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SCHOOL DRUG TALKS TEAM TO BE EXPANDED

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) DECIDED AT ITS 62ND MEETING TODAY (MONDAY) TO SUPPORT A PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE SCHOOL TALKS TEAM OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, SAID THAT UP TO THE END OF NOVEMBER 1986, THE TEAM HAD DELIVERED 585 DRUG EDUCATION TALKS TO MORE THAN 180 000 STUDENTS IN 351 SECONDARY SCHOOLS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN FEBRUARY 1984.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THE TEAM HAS NOW COVERED NEARLY 81 PER CENT OF SCHOOLS AND 72 PER CENT OF STUDENTS BUT THERE IS A NEED TO INCREASE THE RANGE AND FREQUENCY OF THE TALKS,+ HE SAID.

DRUG EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS HAS ALREADY BEEN REINFORCED BY THE REVISED DRUG EDUCATION TEACHING KIT WHICH WAS PRODUCED BY THE DIVISION AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN A TERRITORY-WIDE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS' SEMINAR HELD IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

THE MEETING NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PERSONS REPORTED FOR INVOLVEMENT IN DRUGS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986, MAINTAINING THE DOWNWARD TREND SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 1984.

IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 1986, 2 060 PERSONS WERE REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE (CRDA), A DECREASE OF 21.9 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 2 637 PERSONS IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THE NUMBER OF NEWLY REPORTED PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 ALSO DECREASED BY 21.5 PER CENT, FROM 744 TO 584.

HOWEVER, MR MORTIMER TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS REPORTED TO CRDA FOR ABUSING MANDRAX HAD INCREASED.

IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR, A TOTAL OF 154 PERSONS WERE REPORTED TO THE CRDA FOR ABUSING MANDRAX COMPARED WITH 72 IN THE WHOLE OF 1985. A FURTHER 192 PERSONS WERE PROSECUTED BY THE POLICE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN MANDRAX OFFENCES COMPARED WITH 69 IN 1985.

+THERE IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE SEIZURE OF MANDRAX POWDER AND TABLETS IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THE YEAR,+ HE SAID.

DURING THIS PERIOD, 33.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAQUALONE POWDER AND 249 267 MANDRAX TABLETS WERE SEIZED.

/+THE SEIZURE

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+THE SEIZURE OF CANNABIS SHOWED A DECREASE IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1986 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE WHOLE OF 1985, FROM 145 KILOGRAMS TO 53 KILOGRAMS,+ MR MORTIMER SAID.

AS FOR ILLICIT OPIATES, A TOTAL OF 466 KILOGRAMS HAVE BEEN SEIZED SO FAR IN 1986.

MR MORTIMER STRESSED THAT PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON THE DANGERS OF MANDRAX ABUSE WAS TO BE INTENSIFIED IN THE COMING YEAR.

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THIRD CRIME VICTIMISATION SURVEY TO START NEXT MONTH
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THE OCCUPANTS OF ABOUT 19 000 HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED AT RANDOM WILL BE INTERVIEWED BETWEEN JANUARY 5 AND 19 IN A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

THE CRIME VICTIMISATION SURVEY IS THE THIRD DONE IN HONG KONG AND IS TO PROVIDE THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE POLICE WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON CRIMES, VICTIMS AND VICTIMS' ATTITUDES TO REPORTING CRIME.

THE SURVEY WAS FIRST CONDUCTED IN JANUARY 1979 AND AGAIN IN JANUARY 1982.

EACH HOUSEHOLD SELECTED IN THE SURVEY WILL RECEIVE, AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, A LETTER SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION.

FROM JANUARY 5 TO 19, ENUMERATORS BEARING IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS AND INTERVIEW ALL MEMBERS AGED 12 AND OVER TO COLLECT DATA ON PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS AND CRIMES WHICH MIGHT HAVE AFFECTED THEM DURING THE 1986 CALENDAR YEAR.

THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD WILL BE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON HOUSEHOLD CHARACTERISTICS AND ANY CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH MIGHT HAVE AFFECTED THE HOUSEHOLD IN ANY WAY.

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ALL PERSONAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE HOUSEHOLD AND ITS MEMBERS WILL BE TREATED AS CONFIDENTIAL AND WILL NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR ORGANISATION OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT. ONLY AGGREGATE SUMMARY STATISTICS WILL BE PUBLISHED.

COMMENTING ON THE SURVEY, DR HO KAM-FAI OF THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE SAID, +THE SURVEY WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE INFORMATION ON THE CHARACTERISTICS OF VICTIMS, THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH CRIMINAL ACTS OCCURRED AND THEIR EFFECTS ON VICTIMS AND THE REASONS FOR REPORTING OR NOT REPORTING CRIMES TO THE POLICE.

+THE SURVEY HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNED TO COMPLEMENT OFFICIAL STATISTICS ON THE INCIDENCE OF CRIME IN HONG KONG AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND REASONS WHY CRIMINAL ACTS HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE.+

AS FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY ARE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE POLICE IN EVALUATING CRIME PREVENTION AND CONTROL MEASURES AND IN DEVISING NEW ONES, DR HO CALLED ON ALL SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY.

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DB MEMBERS BRIEFED ON CMB FARE STRUCTURE REVIEW
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED A REVIEW ON THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY (CMB)'S FARE STRUCTURE AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON THE RESULTS OF THE REVIEW AT THE BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TODAY (MONDAY).

HOWEVER, THE COMMITTEE REQUESTED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON CMB FARES AND IT WAS DECIDED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON JANUARY 19 TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE FURTHER.

WHEN CMB RAISED ITS FARES IN APRIL THIS YEAR, SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE LEVEL OF BUS FARES FOR THE CMB SUBURBAN BUS ROUTES, WHICH THEY CLAIMED WAS TOO HIGH.

IN THE REVIEW DISCUSSED EARLIER BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) ON DECEMBER 22, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD EXAMINED THE SCALE OF FARES FOR ALL THE EIGHT GROUPS OF BUS SERVICES OPERATED BY CMB.

THE REVIEW FOCUSED ON THE OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH ROUTE GROUP; THE OPERATING COSTS AND REVENUES OF INDIVIDUAL BUS ROUTES AND GROUP OF ROUTES; AND FACTORS AFFECTING THE CMB FARE STRUCTURE - INCLUDING THE POPULATION DENSITY AND LAND USE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREAS SERVED BY CMB BUSES.

IT WAS FOUND THAT THE DEMAND FOR BUS SERVICES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT TENDED TO CONCENTRATE IN THE PEAK HOURS, UNIDIRECTIONAL AND NOT AS FULLY UTILISED WHEN COMPARED WITH BUS SERVICES OPERATING ON THE NORTHERN SHORE OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

MOREOVER, THE POPULATION DENSITY IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ABERDEEN AREA, WAS COMPARATIVELY LOWER THAN OTHER DISTRICTS ON THE ISLAND.

BASED ON THE CONSIDERATIONS OF POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT DENSITY AS WELL AS THE OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BUS SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT CONCLUDED THAT SOME FARE DIFFERENTIALS BETWEEN THE URBAN AND THE SUBURBAN ROUTES GROUPS ARE NOT WITHOUT VALID JUSTIFICATION.

IT ALSO FOUND THAT THE SUBURBAN GROUP OF BUS ROUTES HAD NOT BEEN CROSS-SUBSIDISING OTHER GROUPS OF ROUTES AND THAT THE BUS SERVICES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT WERE NOT CHARGING EXCESSIVE FARES INSOFAR AS THE REVENUES AND OPERATING COSTS WERE CONCERNED.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WERE ALSO BRIEFED ON THE REVIEW'S RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HAD RECENTLY BEEN ENDORSED BY THE TAC. THE RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDED:

- * CLASSIFYING THE ABERDEEN AREA (INCLUDING WAH FU, TIN WAN, SHEK PAI WAN, WONG CHUK HANG AND AP LEI CHAU) AS +URBAN+ AREA IN ORDER TO REFLECT THE HIGH DENSITY OF DEVELOPMENT THERE, AND APPLYING THE URBAN FARE SCALE TO LOCAL ROUTES OPERATING WITHIN ABERDEEN. HOWEVER, +EXTERNAL+ ROUTES FROM ABERDEEN SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE CLASSIFIED AS +SUBURBAN+;
- * AMENDING THE STRUCTURE OF THE FARE BANDS FOR THE SUBURBAN EXPRESS GROUP OF ROUTES, SO AS TO CREATE ADDITIONAL FARE BANDS AT THE LOWER END OF THE SCALE FOR SHORTER ROUTES TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE FUTURE;
- * NARROWING THE FARE DIFFERENTIALS BETWEEN THE URBAN AND SUBURBAN GROUPS OF ROUTES WHEN CMB'S NEXT FARE REVISION IS DUE.

CMB HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS BUT THE DETAILS OF ANY FARE REVISION WILL BE SUBJECT TO FURTHER SCRUTINY BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE TAC.

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MOP-UP OF ABERDEEN FIRE SITE UNDERWAY

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A MEETING WAS HELD AMONG GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TODAY (MONDAY) TO REVIEW PROGRESS OF RELIEF AND REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VICTIMS OF THE FIRE IN ABERDEEN TYPHOON SHELTER LAST FRIDAY.

THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD, AND WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MARINE DEPARTMENT, THE POLICE AND THE MARINE POLICE.

MR LORD SAID AFTER THE MEETING THAT 85 PER CENT OF THE FIRE VICTIMS WERE ELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL REHOUSING AND THE REST WERE ELIGIBLE FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OF THE PEOPLE ELIGIBLE FOR LOCAL REHOUSING, THE MAJORITY WOULD BE OFFERED PERMANENT HOUSING IN LEI TUNG ESTATE OR IN CHAI WAN, WHILE THE REST WOULD MOVE INTO THE NAM FUNG ROAD OR LEI TUNG TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS, MR LORD SAID.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE FIRE VICTIMS COULD MOVE INTO THE TWO THA'S BEFORE CHINESE NEW YEAR AND HOUSING ESTATES IN LEI TUNG OR CHAI WAN IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY, HE ADDED.

THOSE QUALIFIED FOR PERMANENT REHOUSING AND WISHED TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR COULD DO SO BY TAKING UP CASUAL VACANCY ON HONG KONG ISLAND OR IN KOWLOON.

MEANWHILE, ALL SIX FAMILIES WHO WERE TEMPORARILY STAYING AT THE HARBOUR MISSION CHURCH IN AP LEI CHAU HAD MOVED OUT THIS MORNING. FOUR FAMILIES HAD MOVED INTO THE WONG CHUK HANG TRANSIT CENTRE AND THE OTHER TWO HAD OPTED TO STAY WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES.

ON CASH RELIEF, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN GIVING OUT FAT CHOI SPECIAL AID FUND TO FIRE VICTIMS SINCE SATURDAY. EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND FROM THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WOULD BE AVAILABLE ON ACCEPTANCE OF REHOUSING OFFERS, WHILE LICENSED WORKING BOATS WOULD RECEIVE RELIEF FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

THE ONLY HOSPITALISED FIRE VICTIMS, FOUND ELIGIBLE FOR SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, WILL RECEIVE EMERGENCY RELIEF FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WOULD TOW AWAY DRIFTING BOATS BY THE END OF TODAY AND CONTRACTORS WOULD BE CALLED IN TO SALVAGE SUNKEN BOATS OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. MARINE POLICE WOULD MAINTAIN PATROL OF THE AREA UNTIL THE OPERATION IS COMPLETED.

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REMINDER OF STATUTORY HOLIDAY ON JANUARY 1
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EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THAT NEW YEAR'S DAY (JANUARY 1) IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR WORKERS.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE ALL MANUAL WORKERS AND THOSE NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$10 500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO ALL LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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COMMITTEE REACHES OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE
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MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH (CCY) TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TO SEE THE DIFFERENT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE NORMAL SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

LED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE CCY, MRS ROSANNA TAM, THE PARTY TOURED THE COMPLEX WHICH IS LOCATED ON A 5 700-SQUARE-METRE SITE.

THE COMPLEX ACCOMMODATES FIVE TRAINING CENTRES AND PROVIDES BASIC TRAINING FACILITIES FOR THE INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES SECTORS.

/COURSES OFFERED

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COURSES OFFERED BY THE CENTRES INCLUDE HOTEL SERVICES, ELECTRONICS, MACHINE AND METAL WORKING, PLASTICS AS WELL AS PRINTING.

DURING THE TOUR, COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE IMPRESSED BY THE TEACHING METHOD OF THE CENTRES WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO SIMULATE REAL-LIFE INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS. YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE CENTRES ARE ABLE TO RECEIVE PRACTICAL TRAINING IN A WORKING ENVIRONMENT SIMILAR TO WHAT THEY WILL ENCOUNTER IN WORKING LIFE.

AFTER THE TOUR, THE PARTY LEFT FOR THE HONG KONG DIAMOND JUBILEE JAMBOREE SITE OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG IN SAI KUNG.

THERE THEY SAW SCOUTS IN ACTION AND JOINED THEM IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES.

TODAY'S VISITS WERE PART OF A PROGRAMME LAUNCHED BY THE CCY TO REACH OUT TO YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS.

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POSTAGE LABELLING MACHINE ON TRIAL TOMORROW
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AN ELECTRONIC POSTAGE ISSUING MACHINE WILL BE IN OPERATION ON A TRIAL BASIS AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CENTRAL TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE MACHINE, IN THE PUBLIC HALL ON THE GPO'S FIRST FLOOR, WILL ACCEPT HONG KONG COINS IN ALL DENOMINATIONS FROM 10 CENTS TO \$5.

POSTAGE LABELS, WITH FIXED VALUES OF 10 CENTS, 50 CENTS, \$1.30 AND \$1.70 ON PRESSING THE APPROPRIATE BUTTON, ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR PRE-PAYMENT OF POSTAGE ON ALL MAIL ITEMS.

THE LABEL IMPRESSION INCORPORATES A TRADITIONAL FISH MOTIF, THE CARP, PRINTED ON A GUMMED LABEL THAT HAS A BLUE WAVE PATTERN AS BACKGROUND.

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FOR CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE, PRE-PACKAGED SETS OF THE FOUR FIXED VALUES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$3.60 PER SET FROM THE SIX PHILATELIC OFFICES TOMORROW.

BUT INDIVIDUAL LABEL DENOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE OTHER THAN THROUGH THE MACHINE.

IN ADDITION, +SERVICED+ FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$5.10 EACH AT THE SIX PHILATELIC OFFICES TOMORROW. THE COVERS WILL BE AFFIXED WITH A FULL SET OF THE LABELS AND CANCELLED WITH A PHILATELIC BUREAU DATESTAMP.

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STANLEY, SHEK O ELDERLY SERVICES LAGGING BEHIND - SURVEY
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A SURVEY CARRIED OUT AMONG THE ELDERLY IN STANLEY AND SHEK O HAS SUGGESTED WIDE-RANGING IMPROVEMENTS OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO MEET THEIR NEEDS.

THEY COVERED MEDICAL, TRANSPORT, SOCIAL WELFARE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES WHICH THE SURVEY FOUND LAGGING BEHIND THE NEEDS OF MOST ELDERLY PEOPLE.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 1 580 PEOPLE AGED 60 AND ABOVE AMONG THE 15 000 POPULATION OF STANLEY AND SHEK O.

A TOTAL OF 273 ELDERLY PEOPLE CHOSEN AT RANDOM WERE INTERVIEWED IN THE SURVEY WHICH WAS CONDUCTED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MOST RESPONDENTS SAID THEY WERE ISOLATED FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES, USUALLY WENT AFTER ENTERTAINMENT THAT REQUIRED NO ORGANISATION SUCH AS WATCHING TELEVISION OR LISTENING TO THE RADIO, AND MANY SUFFERED CHRONIC ILLNESS.

THE SURVEY ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WAS NO SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN STANLEY AND SHEK O, AND WHEN COMPARED WITH URBAN AREAS, ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE ELDERLY WERE FEWER AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES LIMITED.

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ABOUT HALF OF THE RESPONDENTS SAID THEY HAD FALLEN ILL IN THE PREVIOUS THREE MONTHS, AND MOST HAD SOUGHT TREATMENT FROM LOCAL CLINICS WHICH MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO MEET SOME OF THEIR NEEDS FOR SPECIALIST TREATMENT.

THE SURVEY RECOMMENDED THAT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED BY INVITING PARTICIPATION FROM MORE PRIVATE DOCTORS AND SPECIALISTS IN THE AREA.

IT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT CLINICS SHOULD PROVIDE PRIORITY TREATMENT TO THE ELDERLY, THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS SHOULD BE INCREASED AND CONSULTATION HOURS EXTENDED. HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES SHOULD ALSO BE INTRODUCED IN THE AREA.

AS MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THE ELDERLY RELIED ON BUS AS THEIR CHIEF MODE OF TRANSPORT AND THERE WAS ONLY ONE BUS ROUTE PLYING BETWEEN SHEK O AND SHAU KEI WAN, THE SURVEY CALLED ON THE BUS COMPANY TO IMPROVE THE FREQUENCY OF THE ROUTE AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DETOURS TO BIG WAVE BAY VILLAGE.

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES TO LINK SHEK O WITH OTHER PARTS OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

ON MEETING THE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY, THE SURVEY SUGGESTED THAT GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE SPECIAL GEOGRAPHICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA AND PROVIDE A CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN STANLEY AND SHEK O. THE PRESENT POLICY THAT ONE SUCH CENTRE SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR 30 000 POPULATION SHOULD NOT APPLY TO STANLEY AND SHEK O.

AS AN INTERIM MEASURE, AUTHORITIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SHOULD ARRANGE MORE OUTREACH SERVICES SUCH AS OUTINGS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS FOR OLD PEOPLE.

THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT MOST OF THE ELDERLY KNEW LITTLE ABOUT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO THEM ALTHOUGH SOME OF THEM SAID THEY HAD DIFFICULTY LOOKING AFTER THEMSELVES. THEIR KNOWLEDGE ON PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, DISABILITY ALLOWANCES, HOME HELP AND COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICES WAS MINIMAL.

THE SURVEY CONCLUDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE PUBLICITY ON THESE SERVICES, AND THAT IF SERVICES LIKE HOME HELP AND COMMUNITY NURSING WERE TO BE STRENGTHENED IN THE AREA, HIGHER PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO MA HANG WHERE THERE WERE MORE OLD PEOPLE LIVING ALONE.

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COPIES OF THE SURVEY REPORT HAVE BEEN SENT TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR REFERENCE. LIMITED COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE FOR INTERESTED PARTIES.

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DB TO DISCUSS POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE
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THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE WHICH WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE TOLO HARBOUR AND CHANNEL WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO HEAR VIEWS ON THE ORDINANCE WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT IN APRIL.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE NORTH-EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES SUB-REGIONAL PLANNING STATEMENT.

THE PAPER COVERS PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT IN TAI PO, NORTH DISTRICT AND SHA TIN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE TAI PO NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE TENURE FOR THE SHUEN WAN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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CAREERS QUIZ WINNERS AWARDED STEREO SETS

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THREE STUDENTS WHO SCORED THE HIGHEST MARKS IN THE FIFTH ANNUAL CAREERS QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE WERE EACH AWARDED A PORTABLE STEREO COMPONENT SYSTEM TODAY (MONDAY).

THEY ARE YIP MING-KIT OF YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE, TANG YEE-MAN OF ST FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND TANG WAI-YIN OF CHONG GENE HANG COLLEGE.

THREE SCHOOLS - CHEUNG SHA WAN CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL, SALESIAN ENGLISH SCHOOL AND KOWLOON TRUE LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL - WHICH SCORED THE HIGHEST AVERAGE MARKS, WERE ALSO PRESENTED TROPHIES BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND.

ADDRESSING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON, MR HAMMOND SAID THIS YEAR'S QUIZ HAD ATTRACTED 100 000 STUDENTS FROM 214 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

➤SUCH A FAVOURABLE RESPONSE REFLECTS THE GROWING POPULARITY OF THE QUIZ AMONG SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS,➤ HE SAID.

THE QUIZ IS A MAJOR EVENT ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT TO AROUSE CAREERS AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS.

IT ALSO STIMULATES THEM TO THINK ABOUT POSSIBLE CAREERS AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO COLLECT USEFUL CAREERS INFORMATION.

MR HAMMOND SAID THE QUIZ OWED ITS SUCCESS TO THE CONCERTED AND SUSTAINED EFFORTS OF MANY PEOPLE AND ORGANISATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THE PRINCIPALS AND CAREERS TEACHERS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

HE THANKED SHUN HING ELECTRONICS TRADING COMPANY FOR SPONSORING ALL THE PRIZES FOR THE QUIZ AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING AGENCY FOR MARKING THE ANSWER SHEETS.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS MR K.L. TONG, ASSISTANT MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SHUN HING.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENT FEES TO BE COLLECTED ON APPLICATION
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WITH EFFECT FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 2), FEES FOR THE ISSUE OF THE FOLLOWING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WILL BE COLLECTED ON APPLICATION:

- * HONG KONG BRITISH PASSPORT
- * HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY
- * EMERGENCY PASSPORT
- * SEAMAN'S CERTIFICATE OF NATIONALITY AND IDENTITY
- * SEAMAN'S IDENTITY BOOK

+THE COLLECTION OF FEES IN ADVANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE ANY GUARANTEE OR ASSURANCE THAT THE TRAVEL DOCUMENT APPLIED FOR WILL BE ISSUED,+ A SPOKESMAN FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+REFUND OF FEES COLLECTED WILL BE MADE IF THE APPLICATION IS SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAWN OR UNSUCCESSFUL. THERE IS NO CHANGE IN FEES FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.+

+AT PRESENT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF PROCESSING AN APPLICATION FOR A TRAVEL DOCUMENT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN COLLECTED BY THE APPLICANT IS BORNE BY THE TAX PAYERS. WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW ARRANGEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF FEES ON APPLICATION GREATER COST EFFECTIVENESS CAN BE ACHIEVED,+ HE ADDED.

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PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST FOR SYCAMORE RESIDENTS
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RESIDENTS IN THE SYCAMORE AREA OF MONG KOK DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST TO CAPTURE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA.

THE CONTEST IS ORGANISED TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR AREA AND COMMUNITY AS SYCAMORE IS A NEW CONSTITUENCY FORMED ONLY DURING THE 1985 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION.

WINNERS OF THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS OF \$1 000, \$500 AND \$300 RESPECTIVELY. SEVEN OTHER PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

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CONTESTANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT PHOTOGRAPHS IN 4R COLOUR PRINT WITH NEGATIVES. EACH PHOTOGRAPH SHOULD BE GIVEN A TITLE.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY A CONTESTANT.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND ITS TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE, AT 85 IVY STREET BEFORE FEBRUARY 6.

WINNING PHOTOGRAPHS WILL BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AND PUBLISHED IN DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS AT A LATER DATE.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR PARK PROJECT
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THE SECOND PHASE OF STAGE TWO OF THE CARPENTER ROAD PARK IN KOWLOON CITY WILL START SOON WITH TENDERS FOR THE WORK BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE AREA INVOLVED IN THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT IS 2.4 HECTARES, WHICH WILL LINK WITH PREVIOUS PHASES TO FORM A TOTAL PARK AREA OF 5.9 HECTARES.

THE DEVELOPMENT ACCOMMODATES BOTH PASSIVE AND ACTIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE ACTIVE AREA WILL BE AN INTER-TWINED CYCLE AND JOGGING TRACK, GRADE SEPARATED BY MEANS OF BRIDGES TO ENSURE SAFETY.

A TRICK CYCLING AREA AND CYCLE HIRE FACILITIES WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE REST IS FOR PASSIVE RECREATION AND WILL INCORPORATE A LARGE ROCK GARDEN, EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING, SITTING-OUT AREAS, PAVILIONS AND TOILETS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MARCH AND BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 1988.

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EXTENDED TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR NEW YEAR
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PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE UNTIL EARLY THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

TO COPE WITH FESTIVE CROWDS, THE STAR FERRY SERVICE BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE AND KOWLOON POINT WILL RUN ALL NIGHT. WHILE THE MTR AND THE KCR WILL CLOSE FOR THE DAY AROUND 1 AM, PEAK TRAMS WILL OPERATE UP TO 1.30 AM. TRAMS WILL CARRY ON WITH THEIR SERVICE UNTIL 2 AM BUT WILL NOT OPERATE ROUND THE HAPPY VALLEY LOOP.

IN ADDITION, MANY BUS AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR WILL FINISH LATER THAN USUAL.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE OPERATION OF CMB ROUTES 2 AND 10 WILL BE EXTENDED BY 20 MINUTES, ROUTES 4, 7, 10, 23, 72, 90M AND 92 BY ABOUT 30 MINUTES AND ROUTE 70 BY NEARLY AN HOUR. OF THESE SERVICES, THE LAST BUS ON ROUTES 4, 70 AND 90M WILL DEPART CENTRAL AT 1 AM AND THAT ON ROUTES 2 AND 7 AT 1.30 AM.

IN KOWLOON, KMB ROUTES 1A, 80K, 81K AND 88K WILL RUN ON FOR ANOTHER HOUR AFTER THEIR NORMAL SCHEDULES. MEANWHILE, ROUTES 5C AND 6 WILL EXTEND THEIR SERVICES FOR ONE HOUR AND 15 MINUTES AND ROUTE 5 FOR ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS.

FOR THE TSIM SHA TSUI ROUTES, THE LAST DEPARTURES FROM STAR FERRY FOR ROUTES 1A, 5C AND 6 WILL BE AROUND 1.30 AM AND ROUTE 5 AROUND 2 AM.

AS FOR GREEN MINIBUSES, ROUTES 16M, 19, 20 AND 20M ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL OPERATE UP TO 12.40 AM WHILE IN KOWLOON, ROUTES 1M AND 8 WILL FINISH AT 1 AM AND 1.30 AM RESPECTIVELY ROUTES 6 AND 7 AT 2 AM ROUTE 3 AT 2.30 AM AND ROUTE 16 AT 3 AM.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES 67K, 66K, 85 AND 97A WILL STOP RUNNING AT MIDNIGHT, 12.30 AM, 12.45 AM AND 1 AM RESPECTIVELY. ROUTES 20K, 22K, 65K AND 96M WILL CEASE OPERATING AROUND 1.30 AM AND ROUTES 81, 82 AND 83 AT 2 AM.

AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI ON NEW YEAR'S EVE, MANY BUS ROUTES PLYING THROUGH THESE TWO DISTRICTS WILL HAVE TO BE DIVERTED.

THE AFFECTED SERVICES INCLUDE CMB ROUTES 5, 5A, 5E, 10, 10A, 10B, 20, 21, 22, 23A, 24, 40M, 81M, 103 AND 781 AS WELL AS KMB ROUTES 1A, 1A2, 1, 1A, 1K, 2, 2C, 3, 3C, 3E, 5, 5C, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 8A, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28 AND 71.

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ROAD CLOSED IN TAI PO

THE EXISTING ACCESS ROAD TO TAI PO TAU IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

VEHICLES TO TAI PO TAU, INCLUDING NEW TERRITORIES GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE 21K, WILL BE DIVERTED TO ROAD D5 AND ROAD A100, WHICH IS ABOUT 320 METRES EAST OF THE CLOSED ROAD.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 60.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 353.012 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 398.798 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 68.0 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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