



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FIRST CONTRACT FOR NORTH POINT-
CAUSEWAY BAY COASTAL FLYOVER SIGNED
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY LET A PRELIMINARY CONTRACT FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE \$230 MILLION COASTAL FLYOVER BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT.

THE CONTRACT FOR OVER \$10 MILLION IS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 390-METRES SEAWALL, THE RECLAMATION OF THE NORTH-EASTERN CORNER OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND CERTAIN REPROVISION WORK. IT WAS AWARDED TO NISHIMATSU CONSTRUCTION CO. LTD.

MR. T.S. NG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID THAT WORK ON THE CONTRACT WOULD START LATER THIS MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+REPROVISIONING OF EXISTING FACILITIES INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TWO-STOREY DEPOT BUILDING FOR THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON THE NEW RECLAMATION, AND PROVISION OF A VEHICULAR RAMP FOR OFF-LOADING OF REFUSE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

+ON COMPLETION, SUFFICIENT SPACE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF STAGE ONE OF THE COASTAL ROUTE, KNOWN AS HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, AT THE EASTERN END OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON ANCHORAGE.+

MR. NG ADDED THAT STAGE I OF THE CORRIDOR WHEN COMPLETED WILL PROVIDE A HIGH CAPACITY COASTAL ROUTE LINKING CAUSEWAY BAY WITH NORTH POINT.

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\$16M COMPOSTING PLANT FOR CHAI WAN
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY LET A \$16 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE BUILDING OF HONG KONG'S FIRST COMPOSTING PLANT IN CHAI WAN.

THE CONTRACT COVERS FOUNDATIONS AND SUPERSTRUCTURE WORKS AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STOREY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, WORKSHOP AND STORE BUILDING, AND COMPOST STOCK-PILING AREA TOGETHER WITH ANCILLARY ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS. IT WAS AWARDED TO KUMAGAI-GUMI CO. LTD.

MR. K.C. WONG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT THE NEW PLANT WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL AT THE END OF 1978, WOULD INITIALLY BE CAPABLE OF DISPOSING OF 240 TONNES OF FACTORY AND DOMESTIC REFUSE A DAY.

THE COMPOSTING PLANT WILL OCCUPY AN AREA OF ABOUT 9,300 SQUARE METRES ON RECLAIMED LAND AT SUN YIP STREET OFF CHAI WAN ROAD.

MR. WONG SAID THAT THE NEW PLANT REPRESENTED A MAJOR STEP IN THE P.W.D.'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP BETTER AND MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF DISPOSING OF REFUSE.

+THE MECHANISED COMPOSTING PROCESS IS A RELATIVELY NEW SYSTEM OF REFUSE DISPOSAL WHICH IS BECOMING MORE WIDELY USED IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IS BEING INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL SUBSTANTIALLY BOOST OUR PRESENT FACILITIES AND ALONG WITH THE EXISTING INCINERATOR AT KENNEDY TOWN, WILL ENABLE US TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH HONG KONG ISLAND'S REFUSE UNTIL WELL INTO THE '80S.+ MR. WONG SAID.

AT PRESENT, SOME 760 TONNES OF REFUSE ARE COLLECTED EACH DAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND. OF THESE 620 TONNES ARE BURNT AT KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR WHILE THE REST IS DUMPED AS FILL AT P.W.D. CONTROLLED TIPS. THE NEW PLANT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ACCEPT DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE, INCLUDING BULKY REFUSE.

PLANS ARE ALSO IN HAND FOR BUILDING A SECOND PULVERISING AND COMPOSTING PLANT TO BE LOCATED AT SHA TIN.

MR. WONG SAID THAT THE COMPOST PRODUCED AT THESE PLANTS WOULD BASICALLY BE DISPOSED OF AS LAND FILL, BUT SOME MIGHT BE USED AS TOP SOIL FOR RESTORING BORROW AREAS AND QUARRIES AND FOR TURFING.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE
MOBILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EXHIBITION VAN WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE THE FIRST MOBILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE TO JOB SEEKERS.

THE THREE-TON TRUCK WHICH CAN BE CONVERTED INTO A LARGE COVERED PLATFORM WILL CALL AT SAU MAU PING HOUSING ESTATE BETWEEN DECEMBER 12 (MONDAY) AND 16 (FRIDAY) TO DISPLAY ALL KINDS OF JOB INFORMATION.

JOB-SEEKERS CAN BROWSE THROUGH LISTS OF VACANCIES AND ASK LABOUR DEPARTMENT STAFF FOR REFERRAL AND PLACEMENT SERVICES WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE.

SUITABLE JOB-SEEKERS WILL BE REFERRED TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS FOR SELECTION INTERVIEW.

THE +MOBILE SERVICE+ WILL OPERATE AT THE CAR PARK OF SAU MAU PING ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING FROM 4 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M. ON DECEMBER 12, BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 7.30 P.M. FROM DECEMBER 13 TO 15 AND FROM 10 A.M. TO 2 P.M. ON DECEMBER 16.

TO MARK THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS SERVICE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS AND THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG, MR. EDDIE LAMB WILL ATTEND THE INAUGURATION OF THE SERVICE ON MONDAY.

COMMENTING ON THE NOVEL IDEA OF THE MOBILE JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE, THE HEAD OF LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, MRS. SOO MOK SAU-HA SAID: +THE SERVICE IS BEING MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH A GENEROUS SUBSIDY FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF KWUN TONG AND THE ASSISTANCE OF ONE OF ITS ROTARIANS IN DESIGNING 20 DISPLAY BOARDS.

+IT IS MEANT TO COMPLEMENT OUR EXISTING SERVICES IN EIGHT BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND ALSO REPRESENTS OUR EFFORTS TO REACH OUT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC BY BRINGING THE SERVICE ALMOST TO THEIR DOOR STEP.+

MRS. SOO REMINDED THOSE REGISTERING WITH THE MOBILE OFFICE TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AS MOST EMPLOYERS INSIST ON THIS REQUIREMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE INAUGURATION OF THE MOBILE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AT SAU MAU PING HOUSING ESTATE AT 4 P.M. ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 12).

A NINE-SEATER VAN WILL TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO SAU MAU PING ESTATE. IT WILL BE PARKED BEHIND THE Y.M.C.A. BUILDING IN TSIM SHA TSUI, AND WILL LEAVE AT 2.30 P.M.

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TIPS ON FIRE SAFETY AT HOME
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO FOLLOW A FEW SIMPLE RULES SO THAT THE THOUSANDS OF FIRES THAT OCCUR AT HOMES EACH YEAR COULD BE ELIMINATED.

+HOME FIRE PROTECTION IS EASY TO LEARN AND REMEMBER - MOST OF IT, AFTER ALL, IS ONLY COMMON SENSE,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

+ALTHOUGH IT IS UNWISE TO LEAVE CHILDREN ON THEIR OWN, ESPECIALLY FOR LONG PERIODS, IT IS A FACT OF MODERN LIFE THAT THIS ON OCCASIONS BECOMES UNAVOIDABLE. WHERE THIS IS SO, DO TAKE THE TROUBLE TO ENSURE THAT ALL MATCHES AND LIGHTERS ARE OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN AND NEVER LEAVE ITEMS SUCH AS CANDLES BURNING,+ HE ADVISED.

SOME TERRIBLE TRAGEDIES HAD OCCURRED BECAUSE CHILDREN HAD BEEN ABLE TO GET HOLD OF MATCHES WHILE THEIR PARENTS HAVE BEEN OUT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+CHILDREN SHOULD BE TAUGHT FROM AN EARLY AGE TO KNOW THAT FIRE NOT ONLY HURTS BUT ALSO KILLS.+

WITH THE ARRIVAL OF COOLER AND DRIER WEATHER, HE SAID, THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS WHEN USING PORTABLE HEATERS IN THEIR HOMES AND PLACES OF WORK.

+PORTABLE HEATERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH BURN KEROSENE, SHOULD BE PUT IN A POSITION WHERE THEY CANNOT BE KNOCKED OVER BY PLAYING CHILDREN. FURTHERMORE, THEY SHOULD BE PLACED SUFFICIENTLY FAR AWAY FROM COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS, SUCH AS CURTAINING OR BEDDING, TO PREVENT THEM CATCHING ALIGHT.

+BEFORE SWITCHING ON OR LIGHTING A HEATER, MAKE SURE THERE IS NOTHING ON IT OR NEAR IT WHICH COULD BE SET ON FIRE,+ HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO RECORDS, SOME OF THE MOST DAMAGING FIRES IN HONG KONG BROKE OUT AS A RESULT OF ELECTRICAL FAULTS CAUSED BY BAD MAINTENANCE OR NO MAINTENANCE AT ALL.

WIRING COULD DETERIORATE OVER THE YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, AND PERIODIC CHECKS BY A COMPETENT ELECTRICIAN WERE ESSENTIAL FOR SAFETY. CORDS AND APPLIANCES SHOULD BE KEPT IN GOOD OPERATING CONDITION AND REPLACED WHEN FRAYED OR WORN.

+IF TOO MANY ELECTRICAL ITEMS ARE PLUGGED INTO ONE SOCKET, THE WIRING COULD EASILY BECOME OVERHEATED AND FIRE BREAKS OUT, ESPECIALLY DURING PERIODS OF LOW HUMIDITY.

/+REMEMBER

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+REMEMBER THAT ELECTRIC LIGHT BULBS CAN GET VERY HOT AND CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SEE THAT THEY CANNOT COME INTO CONTACT WITH CURTAINS OR DECORATIONS AT FESTIVAL TIMES.

+IF YOU, OR MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY, SMOKE CIGARETTES, DO NOT FORGET THAT THOUSANDS OF FIRES OCCUR IN HONG KONG EACH YEAR AS A RESULT OF CARELESS DISPOSAL OR HANDLING OF LIGHTED CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES. MAKE SURE CIGARETTE ENDS ARE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE DISPOSING OF THEM, PREFERABLY IN AN ASH TRAY. NEVER SMOKE IN BED.

+HIGHLY INFLAMMABLE ITEMS SUCH AS KEROSENE, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS, OIL AND PAINTS SHOULD BE STORED WELL AWAY FROM SOURCES OF HEAT. NEVER FILL A KEROSENE STOVE WHEN IT IS STILL BURNING.

+WITH THESE FEW TIPS ON FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME AND BY A LITTLE EFFORT OR CARE, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR HOME FREE OF THE RISK OF FIRE. FAULTURE TO TAKE THE TROUBLE CAN - AND OFTEN DOES - LEAD TO DISASTER,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

AS PART OF THE CURRENT FIRE PREVENTION DRIVE, FIRE OFFICERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTING HOME FIRE SAFETY PAMPHLETS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE ON HONG KONG SIDE TOMORROW (FRIDAY), BEGINNING AT 9 A.M.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NOVEMBER — SUNNIER, COOLER AND DRIER THAN USUAL
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LAST MONTH WAS SUNNIER, COOLER AND MUCH DRIER THAN USUAL,
ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THERE WERE THREE DAYS WITH MEASURABLE RAIN AT THE ROYAL
OBSERVATORY AND THE TOTAL RAINFALL OF 6.1 MM REPRESENTED ONLY
14 PER CENT OF THE AVERAGE FIGURE FOR NOVEMBER.

DUE TO THE VERY DRY CONDITIONS, FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE
IN FORCE ON 29 DAYS DURING THE MONTH.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE THE FIRST OF JANUARY THIS
YEAR REACHED 1672.1 MM WHICH IS 22 PER CENT BELOW AVERAGE.

THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH WAS 29.1 DEGREES C,
RECORDED ON THE FIRST OF NOVEMBER. THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE OF 13.6
DEGREES C, WAS RECORDED ON NOVEMBER 29.

A SPELL OF FINE WEATHER FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THE MONTH WAS
BROKEN ON NOVEMBER 14 AS TYPHOON KIM ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

HOWEVER, WHEN KIM MOVED OUT OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA ON NOVEMBER
16, THE WEATHER QUICKLY IMPROVED AND THE REST OF THE MONTH REMAINED
FINE AND DRY EXCEPT FOR NOVEMBER 24 WHEN SOME LIGHT RAIN WAS
EXPERIENCED.

THREE WEAK COLD FRONTS PASSED HONG KONG ON NOVEMBER 1, 8 AND
27 BUT THEY DID NOT CAUSE ANY RAIN OR BIG FALLS IN AIR TEMPERATURE.

HOWEVER, THE NORTHERLY WINDS BEHIND THEM HELPED TO MAINTAIN
THE FINE AND DRY WEATHER.

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EARLY SUSPENSION OF TRAM SERVICES ON SATURDAY

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TRAM SERVICES WEST OF WAN CHAI WILL BE SUSPENDED SHORTLY AFTER 11 P.M. ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 10) TO ALLOW TRAM TRACK DIVERSION IN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WHICH IS NECESSITATED BY CONSTRUCTION WORKS ON THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PEDDER STATION.

THE LAST TRAMS OPERATING TO AND FROM AREAS WEST OF WAN CHAI WILL DEPART FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE TERMINI AT THE FOLLOWING TIMES:

WESTBOUND

SHAU KEI WAN TO WESTERN MARKET	10.35 P.M.
NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET	10.37 P.M.
NORTH POINT TO WESTERN MARKET	10.47 P.M.
HAPPY VALLEY TO KENNEDY TOWN	10.30 P.M.
HAPPY VALLEY TO WHITTY STREET	10.42 P.M.
HAPPY VALLEY TO WESTERN MARKET	10.53 P.M.

EASTBOUND

KENNEDY TOWN TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.04 P.M.
WHITTY STREET TO NORTH POINT	11.12 P.M.
WHITTY STREET TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.09 P.M.
WESTERN MARKET TO SHAU KEI WAN	11.15 P.M.
WESTERN MARKET TO NORTH POINT	11.20 P.M.
WESTERN MARKET TO HAPPY VALLEY	11.17 P.M.

THE TRAM SERVICE BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE AND WILL BE AUGMENTED SO AS TO OPERATE EVERY FOUR MINUTES AFTER 10.35 P.M. FROM SHAU KEI WAN. IN ADDITION, A SPECIAL TRAM SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED AFTER 10.35 P.M. BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND WAN CHAI (JOHNSTON ROAD) AT A FREQUENCY OF EVERY FIVE MINUTES.

NORMAL TRAM SERVICES WILL BE RESUMED ON THE MORNING OF SUNDAY (DECEMBER 11).

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REHABILITATION OF CANCER PATIENTS URGED

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THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, HAS CALLED FOR MORE CONSCIOUS AND ACTIVE EFFORTS BY PROFESSIONAL BODIES, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT SERVICE, TO REHABILITATE PATIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN TREATED FOR CANCER DISEASES.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY THIS EVENING, HE SAID THE FACT THAT MANY PATIENTS HAVE BEEN TREATED AND SURVIVED THE PROVERBIAL FIVE YEARS IS A TRIBUTE TO THE ADVANCE IN THE TREATMENT OF THIS DISEASE.

+FOR THESE SURVIVORS, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES MUST BE IMPROVED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITHIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND THIS CAN ONLY COME ABOUT IF SOME CONSCIOUS AND ACTIVE EFFORTS ARE MADE TO REHABILITATE THE PATIENTS,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY, POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTUAL METHODS OF REHABILITATION WILL VARY WITH DIFFERENT CASES AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

HE CITED THE EXAMPLE OF PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM CANCER OF THE THROAT WHICH, IF TREATED ADEQUATELY, HAS A GOOD PROGNOSIS.

UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, THESE PATIENTS HAVING THEIR VOICE BOX REMOVED LOST THEIR ABILITY FOR NORMAL SPEECH.

+BE THAT AS IT MAY, WITH ADEQUATE REHABILITATIVE SPEECH THERAPY THEY ARE ABLE TO REGAIN THE ABILITY TO PHONATE AND THOUGH THEY MAY NOT BE AS VOCAL AS BEFORE, THEY CAN WITH DILIGENT PRACTICE MAKE THEMSELVES UNDERSTOOD,+ HE SAID.

DR. THONG SAID A PATIENT WITH BREAST CANCER WHO HAS HAD TO HAVE HER BREAST REMOVED ALONG WITH THE TUMOR WILL BENEFIT IMMENSELY FROM POST-OPERATIVE EXERCISES IN THE FORM OF PHYSIOTHERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.

+THESE WILL HELP HER TO REGAIN MOBILITY OF THE SHOULDER GIRDLE OF THE SIDE INVOLVED AND TO OVERCOME THE EFFECTS OF THE TRAUMA DUE TO SURGERY,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR SAID ALTHOUGH THE REHABILITATIVE ASPECT OF CANCER HAS NOT BEEN EMPHASISED OR GIVEN MUCH PUBLICITY, IN FACT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ACTIVITIES IS BEING CARRIED OUT AND A LOT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

+THERE IS OF COURSE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT IN BOTH THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF THE SERVICES AND IT IS MY FERVANT HOPE THAT THE SOCIETY WILL REMAIN IN THE FOREFRONT IN THE BATTLE AGAINST CANCER AND TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THOSE WHO SURVIVE THIS TERRIBLE DISEASE,+ HE ADDED.

DR. THONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND DEVOTION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER DISEASES.

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CARING COMMUNITY - VITAL TO THE ELDERLY

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY AND MAKING PUBLIC ITS INTENTION TO DO MORE FOR THEM WILL SERVE TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP A +POSITIVE, HELPFUL AND RESPECTFUL+ ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE OLD.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF THE CHEUNG CHUK SHAN COLLEGE, MR. LEE NOTED THAT THIS WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN JUST THE PUBLICATION OF THE GREEN PAPER BECAUSE ONLY WHEN THE YOUNG PEOPLE ACQUIRED THIS KIND OF ATTITUDE COULD THERE BE A HOPE TO HAVE A COMMUNITY WHICH 'CARES'.

MR. LEE SAID: +IT HAS OFTEN BEEN EMPHASISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES COULD ONLY ACT AS THE 'FORMAL PROVIDERS' OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, WHILE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH SERVICES MUST RELY ON THE ASSISTANCE OF A 'CARING COMMUNITY'+

MR. LEE SAID THAT YOUNG PEOPLE BEING THE ENERGETIC MEMBERS OF OUR SOCIETY COULD BE THE BASIC STRATA UPON WHICH TO SET ABOUT FOSTERING THE CONCEPT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SERVICES THAT THE COMMUNITY COULD PARTICIPATE IN PROVIDING FOR OLD PEOPLE INCLUDED HOME HELP SERVICE WHICH RENDERED DOMESTIC HELP FOR THOSE WHO COULD NOT DEPEND ON THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, AND SERVICES IN THE FORM OF HOME MANAGEMENT, PERSONAL CARE, PREPARATION OR DELIVERY OF MEALS, LAUNDRY AND ESCORTING FOR MEDICAL CONSULTATION.

APART FROM THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES, MR. LEE SAID THAT YOUNG PEOPLE COULD ALWAYS ASSIST IN RUNNING SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE OLD PEOPLE SUCH AS GAMES DAY, OUTINGS AND BIRTHDAY PARTIES ORGANISED BY SOCIAL CLUBS AND SOCIAL CENTRES.

+IN CASE YOU FIND THAT YOU ARE NOT ATTRACTED TO THESE TYPES OF SERVICE, YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND MEANS TO SHOW YOUR INTEREST IN OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE BY PAYING THEM VISITS AT THEIR HOMES. EVEN HELPING THEM ACROSS THE ROAD, OR SHOWING THEM THE WAY, OR BEING HELPFUL WHEN HELP IS NEEDED, ARE GESTURES THAT WILL WARM THEIR HEARTS.+

FOR OLD PEOPLE LIVING WITHIN THE FAMILY, MR. LEE EMPHASISED THAT THEY DESERVED EQUAL, IF NOT MORE, CARE AND ATTENTION.

+LIVING UNDER THE SAME ROOF, YOU ARE GIVEN THE BEST OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPRESS YOUR CONCERN AND RESPECT,+ HE ADDED.

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TURNING TO THE GREEN PAPER ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, MR. LEE SAID THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THESE PROPOSALS WAS TO PROMOTE OLD PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING BY PROVIDING SERVICES THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO REMAIN AS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST FAMILIES TO CONTINUE LOOKING AFTER THEIR ELDERLY AND TO MAKE PROVISION FOR THOSE WHO NEED INSTITUTIONAL CARE.

+SUCCESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROGRAMME WHICH AFFECTS THE WELFARE OF NINE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION WILL DEPEND VERY MUCH ON, AS IN THE CASE OF OTHER SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES, COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

+IN THE BROADEST TERMS, MOST SERVICES PROPOSED WILL ACT AS SUPPORT OR REINFORCEMENT FOR FAMILY UNITS FACED WITH BOTH FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL STRAINS OF LOOKING AFTER ELDERLY MEMBERS,+ HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SHA TO VISIT PO LEUNG KUK'S NO. 1 COLLEGE
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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. F.K. LI, WILL VISIT THE PO LEUNG KUK'S NO. 1 COLLEGE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE COLLEGE, SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT, OPERATES 28 CLASSES FROM FORM ONE TO UPPER FORM SIX AND HAS OVER 1,000 STUDENTS.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR. LI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. CHENG ENG-KUAN, CHAIRMAN OF PO LEUNG KUK AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE KUK'S BOARD.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.45 P.M. AT THE COLLEGE, PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, TSZ WAN SHAN, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWO BLIND TELEPHONE OPERATORS TO RECEIVE BRAILLE WATCHES
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TWO BLIND TELEPHONE OPERATORS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT
WILL EACH RECEIVE A WATCH WITH A BRAILLE FACE.

THEY WILL RECEIVE THEIR WATCHES FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF
PRISONS, MR. TOM GARNER, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD TOMORROW
(FRIDAY) AT 10.30 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE PRISONS
DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT 32, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE TWO RECEPIENTS, MR. YAN SUN-PING AND MR. MOK HING-WAH,
HAVE BEEN SERVING IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS AND
BOTH ARE WORKING AT MA PO PING PRISON ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE WATCHES WERE DONATED BY THE CITIZEN WATCH COMPANY UNDER
THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION OF WHICH
MR. GARNER IS THE VICE CHAIRMAN.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER
THE EVENT.

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