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NEW PENSION SCHEME FOR EX-POW'S NOW EFFECTIVE

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, ON THE ADVICE OF THE HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, HAS APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS AND ALLOWANCES TO 203 LOCAL AND 312 OVERSEAS BENEFICIARIES, WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY (SUNDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE NEW HONG KONG WAR MEMORIAL PENSIONS ORDINANCE, THE PENSIONS WERE PAID AS OF RIGHT TO ELIGIBLE WAR VETERANS AND EX-PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE BENEFICIARIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER BENEFITS, THAT IS SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE.

"CONTRARY TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, NONE OF THE PRESENT BENEFICIARIES WILL BE WORSE OFF UNDER THE NEW PENSION SCHEME," HE EMPHASISED.

THE PAYMENT OF PENSIONS WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE GOVERNMENT TREASURY. THE AMOUNT OF PENSIONS WILL BE ADJUSTED IN FUTURE IN LINE WITH ADJUSTMENTS TO CIVIL SERVICE PENSIONS.

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BEWARE OF BOGUS FIRE SERVICES OFFICER

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY FACTORY AND RESTAURANT OPERATORS, TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST A MAN CLAIMING TO BE A FIRE SERVICES OFFICER SOLICITING MONEY FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE PREVENTION BOOKLET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: "THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT SENT ITS OFFICER, OR AUTHORISED ANYONE, TO ASK THE PUBLIC TO SUBSCRIBE ADVERTISEMENT IN ITS PUBLICATIONS."

THE APPEAL IS MADE FOLLOWING A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES FROM THE FACTORY AND RESTAURANT OPERATORS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY THAT A MAN, CLAIMING TO BE AN OFFICER FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU, HAD APPROACHED THEM FOR ADVERTISEMENT IN PRODUCING A FIRE PREVENTION BOOKLET.

"THE FIRE SERVICES WILL IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES SEEK THE PUBLIC TO SUBSIDISE OR SPONSOR IN PRODUCING ANY KIND OF PUBLICATION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN SOME OTHER CASES, A BOGUS FIRE SERVICES OFFICER, IN PLAINCLOTHES, ENTERED COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS, AND LATER TOOK AWAY PORTABLE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT ON THE PRETENCE OF EXAMINING THESE EQUIPMENT.

/THE SPOKESMAN .....

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THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT ALL INSPECTIONS BY FIRE SERVICES WERE CARRIED OUT BY UNIFORMED OFFICERS BEARING WARRANT CARDS, AND THAT, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD THEY REMOVE ANY FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FROM THE PREMISES.

"IF ANYONE APPROACHED BY ANY PERSON CLAIMING TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT ASKING FOR MONEY OR IN SUSPICIOUS MANNER, PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE HOTLINE 527 7177 OR THE FIRE SERVICES HOTLINE 723 8787," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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#### COMMENDATIONS FOR VOLUNTEERS IN ADOPTION SERVICE

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THERE IS NOTHING UNUSUAL FOR LADY FORD TO OFFICIATE AT PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, EXCEPT FOR THIS TIME SHE WILL HAVE HER ROLE REVERSED WHEN SHE RECEIVES AN AWARD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, AT A PRESENTATION FOR VOLUNTEERS IN ADOPTION SERVICE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 7).

LADY FORD, TOGETHER WITH 30 COUPLES -- INCLUDING AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER MR JEREMY CROFT AND MRS CROFT, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS PERSONALITY MR TONY TURNER AND MRS TURNER, WILL BE PRESENTED CERTIFICATES IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION IN TAKING CARE OF CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION.

"THE CHILDREN, PARTICULARLY THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, WILL BE ABLE TO INTEGRATE INTO THEIR ADOPTIVE FAMILIES MORE EASILY WITH THE HELP OF PRE-ADOPTION FOSTER CARE GIVEN BY THE VOLUNTEERS," A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT WAS, THEREFORE, TO HOST AN AWARD PRESENTATION FOR THE VOLUNTEERS IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR DEVOTION AND SUPPORT OF ADOPTION SERVICE, HE ADDED.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

AN AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR VOLUNTEERS IN ADOPTION SERVICE, ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 7) AT HENNESSY ROOM, SEVENTH FLOOR, CONRAD HOTEL, PACIFIC PLACE, QUEENSWAY.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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ENGINE CYLINDER CAPACITY FOR VILLAGE VEHICLES  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED VILLAGE VEHICLE PERMIT HOLDERS THAT THE ENGINE CYLINDER CAPACITY OF VILLAGE VEHICLES OPERATING IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT MUST NOT EXCEED 300 C.C.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID A ONE-YEAR GRACE PERIOD WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR FOR HOLDERS TO CHANGE THEIR ENGINE CYLINDER CAPACITY. THE GRACE PERIOD WILL END ON DECEMBER 31.

WITH EFFECT FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR, THE ENGINE CYLINDER CAPACITY OF VILLAGE VEHICLES MUST NOT EXCEED 300 C.C. UNLESS WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT HAS BEEN OBTAINED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR VILLAGE VEHICLES OPERATING IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT HAS BEEN REVISED SINCE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR TO ENSURE BETTER CONTROL AND SAFETY OF BOTH VEHICLE OPERATORS AND PEDESTRIANS.

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NEW SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER  
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MR DAVID BROWNING WILL TAKE UP THE POST OF DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHA TIN TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MR BROWNING JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1981. HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS POLICY BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE TRANSPORT BRANCH, CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE AND THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

BEFORE JOINING THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR BROWNING WAS A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE SECURITY BRANCH, DEALING WITH THE VIETNAMESE MIGRANT ISSUE.

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YOUTH AWARDED IN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION DAY  
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TEN RECIPIENTS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD WERE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AND TROPHIES AT THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION DAY AT VICTORIA PARK TODAY (SUNDAY).

FOUR OF THEM, TWO BOYS AND TWO GIRLS AGED 17 TO 19, WHO EMERGED TOP WINNERS IN THIS YEAR'S SCHEME WHICH WAS HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, WILL BE ADDITIONALLY AWARDED A FREE STUDY TOUR TO SINGAPORE BETWEEN JANUARY 8 AND 15 NEXT YEAR.

/AFTER PRESENTING .....

AFTER PRESENTING THE AWARDS WITH A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION (CPCE), MR MAK HOI-WAH, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVE BARCLAY, SAID THE AWARDEES HAD LIVED UP TO THEIR EXPECTATIONS OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

"THEY HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THEIR ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT, PLANNING AND PROMOTION OF SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS THEIR VOLUNTARY WORK.

"MEMBERS OF THE ADJUDICATING PANEL, INCLUDING CPCE'S CHAIRMAN, DR DANIEL TSE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH, MR ERIC LI, HAD A HARD TIME IN MAKING THE CHOICES FROM A TOTAL OF 39 NOMINEES," HE SAID.

MR BARCLAY THANKED THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING, AND THE SINGAPORE NATIONAL COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTE AND THREE COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS FOR SPONSORING, THE ANNUAL EVENT.

THE THREE ORGANISATIONS ARE: HONG KONG STUDENT TRAVEL LTD, APAC INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD AND HUA CHIAO COMMERCIAL BANK.

APART FROM THE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY, THE EASTERN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION DAY ALSO FEATURED A HOST OF INTERESTING AND ENTERTAINING ITEMS WHICH ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS AND SUNDAY PARK VISITORS.

THE ITEMS INCLUDED: CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCES, STALL GAMES, CHILDREN'S COLOURING CONTEST AND CROSSWORD PUZZLES, AS WELL AS A LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION ON THE DISTRICT.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY ACTIVITIES, THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN ORGANISING ANNUAL FUNCTIONS TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

ANOTHER MAJOR ACTIVITY, A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR WOMEN, HAD BEEN PLANNED FOR JANUARY NEXT YEAR, HE SAID.

MR SHUM URGED HONG KONG PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY YOUTHS, TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND TO MEET CHALLENGES SO AS TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS MAKING HONG KONG A BETTER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WERE DB MEMBERS MISS JENNIFER CHOW, MISS CHRISTINA TING, MR LEUNG SAU-CHI AND MR WONG PO-LAM.

OUTSTANDING YOUTHS HONOURED

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TWELVE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WERE PRESENTED WITH OUTSTANDING YOUTHS AWARDS AT A CEREMONY HELD AT A LOCAL HOTEL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE YOUTHS, AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 25, HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR THEIR GOOD CONDUCT, PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY SERVICES, AS WELL AS KNOWLEDGE AND INSPIRING VIEWS ON COMMUNITY BUILDING OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS LINA LO, SAID SHE WAS PLEASED TO SEE THE RECIPIENTS COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY OF THE DISTRICT.

"I HOPE YOU WOULD HELP PUT THE MESSAGE OF 'CARE FOR HONG KONG, CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY' ACROSS TO YOUR PEERS," SHE SAID.

"CIVIC EDUCATION HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT NOWADAYS FOLLOWING THE INTRODUCTION OF DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE THREE-TIER SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

"ITS IMPACT ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT AS THE TERRITORY FACES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGES," SHE ADDED.

MRS LO SAID YOUNG PEOPLE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MR KWONG KWOK-KAM, TOLD THE RECIPIENTS TO KEEP UP THEIR GOOD WORK AND SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER YOUNGSTERS.

THE RECIPIENTS, COMPRISING A TEACHER, A SOCIAL WORKER, TWO CLERKS AND EIGHT STUDENTS, WILL BE JOINING AN OUTWARD BOUND COURSE, AND WERE EACH AWARDED A SOUVENIR AND A \$500 GIFT COUPON OR BOOK COUPON.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OUTSTANDING YOUTHS AWARD SCHEME IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHANNEL ISLANDS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY INCLUDED THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, AND PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CHANNEL ISLANDS, MR HERBERT IE.

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YAU TSIM FIGHT CRIME SINGING CONTEST

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RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ENTER A SINGING CONTEST IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT TO SPREAD THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE.

THE "GLORY OF LIFE" CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION DURING WHICH 10 FINALISTS WILL BE SELECTED.

THE FINAL CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE ON MARCH 16 NEXT YEAR.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS WILL BE GIVEN AUDITIONS WHICH MAY LEAD TO SINGING CONTRACTS WITH A RECORD COMPANY. EACH OF THEM WILL ALSO RECEIVE A TROPHY AND A CASSETTE RECORDER.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS DECEMBER 31.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- \* YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR,  
15 MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI;
- \* YAU TSIM JUNIOR POLICE CALL CLUBHOUSE,  
POLICE MARRIED QUARTERS, 182 CANTON ROAD; AND
- \* YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION,  
33 SALISBURY ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 301 2160 AND 722 1020.

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DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PICNIC ACTIVITIES

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD IS INVITING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT TO APPLY FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE PICNICS FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THERE ARE STILL OVER \$60,000 AVAILABLE FOR ORGANISING SUCH ACTIVITIES AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR EACH APPLICATION WOULD BE \$1,500.

"ONLY THOSE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE PICNICS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ARE ELIGIBLE AND THEY SHOULD APPLY EIGHT WEEKS IN ADVANCE OF THE PICNIC DAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IN ORDER TO LEAVE AMPLE TIME FOR REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO HOLD THE PICNIC BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR," HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S KWAI CHUNG CENTRAL SUB-OFFICE ON 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEAR THE KWAI HING MTR STATION), AND OTHER SUB-OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SUB-OFFICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON TEL. 423 4002.

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