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TEACHERS ASSURED OF TARGET ORIENTED CURRICULUM SUPPORT

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PREPARATORY WORK HAS STARTED ON THE PRODUCTION OF A SERIES OF FOUR VIDEO TAPES TO FAMILIARISE PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH THE TEACHING METHOD AND TECHNIQUES UNDER THE TARGET ORIENTED CURRICULUM (TOC), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, DR JULIAN LEUNG, SAID.

THE NEW SERIES, WHICH WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE 11-MINUTE INTRODUCTORY VIDEO TAPE ALREADY PRODUCED FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS AND THE PUBLIC, COMPRISES A TAPE CONCENTRATING ON CONCEPTS AND SALIENT FEATURES FOR TEACHERS AND THREE OTHER SUBJECT-SPECIFIC TAPES TO SHOW TEACHERS OF CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS EXACTLY HOW TO TEACH THE RESPECTIVE SUBJECTS UNDER TOC.

DR LEUNG SAID THE TAPES WITH USEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS OF CLASSROOM TEACHING WOULD GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING TEACHERS FEEL AT HOME WITH TOC.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE SERIES WILL BE READY BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1995.

DR LEUNG SAID TEACHERS NEEDED NOT BE WORRIED ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TOC AS THE DEPARTMENT HAD IN HAND A NUMBER OF SUPPORT MEASURES, INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF A WEALTH OF TEACHING AND REFERENCE MATERIALS, WEIGHING ABOUT 7 KILOGRAMS PER SET, WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO SCHOOLS.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE WRONG TO ASSUME THAT TOC BROUGHT REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES TO THE EDUCATION SYSTEM OR THAT TOC WAS GOING TO STRAITJACKET EXISTING GOOD PRACTICES IN SCHOOLS.

"QUITE THE CONTRARY, THE PROGRAMMES OF STUDY FOR CHINESE, ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS, WHICH TOC COVERS INITIALLY, EVOLVED FROM THE EXISTING SYLLABUSES WITH WHICH TEACHERS SHOULD BE VERY FAMILIAR," HE SAID.

"SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS ARE GIVEN A LOT OF LIBERTY TO DESIGN THEIR OWN STRATEGIES ACCORDING TO THEIR AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND STRENGTHS AND NEED NOT BE AFRAID OF ANY ABRUPT CHANGES IMPOSED ON THEM."

EXPERIENCE FROM THE TRYOUT SCHEMES HAS ALSO SHOWN THAT ALTHOUGH THE WORKLOAD IN THE FIRST YEAR OF PRACTISING TOC HAS BEEN INCREASED, WORKLOAD IN THE SECOND YEAR OF PRACTICE IS NOT A PROBLEM.

"IN THE 1993-94 TRYOUT SCHEME, 85 PER CENT OF THE SCHOOLS SAID TEACHERS HAD DESIGNED THEIR OWN TASKS FOR TRYOUT CLASSES AND FELT THAT THEIR PREPARATORY WORK HAD BEEN FRUITFUL, RESULTING IN STUDENTS BEING MORE INTERESTED IN THEIR LEARNING AND BETTER-MOTIVATED IN CLASS."

DR LEUNG SAID UNLIKE THE TRYOUT STAGES, SCHOOL VISITS BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICERS IN PHASE I OF IMPLEMENTATION IN 1995-96 WOULD BE MINIMAL AND PRE-ARRANGED, BUT THE OFFICERS WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE AVAILABLE TO GIVE A HELPING HAND WHEN CALLED UPON.

TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR SUBJECT CHAIRPERSONS, TOC CO-ORDINATORS AND SUBJECT TEACHERS ARE BEING LAUNCHED. PRIORITY FOR ATTENDING THE COURSES WILL BE GIVEN TO STAFF OF THE 70 SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTING TOC IN SEPTEMBER 1995.

"TO HELP TEACHERS OVERCOME PROBLEMS SPECIFIC TO THEIR OWN SCHOOLS, PART OF THE TRAINING WILL BE SCHOOL-BASED AND OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HELP TEACHERS SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS ON THE SPOT," DR LEUNG SAID.

EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS HAVE AGREED TO SUBMIT FOR REVIEW BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TOC TEACHING AND LEARNING PACKAGES IN MID-FEBRUARY 1995. A PROVISIONAL LIST OF RECOMMENDED TOC PACKAGES WILL BE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS IN LATE APRIL 1995, DR LEUNG SAID.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT TOC WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN PRIMARY 1 CLASSES OF 70 SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 1995 AND EXTENDED TO ALL PRIMARY 1 CLASSES IN THE 1996-97 SCHOOL YEAR.

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ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGN TO ENHANCE SAFETY IN
CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A ONE-MONTH INSPECTION CAMPAIGN ON CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS NEXT MONTH AS PART OF ITS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE WORKPLACE SAFETY THROUGH ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.

"ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS HAS DECLINED SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE CATERING INDUSTRY IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE IS ALWAYS COMMITTED TO BRINGING DOWN FURTHER INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS BY URGING PROPRIETORS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO OBSERVE SAFETY REGULATIONS AT WORK," DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR MR TSE MING-SING SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS RECORDED IN THE CATERING INDUSTRY IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR TOTALLED 3,381. THIS SHOWED A DROP OF 43 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 5,980 ACCIDENTS REPORTED DURING THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

"PROPRIETORS OF CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS SHOULD MAINTAIN THEIR VIGILANCE ON WORK SAFETY, ESPECIALLY ON FIRE PROTECTION DURING THE DRY SEASON AS THERE WAS A FATAL ACCIDENT IN CONNECTION WITH FIRE IN 1993."

DURING THE CAMPAIGN TO BE LAUNCHED ON DECEMBER 1, FACTORY INSPECTORS WILL MAKE SURPRISE INSPECTIONS TO RESTAURANTS, FAST FOOD SHOPS, CAFES AND CANTEENS.

PROSECUTIONS WILL BE TAKEN, WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING, AGAINST PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS WHO BREACH THE SAFETY AND HEALTH PROVISIONS.

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HE REMINDED PROPRIETORS THAT CONTRAVENING RELATED PROVISIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE WOULD RENDER THEM LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$200,000 AND 12 MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT. EMPLOYEES VIOLATING THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAW MAY BE FINED UP TO \$50,000 AND JAILED FOR SIX MONTHS.

IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR OWN SAFETY AND HEALTH, MR TSE CALLED ON ALL EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO COMPLY WITH THE LAW AND WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP THE WORKPLACE SAFE.

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COUNTRY PARK "CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME" LAUNCHED

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AN ANNUAL "CLEAN AND GREEN" SCHEME, AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND CONCERN FOR COUNTRY PARKS THROUGH THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN A VARIETY OF CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES, WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR TONY EASON.

TOGETHER WITH THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD (CPB) CHAIRMAN, DR I J HODGKISS AND DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, MR EASON LED A GROUP OF MORE THAN 300 YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE PART IN TREE TENDING, DRAINAGE CLEARANCE AND PIT CLEANSING WORK IN THE SAI KUNG WEST COUNTRY PARK.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY, MR EASON DESCRIBED THE BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY PARKS AS HONG KONG'S PRECIOUS NATURAL ASSETS, ATTRACTING SOME 10 MILLION VISITORS EVERY YEAR.

"HOWEVER, THESE COUNTRYSIDE RESOURCES ARE DELICATE AND REQUIRE THE CO-OPERATION AND CONCERTED EFFORT OF EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY TO PRESERVE THEIR CONSERVATION AND RECREATION VALUE," HE SAID.

MR EASON POINTED OUT THAT FIRE AND LITTER WERE TWO MAJOR HAZARDS THREATENING THE COUNTRYSIDE RESOURCES.

WHILE NOTING THE INCIDENCE OF HILL FIRES HAD DROPPED OVER YEARS OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, HE SAID LITTER WAS STILL A PROBLEM.

LAST YEAR ALONE, SOME 3,500 TONNES OF LITTER WERE LEFT IN COUNTRY PARKS BY VISITORS.

"COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF DISPERSED LITTER IN THE COUNTRY PARKS REQUIRE ENORMOUS MANPOWER RESOURCES WHICH COULD OTHERWISE BE DEPLOYED FOR BETTER USES SUCH AS DEVELOPING NEW COUNTRY PARK FACILITIES.

"IT WOULD MAKE A GREAT DIFFERENCE IF ALL COUNTRY PARK VISITORS ARE MORE CONSIDERATE TO OTHERS AND CARE FOR OUR COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT.

"ALL OF US CAN HELP KEEP COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND TIDY SIMPLY BY MAKING GOOD USE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF LITTER BINS AND STOCKADES PROVIDED IN THE PARKS, AND BETTER STILL, BY TAKING THEIR LITTER HOME," HE SAID.

/MR EASON

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MR EASON THANKED THE LIONS CLUBS FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SPONSORSHIP AND THEIR MEMBERS FOR TAKING THE LEAD TO TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES. HIS COMMENDATION WAS ALSO GIVEN TO BOY SCOUTS AND HIKING GROUPS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE SCHEME.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE CHAIRMAN OF CPB'S PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, DR TAM WING-KUN AND DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, MR WILLIAM LEUNG.

FOUR MAJOR ACTIVITIES UNDER THIS YEAR'S SCHEME HAVE BEEN LINED UP BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS UNTIL THE END OF MARCH NEXT YEAR.

THE FIRST TWO PROGRAMMES FOR GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS - GUIDED WALKS IN COUNTRY PARKS AND LITTER COLLECTION EXERCISE - ARE TO BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF FEBRUARY.

TWO PRIZE-CARRYING ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE END OF MARCH AS A FINALE OF THE SCHEME. THESE ACTIVITIES ARE "CLEAN AND GREEN" JINGLE CREATION CONTEST AND A SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION.

FOR DETAILS OF THESE ACTIVITIES, PLEASE CALL THE CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 733 2121.

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CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE NEW VILLAGE ELECTION RULES

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THE TAI PO CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE TODAY (SUNDAY) LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN IN SAI KUNG NORTH VILLAGES TO PROMOTE NEW VILLAGE ELECTION RULES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CARNIVAL IN SAP SZE HEUNG VILLAGE, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DANNY TSUI, ENCOURAGED VILLAGERS TO PARTICIPATE IN VILLAGE ELECTIONS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE STATUTORY ADVISORY BODY TO THE GOVERNMENT ON NEW TERRITORIES AFFAIRS, WAS WELL AWARE OF THE NEED TO REVISE THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS SYSTEM TO MEET THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.

IT SUPPORTED IN PRINCIPLE THAT ALL VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES BE RETURNED ON THE BASIS OF A "ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE" SYSTEM AND THAT BOTH MALE AND FEMALE VILLAGERS REACHING THE AGE OF 18 WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE.

AND ALL VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES WILL SERVE A FOUR-YEAR TERM WHICH WILL COINCIDE WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE RURAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES, HE ADDED.

MR TSUI SAID: "THE ADMINISTRATION WELCOMES THE KUK'S CHANGES IN VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE ELECTIONS AND WILL PROVIDE ACTIVE ASSISTANCE IN RUNNING THESE ELECTIONS."

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THE PROMOTIONAL DRIVE, ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE AND FUNDED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, INCLUDED SINGING PERFORMANCES, A CIVIC EDUCATION QUIZ COMPETITION AND A BUS PARADE.

HANDBILLS WITH ELECTION MESSAGES WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO VILLAGERS IN THE AREA.

MEANTIME, MR TSUI POINTED OUT THAT WHILE ALL THE 41 VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG NORTH HAD ADOPTED THE NEW VILLAGE ELECTION RULES, NOMINATIONS FOR 35 VILLAGES HAD COMPLETED SO FAR.

"AND ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD FOR 10 OF THEM WHERE MORE THAN ONE CANDIDATE WERE NOMINATED," HE ADDED.

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FUND-RAISING SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

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TWENTY-TWO ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RAISE FUNDS NEXT MONTH (DECEMBER), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THEY WILL EITHER SELL FLAGS, TOKENS OR SIMILAR ITEMS, OR PLACE DONATION BOXES IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S 866 8123 IN CASE OF DOUBT.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ORGANISERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"SELLERS SHOULD DISPLAY THE PERMIT OR CARRY COPIES OF THE PERMIT FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IF THE FUND-RAISING IS MOBILE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED THEM TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES AND THE TIMES FOR SELLING AND THE COLLECTION POINTS FOR BAGS.

"ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND SEEK THEIR HELP WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND," HE ADDED.

PERMITS ARE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR RAISING FUNDS NEXT MONTH:

/FLAG DAY

FLAG DAY

EVENT DATE	ORGANISATION
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DECEMBER 3	HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HANDICAPPED YOUTH
DECEMBER 10	SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED CHILDREN
DECEMBER 17	HAVEN OF HOPE HOSPITAL
DECEMBER 24	OXFAM HONG KONG LTD.
DECEMBER 28	THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION LTD.
DECEMBER 31	CHINESE RHENISH CHURCH-HONG KONG SYNOD

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EVENT DATE	ORGANISATION
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DECEMBER 1 TO 4	TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS
DECEMBER 3 TO 5	BUDDHA LIGHT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG LTD.
DECEMBER 3 AND 4	HONG KONG COMMITTEE FOR UNICEF.
DECEMBER 4, 11, 18 AND 25	JESUS IS LORD SCHOOL OF MINISTRY (HK) LTD.
DECEMBER 4 AND 11	LAND OF VIRTUE CENTRE LTD.
DECEMBER 4 AND 18	THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF JESUS CHRIST, THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME, ADMINISTRATOR, INC.
DECEMBER 4	FRIENDS OF THE EARTH (CHARITY) LTD.
DECEMBER 4	PO LEUNG KUK
DECEMBER 4	PEN PAPER EXPRESS CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 4	CHUAN YAN ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 4	BAUHINIA ASSOCIATION
DECEMBER 9 AND 11	SALVATION ARMY
DECEMBER 10, 11 AND 18	SOCIETY FOR COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION LTD.
DECEMBER 10 AND 11	PROJECT OBRIS, INC.
DECEMBER 11 AND 25	WORD FOR THE WORLD CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP
DECEMBER 11	SOWERS ACTION

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CALENDAR CARDS TO PROMOTE CHILD CARE

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED 150,000 COPIES OF CALENDAR CARDS FOR THE YEAR 1995 IN AN EFFORT TO SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF HOME SAFETY.

THE CARDS, WHICH CONVEY A MESSAGE APPEALING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO MAKE FULL USE OF OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE, ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

"CHILDREN SHOULD UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE LEFT ALONE AT HOME, EVEN FOR A SHORT WHILE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 135 CHILD CARE CENTRES OFFERING OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE TO FAMILIES WHO MIGHT OTHERWISE LEAVE THEIR CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME," HE SAID.

CHILD CARE CENTRES OFFER TEMPORARY CARE FOR CHILDREN AGED UNDER SIX AT TWO-HOUR, QUARTER-DAY OR WHOLE-DAY BASIS. THE FEE FOR A TWO-HOUR SESSION IS \$13.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE SERVICE MAY CALL THE HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD CARE CENTRE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE ON TELEPHONE 836 3114.

"PARENTS HAVING ANY CHILD CARE PROBLEMS CAN SEEK HELP FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S 31 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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