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GOVT TAKING CLOSE LOOK AT PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING A CLOSE AND THOROUGH LOOK AT HONG KONG'S PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"IN PARTICULAR WE WANT TO LOOK AT THE RESPECTIVE ROLES OF GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WORK OUT THE RIGHT INTERFACE BETWEEN PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND HOSPITAL SERVICES TO ENSURE THAT AVAILABLE RESOURCES ARE USED IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANNER," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 41ST WORLD MEDICAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT MUST MAKE SURE THAT MEDICAL SERVICES MET THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

HE POINTED OUT THAT LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WAS AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD, HIGHER FOR INSTANCE THAN MOST OF WESTERN EUROPE AND HIGHER THAN THE UNITED STATES, AND OUR INFANT MORTALITY RATES WERE LOWER THAN IN MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

"WE CANNOT, HOWEVER, BE COMPLACENT ABOUT THESE ACHIEVEMENTS," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS SEEKING WAYS TO ENSURE A MORE HEALTHY COMMUNITY SO THAT OUR PEOPLE COULD ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF HONG KONG'S PROSPERITY.

"FOR INSTANCE WE HAVE A HEALTHY POPULATION BUT SOME BADLY OVERCROWDED WARDS IN PUBLIC HOSPITALS," SIR DAVID NOTED.

HE TOLD THE ASSEMBLY THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY IN THE FIRST HALF OF NEXT YEAR WAS INTENDED TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION OF ALL GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITAL.

"IN THIS WAY WE INTEND TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE AND BALANCED USE OF OUR SCARCE RESOURCES BOTH WITHIN HOSPITALS AND BETWEEN HOSPITALS," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

NOTING THAT A SPECIAL THEME FOR THE ASSEMBLY WAS THE IMPACT OF NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS ON NATIONAL HEALTH POLICY AND SYSTEMS, THE GOVERNOR SAID WE HAD ALWAYS IN HONG KONG OPERATED AN ELABORATE SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION ON ALL IMPORTANT ISSUES OF PUBLIC POLICY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS PLAYED A FULL IN THIS PROCESS, NOTABLY IN DEALING BOTH WITH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND WITH PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAVING ONE SEAT ELECTED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION SHOWED THAT HONG KONG'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN HELPING THE GOVERNMENT TO FORMULATE POLICY, HE SAID.

EFFORTS MADE TO IMPROVE SOCIAL SERVICE QUALITY

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SOCIAL WORKERS AND ADMINISTRATORS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES MUST MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS IN THE AREAS OF SERVICE PLANNING, CO-ORDINATION AND EVALUATION SO AS TO ENSURE THAT SERVICE DELIVERY MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE TARGET CLIENT GROUPS.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THIS TODAY (MONDAY) WHILE OFFICIATING AT A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE DIPLOMA COURSE IN MANAGEMENT (SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES) RUN BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

MR CHAU SAID THAT BOTH GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WERE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF SOCIAL SERVICE TO MEET THE INCREASING COMMUNITY DEMANDS.

"THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT, IN THE FORM OF SUBVENTION TO SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES, HAS ALSO INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, FROM \$625 MILLION IN 1987-88 TO \$933 MILLION IN THE CURRENT YEAR," HE SAID.

"THE INCREASE IN FUNDING AND WELFARE SERVICES HAS BROUGHT A CORRESPONDING EXPANSION IN THE SIZE OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES.

"AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 159 WELFARE AGENCIES RECEIVING GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION AND THERE ARE A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 1,400 SUBVENTED SERVICE UNITS EMPLOYING OVER 12,000 SUBVENTED STAFF.

"AMONGST THE SUBVENTED AGENCIES, 33 OF THEM HAVE MORE THAN 100 STAFF, AND OF THESE 33, 10 HAVE MORE THAN 300 STAFF ON THEIR PAYROLL."

MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT JUST BY LOOKING AT THE SIZE OF SOME OF THESE AGENCIES AND THE COMPLEXITY OF THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDED, THE NEED FOR PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT WAS OBVIOUS.

"IN TERMS OF STAFF MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL PLANNING, DECISION MAKING AND LEADERSHIP, THESE AGENCIES ARE PERHAPS NOT DISSIMILAR TO CORPORATIONS IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, WHERE PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT TOOLS ARE EXTENSIVELY USED TO SOLVE PROBLEMS," HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL'S DIPLOMA COURSE WOULD ENABLE THE "MANAGERS" OF WELFARE AGENCIES TO DESIGN AND IMPLEMENT SERVICES BEST SUITED TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.



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ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	133.4	+0.0*	+7.2	134.6	+0.1	+7.4
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	134.7	-0.8	+9.9	137.5	-0.8	+10.3
DURABLE GOODS	121.7	-0.2	+2.2	120.6	-0.4	+2.2
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	132.3	-0.3	+7.6	131.7	-0.4	+7.1
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	136.9	+0.3	+13.3	135.9	+0.4	+13.2
SERVICES	142.3	+0.8	+12.2	142.7	+0.7	+12.3
ALL ITEMS	130.7	+0.3	+9.9	130.2	+0.3	+9.7

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THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY 0.5 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B). THIS WAS MAINLY DUE TO INCREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND IN THE AVERAGE CHARGE FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS AND OTHER EATING PLACES, WHICH MORE THAN OFFSET THE DECREASES IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF SALT-WATER FISH AND FRESH FRUIT.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR DECREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN BOTH CPI(A) AND CPI(B) AS A RESULT OF LOWER PRICES OF OUTERCLOTHING AND MEN'S FOOTWEAR.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES INCREASED BY 0.8 PER CENT IN CPI(A) AND BY 0.7 PER CENT IN CPI(B) BECAUSE OF HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

FIGURES HEREIN REFER TO CPI SERIES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED. ALL PERCENTAGE CHANGES ARE DERIVED FROM CPI FIGURES TAKEN TO MORE THAN ONE DECIMAL PLACE.

MORE DETAILS ARE GIVEN IN THE "CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT" FOR AUGUST 1989, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT \$3.50 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL; OR FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 19TH FLOOR, WANCHAI TOWER 1, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI; OR FROM THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, HONG KONG FOR LOCAL AND OVERSEAS MAILINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE INDEXES MAY BE MADE TO THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 5-8235089.

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THE HANG SENG CPI WAS 136.7 IN AUGUST 1989, UP BY 0.6 PER CENT OVER JULY 1989 AND UP BY 10.7 PER CENT OVER AUGUST 1988.

THE HANG SENG CPI IS BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERN OF THE 10 PER CENT OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG THAT SPENT \$10,000-\$24,999 A MONTH DURING THE 1984/85 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY.

FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS INDEX ARE INCLUDED IN THE HANG SENG CPI REPORT ISSUED BY THE ECONOMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF HANG SENG BANK LTD.

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SIMPLIFIED PROCESSING AT CHECK-POINT TO BE STUDIED

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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT WILL STUDY WHETHER THE PRESENT DOCUMENTATION PROCESSING SYSTEM FOR LORRIES AND CONTAINER TRUCKS AT THE MAN KAM TO CHECK-POINT CAN BE FURTHER SIMPLIFIED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THIS WAS AMONG STEPS AGREED AT A MEETING YESTERDAY ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CUSTOMS, POLICE, IMMIGRATION, SOME DRIVERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO ASSOCIATIONS ON THE PROCESSING TIME AT THE BORDER CHECK-POINT.

"IT HAS ALSO BE AGREED THAT THE PRESENT SIX ARRIVAL KIOSKS (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ONE UNDER REPAIR) WILL BE MOBILISED FOR CLEARANCE AT PEAK HOURS IN THE MORNING BETWEEN 7.15 AM AND 10.30 AM AND ALSO IN THE AFTERNOON BETWEEN 3.30 PM AND 8.30 PM BY BOTH CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION.

"AS REGARDS THE ALLEGED REPORTS OF DELIBERATE DELAY AT THE CONTROL POINT, THE DEPARTMENT WILL LOOK INTO SUCH REPORTS BEFORE DECIDING ON WHAT FURTHER ACTION TO TAKE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO CONSIDER ADOPTING MORE FREQUENT TIDAL WAVE ARRANGEMENTS WHENEVER NECESSARY IN ORDER TO SPEED UP THE FLOW OF VEHICLES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT CUSTOMS STAFF AT THE MAN KAM TO CHECK-POINT PROCESSED AN AVERAGE OF 5,300 INBOUND VEHICLES EACH DAY DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

"GIVEN THE NUMBER OF HOURS OF OPERATION FROM 7 AM TO 8 PM AND GIVEN THE NUMBER OF PROCESSING KIOSKS AVAILABLE, IT ONLY TOOK ABOUT AN AVERAGE OF 40 SECONDS FOR A VEHICLE TO BE PROCESSED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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"AND THE PROCESSING PROCEDURES THAT HAVE TO BE DONE DURING THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME INCLUDE VERIFYING THE VEHICLES AGAINST MANIFESTS LODGED, CHECKING PARTICULARS OF LICENCES AGAINST PARTICULARS DECLARED ON MANIFESTS, CHECKING OF TARGET LISTS AND DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT TO SELECT CONSIGNMENT FOR FURTHER EXAMINATION."

"WE ARE, OF COURSE, VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OPEN A DIALOGUE WITH THE CONCERNED GROUPS SO THAT ANY PROBLEMS ARISING FROM THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE PROCEDURES CAN BE DISCUSSED IN FUTURE." THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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## CONSULTANCY STUDY ON CONTROL OF ASBESTOS IN ENVIRONMENT

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) HAS COMMISSIONED A CONSULTANT TO DRAW UP A FRAMEWORK OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS INVOLVING THE MAINTENANCE AND REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS IN BUILDINGS.

AN AGREEMENT ON THE \$1.3 MILLION CONSULTANCY STUDY WAS SIGNED THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON BY THE EPD'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR ROBERT LAW, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF BALFOURS INTERNATIONAL (ASIA) CONSULTING ENGINEERS.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONSULTANT WILL EXAMINE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND AVAILABLE DATA ON THE USE OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING MATERIALS IN HONG KONG.

IT WILL PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROLS FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF REMOVAL OF THE MATERIAL SO AS TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE NO STATUTORY OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE TO PROTECT THE GENERAL PUBLIC FROM UNDUE ASBESTOS EXPOSURE.

AN EXPERT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, HIRED BY THE CONSULTANCY FIRM, WILL FLY TO HONG KONG AND BE HERE FOR THE DURATION OF THE STUDY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE EXISTING AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE WILL BE AMENDED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE NEW LEGISLATION.

A LICENSING SYSTEM FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL CONTRACTORS AND PROJECT CONSULTANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

ALSO, THE CONSULTANT WILL PREPARE A DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE AND OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO COMPLEMENT THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION.

THE CONSULTANCY STUDY WILL START IN EARLY OCTOBER AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TAI PO DB TO DISCUSS POLITICAL MODEL

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) TO DISCUSS THE POLITICAL MODEL PROPOSED BY OMELCO.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR ANDREW WONG HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND THE MEETING TO BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROPOSAL.

ALSO, MEMBERS WILL ELECT THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S FIVE COMMITTEES DURING THE MEETING. THEY ARE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE, PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE, THE RECREATION, SPORTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO BE BRIEFED ON EFFLUENT DISCHARGE

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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE WILL BE BRIEFED BY AN OFFICIAL FROM THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ON GOVERNMENT ACTIONS AGAINST POLLUTION CAUSED BY EFFLUENT DISCHARGED FROM FACTORIES IN THE DISTRICT AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ALSO, MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE INFORMATION GATHERED BY THE AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATION IN KWAI CHUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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DB COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER SPORTS SCHEME

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW A PROGRESS REPORT ON A SPORTS PROMOTION SCHEME AT ITS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27).

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE FUND APPLICATIONS FROM THE TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, THE ACTIVITIES WORKING GROUP OF THE TSUEN WAN CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE, AND THE TSUEN WAN RURAL AREA COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, TSUEN WAN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUND ALLOCATION

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF \$175,000 IN DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND AREA COMMITTEES AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE DETAILS OF THE 1989-90 MONG KOK ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, AND ARE EXPECTED TO ENDORSE THE ALLOCATION OF \$25,000 FOR THE CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON.

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CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN SAI KUNG

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A CLEAN-UP OPERATION WAS HELD AT PO TOI O IN SAI KUNG TODAY (MONDAY) TO REMIND VILLAGERS AND BEACH-GOERS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

THE OPERATION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS AMONG THE DISTRICT'S ACTIVITIES BEING ARRANGED IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

GUESTS PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S OPERATION INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR HO KOON-SHUN; CHAIRMAN AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON THE 1989-90 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN, MR EDWARD PONG; AND DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT (SAI KUNG) OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LAM CHI-CHUNG.

THIRTY VOLUNTEERS FROM PUI CHI BOYS' HOME ALSO TOOK PART IN THE OPERATION.

THE NEXT ACTIVITY, A "CLEAN SAI KUNG MARICULTURE ZONES FORTNIGHT", WILL START ON OCTOBER 13 AND LAST UNTIL OCTOBER 27 IN THE DISTRICT'S SEVEN MARICULTURE ZONES.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR MOCK DB MEETING

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WILL ORGANISE A MOCK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON NOVEMBER 11 TO HELP THE PUBLIC BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FUNCTIONS AND OPERATION OF A DISTRICT BOARD.

THIS IS PART OF THE COMMITTEE'S YEAR-LONG EFFORT IN PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INTEREST AND INVOLVEMENT IN DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

APPLICATION IS NOW OPEN TO INDIVIDUALS AND TO DISTRICT BODIES WHO MAY NOMINATE UP TO FOUR PARTICIPANTS FOR THE MOCK MEETING. THEY MAY BE TEACHERS, STUDENTS, SOCIAL WORKERS OR OTHERS WHO WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN NOW BE OBTAINED FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT 37 TONKIN STREET AND FROM ITS SUB-OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE OCTOBER 13.

AS THE NUMBER OF PLACES AT THE MOCK MEETING IS LIMITED TO 40, A SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS MAY BE MADE. A BRIEFING WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30 FOR THE CHOSEN PARTICIPANTS.

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DURING THE MOCK MEETING, PARTICIPANTS WILL PLAY THE ROLE OF BOARD MEMBERS, WHILE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER THEIR QUERIES.

DISTRICT BOARD PAPERS ON TOPICAL ISSUES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS TO FACILITATE DISCUSSION.

VETERAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR COMMENTS AT A REVIEW SESSION AFTER THE MOCK MEETING.

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE STUDIES IN DECEMBER  
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THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE STUDIES AND LANGUAGE TEACHER EDUCATION AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI FROM DECEMBER 13 TO 15 THIS YEAR.

THIS FIFTH CONFERENCE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE BRIEF TITLE OF "LULTAC '89", WHICH IS TAKEN FROM THE THEME "LANGUAGE USE, LANGUAGE TEACHING AND THE CURRICULUM".

THE ISSUES THE CONFERENCE WILL ADDRESS ARE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO HONG KONG PEOPLE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION WHERE THERE IS GREAT PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE ROLE AND FUNCTION OF LANGUAGES, IN PARTICULAR THE USE OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.

THE CONFERENCE WILL RE-EXPLORE LANGUAGE TEACHING CONCERNS WITHIN A CONTEXT OF NEW INSIGHTS INTO LANGUAGE USE AND LANGUAGE LEARNING.

IT WILL RE-APPRAISE THE COMPONENTS OF LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING IN RELATION TO LANGUAGE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT, AND WILL RE-EXAMINE THE PLACE OF LITERATURE IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION.

IT WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE THE SHARING OF, AND DISCUSSION ON, THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CURRICULUM INITIATIVES, MANAGEMENT OF CHANGES IN THE CURRICULUM AND RESEARCH FINDINGS ON CURRICULUM INNOVATIONS.

A TOTAL OF 130 PAPERS WILL BE PRESENTED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE BY WORLD EXPERTS IN THE FIELD.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE INTRODUCING THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THREE PANEL DISCUSSIONS TO MAKE THE OCCASION A PRIME ONE FOR ACADEMICS AND PRACTITIONERS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN LANGUAGE AND EDUCATION, AS WELL AS FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WHO ARE INTERESTED IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION, ITS PRESENT AND ITS FUTURE.

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THE FIRST PANEL DISCUSSION WILL BE DEVOTED TO LANGUAGE PLANNING, THE SECOND WILL FOCUS ON LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE AND THE THIRD WILL CENTRE ON THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ATTENDED BY SOME OF THE WORLD'S LEADING SPECIALISTS IN THE FIELD OF LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING.

THEY INCLUDE PROFESSOR JOAN RUBIN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, USA, PROFESSOR THEODORE ROGERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, USA, PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER CANDLIN OF MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA, PROFESSOR JOHN SINCLAIR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM, UK, PROFESSOR BJORIN JERNUDD OF THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE, PROFESSOR LI YING-CHE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, USA, PROFESSOR LIN TAO OF BEIJING UNIVERSITY, CHINA, PROFESSOR XU SI-YI OF XIN JIANG UNIVERSITY, CHINA, AND MANY OTHER LEADING FIGURES IN LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGE EDUCATION FROM DIFFERENT PLACES BESIDES HONG KONG.

THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE HAS SO FAR ATTRACTED A VERY GOOD RESPONSE FROM LOCAL AND OVERSEAS INSTITUTES AND COMPANIES.

SOME OF THE KEY MEMBERS OF HONG KONG LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN HAVE EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND WILL BE SENDING REPRESENTATIVES.

ENROLMENT HAS BEEN MOST SATISFACTORY AND THERE ARE ONLY 80 PLACES LEFT. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ENROL NOW, FOR THERE WILL BE NO ON-SITE ENROLMENT.

THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE CONFERENCE WILL COVER ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE, LUNCHES AND COFFEE ON THE THREE DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE, ABSTRACTS OF PAPERS IN THE CONFERENCE AND TWO BOUND VOLUMES OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR REGISTERED TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS TO RECEIVE A PARTIAL REFUND OF THEIR REGISTRATION FEES.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION ON THE 21ST FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK, KOWLOON, AND ON TELEPHONE NO. 3-7719418. ENROLMENT IN PERSON CAN BE MADE AT THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION.

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RECREATIONAL AREAS FOR MONG KOK AND SAI KUNG  
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WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PLAYGROUND AND AN OPEN SPACE WILL START SOON TO PROVIDE MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN MONG KOK AND SAI KUNG RESPECTIVELY.

THE PLAYGROUND IN MONG KOK, WITH A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 2,070 SQUARE METRES, IS TO BE BUILT AT THE JUNCTION OF MONG KOK ROAD AND SHANGHAI STREET.

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IT WILL PROVIDE SITTING-OUT SPACE, LANDSCAPED AREAS AND CHILDREN'S AND TODDLERS' PLAY AREAS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE OPEN SPACE IN SAI KUNG, WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 7,500 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE BUILT AT WAI MAN ROAD.

THE FACILITIES THERE WILL INCLUDE A SITTING-OUT PAVILION, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, FOUNTAIN POOL FEATURES, PLANTERS AND SOFT LANDSCAPING.

WORK WILL START IN DECEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TWO PROJECTS. FORMS OF TENDERS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT ON THE 34TH FLOOR, QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON OCTOBER 13.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 66.3 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 388.472 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 263.263 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 44.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN HUI)  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN HUI) WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ENTER THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH PU TEI ROUNDABOUT FROM 1.30 AM TO 5.30 AM ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN HUI).

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (LAM TEI) SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR KOWLOON ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE VIA ROAD D9.

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