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CONSULTATION WITH PEOPLE WIDENED
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WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, THE GOVERNMENT HAS INTENSIFIED CONSULTATION WITH ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES AND FACILITIES WOULD BETTER MEET LOCAL CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

MR WIGGHAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION WHICH HAS JUST BEEN SET UP UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

HE SAID THE 800-PLUS FACTORIES AND THEIR 25 000 WORKERS IN SOUTHERN CONSTITUTED A UNIQUE AND IMPORTANT SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAVE ALWAYS PLACED MUCH EMPHASIS ON ESTABLISHING CLEAR CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THIS PARTICULAR SECTOR,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT RAPID DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN RECENT YEARS HAD ADDED TO THE ALREADY EXCELLENT CONDITIONS THERE FOR THE STEADY DEVELOPMENT OF ITS INDUSTRIES.

THESE DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE THE OPENING OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL, IMPROVEMENT OF THE ROAD NETWORK AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, THE COMPLETION OF WELL-EQUIPPED INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS AND THE POPULATION INCREASE, PROVIDING A LOCAL LABOUR SUPPLY TO INDUSTRIES.

+HOWEVER, THE PROCESS OF CHANGE PARTICULARLY IN A PLACE LIKE HONG KONG IS NEVER ENDING,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+IN ORDER THAT THESE CHANGES CAN BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY BE IMPROVED, AND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES BETTER COORDINATED.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT, WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT INDUSTRIALISTS ASSOCIATION, AND THROUGH CLOSER LIAISON BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS, THE BOARD WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE AND OPINIONS OF INDUSTRIALISTS, AND THUS HELP FIND SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THE ASSOCIATION CAN PROVIDE A GOOD COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE FACTORIES AND WORKERS, SO THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES CAN BE CARRIED OUT MORE SMOOTHLY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY,+ MR WIGGHAM ADDED.

THE INAUGURATION WAS FOLLOWED BY A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION HELD BY THE ASSOCIATION LAST MONTH.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR K.C. KWONG, AND THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR JIMMY HAYES.

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MORE SOCIAL CENTRES PLANNED FOR ELDERLY
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THE GOVERNMENT AIMS TO TRY AND OPEN 12 NEW SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY EACH YEAR, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DEVELOPMENT), MRS ELIZABETH BOSHER, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE LAI KING BAPTIST CHURCH BRADBURY SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, SHE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY WAS TO PROVIDE ONE SOCIAL CENTRE FOR EVERY 30 000 PEOPLE, ALTHOUGH THIS RATIO WAS APPLIED FLEXIBLY WHERE THE POPULATION WAS SCATTERED.

MOST SOCIAL CENTRES ARE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR IN MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, WHERE OTHER SERVICES SUCH AS CANTEENS, HOME HELP, DAY CARE AND COUNSELLING ARE PROVIDED.

THERE ARE NOW 87 SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY.

+WHAT IS REASSURING FOR US IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CO-ORDINATING THE EXPANSION OF THIS SERVICE, IS TO SEE SO MANY NEW WELFARE BODIES AND ASSOCIATIONS WILLING TO COME FORWARD TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE,+ MRS BOSHER SAID.

THERE ARE ALREADY 38 AGENCIES RUNNING SOCIAL CENTRES. THEY INCLUDE CHURCHES, VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, WOMEN'S GROUPS AND OTHER LOCAL OR RELIGIOUS AFFILIATED ORGANISATIONS.

+IT SAYS A GREAT DEAL OF THE WILLINGNESS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN PROVIDING FOR ITS OLD PEOPLE THAT THIS SERVICE CONTINUES TO ATTRACT SUCH A WIDE LEVEL OF SUPPORT AMONG SO MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS,+ MRS BOSHER SAID.

NOTING THAT SOCIAL CENTRES WERE NOT AMONG THE WELFARE SERVICES ATTRACTING 100 PER CENT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT, MRS BOSHER SAID THIS HAD BEEN INTERPRETED BY SOME AS MEANING THAT THE GOVERNMENT LAID LESS IMPORTANCE ON THIS SERVICE THAN ON OTHER SERVICES FOR OLD PEOPLE.

SHE SAID THIS WAS A WRONG INTERPRETATION.

+A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT MUST ESTABLISH PRIORITIES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF SCARCE RESOURCES AND IN SO DOING TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY OF THE COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT CERTAIN SERVICES MORE EASILY THAN OTHERS.+

SHE SAID MANY WELFARE SERVICES, PARTICULARLY THOSE REQUIRING THE BUILDING OF COSTLY FACILITIES AND A LARGE COMPLEMENT OF TRAINED STAFF TO OPERATE THEM, WERE BEYOND THE MEANS OF SMALL VOLUNTARY WELFARE ASSOCIATIONS.

+QUITE RIGHTLY, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACKNOWLEDGED ITS RESPONSIBILITY TO MEET, IN FULL, THE COST OF THESE VITAL SERVICES,+ SHE SAID. +WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, SHOWS ITS WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET ITS PLANNING OBJECTIVES, THIS SHOULD BE GIVEN EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION.+

MRS BOSHER NOTED THAT ORIGINALLY SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WERE INTENDED TO CATER ONLY FOR THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF OLD PEOPLE.

+HOWEVER THIS OBJECTIVE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN BROADENED TO GIVE THEM A WIDER ROLE,+ SHE SAID.

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL CENTRES NOW PROVIDE A RANGE OF CAREFULLY BALANCED PROGRAMMES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL CONTACT AND FRIENDSHIP AND ALSO TO ENCOURAGE OLD PEOPLE TO REMAIN SOCIALLY AWARE AND INVOLVED IN THE LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY.

INFORMAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION IS ALSO PROVIDED IN MANY CENTRES.

THE LAI KING BAPTIST CHURCH BRADBURY SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WAS BUILT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE BRADBURY TRUST FUND, WHICH HAS MET IN FULL THE CAPITAL COSTS OF FITTING OUT AND FURNISHING THE CENTRE.

SOME 70 PER CENT OF THE RECURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CENTRE ARE PROVIDED FROM GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE BALANCE WILL BE RAISED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

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HIGHWAY CODE TO GUIDE ALL ROAD USERS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS REVISING THE HIGHWAY CODE TO INCLUDE GUIDANCE FOR ALL USERS OF THE ROAD - PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND PASSENGERS AS WELL AS MOTORISTS.

AS A FIRST STEP AND TO HIGHLIGHT THIS CHANGE IN EMPHASIS, THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES THAT THE HIGHWAY CODE SHOULD BE RE-NAMED +THE ROAD USERS' CODE+.

THIS CHANGE IN THE ENGLISH TITLE IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL 1984 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (MARCH 9). THE TITLE IN CHINESE ALREADY REFLECTS THE CONCEPT OF GIVING GUIDANCE TO ALL ROAD USERS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF REVISING THE PRESENT CODE, WHICH IS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ADDRESSED TO DRIVERS, IS TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON THE ROAD. THEREFORE THE REVISED CODE WOULD INCLUDE CHAPTERS FOR PEDESTRIANS, PASSENGERS, CYCLISTS AND PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN. IT WILL ALSO REFLECT THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN AUGUST 1984.

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THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE REVISED CODE HAD BEEN ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL AND THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE. IT WOULD ALSO NEED TO BE PRESENTED TO THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

THE BILL FOR THE CHANGE IN TITLE WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 14), AND WILL PROCEED THROUGH THE REMAINING LEGISLATIVE STAGES ON APRIL 18.

ANYONE WHO WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE BILL MAY WRITE TO UMELCO, AT SWIRE HOUSE, 12TH FLOOR, CHATER ROAD, OR TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, AT ST. JOHN'S BUILDING, 7TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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ELIGIBLE VOTERS URGED TO REGISTER

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS TRIED TO EXPLAIN ITSELF MORE TO THE PEOPLE AND TO MAKE ITSELF MORE ACCESSIBLE AND INVOLVED AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES SAID TONIGHT.

SPEAKING AT THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER OF THE PO ON COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION, HE STRESSED THAT PEOPLE, TOO, HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS.

+DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION PROVIDES THE PLATFORM FOR VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO FACE OUR PROBLEMS TOGETHER, TO DEVELOP OUR OWN PARTICULAR POPULAR SOLUTIONS TO THEM AND TO CREATE A FULLER AND RICHER LIFE FOR OUR PEOPLE.+

HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS NONETHELESS AN IMPORTANT PART TO BE PLAYED BY TRADITIONAL ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE PO ON COMMERCIAL ASSOCIATION.

+IN A COMMUNITY WHERE CHANGE AND MOVEMENT IS CONSTANTLY TAKING PLACE, THE NEED FOR STABILISING INFLUENCES OF KINSHIP AND FAMILY AND THE NEED FOR ROOTS IS MOST NECESSARY,+ HE SAID.

+YOUR ASSOCIATION HAS SERVED THE COMMUNITY PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION. I WOULD ASK YOU NOW TO EXTEND THIS SPIRIT BY ENCOURAGING YOUR MEMBERS AND THEIR FRIENDS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND TO VOTE.

+A VOTE IS A SMALL THING BUT IT IS AN INDICATION OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL'S COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG. IT IS A SMALL GESTURE OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO ALL OF US.+

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NEW CROP POTENTIAL EXPLORED

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING TO EXPLORE THE POTENTIAL OF NEW CROPS AND TO DEVELOP IMPROVED VARIETIES OF EXISTING CROPS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FARMERS.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE 32ND TERM COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, SAID THAT ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS WAS THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH-YIELDING, GOOD-QUALITY STRAIN OF MUSHROOM NOW BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN LARGE QUANTITIES TO FARMERS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT 76 PER CENT OF THE STRAW MUSHROOMS CONSUMED IN HONG KONG IS NOW GROWN LOCALLY.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID, THE DEPARTMENT HAD ALSO REORGANISED AND STRENGTHENED ITS TECHNICAL FIELD SERVICES BY REDEPLOYING STAFF.

+AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION CONTINUES TO BE A PROBLEM, BUT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS WITH PILOT AGRICULTURAL WASTE DISPOSAL PROJECTS IN PAT HEUNG AND PAI MIN KOK AND WITH THE PIG MANURE COMPOSTING SCHEME AT NGAU TAM MEI.

+THESE PROJECTS HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED THE ENVIRONMENT OF THESE AREAS AND THE COMPOSTED MANURE DERIVED FROM THEM IS PROVING POPULAR,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID 1983 WAS NOT VERY GOOD FOR VEGETABLE FARMERS, AS JANUARY TO JUNE WAS THE WETTEST SIX-MONTH PERIOD SINCE 1889. DEPRESSED VEGETABLE PRODUCTION WAS FOLLOWED BY A DESTRUCTIVE TYPHOON--TYPHOON ELLEN--IN SEPTEMBER, WHICH DAMAGED MORE THAN 1 500 HECTARES OF CROPS.

+THIS, TOGETHER WITH PERIODIC SLUMPS IN VEGETABLE PRICES, COUPLED WITH INCREASED INPUT COSTS AND FURTHER LAND LOSSES, DID LITTLE TO HELP THE ECONOMICS OF VEGETABLE PRODUCTION,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, FARMERS RESPONDED WELL TO THE DIFFICULTIES SO THAT PRODUCTION FELL BY ONLY 1.3 PER CENT.

HE SAID THAT PRODUCTION PER UNIT OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR FARMING ACTUALLY INCREASED BY FIVE PER CENT, AND SALES OF LOCALLY-PRODUCED VEGETABLES THROUGH THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION INCREASED BY 6.6 PER CENT TO MORE THAN 60 700 TONNES, VALUED AT \$187 MILLION.

SIXTY-EIGHT PER CENT OF THIS, HE ADDED, CAME FROM MEMBERS OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

LAST YEAR, STAFF OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT MADE MORE THAN 70 000 VISITS TO CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND INDIVIDUAL FARMERS TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE.

IN ADDITION, 2 640 LOANS AMOUNTING TO \$26.8 MILLION WERE MADE TO FARMERS PROVIDING CAPITAL FOR DEVELOPMENT.

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MARKET AND INDOOR GAMES HALL COMPLEX BEING BUILT
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THE FIRST MARKET-AND-INDOOR-GAMES HALL COMPLEX IN HONG KONG TO INCLUDE AN AUDITORIUM BLOCK IS TO BE BUILT AT NGAU CHI WAN.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) AWARDED A \$45-MILLION CONTRACT TO WANG CHONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

THE MARKET COMPLEX WILL BE BUILT ON A 4 000 SQUARE-METRE SITE AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD ABOVE CHOI HUNG MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES IN ADDITION TO THE MARKET A SIX-STOREY MAIN BUILDING WHICH WILL BE LINKED BY ESCALATORS TO THE MARKET.

THE UPPER FLOORS OF THIS MAIN BUILDING WILL PROVIDE TWO LIBRARIES, OFFICES AND SPACE FOR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

THERE WILL BE A LECTURE HALL, FOUR MUSIC PRACTICE ROOMS, A PAINTING STUDIO AND AN EXHIBITION HALL, AS WELL AS A COOKED FOOD CENTRE WITH 17 STALLS.

THE 430-SEAT AUDITORIUM, WHICH WILL BE DESIGNED ON SIMILAR LINES TO THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, WILL BE BUILT ADJACENT TO THE MAIN BUILDING.

THE TWO-STOREY MARKET BUILDING WILL ACCOMMODATE 400 STALLS, A REFUSE COLLECTION CHAMBER, AN ICE STORE, OFFICES AND PUBLIC TOILETS. IT WILL BE OPERATED BY ELIGIBLE HAWKERS FROM THE VICINITY WHO HAVE BEEN SURVEYED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

RAMPS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO HELP DISABLED PEOPLE ENTER IT.

A FOOTBRIDGE WILL ALSO BE BUILT TO CONNECT PING SHEK ESTATE AND THE MARKET AT THE FIRST FLOOR LEVEL.

THE INDOOR GAMES HALL WILL OCCUPY MORE THAN 720 SQUARE METRES ON TOP OF A PODIUM AND HAVE A STANDARD VOLLEYBALL OR BASKETBALL COURT AND FOUR BADMINTON COURTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE FACILITIES FOR GYMNASTIC ACTIVITIES.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED IN MID-1986.

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MORE SCHOOL PLACES FOR NORTH DISTRICT
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MORE THAN 1 000 URGENTLY-NEEDED SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES WILL BE ADDED TO NORTH DISTRICT UPON FULL COMPLETION OF THE KAP YAN DIRECTORS' COLLEGE, RUN BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

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THE COLLEGE AT CHOI YUEN ESTATE IN SHEUNG SHUI IS NOW OPERATING 24 CLASSES FROM FORM I TO FORM V. WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL HAVE FULL FACILITIES FOR 1 160 PLACES, WITH CLASSES UP TO FORM VI LEVEL OFFERING BOTH SCIENCE AND ARTS STREAMS.

MR MACPHERSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE RE-NAMING CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOL, PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS NO. 11 COLLEGE.

THE SCHOOL WAS RE-NAMED TO MARK THE GENEROSITY OF THE TUNG WAH BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF 1974-75 - THE YEAR OF KAP YAN - WHO DONATED A CONSIDERABLE SUM TO THE DEVELOPMENT FUND OF TUNG WAH.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE GROUP'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID THAT, IN EDUCATION ALONE, THE GROUP HAD ESTABLISHED 11 SECONDARY SCHOOLS, 15 PRIMARY SCHOOLS, FOUR KINDERGARTENS AND ONE SPECIAL SCHOOL, PROVIDING PLACES FOR 22 515.

THERE WERE STILL MANY NEW SCHOOL PROJECTS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS COVERAGE OF LEGCO MARCH 14

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BECAUSE OF LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 14).

SEATS WILL BE RESERVED AND MEDIA ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO COVER THE MEETING ARE REQUESTED TO TELEPHONE THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GIS DUTY OFFICER NOT LATER THAN 12 NOON ON MONDAY (MARCH 12).

REPORTERS WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE FOR EACH ORGANISATION AND CAMERA CREW TO TWO FOR EACH STATION.

SPECIAL PASSES AND LAPEL BADGES WILL BE ISSUED BY GIS TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WITH RESERVED SEATS ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 14) MORNING. ANYONE WITHOUT THESE PASSES AND LAPEL BADGES WILL NOT BE ADMITTED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

SHORTLY BEFORE THE MEETING STARTS, THERE WILL BE A FACILITY FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS TO TAKE PICTURES INSIDE THE CHAMBER. HOWEVER, THEY MUST LEAVE AT 2.30 PM SHARP, WHEN THE MEETING STARTS.

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LATEST REPORT ON LABOUR FORCE SURVEY OUT

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THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1983 IS NOW AVAILABLE.

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IT CONTAINS STATISTICS ON EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOR THE QUARTER.

IT ALSO PROVIDES A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS, INCLUDING THEIR AGE AND SEX STRUCTURE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ACTIVITY STATUS, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, HOURS WORKED PER WEEK, EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS AS WELL AS THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

THE REPORT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AT \$7 PER COPY.

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TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE OFFERED

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL ORGANISE A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHER TRAINING COURSE IN SEPTEMBER FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE AND ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP TEACHING AS A PROFESSION.

SUBJECTS OFFERED WILL INCLUDE BOTH TECHNICAL COURSES AND COMMERCIAL STUDIES. THE TUITION FEE FOR THE COURSE IS \$800, PAYABLE IN 10 MONTHLY INSTALMENTS.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS OF BETWEEN \$1.650 AND \$2 500 A MONTH WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE TAKING THE COURSE, BASED ON THEIR POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

THOSE COMPLETING THE COURSE MAY APPLY FOR TEACHING POSTS IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

APPLICANTS FOR TECHNICAL COURSES MUST POSSESS EITHER A HIGHER DIPLOMA, ORDINARY DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION AWARDED BY THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, POLYTECHNIC, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR AN EQUIVALENT EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENT IN EITHER ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING OR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

HOLDERS OF HIGHER CERTIFICATE IN COMMERCIAL COURSE OR SECRETARIAL-COMMERCIAL CERTIFICATE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION MAY APPLY FOR THE COMMERCIAL COURSE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG, AND THEY MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 21.

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STUDENTS URGED TO HELP BEAUTIFY ENVIRONMENT

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+CLEAN HONG KONG AND BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT+ ARE NOT JUST SLOGANS BUT A DAILY COMMUNITY RESPONSIBILITY, MR CHARLES YEUNG SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

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SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING AND OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1984 NEW TERRITORIES STUDENTS POTTED PLANTS COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION AT THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL TODAY, MR YEUNG SAID THE EVENT WAS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO ALL STUDENTS TAKING PART.

MR YEUNG, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE, SAID THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT STARTED AT HOME - WITH THE POTTED PLANTS AS THE FIRST STEP.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE TEACHERS AND PARENTS WHO HELPED THE CHILDREN MAKE THE EVENT A SUCCESS.

MR YEUNG LATER CUT THE RIBBON TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE COMPETITION AND EXHIBITION, WHICH WERE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MEI FA WORKING GROUP OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG COMMITTEE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE RIBBON-CUTTING WERE THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES, MR WISDOM KWOK, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES), MR PETER NG KWOK-TAI, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR JOHN WHOLEY, AND THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MRS RUBY LAU.

WINNERS FROM AMONG THE 400 ENTRIES FROM 51 SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE PRESENTED WITH BOOK TOKENS TOTALLING \$10 000. THE PRIZES WERE CONTRIBUTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES.

ALL ENTRIES ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE SCHOOL OVER THE WEEKEND.

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SUNDAY FAMILY CARNIVAL AT CHATER ROAD
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THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL WILL BECOME A MINI GAMLAND ON SUNDAY (MARCH 11) WHEN A MAJOR +FAMILY CARNIVAL+ IS HELD THERE TO ENTERTAIN THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND PARENTS.

THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL, THE SEVENTH SINCE 1977, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN AND ISLANDS DISTRICTS' COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, WITH A NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

IT AIMS TO AROUSE AN AWARENESS AMONG CHILDREN AND PARENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE HARMONY.

THE REGIONAL OFFICER (HONG KONG) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, WILL START OFF THE CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

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THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY STAGE PERFORMANCES AND GAME ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL 4.30 PM.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GAMES STALLS, AND AN EXHIBITION ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE INFORMATION, A CROSS WORD PUZZLE BOOTH, AND A PHOTOGRAPHY COUNTER WHERE PARTICIPANTS MAY TAKE A FAMILY PHOTOGRAPH AT NO CHARGE.

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ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG AND OLD
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YOUNGSTERS AND OLD PEOPLE ON TSING YI WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW AND A DINNER PARTY TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

A VARIETY SHOW FOR ABOUT 2 000 YOUNGSTERS WILL START AT 1.30 PM AT THE CHEUNG CHING ESTATE MINI SOCCER PITCH.

IN THE EVENING, A DINNER PARTY FOR 600 OLD PEOPLE WILL BE HELD AT THE CHEUNG HONG RESTAURANT IN CHEUNG HONG ESTATE STARTING AT 7 PM.

ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THE TWO FUNCTIONS ARE AIMED AT PROMOTING A SENSE OF +RESPECT FOR THE AGED AND CARE FOR THE YOUNG+.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER FOR KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI, MR TAM WING-PONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE DINNER PARTY AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER FOR TSING YI, MR B.J. IRELAND, AT THE VARIETY SHOW.

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LOW-COST DENTAL SERVICE
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, WILL OPEN A DENTAL CLINIC IN HING MAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN ON MONDAY (MARCH 12) AFTERNOON.

THE CLINIC IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND SET UP IN THE DISTRICT BY THE PROJECT CONCERN - AN INTERNATIONAL NON-PROFIT MAKING ORGANISATION - AND AIMS AT PROVIDING LOW-COST DENTAL SERVICE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM IN ROOM 408 IN THE COMMERCIAL CENTRE OF HING MAN ESTATE.

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JOINT OPERATION

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A JOINT OPERATION ON FACTORY BUILDINGS WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE WEST DIVISION OF THE HONG KONG FIRE COMMAND AND THE HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU IN THE ABERDEEN AREA ON MONDAY (MARCH 12).

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE OPERATION SHOULD BE AT ABERDEEN FIRE STATION BEFORE 9.15 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 12). A FIRE SERVICES INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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D'AGUILAR STREET SECTION TO BE WIDENED

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A SHORT UPPER SECTION OF D'AGUILAR STREET, CENTRAL, IS TO BE WIDENED TO ALLOW EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO ENTER.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO UNDERTAKE THE WORK, WHICH WILL START IN MAY AND TAKE NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

AS PART OF THE PROJECT, THE LEVEL OF THE REST OF D'AGUILAR STREET IS TO BE RAISED SO THAT IT WILL BE THE SAME AS THAT OF LAN KWAI FONG AND WING WAH LANE, BOTH OF WHICH CONNECT WITH D'AGUILAR STREET.

BENCHES AND FLOWER BEDS WILL BE PROVIDED IN BOTH THOSE STREETS TO HELP BEAUTIFY THE AREA.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, HIGHWAYS (HK) DIVISION, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 9TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500, HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

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TRAM TRACK WORK AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD

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TRAM SERVICES IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL START LATER THAN USUAL ON SUNDAY (MARCH 11) MORNING TO ALLOW FOR TRAM TRACK WORK AT SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

THE FIRST TRAMS FROM SHAU KEI WAN WILL DEPART FOR WESTERN MARKET AND HAPPY VALLEY AT ABOUT 8.14 AM, WHILE THOSE FROM WESTERN MARKET AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL DEPART FOR SHAU KEI WAN AT ABOUT 7.40 AM.

BEFORE 7.40 AM, TRAM SERVICES FROM WESTERN MARKET WILL OPERATE UP TO QUARRY BAY ONLY.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN TUEN MUN

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TSING WUN ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.30 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM SUNDAY TO TUESDAY (MARCH 11 TO 13) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA PUI TO ROAD, TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND STAGE 1 OF ROAD P3.

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LEAKAGE TESTS IN WAN CHAI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES BOUNDED BY LOCKHART ROAD, O'BRIEN ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD, FENWICK STREET, JOHNSTON ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD.

ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES AT 156-258 HENNESSY ROAD, 1-31 AND 93-149 THOMSON ROAD, AND 25-61 AND 183-211 JOHNSTON ROAD.

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