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TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM IN NW-NT BEING IMPROVED

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COMMENTING ON A PETITION TODAY (SUNDAY) BY A GROUP OF TUEN MUN RESIDENTS ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN TUEN MUN, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO IMPROVING THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OF THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES (NW-NT) TO MEET PRESENT AND FUTURE DEMANDS.

"IN THE SHORT TERM, IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO FERRY SERVICES BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND THE URBAN AREA.

"IN THE MEDIUM TERM, THE TRAFFIC CAPACITY OF THE TUEN MUN TO TSUEN WAN CORRIDOR WILL BE INCREASED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL CLIMBING LANES IN THE FOUR UPHILL SECTIONS OF TUEN MUN ROAD AND THE WIDENING OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

WORK ON THIS TWO PROJECTS IS IN HAND AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS IN STAGES.

"IN THE LONG TERM, ADDITIONAL STRATEGIC LINKS, NAMELY THE ROUTE 3 (COUNTRY PARK SECTION) AND THE NW-NT URBAN RAIL LINK, ARE BEING CONSIDERED."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS RECENTLY INVITED TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN BUILDING THE ROUTE 3 (COUNTRY PARK SECTION).

THE RESULTS WERE ENCOURAGING AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE LATER THIS YEAR ON HOW THE PROJECT IS TO BE BUILT.

"THE PROPOSED RAIL CONNECTION TO NW-NT IS GIVEN HIGH PRIORITY IN THE RAILWAY DEVELOPMENT STUDY. THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE A DECISION ON THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY WHICH IS NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION

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NOMINATIONS FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN RESPECT OF THE SAI KUNG CONSTITUENCY WILL BE CALLED FOR FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL JULY 19.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND AT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE.

TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE, A PERSON MUST BE A REGISTERED ELECTOR AND HAS BEEN ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG FOR 10 YEARS IMMEDIATELY BEFORE NOMINATION.

A CANDIDATE CAN BE A RESIDENT ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG, BUT HIS NOMINATION MAY ONLY BE SUBSCRIBED BY REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

EACH NOMINATION REQUIRES 10 SUBSCRIBERS AND EACH SUBSCRIBER MAY GIVE SUPPORT TO ONE CANDIDATE ONLY.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SAI KUNG OR THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE ON TEL 827 1122.

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APPLY NOW FOR DAY NURSERY FEE ASSISTANCE  
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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED PARENTS WHO REQUIRE FEE ASSISTANCE FOR THEIR CHILDREN ATTENDING DAY NURSERY TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS.

EXISTING RECIPIENTS OF SUCH ASSISTANCE ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO APPLY AGAIN.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FEE ASSISTANCE, THE CHILD MUST BE BETWEEN TWO AND SIX YEARS OF AGE.

"THE PARENTS OR GUARDIAN WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE MUST SHOW THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO AFFORD THE FULL COST OF THE FEES CHARGED BY THE NURSERY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THEY MUST ALSO PROVE THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN AT HOME DURING THE DAY FOR REASONS SUCH AS BOTH PARENTS HAVING TO WORK, THE CHILD BELONGED TO A SINGLE-PARENT FAMILY, OR THE PRESENCE OF AN AGED OR DISABLED MEMBER IN THE FAMILY WHO REQUIRES SPECIAL CARE," HE ADDED.

THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAYABLE WOULD BE CALCULATED WITH REGARD TO THE FAMILY'S NET INCOME WHICH IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FAMILY'S TOTAL INCOME AND THE RECOGNISED RENT.

THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAYABLE WOULD BE BASED ON THE AVERAGE FEES CHARGED IN NON-PROFIT MAKING DAY NURSERIES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND A PAMPHLET INTRODUCING THE FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME ARE OBTAINABLE AT DAY NURSERIES AND THE SWD'S SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS.

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UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES 1994/95

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THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT APPLICATIONS WERE NOW INVITED FOR ITS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES STARTING IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1994/95.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE OFFERED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS.

APPLICANTS MAY CHOOSE ANY SUBJECT OF STUDY AT ANY LEADING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AT THE TERTIARY LEVEL IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FULFILLING ALL APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS OF THEIR CHOICE AND SHOULD BE OFFERED A PLACE SUBSEQUENTLY.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES ARE EXPECTED TO POSSESS HIGH ACADEMIC PROWESS AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES. THEY SHOULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE A STRONG SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG AND HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND HONG KONG.

UPON GRADUATION, SCHOLARS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE YEARS.

THE VALUE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP NORMALLY COVERS UNIVERSITY COMPOSITION FEE, A MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE AND AN ALLOWANCE FOR AIR TRAVEL.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION NOTES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

- \* STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCY  
NINTH FLOOR, NATIONAL MUTUAL CENTRE  
151 GLOUCESTER ROAD  
WAN CHAI  
HONG KONG
- \* EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
CAREER AND GUIDANCE SERVICE SECTION  
ROOM 206  
MONGKOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES  
30 LUEN WAN STREET  
MONG KOK  
KOWLOON
- \* YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE  
GROUND FLOOR, MIDDLE ROAD CARPARK BUILDING  
15 MIDDLE ROAD  
TSIM SHA TSUI  
KOWLOON

\* THE BRITISH COUNCIL  
EDUCATIONAL COUNSELLING SERVICE  
255 HENNESSY ROAD  
WAN CHAI  
HONG KONG.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 802 1638.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS SEPTEMBER 18. SUITABLE CANDIDATES WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE SELECTION INTERVIEW IN HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1993/JANUARY 1994.

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POSSESSION OF SEA TURTLE AN OFFENCE

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TWO HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLES RECENTLY SEIZED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) WERE RELEASED BACK TO THE SEA AS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION WORK FOR WILD ANIMALS IN HONG KONG.

CONSERVATION OFFICER, DR SO PING-MAN, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SEA TURTLES WERE ENDANGERED SPECIES FACING EXTINCTION AND WERE PROTECTED UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID: "THE IMPORT, EXPORT OR POSSESSION OF SEA TURTLE WHETHER ALIVE, DEAD, STUFFED SPECIMEN, PARTS OR DERIVATIVES, WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE ISSUED IN ADVANCE BY THE AFD IS AN OFFENCE."

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, AN OFFENDER IS LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25,000 AND IN CASE OF A REPEATED OFFENCE A FINE OF \$50,000 PLUS SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

CURRENTLY, OVER 9,000 SPECIES OF ANIMALS AND PLANTS INCLUDING PANGOLINS, MONKEYS, EAGLES AND HAWKS, OWLS, CROCODILES, GIANT SALAMANDER AND WILD ORCHIDS, ARE LISTED UNDER THE ORDINANCE FOR PROTECTION.

DR SO CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS OR SEAMEN NOT TO BRING IN OR OUT OF HONG KONG ANY ENDANGERED SPECIES AT ALL TIME UNLESS ALL IMPORT AND EXPORT REQUIREMENTS ARE COMPILED WITH.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE FAUNA CONSERVATION SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL 733 2122.

THE SEIZURE OF THE TWO TURTLES WERE MADE SUBSEQUENT TO REPORT TO THE POLICE BY THE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS THAT SEA TURTLES WERE SEEN IN A FISH STALL IN SAI KUNG.

THE TWO TURTLES WERE ABOUT 30 AND 45 CM LONG AND WEIGHTED 2 AND 4 KG RESPECTIVELY. AS THEY WERE IN GOOD HEALTH CONDITIONS, THEY WERE RELEASED BACK TO THE SEA AT HOI HA WAN EARLIER IN THE WEEK.

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