



Received by PRO
on - 2 SEP 1993

DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL.: 842 8777

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1993

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
1991 LEGCO POLLS FAIR: SURVEY	1
SHOW TO HELP DISABLED INTEGRATE	3
SPECIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR TIU KENG LENG STUDENTS	4
MORE JOB BAZAARS FOR LOCAL WORKERS	5
GIANT POSTER TO CELEBRATE CYC 15TH ANNIVERSARY	6

1991 LEGCO POLLS FAIR: SURVEY

* * * * *

THE PUBLIC WAS OF THE VIEW THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD CONDUCTED THE 1991 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECT ELECTIONS IN A FAIR AND OBJECTIVE MANNER, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY COMMISSIONED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

WHILE THE POLLS WERE CONSIDERED TO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRATISATION IN THE TERRITORY, THE VOTERS' CHOICES IN THE ELECTIONS WERE FOUND TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OVERALL ELECTORATE.

THE MASS MEDIA HAD REPORTED ON THE ELECTIONS ADEQUATELY AND IMPARTIALLY.

ON THE WHOLE, THE SURVEY AFFIRMED, THE POLLING EXERCISE WAS CONSIDERED BY THE VOTERS AND NON-VOTERS TO HAVE BEEN A SUCCESS.

IN THEIR STUDY OF THE VOTING BEHAVIOUR IN THE 1991 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECT ELECTIONS, DR LOUIE KIN-SHEUN AND MISS WAN PO-SAN OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (THE FORMER BEING A SENIOR LECTURER WITH THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG NOW) CONTACTED 3,122 PEOPLE FROM A RANDOM SAMPLE BETWEEN MAY 15 AND JULY 3 LAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 1,515 PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 69 WERE SUCCESSFULLY INTERVIEWED, REPRESENTING A RESPONSE RATE OF 48.5 PER CENT.

APART FROM THE PROFILE AND BACKGROUND OF THOSE WHO VOTED AS WELL AS THOSE WHO DID NOT, THEY ALSO EXPLORED WHY MORE THAN 40 PER CENT OF THOSE ELIGIBLE HAVE NOT REGISTERED AND WHY MANY WHO HAVE REGISTERED DID NOT TURN OUT AND CAST THEIR VOTE.

AS REGARDS THOSE WHO DID CAST THEIR BALLOTS, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE ELECTORS WERE MOTIVATED BY A VARIETY OF FACTORS ALTHOUGH THE MOTIVE TO "FULFIL A CITIZEN'S DUTY" WAS THE FOREMOST GIVEN REASON (84.4 PER CENT).

BUT, POLITICALLY RELATED REASONS SUCH AS THE "HOPE TO INFLUENCE GOVERNMENT POLICIES" (74.6 PER CENT) AND THE "HOPE TO FACILITATE HONG KONG'S DEMOCRATISATION" (74.2 PER CENT) WERE ALSO IMPORTANT MOTIVATING FACTORS.

AS FOR THOSE WHO ABSTAINED FROM VOTING, THE MAIN REASON CITED WAS INSUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE CANDIDATES (64.2 PER CENT).

OTHER CAUSES INCLUDED THE FEELING THAT THEIR VOTES WOULD NOT HAVE MUCH INFLUENCE ON THE ELECTORAL OUTCOME (45.5 PER CENT) AND THAT NO SATISFACTORY CANDIDATE COULD BE FOUND IN THE CONSTITUENCY (32.5 PER CENT).

HOWEVER, THE REPORT WAS QUICK TO POINT OUT THAT THE ABSTAINERS' DECISION NOT TO VOTE WAS NOT BECAUSE THEY HAD NO TRUST OR FAITH IN THE SYSTEM.

ON THE REASONS FOR NON-REGISTRATION, THE SURVEY FOUND THAT THE LACK OF POLITICAL INTEREST (63.6 PER CENT) WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT. RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY - MOVING HOUSE - ALSO EXERTED A SIGNIFICANT DEPRESSING EFFECT ON THE REGISTRATION RATE.

PERSONAL FACTORS SUCH AS AGE, SEX, EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND INCOME LEVEL EXERTED A CONSIDERABLE DEGREE OF INFLUENCE ON THE RATES OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING TURNOUT.

PEOPLE WITH HIGHER INCOME AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT HAD A HIGHER RATE OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTING TURNOUT, ACCORDING TO THE SURVEY.

AS TO THE CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF CANDIDATES, NEARLY ALL THE ELECTORS PLACED A HEAVY EMPHASIS ON THEIR ABILITY (88.7 PER CENT); COURAGE (80.8 PER CENT) AND POLITICAL PLATFORM (78.8 PER CENT).

THE SURVEY ALSO FOUND THAT NON-PARTICIPATION BY THOSE WHO HAVE NOT REGISTERED OR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT VOTED WAS NOT DUE TO ANY ADMINISTRATIVE BARRIER OR BURDENSOME ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENT.

IT WAS PROBABLY DUE TO SOME LONG-TERM UNDERLYING ATTITUDES EMBEDDED IN THE ELECTORS, IT ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THE RESEARCHERS MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

FIRSTLY, THAT FUTURE REGISTRATION DRIVES AND ELECTORAL PUBLICITY SHOULD GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE RELATIVELY LESS ADVANTAGED SOCIAL GROUPS - THE LESS EDUCATED AND LOW INCOME EARNERS - SO AS TO REDUCE THE STRUCTURAL IMBALANCE AND TO BOOST THE OVERALL PARTICIPATION RATE.

SECONDLY, THAT ON RESIDENTIAL MOBILITY, MEASURES BE CONCEIVED AND IMPLEMENTED TO FACILITATE THE RE-INTEGRATION OF THE ELECTORS AFTER THEIR MOVING INTO NEW HOMES.

THIRDLY, THAT A MORE SYSTEMATIC METHOD BE IMPLEMENTED TO INTRODUCE THE CANDIDATES TO THE ELECTORATE DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

LASTLY, THAT MEASURES BE CONTEMPLATED TO FACILITATE DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN THE CANDIDATES AND ELECTORS.

BUT EVEN THESE MEASURES COULD ONLY HAVE LIMITED EFFECT ON THE OVERALL ELECTORAL PARTICIPATION RATE IN THE SHORT TERM, THE RESEARCHERS CONCEDED.

IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT THE REGISTRATION AND TURNOUT PROPENSITY OF THE ELECTORS COULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCED BY ANY ADMINISTRATIVE OR TECHNICAL ENDEAVOURS.

FOR THIS REASON, ANY CHANGE IN PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES TOWARDS ELECTIONS COULD ONLY BE THE RESULT OF A GENERAL EVOLUTION OF THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT, AND SUCH A PROCESS WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE TIME, THEY CONCLUDED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO COLLECT COPIES OF THE "VOTING BEHAVIOUR IN HONG KONG: A STUDY OF THE 1991 LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DIRECT ELECTIONS" IN ENGLISH AT THE CIVIC EDUCATION RESOURCE CENTRE ON 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 835 1529.

SHOW TO HELP DISABLED INTEGRATE

* * * * *

A NUMBER OF ENTERTAINMENT CELEBRITIES WILL JOIN EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS AND TOP GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN AN EXTRAVAGANZA TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 3).

TO BE HELD AT THE LYRIC THEATRE OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, THE "REHABILITATION SPECIAL" IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME TO ENHANCE AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED.

"THIS EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT NOT ONLY FIGHTING PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE DISABLED BUT ALSO PROMOTING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND FULL PARTICIPATION FOR THIS VULNERABLE GROUP," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"IT IS THEREFORE ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR THE 'REHABILITATION SPECIAL' TO CARRY THE THEME OF 'EQUALITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION'," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

"WE HOPE THAT THROUGH THE CONCERTED EFFORT OF THE BIG NAMES IN THIS SHOW, THE PUBLIC WILL REALISE BOTH THE ABLE-BODIED AND THE DISABLED CAN LIVE AND WORK IN HARMONY," HE SAID.

THE SHOW WILL FEATURE A CAST OF CELEBRITIES -- INCLUDING EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR MS ROSANNA WONG, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR HUI YIN-FAT, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS MR MICHAEL SUEN, SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND ENTERTAINMENT FIGURES ELIZA CHAN AND ERIC TSANG -- PRESENTING A NUMBER OF ACTS FROM THE FAVOURITE MUSICAL "SOUND OF MUSIC".

THERE WILL ALSO BE A MEDLEY OF GOLDEN OLDIES SUNG BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR MOSES CHENG, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS OF THE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY DR E K YEOH, MR TONY DICKINSON OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND MR RAYMOND YOUNG OF THE INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT.

TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE CITY CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY, A GROUP OF DISABLED DANCERS WILL PERFORM THE MODERN DANCE "ACCEPTANCE".

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PERFORMANCE FEATURING A BLIND MUSIC STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND VIOLINIST TAKAKO NISHIZAKI.

STARS PARTICIPATING IN THE SHOW INCLUDE JACKIE CHAN, SALLY YEH, GEORGE LAM, ANDY LAU, KAREN MOK, IRENE WAN AND ROSANNE LUI. DO DO CHENG AND ERIC TSANG WILL BE MASTERS OF CEREMONY.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND RTHK, "REHABILITATION SPECIAL" WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE ON RADIO 2 FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM ON SEPTEMBER 3.

IT WILL BE SCREENED ON TVB JADE FROM 9 PM TO 10.30 PM ON SEPTEMBER 19 (SUNDAY).

- - - - -

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1993

- 4 -

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE "REHABILITATION SPECIAL".

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE RECEPTION DESK AT THE LOBBY OF THE LYRIC THEATRE, ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, WAN CHAI, FOR ADMISSION TICKETS BEFORE 7.45 PM ON SEPTEMBER 3.

BECAUSE OF LIMITED QUANTITY, EACH MEDIA ORGANISATION WILL BE ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE TICKET. ADMISSION WITHOUT VALID TICKET IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED BY THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SPECIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR TIU KENG LENG STUDENTS

* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE STUDENTS IN TIU KENG LENG TO ATTEND SCHOOLS IN HAU TAK ESTATE IN TSEUNG KWAN O, THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL TRANSPORT SERVICES WOULD BE INTRODUCED FROM WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 1):

KOWLOON MOTOR BUS 8 WILL OPERATE EIGHT SPECIAL TRIPS OF BUS ROUTE NO. 90 FROM TIU KENG LENG TO HANG HAU CIRCULAR ROUTE AT 7 AM, 7.15 AM, 7.30 AM, 7.45 AM, 3.25 PM, 3.40 PM, 3.55 PM AND 4.10 PM DAILY FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT A FARE OF \$3 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE EXISTING SPECIAL TRIPS OF KMB ROUTE NO. 90 PLYING BETWEEN TIU KENG LENG AND PO LAM WILL BE REPLACED BY THE ABOVE SERVICE.

IN ADDITION, A GREEN MINIBUS NO. 10A WILL BE OPERATED AT A FREQUENCY OF SIX MINUTES BETWEEN 6.45 AM AND 7.45 AM FROM TIU KENG LENG TO HONG SING GARDEN; AND BETWEEN 3.30 PM AND 4.30 PM FROM HONG SING GARDEN TO TIU KENG LENG FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AT A FARE OF \$1.5 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

STUDENTS MAY CHANGE GMB ROUTE NO. 15 OR KMB ROUTE 98A FROM HONG SING GARDEN TO SCHOOLS IN HAU TAK ESTATE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

MORE JOB BAZAARS FOR LOCAL WORKERS

* * * * *

A LARGE-SCALE JOB BAZAAR WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN SHA TIN TO FACILITATE WORKERS AND LOCAL RESIDENTS TO LOOK FOR JOBS UNDER THE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING SCHEME SET UP BY THE EMPLOYEES RETRAINING BOARD.

THE BAZAAR IS ORGANISED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) AND SPONSORED BY THE BOARD.

IT WILL BE THE SECOND ONE IN A SERIES THAT AIMS AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYERS AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT AND DISCUSS ABOUT JOB VACANCIES AND EMPLOYMENT.

"IT IS MOST ENCOURAGING THAT THE FIRST JOB BAZAAR HELD IN TSUEN WAN RECENTLY ATTRACTED MORE THAN 1,400 JOB-SEEKERS RESULTING IN ABOUT 900 REFERRALS BEING MADE ON THE SPOT," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (EMPLOYMENT SERVICE), MRS BERNADETTE LAI, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

"IT ALSO SHOWED THAT SIMILAR BAZAARS WILL BE HELPFUL TO JOB-SEEKERS WISHING TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE SCHEME AND THOSE WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SCHEME."

THE BAZAAR WILL BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF THE SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

FIFTEEN EMPLOYERS FROM VARIOUS TRADES, INCLUDING CATERING, BEVERAGE, SECURITY, ELECTRONICS, SUPERMARKETS, HOTEL, FAST FOOD AND LAUNDRY, WILL MEET THE PARTICIPANTS.

THEY WILL ALSO BRIEF THEM ABOUT THEIR TRADES AND CONDUCT ON-THE-SPOT INTERVIEWS OR ARRANGE INTERVIEWS AT OTHER DATES.

MEANWHILE, VACANCIES OFFERED BY 206 EMPLOYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LES STAFF TO FACILITATE JOB-SEEKERS TO SELECT THEIR PREFERRED JOBS.

SOME EMPLOYERS WILL ALSO GIVE TALKS ON RELATED TRADES TO ACQUAINT JOB-SEEKERS WITH INFORMATION ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

"LES STAFF WILL CONDUCT GROUP COUNSELLING SESSION FOR THE POTENTIAL RETRAINEES," MRS LAI SAID.

APPLICANTS UNDER THE SCHEME SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS, INCLUDING HOUSEWIVES, WHO ARE 30 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE, AND HAVE WORKED IN A PARTICULAR TRADE FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS.

SHE SAID ANOTHER TWO BAZAARS OF A SIMILAR NATURE WERE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM ON SEPTEMBER 8 AND 21 AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE AND THE EXHIBITION GALLERY OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE RESPECTIVELY.

EMPLOYERS WHO ARE INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE CAN CONTACT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON TEL 529 6264 OR 399 2230 FOR DETAILS.

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, 1993

- 6 -

GIANT POSTER TO CELEBRATE CYC 15TH ANNIVERSARY
* * * * *

SIX FOOTBALL PITCHES AT VICTORIA PARK WILL BE COVERED BY A GIANT POSTER WHEN THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC) CELEBRATES ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY IN OCTOBER.

FORMING THE GIANT POSTER, DEPICTING THE 1994 INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR FAMILY, WILL BE ABOUT 1,200 STUDENTS WHO ARE CYC MEMBERS.

"AFTER THIS COLOURFUL DISPLAY, EACH CARD CAN BE CUT TO BECOME POSTCARDS FOR OTHER STUDENTS TO SEND TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO COMMEMORATE THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR FAMILY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

TO PREPARE FOR THE POSTER, A GROUP OF CYC MEMBERS HELD A MINI-REHEARSAL AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS.

- - - - 0 - - - -