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GOVERNOR WATCHES CAS CADETS IN TRAINING

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, AND LADY WILSON TODAY (SATURDAY) HAD A CLOSE LOOK AT THE WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES PROVIDED IN THE TRAINING OF CADETS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES DURING A VISIT TO THE CAS YUEN TUN CAMP IN TSUEN WAN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CAS COMMISSIONER, SIR ROGER LOBO, THEY FLEW TO THE CAMP BY HELICOPTER AND WERE MET BY THE TWO DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS, MR JOHN FORTUNE AND MR VICTOR SO.

SIR DAVID AND LADY WILSON WERE BRIEFED ON THE GENERAL LAYOUT OF THE CAMP AS WELL AS PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT WHICH FOLLOWED A $1.5 MILLION DONATION TO THE CAS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THEY THEN TOURED THE CAMP AND WATCHED OFFICERS AND CADETS UNDERGOING VARIOUS TRAINING EXERCISES IN LIGHT RESCUE AND CASUALTY HANDLING.

THE PARTY ALSO SAW OTHER ACTIVITIES AT THE CAMP INCLUDING ROPE INITIATIVE COURSE, BICYCLE SOCCER, ARCHERY AND PIONEERING COURSE IN CAMP-CRAFT.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON LATER VISITED THE OLD YUEN TUN VILLAGE MUSEUM.

AFTER TOURING THE CAMP, THE GOVERNOR TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK DONE BY CAS VOLUNTEERS.

THE CAS WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE IN HONG KONG OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WHICH DID SO MUCH FOR THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

DURING THE LAST WEEKEND FOR INSTANCE, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE CAS MEMBERS OUT FIRE FIGHTING AND OTHERS ON DUTY AT VARIOUS PLACES AND FUNCTIONS INCLUDING THE COUNTRY PARKS, THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, A CAREERS EXHIBITION IN SHA TIN AND COMMUNITY CHEST ACTIVITIES.

HE ADDED THAT THE CAS WAS ONE OF THE MANY ORGANISATIONS WHICH HELPED "TO HEEP HONG KONG AS AN EFFECTIVE AND A LIVELY PLACE AS IT IS".

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT CHINA NEXT MONTH
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL PAY A SIX-DAY VISIT TO CHINA EARLY NEXT MONTH, HIS SECOND SINCE ASSUMING OFFICE AS GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FORTHCOMING TRIP IS TO OPEN THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL'S OFFICE IN SHANGHAI. BEFORE THAT, HE WILL PAY A VISIT TO CANTON, AND AFTERWARDS HE WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT PEKING FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR CHINESE OFFICIALS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

SIR DAVID WILL LEAVE FOR CANTON ON NOVEMBER 30 (MONDAY) AND WILL FLY TO SHANGHAI THE NEXT DAY.

AFTER OPENING THE TDC OFFICE ON DECEMBER 2, THE GOVERNOR WILL FLY TO PEKING THE FOLLOWING DAY TO HOLD TALKS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS ON DECEMBER 4.

THE GOVERNOR WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON DECEMBER 5 (SATURDAY).

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COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION FORMED
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A COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO CONSIDER THE SOCIAL, MORAL, ETHICAL AND LEGAL ISSUES ARISING FROM LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY DESIGNED TO HELP INFERTILE WOMEN TO HAVE BABIES.

THIS COMMITTEE, TO BE CALLED THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION, WILL ALSO ASSESS THE PUBLIC'S REACTION TOWARDS THESE ISSUES AND ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON HOW THEY SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

SCIENTIFICALLY ASSISTED HUMAN REPRODUCTION TECHNIQUES, SUCH AS IN-VITRO FERTILIZATION, HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS. IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS FIELD, GOVERNMENT HAS SEEN IT APPROPRIATE TO SET UP A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS IN THE LOCAL CONTEXT.

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THE COMMITTEE WILL BE CHAIRED BY DR LEONG CHE-HUNG, A MEDICAL DOCTOR. MEMBERS INCLUDE MR CHRISTOPHER CHAN, SOLICITOR; MR JIMSON CHAN, SOCIAL WORKER; DR FANNY CHEUNG, PSYCHOLOGIST; DR CONRAD LAM, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER; MRS PEGGY LAM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER; DR LAW CHI-LIM, GYNAECOLOGIST; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH.

THE ISSUES THE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO DISCUSS INITIALLY WOULD INCLUDE COMMERCIAL SURROGACY AND WHETHER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS ARE NEEDED TO CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD, IN ADDITION TO THE CODE OF PRACTICE ALREADY IN PLACE.

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ENOUGH TRAINED SAFETY OFFICERS TO MEET DEMAND

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THERE SHOULD BE AN ADEQUATE POOL OF TRAINED SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT WHEN THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS) REGULATIONS COME INTO OPERATION ON DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR, THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

CITING STATISTICS, MR YIP SAID THAT SINCE 1979, A TOTAL OF 786 PEOPLE HAD COMPLETED SAFETY OFFICER COURSES AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY'S TRAINING CENTRE.

IN ADDITION, SOME 200 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE TRAINING BY THE END OF THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR.

THESE FIGURES ARE ON TOP OF THE 12,000 PERSONS WHO HAVE COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION SAFETY COURSES RUN BY THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND ARE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE DUTIES OF A SAFETY SUPERVISOR.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT AS AT THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR, THERE WERE ABOUT 100 CONSTRUCTION SITES EMPLOYING 200 WORKERS OR MORE, AND ABOUT 800 SITES EMPLOYING 20 WORKERS OR MORE.

"I AM THEREFORE CONFIDENT THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF TRAINED SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS WILL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS, WHICH REFLECT THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH IN INDUSTRY," MR YIP SAID.

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MR YIP WAS ADDRESSING SOME 150 SAFETY OFFICERS ATTENDING A TWO-DAY RESIDENTIAL SEMINAR IN MACAU.

THE EVENT WHICH IS AIMED AT ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SAFETY OFFICERS, MANAGEMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ASSOCIATION, THE MACAU LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD INITIALLY APPLY ONLY TO THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, A PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR OR SPECIALIST CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO EMPLOY ONE REGISTERED SAFETY OFFICER FULL-TIME IF HE EMPLOYS 200 OR MORE PEOPLE ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE OR SITES, AND TO EMPLOY ONE SAFETY SUPERVISOR ON EACH CONSTRUCTION SITE ON WHICH HE EMPLOYS 20 OR MORE WORKERS.

"A SAFETY OFFICER, HELPED BY A SAFETY SUPERVISOR WHERE APPROPRIATE, WOULD ASSIST THE PROPRIETOR IN PROMOTING THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THOSE EMPLOYED," MR YIP SAID.

"HIS DUTIES WOULD INCLUDE INSPECTING PLANTS AND EQUIPMENT TO IDENTIFY SAFETY RISKS, ADVISING ON PREVENTIVE MEASURES, MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATING ACCIDENTS AND DANGEROUS OCCURRENCES.

"MOST IMPORTANT, BECAUSE THE SAFETY OFFICER WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE PROPRIETOR, HE WILL BE IN AN ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION TO PERSUADE AND CONVINCE OTHER EMPLOYEES ON SITE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF USING PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT AND OBSERVING SAFE WORK PRACTICES."

AS FOR THE SAFETY SUPERVISOR, HIS DUTIES WILL BE TO ADVISE ON SAFETY STANDARDS FOR WORKERS, SUPERVISE THE OBSERVANCE OF SUCH STANDARDS AND PROMOTE SAFETY AT WORK.

THE PROPRIETOR WILL ALSO BE OBLIGED TO ENSURE THAT HIS SAFETY OFFICERS AND SAFETY SUPERVISORS CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES PROPERLY AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND FACILITIES TO ACHIEVE THIS AIM.

"I EXPECT THAT THIS JOINT EFFORT OF THE PROPRIETOR, THE SAFETY OFFICER AND THE EMPLOYEES CONCERNED WORKING TOGETHER WILL PROVE TO BE A MORE EFFECTIVE MEANS OF ENSURING SAFETY AT WORK," MR YIP OBSERVED.

THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMICS OF MACAU, DR ANTONIO GALHARDO SIMOES; THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF SHELL COMPANY, MR HANMER WEBB-PEPLOE; AND THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR HAROLD KWOK.

AMONG THE TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED ARE PROBLEMS FACED BY SAFETY OFFICERS, THE FUNCTION OF SAFETY OFFICERS FROM THE MANAGEMENT POINT OF VIEW AND THE SPIRIT OF THE SAFETY OFFICERS REGULATIONS.

ONE-WAY TOLL FOR LION ROCK TUNNEL STARTS ON MONDAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED MOTORISTS AND TAXI PASSENGERS THAT FROM 3 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 23), THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY A $6 TOLL CHARGE WHEN TRAVELLING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES VIA THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

HOWEVER, MOTORISTS AND TAXI PASSENGERS HEADING FOR KOWLOON USING THE TUNNEL WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY ANY TOLL.

"THIS IS BECAUSE A ONE-WAY NO TOLL EXPERIMENT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE LION ROCK TUNNEL FROM 3 AM ON MONDAY TO 3 AM ON DECEMBER 21 TO ASSESS WHETHER TRAFFIC FLOW THROUGH THE TUNNEL CAN BE IMPROVED," A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

UNDER THE FOUR-WEEK EXPERIMENT, SOME OF THE TOLL BOOTHS ON THE SOUTHBOUND TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED AND TRAFFIC WILL BE CHANNELLED TO THE TUNNEL PORTAL.

"THIS WILL REDUCE THE PRESENT MERGING PROBLEM IN THE TUNNEL PLAZA, THEREBY ENSURING SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW INTO THE TUNNEL.

"MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO FOLLOW TRAFFIC CONES AND ADVISORY SIGNS PUT UP IN THE TOLL PLAZA AREA AND ON THE APPROACH ROADS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE TUNNEL," HE SAID.

HE ALSO URGED MOTORISTS TO DRIVE WITH CARE ESPECIALLY WHEN ENTERING THE TOLL BOOTHS WHICH WILL NOT BE REMOVED DURING THE EXPERIMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A NOTICE ADVISING TAXI DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS OF THE NEW TOLL ARRANGEMENT.

"COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY TAXI DRIVERS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUR LICENSING OFFICES IN MURRAY ROAD, DUNDAS STREET, LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND SHA TIN KCR STATION, AS WELL AS DISTRICT OFFICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MONITOR THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT SITUATION ON THE ROAD NETWORK AFFECTED BY THE EXPERIMENT.

"IF SEVERE TRAFFIC CONGESTION OCCURS, THE EXPERIMENT WILL BE DISCONTINUED AT ANY TIME AND THE PUBLIC WILL BE NOTIFIED THROUGH THE MEDIA," HE ADDED.

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CAS HOLDS FAMILY DAY TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD A FAMILY DAY TO CELEBRATE ITS 35TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE MORETON TERRACE PLAYGROUND, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON NOVEMBER 29 (SUNDAY). CAS COMMISSIONER, SIR ROGER LOBO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM.

THE FAMILY DAY, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL 3 PM, WILL PROVIDE GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT TO CAS OFFICERS, MEMBERS, CADETS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE PERFORMANCES AND VARIETY SHOWS BY THE HONG KONG DEFENCE ANIMAL SUPPORT UNIT, THE CAS MOTOR CYCLE DEMONSTRATION TEAM, THE CAS BAND, THE CADET POP MUSIC BAND AND THE CAS BICYCLE DEMONSTRATION TEAM.

THERE WILL BE 30 STALLS FOR GAMES, DRINKS AND SALE OF SOUVENIR ITEMS. THESE STALLS WILL BE OPENED FROM 12 NOON AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS AT THE GAMESTALLS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISPLAY OF FIRE ENGINE, SARACENS, CAS OPERATIONAL VEHICLES AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT. TV GAMES, PONY RIDE, KIDDIE RIDE AND A TRAMPOLINE WILL BE ARRANGED FOR CHILDREN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CIVIL AID SERVICES FAMILY DAY OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON NOVEMBER 29 (SUNDAY) AT THE MORETON TERRACE PLAYGROUND, OPPOSITE TO VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY. THE PRESS LIAISON OFFICER, MR AU YIN-SHAN, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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ELDERLY PEOPLE HAVE EARNED RESPECT

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RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY, WHO HAVE MADE NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEIR FAMILIES AND THE SOCIETY IN THEIR YOUNGER DAYS, SHOULD NOT BE CHANGED EVEN THOUGH THE FAMILY SYSTEM AND THE SOCIAL STRUCTURE ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MRS WONG WAS SPEAKING AT THE COMBINED INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHUNG SHEK HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED AND THE OPENING OF THE NINTH FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY ON CHEUNG CHAU.

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SHE NOTED THAT THE FESTIVAL HAD BEEN ORGANISED TO HELP UPHOLD THE TRADITION OF RESPECT FOR SENIOR CITIZENS. VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS.

AS HONG KONG PEOPLE WERE TODAY ENJOYING A LONGER LIFE SPAN, APPROPRIATE LONG-TERM POLICIES AND PLANS TO SERVE THE ELDERLY WERE BEING DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT, MRS WONG SAID.

"IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WERE RE-ORGANISED WHEREBY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY WERE STRENGTHENED TO ENSURE THAT THE ELDERLY CAN ENJOY A HAPPY AND MEANINGFUL OLD AGE, CONTINUING WITH MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIETY," SHE SAID.

SHE SAID SHE RECOGNISED THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED FOR SETTING UP A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY ON FAST-DEVELOPING CHEUNG CHAU, WITH ITS LARGE NUMBER OF HEALTHY ELDERLY PEOPLE.

MRS WONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHUNG SHEK HEI HOME AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN RAISING FUNDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRE.

THE CHUNG SHEK HEI HOME FOR THE AGED, APART FROM PROVIDING SOUND LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE AGED, ALSO ARRANGES A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS INTEREST GROUPS AND VISITS, TO ENRICH THE LIFE OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS.

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SCHOOLS IMPORTANT IN PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION

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JOINT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE BY VARIOUS INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

"SINCE CIVIC EDUCATION AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION ARE CLOSELY RELATED, CONCERNED BODIES LIKE THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA), DISTRICT BOARDS, DISTRICT OFFICERS AND SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEES HAVE ALL ATTACHED DUE IMPORTANCE TO THE CAMPAIGN," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JOINT SCHOOL GRAND PARADE AT KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE, MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT CNTA HAD SET UP A COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION LAST YEAR TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

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"A RESOURCE INDEX, WHICH SERVES AS A USEFUL REFERENCE TO ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS WISHING TO ORGANISE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, HAS ALSO BEEN PUBLISHED," HE ADDED.

ON THE ROLE OF SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEES (SLC), MR CHAN SAID THE KWUN TONG SLC HAD BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

HE SAID A CARNIVAL AND A "TO KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT, TO CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY" EXHIBIT DESIGN COMPETITION HAD BEEN HELD EARLY THIS YEAR TO INSTIL THE CONCEPT OF PERSONAL INTEGRITY AND TO ENHANCE CIVIC-MINDEDNESS AMONG STUDENTS AND YOUTHS.

"THESE ACTIVITIES WOULD HELP YOUNG PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, CARE ABOUT DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND IDENTIFY THEIR ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

HE URGED MORE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE SIMILAR PROJECTS TO FURTHER PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, POINTED OUT THAT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE COULD BE TRAINED TO BECOME "GOOD CITIZENS".

MR LAN SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD STATED IN ITS "GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS" THAT AN IDEAL SCHOOL LIFE SHOULD LEAD TO PARALLEL DEVELOPMENTS IN ACADEMIC CURRICULUM AND ACTIVITY.

"AS IT IS BELIEVED THAT ACTIVE PARTICIPATION PROVES TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN PASSIVE LEARNING IN THE TRANSMISSION OF KNOWLEDGE, SCHOOLS SHOULD AUGMENT EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE SOCIAL SKILLS OF STUDENT THROUGH INFORMAL EDUCATION," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE GRAND PARADE HAD A SIGNIFICANT MEANING IN HIGHLIGHTING THE THEME OF "CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES".

MR LAN SAID THE PARADE HAD PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN GROUP ACTIVITIES AND THE TOPICS FEATURED IN THE FUNCTION - "I LOVE HONG KONG", "CLEAN HONG KONG", AND "ANTI-CORRUPTION" - WERE SOME OF MOST PRACTICAL SUBJECTS IN CIVIC EDUCATION.

MORE THAN 1,000 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN TODAY'S FUNCTION WHICH PROGRAMME INCLUDED A JOINT SCHOOL CHOIR, A COSTUME COMPETITION, A JOINT SCHOOL PARADE AND TELE-MATCHES.

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CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE CLEANLINESS

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A CLEANSING DAY TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN KEEPING THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN WAS HELD IN YAU MA TEI TODAY (SATURDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LO CHI-KEUNG, SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS HELD ANNUALLY TO PROMOTE CLEANLINESS AND TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES, COVERING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CLEANLINESS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT, HOME SAFETY AND BEAUTIFICATION WOULD BE HELD.

THESE INCLUDE COMPETITIONS FOR THE CLEANEST BUILDING AND MARKET STALL, OPERATIONS TO CLEAR ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS AND REFUSE, AND AN EXHIBITION TO INTRODUCE PRODUCTS AND FACILITIES FOR BETTER LIVING.

MR LO CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE ACTIVITIES AND TO STRIVE FOR A BETTER AND CLEANER ENVIRONMENT.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, AND SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT (SOUTH KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR WONG TAK-FUN.

THE CAMPAIGN, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, IS SPONSORED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD.

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FIGHT CRIME SHOW IN SHA TAU KOK

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HUNDREDS OF SHA TAU KOK RESIDENTS ENJOYED A VARIETY SHOW TO SPREAD THE FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE AT THE SHA TAU KOK PLAYGROUND TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE SHOW, ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WAS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF CRIME PREVENTION AND REMINDING YOUNG PEOPLE NOT TO BECOME INVOLVED IN TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

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PROGRAMME FOR THE SHOW INCLUDES POP SONGS, MAGIC SHOW, DRAMA SHOW BY THE FRONTIER JUNIOR POLICE CALL, AND A CHINESE ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE BY THE NORTH DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICR OF NORTH DISTRICT, MR JOHN LEUNG; DIVISIONAL COMMANDER (BORDER) OF THE RHKPF, MR CHAN PO-KWONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR TAO MAN-KWONG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAW YUM-MAN.

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SPORTS DAY FOR YAU MA TEI RESIDENTS

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MORE THAN 500 SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE YAU MA TEI SPORTS DAY AT THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THERE ARE 14 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS ON THE PROGRAMME.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG; DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR CHAN WAI-WANG; URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR PHILIP KWOK; AND PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR CHAN YAM-TONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU MA TEI SPORTS DAY TO START AT 9 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND AT THE JUNCTION OF CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND HING WAH STREET.

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NEW TIDE TABLES NOW ON SALE

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THE "TIDE TABLES FOR HONG KONG 1988", PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

THE PUBLICATION IS NOW ON SALE AT $5 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, MARINE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE 16-PAGE BOOKLET, PRINTED IN BILINGUAL FORM, CONTAINS THE PREDICTED HEIGHTS AND TIMES OF DAILY HIGH AND LOW WATER LEVELS AT QUARRY BAY FOR NEXT YEAR.

TIDAL VALUES AT CHI MA WAN, KO LAU WAN, LOK ON PAI, TAI PO KAU, TSIM BEI TSUI AND WAGLAN ISLAND CAN ALSO BE DERIVED FROM INFORMATION GIVEN IN THE TABLES.

SHIPPING AND WHARFING COMPANIES, ENGINEERS, CONTAINER TERMINAL OPERATORS, DOCKYARDS, YACHTSMEN, FISHING AND WATER SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS MAY FIND THE PUBLICATION USEFUL.

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ROAD CLOSURE, URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION

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TUEN SHING STREET IN TUEN MUN WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC DAILY BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM FROM TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 24) TO FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 27), TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY, THE SECTION OF GRANVILLE ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 20 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE MADE A 10 AM TO 9 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THE MEASURE IS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW. NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE URBAN CLEARWAY FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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