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HIGHEST RED CROSS SOCIETY AWARD FOR SIR RUN RUN  
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SIR RUN RUN SHAW'S EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES TO THE RED CROSS SOCIETY OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS PROVIDED +MORE THAN AMPLE QUALIFICATION+ FOR THE HIGHEST HONOUR AWARDED HIM BY THE SOCIETY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID THIS EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE OF THE QUEEN'S BADGE OF HONOUR TO SIR RUN RUN, THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT THE AWARD MAY ONLY BE CONFERRED WITH THE SPECIFIC CONSENT OF THE QUEEN AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY.

+THE NUMBER OF HOLDERS AT ANY ONE TIME IS LIMITED TO 30 AND THEY MUST HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY,+ THE GOVERNOR SAID.

SIR RUN RUN IS PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG RED CROSS.

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

+IT GIVES ME VERY GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU HERE THIS EVENING FOR THE PRESENTATION TO SIR RUN RUN SHAW OF THE QUEEN'S BADGE OF HONOUR. AS MANY OF YOU WILL KNOW, THIS IS THE HIGHEST HONOUR AWARDED BY THE RED CROSS SOCIETY AND MAY ONLY BE CONFERRED WITH THE SPECIFIC CONSENT OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN AS PRESIDENT. THE NUMBER OF HOLDERS AT ANY ONE TIME IS LIMITED TO 30 AND THEY MUST HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

+SIR RUN RUN'S EXCEPTIONAL SERVICES TO THE SOCIETY OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS HAVE PROVIDED A MORE THAN AMPLE QUALIFICATION FOR THIS HIGH AWARD. AS EARLY AS THE 1960'S HE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE BRANCH IN HONG KONG IN THE FIELDS OF BLOOD COLLECTION, SCHOOLS FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND THE COMPLETION OF THE BRANCH HEADQUARTERS AT HARCOURT ROAD. FROM 1967 TO 1972 SIR RUN RUN LED THE BRANCH COMMITTEE, FIRST AS A VICE-CHAIRMAN AND THEN AS ITS CHAIRMAN, IN MANAGING THE AFFAIRS OF THE BRANCH AND IN ESTABLISHMENT OF THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT AND OTHER WELFARE PROGRAMMES.

+SINCE BECOMING PRESIDENT IN 1974 SIR RUN RUN HAS MAINTAINED HIS KEEN INTEREST IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE SOCIETY AND CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE BRANCH IN SO MANY WAYS. HE HAS BEEN GENEROUS NOT ONLY WITH HIS TIME AND INTEREST BUT WITH POWERFUL FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND, IN PARTICULAR, HIS MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE CENTRE PROJECT.

/+WE ALL .....

+WE ALL KNOW THAT SIR RUN RUN IS A BUSY MAN AND THAT HE HAS MADE MANY OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELFARE OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY. SIR RUN RUN EPITOMISES THE TRUTH OF THAT SAYING THAT IF YOU WISH TO GET SOMETHING DONE THEN ASK A BUSY MAN TO DO IT. YET THE SIZE OF HIS CONTRIBUTION IS MATCHED ONLY BY THE DEGREE OF HIS MODESTY.

+SIR RUN RUN, I AM SURE THAT ALL YOUR FRIENDS HERE THIS EVENING WOULD WISH TO JOIN WITH ME IN CONGRATULATING YOU WARMLY ON THE AWARD WHICH I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO MAKE TO YOU THIS EVENING. AND IT GIVES ME THE VERY GREATEST PLEASURE BOTH OFFICIALLY AND PERSONALLY TO ASK YOU TO STEP FORWARD AND RECEIVE THE AWARD THE QUEEN'S BADGE OF HONOUR FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE WORK OF THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.+

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PROPERTY SLACK SAID BEHIND DTC FAILURES  
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THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR DOUGLAS BLYE, TODAY (TUESDAY) ATTRIBUTED THE FAILURE OF A FEW REGISTERED DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO A SLOWDOWN IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY GENERALLY AND SHARP DOWNWARD ADJUSTMENTS IN PROPERTY AND LAND PRICES IN PARTICULAR.

IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, MR BLYE SAID THE REQUIREMENT UNDER THE THREE-TIER STRUCTURE FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TO RUN DOWN ALL SHORT-TERM DEPOSITS BY JUNE THIS YEAR MIGHT WELL HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THESE PROBLEMS, BUT HE WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT WAS THE CRITICAL FACTOR.

MR BLYE SAID THE PROBLEMS EXPERIENCED BY THE FINANCIAL SECTOR COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FORESEEN IN APRIL 1981 WHEN AMENDMENTS WERE MADE TO THE BANKING AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES ORDINANCE FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD THREE RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY: TO ATTEMPT TO PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AGAINST EVENTUALITIES AGAINST WHICH THEY CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, TO ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT THE FINANCIAL SECTOR ADEQUATELY SERVICES THE REQUIREMENTS OF A GROWING AND DEVELOPING ECONOMY AND TO ENSURE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG AS A FINANCIAL CENTRE IS NOT UNREASONABLY CONSTRAINED.

MR BLYE SAID THERE WERE TWO MAIN REASONS FOR THE THREE-TIER STRUCTURE: TO HELP ENSURE THE MAINTENANCE OF THE INTEREST RATE AGREEMENT AS AN INSTRUMENT OF MONETARY POLICY AND TO PROTECT THE SMALLER DEPOSIT-TAKING INSTITUTIONS FROM +CUT THROAT+ COMPETITION.

+IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF TODAY, THE PROBLEMS WHICH SOME DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAVE RECENTLY EXPERIENCED MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY WORSE HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM,+ HE SAID.

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THIS WAS BECAUSE +SMALL COMPANIES WOULD HAVE FOUND SURVIVAL VERY MUCH MORE DIFFICULT IF THE BANKS HAD ABANDONED THE INTEREST RATE AGREEMENT, OR IF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THAT AGREEMENT.+

MR BLYE SAID HE WAS SURE THAT WHEN THE ADJUSTMENTS WERE OVER AND THE DUST HAD SETTLED, WE SHOULD END UP WITH A SYSTEM WHICH PROVIDED BOTH BETTER PROTECTION FOR DEPOSITORS AND A SOUNDER GENERAL STRUCTURE.

HE WAS, OF COURSE, VERY MUCH CONCERNED BY RECENT EVENTS AND THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH WAS CONSIDERING HOW AS A RESULT OF RECENT EXPERIENCES, THE PRESENT SYSTEM, STRUCTURAL OR SUPERVISORY, COULD BE IMPROVED, HE SAID.

+WE SHALL BE LOOKING AT THIS QUESTION CAREFULLY AND IF INADEQUACIES ARE IDENTIFIED WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF IMPROVEMENT, THEN, SUBJECT TO THE USUAL CONSULTATIVE PROCESS, CORRECTIVE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.

+BUT IT MUST BE RECOGNISED THAT BUREAUCRATIC INTERFERENCE AND CONTROL BEYOND WHAT IS NECESSARY CAN BE DAMAGING TO THE FINANCIAL SECTOR AND THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, AND THAT NO MATTER HOW STRINGENT CONTROLS ARE, MALFEASANCE AND POOR MANAGEMENT ON THE PART OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS CAN NEVER TOTALLY BE AVOIDED,+ HE SAID.

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SPORTS DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY OUTLINED  
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AN OVERALL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN HONG KONG IS BEING PLANNED WITH THE AIM OF PRODUCING +STARS OF THE FUTURE+, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE STRATEGY INVOLVED THREE APPROACHES: ENCOURAGEMENT OF SPORTS AND RECREATION AT GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL, A SYSTEMATIC TRAINING PROGRAMME AND A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME.

HE STRESSED THAT STARS COULD NOT BE PRODUCED OVERNIGHT, BUT THAT INTERNATIONAL SUCCESS NEEDED PREPARATION, APPLICATION AND HARD WORK.

MR WIGGHAM WAS SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG.

THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WITH ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES ORGANISES RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY AND INTRODUCES BEGINNERS CLASSES FOR A VARIETY OF SPORTS.

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+THIS IS THE SITUATION AT THE GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL, SO TO SPEAK,+ HE SAID.

ON THE SECOND PART OF THE STRATEGY, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT - AN ADVISORY BODY CONSISTING OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS - RECENTLY ADVISED THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPETITIVE SPORTS SHOULD NOW BE APPROACHED ON A MORE METHODOICAL AND SYSTEMATIC BASIS.

+WHEREAS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY RESERVED OUR LIMITED FUNDS FOR SENDING TEAMS ABROAD, WE NOW FEEL THAT MORE MONEY SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR STRICT DEVELOPMENT, SUCH AS LOCAL AND OVERSEAS TRAINING COURSES, FOR BOTH PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS; ENCOURAGING OUR TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS WHERE THEY WILL NOT BE IMMEDIATELY OUTCLASSED; AND GENERALLY TO PREPARE THEMSELVES IN A BUSINESSLIKE WAY FOR MAJOR EVENTS,+ HE SAID.

+FOR ITS PART, THE AMATEUR SPORT FEDERATION AND OLYMPIC COMMITTEE HAS GIVEN NOTICE TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS THAT ONLY THOSE SPORTSMEN WHO ARE UP TO STANDARD IN BOTH FITNESS AND SKILL WILL BE ALLOWED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG.

+THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT HAS BEEN MOVING IN THIS DIRECTION SINCE 1981 BUT WE HAVE NOW TAKEN A MORE DECISIVE STEP IN THAT A SPORTS ASSOCIATION APPLYING FOR FUNDS FOR A TEAM TO REPRESENT HONG KONG WILL HAVE TO SATISFY THE COUNCIL THAT IT HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A TRAINING PROGRAMME LEADING UP TO THE EVENT IN QUESTION,+ HE ADDED.

AS PART OF THE SAME APPROACH, MR WIGGHAM SAID, A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF TRAINING WOULD BE UNDERTAKEN SHORTLY.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - THE THIRD PART OF THE STRATEGY - IS ALSO ADVISED BY THE COUNCIL.

IT HAS CONCLUDED THAT TALENT MUST BE DISCOVERED AND NURTURED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. PROPOSALS IN THE SCHEME CALL FOR YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS TO TAKE PART IN SCHOOL SPORTS AND COMPETITIONS, AND IDENTIFYING AND SELECTING THOSE WITH TALENT FOR FURTHER TRAINING.

TO START THE SCHEME, MORE SCHOOLS SPORTS WILL BE ORGANISED, AND MORE OPPORTUNITIES GIVEN FOR SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS TO TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS.

IN THIS MAJOR ENTERPRISE, THE EFFORTS OF THE AMATEUR SPORTS FEDERATION, THE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE CO-ORDINATED BY A COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL, SO THAT EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND ENCOURAGEMENT CAN BE GIVEN TO OUR YOUNGSTERS TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENT AND SKILL,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

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### COMMISSIONER WARNS ON IMPOSTER

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING AND COMMISSIONER OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES TODAY EXPRESSED CONCERN AT RECENT TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND BANKS BY A PERSON WHO CLAIMS TO BE COLIN MARTIN. ON SOME OCCASIONS, THIS PERSON GOES FURTHER AND STATES THAT HE IS THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING. HE ASKS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OPERATIONS OF THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND BANKS AND SOMETIMES TRIES TO SOLICIT DONATIONS FOR CHARITY.

THE MATTER HAS BEEN REPORTED TO THE POLICE, WHO ARE INVESTIGATING.

CHIEF EXECUTIVES OF BANKS AND DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES AND MEMBERS OF THEIR STAFF WHO RECEIVE CALLS OF THIS NATURE, ARE REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSIONER TO REPORT THEM TO HIS SECRETARY, AT 5-242141, WHO WILL PASS ON THE INFORMATION TO THE POLICE.

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### VIEWING GROUPS GIVE PUBLIC OPINION ON TV STANDARDS

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HOME VIEWING GROUPS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED IN EACH OF THE 18 DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG TO PROVIDE THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY WITH PUBLIC OPINION ON TELEVISION PROGRAMMING AND ADVERTISING.

THIS IS DISCLOSED IN THE NINTH REPORT OF THE TELEVISION ADVISORY BOARD WHICH WILL BE TABLED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

INITIAL FEEDBACK FROM THE QUESTIONNAIRES AND FROM SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH GROUP MEMBERS SUGGESTS THAT A MAJORITY OF VIEWERS WOULD LIKE HEALTHIER THEMES AND TIGHTER CONTROL OVER VIOLENCE IN PROGRAMME.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT MANY OF THOSE QUESTIONED FELT THAT THE STATIONS SHOULD PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL BESIDES OFFERING ENTERTAINMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, WHICH COVERS AN 18-MONTH PERIOD, THE STANDARDS OF LOCALLY-PRODUCED TELEVISION PROGRAMMES CONTINUED TO IMPROVE WITH SIX LOCAL PRODUCTIONS WINNING INTERNATIONAL AWARDS.

THE STATIONS ALSO PRODUCED MORE PUBLIC AFFAIRS, EDUCATION AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES, INCREASED THE NUMBER OF HOURS FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES, AND IMPROVED ON THEIR QUALITY.

ALTHOUGH INDIVIDUAL DAILY DRAMA EPISODES HAVE BEEN WELL CONTROLLED, THE RECURRING QUANTITY OF VIOLENCE WEEK BY WEEK CONTINUED TO BE A SOURCE OF SOME CONCERN FOR THE BOARD, IT POINTS OUT.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE WAS A GREATER VARIETY OF PROGRAMME CHOICE, INCLUDING MORE GAME AND QUIZ SHOWS, LIGHT-HEARTED COMEDIES AND YOUTH DRAMAS.

THE REPORT STATES THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE ENOUGH ADVERTISING REVENUE TO SUPPORT TWO BILINGUAL STATIONS IN HONG KONG DESPITE HESITATION BY SOME ADVERTISERS BECAUSE OF THE 1982 RECESSION.

IT SAYS THAT AN +ACCEPTABLE AND VIABLE PATTERN+ OF COMPETITIVE COMMERCIAL TELEVISION WILL BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF HONG KONG.

IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT AT THE END OF LAST DECEMBER, 93 PER CENT OF ALL HOMES IN HONG KONG WITH A POTENTIAL AUDIENCE OF 4 630 000 POSSESSED ONE OR MORE TELEVISION SETS.

THE BOARD FINDS THAT THE OVERALL FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE INDUSTRY IS BETTER NOW THAN WHEN THE PREVIOUS REPORT WAS MADE.

ALTHOUGH ONE OF THE STATIONS CONTINUED TO INCREASE ITS EARNINGS, THE OTHER SUCCEEDED IN REDUCING ITS LOSSES, THE REPORT POINTS OUT.

THE BOARD STILL BELIEVED, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN THE PRESENT STATE OF THE INDUSTRY, IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER THE LICENSING OF ANY MORE TELEVISION STATIONS UNTIL A +MORE BALANCED SITUATION CAN BE SHOWN TO EXIST+.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT BOTH STATIONS IMPROVED ON THEIR INTERNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS AND THAT THE NUMBER OF BREACHES OF PROGRAMME STANDARDS DECLINED.

UNDER THE TELEVISION TRANSMISSION COVERAGE TERMS, THE STATIONS CAN, IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, BE EXEMPTED FROM SERVING SMALL AREAS OF SCATTERED POPULATION.

WITH INCREASING LAND DEVELOPMENT, A NUMBER OF AREAS PREVIOUSLY EXEMPTED ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR IMPROVED TRANSMISSION FACILITIES, THE REPORT SAYS.

A SECOND SURVEY OF CHINESE VIEWERS' ATTITUDES TOWARDS TELEVISION WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY IN EARLY 1982.

GENERALLY THOSE SURVEYED BELIEVED THAT TELEVISION EXERCISED A BENEFICIAL INFLUENCE ON SOCIETY AND HELPED KEEP THE FAMILY TOGETHER.

THIS POSITIVE ATTITUDE, THE REPORT POINTS OUT, WAS MORE PREVALENT THAN IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO, WHEN THE FIRST SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED.

THE SECOND SURVEY SHOWED CLEAR PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR SOME FORM OF CENSORSHIP AND CONTROL OF STANDARDS BY THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY.

SINCE THE PREVIOUS SURVEY, THE TELEVISION AUTHORITY HAS BEEN EXERCISING STRICTER CONTROL OVER SEX, VIOLENCE AND TRIAD LANGUAGE IN TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, RESULTING IN LESS CRITICISMS THAN PREVIOUSLY THAT SUCH CONTROLS WERE TOO LOOSE, THE REPORT SAYS.

THE MAJORITY OF THOSE SURVEYED ALSO INDICATED THERE SHOULD BE TIGHTER CONTROL OVER ADVERTISEMENTS FOR CIGARETTES, LIQUOR, PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND CHINESE MEDICINES BUT, GENERALLY, EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE OVERALL CONTROL OF TELEVISION ADVERTISING STANDARDS.

THE REPORT CONCLUDES WITH A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE 15-YEAR HISTORY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELEVISION IN HONG KONG.

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FOURTH COMMUNITY HALL OPENED IN SHA TIN  
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ANOTHER COMMUNITY HALL WAS OPENED TODAY (TUESDAY) IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN TO SERVE THE 20 000 RESIDENTS IN SUN TIN WAI ESTATE AND TIN SUM VALLEY.

COSTING \$1.8-MILLION, THE SUN TIN WAI COMMUNITY HALL IS THE FOURTH OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN SHA TIN. THE OTHERS ARE AT LEK YUEN, WO CHE AND SHA KOK.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON THAT IT WAS GOVERNMENT POLICY TO HAVE ONE COMMUNITY HALL FOR 20 000 PEOPLE, ONE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR 50 000 AND ONE COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR 100 000.

+THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF A COMMUNITY HALL IS TO BECOME THE FOCAL POINT FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS AND ALL THE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS AS WELL AS TO COMPLEMENT THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN COMMUNITY BUILDING AT THE AREA LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE FUTURE POPULATION OF SHA TIN, THERE WOULD BE AT LEAST ONE MORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, AND ONE ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE, IN ADDITION TO FIVE MORE COMMUNITY HALLS BEING PLANNED.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD REMAIN SENSITIVE TO LOCAL NEEDS AND DEMANDS FOR VARIOUS WELFARE PROVISIONS AND WOULD AIM TO KEEP OPEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS IN PLANNING SERVICES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NEW HALL, MR WAI HON-LEUNG SAID THAT THE SWD'S POLICY TO SET UP A HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN EVERY COMMUNITY HALL WOULD HELP PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS.

+THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION, WE HOPE TO FOSTER CLOSE NEIGHBOURHOOD RELATIONS AND A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY SO AS TO MAKE SHA TIN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN,+ HE SAID.

FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE HALL INCLUDE A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL FOR 350 PEOPLE WITH A STAGE AND DRESSING ROOMS, A CONFERENCE ROOM FOR 50, AND ROOMS FOR COMMUNITY WORKERS.

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### YOUTH CLUB EFFORT GROWING FAST

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TWELVE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB DISTRICT COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN SET UP SINCE 1979 AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE REMAINING SIX DISTRICTS WILL SET UP SIMILAR COMMITTEES, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 2ND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB ANNUAL PARADE AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, MR LEUNG SAID DISTRICT COMMITTEES WERE FORMED +TO PASS ON THE CYC SPIRIT TO ALL SCHOOLS TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP FULL PERSONALITIES, TO CARE FOR OTHERS AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.+

THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS SET UP FIVE YEARS AGO AND DEVELOPED WITH AMAZING SPEED, MR LEUNG EXPLAINED.

+WITH THE UNFAILING SUPPORT OF THE SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS, THE CYC HAS BEEN ABLE TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

+IT NOW HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 81 600, WHICH MEANS AN INCREASE OF 18 000 OVER THAT OF LAST YEAR. MEMBER-SCHOOLS HAVE INCREASED TO A TOTAL OF 624, WHICH IS 84 MORE THAN THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

+WHAT IS MORE ENCOURAGING IS THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC IS MORE AWARE OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND HAS GIVEN ITS SUPPORT BY SPONSORING OR ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE CYC,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM PRESENTING THE CYC FLAGS TO THE FOUR NEWLY-ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB DISTRICT COMMITTEES, MR LEUNG ALSO PRESENTED LEVEL 3 PURPLE BADGES OF THE CYC MERIT AWARD SCHEME TO 30 MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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### DIRECTOR RETIRING AFTER LONG SERVICE

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THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR JOHN DON, IS RETIRING AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR DAVID MCDONALD, THIS AFTERNOON PRESENTED MR DON WITH A VIDEO RECORDER AND A CAMERA ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT.

MR MCDONALD SAID THAT MR DON ARRIVED IN HONG KONG IN JANUARY 1955 AS AN ENGINEER.

+FOR MORE THAN 18 YEARS MR DON WAS INVOLVED WITH WATERWORKS HERE, BEGINNING ON CONTRACT WITH THE WATERWORKS OFFICE ON THE TAI LAM CHUNG SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

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MR DON'S RESOURCEFULNESS AND VERSATILITY WERE PARTICULARLY NOTICEABLE DURING THE WATER EMERGENCIES IN 1960 WHEN HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE FIRST SCHEME TO RECEIVE WATER FROM CHINA.

IN 1973 HE WAS PLACED IN CHARGE OF THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S SIDE OF THE OPERATION TO IMPORT 15 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER DAILY BY TANKERS FROM THE PEARL RIVER, MR MCDONALD SAID.

IN 1967, MR DON WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF ENGINEER AND IN 1972 TO GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER (NEW WORKS).

HE WAS RESPONSIBLE DURING THIS PERIOD FOR TWO OTHER MAJOR WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS, THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME AND THE LOK ON PAI DESALTER, WHICH AT THE TIME WAS THE LARGEST IN THE WORLD.

IN 1973, HE BECAME THE FIRST PROJECT MANAGER FOR SHA TIN WHERE HE PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENGINEERING INFRASTRUCTURE, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND PRIVATE SECTOR UNDERTAKINGS NECESSARY FOR A SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY OF WELL OVER HALF A MILLION PEOPLE, MR MCDONALD SAID.

+IT WAS LARGELY DUE TO HIS ORGANISATIONAL FLAIR AND QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP THAT SPECTACULAR PROGRESS WAS MADE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN.+

MR DON REMAINED IN HIS SHA TIN POST UNTIL 1978 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT.

HE WAS APPOINTED AN OFFICIAL JUSTICE OF THE PEACE IN 1975 AND AN OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE IN 1981.

EARLIER IN THE DAY, A FAREWELL LUNCHEON WAS GIVEN IN HONOUR OF TWO SENIOR STAFF MEMBERS OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH WHO ARE LEAVING GOVERNMENT SERVICE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THEY ARE THE GEOTECHNICAL AND MATERIALS ADVISER, MR STANLEY RODIN, AND THE CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT, MR STEWART DUNLOP.

MR RODIN, WHO IS LEAVING AT THE END OF HIS CURRENT CONTRACT, HAS BEEN SERVING AS A GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO THE GOVERNMENT SINCE 1977 FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE THE SAME YEAR.

MR DUNLOP, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 16 YEARS OF SERVICE, FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN APRIL 1966. BEFORE BECOMING A SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1972 MR DUNLOP HAD SERVED IN THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AND THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

MR DUNLOP WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN SEPTEMBER 1975. SINCE THEN HE HAS SERVED IN THE THEN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH.

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DISTRICT BOARDS TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS

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LEASE ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST CAR REPAIRING GARAGES IN NON-INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WITHIN YUEN LONG TOWN WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 24) MORNING.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT ROADWORKS AT THE YUEN LONG EASTERN ROUNDABOUT AND ROAD PROJECTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME, REPLACEMENT OF IDENTITY CARDS, TRAINING OF STREAM COURSES IN RURAL AREAS, THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE TOWN LAYOUT.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS THIRD MEETING WHEN MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SITUATION AT THE TUNG CHOI STREET HAWKER PERMITTED PLACES.

THE MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE PRESENT POSITION AND GOVERNMENT POLICY CONCERNING SUBVENTION TO SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER:

- (I) THE SIXTH YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 24) AT 9.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE;
- (II) THE THIRD MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490-492 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

(A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE, AM 5797, WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8 AM FOR THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE).

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INDUSTRIALISTS INVITED TO JOIN MISSIONS TO SWEDEN AND GERMANY  
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LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS INTERESTED IN CO-OPERATION WITH COMPANIES IN SWEDEN AND GERMANY ARE INVITED TO JOIN MISSIONS BEING ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

THE MISSION TO SWEDEN IS SCHEDULED FROM MAY 1-7, AND TO GERMANY FROM MAY 8-14. THEY WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS TO MEET AND DISCUSS WITH THEIR POTENTIAL PARTNERS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR MANUFACTURING PROJECTS, INCLUDING SUB-CONTRACTING, JOINT-VENTURES OR LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS.

+THE MISSIONS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE A USEFUL AND EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS TO FIND NEW PRODUCTS AND TO DIVERSIFY AND UPGRADE THEIR TECHNOLOGY THROUGH CO-OPERATION WITH OVERSEAS COMPANIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL ASSIST THE PARTICIPANTS IN MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND FIXING APPOINTMENTS WITH THEIR OVERSEAS COUNTERPARTS.

BRIEFINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO EXPLAIN THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SCENE IN THE COUNTRIES.

PARTICIPATING INDUSTRIALISTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET THEIR OWN EXPENSES.

INTERESTED PARTIES WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FURTHER PARTICULARS OF THE MISSION TO SWEDEN CAN TELEPHONE MR JOSEPH YIP ON 3-7222577 OR MR CLEMENT CHAN ON 3-7222239.

DETAILS OF THE MISSION TO GERMANY CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MAJOR C.G. BERNARD ON 3-7222221 OR MR TOMMY LAI ON 3-7222415.

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NEW PLAYGROUND OPENS IN SHA TIN  
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THE NEWLY COMPLETED \$9 MILLION PLAYGROUND AT YUEN WO ROAD IN SHA TIN WILL BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 25).

THE PLAYGROUND IS LOCATED ON A 2.41-HECTARE SITE ADJACENT TO SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SQUASH COURT.

THERE ARE SIX TENNIS COURTS, TWO MINI-SOCCER PITCHES, AND FOUR BASKETBALL COURTS AT THE PLAYGROUND AND THESE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PLAYING VOLLEYBALL ALSO. FLOODLIGHTS ARE ALSO PROVIDED AT ALL THESE COURTS AND PITCHES.

OTHER FACILITIES AVAILABLE ARE A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WITH MODERN PLAY EQUIPMENT, LANDSCAPED SITTING OUT AREAS WITH A NUMBER OF BEAUTIFUL SHADES AND BENCHES, CHANGING ROOMS WITH HOT AND COLD WATER SHOWERS AND A REFRESHMENT KIOSK.

/s/ SPOKESMAN .....

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES SAID AN OFFICIAL OPENING WILL BE HELD FOR THE PLAYGROUND AT 11 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 25).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOUTH REGION) OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR DAVID DOWDING, THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR DONALD TSANG, THE PROJECT MANAGER OF SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, MR KENNETH KWOK, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR IP SHING-WAI, WILL PERFORM THE RIBBON-CUTTING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR LAU HON-KIT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 11 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 25). THE PLAYGROUND IS LOCATED ADJACENT TO SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SQUASH COURT AT YUEN WO ROAD.

A MINI-BUS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS. IT WILL LEAVE THE WHITEFIELD BARRACKS OPPOSITE THE LONDON THEATRE AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD AT 9.45 AM SHARP. AN INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE NTSD WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES.

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LOCAL OFFICERS ATTEND ARSON INVESTIGATION COURSE

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TWENTY-THREE FIRE AND POLICE OFFICERS ARE ATTENDING A FIRE AND ARSON DETECTION INSTRUCTORS' COURSE BEING CONDUCTED BY TWO LEADING EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF ARSON INVESTIGATION.

THE EXPERTS, WHO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO HONG KONG BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ARE MR ROBERT CARTER, CHIEF FIRE AND ARSON INVESTIGATION SPECIALIST, PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, AND MR JACK SANDERS, FIRE MARSHAL, STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE COURSE WHICH WILL LAST EIGHT DAYS WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES AT THE CIVIL SERVICES TRAINING CENTRE IN CENTRAL TODAY (TUESDAY). IT WILL INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION AS WELL AS PRACTICAL AND FIELD EXERCISES.

THE OFFICERS ATTENDING THE COURSE COMPRISED 20 FROM THE FIRE SERVICES, TWO FROM THE POLICE AND ONE SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE OFFICER FROM THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF  
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PREVENTION OF CRIME AND BRIBERY, AND THE MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WILL BE THE MAIN THEME OF A TRAINING COURSE SPECIALLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE FOR 100 MEMBERS OF LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS LATER THIS WEEK.

THE COURSE IS AIMED AT PROVIDING OFFICE-BEARERS OF THESE ORGANISATIONS A CHANCE TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED FOR EFFICIENT BUILDING MANAGEMENT, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE PARTICIPANTS WILL PASS ON USEFUL INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE TO OTHER PEOPLE AFTER ATTENDING THE COURSE,+ HE SAID.

FUNDED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S CONFERENCE ROOM FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LAND OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT AND THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION WILL TALK ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF BRIBERY ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 24) TO 50 OFFICIALS FROM OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

ON FRIDAY EVENING, 50 MAC MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON CRIME PREVENTION AND ACCOUNTS AND BOOK-KEEPING BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE POLICE AND DISTRICT OFFICE.

A SIMILAR COURSE WAS ORGANISED LAST YEAR ON SUCH TOPICS AS FIRE PREVENTION, GENERAL KNOWLEDGE ON ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, LIFT AND WATER PUMP MAINTENANCE AND THE ORGANISATION OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 325 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND 65 OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN KWUN TONG.

THEY PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN REPRESENTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO DEAL WITH LOCAL PROBLEMS.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCES PASSED ON HUI KWOK-HUNG AND TAM KAM-WAH ON JUNE 29, 1981 AND JANUARY 5, 1982 RESPECTIVELY SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON FUNG CHUN-WAI ON DECEMBER 10, 1981 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO 20 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

HUI KWOK-HUNG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF MA MUK-CHEONG ON AUGUST 10, 1980 AND TAM KAM-WAH WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF CHENG AH-TUNG AND HIS WIFE HUI NGAN-CHUN ON MAY 20, 1981.

FUNG CHUN-WAI WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF NG CHU IN JANUARY 1981.

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VARIETY SHOW TO PROMOTE U.C. ELECTIONS

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CANDIDATES REPRESENTING WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT IN NEXT MONTH'S URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WILL JOIN SOME 2 500 LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SHARE THE FUN IN A COLOURFUL VARIETY SHOW ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27) -- THE DAY OF THE SPRING LANTERN FESTIVAL -- AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE.

APART FROM PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL, THE EVENT ALSO SERVES TO PUBLICISE THE COMING ELECTION ACTIVITIES ARRANGED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE CANDIDATES WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET THEIR VOTERS AND PUT UP CAMPAIGN BANNERS IN THE PARK.

FUNDED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD, THE THREE-HOUR PROGRAMME WILL INCORPORATE A SPRING LANTERN DISPLAY AND AN URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION VARIETY SHOW.

MORE THAN 30 LANTERNS OF VARIOUS DESIGNS, DONATED BY LOCAL MUTUAL AID AND AREA COMMITTEES, WILL BE ON DISPLAY FROM 7.30 PM.

ABOUT 1 000 LANTERNS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN AWAY TO THE PARTICIPANTS AS SOUVENIRS.

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THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 8.15 PM WITH WELL-KNOWN TV ARTISTES AND SCHOOL GROUPS PERFORMING FOLK DANCES, CHINESE MUSIC, DRAMA AND FOLK SONGS.

SPECTATORS WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN GAMES WHICH WILL OFFER ATTRACTIVE PRIZES.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS TO THE VARIETY SHOW ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ALL SUB-OFFICES ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 27) AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS FOR SALE

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THIRTY-FIVE SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WILL BE AUCTIONED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT 10 AM ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 26) IN THE CITY HALL RECITAL HALL.

THEY ARE:

CY 168	CT 14	CW8381	CY 107	CX2200
CY 348	CW8377	CX 718	9838	CX1683
CY1668	CX1947	AB 838	CY 108	1238
AY2619	AA 98	CX 911	CX 512	CX2826
BL8389	CX9495	CY 298	CX 801	832
CX 611	CW8328	CW 5	HK 49	CX 993
CY 116	CX1668	AF3228	CX 802	CJ 84

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HE REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE NUMBERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS, WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL, AS USUAL, GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

THE AUCTION WILL BE THE 82ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973.

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### THREE MEN COMMENDED FOR CATCHING SNATCHER

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THREE MEN WHO ASSISTED POLICE IN ARRESTING A SNATCHER LAST YEAR WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) COMMENDED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (WDFCC) FOR THEIR CIVIC-MINDEDNESS.

THE MEN -- MESSRS LAW KAM-CHOR, LEE MAN-KIT AND LAI SHEK-LUN -- RECEIVED THEIR COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES FROM THE WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRANCIS HO AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR A.J. MULLINS, BEFORE A MEETING OF THE WDFCC.

MR HO, WHO IS ALSO THE WDFCC CHAIRMAN, PRAISED THEM FOR THEIR BRAVERY AND APPEALED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS TO FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE.

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED LAST OCTOBER IN CAUSEWAY BAY NEAR THE MITSUKOSHI DEPARTMENT STORE. THE SUSPECT HAD SNATCHED A WOMAN'S NECKLACE, AND WAS CAUGHT AFTER A SHORT CHASE BY THE THREE MEN, WHO TURNED HIM OVER TO THE POLICE.

THE APPREHENDED MAN WAS LATER SENTENCED TO NINE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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### NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG AND HK ISLAND

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCED A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED AT MARSH ROAD FLYOVER, TAI YIP STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN ROAD.

FROM 11.30 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY, TAI YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG BETWEEN HONG TAK ROAD AND SIU YIP STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER.

THE CLOSURE WILL BE REPEATED AT THE SAME TIME ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 24) UNTIL 6 AM ON FRIDAY.

DURING THE CLOSURES, VEHICLES FROM TELFORD GARDEN HEADING FOR KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SIU YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET AND LAI YIP STREET, WHILE THOSE FROM TAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA HONG TAK ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD.

FROM THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 24), ONE OF THE TRAFFIC LANES ON MARSH ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 PM AND 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORK. HOWEVER, SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE REMAINING LANE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS HEADING FOR WAN CHAI FERRY PIER MAY USE FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER.

FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 25), THE TRAFFIC LANE ON THE WESTBOUND TRAM TRACK OF SHAU KEI WAN ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH SUN SING STREET WILL BE RESERVED FOR TRAMS ONLY.

THE EXTENT OF THE RESERVED SECTION WILL BE INDICATED BY CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS.

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