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TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS QUARTERLY FIGURES RELEASED

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DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1987/88, THE TRANSPORT COMPLAINTS UNIT (TCU) OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 1,985 COMPLAINTS, AN INCREASE OF 15 PER CENT ON THE FIRST QUARTER.

ACCORDING TO THE TCU REPORT JUST RELEASED, COMPLAINTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES TOTALLED 943 OR 47 PER CENT OF ALL THE COMPLAINTS RECEIVED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW FROM JULY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30. THEY WERE STILL THE LARGEST SINGLE GROUP OF COMPLAINTS HANDLED BY THE UNIT.

REGARDING THE ADEQUACY OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE, 201 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED. PROPOSALS MADE BY THE COMPLAINANTS INCLUDED INCREASING THE EXISTING FREQUENCY OF SERVICE, INTRODUCTION OF NEW ROUTES AND EXTENSION OF EXISTING ROUTES.

THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 129 COMPLAINTS AGAINST BUS SERVICES. OF THEM, 41 WERE DIRECTED AT THE BUS SERVICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 88 WERE DIRECTED AT KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE COMPLAINTS MAINLY CAME FROM BUS COMMUTERS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WEST KOWLOON, KWUN TONG AND NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES INCLUDING SHA TIN, KWAI TSING, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE STANDARD OF SERVICE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT MADE UP 710 CASES OR 75 PER CENT OF THE CASES INVOLVING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES. THESE COMPLAINTS WERE TAKEN UP INDIVIDUALLY WITH THE TRANSPORT OPERATORS CONCERNED OR THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUSES NOT KEEPING TO SCHEDULED FREQUENCY WERE MAINLY LEVELLED AT EXTERNAL BUS ROUTES IN KOWLOON WEST AND SHA TIN, AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

REGARDING GREEN MINIBUS SERVICES, THE MAIN COMPLAINTS WERE THAT MINIBUSES WERE NOT ADHERING TO APPROVED SCHEDULE OR ROUTES AND THE MISCONDUCT OF DRIVERS.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE ROSE FROM 237 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 392 CASES, AN INCREASE OF 65.4 PER CENT.

AS IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, MOST OF THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT TAXI SERVICE WERE CONCERNED WITH MALPRACTICES AND MISCONDUCT OF TAXI DRIVERS, SUCH AS TAXI DRIVERS REFUSING HIRE OR SOLICITING PASSENGERS, NOT TAKING THE MOST DIRECT ROUTE, FAILING TO DRIVE TO DESTINATIONS AND OVERCHARGING.

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ON COMPLAINTS CONCERNING FERRY SERVICES, 20 OF THEM WERE LEVELLED AT THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, THREE AT THE STAR FERRY COMPANY AND ONE AT THE SOK KU WAN TO ABERDEEN MINOR FERRY SERVICE.

THE MAIN AREAS OF COMPLAINT CONCERNED REGULARITY OF SERVICE, CANCELLATION OF FERRY ROUTES AND PASSENGER FACILITIES.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT ROAD CONGESTION TOTALLED 290 CASES - 54 CASES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 124 CASES IN KOWLOON, 71 CASES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND 41 CASES IN TUNNEL AREAS.

FACTORS CAUSING ROAD CONGESTION INCLUDED LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES AT KERBSIDE, TRAFFIC ENGINEERING MATTERS, INADEQUATE ROAD CAPACITY AND ROAD WORKS.

OF ALL CASES CONCERNING VEHICLE OBSTRUCTION CAUSING CONGESTION, 30 CASES (35 PER CENT) AND 25 CASES (29 PER CENT) WERE DIRECTED AT LORRIES AND PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES RESPECTIVELY.

COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES DROPPED FROM 95 TO 87. THE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN WERE TRAFFIC LIGHT PHASING AND TRAFFIC LANE ARRANGEMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND ROAD FURNITURE INCREASED FROM 159 CASES IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER TO 176 THIS QUARTER. THE MAJOR AREAS OF COMPLAINT WERE DEFECTIVE ROAD SURFACES, MALFUNCTION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS AND DAMAGED TRAFFIC SIGNS/AIDS.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT CASES INCREASED FROM LAST QUARTER'S 178 CASES TO 250 CASES. THEY WERE MAINLY RELATED TO REQUESTS FOR ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL PARKING, ABANDONED VEHICLES AND OTHER TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

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COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS PASSED AWAY

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DR RICHARD BUTLER, COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY YESTERDAY (NOVEMBER 27) IN BANGKOK WHILE ATTENDING A CONFERENCE OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND PACIFIC (ESCAP). HE WAS 53.

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EXPERTS, EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CHILDHOOD NUTRITION

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NUTRITION AND EARLY GROWTH OF YOUNG INFANTS CONTINUE TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF DOCTORS AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATORS THE WORLD OVER AND WILL HAVE A FAR-REACHING SOCIAL IMPACT ON GENERATIONS TO COME, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WORKSHOP ON EARLY CHILDHOOD NUTRITION PROBLEMS IN THE FAR EAST, ARRANGED JOINTLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PAEDIATRICS OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY.

WELCOMING THE ABOUT 200 DELEGATES, SHE SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE WORKSHOP WAS TO BRING TOGETHER PAEDIATRICIANS AND SCIENTISTS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF NUTRITION THAT THEY WERE NOW SEEING IN CHILDREN.

"THIS PROBLEM WILL BE VIEWED AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF AN UPDATE ON WHAT IS CURRENTLY KNOWN ABOUT NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS IN CHILDHOOD," MRS WONG SAID.

"THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SUCH A GATHERING HAS TAKEN PLACE IN HONG KONG AND AUGURS WELL FOR CLOSER TIES WITH THE PEOPLES IN THESE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WHO SHARE, IN MANY CASES, A COMMON HERITAGE, LIFE STYLES AND ETHNIC ROOTS."

MRS WONG SAID SHE WAS AWARE THAT A GREAT EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO INCREASE THE INCIDENCE OF BREAST FEEDING AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF DIET DURING WEANING SO THAT CHILDREN COULD ACHIEVE OPTIMUM GROWTH IN HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

"I THINK THE PROSPECT OF BRINGING TOGETHER CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF EXPERTS ON THESE ISSUES AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE VIEWS AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION IS GOING TO BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THIS REGION AND TO PEOPLES FROM DIVERSE GEOGRAPHICAL AND ECONOMIC BACKGROUNDS," SHE SAID.

SHE BELIEVED THAT THE CONTINUING RESEARCH AND FINDINGS, AS CONTRIBUTED BY MANY OF THE DELEGATES, WOULD FORM A SOUND BASIS FROM WHICH EDUCATIONAL AND ECONOMICAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES COULD BE DRAWN UP.

"WITH THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION AMONGST PROFESSIONALS FROM THE MEDICAL RELATED FIELDS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND COMMUNITY EDUCATORS, I AM SURE MEANINGFUL PROGRAMMES WILL BE DEVELOPED TO TACKLE NUTRITIONAL PROBLEMS AND TO HELP THE PEOPLES OF VARIOUS NATIONS TO DEVELOP TO THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL," SHE ADDED.

SHE COMPLIMENTED THE ORGANISERS FOR THEIR VISION AND EFFORT IN ARRANGING THE WORKSHOP.

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OFFICERS COMPLETE SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE

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THIRTY-THREE OFFICERS FROM FOUR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM CHINA WERE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE AT THE END OF A TWO-WEEK SEARCH AND RESCUE TRAINING COURSE.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, WAS THE SECOND SUCH COURSE CONDUCTED IN HONG KONG BY FOUR U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICERS.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR GERRY HIGGINSON, REFERRED TO THE MARITIME SEARCH OPERATION MOUNTED YESTERDAY IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

HE SAID THIS HIGHLIGHTED THE NEED FOR THE SEARCH AND RESCUE COURSE AND THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO A FURTHER COURSE BEING HELD IN TWO YEARS' TIME.

IN RESPONSE, LIEUT-COMMANDER GREG LEBER, LEADER OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD TEAM, PRAISED COURSE MEMBERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND HARD WORK.

THE COURSE COULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF THE ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED, HE ADDED.

THE 33 OFFICERS WHO UNDERWENT TRAINING CAME FROM THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MARINE POLICE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AND THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT.

AT THE CEREMONY, THE DEPARTMENTS AND THE CHINESE REPRESENTATIVES ALSO EXCHANGED PLAQUES AND OTHER SOUVENIRS WITH THE U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICERS.

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POSITIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEEDS OF ELDERLY

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS DRAWN UP A SERIES OF PROJECTS TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY IN NORTH DISTRICT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPEN DAY OF THE NINTH FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY OF THE BUDDHIST PO CHING HOME FOR THE AGED, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT TWO SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY WOULD BE OPENED AT THE CHEUNG WAH AND TIN PING ESTATES IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

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BY 1990, A HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY AND A HOME CARE AND ATTENTION UNIT WOULD ALSO BE BUILT AT, RESPECTIVELY, THE TIN PING ESTATE AND THE WAH MING ESTATE, WHICH IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, HE SAID.

TO MEET DEMANDS OF THE GROWING POPULATION IN FANLING SOUTH, A MULTI-SERVICES CENTRE AND A DAY CARE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY WOULD BE SET UP IN 1990/91, HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG NOTED THAT OF THE 145,000 POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT, THOSE AGED OVER 60 TOTALLED 16,730, OR 11.5 PER CENT.

IN VIEW OF THIS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE FORMED A CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE EACH YEAR TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR ELDERS, HE SAID.

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED THIS YEAR INCLUDED A MID-AUTUMN CANTONESE OPERA SHOW, FREE MEDICAL CHECK-UPS, VISITS TO INSTITUTIONS AND HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS THE DISTRIBUTION OF UMBRELLAS.

A CARNIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY WOULD BE HELD AT THE CHOI YUEN COVERED PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI ON DECEMBER 13 AND THE DISTRICT'S FEAST FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS WOULD BE HELD NEXT MARCH, HE ADDED.

MR CHEUNG ALSO COMMENDED THE HEUNG HOI CHING KOK LIN ASSOCIATION WHICH RUNS THE BUDDHIST PO CHING HOME FOR THE AGED FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO CARING FOR THE ELDERLY AND FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROVIDING A SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR THE HANDICAPPED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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GRAND CLOSING OF SAI KUNG FESTIVAL FOR ELDERLY

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THE LONGEVITY OF MORE THAN 1,300 SAI KUNG ELDERLY FOLK WAS ACKNOWLEDGED AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE FESTIVAL, ONE OF THE LARGEST ANNUAL EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT, WAS AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' CONCERN AND RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY AS WELL AS AT ENCOURAGING SENIOR RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY, HELD AT CHENG CHEK CHEE SECONDARY SCHOOL, BEGAN WITH A CARNIVAL WHICH INCLUDED SINGING, RIDDLES, AN EXHIBITION, A BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE, AND A SPORTS COMPETITION FOR ELDERLY FOLK.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY WAS A "THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD FEAST" FOR MORE THAN 1,400 ELDERLY PEOPLE AND GUESTS.

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GOLD MEDALS AND SOUVENIRS WERE PRESENTED TO THE SIX OLDEST PEOPLE FROM SAI KUNG, HANG HAU AND RENNIE'S MILL.

THE FESTIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WHICH COMPRISED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN INCLUDED VISITS, TOURS, PICNICS, CONCERTS, FILM SHOWS, SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND MEDICAL CHECK-UPS.

THE FESTIVAL COST AROUND \$150,000, WHICH WAS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL LEADERS.

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AREA COMMITTEES PLANNED FOR NORTH DISTRICT

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THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS PLANNING TO SET UP TWO AREA COMMITTEES WITHIN THE NEW TOWN AREA IN NORTH DISTRICT IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR, DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S "ANTI-FALLING OBJECT" VARIETY SHOW, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT THE TWO AREA COMMITTEES WOULD BE SET UP IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI.

"THIS MOVE WILL ENABLE THE NEW AND OLD RESIDENTS TO FURTHER CO-OPERATE FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT," HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE ALREADY A FEW DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH AREA COMMITTEES AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THEIR FORMATION IN NORTH DISTRICT WOULD SERVE AS AN EFFECTIVE LINK AMONG THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND LOCAL BODIES AND WOULD ASSIST THE DISTRICT BOARD IN SOLVING DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

MR CHEUNG SAID HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THAT RESIDENTS MOVING INTO HOUSING ESTATES IN THE DISTRICT IN THE PAST FEW YEARS HAD FOUND THEMSELVES A COMFORTABLE HOME AND, LIKE THEIR INDIGENOUS COUNTERPARTS, HAD ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

MR CHEUNG ALSO URGED RESIDENTS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES AND BE CONSIDERATE BY NOT THROWING OBJECTS FROM A HEIGHT.

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SLOGAN COMPETITION TO PROMOTE DB ELECTION IN SHA TIN
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A SLOGAN COMPETITION IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTION.

"THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL PEOPLE AGED 15 OR ABOVE WHO EITHER LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN SHA TIN AND IS AIMED AT CALLING ON SOME 85,300 REGISTERED VOTERS IN SHA TIN TO VOTE IN THE DB ELECTION ON MARCH 10," A SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THE SLOGAN MUST BE IN CHINESE AND PREFERABLY NOT EXCEEDING 16 CHARACTERS," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY A PARTICIPANT. HOWEVER, ANY ENTRY MUST BE THE ORIGINAL WORK OF THE PARTICIPANT OR HE WOULD BE DISQUALIFIED.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO RESERVED THE RIGHT TO USE ANY ENTRY IN ITS ORIGINAL OR AMENDED FORM FOR ANY OCCASION WITHOUT CONSENT FROM OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FOR THE WRITER, HE SAID.

"THE ENTRY, TOGETHER WITH THE PARTICIPANT'S NAME, ID CARD NUMBER, ADDRESS, CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER AND POSSIBLY NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL OR WORKING PLACE, SHOULD REACH THE ADJUDICATION PANEL OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31," HE SAID.

THE WRITER OF THE BEST SLOGAN WILL BE AWARDED A WALKMAN.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED ON 0-6048078.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROVISION OF STUDY ROOMS
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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY STUDY ROOM FACILITIES IN KWUN TONG DURING THE SCHOOL EXAMINATION PERIOD.

INITIATED BY THE BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE STUDY ROOM SCHEME HAS BEEN OPERATING SINCE 1983 AND HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY STUDENTS.

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"THE SCHEME AIMS AT PROVIDING STUDY ROOM SERVICE TO STUDENTS WHO ARE IN NEED OF A BETTER ENVIRONMENT TO PREPARE FOR THEIR EXAMINATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID.

"THIS YEAR, THE COMMITTEE HAS RESERVED \$30,000 FOR THE PROJECT TO BE CARRIED OUT FROM MARCH 1 TO MAY 31 NEXT YEAR," HE NOTED.

FUNDS WILL BE GRANTED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYING A PART-TIME SUPERVISOR AND TO COVER OVERTIME ALLOWANCES FOR CARETAKERS AND OTHER EXPENSES.

"DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION CRITERIA ARE GIVEN IN A LETTER WHICH WAS SENT OUT EARLIER TO LOCAL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND ORGANISATIONS TO INVITE APPLICATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY BY DECEMBER 18.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-416315, EXT 451.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS VISIT OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION

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MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE VISITED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION AFTER THEIR REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR HAROLD KWOK, AND THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH CONSULTANT IN CHARGE OF THE DIVISION, DR S.Y. CHAN, MEMBERS WERE SHOWN AROUND VARIOUS SECTIONS WHICH PROVIDED A STRONG BACK-UP IN THE PROMOTION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH IN HONG KONG.

THE DIVISION ADVISES BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE HEALTH OF WORKERS AND THE HYGIENE OF THE WORKPLACES.

MEMBERS LEARNED THAT THE DIVISION ALSO UNDERTOOK MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PERSONNEL EXPOSED TO HAZARDS SUCH AS RADIATION AND COMPRESSED AIR, AND ASSESSED EMPLOYEES' INJURIES UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE.

THEY WERE PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE VARIOUS SAMPLING EQUIPMENT USED IN FIELD WORKS TO MEASURE TOXIC GAS, DUST, VAPOUR AND RADIATION.

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OUTSTANDING DISABLED STUDENTS TO RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

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TEN OUTSTANDING DISABLED STUDENTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED GOOD ACADEMIC RESULTS AND DEMONSTRATED ENTHUSIASM IN RENDERING SERVICES TO SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY WILL BE AWARDED THE SHELL/ISLAND JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIPS AND TROPHIES OF MERIT ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 2).

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED, MR H.G. WEBB-PEPLOE, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT SHELL HOUSE, 10TH FLOOR, 24 QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE SHELL HOUSE, 24 QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 2) AT 3 PM.

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MASTERCLASS BY WOODWIND SPECIALIST

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A MASTERCLASS FOR BAND DIRECTORS AND WIND INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTORS WILL BE HELD AT THE YAU MA TEI MUSIC CENTRE OF THE MUSIC OFFICE ON DECEMBER 2 (WEDNESDAY), FROM 5 PM TO 7 PM.

THE MASTERCLASS, TO BE CONDUCTED BY AN INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED MUSICIAN, MR BRUCE PEARSON, WILL FOCUS ON VARIOUS METHODS AND TECHNIQUES OF BAND TRAINING, AND MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONIC BAND WILL ALSO GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS.

MR PEARSON IS A WOODWIND SPECIALIST AND COMPOSER. HE HAS BEEN TEACHING MUSIC IN SCHOOLS FOR 20 YEARS.

ADMISSION TO THE MASTERCLASS IS FREE, AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE ON 3-7226240 AND 5-8235321.

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CONSTRUCTION OF VILLAGE HOUSES IN JUNK BAY

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A TOTAL OF 20 THREE-STOREY VILLAGE HOUSES ARE TO BE BUILT AT AREA 31 OF JUNK BAY FOR HOUSE OWNERS TO BE MOVED FROM HANG HAU TO MAKE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 32,500 SQUARE METRES, THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE A VILLAGE OFFICE BUILDING, A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, AN OPEN CARPARK, A BASKETBALL COURT AND VILLAGE SQUARE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$18 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT. WORK WILL START IN EARLY DECEMBER AND TAKE 11 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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HEAVY VEHICLE BAN IN WAN CHAI

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 1), NO VEHICLE OVER FOUR TONNES GROSS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF WAN CHAI GAP ROAD EAST OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

THE BAN, REQUIRED BECAUSE OF DRAINAGE WORKS, WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

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