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HK TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER IN PERFORMING ARTS  
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ONE OF THE AIMS OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS (APA) IS TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR ITS STUDENTS AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL, ON A PAR WITH PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE APA, MR ROBERT FOOTMAN, AT A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG.

APART FROM MEETING HONG KONG NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS, HE CONTINUED, THE ACADEMY WOULD BE FIRMLY ROOTED IN EXISTING ORGANISATIONS.

+WE FORESEE A TERRIFIC POTENTIAL FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITIES, THE POLYTECHNIC, AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE ON THE EDUCATIONAL FRONT; WITH THE COLLEGES OF FURTHER EDUCATION ON THE TEACHER TRAINING FRONT; WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF EXISTING AND PLANNED PERFORMING VENUES FOR TECHNICAL ARTS; WITH EXISTING TRAINING SCHOOLS AND WITH SCHOOLS.

+IN SHORT — ACROSS THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG. THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE ENORMOUS, AS IS TALENT AND ENTHUSIASM,+ HE SAID.

PILING WORK ON THE APA SITE IN WAN CHAI, NEXT TO THE ARTS CENTRE, BEGAN LAST MONTH AND THE COMPLEX IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY MID-1985. THIS WILL ENABLE FULL-TIME COURSES TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER OF THAT YEAR. PART-TIME EVENING COURSES MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

OF THE \$370 MILLION ESTIMATED COST OF THE PROJECT, \$300 MILLION WILL BE MET BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE REST BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE APA IS NOW MANAGED BY A PROVISIONAL COUNCIL CHAIRED BY A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALEX WU.

MR FOOTMAN SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACADEMY AND OTHER VENUES INDICATED A LEVEL OF FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CULTURAL FACILITIES AND OF THE PERFORMING ARTS AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF HONG KONG SOCIETY UNRIVALLED IN THE WORLD AT THIS TIME.

HE EMPHASISED THAT HONG KONG'S DENSE POPULATION AND THE NECESSITY FOR YOUNG ARTISTIC TALENTS TO GO OVERSEAS FOR FURTHER TRAINING POINTED TOWARDS A NEED FOR A FOCUS WHICH COULD PROVIDE AN OUTLET AND TRAINING FOR EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED YOUNGSTERS, AND WHICH COULD FOSTER EXCELLENCE AND GENERAL COMMUNITY INTEREST IN THE PERFORMING ARTS.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE PREDICTED THAT HONG KONG WOULD NOT ONLY TAKE ITS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL TERMS, BUT WOULD ALSO BECOME AN INTERNATIONAL LEADER.

/HE SAID .....

HE SAID THE COMBINATION OF THE FOUR FACILITIES - SCHOOLS OF MUSIC, DANCE, DRAMA AND TECHNICAL ARTS - UNDER ONE ROOF WOULD ENABLE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THEATRE ARTS AS A WHOLE.

+THUS, MUSICIANS WILL UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF DANCERS, DANCERS WILL UNDERSTAND THE ART OF STAGE AND THEATRE WORK - ALL WILL MIX TOGETHER AND INEVITABLY GATHER THE WISDOM AND TECHNIQUES OF THEIR FELLOW STUDENTS,+ MR FOOTMAN SAID.

+THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS INTER-DISCIPLINARY EDUCATIONAL CONCEPT IS SOMETHING THAT IS UNRIVALLED IN THE WORLD, AND HAS ENABLED US TO ATTRACT TO HONG KONG AS ADVISERS TO THE ACADEMY WORLD LEADERS.+

THEY INCLUDED, HE CONTINUED, GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND DRAMA, THE VIENNA HOCHSCHULE, THE LINCOLN CENTRE INSTITUTE, THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL FILM SCHOOL, THE EAST-WEST CENTRE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCING.

MR FOOTMAN SAID ONE OF THE ADVISERS, PROFESSOR GOTTFRIED SCHOLZ FROM THE VIENNA HOCHSCHULE WHO IS CURRENTLY HERE HAD PRESENTED TO THE ACADEMY A COPY OF THE 12TH VOLUME OF THE FIRST EDITION OF THE COMPLETE WORKS OF HAYDN, PRINTED BETWEEN 1799 AND 1806 UNDER HAYDN'S PERSONAL SUPERVISION.

+THIS SPLENDID GIFT MARKED THE FOUNDATION OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY MARKED THE BEGINNING OF A LONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO INSTITUTIONS,+ HE ADDED.

STAFF FOR THE TOP ACADEMIC POSTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADVERTISED LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY AND ARE EXPECTED TO BE FILLED NEXT YEAR.

THIS, MR FOOTMAN SAID, WOULD GIVE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO ATTRACT STUDENTS TO ITS INITIAL COURSES, TO DEVELOP FURTHER INTERNATIONAL LINKS AND TO REFINE ITS EDUCATIONAL POLICY INTO REAL ACHIEVEMENTS.

+THIS IS A TERRIFIC AND EXCITING PROJECT, AND THE SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT WILL DEPEND ON THE GOODWILL OF THE COMMUNITY AND ON THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR, DEANS, AND HEADS OF SCHOOLS, ON THEIR IMAGINATION AND DEDICATION, AND ON THEIR ABILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE ACADEMY WORKS WITH THE COMMUNITY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

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#### FULL WATER SUPPLY THROUGHOUT WINTER

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FULL WATER SUPPLY WOULD BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS, THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE SAID THAT THE WATER SITUATION WOULD BE CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED AND A REVIEW WOULD BE CARRIED OUT NEXT SUMMER.

STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY STOOD AT 81.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 472.689 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

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THIS COMPARES WITH 47.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY, OR 274.775 MILLION CUBIC METRES, AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR.

HOWEVER, MR TOMLINSON STRESSED THE NEED FOR MAXIMUM ECONOMY IN THE USE OF WATER AT ALL TIMES.

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PIECE GOODS AND TAILORING TRADES GO METRIC  
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THE CURRENT METRIC CHANGEOVER OF THE PIECE GOODS AND TAILORING TRADES HAS RECEIVED FULL SUPPORT FROM THE RESPECTIVE TRADESMEN AND TRADE ASSOCIATIONS, ACCORDING TO MISS ALYSON MAR, CHAIRPERSON OF THE CLOTHING AND FASHION WORKING GROUP OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE.

MISS MAR TOLD A LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT SHE WAS OPTIMISTIC THE TRADES WOULD GO FULLY METRIC BY MID-1983.

+THE HONG KONG PIECE GOODS ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON EUROPEAN DRESS MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION HAVE PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART IN THE TRADES' METRICATION PROGRAMME,+ SHE SAID.

+MOREOVER, THEY HAVE ARRANGED METRICATION SEMINARS FOR INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE IN THE TRADES WHEREBY THE METRICATION COMMITTEE KNOWS THAT THE TRADES ARE BASICALLY IN FAVOUR OF SELLING FABRICS IN METRIC UNITS,+ SHE ADDED.

MISS MAR ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT THE METRICATION PROGRAMME WAS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH THE TRADES AND THE CONSUMERS.

+FOR TEN YEARS, FABRICS HAVE BEEN IMPORTED IN METRIC,+ SHE SAID, +BUT LOCAL MERCHANTS HAVE RENDERED THEM INTO IMPERIAL UNITS IN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL STAGES. NOW THE PROGRAMME WILL SAVE THE TRADES A LOT OF TROUBLE.+

ON THE OTHER HAND, MISS MAR SAID THE CONSUMERS WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE METRICATION PROGRAMME AS THEY WERE LESS LIKELY TO BE CHEATED IN CALCULATION.

AS AN INTERIM MEASURE BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND THE END OF NEXT MARCH, METRIC AND IMPERIAL UNITS WILL BE CONCURRENTLY USED BY THE TRADES.

+ALL FABRICS SOLD IN THIS PERIOD WILL BEAR DUAL PRICES, CALCULATED IN METRIC AND IMPERIAL UNITS,+ MISS MAR SAID.

THE NEW +METRESTICK+ AND +HALF-METRE RULER+ PRODUCED FOR THE TRADES WILL ALSO BEAR CALIBRATIONS IN METRIC AND IMPERIAL UNITS.

MISS MAR SAID THAT LARGE QUANTITIES OF PROMOTION POSTERS AND CONVERSION CHARTS HAD ALSO BEEN PRODUCED TO FACILITATE THE CHANGEOVER.

SHE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS TRADESMEN WOULD GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO THE METRICATION PROGRAMME.

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COUNTRY PARKS BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR  
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HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS NOW OCCUPY CLOSE TO HALF OF ITS TOTAL LAND AREA, A PROPORTION WHICH RANKS HONG KONG HIGH IN THE WORLD IN COUNTRYSIDE DEVELOPMENT.

FROM A MODEST BEGINNING WITH SIMPLE FACILITIES IN A FEW POPULAR PICNIC SPOTS, THE DEVELOPMENT WAS GIVEN IMPETUS BY THE COUNTRY PARKS ORDINANCE ENACTED IN 1976. SINCE THEN THE GOVERNMENT HAS DESIGNATED 21 COUNTRY PARKS FOR CONSERVATION AND RECREATIONAL USE, TAKING UP OVER 41 000 HECTARES, OR 40 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S LAND AREA.

THEY RANGE IN SIZE FROM THE 337-HECTARE PARK IN KAM SHAN TO THE 5 640-HECTARE PARK IN LANTAU SOUTH.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES PROVIDED IN THE PARKS INCLUDE PICNIC SITES WITH TABLES AND BENCHES, CHILDREN'S GAMES, CAMP SITES AND BARBECUE PITS, ALL OF THEM CAREFULLY DESIGNED TO BLEND WITH THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

FOOTPATHS AND TRAILS PROVIDE EASY ACCESS TO SCENIC HILLS AND WOODLANDS.

STATISTICS TESTIFY TO THE GROWING POPULARITY OF THE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE NUMBER OF VISITS TO THESE PARKS INCREASED FROM 2.36 MILLION IN 1976 TO 8.1 MILLION IN 1981, WITH A NEW MONTHLY RECORD OF 1 047 000 VISITS BEING SET IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, SAID MR K.C. IU, SENIOR COUNTRY PARKS OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE PARKS ARE IDEAL FOR PICNICKERS AND HIKERS -- AS WELL AS FOR NATURE LOVERS IN GENERAL.

+WITH AN ESTIMATED 2 500 SPECIES OF PLANTS AND SOME 340 SPECIES OF BIRDS, THE PARKS WOULD ALSO SATISFY THE MOST SERIOUS BOTANISTS AND BIRDWATCHERS,+ MR IU SAID.

SOME OF THE EARLY PICNIC SITES ARE BEING RE-DESIGNED WITH BETTER PAVED PATHS, BETTER FACILITIES AND BETTER PROTECTION MEASURES FOR THE LARGE VARIETY OF PLANTS.

THE PARKS ARE MANAGED BY ABOUT 1 500 STAFF OPERATING FROM 27 MANAGEMENT CENTRES, WITH TWO MORE CENTRES DUE FOR COMPLETION SOON.

THIS MEANS THERE IS ONE STAFF MEMBER FOR EVERY 28 HECTARES OF PARK LAND, OR ONE MAN FOR EVERY 5 400 VISITORS A YEAR.

THE STAFF PERFORM A WIDE RANGE OF DUTIES, INCLUDING PARK PATROL, MANAGING FACILITIES, COLLECTING LITTER, PLANTING TREES AND CONSTRUCTING OR REPAIRING FOOTPATHS.

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THERE ARE COUNTRY PARK RANGERS PERFORMING LAW ENFORCEMENT, AS WELL AS EDUCATIONAL AND GUIDE DUTIES FOR VISITORS.

AMONG THE MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS STAFF HAVE TO DEAL WITH ARE LITTERING AND FIRES, MR IU POINTED OUT.

LAST YEAR THE STAFF DISPOSED OF 3 000 TONNES OF LITTER LEFT BEHIND BY VISITORS, MANY OF WHOM DID NOT USE THE 4 500 LITTER BINS PROVIDED. BUT OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN FINED UP TO \$350.

+WITHOUT LITTERING, THE STAFF COULD HAVE BETTER EMPLOYED THEIR TIME IN PROVIDING MORE AND BETTER RECREATION FACILITIES OR IN IMPROVING THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT GENERALLY,+ MR IU SAID.

HILL FIRES IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN MAINLY THE RESULT OF HUMAN CARELESSNESS. NATURAL CAUSES LIKE LIGHTNING STRIKES AND SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION ARE VIRTUALLY UNKNOWN HERE, ACCORDING TO MR IU.

OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS, FIRE OUTBREAKS IN COUNTRY PARKS HAVE AVERAGED MORE THAN 500 A YEAR.

+IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT ALL HILL FIRES START SMALL AND ANY OUTBREAK COULD DEVELOP INTO THE SORT OF CONFLAGRATION WE HAD IN NOVEMBER 1979, WHICH BURNED FOR 29 HOURS, DAMAGING 500 HECTARES OF LAND AND 250 000 TREES,+ HE CAUTIONED.

AT WORST, A FIRE COULD MAKE A WOODLAND INCAPABLE OF SUPPORTING THE LIVES OF PLANTS, BIRDS, OR EVEN BUTTERFLIES AND OTHER INSECTS. IT COULD ALSO REMOVE VEGETATION GROWTH WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PREVENTION OF SOIL EROSION AND THE PREVENTION OF SILT BEING WASHED INTO RESERVOIRS AND CATCHWATERS, MR IU EXPLAINED.

HE URGED VISITORS TO OBSERVE THE COUNTRY CODE, SUMMARISED INTO FIVE +DON'TS+:

- \* DO NOT DESTROY ANYTHING BY FIRE OR VANDALISM.
- \* DO NOT SPOIL THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH LITTER AND DIRT.
- \* DO NOT POLLUTE WATER CATCHMENT AREAS, WATER COURSES AND RESERVOIRS.
- \* DO NOT DESTROY VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE.
- \* DO NOT DAMAGE CROPS.

MR IU WARNED THAT THE MAXIMUM PENALTIES UNDER THE COUNTRY PARK ORDINANCE ARE A \$5 000 FINE AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT FOR STARTING A FIRE ILLEGALLY, AND A \$2 000 FINE AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT FOR LITTERING.

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WATER LEAKAGE TEST

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 5) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY LUARD ROAD, JOHNSTON ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD, FLEMING ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD.

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RECORD 939 AMBULANCE CALLS IN A DAY

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THE FIRE SERVICES AMBULANCE COMMAND RESPONDED TO A RECORD NUMBER OF 939 CALLS DURING THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 8.30 AM TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THE CALLS INCLUDED BOTH EMERGENCIES AND REMOVAL CASES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE PREVIOUS RECORD,+ THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED, +WAS IN JUNE WHEN 899 CALLS WERE RECEIVED BY THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE NUMBER OF AMBULANCE CALLS RECEIVED HAS BEEN INCREASING STEADILY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

LAST YEAR, 252 967 CALLS WERE RECEIVED, COMPARED WITH 221 057 IN 1980, AN INCREASE OF 14.4 PER CENT.

IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THE AMBULANCE COMMAND RESPONDED TO 134 464 CALLS, COMPARED WITH 119 844 DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1981, AN INCREASE OF 12.2 PER CENT.

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TSIM SHA TSUI SQUATTER AREA CLEARED

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THE ONLY SQUATTER AREA IN TSIM SHA TSUI ALONG KOWLOON PARK DRIVE WAS CLEARED TODAY (TUESDAY) TO MAKE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND REST AREA.

THE OPERATION, CO-ORDINATED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FORMED LAST YEAR, WAS CARRIED OUT BY STAFF FROM THE SQUATTER CONTROL DIVISION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

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THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAD IDENTIFIED SERIOUS HYGIENE PROBLEMS AND FIRE RISKS POSED BY THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND HAD DECIDED TO DEMOLISH THEM.

THE CLEARANCE INVOLVED THE DEMOLITION OF 79 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, FIVE WORKSHOPS AND ONE SHRINE.

REHOUSING NEEDS OF THOSE AFFECTED HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND ELIGIBLE OCCUPANTS HAD BEEN OFFERED RESETTLEMENT OR CASH COMPENSATION.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, THE LANDS AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENTS ALSO HELPED IN THE OPERATION.

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#### CLEAN-UP CONTEST IN NORTH DISTRICT VILLAGES \* \* \* \* \*

A CLEAN-THE-VILLAGE COMPETITION STARTED TODAY IN EIGHT NORTH DISTRICT VILLAGES TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO TIDY-UP THEIR HOMES, COINCIDING WITH THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE VILLAGERS' CLEAN-UP EFFORT WILL BE ASSESSED BY A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS COMPRISING NORTH DISTRICT RURAL LEADERS.

TO LAUNCH THE COMPETITION, A BRIEF CEREMONY WAS HELD BEFORE A GROUP OF VILLAGERS AT HO SHEUNG HEUNG TODAY. AT THE SAME TIME SOME 50 SCHOOL CHILDREN DID SOME CLEANING UP AT VARIOUS REFUSE-RIDDEN BLACKSPOTS.

ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE COMPETITION, MR LAU TIN-FUK, URGED HIS FELLOW VILLAGERS TO HELP MAKE THEIR VILLAGE A MORE PLEASANT PLACE TO LIVE IN BY DISPOSING OF LITTER PROPERLY.

+WITHOUT WHOLE-HEARTED SUPPORT FROM OTHER VILLAGERS, THERE WILL BE NO LASTING BENEFIT,+ MR LAU SAID.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE FUNCTION TODAY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF NORTH DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG, THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF NORTH, MR LAW WAI-MING, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH, MR MAK CHING-HUNG, AND THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE OF HO SHEUNG HEUNG, MR HAU TAK-MING.

SEVEN OTHER VILLAGES IN THE NORTH DISTRICT WHICH JOINED THE CLEAN VILLAGE COMPETITION ARE MA CHO LUNG, CHUNG YUEN HA, KAN TAU WAI, KUK PO, LAI CHI WO, MA MEI HA AND LING TSAI.

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NEW SAFE CAMPING BOOKLET AVAILABLE  
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THE 'SAFE CAMPING' BOOKLET COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS HAS BEEN REVISED TO INCORPORATE NEW INFORMATION.

FREE COPIES WILL BE OBTAINABLE FROM THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 4) FROM THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE FIRST EDITION OF THE BOOKLET PROVED SO POPULAR THAT THE STOCK RAN OUT WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.

THE REVISED VERSION INCLUDES SIX ADDITIONAL PAGES ABOUT NEW CAMP SITES.

THE BOOKLET, BOTH EDITIONS OF WHICH ARE SPONSORED BY EXXON CHEMICAL ASIA PACIFIC LTD. AS A COMMUNITY SERVICE, PROVIDES THE PUBLIC WITH SAFETY HINTS AND GENERAL GUIDELINES ON CAMPING AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON CAMPING SITES MANAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

+SINCE CAMPING IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR, ESPECIALLY AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE,+ SAID MR CHAM SIU-LEUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, +IT IS HOPED THAT THIS BOOKLET WILL SERVE AS A USEFUL GUIDE TO CAMPERS AND PROVIDES HELPFUL ADVICE ON HOW TO 'PLAY SAFE' WHILE CAMPING.+

'SAFE CAMPING' CONSISTS OF TWO SECTIONS.

THE FIRST SECTION ON CAMPING REMINDS CAMPERS ABOUT FUNDAMENTAL PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN AND THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT THEY SHOULD BRING ALONG.

THE OTHER SECTION ON CAMP SITES COVERS A TOTAL OF 35 SITES, GIVING SUCH DETAILS AS LOCATIONS, ACCESS ROUTES, FACILITIES AVAILABLE, MANAGING AUTHORITIES AND A SIMPLE SKETCH MAP OF EACH SITE.

+SINCE THE 'SAFE CAMPING' BOOKLET IS FULL OF VALUABLE REFERENCE MATERIAL, IT SHOULD BE IN EVERY CAMPER'S RUCKSACK,+ MR CHAM SAID.

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