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HONG KONG TV SERVICES AMONG BEST IN WORLD: BRAY

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HONG KONG HAS ONE OF THE BEST TELEVISION SERVICES IN THE WORLD - THANKS TO SOME BASIC POLICY DECISIONS BY THE GOVERNMENT BACK IN THE LATE 1960'S, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, SAID THIS (MONDAY) EVENING.

IN A SPEECH TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ROTARY CLUB, MR BRAY SAID THAT AT THE START OF THE TV AGE, THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED AGAINST SETTING UP A PUBLIC TELEVISION BROADCASTING COMPANY, MAINLY BECAUSE IT FELT PRIVATE ENTERPRISE WAS BETTER ABLE TO DEVELOP A MEDIUM WHOSE PRIMARY AIM, AFTER ALL, WAS ENTERTAINMENT.

+IT DECIDED THERE SHOULD BE COMPETITION; AT LEAST TWO SEPARATE STATIONS SHOULD BE LICENSED AT ANY ONE TIME. AND IT DECIDED THAT WHERE GOVERNMENT HAD A MESSAGE TO PUT ACROSS, THEN AIRTIME SHOULD BE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE ON THE COMMERCIAL CHANNELS,+ MR BRAY SAID.

HE SAID THE TELEVISION INDUSTRY HAD HAD ITS UPS AND DOWNS SINCE THESE DECISIONS WERE MADE, BUT BY AND LARGE HONG KONG HAD ONE OF THE BEST TELEVISION SERVICES IN THE WORLD.

+WE HAVE A CHOICE OF CHANNELS IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, AND ON THE CHINESE CHANNELS MUCH OF THE MATERIAL IS LOCALLY-PRODUCED. HONG KONG IS THE WORLD CENTRE FOR CANTONESE LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES, WHICH ARE IN GREAT DEMAND BY OVERSEAS CHINESE COMMUNITIES ELSEWHERE.

+PRODUCTION STANDARDS ARE VERY HIGH INDEED; THE STATIONS TRAIN UP THEIR OWN ARTISTS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL, PROVIDING CREATIVE CAREERS FOR SEVERAL THOUSAND PEOPLE.+

MR BRAY SAID THE TELEVISION SECTION OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ALSO PRODUCED MANY AND VARIOUS PROGRAMMES FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND SURVEYS HAD SHOWN THAT THESE PROGRAMMES WERE HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY THE PUBLIC.

+THE DIET OF PROGRAMMES ON OUR TELEVISION SCREENS IS A GREAT DEAL RICHER FOR THE WORK OF RTHK,+ HE SAID.

MR BRAY ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR NIGEL WATT, WHO HAS BEEN IN THE POST FOR THE LAST 16 YEARS AND IS TO RETIRE NEXT WEEK.

+NIGEL HAS STEERED THE DEVELOPMENT OF TELEVISION FROM ITS BEGINNING UNTIL NOW, THROUGH THE ROCKS OF STATUTORY CONTROLS AND THE SHOALS OF PUBLIC OPINION, AND I DO NOT THINK THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE INDUSTRY WOULD HAVE REMAINED SO CORDIAL HAD HE NOT BEEN THERE TO ACT AS MIDDLEMAN AND ADVISER,+ HE SAID.

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EASTERN DISTRICT TO LAUNCH ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN
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A MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WILL BE LAUNCHED IN MARCH IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT TO CARRY THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES TO MORE THAN 500 000 PEOPLE LIVING THERE.

THE THREE-WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN, BEGINNING ON FRIDAY (MARCH 4), IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, CO-ORGANISED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH AND SPONSORED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MADAM ANITA CHAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO ALERT LOCAL RESIDENTS TO THE EVILS OF DRUG ADDICTION. IT WILL BE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT THE 15 TO 24 AGE GROUP.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL ALSO SEEK TO AROUSE A MORE SYMPATHETIC PUBLIC ATTITUDE TOWARDS REHABILITATED DRUG ADDICTS, AND TO MAKE KNOWN THE AVAILABILITY OF TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES FOR THE ADDICTS, SHE ADDED.

THE CENTRAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, COMPRISING EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, ALL AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN IN THE DISTRICT, SCHOOL MASTERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, AND 17 REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, WAS SET UP SEVERAL MONTHS AGO TO WORK OUT THIS MAJOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPERATION.

IN ADDITION, FIVE WORKING SUB-COMMITTEES WERE SET UP TO PLAN AND CO-ORDINATE THE CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL START WITH A GRAND OPENING CEREMONY ON FRIDAY (MARCH 4) AT 8 PM AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL, TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING VARIETY SHOW -- +TREASURE THE PRIME YEARS OF YOUR LIFE+.

MR G. BARNES, REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE VARIETY SHOW, WHICH IS PRODUCED BY THE TELEVISION DIVISION OF RTHK, WILL INCLUDE OPERAS AS WELL AS SINGING AND DANCE PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES AND STUDENTS FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS. THE PROGRAMME WILL BE RECORDED AND TELECAST ON TVB JADE CHANNEL ON SUNDAY (MARCH 6) FROM 8.35 TO 9.35 PM. THE SHOW IS EXPECTED TO ATTRACT MORE THAN 2.5 MILLION VIEWERS.

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THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TWO OTHER LARGE-SCALE EVENTS:

* AN ANTI-NARCOTICS EXHIBITION WITH AN ICE-SKATING SHOW -- +THE DANCE OF NEW LIFE+ -- IN CITY PLAZA, TAI KOO SHING ON MARCH 13, AND

* A CARNIVAL AT VICTORIA PARK ON MARCH 20, FEATURING VARIOUS SPORTS EVENTS AND TELEMATCH GAMES.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL END WITH A POP CONCERT ON MARCH 28.

OTHER EVENTS WILL BE ORGANISED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE DISTRICT. THEY WILL INCLUDE TALKS TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, SEMINARS AND ACTIVITIES IN YOUTH CENTRES, FREE MOVIE SHOWS, AND VISITS TO SHEK KWU CHAU TREATMENT CENTRE AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL.

AN ESSAY-WRITING COMPETITION AND A QUIZ CONTEST WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED FOR ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT, TOGETHER WITH A DRAWING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN.

INTENSIVE BACK-UP PUBLICITY WILL BE STAGED BEFORE AND DURING THE CAMPAIGN THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA AND BY MEANS OF PUBLICITY VAN, POSTERS, BANNERS, STICKERS AND LEAFLETS TO SPREAD THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL COST ABOUT $400 000, WHICH WILL BE COVERED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH.

ALSO SPEAKING AT TODAY'S CONFERENCE WAS MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD MADE A GREAT DEAL OF PROGRESS IN THE ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK BUT THE SUCCESS IN ONE YEAR COULD BE WIPED OUT BY THE BUMPER HARVEST OF OPIUM CROP IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

MR STUMPF SAID IT IS NOW UNIVERSALLY RECOGNISED THAT THE ONLY WAY TO COMBAT THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE IS TO ENGAGE IN EXTENSIVE DRUG EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMMES, DIRECTED TOWARDS THE TOTAL COMMUNITY BUT WITH THE MAIN THRUST TOWARDS YOUNG PEOPLE.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CONFERENCE WERE MR C.M. LEUNG, ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS; MR H.T. LUI, DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN); MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN); AND MR PETER MOK, CHAIRMAN, REHABILITATION OF REFORMED DRUG ADDICTS COMMITTEE, LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH.

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NEW ROAD TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION
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THE SPIRIT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH PROPER CONSULTATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON LOCAL PROBLEMS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+A NEW SLIP ROAD IN SAN PO KONG, OPENED TODAY, IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE THAT A COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES IS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

THE KING HONG STREET, WHICH CONNECTS KING FUK STREET AND THE UP-RAMP OF THE AIR CARGO TERMINAL FLYOVER, WAS OPENED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS (WORKS), MR NICKY CHAN, THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION ADVISER, DR NIP KAM-FUN, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, DR CONRAD LAM, AT A CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON.

THE ROAD WAS DESIGNED TO MINIMISE INTERFERENCE TO THE FAST-MOVING TRAFFIC ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD UNDER THE FLYOVER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WORK ON THE ROAD WAS COMMENCED LAST APRIL AND COMPLETED EARLY THIS MONTH.

HE SAID SERIOUS TRAFFIC CONGESTION HAD BEEN EXPERIENCED IN THE DISTRICT FOR YEARS.

IN JULY 1981, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TOOK UP THE ISSUE AND URGED THE GOVERNMENT FOR A SOLUTION.

SEVERAL PROPOSALS WERE PUT FORWARD, ONE OF WHICH WAS TO CONSTRUCT AN EXIT ROAD FROM SZE MEI STREET INTO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, HE SAID.

AN IN-DEPTH STUDY WAS CONDUCTED BY VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS BUT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED DOWN ON GROUNDS OF SAFETY, SUCH AS VISIBILITY COULD BE OBSTRUCTED BY THE COLUMNS OF THE FLYOVER LEADING TO THE AIRPORT, HE ADDED.

OTHER PROPOSALS WERE RAISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AND EVENTUALLY IT WAS AGREED TO BUILD A SLIP ROAD TO DIRECT TRAFFIC FROM KING FUK STREET ONTO THE UP-RAMP OF THE FLYOVER, HE SAID.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR IAN STRACHAN, HIGHWAYS OFFICE OFFICIALS, AND MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND AREA COMMITTEES.

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HELP FOR BLIND VOTERS
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A GUIDANCE NOTE IN BRAILLE HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO HELP BLIND ELECTORS VOTE IN THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WHICH ARE ONLY NINE DAYS AWAY.

COPIES OF THE GUIDANCE NOTE ARE NOW ON DISPLAY AT VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS FOR THE BLIND, PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF ALL URBAN DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT OFFICES.

ON ELECTION DAY -- TUESDAY, MARCH 8 -- COPIES OF THE NOTE WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT POLLING STATIONS WHERE PRESIDING OFFICERS WILL GIVE FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO BLIND VOTERS.

OUTLINING VOTING PROCEDURES FOR THE BLIND, A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT REGISTERED BLIND VOTERS WOULD RECEIVE A POLLING CARD INFORMING THEM OF THE ADDRESS OF THE POLLING STATION AT WHICH THEY COULD VOTE BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM ON MARCH 8.

VOTERS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS.

+AT THE POLLING STATIONS, THEY WILL BE ASSISTED BY ELECTION OFFICIALS WHILE PEOPLE ACCOMPANYING THEM WILL HAVE TO WAIT OUTSIDE,+ HE SAID.

+AFTER VERIFICATION OF THEIR IDENTITY, THE BLIND VOTERS WILL BE GIVEN A BALLOT PAPER AND ESCORTED TO A POLLING BOOTH WHERE THE PRESIDING OFFICER WILL MARK THE BALLOT PAPER ON THEIR BEHALF ACCORDING TO THEIR INSTRUCTION, FOLD IT AND PUT IT INTO THE BALLOT BOX, THUS COMPLETING THE VOTING PROCEDURES.

+THE PRESIDING OFFICER WILL KEEP ALL INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT VOTERS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO TALK TO ANYBODY EXCEPT THE PRESIDING OFFICER OR HIS STAFF WHILE INSIDE POLLING STATIONS, AND THAT THEY COULD VOTE FOR ONLY ONE CANDIDATE.

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PROPOSALS FOR ALTERATION OF THE VALUATION LIST

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THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT ANY PERSON WHO DISAGREES WITH THE INCLUSION OR OMISSION OF A TENEMENT FROM A VALUATION LIST, OR THE RATEABLE VALUE ASSESSED, MAY DURING MARCH SERVE ON THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LIST FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING APRIL 1, 1983.

FORMS FOR THIS PURPOSE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 500, HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG AND ALSO FROM DISTRICT OFFICES. SUCH PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM TOMORROW (MARCH 1) UNTIL MARCH 31.

A NOTICE OF THIS IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

COMMENTING ON THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE RATEABLE VALUES IN THE LIST HAVE NOT BEEN CHANGED SINCE 1977 EXCEPT DUE TO ALTERATIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE PROPERTY OR AS A RESULT OF A PREVIOUS PROPOSAL OR APPEAL. HE ADDED THAT PERSONS DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR ASSESSMENTS AND INTENDING TO LODGE A PROPOSAL SHOULD FIRST GET IN TOUCH WITH THE VALUER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AREA IN WHICH THE PREMISES ARE SITUATED, WHEN ASSISTANCE WILL GLADLY BE GIVEN.

HE EMPHASISED THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LODGING OF A PROPOSAL OR AN APPEAL, RATES MUST BE PAID BY THE DUE DATE. IN THE CASE OF RATE DEMANDS FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1983, THIS MEANS THAT PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY THE END OF APRIL.

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EASTERN DB MEMBERS TO MEET RESIDENTS

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL LAUNCH A MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME NEXT MONTH TO STRENGTHEN THE CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE RESIDENTS AND BOARD MEMBERS.

STARTING FROM MARCH 11, TWO UNOFFICIALS WILL BE ON DUTY AT ONE OF THE FOUR EASTERN DISTRICT'S SUB-OFFICES EVERY FRIDAY FROM 7.30 PM TO 9.30 PM TO MEET LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THE OFFICES ARE AT CAUSEWAY BAY, SHAU KEI WAN, CHAI WAN AND NORTH POINT.

RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO SEEK ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATING TO GOVERNMENT SERVICES, EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON DISTRICT PROBLEMS AND GIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT ARE WELCOMED TO MAKE USE OF THE SCHEME.

THEY SHOULD MAKE APPOINTMENT WITH THE OFFICES IN PERSON OR TELEPHONE 5-630181 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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NOTIFICATION OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (MONDAY) TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT IF AN EMPLOYEE IS INJURED AT WORK AND GIVEN SICK LEAVE BY A DOCTOR FOR MORE THAN THREE DAYS, THE EMPLOYER SHOULD NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF THE ACCIDENT.

THE EMPLOYER SHOULD DO SO WHETHER OR NOT THE ACCIDENT GIVES RISE TO ANY LIABILITY TO PAY COMPENSATION.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO, WITHOUT REASONABLE EXCUSE, FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION, IS LIABLE ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF $1 000.

THE SPOKESMAN WAS COMMENTING ON A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS FINED $1 000 FOR FAILING TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF AN OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENT.

IN THE ACCIDENT, A WORKER WAS INJURED IN A FALL AT A CONSTRUCTION SITE ON JULY 16, LAST YEAR.

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MONEY FOR RECREATION PROJECTS

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MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ARE EXPECTED TO COME ON STREAM THIS YEAR, THROUGH GRANTS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

SIX ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN GRANTS TOTALLING ABOUT $2 MILLION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR SETTING UP OF FACILITIES FOR YOUTH RECREATION IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG.

GRANTS FOR THIS SCHEME STARTED IN 1980 WITH A DONATION OF $1 MILLION, FOLLOWED WITH AN EQUAL AMOUNT IN 1981 AND ANOTHER $1.5 MILLION IN 1982.

RECEIVING THE BIGGEST SLICE OF THE 1982 DONATION IS THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, WHICH HAS BEEN ALLOCATED $830 000, FOR RECONSTRUCTING A CAMP AT THE STANLEY OUTDOOR ACTIVITY CENTRE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE (NORTH) RECEIVED OVER $360 000 TO BUILD A RECREATIONAL GROUND AT DILL'S CORNER IN KWU TUNG.

A GRANT OF $300 000 WENT TO DISTRICT OFFICE (ISLANDS) FOR THE RENOVATION OF A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AT TUNG WAN BEACH IN CHEUNG CHAU.

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE CLUB'S ANNUAL DONATION ARE VETTED BY THE CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR YOUTH RECREATION, CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

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SEMINAR FOR HONG KONG INDUSTRIALISTS

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HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIALISTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY NEXT MONTH TO OBTAIN ADVICE AT A SEMINAR ON A VARIETY OF SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION. IT AIMS TO PROVOKE INVESTORS' THINKING WHEN MAPPING THEIR INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO HOW THE THREE BODIES COULD ASSIST THEM IN MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE 80'S.

IT WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 17 AT THE HOLIDAY INN HOTEL (GOLDEN MILE) STARTING AT 2 PM.

THE SUBJECTS COVERED WILL INCLUDE AN OUTLINE OF PRESENT AND FUTURE TRENDS IN THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, DIVERSIFICATION OF PRODUCTS, INVOLVEMENT IN JOINT VENTURES, QUALIFICATIONS FOR SITES OR PRE-BUILT FACTORIES IN THE TAI PO AND YUEN LONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, AND HOW TO OBTAIN DETAILS OF NEW TECHNOLOGY.

IT WILL BE CHAIRED BY MR S.K. CHAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HKPC. SPEAKERS WILL BE: DR EDMUND CHAN, PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, ELECTRONICS SERVICES DIVISION, HKPC;MR DAVID CHEUNG, PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT, INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT; AND MR P.K. WONG, COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR, HKIEC.

PERSONS WISHING TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR SHOULD TELEPHONE 3-7222434.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE SEMINAR ON ELECTRONICS WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM ON MARCH 17 AT TOPAZ ROOM, HOLIDAY INN HOTEL (GOLDEN MILE). YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SEMINAR FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL ART TEACHERS

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PRIMARY SCHOOL ART AND CRAFT TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON THE TEACHING OF PAINTING ON MARCH 30 AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN SASSOON ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE AND WILL FEATURE TALKS ON ART AND CHILDREN'S PAINTING AND EXTENDING TECHNIQUES IN CHILDREN'S PAINTING.

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE A PAINTER, MR WONG CHEUNG; A LECTURER FROM GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, MR CHRISTOPHER FAN AND AN INSPECTOR FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE, MR KWOK CHIU-LEUNG.

AS SEATING CAPACITY IS LIMITED, SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE ONLY ONE TEACHER FROM EACH SCHOOL, NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE INSPECTOR (ART), ART SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, 5/F, NORTH POINT ON OR BEFORE MARCH 9.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SEMINAR SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE INSPECTOR (ART) ON TEL. 5-621006 OR 5-621967.

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MAJOR HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY IN PROGRESS

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THE HOTEL, CATERING AND TOURISM TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY TO ASCERTAIN THE MANPOWER AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES WERE SENT TO SOME 1 190 SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS TWO WEEKS AGO. INTERVIEWERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ARE NOW VISITING THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND, TO HELP IN ANSWERING THEM.

THE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF THEIR EMPLOYEES AND VACANCIES, QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED, COURSES MOST IN DEMAND BY EMPLOYEES AND OTHER RELATED MANPOWER AND TRAINING MATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD, MR LARRY TCHOU, STRESSED THAT INFORMATION COLLECTED IN THE SURVEY WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE SURVEY WILL END ON MARCH 19.

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FIRST DAY COVERS ON SALE TOMORROW

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SPECIALLY DESIGNED FIRST-DAY COVERS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH DAY STAMP ISSUE WILL BE ON SALE AT 50 CENTS EACH AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING THE COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM TOMORROW TILL 5 PM ON MARCH 9, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

FOUR SPECIAL STAMPS WILL BE ISSUED ON COMMONWEALTH DAY, MARCH 14, IN DENOMINATIONS OF 30 CENTS, $1, $1.30 AND $5.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 3) FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, AUSTIN ROAD, CHATHAM ROAD, AUSTIN AVENUE, KIMBERLEY ROAD AND OBSERVATORY ROAD, INCLUDING HILLWOOD ROAD.

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WATER STORAGE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 72.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 421.198 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 241.756 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 41.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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