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GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS FOR MATRICULATION STUDIES

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GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS ARE AVAILABLE TO NEEDY SECONDARY FIVE SCHOOL LEAVERS WITH GOOD RESULTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) TO PURSUE FULL-TIME HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION STUDIES.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE MAINTENANCE GRANTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE FROM JUNE 1 AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION AT LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

APPLICANTS MUST HAVE OBTAINED RESULTS OF A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH LEVEL IN THE HKCEE IN THE YEAR OF AWARD AS PROOF THAT THEY ARE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION.

IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF THE MAINTENANCE GRANTS, THE FINANCIAL NEED OF THE RECIPIENTS AND FUNDS AVAILABLE WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. GRANTS FOR 1987-88 ARE IN THE REGION OF \$180 PER MONTH.

THE GRANTS WILL BE TENABLE FOR ONE YEAR AT ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. THEY WILL BE PAID FOR 10 MONTHS IN THE YEAR THROUGH THE SCHOOL HEADS.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE FULL-TIME HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION STUDIES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR FOR WHICH THE GRANTS HAS BEEN AWARDED.

"A GRANT SHALL BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME IF IN THE OPINION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION THE RECIPIENT HAS FAILED TO MERIT THE AWARD BY REASON OF LACK OF PROGRESS OR UNSATISFACTORY CONDUCT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

SHOULD A STUDENT WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED A GRANT LEAVE SCHOOL BEFORE THE COMPLETION OF THE HIGHER LEVEL COURSE, HE MAY BE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE GOVERNMENT THE AMOUNT HE HAS RECEIVED.

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WAN CHAI PUBLISHES PAMPHLET ON CULTS

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A PAMPHLET OUTLINING THE GENERAL FEATURES OF RELIGIOUS CULTS AND OFFERING ADVICE ON WAYS TO DEAL WITH THEM IS NOW AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO WAN CHAI RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT CULT ACTIVITIES.

THE PAMPHLET, WHICH IS WRITTEN IN CHINESE, IS PRODUCED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON RELIGIOUS CULT ACTIVITIES OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE POSSIBLE HARMFUL INFLUENCES OF RELIGIOUS CULTS.

THE WORKING GROUP WAS FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR FOLLOWING NEWS REPORTS THAT HERETICAL ACTIVITIES WERE RE-EMERGING IN HONG KONG.

PART OF ITS WORK IS TO MONITOR SUCH ACTIVITIES IN WAN CHAI AND SUGGEST MEASURES TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

APART FROM DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, THE GROUP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, POLICE, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, YOUTH GROUPS, AND RELIGIOUS WORKERS AND EDUCATIONISTS.

SINCE ITS FORMATION, THE GROUP HAS BEEN COLLECTING INFORMATION ON RELIGIOUS CULTS, AND HAS ACQUIRED A TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY ON THE SUBJECT FOR LOAN TO SCHOOLS AND INTERESTED BODIES.

THE PAMPHLET, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND PUBLISHED BY A DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP, CONTAINS MATERIALS INCLUDING FACTS ABOUT RELIGIOUS CULTS, THEIR FEATURES, TACTICS, TARGETS, AS WELL AS WAYS TO DEAL WITH THEM AND WHERE CONSULTATION CAN BE SOUGHT.

THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALLAN CHOW, SAID ALTHOUGH THE OFFICE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY COMPLAINTS ON CULT ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT, HE BELIEVED THE PAMPHLET WOULD BE A VERY USEFUL REFERENCE FOR RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WERE USUALLY MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO CULT INFLUENCE.

"RESIDENTS SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE COUNSELLING SERVICE OFFERED BY THE ORGANISATIONS LISTED IN THE PAMPHLET SHOULD THEY HAVE DOUBTS OVER THE CONDUCT OF ANY RELIGIOUS GROUPS IN THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

"THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE POLICE AND THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IN MONITORING ANY REPORTS OF UNUSUAL RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES IN WAN CHAI," HE ADDED.

THE PAMPHLET IS AVAILABLE FROM THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE, AND A NUMBER OF RELIGIOUS BODIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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VARIETY SHOW FOR YOUNG INMATES
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A JOINT VARIETY SHOW FOR YOUNG INMATES IN ITS TRAINING CENTRES TOMORROW (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE "EASTER LOVE AND CARE VARIETY SHOW" WILL BE HELD AT THE LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE AND IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR YOUNG MALE AND FEMALE INMATES IN TRAINING CENTRES.

THE SHOW IS INTENDED TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TEAM SPIRIT AMONG INMATES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID INMATES WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAN AND PRODUCE PROGRAMMES FOR THEIR OWN ENTERTAINMENT.

"IT IS HOPED THAT ACTIVITIES OF THIS KIND WILL HELP TO PROMOTE SELF CONFIDENCE AND FACILITATE SUCCESSFUL REHABILITATION, WHICH IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORK," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE VARIETY SHOW PROGRAMME INCLUDES SOLO AND GROUP SINGING, DRAMAS, DANCES AND A TALENT SHOW BY INMATES AS WELL AS A PERFORMANCE BY DEPARTMENT STAFF.

AS AN INCENTIVE TO THE PARTICIPATING INMATES, A COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST PERFORMERS.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES FOR THE CONTEST WILL BE MR ANDREW SO, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS; AND MISS ANN LAM AND MR GARY CHAU OF TVB.

A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR AND WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL START AT 2 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE, WAH TAI ROAD, OFF SIX-AND-A-HALF MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS TRANSPORT IS ARRANGED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WISH TO USE THE SERVICE SHOULD GATHER AT THE ENTRANCE TO WAN CHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 1 PM.

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WIDER RANGE FOR SPEEDPOST TO INDIA

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDIA WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE FROM WEDNESDAY (APRIL 6), THE POST OFFICE HAS ANNOUNCED.

AT PRESENT, SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO INDIA IS RESTRICTED TO DOCUMENTS.

THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE IS A FAST AND RELIABLE MEANS FOR FORWARDING DOCUMENTS, SAMPLES AND MERCHANDISE OVERSEAS AND A FREE PICK UP SERVICE IS AVAILABLE.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8683868.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES

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BUSINESS FIRMS, FACTORIES, REGISTERED ASSOCIATIONS AND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO FORM TEAMS FOR DRAGON BOAT RACES TO BE HELD IN ABERDEEN ON JUNE 18 TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES, WHICH HAVE A LONG TRADITION IN THE OLDEST FISHING PORT IN HONG KONG, WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM ON A 330-METRE COURSE OFF THE ABERDEEN WATERFRONT.

THE RACES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN AND WOMEN'S OPEN SECTIONS AS WELL AS A MEN'S AMATEUR SECTION. EACH TEAM SHOULD CONSIST OF 22 MEMBERS, INCLUDING COX AND DRUMMER.

THE ORGANISERS WILL PROVIDE THE DRAGON BOATS, OARS AND DRUMS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ABERDEEN DRAGON BOAT RACES ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LIU LIT-FOR, CALLED UPON DISTRICT RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE RACES IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE TRADITIONAL ART OF ROWING DRAGON BOATS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MAY 6, AND NO ENTRY FEE IS REQUIRED.

ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, WAH FU ESTATE, LEI TUNG ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR WATER WORKS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR PROJECTS IN TSUEN WAN AND WAN CHAI.

THE TSUEN WAN PROJECT INVOLVES LAYING OF 2,100 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, FORMING PART OF THE SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING WATER SUPPLY TO TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG DISTRICTS.

THESE LOCATIONS ARE AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD (TSUEN WAN), TAI WO HAU ROAD, KWAI SHING CIRCUIT, TWO BACKLANES BETWEEN KWAI CHUNG ROAD AND TAI LIN PAI ROAD, AND AT KWAI FUK ROAD.

WORK ON THIS PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN 12 MONTHS.

THE PROJECT IN WAN CHAI INVOLVES THE LAYING OF SALT WATER MAINS FOR FLUSHING PURPOSES.

ABOUT 5,000 METRES OF SALT WATER MAINS WILL BE LAID IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY AND HAPPY VALLEY AREAS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN 16 MONTHS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TENDERS FOR BOTH PROJECTS IS NOON ON APRIL 22.

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CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST RESTRICTION

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A SECTION OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY RESTRICTED ZONE FOR GOODS VEHICLES FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 6).

THE SECTION RUNS FROM A POINT ABOUT 85 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION WITH MORRISON STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 130 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE PERMITTED TO STOP WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS.

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ROAD RE-ROUTED, CARPARK CANCELLED

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THE SECTION OF BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN VENTRIS ROAD AND WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC INTO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 6).

THIS MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS BECAUSE OF ROAD WORK.

IN TUEN MUN, THE EXISTING 96 METERED CAR PARKING SPACES AND 10 MOTORCYCLE PARKING SPACES AT THE KIN ON STREET CARPARK WILL BE CANCELLED FROM 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

THE AREA WILL BE CONVERTED LATER INTO A CARPARK OPERATING UNDER A SHORT-TERM TENANCY.

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