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ICAC REVIEW COMMITTEE LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND INTERESTED BODIES ARE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS TO THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) REVIEW COMMITTEE WHICH IS EXAMINING THE POWERS AND SYSTEMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE ICAC.

THE REVIEW COMMITTEE IS HOLDING A PUBLIC CONSULTATION EXERCISE UNTIL MAY 31 DURING WHICH ORGANISATIONS OR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SEND IN WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS OR ARRANGE TO MAKE ORAL SUBMISSIONS TO THE COMMITTEE IN PUBLIC OR IN PRIVATE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE.

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY OF ICAC REVIEW COMMITTEE IN ROOM 1234 AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG, BEFORE THE DEADLINE, GIVING THE WRITER'S FULL NAME, ADDRESS AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), THE SECRETARY OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE, MRS LILY YAM, SAID REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY SHOULD BE STATED IN THE SUBMISSIONS AND WOULD BE RESPECTED.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON TEL 810 2053.

THE NINE-MEMBER REVIEW COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY DR HELMUT SOHMEN, WAS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO REVIEW THE POWERS OF THE ICAC AND ADVISE HIM WHETHER THESE POWERS REMAIN APPROPRIATE, NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT.

THE REVIEW WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE PRESENT SYSTEMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE ADEQUATE OR SHOULD BE MODIFIED.

AS PART OF THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE, THE REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL BE WRITING TO SOME 250 ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS INVITING THEM FOR VIEWS.

THESE INCLUDE NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, DISTRICT BOARDS, THE BAR ASSOCIATION, THE LAW SOCIETY, HK BRANCH OF JUSTICE, POLITICAL GROUPS, PROFESSIONAL AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.

THE REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR BY DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR.

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JOCKEY CLUB CHARITIES TRUST DONATES
\$1.1M TO HELP DISABLED GET JOBS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS PRODUCING PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AIMING TO IMPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED, THANKS TO A DONATION OF \$1.1 MILLION FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB CHARITIES TRUST.

EXTENDING HER APPRECIATION TO THE CLUB FOR THE DONATION, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION (SPD), MRS JENNIE CHOR, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF PUBLICITY MATERIALS WHICH INCLUDED TWO 30-MINUTE TELEVISION PROGRAMMES AND A 15-MINUTE FILM ON INTERVIEWING SKILLS.

"RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG HELPS THE PRODUCTION OF THE VISUAL MATERIALS," MRS CHOR SAID.

IN REGARD TO THE TWO 30-MINUTE TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, MRS CHOR NOTED THAT THE FIRST ONE WOULD CONTAIN AN OVERVIEW OF THE PRESENT VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROCESS AND THE PROBLEMS THERETO.

THE SECOND PROGRAMME WOULD HIGHLIGHT THE WORKING ABILITIES OF DISABLED PEOPLE, SHE SAID.

THE TWO PROGRAMMES WILL BE RECORDED ON VIDEO TAPES AFTER BEING BROADCAST AND WILL BE USED AS PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS BY THE SPD AS WELL AS OTHER REHABILITATION ORGANISATIONS.

THE 15-MINUTE FILM ON INTERVIEWING SKILLS FOR DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS WILL BE SHOWN TO REGISTRANTS IN THE SPD BEFORE THEY ATTEND JOB INTERVIEWS. THE FILM WILL ALSO BE SHOWN AT EXHIBITIONS AND SEMINARS.

IT WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY OTHER VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AGENCIES.

THE PROJECT HAS COMMENCED AND THE FINAL PRODUCT WILL BE MADE PUBLIC EARLY NEXT YEAR.

"WE HOPE THAT THE TWO TELEVISION PROGRAMMES CAN AROUSE PUBLIC CONCERN OVER THE EMPLOYMENT NEEDS OF THE DISABLED PERSONS AND RECTIFY MISCONCEPTIONS THAT DISABLED PERSONS ARE NOT PRODUCTIVE," MRS CHOR SAID.

"WE ALSO HOPE THAT DISABLED JOB-SEEKERS CAN ACQUIRE SOME BASIC SKILLS FOR JOB INTERVIEWS THROUGH THE EDUCATIONAL FILM AND BE SELECTED AS EMPLOYEES SO THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE THEIR TALENTS TO THE JOB AND WORK ALONGSIDE WITH THE ABLE-BODIED," SHE ADDED.

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AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETS ON TUESDAY

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MEMBERS OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE NEW AIRPORT AND RELATED PROJECTS WILL MEET AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 19) TO DISCUSS A REPORT ON THE WORK OF THEIR FOUR SUB-COMMITTEES AND THE AD HOC STUDY GROUP ON THE AIRPORT CORPORATION BILL.

THIS WILL BE THE COMMITTEE'S 11TH PLENARY MEETING AND WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE HALL, FIRST FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING (NEW ANNEX), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, CENTRAL.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBSERVE THE PROCEEDINGS ARE REQUESTED TO RESERVE A SEAT BY TELEPHONING MR CHAN HO-KEUNG ON 829 6745 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

AS SEATS IN THE CONFERENCE HALL ARE LIMITED, BOOKINGS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING.

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TSUEN WAN LAUNCHES VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHOW, TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS IN PREPARATION FOR THE SEPTEMBER DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE TSUEN WAN VOTER REGISTRATION DAY, MR CHOW CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS.

MORE THAN 60 TEMPORARY REGISTRATION BOOTHS - MANNED BY VOLUNTEERS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS - HAVE BEEN SET UP IN VARIOUS PLACES TO HELP RESIDENTS FILL IN FORMS.

THERE WAS ALSO A BUS PARADE TO PROMOTE THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE.

THE THREE-MONTH VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WILL INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD VISITS AND THE SETTING UP OF MOBILE REGISTRATION POINTS AT VARIOUS SHOPPING ARCADES.

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POSTAL SLOGAN PUBLICISES FAMILY YEAR

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ALL LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAIL WILL BEAR A POSTAL SLOGAN CONTAINING THE OFFICIAL EMBLEM OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY (IYF) STARTING TOMORROW (MONDAY) FOR TWO WEEKS, AND AGAIN IN JUNE AND NOVEMBER.

THE CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON IYF, MRS PATRICIA CHU, SAID THE MOVE WAS TO DRAW PEOPLE'S ATTENTION, BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, TO THE FACT THAT HONG KONG WAS CELEBRATING THE EVENT.

"WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INSPIRE PEOPLE TO TAKE THE FAMILY SERIOUSLY AND PROMOTE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS," SHE ADDED.

THE EMBLEM, DESIGNED BY MS LITTASSY-ROLLIER, A DISTINGUISHED ARTIST IN VIENNA, EMBODIES EVERY MEANING IYF WANTS TO CONVEY ABOUT THE FAMILY.

THE SIMPLE DESIGN CONSISTS OF A HEART SHELTERED BY A ROOF, LINKED BY ANOTHER HEART, TO SYMBOLISE LIFE AND LIVING IN A HOME WHERE, ONE FINDS WARMTH, CARE, SECURITY, TOGETHERNESS AND TOLERANCE.

THE OPEN DESIGN IS MEANT TO INDICATE CONTINUITY WITH A HINT OF UNCERTAINTY. THE BRUSHSTROKE, WITH ITS OPEN LINE ROOF, COMPLETES AN ABSTRACT SYMBOL REPRESENTING THE COMPLEXITY OF THE FAMILY, VIEWED AS THE BUILDING BLOCK AND SMALLEST DEMOCRACY AT THE HEART OF SOCIETY.

THE PRINTING OF POSTAL SLOGAN IS ONE OF THE LATEST PUBLICITY EFFORTS BY THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THE GOVERNMENT INITIATED TO SET UP THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WITH THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE TO CO-ORDINATE PUBLICITY EFFORTS AND PLAN STRATEGIES TO CELEBRATE THE UNITED NATIONS' PROCLAMATION OF 1994 AS IYF.

FOLLOWING THE TERRITORY-WIDE KICK-OFF EVENT IN JANUARY, THE COMMITTEE HAS ORGANISED MANY ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE MESSAGES.