUVENIRS.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS, MID-LEVELS EAST AREA COMMITTEE AND YWCA, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM PENTEL (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TEL 852 3499.

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