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VIDEO ON SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FOR LOAN

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AN UPDATED VERSION OF A PROMOTIONAL VIDEO ON SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR LOAN TO THE PUBLIC. A SPOKESMAN OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE 20-MINUTE TAPE GIVES A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE 10 AREAS IN THE DISTRICT. AND DESCRIBES THE FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS FOUR COMMITTEES COVERING ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT AS WELL AS COMMUNITY WELFARE.

APPEARING ON THE VIDEO IS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, WHO GIVES A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BOARD.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, ALSO SPEAKS ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE IN THE DISTRICT.

THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OPERATING IN THE DISTRICT AND CHAIRED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, AIMS AT CO-ORDINATING THE WORK OF THOSE DEPARTMENTS TO CATER TO THE DISTRICT'S SPECIFIC NEEDS.

THE VIDEO INCLUDES ON-STREET INTERVIEWS IN WHICH RESIDENTS GIVE THEIR OPINIONS ABOUT THEIR DISTRICT.

RECENT DEVELOPMENT IN THE DISTRICT ARE ALSO SHOWN.

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE VIDEO CAN APPROACH THE INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE ON TEL. 3-7204251 FOR DETAILS.

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WAN CHAI SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CLOSES

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THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN WAN CHAI CLOSED TODAY (SUNDAY).

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, MORE THAN 200 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED FOR THE DISTRICT'S YOUNG PEOPLE DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

THE PROGRAMME, HELD ANNUALLY IN WAN CHAI FOR RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25, WAS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB WITH DONATIONS COMING FROM THE PUBLIC.

ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR INCLUDED CAMPS, LAUNCH TRIPS, VISITS, SEMINARS AND TRAINING CLASSES.

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SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, WAN CHAI ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRYAN CHAN, SAID HE HOPED PARTICIPANTS IN THE PROGRAMME COULD APPLY THE VARIOUS SKILLS THEY HAD LEARNED TO THEIR DAILY LIFE.

THE CLOSING DAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED AN EXHIBITION ON THE WORK OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, QUIZZES AND SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES. HUNDREDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDED.

AMONG THE GUESTS WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR DOMINIC CHAN.

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TASK FORCE SAFEGUARDS WORKERS' BENEFITS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S TASK FORCE FORMED LAST YEAR TO STEP UP ENFORCEMENT OF EMPLOYMENT LAWS HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN SAFEGUARDING THE STATUTORY BENEFITS OF WORKERS.

THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM, COMPRISING SEVEN EXPERIENCED LABOUR INSPECTORS FROM THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS DIVISION, MONITORS EMPLOYERS' COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

APART FROM INVESTIGATING COMPLAINTS FROM EMPLOYEES, THE TEAM CARRIES OUT INSPECTIONS OF INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO ENSURE WORKERS ARE GIVEN THEIR ENTITLEMENTS IN RESPECT OF MATERNITY PROTECTION, REST DAYS, SICKNESS ALLOWANCE, PAID HOLIDAYS AND ANNUAL LEAVE. THEY ALSO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS KEEP WAGE AND EMPLOYMENT RECORDS.

"SO FAR, THE TEAM HAS VISITED MORE THAN 2,300 ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, GARMENT FACTORIES, CONSTRUCTION SITES AND RETAIL OUTLETS IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"DURING THE VISITS, 105 EMPLOYERS WERE FOUND TO HAVE FAILED TO GIVE THE MINIMUM STATUTORY BENEFITS TO THEIR EMPLOYEES.

"AS A RESULT, 100 WARNINGS WERE ISSUED, WHILE FIVE SUMMONSES WERE TAKEN OUT AGAINST THOSE WHO DID NOT TAKE REMEDIAL ACTION."

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT BLATANT OFFENDERS WOULD BE PROSECUTED AND WERE LIABLE, UPON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

THE TEAM IS NOW CONDUCTING A ROUND OF INSPECTIONS OF ELECTRONICS FACTORIES WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO METALS AND PLASTICS FACTORIES LATER IN THE YEAR.

ENQUIRIES RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE CAN BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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UK/HK GOVTS JOINT FUNDING SCHEME

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NEW STUDENTS INTENDING TO PURSUE TERTIARY EDUCATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AS FROM THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE UK/HK GOVERNMENTS JOINT FUNDING SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH SAID THE SCHEME WAS JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG AND UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENTS TO HELP NEEDY HONG KONG STUDENTS MEET THE HIGH TUITION FEES CHARGED ON OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"IT IS OPEN TO HONG KONG STUDENTS PURSUING FULL-TIME FIRST DEGREE OR HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES AT UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND MAINTAINED COLLEGES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, SUBJECT TO THEIR HAVING RESIDED CONTINUOUSLY OR BEEN DOMICILED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO COURSE COMMENCEMENT," HE SAID.

"THE SCHEME IS MEANS-TESTED AND THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE IS THE FULL DIFFERENCE OF TUITION FEES PAYABLE BY AN OVERSEAS STUDENT AND A BRITISH HOME STUDENT STUDYING THE SAME COURSE.

"FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS, BUT IF THE TOTAL REQUIREMENT EXCEEDS THE JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THEN EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT'S SHARE OF GRANT WOULD BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED, WITH THE BALANCE MADE UP BY AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN SOLELY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT."

FOR THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR, APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

"APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR HAVING BEEN ACCEPTED BY AN INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ONE OF THE COURSES COVERED BY THE SCHEME (PROOF OF CONDITIONAL OFFER WILL BE ACCEPTABLE)," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8673547.

"COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY HAND TO THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 2 THIS YEAR.

"TO MEET THE DEADLINE, NEW STUDENTS INTENDING TO START THEIR COURSES IN 1989-90 SHOULD APPLY ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED ADMISSION BY AN INSTITUTION EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE UNIVERSITIES CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS (UCCA) OR POLYTECHNICS CENTRAL ADMISSIONS SYSTEM (PCAS), EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A CONDITIONAL OFFER.

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"APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED ABOVE BUT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR MAY BE ACCEPTED BUT WILL BE PROCESSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTEREST-FREE LOANS ONLY. THESE WILL BE OFFERED SOLELY BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME MEANS-TESTING CRITERIA."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AS THE AMOUNT OF GRANT PAYABLE IN EACH CASE COULD ONLY BE DETERMINED AFTER ALL APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED AND PROCESSED, IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE MADE BEFORE TERM COMMENCEMENT.

"STUDENTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO EXAMINE DISCREETLY THEIR OWN MEANS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO STUDY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND TO BE PREPARED TO PAY THE FULL TUITION FEES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHILE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATION," HE SAID.

AFTER SUBMISSION OF HIS APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT AND/OR AN ADULT MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD WHO KNOWS THE FAMILY'S CIRCUMSTANCES (PREFERABLY THE PERSON WHO DECLARES HIS APPLICATION) WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT THE STUDENTS FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TO CLARIFY THE VARIOUS PARTICULARS REPORTED IN THE APPLICATION.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT INCORRECT OR INACCURATE INFORMATION NOT ONLY WOULD LEAD TO REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION BUT MIGHT ALSO GIVE RISE TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DECLARANT.

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MANY COMPETE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN SWIMMING GALA
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ABOUT 250 YOUNGSTERS TOOK PART IN THE 1989 CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA AT THE YMCA BRIDGES STREET SWIMMING POOL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SHEUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE YMCA WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE INDOOR FUNCTION WAS AMONG THE LAST ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) THIS YEAR.

SPEAKING BEFORE THE SWIMMING EVENTS, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MONICA CHAN, SAID SHE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT MANY YOUNG PEOPLE HAD MADE GOOD USE OF THE SUMMER VACATION BY PARTICIPATING IN THE SYP ACTIVITIES AND SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

SHE TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO URGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS, BEFORE THE DEADLINE ON SEPTEMBER 30, FOR FUTURE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS ELECTIONS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE GALA WERE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER MR ALEXANDER CHANG AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SHEUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE, MR NGAI WAI-MING.

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YUEN LONG NULLAH POLLUTION TO BE REDUCED

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THE FOUL SMELL AND NEGATIVE VISUAL IMPACT CREATED BY THE YUEN LONG NULLAHS WILL BE REDUCED UNDER A PROJECT PLANNED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AS PART OF THE CONTINUING YUEN LONG NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE KILOMETRES OF DRY-WEATHER FLOW CHANNELS AND CONCRETE LINING OF THE NULLAHS, AN INFLATABLE DAM TO EXCLUDE POLLUTED TIDAL WATERS FROM DEEP BAY, A PUMPING STATION, AND CLEANING OF EXISTING NULLAH WALLS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE CONTRACT WORKS ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S TIN SHUI WAI/YUEN LONG DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 14.

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DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION OF DB FUNDS

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THAT SEPTEMBER 18 IS THE CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR HOLDING COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN OCTOBER TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS, A SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COMMITTEE DECIDED EARLIER THIS YEAR TO SET ASIDE FUNDS TO ENABLE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND INDEPENDENT NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS SERVING BEYOND AN AREA OR SERVING THE WHOLE DISTRICT TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT VETTING OF APPLICATIONS WOULD FOLLOW THE CRITERIA AS SET DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE AMOUNT TO BE APPROVED FOR A PARTICULAR ORGANISATION WOULD NOT EXCEED \$10,000 WITHIN A FINANCIAL YEAR.

"REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS HAVE TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THEIR PROJECTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS.

"A REPORT ON THE PROJECT SHOULD ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT WITHIN ONE MONTH AFTER THE PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED," HE ADDED.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-230387.

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WATER CUTS IN FOUR DISTRICTS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO NOON ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 22) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, GASCOIGNE ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, ARGYLE STREET, SAI YEE STREET, BOUNDARY STREET AND THE YAU MA TEI SEAFRONT.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN FANLING WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE LOCATED ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD, INCLUDING LUNG YEUK TAU, WING NING TSUEN, WING NING WAI, MA WAT WAI, LO WAI, TSZ TONG TSUEN, TUNG KOK WAI, TIN HAU KUNG, BURMA LINES AND GALLIPOLI LINES.

ALSO ON TUESDAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW PUMP.

ALL PREMISES ALONG CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN ANDERSON ROAD AND SHAW'S STUDIO WILL BE AFFECTED.

ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 23), FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY YORK ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD, RUTLAND QUADRANT, ESSEX ROAD, CUMBERLAND ROAD, STAFFORD ROAD, LINCOLN ROAD, BOUNDARY STREET AND SURREY LANE.

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