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EPD TO DEVELOP MARINE MAP SYSTEM

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS BEEN PROVIDED WITH FUNDING SUPPORT BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR DEVELOPING HONG KONG'S FIRST GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS) TO BE USED FOR PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

THIS GIS PROJECT WAS ONE OF THE PROJECTS NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR FUNDING SUPPORT BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB IN 1993/94.

APPROVAL WAS GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CHARITIES TRUST IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR AND A TOTAL OF \$1.8 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO EPD TO DEVELOP THE MARINE MAP SYSTEM.

EPD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, DR MIKE CHIU, SAID: "THE MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT IS TO DEVELOP A COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT WILL ALLOW SPEEDY RETRIEVAL OF ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION ON THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT RANGING FROM BATHING BEACH SUBZONES TO LOCATIONS OF DRAINAGE OUTFALLS.

"IT WILL INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INFORMATION ON SECONDARY RECREATIONAL WATERS, TYPHOON SHELTERS, MARINAS, DUMPING AREAS, MARINE ECOSYSTEMS AND SITES OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST."

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE FIELD INVESTIGATION TO IDENTIFY ALL THE ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS, GENERATION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE MAPS, DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPUTER SOFTWARE PACKAGE, AND CONVERSION OF SUCH INFORMATION INTO A COMPUTER DATABASE SYSTEM.

DR CHIU SAID: "THE SYSTEM WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE READY ACCESS TO THE REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR A SPEEDY ASSESSMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS DUE TO ANY PROPOSED OR EXISTING ACTIVITIES.

"THIS WILL IN TURN FACILITATE QUICKER DECISION MAKING ON THE PART OF EPD TO FORMULATE ADVICE TO THE PARTIES CONCERNED ON TAKING APPROPRIATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROECTION MEASURES TO ALLEVIATE THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS."

CITING OIL SPILLS AS AN EXAMPLE, DR CHIU SAID THE SYSTEM WOULD HELP EPD IN DESIGNATING PROTECTION PRIORITIES AND DECIDING WHETHER THE USE OF CHEMICAL DISPERSANTS SHOULD BE USED FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE TERRITORY'S SENSITIVE SHORELINES.

"THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL BE COMMISSIONED LATER THIS YEAR, WILL BE DESIGNED TO INTERFACE WITH ANY TERRESTRIAL ECOLOGICAL OR LAND INFORMATION SYSTEM WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE ENVIRONMENTAL PROFILE OF THE TERRITORY," HE SAID.

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CONTESTS TO PROMOTE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISABLED

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING STUDENTS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO JOIN AN ESSAY COMPETITION AND PAINTING CONTEST ON THE THEME TO REMOVE PREJUDICE AGAINST DISABLED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE COMPETITIONS WERE AIMED AT CULTIVATING IN STUDENTS A SENSE OF CARING AND CONCERN FOR THE DISABLED WHO SHOULD HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES AS OTHER PEOPLE.

STUDENTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THESE PEOPLE CAN HELP THEMSELVES WHEN PROPERLY SUPPORTED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE COMPETITIONS WERE FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES AFTER THE BROADCAST OF A NEW EDUCATION TELEVISION PROGRAMME, "TREAT THEM EQUAL, TREAT THEM RIGHT" IN LATE MARCH.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO THINK MORE DEEPLY ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE DISABLED AS EQUALS BY TRANSFORMING THEIR IDEAS INTO PAINTINGS AND ESSAYS ON THE THEME 'EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND FULL PARTICIPATION: A BETTER TOMORROW FOR ALL'".

THE PAINTING CONTEST IS FOR STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY FOUR TO SECONDARY THREE WHILE THE ESSAY COMPETITION IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH IS FOR THOSE FROM SECONDARY FOUR TO SEVEN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE AND THAT MORE THAN 200 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WOULD BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS VALUED BETWEEN \$200 AND \$1,000.

SCHOOLS WITH THE HIGHEST SCORES CALCULATED ON THE NUMBER AND QUALITY OF ENTRIES WOULD BE AWARDED A TROPHY AND A BOOK COUPON WORTH \$2,000.

THE COMPETITIONS ARE ORGANISED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION ON REHABILITATION UNDER THE COMMISSION OF REHABILITATION, HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, AND SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS SHOULD SEND THEIR ENTRIES TO THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WU CHUNG HOUSE, 10TH FLOOR, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI ON OR BEFORE MAY 10.

SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN INFORMED ABOUT DETAILS OF THE CONTESTS.

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VENTILATION SYSTEM IN LION ROCK TUNNEL TO BE IMPROVED

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THE VENTILATION SYSTEM IN THE LION ROCK TUNNEL IS BEING UPGRADED TO IMPROVE THE VENTILATION INSIDE THE TUNNEL.

WORK STARTED IN LATE MARCH AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 18 MONTHS AT A COST OF ABOUT \$50 MILLION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE EXISTING SYSTEM WAS INSTALLED IN 1978 AND NEEDED UPGRADING.

HE SAID THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD INCLUDE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING EXHAUST FANS BY NEW FANS. IN ADDITION, 44 NEW JET-FANS WOULD BE INSTALLED ON THE SIDES OF THE TUNNEL TUBES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THE WORKS, THE VENTILATION CAPACITY OF THE TUNNEL MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY AFFECTED. THE SITUATION WOULD HOWEVER BE CLOSELY MONITORED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE TUNNEL MANAGEMENT COMPANY.

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YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS INVITED TO JOIN SUMMER CAMP

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ALL YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN A SUMMER MUSIC CAMP WHICH WILL PROVIDE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING IN A DELIGHTFUL ATMOSPHERE.

THE 1994 HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP, ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH AND SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WILL BE HELD AT THE LEI YUE MUN PARK AND HOLIDAY VILLAGE FROM JULY 23 TO AUGUST 1.

COVERING AN AREA OF 19.46 HECTARES, THE HOLIDAY VILLAGE OVERLOOKS THE LEI YUE MUN CHANNEL AND IS SURROUNDED BY A QUIET AND RELAXING ENVIRONMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC OFFICE SAID: "THE VILLAGE IS THE MOST SUITABLE PLACE FOR YOUNG MUSIC LOVERS TO LEARN MUSIC."

THE CAMP WILL BE DIVIDED INTO A, B AND C DIVISIONS. ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD BE AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 15 AS AT JULY 23.

FOR CAMPS A AND B WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 23 TO 26 AND FROM JULY 26 TO 29 RESPECTIVELY, APPLICANTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO KNOW HOW TO PLAY INSTRUMENTS.

THE AIMS OF THESE CAMPS ARE TO AROUSE THEIR INTERESTS IN MUSIC AND LET THEM HAVE SOME IDEAS ON MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

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FOR CAMP C WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 29 TO AUGUST 1, ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY EITHER ONE CHINESE OR WESTERN ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENT. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL HAVE TO ATTEND THE AUDITION IN MID-MAY.

RENOWNED MUSICIANS AND MUSIC OFFICE INSTRUCTORS WILL BE INVITED TO CONDUCT MASTER CLASSES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS IN THE CAMPS.

RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING KARAOKE, LASER DISC SHOWS, SWIMMING, BADMINTON AND BILLIARD WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED.

THE FEE INCLUSIVE OF TUITION, THREE MEALS A DAY AND ACCOMODATION IS \$284 PER HEAD FOR EVERY CAMP.

ALL CAMPERS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY IN THE CAMP FOR THE ENTIRE PERIOD.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 30. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 582 5314.

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PATIENT GUIDANCE PAYS HANDSOME DIVIDENDS

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A NEW LEAFLET PRODUCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STRESSES PATIENT GUIDANCE BY PARENTS TO HELP RESOLVE CHILDREN'S ACADEMIC AND EMOTIONAL DIFFICULTIES.

"CHILDREN WILL IMPROVE UNDER YOUR PATIENT GUIDANCE" IS THE MAIN THEME IN THE THIRD OF A SERIES OF LEAFLETS ON GOOD PARENTING PRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE 100,000 NEWLY PRODUCED LEAFLETS ON HOW CHILDREN SHOULD BE LOOKED AFTER IN THEIR STUDIES WERE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO ALL PARENTS OF PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS.

HE SAID THE LEAFLET CONVEYED THE MESSAGES THAT PARENTS AND TEACHERS SHOULD OFFER ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND PROVIDE THEM WITH A MORE PLEASURABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

SOME OF THE ADVICE INCLUDE:

- \* ENCOURAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION ARE MORE EFFECTIVE;
- \* UNREALISTIC EXPECTATION BRINGS PRESSURE;
- \* APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE TO CHILDREN MAKES STUDY MORE ENJOYABLE;  
AND
- \* COLLABORATION BETWEEN FAMILY AND SCHOOL HELPS TO SOLVE CHILDREN'S PROBLEMS MORE EASILY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS LEAFLET IS TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS TO OFFER APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE TO THEIR CHILDREN WHO MAY ENCOUNTER EMOTIONAL OR ACADEMIC PROBLEMS AT HOME OR IN SCHOOL."

IT IS NOTED THAT THIS SERIES OF LEAFLETS HELPS TO STRENGTHEN SCHOOL-PARENT LIAISON. WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SERIES IN 1992, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM SCHOOLS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "GUIDANCE TEACHERS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS, STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS AND STUDENT GUIDANCE TEACHERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF THIS NEW LEAFLET WITH PARENTS DURING TALKS, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS OR OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS."

"IT IS HOPED THAT SCHOOLS CAN MAKE USE OF SUITABLE OPPORTUNITIES, SUCH AS PARENTS' DAY, TO DISCUSS WITH PARENTS WHAT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IN THE LEAFLET WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOLDING-OUT OCCUPIERS TO BE SERVED NOTICES

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT WILL SERVE NOTICES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) ON SOME OCCUPIERS OF BUILDINGS IN MA TAU KOK, GIVING THEM NOTICE THAT THEY SHOULD VACATE THEIR PREMISES BY APRIL 13.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE EVICTION NOTICE WAS NECESSARY. DESPITE THE FACT THAT OFFERS OF COMPENSATION HAD BEEN MADE AND THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS HAD PERSONALLY HELD REGULAR LIAISON MEETINGS WITH BUSINESS OPERATORS, MANY OF THEM STAYED PUT, THUS PREVENTING THE HOUSING SOCIETY'S PROPOSED RE-DEVELOPMENT FROM PROCEEDING.

THE RE-DEVELOPMENT WILL PROVIDE 824 FLATS AT A TIME WHEN THERE IS GREAT PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE MORE LAND AVAILABLE FOR HOUSING. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN POSTPONED SEVERAL TIMES ALREADY SINCE THE LAND WAS RESUMED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON OCTOBER 30, 1992.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LANDS DEPARTMENT HAD DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPLAIN TO BUSINESS OPERATORS THEIR RIGHTS TO COMPENSATION UNDER THE CROWN LANDS RESUMPTION ORDINANCE BUT THE OPERATORS WERE DEMANDING MORE COMPENSATION WHICH COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT IF CLAIMANTS DID NOT AGREE TO GOVERNMENT'S OFFER, THEY COULD REFER THEIR CASES TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR A DECISION.

HE ADDED THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRESSURE FOR MORE LAND, THE DEPARTMENT HAD TO SERVE NOTICES ON THOSE OCCUPIERS WHO REFUSED TO VACATE THEIR PREMISES, AND IF NECESSARY EVICT THEM, AS THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN THE WAY OF RE-DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE THE MUCH-NEEDED HOUSING.

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN ON FACTORIES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A SPECIAL INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON FACTORIES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AS PART OF ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE WORK PLACE SAFETY IN FACTORIES THROUGH STRINGENT ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST BLATANT OFFENDERS.

DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR KAN HON-SANG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY):

"ALTHOUGH THE ACCIDENT FIGURES FOR THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY HAVE BEEN ON THE DECLINE FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE'S VIGILANCE ON WORK PLACE SAFETY COULD NOT BE REDUCED IN ANYWAY BECAUSE THERE WERE STILL 10 FATAL ACCIDENTS IN THAT INDUSTRIAL SECTOR IN 1993."

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HE SAID THE ONE-MONTH SPECIAL INSPECTION OPERATION WOULD TARGET ON FACTORIES WHICH REPEATEDLY FLOUTED SAFETY LAWS, THOSE WITH UNSATISFACTORY SAFETY PERFORMANCE RECORDS OR HIGH-RISK WORK PROCESSES, AND PROBLEMATIC PLANTS.

IN ADDITION, FACTORY INSPECTORS WOULD ALSO PAY ATTENTION ON SAFETY PRACTICES AND PERFORMANCE IN HOUSEKEEPING, MEANS OF ESCAPE, USE OF CHEMICALS AND FIRE HAZARDS.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL MAKE SURPRISE INSPECTIONS TO THESE FACTORIES AND PROSECUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN, WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING, AGAINST FACTORIES WITH UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS WHICH ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE ACCIDENTS.

"SIMILAR INSPECTION CAMPAIGNS HELD OVER THE PAST YEARS HAVE PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN IMPROVING SAFETY IN FACTORIES," HE SAID.

MR KAN SAID MORE THAN 1,400 FACTORIES HAD BEEN INSPECTED IN A SIMILAR CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR, AND 178 SUMMONSES WERE TAKEN OUT.

"WE HOPE THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE ABLE TO REMIND PROPRIETORS THE SPIRIT OF THE SAFETY LAWS THAT THOSE WHO CREATE AND WORK WITH THE RISKS SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ELIMINATING THESE RISKS," HE SAID.

"WE ALSO HOPE THAT THROUGH THIS KIND OF CAMPAIGN AND OUR TARGET-HITTING APPROACH DURING FOLLOW-UP INSPECTIONS, FACTORY OWNERS WILL MAINTAIN THEIR MOMENTUM IN IMPROVING THE SAFETY CONDITIONS IN THEIR WORK PLACES," HE ADDED.

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#### SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS, AND OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' COMMITTEES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON MAY 14 TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT FLAT OWNERS AS WELL AS OTHER INTERESTED PEOPLE WERE ALSO WELCOME TO JOIN THE "BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR - PERSPECTIVE AND PARTICIPATION".

IT WILL BE THE FIFTH IN A SERIES TO BE ORGANISED BY THE CNTA AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND IS ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT CO LTD, MR STEPHEN YUEN; A BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR WONG SAN; A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL, MR LEE MAN-BONG; A CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR FUNG HO-TONG; AND AN OWNERS' CORPORATION CHAIRMAN, MR MA CHUN-SING.

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TOPICS SUCH AS WAYS TO ESTABLISH HARMONIOUS RELATIONS BETWEEN BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF AND FLAT OWNERS, ASSESSMENT OF THE PERFORMANCE OF MANAGEMENT STAFF AND THE IMPACT OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE ON THE OPERATION OF OWNERS' CORPORATION WILL BE COVERED.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OPEN DISCUSSION IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS AND SPEAKERS CAN EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VARIOUS ISSUES RELATING TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS APRIL 19.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

ENQUIRES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 835 1496 AND 835 1497.

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