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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR LEGCO ELECTIONS BEGINS

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NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THIS YEAR'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 22 WILL START TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND WILL RUN UNTIL AUGUST 16, THE DEPUTY CHIEF SECRETARY, MR JOHN CHAN, ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

NOMINATION FORMS AND GUIDANCE NOTES FOR CANDIDATES ARE OBTAINABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION.

DURING THE NOMINATION PERIOD, CANDIDATES MAY LODGE THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS WITH THE RESPECTIVE RETURNING OFFICERS OR ASSISTANT RETURNING OFFICERS DURING OFFICE HOURS ON ANY WORKING DAY OTHER THAN A SATURDAY.

PAPERS CAN BE HANDED IN EITHER IN PERSON BY THE CANDIDATE, OR BY HIS PROPOSER OR SECONDER.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE, MR CHAN EXPLAINED THAT A NUMBER OF DISTRICT OFFICERS HAD BEEN APPOINTED AS RETURNING OFFICERS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES, WHILE THE SECRETARIES OF THE TWO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS WOULD BE THE RETURNING OFFICERS FOR THE TWO SPECIAL CONSTITUENCIES.

THE PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER (ELECTORAL SERVICES) OF THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION WILL ACT AS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR ALL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

A CANDIDATE MAY ONLY BE NOMINATED IN ONE CONSTITUENCY AND HIS NOMINATION HAS TO BE SUBSCRIBED BY A PROPOSER AND A SECONDER, AND ANOTHER THREE NOMINATORS IN THE CASE OF AN ELECTORAL COLLEGE OR SPECIAL CONSTITUENCY AND ANOTHER EIGHT NOMINATORS IN THE CASE OF A FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY.

"ALL SUBSCRIBERS HAVE TO BE REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE CONSTITUENCY, AND EACH SUBSCRIBER CAN AT THE MOST NOMINATE THE SAME NUMBER OF CANDIDATES AS THE NUMBER OF SEATS IN THE CONSTITUENCY," MR CHAN SAID.

IN THE SEPTEMBER ELECTIONS, THERE WILL BE 12 SEATS IN THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE, ONE EACH FOR THE 10 DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES AND TWO SPECIAL CONSTITUENCIES.

ANOTHER 14 MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED FROM THE NINE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES. THERE IS AN INCREASE OF TWO SEATS COMPARED TO THE ELECTIONS IN 1985, ONE EACH FOR THE NEW ACCOUNTANCY AND HEALTH CARE ELECTORAL DIVISIONS. IN ADDITION, THE FRANCHISE OF THE MEDICAL ELECTORAL DIVISION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO COVER DENTISTS.

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THE ELECTION DEPOSIT HAS BEEN INCREASED TO \$4,000 AS COMPARED TO \$2,000 FOR THE 1985 ELECTIONS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE DETERRENT EFFECT OF THE DEPOSIT.

THE UPPER LIMIT OF ELECTION EXPENSES HAS ALSO BEEN INCREASED FROM \$10,000 TO \$12,000 FOR THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE AND FROM \$30,000 TO \$36,000 FOR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES TO KEEP UP WITH INFLATION.

ON VOTER REGISTRATION, MR CHAN SAID THAT SOME 61,519 ELECTORS HAD BEEN REGISTERED IN THE FINAL REGISTER TO BE PUBLISHED TOMORROW. THEY WILL ALL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS.

THERE IS AN OVERALL INCREASE OF 14,441 ELECTORS AS COMPARED TO THE 1985 FIGURES. THE INCREASE COMES MAINLY FROM THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUENCIES:-

NEW/EXPANDED CONSTITUENCIES -----	1985 ----	1988 ----	SIZE OF INCREASE -----
ACCOUNTANCY	-	1,588	1,588
MEDICAL	2,933	3,540	607
HEALTH CARE	-	10,025	10,025
EXISTING CONSTITUENCIES -----			
TEACHING	34,182	35,435	1,253
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	2,314	3,103	789

MOST OF THE OTHER EXISTING CONSTITUENCIES SHOW A SLIGHT INCREASE OVER THE 1985 FIGURES.

"DISREGARDING INCREASES ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE TWO NEW ELECTORAL DIVISIONS AND THE EXPANSION OF THE MEDICAL FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY, THERE IS STILL AN INCREASE OF 2,288 ELECTORS (+ FIVE PER CENT)," MR CHAN SAID.

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ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS WELFARE FACILITIES

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, TODAY (THURSDAY) VISITED WELFARE FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AND CHILDREN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (FAMILY WELFARE), MR ALEXANDER FUNG, SIR DAVID FIRST VISITED THE CHAN KWUN TUNG CARE AND ATTENTION HOME IN KOWLOON TONG.

HE LEARNED THAT THE HOME, OPERATED BY THE ASIAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE, PROVIDED A TOTAL OF 100 CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES AND 50 AGED HOME PLACES FOR THOSE ELDERLY WHO, FOR PERSONAL, SOCIAL OR HEALTH REASONS, WERE IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL CARE.

HE THEN TOURED THE PREMISES IN THE COMPANY OF CHAIRMAN OF THE LEAGUE, MADAM LIN HON-YING, AND SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOME, MR YEUNG WAI-TSANG.

SIR DAVID NEXT CALLED ON THE SHA KOK NURSERY OPERATED BY THE NEW KOWLOON WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN SHA KOK ESTATE, SHA TIN.

THE NURSERY PROVIDES DAY CARE AND PRE-PRIMARY PROGRAMMES FOR 100 CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN TWO AND SIX YEARS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MRS YANG SHU CHENG-SUN, AND SUPERVISOR OF THE NURSERY, MADAM LAU BIG-YEE, BRIEFED SIR DAVID ON HOW PROGRAMMES WERE TAILORED ACCORDING TO THE DIFFERENT STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHILDREN.

SIR DAVID LASTLY VISITED A CHILDREN'S HOME IN SHA TIN RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE HOME CATERS FOR 40 CHILDREN OF BOTH SEXES, AGED THREE TO EIGHT. THEY ARE EITHER ABANDONED, ORPHANED, OR FOR SOME REASON CANNOT BE TAKEN CARE OF IN THEIR OWN FAMILIES.

PRE-PRIMARY PROGRAMMES ARE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE UNDER SIX, WHILE THOSE WHO ARE OF SCHOOL AGE ARE ENROLLED IN LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

RECREATIONAL AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED FOR THE CHILDREN DURING THEIR FREE TIME AND WEEKENDS.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOME, MRS MANNIE LAI, TOLD SIR DAVID THAT GREAT EFFORTS WERE MADE TO PROVIDE A WARM, LOVING AND CARING ENVIRONMENT FOR THE CHILDREN TO GROW AND DEVELOP.

SIR DAVID ALSO SAW HOW SPECIAL PROGRAMMES WERE ORGANISED FOR THE OLDER CHILDREN WHO WERE NOW ON THEIR SUMMER HOLIDAY.

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FS OPENS OTB KOWLOON BAY BRANCH

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THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON BAY BRANCH OF THE OVERSEAS TRUST BANK IS A FURTHER IMPORTANT STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BANK, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE KOWLOON BAY BRANCH IS THE SECOND NEW BRANCH AFTER KWAI FONG BRANCH WHICH WAS OPENED TO BUSINESS LAST NOVEMBER.

"I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT IT IS STILL OUR FIRM INTENTION TO OPEN MORE BRANCHES WHEN SUITABLE PREMISES IN APPROPRIATE AREAS CAN BE FOUND," SAID MR JACOBS WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BRANCH.

SHORTLY AFTER THE TAKEOVER OF OVERSEAS TRUST BANK LIMITED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 7, 1985, IT WAS NECESSARY TO CLOSE FOUR OF THE BRANCHES.

MR JACOBS POINTED OUT THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECIDED AT THAT TIME THAT THE BANK SHOULD AIM AT OPENING ADDITIONAL BRANCHES IN HONG KONG AS AND WHEN SUITABLE LOCATIONS COULD BE IDENTIFIED.

"SINCE THEN, THE BANK HAS MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS. IT HAS EXPANDED THE RANGE OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS, AND IN PARTICULAR, TO SMALL ENTERPRISES. IT HAS NOW RETURNED TO PROFITABILITY.

"THE CHANGE IN THE BANK'S FORTUNES HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE HARD WORK AND ENTHUSIASM OF MANY PEOPLE. I CONGRATULATE THE BOARD AND ALL MEMBERS OF STAFF FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS," MR JACOBS SAID.

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'SPORTS IN EDUCATION' REPORT RELEASED

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QUALIFIED PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF POLICIES IN THE EDUCATION AND SPORTS FIELD TO FACILITATE THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS PARTICIPATION AMONG SCHOOL-AGED YOUTH AND WORKING ADULTS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT (CRS), MR F.K. HU, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

ANNOUNCING DETAILS OF THE COUNCIL'S "SPORTS IN EDUCATION" REPORT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS MORNING, MR HU SAID THE COUNCIL ALSO LOOKED INTO THE DESIRABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS SCIENCE AS AN ASSESSABLE SUBJECT AND AN ACCREDITABLE DEGREE PROGRAMME.

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"I APPRECIATE THAT THIS IS A COMPLEX ISSUE AND I BELIEVE THIS REPORT WOULD INITIATE SERIOUS DELIBERATIONS AMONG CONCERNED PARTIES," HE SAID.

"THE COUNCIL HAS LONG BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOLS.

"WE BELIEVE THAT PROVISION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE PART AND PARCEL OF A BALANCED, ALL-ROUND EDUCATION. WITH THIS IN MIND, IN APRIL 1986, THE COUNCIL COMMISSIONED A SPECIALLY CONSTITUTED WORKING PARTY TO EXAMINE THE SUBJECT," HE CONTINUED.

HE SAID A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN DRAWN UP BY THE WORKING PARTY AND WERE ENDORSED BY THE COUNCIL FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT FOR CONSIDERATION.

THE EIGHT-CHAPTER REPORT CONTAINED A DETAILED DESCRIPTION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SUBJECT COVERING ALL LEVELS FROM PRE-PRIMARY TO TERTIARY EDUCATION AS WELL AS ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

IT LISTED THE PROVISION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT DIFFERENT STAGES OF SCHOOLING, AND ADDRESSED ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PROMOTION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

DURING THE COURSE OF ITS DELIBERATIONS, THE WORKING PARTY CONSULTED A NUMBER OF EXPERTS AND PROFESSIONALS BOTH AT HOME AND OVERSEAS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CRS'S WORKING PARTY ON SPORTS IN EDUCATION, DR HENRIETTA IP, POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THE BENEFITS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS ACTIVITIES WERE UNIVERSALLY RECOGNISED, "SPORT" WAS STILL BEING CONSIDERED AS PERIPHERAL TO THE CURRICULUM.

"THUS, GENUINE INTEREST IN SPORT IS OFTEN SACRIFICED FOR HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OR HINDERED BY THE LACK OF PROVISION OF FACILITIES AND GUIDANCE.

"WE FOUND THAT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY LOOKING INTO 'SPORTS IN EDUCATION' IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE PLANNING FOR A BETTER EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM," SHE NOTED.

EXPLAINING THE DETAILS OF THE REPORT, DR IP SAID THAT IN DEALING WITH THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SPORT AND EDUCATION, THE WORKING PARTY HAD CONFINED THE STUDY TO THE SYSTEM OF INSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION FROM THE PRE-PRIMARY TO THE POST-SECONDARY LEVELS.

"SPORTS PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOLS IS IN THREE FORMS: PHYSICAL EDUCATION AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM; OUT-OF-CLASS SPORTS AS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES; AND SPORT AS A PROFESSIONAL STUDY AT THE POST-SECONDARY LEVEL," SHE SAID.

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"AS FOR KINDERGARTENS, WE ADDRESSED ISSUES PERTAINING TO THE PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICAL PLAY.

"WE NOTED THAT SINCE ALL KINDERGARTENS ARE PRIVATELY-RUN, THERE ARE LIMITATIONS IN MONITORING THE STANDARDS OF PROVISION OF FACILITIES WITHIN THESE KINDERGARTENS.

"WE RECOMMENDED THAT A MANDATORY REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE MADE FOR PLAY AREAS AS A LONG-TERM OBJECTIVE.

"MEANWHILE, IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE ACHIEVED BY MAKING INFORMATION ON THESE KINDERGARTENS AVAILABLE TO PARENTS AND MODIFYING THE TIME-TABLE FOR PLAY ACTIVITIES. INSPECTORS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CAN ALSO HELP BY GIVING MORE ADVICE."

DR IP SAID SPORTS IN EDUCATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS COVERED MODIFIED GAMES FOR LOWER PRIMARY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION FOR UPPER PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS.

"THESE AIM AT DEVELOPING PHYSICAL CO-ORDINATION OF THE BODY AND BASIC SKILLS FOR SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AT A LATER STAGE."

"WE CONSIDER THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION ASSESSMENT INTO PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL ENCOURAGE PUPILS TO TAKE UP THE SUBJECT, AND WOULD HELP CORRECT UNHEALTHY TENDENCIES SUCH AS INACTIVITY AND OBESITY."

"WE ALSO FEEL THAT SINGLE-SESSION SCHOOLS SHOULD BE THE LONG-TERM TARGET FOR PROMOTION OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES," SHE ADDED.

DR IP SAID THE WORKING PARTY SUPPORTED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT INCLUDING A WIDE RANGE OF CENTRALISED SPORTS ACTIVITIES THAT COULD NOT BE PROVIDED ON A SCHOOL BASIS, BUT WOULD UTILISE PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AVAILABLE ON A DISTRICT BASIS.

AS FOR SPORTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE WORKING PARTY EXAMINED SPECIFICALLY THE SUPPLY OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS, AND OPTIONS FOR CENTRALISED AND SCHOOL-BASED SPORTS.

DR IP SAID THE EXISTING LEVEL OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROVISION IN SCHOOLS WAS NOT ALTOGETHER SATISFACTORY, BUT NOTED THAT THE PRESENT ALLOCATION OF TWO PERIODS PER WEEK COULD NOT BE IMPROVED UPON BECAUSE OF COMPETING DEMANDS AND CURRICULAR CONSTRAINTS.

SHE RECOMMENDED THAT IT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED BY RAISING THE EXISTING RATIO OF QUALIFIED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION INSPECTORS, AND IMPROVING THE TRAINING OF QUALIFIED PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS.

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TURNING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS, DR IP SAID THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDED THAT A SERIES OF "SPORTS-FOR-ALL" PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE ORGANISED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TWO STAGES.

STAGE I SHOULD COMPRISE PROGRAMMES CENTRALLY CO-ORDINATED AMONG SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOL SPORTS COUNCIL FOR INTERESTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS.

STAGE II SHOULD AIM AT ENCOURAGING EACH STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE SPORTING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE SCHOOL PREMISES. STAGE II SHOULD ALSO BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS FEASIBLE WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE COMPLETION OF STAGE I.

"TALENTED ATHLETES WHO DEMONSTRATED THEIR POTENTIAL DURING SECONDARY EDUCATION OFTEN FIND IT HARD TO CONTINUE TO PURSUE SPORT WHEN THEY ENTER TERTIARY EDUCATION," DR IP NOTED.

THE WORKING PARTY EXPLORED THE VIABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM WHERE SPORT ACHIEVEMENT IS RECOGNISED IN ADDITION TO SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADMISSIONS TO TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

"CONSULTATIONS WITH LOCAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS FUNDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE WERE MADE AND IT WAS FOUND THAT COMPETITION FOR ENTRY IS VERY KEEN," SHE SAID.

DR IP SAID THE WORKING PARTY AGREED THAT ENTRY REQUIREMENTS ON ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS SHOULD NOT BE LOWERED FOR TALENTED ATHLETES.

HOWEVER, FLEXIBLE ARRANGEMENTS DURING ACADEMIC TERMS SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR STUDENTS TO PURSUE HIGHER SPORTING STANDARDS. ALSO, ENCOURAGEMENT FOR SPORTS PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE GIVEN THROUGH THE PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ATHLETES.

"WE ALSO EXPRESSED OUR SUPPORT FOR THE PROPOSED SPORT-RELATED DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, AND PARTICULARLY THE PART-TIME MODE OF STUDY FOR THE DEGREE PROGRAMMES AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG," DR IP SAID.

"WE HOPE THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS AS AN ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SUBJECT IN THESE INSTITUTIONS WILL BE GIVEN DUE RECOGNITION," SHE POINTED OUT.

HAVING EXAMINED THE PROVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS IN EDUCATION THROUGHOUT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM, THE WORKING PARTY ALSO STUDIED THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLDERS OF SPORTS AND RELATED QUALIFICATIONS, WITH SPECIAL REGARD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF OPENING UP NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

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DR IP SAID THE FINDINGS SHOWED THAT THERE WERE A WIDE VARIETY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPORTS-TRAINED PERSONNEL IN PUBLIC, VOLUNTARY AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS. HOWEVER, DUE RECOGNITION HAD YET TO BE GIVEN TO QUALIFICATIONS IN SPORTS AND RELATED FIELDS.

"WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ROOM FOR UPGRADING THE ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS OF SPORTS AND RELATED POSTS, THEREBY CREATING MORE AND BETTER JOB OPPORTUNITIES," SHE ADDED.

"AS REGARDS THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY, SOME OF THE PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE EXISTING STRUCTURAL SET-UP.

"OTHERS, HOWEVER, MAY NEED DETAILED LONG-TERM PLANNING OR EVEN CHANGES IN ATTITUDES TOWARDS SPORTS AMONG PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

"SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS HINGES ON THE GOOD CO-ORDINATION AMONG LOCAL SPORTS AND EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS. THAT IS THE 'SPORTING LINK' WE HAVE MENTIONED AT THE END OF EACH CHAPTER," SHE CONCLUDED.

COPIES OF THE "SPORTS IN EDUCATION" REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FOR CONSULTATION AND REFERENCE.

COMMENTS ON THE REPORT ARE WELCOME. THEY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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PRISON SITUATION NOW QUIET  
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A CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING THAT ABOUT 120 INMATES AT PIK UK PRISON REFUSED TO TAKE THEIR EVENING MEALS LAST (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT.

THEY WERE LATER TAKEN BACK TO THEIR DORMITORY BY THE STAFF OF CSD AND THERE WAS NO FURTHER INCIDENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ABOUT 300 INMATES AGAIN REFUSED FOOD THIS MORNING WHILE THE REST OF THE 620 PRISONERS HAD EATEN.

/INITIAL INVESTIGATION .....

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INITIAL INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE INMATES WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPOSITION OF DISCIPLINE AND THEIR SPECIFIC DEMANDS WERE:

- \* FIVE PRISONERS WHO HAD BROKEN PRISON RULES AND WERE SEPARATED EARLIER SHOULD NOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE OTHERS,
- \* IT WAS UNREASONABLE TO TRANSFER PRISONERS TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY REASONS; AND
- \* THE VIDEO PROGRAMMES WERE NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

AFTER THE DEPARTMENT TRANSFERRED 69 PRISONERS WHO WERE BELIEVED TO BE RING LEADERS TO STANLEY PRISON, ALL THE REMAINING INMATES RESUMED THEIR MEALS THIS EVENING.

THE SITUATION AT PIK UK PRISON IS NOW QUIET.

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#### FIRST PAY-OUT OF RELIEF GRANTS LATER THIS WEEK

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 759 APPLICATIONS FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANTS FROM NEEDY FARMERS WHEN APPLICATIONS CLOSED AT 5 PM YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY).

THESE FARMERS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE SUFFERED LOSSES IN THE FLOODING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES LAST WEDNESDAY.

THE APPLICANTS COMPRISE 537 CROP FARMERS, 80 LIVESTOCK FARMERS AND 142 POND FISH FARMERS.

OF THE CROP AND LIVESTOCK FARMERS ALREADY APPLIED FOR RELIEF GRANTS, 116 WERE FROM YUEN LONG AND 501 WERE FROM TAI PO, TAI KWU LING AND NORTH DISTRICT WHERE MORE SEVERE DAMAGES HAVE BEEN REPORTED.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT SCREENING OF THE FIRST BATCH OF APPLICATIONS HAD JUST BEEN COMPLETED AND THE FIRST 116 ELIGIBLE FARMERS WOULD BE PAID RELIEF GRANTS TOTALLING \$152,000 BEFORE THE END OF THIS WEEK..

"OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE STILL BEING PROCESSED. ONLY GENUINE FULL-TIME FARMERS SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES AND IN NEED OF THE GRANTS TO RELIEVE THEIR FINANCIAL DISTRESS WILL BE GIVEN A RELIEF GRANT UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,440," HE SAID.

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APART FROM THE GRANTS, DISTRESSED FARMERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF FURTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO RESTORE THEIR FARMS MAY ALSO APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR LOW-INTEREST LOANS FROM THE KADOORIE AGRICULTURAL AID LOAN FUND AND THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION LOAN FUND.

"LOANS FROM THESE FUNDS ARE GRANTED TO INDIVIDUAL FARMERS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND WORKING CAPITAL AND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THEY ARE REQUIRED INCLUDE THE PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK AND FEED, FERTILIZERS, INSECTICIDES, SEEDS, PLANTING MATERIAL AND FARM EQUIPMENT.

"LOANS MAY ALSO BE GRANTED FOR THE ERECTION OF FARM STRUCTURE, LAND FORMATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF FISH PONDS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

LOAN INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

- A) AU TAU FISHERIES OFFICE,  
AU TAU, YUEN LONG.
- B) YUEN LONG DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE,  
TAI KIU MARKET,  
YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, YUEN LONG.
- C) TAI PO DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL OFFICE,  
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES,  
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.
- D) KO PO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,  
KO PO, FANLING.
- E) SAI KUNG AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,  
HO CHUNG, SAI KUNG.
- F) MUI WO AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICE,  
SILVER MINE BAY, MUI WO.

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BUS SERVICES TO BE MAINTAINED BEFORE LRT OPENS  
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THE KOWLOON MOTOR BUS COMPANY (KMB) AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION (KCRC) HAVE AGREED TO MAKE A JOINT EFFORT TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE BUS SERVICES IN TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG PRIOR TO THE COMMERCIAL OPENING OF THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM.

THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED TODAY (THURSDAY) AT A MEETING CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MRS ALICE LAI, AND ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF KMB, KCRC AND THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

/MRS LAI .....

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MRS LAI SAID THAT BOTH KMB AND KCRC WOULD MOBILISE THEIR BUSES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

SHE EXPECTED THE PRESENT LEVEL OF BUS SERVICES WOULD BE MAINTAINED.

ANOTHER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY TO DISCUSS MORE DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS.

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#### COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE DECREASE

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COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE DECREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BY MORE THAN 14 PER CENT IN 1987 AND THE DOWNWARD TREND HAS CONTINUED INTO THE CURRENT YEAR.

THE 1987 DECREASE WAS THE FIRST TO BE RECORDED IN SEVERAL YEARS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT PUBLISHED BY THE POLICE COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS BRANCH.

THE 1987 TOTAL OF 3,885 COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE COMPARED WITH 4,533 IN 1986, A DECREASE OF 648.

MR MARTIN BROWN, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER IN THE COMPLAINTS AND INTERNAL INVESTIGATION BRANCH, COMMENTED: "IN GENERAL TERMS THE NUMBER OF SUBSTANTIATED COMPLAINTS COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS YEARS HAS REMAINED ROUGHLY THE SAME AT ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT."

"REGARDING FALSE COMPLAINTS IT IS RECORDED THAT 12 PERSONS HAVE BEEN PROSECUTED SO FAR FOR MAKING FALSE COMPLAINTS FROM CASES ORIGINATING IN 1987 AND 11 HAVE BEEN CONVICTED, RECEIVING SENTENCES RANGING FROM FINES TO A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS IMPRISONMENT."

MR BROWN NOTED THAT OVER 91 PER CENT OF COMPLAINANTS REPORTED THEIR COMPLAINTS DIRECTLY TO POLICE. THIS METHOD OF REPORTING HAD SHOWN A STEADY INCREASE OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS AND WAS A REFLECTION OF THE CONFIDENCE THE PUBLIC HAD IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMPLAINTS INVESTIGATION PROCESS.

DURING 1987 COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICE CONTINUED WITH THEIR LECTURES ON BOTH COMPLAINT PREVENTION AND INVESTIGATION. A SECOND CAPO VIDEO ON HOW COMPLAINTS ARISE WAS PRODUCED AND IS AT PRESENT BEING SHOWN TO MEMBERS OF THE FORCE.

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COMPREHENSIVE MUNICIPAL FACILITIES FOR WESTERN

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WORKS ARE UNDERWAY ON THE URBAN COUNCIL'S \$192 MILLION SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX AND \$84.7 MILLION CHUN SING COMPLEX WHICH ON COMPLETION WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS A BETTER, CLEANER AND HEALTHIER LIFE FOR RESIDENTS IN WESTERN.

"THE TWO ULTRA-MODERN COMPLEXES WILL BRING TOGETHER UNDER ONE ROOF A WIDE VARIETY OF MUNICIPAL SERVICES RANGING FROM MARKETS TO RECREATION AND CULTURAL FACILITIES," ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES (HONG KONG REGION), MR NG YING-NEEN, SAID TODAY.

"AS CENTRAL/WESTERN DISTRICT IS A WELL ESTABLISHED AREA AND BECAUSE OF LAND RESOURCES, THE COUNCIL HAS TO REPROVISION OLD MARKETS OR, WHERE POSSIBLE, DEMOLISH OUTDATED MARKETS AND REBUILD A NEW ONE ON THE SAME SITE.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE 14-STORY SHEUNG WAN COMPLEX WILL REPLACE THE 80-YEAR-OLD WESTERN (SOUTH) BLOCK AND WILL ALSO PROVIDE MUCH CLEANER ACCOMMODATION FOR POULTRY AND MEAT STALLS FROM THE EXISTING WESTERN MARKET (NORTH) BLOCK.

"AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT WILL OFFER A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF SHOPPING FACILITIES WITH 128 MARKET STALLS SELLING POULTRY, MEAT AND FISH AND 60 MINI-STALLS SELLING FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND SUNDRY GOODS AS WELL AS A COOKED FOOD CENTRE.

"IT IS EXPECTED TO COME ON STREAM EARLY NEXT YEAR."

AS FOR THE CHUN SING COMPLEX IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT, MR NG SAID PILING WAS ALMOST FINISHED AND WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY CONSTRUCTION WORK WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 1990.

"THIS SIX-STORY MULTI-PURPOSE COMPLEX WILL FEATURE A MARKET WITH 22 MARKET STALLS FOR MEAT, FISH AND POULTRY PLUS 114 MINI-STALLS AND A COOKED FOOD CENTRE," HE SAID.

"THESE TWO MARKET PROJECTS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST VENTILATION SYSTEM WHICH WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE COOL AIR BUT ALSO MAKE THE ENVIRONMENT DRIER AND CLEANER.

"HOUSEWIVES IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS WILL BE ABLE TO DO THEIR MARKETING IN GREATER COMFORT AND EASE.

"IN ADDITION, THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED AS MANY OF THE ON-STREET HAWKERS OPERATING IN THE VICINITY WILL BE RESITED INTO THESE MODERN COMPLEXES.

"PLANS ARE ALSO IN HAND TO BUILD ANOTHER MARKET IN SMITHFIELD ROAD IN WESTERN.

"ALL THESE ARE PARTS OF THE COUNCIL'S ON-GOING CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME AND ILLUSTRATE THE COUNCIL'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS AND ASPIRATION OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE."

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LANTAU BUS COMPANY'S FRANCHISE EXTENDED

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION BY THE NEW LANTAU BUS COMPANY (NLB) FOR A TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF ITS FRANCHISE FROM APRIL 1, 1993 TO MARCH 31, 1995.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT NLB'S CURRENT FRANCHISE WAS FIRST GRANTED IN APRIL 1979 FOR EIGHT YEARS.

IT HAS SINCE BEEN EXTENDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL THREE TIMES, EACH FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS.

THE LAST EXTENSION TO MARCH 31, 1993 WAS APPROVED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

IN APPROVING NLB'S RECENT APPLICATION, THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAD CONSIDERED NLB'S CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS ON ITS PERFORMANCE OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, IN PARTICULAR ON VEHICLE MAINTENANCE.

SUCH IMPROVEMENTS ARE REFLECTED BY THE DECLINE IN PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT ITS SERVICES.

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CENTRAL DISTRICT GETS NEW REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITY

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AN OLD TOILET IN THE VICINITY OF LAN KWAI FONG IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT HAS BEEN CONVERTED INTO A THREE-STOREY PUBLIC TOILET/REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND A SITTING-OUT AREA UNDER A CITY REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THE NEW PUBLIC TOILET/REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND THE SITTING-OUT AREA WAS FORMALLY HANDED OVER TO THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON JUNE 27.

THE LAN KWAI FONG TENANTS' COMMITTEE HAD IN THE PAST SEVERELY OBJECTED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT THERE, CLAIMING THAT IT WOULD GROSSLY AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE LOCALITY.

THE ISSUE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RAISED AT CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS AND WAS HOTLY DEBATED AMONG MEMBERS.

SINCE THEN, IT HAD TAKEN THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT MORE THAN FOUR YEARS TO LOBBY SUPPORT FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

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THE NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, HOUSED IN A THREE-STOREY TOILET BUILDING ADJACENT TO THE PUBLIC SITTING-OUT AREA, IS THE MOST MODERN OF ITS KIND AND HAS GIVEN LAN KWAI FONG A NEW LOOK.

THE LAN KWAI FONG TENANTS' COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BECOME SUPPORTIVE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT, HAS ASKED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SUPPORT OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

A "PITCHING-IN" FUNCTION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT THE LAN KWAI FONG REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AT 3.30 PM.

URBAN COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, WILL BE JOINED BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE LAN KWAI FONG TENANTS' COMMITTEE, MR DICK KAUFMAN AND MR CHRISTIAN RHOMBERG, IN THE FUNCTION.

THE FUNCTION WILL INCLUDE A DEMONSTRATIVE CLEAN-UP OPERATION AT LAN KWAI FONG AND A TREE PLANTING EXERCISE AT THE SITTING-OUT AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "PITCHING-IN" FUNCTION AND VISIT THE NEW REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITY AT LAN KWAI FONG. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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UK YOUNG PEOPLE IMPRESSED BY HK'S DYNAMISM

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SIX YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM TOLD THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY HONG KONG'S MULTIFARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS AS A DYNAMIC METROPOLIS.

THEY HAVE ALSO DESCRIBED AS "A GREAT EYE-OPENER" HONG KONG'S HECTIC LIFE, FAST PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ITS STATUS AS AN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CENTRE.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE, AGED 22 TO 25, COME FROM THE COUNTY OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN IN WALES. THEIR CALL ON MR LIAO IS PART OF THEIR THREE-WEEK VISIT TO HONG KONG UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME.

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DURING THE 45-MINUTE MEETING, MR LIAO BRIEFED THE VISITORS ON HONG KONG'S DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

PRIOR TO CALLING ON MR LIAO, THE VISITORS HAVE ALREADY HAD A FEEL OF THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE IN HONG KONG.

THEY ARRIVED ON JULY 18, AND HAVE SO FAR SEEN NEW TOWN AND PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITIES AND THE CONTAINER TERMINAL IN KWAI CHUNG.

THEY HAVE ALSO VISITED THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONG KONG, HONGKONG STANDARD AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THEY WILL VISIT SOME OTHER LEADING LOCAL FIRMS, BANKS, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HOSPITALS, THE POLICE FORCE, UNIVERSITIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES BEFORE LEAVING FOR THE UK ON AUGUST 8.

SINCE 1977, THE CNTA HAS BEEN CO-ORDINATING HONG KONG'S PARTICIPATION IN THE YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, WHICH IS AIMED AT ENABLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE COMMONWEALTH THROUGH BILATERAL EXCHANGE VISITS.

SO FAR, 36 YOUNG PEOPLE - SIX EACH YEAR - HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE UK, AND HONG KONG HAS IN TURN RECEIVED 30 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE COUNTY OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN.

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THUNDERSTORMS BRING UP TO 50 MM RAINFALL

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RAINFALL OVER THE TERRITORY DURING THE INTENSE THUNDERSTORMS YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) RANGED FROM ABOUT 10 TO 50 MILLIMETRES. THE HEAVIEST RAINFALL OCCURRED OVER EASTERN KOWLOON, THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED TODAY (THURSDAY).

MOST AREAS IN THE NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD RAINFALL TOTTALLING ABOUT 30 MILLIMETRES.

THE OBSERVATORY SAID THE DOWNPOUR WAS ASSOCIATED WITH A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE THAT HAD MOVED SOUTHWARDS OVER GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

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RAIN BANDS HAD BEGUN TO AFFECT HONG KONG LATE IN THE AFTERNOON, AND THUNDERY DOWNPOURS PERSISTED INTO THE EVENING.

THE OBSERVATORY ALSO SAID A READING OF FAR HEAVIER RAINFALL GIVEN IN A BULLETIN LATE LAST NIGHT WAS INCORRECT.

DURING THE THUNDERSTORMS, FAULTS HAD OCCURRED IN REMOTE RECORDING RAINGAGES, GIVING RISE TO ERRONEOUS READINGS.

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#### GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE LATEST GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE E. COLI DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE BEACH WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THE E. COLI DATA USED FOR GRADING ARE BASED ON THE MEDIAN VALUES OF THE MOST RECENT FIVE RESULTS, OBTAINED OVER A TWO AND A HALF MONTH PERIOD ACCORDING TO THE USUAL SAMPLING FREQUENCY.

THE GRADES FOR SOME BEACHES MAY FLUCTUATE. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF THE BEACHES IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE SWIMMING AREAS.

NEVERTHELESS, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF BEACHES, AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST OF BEACH WATER QUALITY IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 0-99 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS BETWEEN 100-999 PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THE MEDIAN E. COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES, AND THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY. SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO REOPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, FIVE BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSES, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA AND ROCKY BAY. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE FIVE BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW :

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 14.7.88)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 28.7.88)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	A	A
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	B
HAIRPIN	A	A
MIDDLE BAY	C	C
REPULSE BAY	B	B

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SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	A	B
ST STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	A	A
ROCKY BAY,	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A

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CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	B	B
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	A	A
TUNG O*	A	A

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CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	B
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	A	B
TRIO (HEBE HAVEN)	A	A

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ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	A	A
CASAM	B	B
GEMINI	B	B
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	B	B
TING KAU	B	B
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

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OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	A	A
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE BEACH	A	A
BUTTERFLY	A	A

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.  
\* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

DEEP WATER BAY, SOUTH BAY, CLEAR WATER BAY SECOND AND SILVERSTRAND, FROM "A" TO "B".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT DR CATHERINE LAM, ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF THE EPD, ON 3-7211044.

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FIRST ACTIVITY FOR 'SOLAR AMBASSADORS'

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THE "SOLAR AMBASSADORS", RECENTLY RECRUITED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, WILL HOLD THEIR FIRST ACTIVITY AT THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION MARGARET TRENCH MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE ON SATURDAY (JULY 30).

THE "SOLAR AMBASSADOR ACTION DAY" WILL FEATURE A BASKETBALL MATCH AND OTHER GROUP GAMES BETWEEN THE AMBASSADORS AND THE PATIENTS RECEIVING REHABILITATION TREATMENT IN THE CENTRE.

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THE OFFICIATING GUEST OF THE ACTION DAY WILL BE POON HIU-FEI, THE BOY WHO WAS INJURED BY A JAVELIN AT A SCHOOL SPORTS DAY EARLIER THIS YEAR.

ALSO OFFICIATING WILL BE THE HEAD OF RTHK RADIO 2, MR CHEUNG MAN-SUN, AND A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR CHAN CHUN-FAT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE "SOLAR AMBASSADOR ACTION DAY" WHICH WILL START AT 11 AM ON SATURDAY AT THE REHABILITATION CENTRE IN REHABILITATION PATH, CHA KWO LING, KWUN TONG.

THOSE WISHING TO USE RTHK TRANSPORT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT RTHK, 30 BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON, BY 10.45 AM.

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HK ENERGY STATISTICS FOR 1977-1987 ON SALE

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A STATISTICAL REPORT ENTITLED "HONG KONG ENERGY STATISTICS, 1977-1987" WHICH PRESENTS THE SITUATION OF ENERGY SUPPLIES IN HONG KONG, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT CONTAINS COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON DIFFERENT FORMS OF ENERGY, INCLUDING OIL PRODUCTS, ELECTRICITY, GAS, COAL AND CHARCOAL.

FOR VARIOUS OIL PRODUCTS, STATISTICS ON LIST PRICES; STORAGE CAPACITY; TANK STOCKS; IMPORTS; RE-EXPORTS; AND QUANTITY OF SALES BY TYPE OF USER ARE PRESENTED IN THE REPORT.

FOR ELECTRICITY AND GAS, THE REPORT SHOWS TARIFF CHARGES; GENERATING CAPACITY; PRODUCTION; AND CONSUMPTION BY TYPE OF USER.

FOR COAL AND CHARCOAL, FIGURES ON IMPORTS AND RE-EXPORTS ARE GIVEN.

ANNUAL FIGURES FOR THE YEARS 1977 TO 1987 ARE PROVIDED WITH RESPECT TO MOST OF THESE STATISTICS. IN ADDITION, QUARTERLY FIGURES FOR 1986 AND 1987 ARE PRESENTED FOR SELECTED ITEMS.

THE REPORT IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND AT THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. THE PRICE IS \$18 A COPY.

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CSD CENTRAL REGISTER CAN ASSIST PRIVATE SECTOR

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A COMPREHENSIVE AND UP-TO-DATE COMPUTERISED CENTRAL REGISTER OF AROUND 300,000 ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG MAINTAINED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT CAN BE OF USE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE REGISTER SERVES MAINLY AS THE SAMPLING FRAME FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S SURVEYS ON BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS. MANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ALSO MAKE USE OF THE REGISTER FOR PUBLICITY, SURVEY AND RESEARCH WORK.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE REGISTER BY MAKING USE OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS RECORDED IN IT FOR MARKET RESEARCH, STATISTICAL SURVEY, BUSINESS AND PRODUCT PROMOTION PURPOSES.

PRIVATE FIRMS MAY APPLY TO THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF A PHOTOCOPY OR A MAGNETIC TAPE OF THE LISTING OF NON-CONFIDENTIAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE NAME, THE ADDRESS, THE MAJOR TYPE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY AND THE EMPLOYMENT SIZE CLASS OF INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

THE CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- \* \$2.50 PER PHOTOCOPY, AND
- \* A MINIMUM CHARGE OF \$340 FOR A JOB REQUIRING UP TO 20 CRU'S (COMPUTER RESOURCES UNIT) PLUS \$17 FOR EACH CRU IN EXCESS OF 20 CRU'S IF THE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED ON MAGNETIC TAPES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY CALLING THE CENTRAL REGISTER SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-8234760.

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FINAL ROUND OF ANTI-DRUG ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

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ENERGETIC YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN ORIENTEERING ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN TAKE PART IN THE LAST ROUND OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS ORIENTEERING COMPETITION TO BE HELD IN SHAM SHUI PO ON SUNDAY (JULY 31) MORNING.

THE VENUE WILL BE THE OPEN SPACE OUTSIDE THE MEI FOO SUN CHUEN NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE OFFICE.

THE COMPETITION, WHICH IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, IS AIMED AT DRIVING HOME THE ANTI-NARCOTICS AND JUNIOR POLICE CALL MESSAGES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE SHAM SHUI PO JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO MEN'S AND WOMEN'S DIVISIONS. EACH DIVISION HAS TWO SECTIONS -- ONE FOR THOSE BETWEEN 13 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE AND THE OTHER FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 24.

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN SPREAD OVER THREE DAYS. THE FIRST TWO ROUNDS WERE HELD AT UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE ON JULY 10 AND AT SO UK ESTATE ON JULY 17.

COMPETITORS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COLLECT, WITHIN A TIME FRAME, QUESTION SHEETS AT DIFFERENT CHECKPOINTS AND TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON JPC AND ANTI-DRUG ISSUES.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP WILL GO TO THE ENTRANT WHO SCORES THE HIGHEST MARK WITHIN THE SHORTEST TIME.

INTERESTED PARTIES ARE REMINDED TO REPORT FOR REGISTRATION AT THE MEI FOO SUN CHUEN VENUE NOT LATER THAN 9.15 AM.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE VENUE AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY.

GUESTS WILL INCLUDE THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MISS SARAH TAM, AND THE SHAM SHUI PO POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT PAANG KUI-SAN.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY BY A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY SHAM SHUI PO JPC MEMBERS AND LOCAL SINGERS.

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN TUEN MUN REARRANGED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN TUEN MUN TOWN CENTRE WILL BE REARRANGED FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE REARRANGEMENTS INCLUDE THE DESIGNATION OF A NUMBER OF NEW URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS AND THE CANCELLATION OF SOME OF THE EXISTING ONES.

THE EXTENT OF THE NEW URBAN CLEARWAYS WILL BE INDICATED BY APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR SUCH DIRECTIONS AND NOT TO STOP WITHIN RESTRICTED AREAS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIODS.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, SECTIONS OF PUI TO ROAD, TSUN WEN ROAD, TIN HAU ROAD, TSING LUN ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROADS TO YUEN WAI AND SAN HING TSUEN WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS OPERATING ROUND THE CLOCK.

A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS WILL ALSO BECOME 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THESE INCLUDE SECTIONS OF THE NORTHERN ACCESS ROADS TO YAU OI ESTATE AND ON TING ESTATE, LUNG MUN ROAD, ROAD 18A AND THE ACCESS ROADS TO TUEN MUN AREA 19 AND KEI LUN WAI.

A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS AND ACCESS ROADS WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS OPERATING DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM.

THESE ARE SECTIONS OF TSING WUN ROAD, MING KUN ROAD, THE SOUTHERN ACCESS ROAD TO SHAN KING ESTATE, LUNG MUN ROAD, ROAD 28A, THE ACCESS ROAD TO MELODY GARDEN, THE WESTERN ACCESS ROAD TO BUTTERFLY ESTATE, THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE PUMPING STATION IN TUEN MUN AREA 45B, ROAD LD6 AND THE NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD TO LEUNG KING ESTATE.

TWO ROAD SECTIONS - ROAD 31C AND THE NORTHERN ACCESS ROAD TO SHAN KING ESTATE - WILL BECOME PEAK-HOUR (7 AM TO 10 AM AND 4 PM TO 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON SECTIONS OF PUI TO ROAD, TSUN WEN ROAD, TSING LUN ROAD, TSING WUN ROAD AND MING KUM ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED.

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