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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS
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REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN THE URBAN AREAS THIS SEPTEMBER WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 19.

THIS IS ONE OF THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS (URBAN AREAS)(SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ORDER 1982 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDER WAS MADE SPECIALLY FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS AND EXCEPTIONALLY ALTERED THE STATUTORY TIMETABLE FOR REGISTRATION OF ELECTORS.

THIS IS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE ORDINARY TIMETABLE, SET OUT UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, IS GEARED TO HAVING THE DISTRICT BOARD OR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION HELD IN MARCH IN THE ELECTION YEAR, HE EXPLAINED.

THE ORDER SPECIFIES THAT APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION CAN BE MADE BY POST FROM MARCH 19 TO APRIL 30, 1982. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE IN PERSON FROM JUNE 18 TO 28, 1982. A FINAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS WILL THEN BE COMPILED AND PUBLISHED BEFORE AUGUST 6, 1982, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXISTING URBAN COUNCIL ELECTORS WHO ARE RESIDENTS IN THE URBAN AREAS WILL BE REGARDED AS HAVING APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION AND WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFERRED TO THE REGISTER, HE ADDED.

THE ORDER ALSO BRINGS FORWARD THE DATE BY WHICH PEOPLE APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION MUST HAVE REACHED 21 YEARS OF AGE FROM NOVEMBER 30, 1982 TO AUGUST 31, 1982. THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT VOTERS WILL MEET THE FRANCHISE REQUIREMENT WHEN THEY CAST THEIR VOTES IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 GAZETTED
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A NUMBER OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO TIGHTEN UP EXISTING LEGISLATION DEALING WITH NARCOTIC DRUG OFFENCES ARE CONTAINED IN THE DANGEROUS DRUGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1982 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE BILL ARE:

- * TO ALLOW PROSECUTION ACTION TO BE TAKEN AGAINST THOSE PERSONS ENGAGED IN 'DILUTING' OR 'CUTTING' DANGEROUS DRUGS, BY REDEFINING 'MANUFACTURE' OF DANGEROUS DRUGS UNDER THE ORDINANCE;
- * TO ENSURE THAT ANY QUANTITIES OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, HOWEVER SMALL, ARE REGARDED AS DANGEROUS DRUGS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE; AND

- * TO PERMIT A SEARCH OF BODY CAVITIES OF A SUSPECTED DRUG COURIER WITH OR WITHOUT CONSENT AND TO EXTEND THE LEGAL PROTECTION TO A DOCTOR IN CONDUCTING SUCH A SEARCH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION EXPLAINED TODAY THAT 'MANUFACTURE' OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, AS DEFINED UNDER THE EXISTING ORDINANCE, DOES NOT APPLY TO CASES WHERE THERE HAS NOT BEEN A PROCESS OF CHEMICAL MODIFICATION OF ANOTHER SUBSTANCE OR SUBSTANCES INTO A DANGEROUS DRUG AS IN THE CASE OF 'DILUTING' OR 'CUTTING' HEROIN BASE OR ITS SALTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN RECENT YEARS DRUG TRAFFICKERS HAD BEEN IMPORTING INCREASING AMOUNTS OF HEROIN BASE INTO HONG KONG BECAUSE OF ITS HIGHER VALUE BUT LOWER BULK THAN OPIUM OR MORPHINE.

+A FURTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE PREVALENCE OF TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN BASE IS THAT THE PREPARATION OF THE MOST COMMONLY USED SALT OF HEROIN FROM HEROIN BASE IS A QUICKER, SIMPLER AND CLEANER PROCESS THAN THE CUMBERSOME, SMELLY AND OFTEN DANGEROUS METHOD OF MANUFACTURING HEROIN FROM MORPHINE USING ACETYLATED SUBSTANCES, WHICH HAS BEEN USED IN LOCAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORIES IN THE PAST, + HE ADDED.

UNDER THE BILL, THE DEFINITION OF 'MANUFACTURE' OF DANGEROUS DRUGS WILL BE BROADENED TO INCLUDE MAKING, ADULTERATING, PURIFYING, MIXING, SEPARATING OR OTHERWISE TREATING A DANGEROUS DRUG.

+THIS WILL ALLOW A CHARGE OF MANUFACTURE TO BE LAID IN CASES INVOLVING EQUIPMENT AND PARAPHERNALIA REFERABLE ONLY TO THE 'DILUTING' OR 'CUTTING' OF DRUGS, + THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BILL ALSO MAKES IT CLEAR THAT PROSECUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDINANCE CAN BE INSTITUTED IN A CASE INVOLVING A MINUTE QUANTITY OF DANGEROUS DRUG WHETHER OR NOT MEASURABLE OR USABLE.

+WHETHER PROSECUTION ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WHERE ONLY TRACES OF DRUGS ARE FOUND WILL OF COURSE STILL DEPEND ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF INDIVIDUAL CASES, + THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE BILL ALSO SEEKS TO GIVE LEGAL PROTECTION TO A DOCTOR ENGAGED BY THE POLICE OR CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE TO CONDUCT SEARCHES OF BODY CAVITIES OF A SUSPECTED DRUG COURIER.

THE BILL, IF ENACTED, WILL ENABLE A DOCTOR WHO IS A PUBLIC OFFICER, AT THE REQUEST OF A POLICE OFFICER OR A MEMBER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, TO CONDUCT A BODY CAVITY SEARCH, WITH OR WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE SUSPECT AND TO PROTECT THE DOCTOR FROM CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITIES. HOWEVER, IF A FEMALE SUSPECT IS SEARCHED BY A DOCTOR, IT MUST BE CONDUCTED IN THE PRESENCE OF A FEMALE OFFICER.

IN ADDITION, PROVISION WILL ALSO BE MADE FOR THE DETENTION OF SUSPECTED PERSONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUCH SEARCHES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS A GROWING TREND IN DRUG SMUGGLING WHEREBY CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF DRUGS ARE CONCEALED IN BODY CAVITIES OF COURIERS.

SINCE JANUARY 1980, 31 PERSONS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AT KAI TAK AIRPORT WITH DRUGS CONCEALED INSIDE THEIR BODIES.

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EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG GIRLS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS AMENDED EXISTING REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG GIRLS IN ESTABLISHMENTS HOLDING LIQUOR LICENCES.

UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (LIQUOR) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1982 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 18 WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO WORK IN LIQUOR-LICENSED PREMISES, EVEN BETWEEN 6 AM AND 8 PM AS WAS PERMITTED IN THE PAST.

THERE ARE HOWEVER OCCASIONS WHEN FOR EXAMPLE RESTAURANTS OR HOTELS WOULD WANT TO EMPLOY GIRLS OF THIS AGE DURING THE DAY TIME AND THE REGULATIONS ALLOW FOR THIS BY GIVING THE LICENSING AUTHORITIES DISCRETIONARY POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTIONS.

IF APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION IS TURNED DOWN, THE CHANNEL OF APPEAL IS BY WAY OF PETITION TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE ALREADY EMPLOYING GIRLS UNDER 18 HAVE A GRACE PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS FROM TODAY TO APPLY FOR EXEMPTION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS WAS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE IT WOULD GIVE THE AUTHORITIES BETTER CONTROL OVER THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG GIRLS IN LIQUOR-LICENSED PREMISES.

+SUCH CONTROL WILL HELP TO PREVENT THE EXPLOITATION OF YOUNG GIRLS WORKING IN THE LESS REPUTABLE TYPE OF LIQUOR-LICENSED PREMISES,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FS RETURNS ON SUNDAY

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A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY WILL BE ARRANGED AT THE AIRPORT ON SUNDAY FOR PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN TO COVER THE RETURN OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR JOHN BREMRIDGE, AFTER A NINE-DAY VISIT TO CHINA.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER HIS RETURN SHOULD ASSEMBLE IN THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 10 AM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

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SIXTY SITES TO BE SOLD IN NEXT SIX MONTHS

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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO SELL 60 SITES IN THE URBAN AREA AND NEW TERRITORIES IN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS FROM APRIL TO SEPTEMBER.

THE ACTING PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, MR D.M. SCOTT-WILL, TODAY (FRIDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PROVISIONAL SALES FORECAST AND NOTED THAT THE TOTAL AREA OF LAND TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AMOUNTED TO ABOUT 782 800 SQUARE METRES.

IN THE URBAN AREA, ONE SITE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS LOCATED IN VICTORIA BARRACKS, FRONTING QUEENSWAY, WHERE DEVELOPMENT WILL COMPRISE THREE TOWER BLOCKS OVER A PODIUM, WITH AN OPTION TO DEVELOP THE LARGEST OF THE THREE TOWERS AS AN HOTEL.

A SECOND LARGE SITE IS AT 39 AND 40 GLOUCESTER ROAD, TO THE EAST OF THE CHINA FLEET CLUB, WHICH CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF THE POLICE STATION AND NURSES HOSTEL WHICH AT PRESENT OCCUPY THE SITE.

A TOTAL OF FIVE SITES FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE, ALL OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TENDERS WILL BE INVITED FOR A SITE OF ABOUT 40 HECTARES AT SO KWUN WAT, TUEN MUN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MARINA. OF THE TOTAL SITE AREA OF 40 HECTARES, ABOUT 21 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED AFTER RECLAMATION, AND THE BALANCE OF THE AREA WILL BE FOR MOORINGS.

IN SHA TIN, TWO IMPORTANT TOWN CENTRE SITES ARE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE, ONE FOR HOTEL DEVELOPMENT AND THE OTHER FOR OFFICES.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO BE INVITING TENDERS FOR SIX SITES FOR MIDDLE INCOME HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME. TWO OF THESE SITES ARE LOCATED IN CHAI WAN, ONE IN KOWLOON BAY NEXT TO THE KAI YIP ESTATE, ONE IN HAMMER HILL ROAD, KOWLOON, AND ONE EACH IN TAI PO AND YUEN LONG.

MR SCOTT-WILL SAID THAT THE SALES PROGRAMME WAS PROVISIONAL, AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. SALE DATES WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE NORMAL WAY.

COPIES OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 18TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF LOTS CAN BE SEEN AT THE ABOVE ADDRESSES.

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GOVERNMENT KEEN TO SUPPORT SPORTS
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ANXIOUS TO SUPPORT SPORTING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AT ALL LEVELS AND TO ENCOURAGE WIDER PARTICIPATION AND HIGHER STANDARDS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE SAID TODAY.

SPORT IS IMPORTANT IN OUR SOCIETY, BOTH AS A FORM OF RELAXATION AND AS A MEDIUM OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

SIR PHILIP WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION DIVISION I AT WAN CHAI SPORTS GROUND, WHERE HE PRESENTED TROPHIES TO WINNERS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION THIS SEASON.

SOME 11 500 STUDENTS FROM OVER 145 SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITIONS.

SIR PHILIP SAID THE GOVERNMENT PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN BOTH THE PLANNING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SPORTING FACILITIES.

IT WAS INVOLVED IN THE ORGANISATION OF TRAINING CLASSES FOR THE UNINITIATED, THUS GIVING MORE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AN OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY DIFFERENT FORMS OF SPORTING ACTIVITY, AND RECENTLY HAD BECOME HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE TRAINING OF THE TALENTED.

HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN SHA TIN WHICH WAS BUILT WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE JOCKEY CLUB AND THE PROCEEDS OF THE SALE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S LUNAR NEW YEAR GOLD COINS.

+THIS TRAINING COMPLEX, EQUIPPED WITH SOME OF THE BEST FACILITIES TO BE FOUND IN THE WORLD AND STAFFED WITH A NUMBER OF HIGHLY QUALIFIED COACHING STAFF, WILL PROVIDE ALL OUR BUDDING SPORTSMEN WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO REACH THEIR FULLEST ATHLETIC POTENTIAL,+ HE SAID.

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HARBOUR LITTERBUGS WARNED
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FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY), STAFF OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL JOIN HONG KONG YAUMATEI FERRY STAFF ON BOARD HYF FERRIES TO CATCH PEOPLE WHO DISCARD RUBBISH INTO THE HARBOUR.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WARNED TODAY THAT PEOPLE CAUGHT DISCARDING RUBBISH WOULD BE PROSECUTED UNDER THE RECENTLY-INTRODUCED AMENDMENT TO THE SUMMARY OFFENCES ORDINANCE, WHICH SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITS LITTERING THE WATERS OF HONG KONG.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE IS A FINE OF \$5 000 AND SIX-MONTH IMPRISONMENT.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN RECREATION AND CULTURE

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THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT HAS EMBARKED ON AN AMBITIOUS AND COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN A WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL PURSUITS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

HE SAID THE TASK IS AN EXCITING AND REWARDING ONE FOR THERE IS INTEREST AND TALENT WHICH, ONCE AWAKENED AND DEVELOPED, CAN PROVIDE ENJOYMENT AND PLEASURE BOTH TO THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.

SPEAKING AT A JOINT LUNCHEON OF THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG (HOST) AND THE KOWLOON LIONS' CLUB, MR WIGGHAM ALSO EXPLAINED THE AIMS AND ROLES OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT (RCD) WHICH WAS CREATED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AFTER +SEVERAL YEARS OF GESTATION.+

+NEW DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT OFTEN CREATED. THEY ARE CERTAINLY NOT CREATED TO DUPLICATE THE WORK ALREADY BEING DONE ADEQUATELY ELSEWHERE,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID. +THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS HERE TO MEET A NEED. IT HAS WORK TO DO.+

MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE BIRTH OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT, MANY PEOPLE WRONGLY THOUGHT HE WORKED FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL.

HE SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS A STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITY TO +MANAGE+ RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC USE - MOST OF THEM BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THEN HANDED OVER TO BE RUN BY THE COUNCIL - THROUGH ITS EXECUTIVE ARM, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION, HE CONTINUED, THE COUNCIL IS EMPOWERED TO PROVIDE +SPECTATOR ACTIVITIES+ SUCH AS CULTURAL PERFORMANCES IN THE CITY HALL OR SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND DISPLAYS IN THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM.

+IN OTHER WORDS THE URBAN COUNCIL IS FACILITY-ORIENTED AND IS CONCERNED WITH PROVIDING AND MANAGING FACILITIES; PRESENTING PERFORMANCES IN THEM, AND ENCOURAGING THE PUBLIC TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE FACILITIES,+ HE ELABORATED.

THE PRIME CONCERN OF THE RCD, HE SAID, IS THE PEOPLE WHO USE FACILITIES RUN BY THE UC.

+WE ARE MORE PEOPLE-ORIENTED. WHAT WE ARE INVOLVED IN, THROUGH THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS), A DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT, IS ORGANISING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE,+ HE EMPHASISED.

THE RSS PROMOTES PHYSICAL RECREATION AND SPORTS IN THE COMMUNITY, THROUGH A NETWORK OF 19 DISTRICT OFFICES, WHERE PROFESSIONAL STAFF RUN COURSES OF INSTRUCTION AND TRAINING TO INTRODUCE PEOPLE TO A PARTICULAR SPORTING ACTIVITY.

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IF AN INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPS AN INTEREST OR IS TALENTED, HE CAN BE CHANNELLED TO ONE OF THE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS OR THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE FOR FURTHER TRAINING.

MR WIGGHAM SAID PASTIMES SUCH AS ARCHERY, ICE-SKATING, EXCURSION, DANCE, TAI-CHI, FITNESS CLASSES AND FUN DAYS FOR BOTH YOUNGSTERS AND ELDERLIES ATTRACTED 530 000 PEOPLE LAST YEAR. THESE PEOPLE ATTENDED MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION SESSIONS, SOME OF WHICH WERE HELD IN A NUMBER OF SMALL-SIZED FACILITIES RUN BY THE RSS.

ONE OF THE FACILITIES, A GYMNASIUM IN SPORTS ROAD FITTED OUT WITH FUNDS DONATED BY THE CITY LIONS' CLUB, IS EXTREMELY POPULAR, BEING PATRONISED BY MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE DAILY.

+WE NEED MORE FACILITIES LIKE THESE - PLACES WHERE THE RSS CAN CARRY OUT ITS TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND ITS FUN DAYS, WHERE YOUNG AND OLD TRY THEIR HAND AT NEW SPORTS,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+WE ARE NOT COMPETING WITH LARGE DISTRICT FACILITIES,+ HE ADDED, +BUT SMALL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES FOR OUR TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND ORGANISED COURSES HELP TO RELIEVE PRESSURE ON OTHER HEAVILY USED FACILITIES, AND MAY ENABLE US TO TRAIN UP A GENERATION OF SPORTSMEN OF TOMORROW.+

TURNING TO THE +CULTURAL+ SIDE OF HIS TITLE, MR WIGGHAM SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAS TWO OTHER DIVISIONS WHICH HANDLE MATTERS PERTAINING TO CULTURE: THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION.

THE MO'S AIMS ARE TO RUN A FULL SCALE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING PROGRAMME; TO PROMOTE INTEREST AND STANDARD OF MUSIC, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION AND TO ASSIST THE ORGANISING OF MUSIC ACTIVITIES IN ALL DISTRICTS.

+IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE AIMS, THE OFFICE RUNS OVER 500 INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING CLASSES, IN BOTH WESTERN AND CHINESE INSTRUMENTS, FOR OVER 2 500 STUDENTS,+ THE COMMISSIONER SAID.

+COURSES FOR AURAL TRAINING, THEORY AND MUSIC APPRECIATION ARE ALSO RUN AT OUR FOUR MUSIC CENTRES, AND MORE NEW CLASSES WILL BE OPENED DURING 1982 TO GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS TO BEGIN THEIR MUSICAL TRAINING.

+THREE MORE CENTRES WILL BE OPENED BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. EVEN AT THIS STAGE OF OUR GROWTH, WE MANAGE AND TRAIN 23 ORCHESTRAS, BANDS, INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS AND YOUTH CHOIRS,+ HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO INVOLVED IN ORGANISING CONCERTS AT FACTORIES, SCHOOLS, PUBLIC PARKS, COMMUNITY HALLS AND HOSPITALS, HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM STRESSED THAT IN BOTH RECREATION AND CULTURE THE DEPARTMENT'S ACTIVITIES ARE COMPLEMENTARY TO THOSE PROVIDED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IN THE PURSUIT OF +EDUCATION+ AND +TRAINING+ AS OPPOSED TO THE UC'S ROLE OF PRESENTING PERFORMANCES, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ESTABLISHED THE PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION WHOSE TASK IS TO OFFER SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE (MAINLY FINANCIAL) TO OTHER, NON-GOVERNMENT GROUPS.

CURRENTLY RECEIVING ASSISTANCE FROM THIS DIVISION ARE THE PHILHARMONIC AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL.

+WE HAVE RECENTLY AGREED TO ASSIST SUCH GROUPS AS THE BALLET ACADEMY AND THE CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC AND THE CHUNG YING THEATRE, EACH CONCERNED IN ITS OWN FIELD WITH THE TRAINING OF YOUNG TALENT, AND ALSO THE 'EDUCATION' OF THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

+A DEVELOPMENT OF THAT INTEREST — A VERY AMBITIOUS AND LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT — IS THE GOVERNMENT'S AGREEMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB ON THE POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, THE ARCHITECTURAL CONCEPT FOR WHICH WAS UNVEILED ONLY LAST WEEK.

+FINAL DECISIONS HAVE YET TO BE TAKEN, BUT ALL BEING WELL WE COULD HAVE IN HONG KONG BY THE LATE 80'S A CENTRE FOR TRAINING IN THE PERFORMING ARTS WHICH WILL ESTABLISH HONG KONG AS A NATURAL WORLD FOCAL-POINT OF CULTURAL CROSS-FERTILISATION — A LINK BETWEEN THE CULTURES OF EAST AND WEST WITH GRADUATES FROM OUR ACADEMY NOT ONLY FILLING POSITIONS IN OUR PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING GROUPS, BUT ALSO APPEARING IN CONCERT HALLS AND THEATRES AROUND THE WORLD,+ MR WIGGHAM ADDED.

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, WHICH HAS HAD ITS FIRST MEETING RECENTLY, IS, LIKE ITS COUNTERPART THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, TO ADVISE AND DIRECT THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

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NEW NAMES MORE APPROPRIATE,
SAYS COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES
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THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR POSTS WITHIN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE FOLLOWING THE CHANGE OF NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER SAID AT THE PRESENTATION OF CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL HELD TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

ADDRESSING THE OFFICERS ON PARADE AT THE CEREMONY, MR GARNER POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S NEW NAME IS MORE RELEVANT IN RESPECT OF ITS NATURE OF WORK. +IT DESCRIBES MORE FULLY THE ROLE THE DEPARTMENT PLAYS NOT ONLY IN CARE AND CUSTODY BUT ALSO IN PROGRAMMES AIMED AT CORRECTING OFFENDER BEHAVIOUR,+ HE SAID.

ON YOUNG OFFENDERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 21, MR GARNER REVEALED THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF YOUNG PERSONS IN INSTITUTIONS IN 1981, BEING 22 PER CENT MORE THAN 1980. HE SAID, HOWEVER, IT IS HEARTENING TO NOTE THAT THE HANDLING OF THIS CATEGORY OF OFFENDERS IS PROVING SUCCESSFUL.

+THE SUCCESS OF THE DETENTION PROGRAMME IS ALL TOO WELL-KNOWN AND AS A RESULT OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TRAINING CENTRE PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN INCREASING THE SUCCESS RATE FROM 53 PER CENT TO 62 PER CENT WHICH IS DETERMINED AT THE END OF THE THREE-YEAR AFTERCARE SUPERVISION PERIOD.+

HE ALSO MENTIONED THE INCREASING ROLE THAT WOMEN ARE PLAYING IN THE SERVICE.

+TODAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT FEMALE PRISONERS ONLY ACCOUNT FOR 3.5 PER CENT OF THE PENAL POPULATION, THE PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN IN THE SERVICE IS NOW SOME 13.5 PER CENT,+ HE SAID.

+THEY DO MUCH VALUABLE WORK IN VISIT ROOMS ASSISTING WIVES AND CHILDREN OF PRISONERS DURING VISITS, IN AFTERCARE UNITS, IN CONTROL CENTRES AND IN ADMINISTRATION.+

TURNING TO PRISON INDUSTRIES, MR GARNER SAID THAT IT WAS MOST ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THE IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE IN THE GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT OF PRISON LABOUR WHICH NOW SERVES THE COMMUNITY IN A VARIETY OF WAYS. PRISON INDUSTRIES PROVIDED GOODS AND SERVICES AMOUNTING TO SOME \$47.5 MILLION IN 1981, HE ADDED.

THIS INCLUDES THE MANUFACTURING OF TRAFFIC SIGNS, MAKING CONCRETE KERBSTONES, MAINTENANCE OF THE BORDER FENCES, THE MANUFACTURING OF SHOES, UNIFORMS AND LAUNDERING, PARTICULARLY FOR HOSPITALS.

+THE DEPARTMENT NOW UNDERTAKES WORK FOR MOST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

IN TODAY'S CEREMONY, MR GARNER PRESENTED FIRST AND SECOND CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL TO 20 OFFICERS FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE.

THE RECIPIENTS, INCLUDING THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, HAVE TOGETHER SERVED 526 YEARS WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

ON PARADE WERE 205 CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS IN SEVEN CONTINGENTS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDED BY THE PRINCIPAL OF THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, MR JOHN ASHWORTH.

OF THEM, 57 WERE NEW RECRUITS WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED THEIR SIX MONTHS' BASIC TRAINING.

THE GIRL PIPERS AND MARCHING TEAM OF THE TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION GAVE PERFORMANCES AT THE CEREMONY WHILE THE BAND OF CAPE COLLINSON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION PROVIDED MUSIC THROUGHOUT THE EVENT.

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LOSS OF VEGETABLE LAND TO DEVELOPMENT

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LAND UNDER VEGETABLE CULTIVATION IS BEING LOST TO DEVELOPMENT AT AN ALARMING RATE, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN, SAID THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE SAID THAT DURING THE PAST 10 YEARS MORE THAN 1 000 HECTARES OF VEGETABLE LAND WERE LOST.

AND LAST YEAR ALONE, 260 HECTARES OR NINE PER CENT OF ALL THE LAND UNDER VEGETABLE CULTIVATION WERE LOST.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN WAS SPEAKING AT AN INAUGURATION DINNER OF THE 30TH TERM COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION OF VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVES SOCIETIES.

ONE OF THE GREATEST PROBLEMS FACING THE INDUSTRY WAS THE INCREASING ALIENATION OF LAND SUITABLE FOR VEGETABLE PRODUCTION, HE SAID.

+UNDER HONG KONG CONDITIONS, SUCH LOSS OF LAND IS INEVITABLE, BUT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO COUNTERACT THE EFFECT OF THIS LOSS BY ENSURING THAT WHEREVER POSSIBLE PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND IS NOT ALIENATED UNLESS THERE IS NO POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT OVER THE PAST 30 YEARS, THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD CHANGED FROM A QUIET RURAL HINTERLAND FOR A CITY OF SOME 2 000 000 PEOPLE TO A BUSY, BUSTLING SUBURBAN AREA WITH MODERN NEW TOWNS OFFERING NEW HOMES TO AN EVER-EXPANDING MASSIVE URBAN POPULATION OF 5 250 000.

+THE EFFECT OF THIS CHANGE ON THE RURAL SCENE HAS BEEN IMMENSE AND HAS BEEN MOST MARKED IN THE REPLACEMENT OF EXTENSIVE RICE CULTIVATION WITH VEGETABLE PRODUCTION OF EVER-INCREASING INTENSITY,+ MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID.

IN 1952 THE NEW TERRITORIES PRODUCED NEARLY 30 000 METRIC TONS OF RICE WHEREAS LAST YEAR ONLY 30 METRIC TONS WERE PRODUCED.

DURING THIS PERIOD, VEGETABLE PRODUCTION ROSE FROM 46 000 METRIC TONS TO 180 000 METRIC TONS, OR ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL FRESH VEGETABLE NEEDS.

MR RIDDELL-SWAN CALLED FOR A CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO BRING BACK INTO CULTIVATION ALL LAND SUITABLE FOR AGRICULTURE WHICH IS NOW LYING FALLOW.

HE ASKED THE FARMERS TO STRIVE FOR EVER-INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY FROM THE LAND AVAILABLE THROUGH THE USE OF THE MOST MODERN TECHNIQUES WITH UP-TO-DATE EQUIPMENT AND BY ADOPTING THE MOST EFFICIENT AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID, CONTINUED TO PROVIDE FARMERS WITH TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TOGETHER WITH LOANS AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FROM THE FUNDS IT ADMINISTERS.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE VEGETABLE INDUSTRY OVER THE YEARS BENEFITED FROM THE EFFORTS OF THE FEDERATION WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT, HE ADDED.

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CLOSURE OF BLACK'S LINK

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BLACK'S LINK WILL BE CLOSED TO WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM 7 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 15), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT AS THE ESSENTIAL CABLE LAYING WORKS IN UPPER BLACK'S LINK HAS EXTENDED DOWN TO THE DEEP WATER BAY ROAD JUNCTION, IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE ROAD AGAIN AT SHORT NOTICE AS EARLIER STATED.

FOR THE SAME REASON, HE SAID, THE SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN NAM FUNG ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE NO. 8 WOULD BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 17).

FOLLOWING THE TEMPORARY ONE-WAY TRAFFIC SYSTEM, SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ON WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROAD HEADING TOWARDS THE WONG CHUK HANG AREA WILL BE DIVERTED VIA REPULSE BAY ROAD AND ISLAND ROAD.

ANOTHER SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN WONG NAI CHUNG GAP ROUNDABOUT AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO HOUSE NO. 5 WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS.

THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE EXPECTED TO LAST FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

MEANWHILE, AS ROAD WORKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE SECTION OF ISLAND ROAD BETWEEN DEEP WATER BAY ROAD AND SHOUSON HILL ROAD, DRIVERS OF ARTICULATED VEHICLES WISHING TO GO TO WONG CHUK HANG AND ABERDEEN ARE ADVISED TO USE POK FU LAM ROAD OR THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

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HONG KONG PORT MORE ACTIVE
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HONG KONG'S PORT FIGURES ONCE AGAIN SHOW AN INCREASE IN REAL TERMS IN ALL SPHERES OF THE PORT'S ACTIVITIES IN 1981 WHEN COMPARED WITH THOSE OF 1980.

A TOTAL OF 10 667 OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERED THE PORT DURING 1981 AND THEY DISCHARGED AND LOADED A TOTAL OF 31.9 MILLION TONNES OF CARGO WHICH IS A 4.2 PER CENT INCREASE ON 1980. OF THIS 6.97 MILLION TONNES CONSISTED OF FUEL OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS.

KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL THROUGHPUT WAS 1.560 MILLION T.E.U.S; AN INCREASE OF 6.5 PER CENT ON THE 1980 THROUGHPUT OF 1.465 MILLION T.E.U.S; WITH SOME 52.4 PER CENT OF ALL GENERAL CARGO HANDLED IN TERMS OF WEIGHT BEING CONTAINERISED. TRANSHIPMENT T.E.U.S ACCOUNTED FOR 31.5 PER CENT OR 0.492 MILLION T.E.U.S OF THE TOTAL THROUGHPUT WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF 2.9 PER CENT ON 1980.

THERE WAS AGAIN A MARKED INCREASE IN THE RIVER TRADE DURING 1981 WITH 103 525 VESSELS HAVING ENTERED AND CLEARED, A 14.8 PER CENT INCREASE ON 1980. THESE VESSELS DISCHARGED AND LOADED 3.65 MILLION TONNES OF CARGO, A 22.7 PER CENT INCREASE ON 1980, AND A TOTAL OF 7.71 MILLION PASSENGERS TRAVELLED TO AND FROM MACAU, COMPARED WITH 7 MILLION IN 1980; AN INCREASE OF 10.26 PER CENT.

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SEMINAR ON TEACHING ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE
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A SEMINAR ON THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH AS A SECOND/FOREIGN LANGUAGE WILL BE HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON MARCH 25 FOR ALL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH.

PROFESSOR J. SINCLAIR, UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, HAS BEEN INVITED TO TALK ON +AN ANALYSIS OF TEACHER/STUDENT RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN THE CLASSROOM -- WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM IT?+

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON ON MARCH 25 AT THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A, BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

ALL NOMINATIONS FROM HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE ON 5-482537.

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CAS TAI PO UNIT PARADE ON SUNDAY
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SIXTY CIVIL AID SERVICES RECRUITS AND CADETS FROM THE TAI PO UNIT WILL TAKE PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE ON SUNDAY (MARCH 14) AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO AT 11 AM.

IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME SUCH A CEREMONY IS HELD IN THE DISTRICT FOR CIVIL AID SERVICES RECRUITS AND CADETS AND WILL BE PART OF THE 30TH-YEAR CELEBRATIONS OF THE CAS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR WONG YUEN-CHEUNG, WILL INSPECT AND ADDRESS THE PARADE, AND PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO THE BEST RECRUITS.

THE RECRUITS HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED A 56-HOUR BASIC TRAINING COURSE WHICH INCLUDED FOOT DRILL, FIRST AID, COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT, FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE FIGHTING, LIGHT RESCUE, AND TYPHOON AND EMERGENCY DUTIES.

THE CAS TAI PO UNIT IS ONE OF THE FIRST UNITS ESTABLISHED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HAS AN EXCELLENT RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OVER THE PAST 21 YEARS.

A CAS SPOKESMAN SAID THE TAI PO UNIT HAS SHOWN HIGH MORALE IN OVERCOMING ANY DISASTER OR EMERGENCY IN THE DISTRICT. IT ALSO HAS A GOOD RECORD OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND HAS DONE WELL IN SWIMMING, ATHLETICS, AND DRAGON BOAT RACES HELD BY THE CAS.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO LOCAL YOUTHS BETWEEN 12 AND 15 YEARS OF AGE TO JOIN THE CAS CADET CORPS TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME BY PARTICIPATING IN AND ENJOYING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE CAS, AND BY PERFORMING NON-HAZARDOUS OPERATIONAL DUTIES.

+THE CORPS IS AIMED AT PRODUCING HEALTHY AND CIVIC-MINDED YOUTHS MOTIVATED TO BE OF USE TO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

THE CAS TAI PO UNIT IS SITUATED AT THE NEW TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES. IT IS NOW TRAINING VOLUNTEERS LIVING IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI WHO WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER HELP WHEN A NEW UNIT OPENS THERE LATER IN THE YEAR.

AT THE PARADE ON SUNDAY, THE CAS CADET BICYCLE TEAM AND CAS MOTORCYCLE DESPATCH RIDING TEAM WILL PUT ON DEMONSTRATIONS AND THE THE CAS BAND WILL PERFORM DURING AND AFTER THE PARADE.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PARADE OF CAS RECRUITS AND CADETS WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 11 AM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 14) AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO.

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WAN CHAI DB MEMBERS AMONG FIRST THROUGH ABERDEEN TUNNEL
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MEMBERS OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WERE AMONG THE FIRST USERS OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WHICH PARTIALLY OPENED TO TRAFFIC THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING. THEY TRAVELLED THROUGH THE TUNNEL MINUTES AFTER IT OPENED AT 10 AM. LATER THEY VISITED THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING OF THE TUNNEL AND WERE BRIEFED BY MR F.W. MAY, CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER (ROAD TUNNELS) ON HOW THE TUNNEL SYSTEM OPERATES.

MR CLARK, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, COMMENTED THAT THE OPENING OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WOULD HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPLICATION ON TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN WAN CHAI.

+THE TUNNEL GREATLY FACILITATES THE JOURNEY BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND WAN CHAI AND NO DOUBT, WILL RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN BOTH DISTRICTS. IT WILL INEVITABLY BRING ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC TO PARTS OF WAN CHAI AND THE DISTRICT BOARD CAN BE EXPECTED TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE SITUATION,+ HE SAID.

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ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL
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MARCH WILL BE A MONTH OF WESTERN INSTRUMENTALS AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE LIM KEK-HAN CONCERT ORCHESTRA, FEATURING THE WELL KNOWN CELLIST LIM KEK-BENG, WILL GIVE A CONCERT ON MARCH 21 AT THE TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM AT 7.30 PM.

BORN IN INDONESIA, LIM KEK-BENG BEGAN HIS MUSIC STUDY AT THE AMSTERDAM CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC WHERE HE WORKED UNDER SUCH FAMOUS DUTCH CELLISTS AS PIET LENTZ, KAREL VON LEEUWEN-BOOMKAMP AND TIBOR DE MACHULA.

HE REFINED HIS ART AT THE FRENCH NATIONAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC IN PARIS UNDER ANDRE NAVARRA AND PERFORMED IN A CONCERT FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH OF BELGIUM AND RECEIVED HIGH ACCLAIM. HE HAD ALSO GIVEN CONCERTS IN CHINA AND CONDUCTED CELLO COURSES AT THE CENTRAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC IN PEKING.

PROGRAMMES INCLUDE CARMEN FINALE BY G. BIZET, DANCE OF THE YAO PEOPLE BY MAO JEUN, VIOLIN CONCERTO FOR VIOLIN AND ORCHESTRA BY MAX BRUCH, CONCERTO FOR CELLO AND ORCHESTRA BY J. HAYDN, SUITE NO. 2 OF G. BIZET.

THE CONCERT WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS OFFICE OF THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TICKETS AT \$5, \$10, \$15 ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BOX OFFICE AND THE NT MOBILE LIBRARY.

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MONG KOK BOARD MEMBERS STUDY DISTRICT PROBLEMS

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TWENTY MEMBERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING TOURED MONG KOK AND TAI KOK TSUI TO GET A FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION OF THE COMMON PROBLEMS OF THE DISTRICT AND THE WORK DONE BY ITS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR WILFRED WONG, THE MEMBERS WENT UP THE ROOF-TOP OF A BUILDING TO HAVE A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF A SITE LOCATED AT THE CENTRE OF TAI KOK TSUI.

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ARE INTERESTED IN TURNING THIS SITE, WHICH MEASURES ABOUT 6 900 SQUARE METRES, INTO EITHER AN OPEN SPACE OR A MARKET-AND-OPEN SPACE TO MAKE UP FOR THE LACK OF SUCH FACILITIES IN THIS AREA.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO THE AREA AROUND BEECH STREET WHERE THEY LOOKED AT TWO MORE SITES, ONE FOR A TEMPORARY LORRY PARKING AREA AND THE OTHER DESIGNATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPORTS AND RECREATION CENTRE BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SPORTS, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

MEMBERS ALSO VISITED AN ON-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT THE JUNCTION OF KAM LAM STREET AND SOY STREET AND WENT TO REAR LANES WHERE CLEARANCES HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT TO REMOVE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES. THEY ALSO VISITED TWO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

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NORTH DISTRICT CLEAN-UP DRIVE A SUCCESS

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VILLAGERS AND TOWN FOLKS OF NORTH DISTRICT, NT, WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) URGED TO KEEP UP THEIR EFFORT IN MAINTAINING GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE TO MAKE THEIR SURROUNDINGS A PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE IN.

THE ADVICE CAME FROM MR CHEUNG KUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR THE COMPETITIONS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

MR CHEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND TO MARK THE SUCCESS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT CLEAN BUILDING AND CLEAN VILLAGE COMPETITIONS.

PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THE COMPETITIONS WAS VERY ENCOURAGING, MR CHEUNG SAID, ADDING THAT RESIDENTS SHOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE TO MAKE THE CAMPAIGN A SUCCESS.

AS A GESTURE OF APPRECIATION, MR CHEUNG PRESENTED SOUVENIR BANNERS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WINNING TEAMS OF THE 11 MULTI-STORY BUILDINGS AND SEVEN VILLAGES WHICH TOOK PART IN THE COMPETITIONS.

ALSO PRESENT TODAY WERE THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF NORTH, MR DAVID WILMSHURST, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF NORTH, MR LAW WAI-MING.

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REMINDER ON EMPLOYING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (FRIDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS NOT TO EMPLOY VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO HAVE BEEN PROHIBITED FROM TAKING EMPLOYMENT BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

HE ALSO ADVISED THOSE ALREADY EMPLOYING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TO CHECK THEIR REFUGEE CARDS WHENEVER WAGES ARE PAID TO ENSURE THAT THEY REMAIN LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT A FACTORY PROPRIETOR WAS FINED \$5 000 AT KWUN TONG COURT RECENTLY FOR EMPLOYING A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE PROHIBITED FROM TAKING EMPLOYMENT BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT.

NOTING THAT THE OFFENCE WAS A SERIOUS ONE, THE MAGISTRATE SAID THE MAXIMUM PENALTY WAS \$50 000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT, AND WARNED THAT THE DEFENDANT COULD BE SENT TO JAIL IF HE COMMITTED THE SAME OFFENCE AGAIN.

ACCORDING TO THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1981, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED, A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE IS LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE ONLY IF HIS OR HER REFUGEE CARD DOES NOT PROHIBIT HIM OR HER FROM TAKING EMPLOYMENT.

THE ORDINANCE ALSO REQUIRES AN EMPLOYER TO CHECK THE REFUGEE CARDS OF HIS VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES WHENEVER WAGES ARE PAID TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY REMAIN LAWFULLY EMPLOYABLE.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER REMINDED EMPLOYERS TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CARD AND A CARD ISSUED BY A VIETNAMESE REFUGEES TRANSIT CENTRE.

+THE FORMER IS A CARD OF IDENTITY ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TO A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE WHILE THE LATTER IS NOT. EMPLOYERS SHOULD NOT EMPLOY VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHOSE REFUGEE CARDS HAVE BEEN ENDORSED WITH THE WORDS 'EMPLOYMENT NOT PERMITTED',+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED EMPLOYERS TO CONSULT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IF THEY HAVE ANY DOUBT.

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