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MORE SOCIAL CENTRES FOR AGED

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MORE SOCIAL CENTRES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE ELDERLY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SENIOR CITIZENS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOURTH 'PARTY FOR A THOUSAND AGED' ORGANISED BY THE SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION AT THE CITY HALL, MR ALLEYNE SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AGED 60 AND OVER WAS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE FROM 487 000 TO 610 000 IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

+TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF COMMUNITY LIFE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS, SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY ARE CURRENTLY BEING PROVIDED AT THE RATE OF ONE CENTRE TO EVERY 30 000 POPULATION.

+THERE ARE AT PRESENT OVER 50 SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN HONG KONG, AND THESE WILL BE INCREASED TO 68 IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

+IT WAS HOPED THAT THE ELDERLY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAMMES OFFERED IN THESE CENTRES.

+APART FROM ENJOYING AN ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE, THEY CAN ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY AND RENDER USEFUL SERVICE IN THESE CENTRES,+ HE SAID.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, ARE PROVIDING DIFFERENT TYPES OF SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY, SUCH AS HOME-HELP SERVICE, SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, ELDERLY HOSTELS, HOMES FOR THE AGED AND CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES.

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MEI KING STREET ONE-WAY TRAFFIC

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A SECTION OF MEI KING STREET IN TO KWA WAN BETWEEN MEI KWONG STREET AND LOK SHAN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY WESTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 16) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

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CLASSES TO IMPROVE TEACHERS' FLUENCY IN ENGLISH
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TWO REFRESHER COURSES WILL BE HELD FROM NEXT MONTH FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS COMMISSIONED THE BRITISH COUNCIL TO RUN THE TWO COURSES TO HELP TEACHERS IMPROVE THEIR FLUENCY AND CONFIDENCE IN USING SPOKEN ENGLISH.

THE COURSES ALSO AIM TO MAKE THE TEACHERS A MORE ACCURATE MODEL OF ENGLISH FOR THEIR PUPILS AND TO INTRODUCE TEACHERS TO A RANGE OF COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

AS A FOLLOW-UP TO FURTHER IMPROVE PARTICIPANTS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR TEACHERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE REFRESHER COURSE TO ENROL FOR A TERM OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS IN THE ENGLISH CLASSES AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL.

EACH OF THE TWO COURSES WILL BE OF 90 HOURS DURATION AND WILL BE HELD FROM APRIL 19 TO JULY 8.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND CLASSES ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS AND MAY CHOOSE TO ATTEND EITHER THE MORNING SESSION FROM 9 AM TO 11.30 AM, OR THE AFTERNOON SESSION FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 25 TEACHERS IN EACH COURSE AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO TEACHERS WHO ARE ALSO IN CHARGE OF THE ENGLISH SUBJECTS IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

ALL CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE BRITISH COUNCIL, 253-261 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

SIMILAR COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE REFRESHER COURSES.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED NOT LATER THAN MARCH 23 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (ENGLISH), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE ENGLISH SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE ON 5-774001 EXT. 30.

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FREE BOOKLET TELLS ABOUT NT SPORTS PLACES

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PEOPLE WISHING TO BOOK A TENNIS OR SQUASH COURT OR A GRASS FOOTBALL PITCH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL FIND ALL THE NECESSARY INFORMATION IN A BOOKLET RECENTLY PUBLISHED.

THE COMPREHENSIVE, FULL-COLOUR INFORMATION BOOKLET ON ALL RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS OFFERED FREE TO THE PUBLIC.

IT IS JOINTLY PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT AND THE NTSD, AND IS AVAILABLE SEPARATELY IN ENGLISH AND IN CHINESE.

IT GIVES DETAILS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL BOOKING PROCEDURES AND THE OPENING HOURS OF ABOUT 100 PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES, TENNIS AND SQUASH COURTS, INDOOR GAMES HALLS, SPORTS GROUNDS AND PLAYGROUNDS, AND ONE STADIUM.

INCLUDED ALSO IS INFORMATION ON SOME FACILITIES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, WHO ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAKE USE OF THEM.

THE BOOKLET MAY BE OBTAINED WITHOUT CHARGE AT ALL URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR REGISTERED CONTRACTORS

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FROM CONTRACTORS WHO WISH TO BE INCLUDED ON A REGISTERED LIST IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO TENDER FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY THAT CONTRACTORS WITH VALID BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES AND RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING BUILDING WORK COULD APPLY.

+THE PROJECTS ARE MAINLY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF CIVIL AND BUILDING WORKS, INCLUDING ROAD WORKS, BRIDGE, DRAINAGE, PIER, PLAYGROUND, VILLAGE TYPE SCHOOL BUILDING AND CLEANSING FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

+IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, ABOUT \$20 MILLION HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED FOR THESE PROJECTS, EACH CONTRACT NOT EXCEEDING \$200 000.

+EACH OF THE EIGHT DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS ITS OWN REGISTERED LIST.

+INTERESTED CONTRACTORS SHOULD APPLY IN ANY OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES.+

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