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GOVERNOR EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT HK DOLLAR
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, THIS EVENING EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE EXCHANGE VALUE OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR IN RECENT DAYS.

AFTER DAY-LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHIEF SECRETARY AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, HE SAID HE SYMPATHISED WITH PEOPLE'S ANXIETIES BUT URGED THEM NOT TO BE CARRIED AWAY BY THE PRESENT MOOD OF PESSIMISM.

THE GOVERNOR SAID A STRONG EXPORT-LED RECOVERY WAS NOW UNDERWAY AND SO THE RATES QUOTED FOR THE HONG KONG DOLLAR WERE NOW QUITE UNREASONABLE. THEY CERTAINLY DID NOT PROPERLY REFLECT UNDERLYING ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL REALITIES. THE GOVERNOR STRESSED THAT HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF PEOPLE'S CONCERNS. HE BELIEVED THAT EVERYONE'S INTERESTS WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY CALMLY GETTING ON WITH THEIR JOBS. THEY SHOULD REFUSE TO BE DISTRACTED BY ALARMIST CHATTER AND MISLEADING COMMENTS WHICH HAVE THE EFFECT, INTENDED OR OTHERWISE, OF DAMAGING CONFIDENCE. THE TALKS ABOUT HONG KONG'S FUTURE ARE STILL IN PROGRESS AND IT WAS NOT TO BE EXPECTED, HE ADDED, THAT THEY WOULD REACH RAPID RESULTS BECAUSE THE ISSUES INVOLVED ARE COMPLEX.

IT HAS JUST BEEN LEARNED THAT A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF CERTAIN CONSULTATIONS THAT THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS BLYE, HAS BEEN HAVING TODAY WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NOTE-ISSUING BANKS COULD BE EXPECTED LATER THIS EVENING.

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VARIOUS PROPOSALS CONSIDERED
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AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT UNWARRANTED DEPRECIATION OF THE LOCAL CURRENCY THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DOUGLAS BLYE, HAS BEEN IN CONSULTATION THROUGHOUT THE WEEKEND WITH THE NOTE-ISSUING BANKS AND OTHER ADVISERS. VARIOUS PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED. A BASIC PREREQUISITE OF ALL OF THESE PROPOSALS WAS FULL CONVERTIBILITY OF THE CURRENCY.

ONE PROPOSAL WHICH IS BEING ACTIVELY DEVELOPED INVOLVES A SUBSTANTIAL REVISION OF THE MECHANICS FOR ISSUING AND REDEEMING CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO THE NOTE-ISSUING BANKS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PRODUCE AN EXCHANGE RATE WHICH WOULD MORE ACCURATELY REFLECT THE FUNDAMENTAL STRENGTH OF THE ECONOMY. THE PROPOSAL WILL MEAN THE ASSUMPTION BY THE EXCHANGE FUND OF A MORE SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE EXCHANGE RATE DETERMINATION MECHANISM.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EXCHANGE FUND RETAINS ITS EXISTING CAPABILITY TO INTERVENE IN THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AND MONEY MARKETS.

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SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE ON +THE NEW WAGE SURVEY+
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A SPECIAL REVIEW ARTICLE, ENTITLED +THE NEW WAGE SURVEY+, IS PUBLISHED IN THE JULY 1983 ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS.

A NEW QUARTERLY SURVEY OF WAGES, SALARIES AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS WAS RECENTLY INTRODUCED TO REPLACE THE OLD HALF-YEARLY WAGE SURVEY.

IN THE NEW SURVEY, A NUMBER OF NEW FEATURES WERE INTRODUCED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF WAGE RATE STATISTICS FOR HONG KONG IN TERMS OF COVERAGE, RELIABILITY AND USEFULNESS.

THE SURVEY COLLECTS INFORMATION ON WAGE RATE WHICH IS USUALLY THOUGHT OF AS THE PRICE OF LABOUR. TO INDICATE THE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES, A NOMINAL WAGE INDEX AND A REAL WAGE INDEX ARE COMPILED.

WHILE THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX MEASURES THE CHANGES IN WAGE RATES IN MONEY TERMS, THE REAL WAGE INDEX, WHICH IS OBTAINED BY DEFLATING THE NOMINAL WAGE INDEX BY THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A), MEASURES THE CHANGES IN THE PURCHASING POWER OF WAGES.

IN ADDITION, STATISTICS ON THE ABSOLUTE LEVEL OF WAGE RATES OF SELECTED OCCUPATIONS IN THE SURVEYED INDUSTRIES ARE ALSO COMPILED.

STATISTICS ON THE EMPLOYEES' ENTITLEMENT TO DIFFERENT TYPES OF BENEFITS SUCH AS HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, PENSION, ETC. ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

THIS REVIEW ARTICLE CONSISTS OF TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART OUTLINES THE METHODOLOGY USED IN THE SURVEY, AND THE SECOND PART PROVIDES A DESCRIPTIVE ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY FINDINGS, COVERING THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:-

- (I) WAGE MOVEMENTS;
- (II) WAGE LEVELS;
- (III) METHOD OF PAYMENT;
- (IV) ESTABLISHMENT PAY PRACTICES; AND
- (V) NORMAL HOURS OF WORK.

FURTHER DETAILS ON THE NEW WAGE SURVEY ARE CONTAINED IN THE REVIEW ARTICLE. THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG AT \$25 PER COPY.

SCHOOLS PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
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THE ADVENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM IS ACCELERATING THE PROCESS OF PARTICIPATION OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE AND LOCAL INSTITUTIONS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THEIR DISTRICT.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR IAN MACPHERSON, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE.

+LIKE OTHER DISTRICTS, AND UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, HEADS OF SCHOOLS IN KWUN TONG HAVE ALREADY WIDENED THEIR COMMUNITY ROLE AND BEEN PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN DISCUSSIONS OF VARIOUS IMPORTANT ISSUES, INCLUDING THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORT ON THE LOCAL EDUCATION SYSTEM BY A PANEL OF OVERSEAS VISITORS, AND THE SHORTAGE IN PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES IN KWUN TONG,+ HE SAID.

+THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE KWUN TONG SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER IMPETUS TO THIS PROCESS,+ HE ADDED.

MR MACPHERSON SAID IT WAS MOST HEARTENING TO WITNESS THE COMING TOGETHER OF OVER 120 HEADS OF SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT IN PURSUANCE OF A SET OF COMMON OBJECTIVES.

THE SETTING UP OF THE COMMITTEE WAS TO STRENGTHEN THE LIAISON AMONG THE SCHOOLS THEMSELVES AS WELL AS BETWEEN SCHOOLS ON THE ONE HAND AND PARENTS AND STUDENTS ON THE OTHER, HE SAID.

ITS PURPOSE WAS ALSO TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO ASSUME A WIDER AND MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

+THE ENORMOUS DIVERSITY OF THE SCHOOLS REPRESENTED HERE TODAY IS ONE OF OUR STRENGTHS, BOTH LOCALLY AND IN HONG KONG AS A WHOLE; THAT SO MANY DENOMINATIONS AND TYPES OF SCHOOLS CAN COME TOGETHER WITHIN THE SAME FRAMEWORK ADDS GREATLY TO OUR ABILITY TO HANDLE THE MANY PROBLEMS OF OUR COMPLEX SOCIETY. LONG MAY THIS CONTINUE.

+EVER SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE SCHEME IN THE URBAN AREAS IN 1968, SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN AN ACTIVE PARTNER IN THE ORGANISATION OF VARIOUS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

+IN KWUN TONG, THE HIGH CONCENTRATION OF THE POPULATION IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND THE GENERALLY INADEQUATE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, COUPLED WITH AN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF OVER 5 000 FACTORIES EMPLOYING NO LESS THAN 150 000 PERSONS, HAVE GIVEN THESE PROJECTS A DEGREE OF SPECIAL LOCAL SIGNIFICANCE.

+IN THESE AREAS AS WELL AS AT TIMES OF EMERGENCY WHEN SCHOOLS WILLINGLY MAKE AVAILABLE THEIR PREMISES FOR USE AS TEMPORARY SHELTERS, I AM ACUTELY AWARE OF THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

SHAM SHUI PO ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN CLOSES
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A TOTAL OF 105 SUMMONSES HAD BEEN ISSUED TO JAYWALKERS IN SHAM SHUI PO IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN CHENG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+DURING THE SAME PERIOD, ANOTHER 5 677 SUMMONSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO CARELESS MOTORISTS, AND MORE THAN 2 000 INFORMATION PAMPHLETS AND HANDOUTS DISTRIBUTED TO PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS IN THE DISTRICT TO EDUCATE THEM ON THE PROPER WAY OF USING THE ROADS,+ SAID MR CHENG.

MR CHENG WAS SPEAKING AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WHICH MARKED THE CLOSING OF THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN TO PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE TO RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID THAT THE POLICE WOULD CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS IN THE COMING MONTH WITH A TWO-WEEK ON-STREET EDUCATION PROGRAMME AND ANOTHER TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIFIED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST JAYWALKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

MR CHENG CALLED ON RESIDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO TO ALWAYS OBSERVE THE SAFETY RULES WHEN CROSSING THE ROADS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MARTIN WHITE, AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (SHAM SHUI PO), MR ROBERT IRVINE.

AT THE CEREMONY, PRIZES WERE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A SERIES OF EDUCATIONAL COMPETITIONS ORGANISED DURING THE CAMPAIGN. THESE INCLUDED A QUIZ, A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE, A ROAD SAFETY TOWN MODEL DESIGN AND A STALL DECORATION CONTEST.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, PARTICIPANTS WERE TREATED TO AN HOUR OF SINGING ACROBATICS PERFORMANCES.

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TWO SITES FOR SALE BY TENDER
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE FIRST SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 5 100 SQUARE METRES, IS IN THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

THE SECOND SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 2 428 SQUARE METRES, IS AT HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

/BOTH SITES

BOTH SITES ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

THE TENDER DEADLINE IS NOON ON OCTOBER 28.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND PLANS INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (KOWLOON WEST), KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES OF SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

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SCHOOL HEADS URGED TO CONSIDER INSURANCE NEEDS
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS IN A CIRCULAR ASKED SUPERVISORS AND HEADS OF ALL SCHOOLS TO CONSIDER THE NEED FOR OBTAINING ADEQUATE INSURANCE FOR THEIR PUPILS, EMPLOYEES AND THE SCHOOL PREMISES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BESIDES TAKING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN SUCH LESSONS AS PHYSICAL EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND PRACTICAL OR TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AS WELL AS IN EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD TAKE OUT INSURANCE ON BEHALF OF THEIR PUPILS AGAINST ANY ACCIDENTAL INJURY.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD NOTE THAT IF PERSONAL INJURY SHOULD OCCUR THROUGH THE NEGLIGENCE OF A TEACHER OR A TRAINEE TEACHER, THE SCHOOL COULD BE SUED FOR DAMAGES ARISING FROM THIS NEGLIGENCE.

IN OTHER WORDS, HE ADDED, THE SUPERVISOR WOULD BE LIABLE.

AS EMPLOYERS, SUPERVISORS HAVE A STATUTORY OBLIGATION TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES ON BEHALF OF THEIR STAFF. THESE STAFF ARE COVERED BY THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE WHICH APPLIES NOT ONLY TO MANUAL WORKERS BUT ALSO TO OTHER EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING TEACHERS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS.

SUPERVISORS ARE ALSO ADVISED IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS TO HAVE THEIR SCHOOL PREMISES, FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT INSURED AGAINST FIRE, PARTICULARLY THE PREMISES OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES.

HEADS OF AIDED SCHOOLS SHOULD CHARGE THE INSURANCE PREMIUM TO THE CAPITATION GRANT ACCOUNT, THE OTHER CHARGES GRANT ACCOUNT OR THE TONG FAI ACCOUNT, AS STIPULATED IN THE CODE OF AID, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FLYOVER TO BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE
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THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 27 TO SEPTEMBER 29) FOR MAINTENANCE WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD AND VICE VERSA ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30), THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD BETWEEN CHUNG MAN STREET AND CHI MAN STREET WILL ALSO BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM.

MOTORISTS FROM PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD HEADING FOR CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, TSIM SHA TSUI SOUTH AND EAST AND THE KCR KOWLOON STATION ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, SHEUNG HING STREET, FAT KWONG STREET, WO CHUNG STREET AND CHATHAM ROAD.

THEY MAY ALSO TRAVEL VIA PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, CHUNG MAN STREET, CHUNG HAU STREET, FAT KWONG STREET, WO CHUNG STREET AND CHATHAM ROAD.

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COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO RUN TWO 10-WEEK COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO WOULD LIKE TO ACQUIRE THE SKILLS NEEDED TO ADMINISTER RELIABLE AND VALID ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTS.

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL IN EASEY COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 255 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

A SENIOR SUBJECT OFFICER OF THE EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY, MR R.F. KING; AND THE TESTING AND EVALUATION OFFICER OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL, MR M. MILANOVIC, WILL CONDUCT THE COURSES.

SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS WHO WISH TO SEND TEACHERS TO THESE COURSES ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (ENGLISH), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 5/F, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG BY OCTOBER 1.

EACH COURSE CAN ACCOMMODATE A MAXIMUM OF 25 TEACHERS, AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ENGLISH SECTION ON 5-8392441.

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SWIMMING COMPETITIONS IN VICTORIA PARK
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COMPETITIONS IN DIVING AND SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING WILL BE HELD IN THE VICTORIA PARK SWIMMING POOL NEXT MONTH.

ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE CONTESTS ARE HELD ANNUALLY FOLLOWING A PERIOD OF TRAINING SESSIONS.

THE INTERMEDIATE AND ELEMENTARY DIVING COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 8, STARTING AT 7 PM.

THE SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING EVENT, SPONSORED BY THE LIFE GUARD CLUB AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 15, STARTING AT 7 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE COMPETITIONS FORM PART OF A PROGRAMME TO PROMOTE SPORTS.

+WINNING A MEDAL AFTER TRAINING GIVES AN INDIVIDUAL A SENSE OF ACHIEVEMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THIS IS IMPORTANT AS IT IS OUR AIM THAT INDIVIDUALS WITH POTENTIAL WILL BE GIVEN FURTHER TRAINING,+ HE ADDED.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RSS HEADQUARTERS IN WING ON CENTRE, CENTRAL, AND FROM ITS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES.

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PUBLIC URGED TO BEWARE OF IMPOSTERS
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THE PUBLIC ARE BEING URGED TO GUARD AGAINST PEOPLE POSING AS STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND SOLICITING DONATIONS FROM THEM.

TWO PERSONS CALLED THE DEPARTMENT ON ITS HOTLINE RECENTLY TO REPORT THAT A WOMAN CLAIMING TO BE AN SWD STAFF MEMBER HAD VISITED THEIR FACTORIES IN KWAI CHUNG, REQUESTING DONATIONS FOR SCHOOL PROJECTS AND HOMES FOR THE AGED.

ONE OF THE CALLERS SAID THAT THE WOMAN HAD ALSO APPROACHED OTHER FACTORIES, OBTAINING \$50 FROM TWO OF THEM.

AN SWD SPOKESMAN SAID, +WE AS A DEPARTMENT DO NOT NORMALLY ORGANISE FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR WELFARE PROJECTS, EITHER FOR OURSELVES OR ON BEHALF OF OTHERS. SO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ON THE ALERT IF THEY ARE APPROACHED FOR DONATIONS BY ANYONE POSING AS AN SWD MEMBER.+

+THEY SHOULD ALWAYS ASK TO SEE HIS GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD FIRST AND IF THEY ARE STILL IN DOUBT, THEY SHOULD TELEPHONE THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE, THE PERSONNEL OFFICE AT THE SWD HEADQUARTERS AT 5-767542 OR THE DEPARTMENTAL HOTLINE AT 3-432255 FOR ADVICE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THOSE WHO FELT THEY HAD BEEN CHEATED WERE URGED TO REPORT TO THE POLICE.

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PAVILION FOR SWIMMING POOL
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A CHINESE STYLE PAVILION WITH FLOWER POTS AND BENCHES WILL SOON BE ADDED TO LEI CHENG UK SWIMMING POOL.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PAVILION ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT CONSTRUCTION WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN DECEMBER AND NEXT APRIL WHEN THE POOL IS CLOSED FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING A PERMANENT REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT THE JUNCTION OF KING LAM STREET AND YU CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO TO REPLACE THE EXISTING OFF-STREET COLLECTION POINT THERE.

THE NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, OCCUPYING ABOUT 140 SQUARE METRES, WILL COMPRISE A CARBON FILTRATION PLANT, ONE ROLL-CALL OFFICE, A HANDCART BAY, A STOREROOM, TOILETS, AND LOADING-UNLOADING SPACE.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

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FANLING SWIMMING POOL TO CLOSE FOR MAINTENANCE
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THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM SATURDAY (OCTOBER 1).

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

AN AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE WILL BE RE-ERECTED FOR THE MAIN POOL OF THE COMPLEX TO PROVIDE SHELTER FOR WINTER BATHERS.

THE COMPLEX WILL RE-OPEN IN EARLY DECEMBER, AND HEATED WATER WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE MAIN POOL.

LAST WINTER, WITH THE INSTALLATION OF THE AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE, AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 7 000 BATHERS A MONTH USED THE MAIN POOL, A SEVENTEEN FOLD INCREASE OVER THE PRECEDING WINTER.

THERE WILL BE FOUR DAILY SESSIONS FOR SWIMMERS BETWEEN 9 AM AND 9 PM FROM DECEMBER TO MARCH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SQUASH COURSE FOR YUEN LONG YOUTHS.
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A FREE SQUASH COURSE WILL BE OFFERED TO YOUTHS IN YUEN LONG OVER THE AGE OF 18.

ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE COURSE WILL BE HELD AT THE SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS AT ON NING ROAD IN YUEN LONG.

TWO SEPARATE CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED FOR BOYS AND GIRLS BETWEEN 7 PM AND 8.30 PM, ONE ON 10 CONSECUTIVE TUESDAYS, STARTING ON OCTOBER 4 AND THE OTHER ON 10 CONSECUTIVE FRIDAYS, STARTING ON OCTOBER 7.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY NOW BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURTS, AND SHOULD BE RETURNED BY SEPTEMBER 30 (FRIDAY).

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