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LORD CAITHNESS VISITS VR, VBP CENTRES

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CAITHNESS, BEGAN HIS BUSY SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMMES THIS (MONDAY) MORNING WITH VISITS TO THE WHITEHEAD VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRE AND A VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CENTRE AT PILLAR POINT IN TUEN MUN.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR ALISTAIR ASPREY, THE MINISTER FLEW TO PILLAR POINT REFUGEE CENTRE AND WAS MET BY THE CHIEF OF MISSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, MR ROBERT VAN LEEUWAN.

LORD CAITHNESS WAS BRIEFED BY THE CENTRE MANAGER, MR JEFFREY HYNES, ON THE REFUGEE CENTRE WHICH HOUSES ABOUT 5,000 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. THE REFUGEES ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT AND MOST OF THEM WORK IN FACTORIES WHILE SOME ARE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

THE CONSTRUCTION COST OF THE CENTRE OF SIX MILLION POUNDS STERLING WAS FUNDED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM THROUGH THE UNHCR WHICH DESIGNATED A NON-PROFIT-MAKING COMPANY TO MANAGE THE CAMP.

AT WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE, LORD CAITHNESS WAS MET BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK. THE MINISTER WAS BRIEFED BY SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CENTRE, MR TSUNG PUI-KWAN, AND THE ACTING PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER, MR HENRY SIU, ON THE OPERATION OF THE CENTRE WHICH HOUSES THE LARGEST POPULATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

OF THE 24,500 PEOPLE AT THE CENTRE, ABOUT 30 PER CENT ARE CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OLD. THE POPULATION, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE NORTH VIETNAMESE, ARE ACCOMMODATED IN DIFFERENT SECTIONS OF THE CENTRE ACCORDING TO THEIR PLACES OF ORIGIN AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

THE MINISTER WAS TOLD THAT MORE THAN 2,000 VIETNAMESE WERE EMPLOYED BY THE MANAGEMENT IN VARIOUS DOMESTIC SERVICES AND PAID AT RATES APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES. IN ADDITION, ABOUT 850 WERE EMPLOYED AS HELPERS BY VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THE UNHCR.

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, PROVIDE A RANGE OF SERVICES IN THE CENTRE WHICH INCLUDED VOCATIONAL TRAINING, WORK PROGRAMMES, CANTEEN SERVICES, COUNSELLING AND RECREATION.

OBSERVING A SCREENING INTERVIEW, LORD CAITHNESS ALSO SAW FOR HIMSELF THE GOVERNMENT'S SCREENING PROCESS TO DETERMINE THE STATUS BETWEEN REFUGEES AND NON-REFUGEES AMONG THE VIETNAMESE POPULATION IN THE CENTRE.

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HK'S VBP SCREENING PROCESS FAIR: LORD CAITHNESS

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CAITHNESS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT HONG KONG'S PROCESS OF SCREENING VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE WAS A FAIR SYSTEM.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING THE WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE, LORD CAITHNESS SAID: "WHAT HAS GOT TO BE RIGHT IS THAT THERE IS A SCREENING PROCESS AND THAT THE REFUGEES, THOSE THAT ARE SCREENED IN, ARE TAKEN SOMEWHERE ELSE AND THOSE THAT ARE SCREENED OUT MUST GO BACK TO VIETNAM."

"AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE GOT A MEETING LATER THIS WEEK IN VIETNAM. I'M NOT GOING TO PREDICT HOW THAT MEETING IS GOING TO COME OUT, BUT CLEARLY, THE NON-REFUGEES MUST GO BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE," HE SAID.

"NON-REFUGEES HAVE GOT TO GO BACK TO THEIR COUNTRY OTHERWISE, FOR THE REFUGEES, YOU DISTURB THE WHOLE SYSTEM AND THE WORLD ORDER," HE ADDED.

"IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT ONE CATEGORISES THAT AND GETS THE TWO GROUPS ORGANISED. I'VE JUST SEEN A SCREENING PROCESS. THERE IS A RIGHT OF APPEAL, IT'S A FAIR SYSTEM, AND I THINK THAT THE AUTHORITIES HAVE LEARNT AS IT'S GONE ALONG AND THERE IS FULL CONSULTATION WITH THE UNHCR," THE MINISTER SAID.

"I THINK IT'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT THAT YOU HAVE AN APPEALS SYSTEM, AND APPEALS, AS IN THE BRITISH JUDICIAL SYSTEM, AS IN ANY FREE JUDICIAL SYSTEM, ARE THERE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF VARIOUS FACTORS. AND THAT IS QUITE RIGHT.

"YOU HAVE A VERY GOOD AND EFFICIENT SCREENING PROCESS IN WHICH THE UNHCR CAN GO IN AT ANY TIME. YOU THEN HAVE 28 DAYS FOR APPEAL AND THIS IS RIGHT. IF THE INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL COMES TO A DIFFERENT DECISION FROM THAT OF THE IMMIGRATION OFFICER, THEN THAT IS PART OF THE SYSTEM, AND IT'S A VERY FAIR SYSTEM," LORD CAITHNESS SAID.

THE MINISTER SAID ABOUT 11 PER CENT OF THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE INTERVIEWED WERE SCREENED IN AS REFUGEES, BUT THE OVERALL FIGURE WAS ABOUT 14 PER CENT AS A RESULT OF APPEALS.

LORD CAITHNESS SAID THERE HAD BEEN AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION IN THE NUMBER OF ARRIVALS THIS YEAR, ADDING: "THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE COMING, PARTICULARLY FROM NORTH VIETNAM."

"THAT IS, IN ITSELF, GOOD, BUT WE WANT TO EXPEDITE THE SITUATION. THAT IS WHY WE ARE CONTINUING TO DISCUSS IT IN AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM WITH THE VIETNAMESE," HE ADDED.

SPEAKING OF THE VISIT THIS MORNING, THE MINISTER SAID: "I THINK THE THING THAT STRUCK ME MOST OF ALL IS HOW WELL THE AUTHORITIES HAVE COPEd HERE WITH THE SUDDEN INFLUX."

"ONE DOESN'T REALISE IT WHEN ONE IS SO FAR AWAY IN BRITAIN JUST WHAT THE INTENSITY WAS HERE IN HONG KONG WITH THE PEOPLE COMING IN, AND I COMMEND FULLY, THE WORK THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAVE DONE BACKED BY ALL THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES," LORD CAITHNESS SAID.

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LORD CAITHNESS VISITS SHA TIN, TAI PO

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, LORD CAITHNESS, THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED SHA TIN DISTRICT, ONE OF HONG KONG'S LARGEST NEW TOWNS, AND THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, THE MINISTER FIRST HAD A PANORAMIC VIEW OF SHA TIN FROM THE ROOF OF THE GARDEN RIVERA WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, ON THE PAST AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

LORD CAITHNESS WAS TOLD THE POPULATION OF SHA TIN HAD GROWN FROM ABOUT 20,000 IN 1973 TO MORE THAN HALF-A-MILLION TODAY. ABOUT 70 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES INCLUDING HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES. THE REMAINDER LIVE IN PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS AND VILLAGES.

SHA TIN WAS PLANNED TO PROVIDE A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT WITH ALL THE ESSENTIAL FACILITIES CONTAINED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. A WIDE VARIETY OF RECREATION FACILITIES WAS ALSO PROVIDED FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE.

THE MINISTER WAS INFORMED THAT THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT COST, INCLUDING COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS, FOR SHA TIN WAS ESTIMATED AT \$17.4 BILLION, OF WHICH SOME \$11.3 BILLION HAD BEEN SPENT TO DATE.

DURING HIS TOUR OF THE DISTRICT, LORD CAITHNESS VISITED THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WHICH SERVED AS THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES WITH AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF 1.04 MILLION.

HE ALSO VISITED THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE WHICH PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF TOP QUALITY TRAINING FACILITIES IN SPORTING ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS SCHOLARSHIPS TO PROMISING ATHLETES.

LATER ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR FUNG TUNG, THE MINISTER VISITED A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IN MA ON SHAN --- THE DISTRICT'S NEWEST DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY HOUSE SOME 200,000 PEOPLE BY 1998.

A MAJORITY OF THE CURRENT POPULATION OF 70,000 LIVE IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEMES.

THE MINISTER WAS TOLD THAT YIU ON ESTATE AND KAM HAY COURT, A HOS PROJECT, HAVE PROVIDED ACCOMMODATION FOR MORE THAN 22,000 PEOPLE SINCE THE FIRST POPULATION INTAKE IN 1988.

LORD CAITHNESS TOURED THE ESTATE'S FACILITIES AND ALSO VISITED A FAMILY THERE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JOHN CHAN, THE MINISTER LATER VISITED THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENTS OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION.

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THE HKIEC MANAGES TWO INDUSTRIAL ESTATES, ONE AT TAI PO AND THE OTHER IN YUEN LONG. LORD CAITHNESS WAS INFORMED THAT A THIRD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE WAS BEING PLANNED FOR TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE MINISTER ALSO VISITED A MANUFACTURING COMPANY THAT PRODUCES MICROMOTORS FOR EXPORT TO NORTH AMERICA, EUROPE, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND CHINA.

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AMENDMENTS TO FREEZE ORDER ON IRAQI AND KUWAITI ASSETS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY (MONDAY) PUBLISHED SUPPLEMENTS TO ITS TWO NOTICES ISSUED ON AUGUST 13 WHICH GAVE DETAILED GUIDANCE ON THE OPERATION OF THE FREEZE ORDER ON IRAQI AND KUWAITI ASSETS IN HONG KONG.

"THE SUPPLEMENTS WITHDRAW THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE TWO TYPES OF PAYMENT INTO FROZEN IRAQI AND KUWAITI ACCOUNTS," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

ONE OF THESE IS CALLS UNDER CONTRACT BONDS. THIS PROTECTS HONG KONG EXPORTERS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE OUT OF FUNDS IF AN IRAQI OR KUWAITI IMPORTER MADE A CALL ON A CONTRACT OR PERFORMANCE BOND GIVEN BY THE EXPORTER'S BANK ON FRUSTRATED CONTRACTS.

"THE OTHER WITHDRAWAL OF PERMISSION IS FOR PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF CONTRACTS OF INSURANCE (INCLUDING REINSURANCE) INTO FROZEN IRAQI OR KUWAITI ACCOUNTS.

"INSURANCE CAN FACILITATE THE EXPORTATION OF GOODS FROM IRAQ OR KUWAIT OR THE SUPPLY OF GOODS TO IRAQ OR KUWAIT CONTRARY TO THE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TO ENABLE GREATER SCRUTINY OF PAYMENTS IN RESPECT OF INSURANCE POLICIES, PAYMENTS BENEFITTING ANY PERSON OR COMPANY RESIDENT IN IRAQ OR KUWAIT ARE BEING PROHIBITED EXCEPT WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY," HE SAID.

THE SUPPLEMENT ON KUWAIT ALSO INTRODUCES MEASURES TO ENABLE THE ACTIVE MANAGEMENT OF KUWAITI ASSETS WITHOUT MISAPPROPRIATION.

"PERMISSION WILL NORMALLY BE GIVEN FOR ASSETS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM KUWAITI ACCOUNTS IN HONG KONG TO AN OVERSEAS JURISDICTION WHERE THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IS SATISFIED THAT THE JURISDICTION OPERATES A SYSTEM OF CONTROL IN RELATION TO KUWAITI ASSETS SIMILAR TO AND NO LESS EFFECTIVE THAN THAT OPERATED IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"PERMISSION IS ALSO BEING GIVEN FOR THE CONTINUED DISCRETIONARY MANAGEMENT OF PORTFOLIOS OF SECURITIES ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS OF KUWAIT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS BEING OBSERVED," HE ADDED.

"APPLICATIONS TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE KUWAIT INVESTMENT OFFICE IN LONDON WILL NORMALLY BE GRANTED PROVIDED THAT TRANSACTIONS ARE EFFECTED THROUGH APPROVED SETTLEMENT AGENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COPIES OF THE SUPPLEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE RECEPTION COUNTER OF THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, 24TH FLOOR, TOWER 2, ADMIRALTY CENTRE.

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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHES HELP IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT

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RESEARCH ON ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY BY THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE EFFORT IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE SAID WITH THE UPGRADED ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS, THERE WAS GREAT DEMAND FROM INDUSTRY FOR TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE AND EQUIPMENT FOR POLLUTION ABATEMENT.

MR BARNES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ENVIRONMENT '90 - WORKSHOP ON ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE BAPTIST COLLEGE.

HE SAID THE ORGANISATION OF THE WORKSHOP WAS TIMELY AND MIGHT GIVE A GUIDE AS TO HOW SUCH RESEARCH MIGHT BE FOCUSED.

"PERHAPS WE WOULD DO BETTER IF ALL THE TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS WERE TO ESTABLISH A JOINT CO-ORDINATION CENTRE TO DEAL WITH ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY RESEARCH, WHICH COULD SET UP A DATA BANK OF RELEVANT FACILITIES AND CO-ORDINATE RESOURCES AND TALENT FOR DIFFERENT PROJECTS," MR BARNES SAID.

THE CENTRE IN TURN MIGHT BE GOVERNED BY AN ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY RESEARCH COUNCIL, WHICH WOULD COMBINE MEMBERS FROM THE COMMUNITY WITH GOVERNMENT AND ACADEMIC TALENT, HE SAID.

"WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH A CENTRE AND COUNCIL WOULD BE WIDELY SUPPORTED, NOT LEAST BECAUSE WITH THE AVAILABILITY OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL CAPACITY TO SOLVE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, THERE ARE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW PRODUCTS AND THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES," MR BARNES SAID.

HE CALLED ON THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY ALERT AND RESPOND TO THESE OPPORTUNITIES.

MR BARNES STRESSED THAT THE ACTION TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE GLOBAL AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVE WAS HEAVILY INDEBTED TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

"THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION HAS ENABLED GOVERNMENTS TO SELECT THE RIGHT POLICY PRIORITIES ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO INTRODUCE NECESSARY LEGISLATION," HE SAID.

MR BARNES BELIEVED THAT FOR TACKLING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG, ADAPTATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD WOULD BE NECESSARY.

"WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THIS WORKSHOP BRINGING TOGETHER OVERSEAS AND LOCAL EXPERTS TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WITH ONE OF ITS OBJECTIVES BEING TO FIND TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTIONS FOR THE MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES FACING HONG KONG," HE ADDED.

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ITSD DIRECTOR SPEAKS ON DEPT'S MANPOWER SITUATION

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WASTAGE IN THE PROFESSIONAL MANPOWER IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ITSD) THOUGH IS STILL HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR GOVERNMENT OVERALL, IT IS APPRECIABLY LESS THAN THE RATE GENERALLY PREVAILING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES, DR COLIN GREENFIELD, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT A MEET-THE-MEDIA SESSION, DR GREENFIELD SAID THAT WHILST WASTAGE IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WAS ALARMINGLY HIGH, IT HAS NOW SETTLED DOWN CONSIDERABLY AND IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THE LOSS OF PROFESSIONAL MANPOWER MIGHT BE A LITTLE LESS THAN THE 14 PER CENT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT EXPERIENCED LAST YEAR.

"WHILST THIS IS STILL APPRECIABLY MORE THAN THE AVERAGE FOR GOVERNMENT OVERALL, OF ABOUT SIX PER CENT, AND IS CERTAINLY MORE THAN WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE, WE CAN DRAW SOME CONSOLATION FROM THE FACT THAT IT IS APPRECIABLY LESS THAN THE RATE GENERALLY PREVAILING IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT MANPOWER SHORTAGE CONTINUED TO BE A MAJOR PROBLEM, DR GREENFIELD SAID SIGNIFICANT GAINS HAD BEEN MADE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AS WITH THE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT, ITSD GROWTH IN ESTABLISHMENT WAS SEVERELY RESTRICTED IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR ALTHOUGH THE RESTRICTION WAS LESS THAN THAT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

"IN PLACE OF THIS, HOWEVER, WE WERE GIVEN A MUCH INCREASED PROVISION FOR THE HIRE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, ESPECIALLY CONTRACT ANALYSTS/PROGRAMMERS.

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"CURRENTLY WE ARE EMPLOYING ABOUT 100 SUCH PERSONS IN ITSD, WHICH IS ADDITIONAL TO OUR 300 ANALYST/PROGRAMMER GRADE POSTS. THIS TOTAL OF ABOUT 400 PROFESSIONALS AVAILABLE COMPARES WITH A FIGURE OF ABOUT 160 JUST THREE YEARS AGO," HE SAID.

DR GREENFIELD SAID THAT UPGRADING OF THE DEPARTMENT TO FULL DEPARTMENTAL STATUS WAS A CLEAR INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE THAT GOVERNMENT NOW ATTACHED TO COMPUTERISATION.

"IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR COMPUTERISATION APPROVED BY THE PUBLIC SECTOR POLICY GROUP OF THE CHIEF SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE HAS BEEN PROCEEDING AT A PACE DICTATED BY THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS," HE SAID.

DR GREENFIELD SAID THE MAJOR BOOST TO THESE RESOURCES WAS THE APPROVAL IN JANUARY OF EIGHT EXTRA DIRECTORATE POSTS TO SUPPLEMENT FIVE EXISTING ONES.

FIVE OF THE EIGHT WERE IN THE NEWLY APPROVED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR LEVEL AND THREE IN THE RETITLED CHIEF SYSTEMS MANAGER LEVEL.

DR GREENFIELD SAID SOME NEW APPROACHES BEING INTRODUCED BY ITSD INCLUDED ASSISTING DEPARTMENTS TO DEVISE I.T. STRATEGY PLANS REPLACING THE FORMER PROJECT-BY-PROJECT APPROACH TO COMPUTERISATION.

"INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY STUDIES ARE CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN IN THE IMMIGRATION AND TRADE DEPARTMENTS. A CROSS-DEPARTMENT STUDY IS ALSO BEING UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION FOR INTRODUCING 'EDI' (ELECTRONIC DATA INTER-EXCHANGE) IN FOREIGN TRADE.

"THIS IS ADDITIONAL TO OUR INVOLVEMENT IN THE 'SPEDI' (SHARED PROJECT FOR ELECTRONIC DATA INTER-CHANGE) PROJECT WITH 'TRADELINK' COVERING THE PRIVATE SECTOR SIDE OF 'EDI'," HE SAID.

"A DRAFT PLAN FOR ASSISTING ALL REMAINING GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO PREPARE I.T. STRATEGY STUDIES HAS BEEN PREPARED AND IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY OUR POLICY BRANCH AS ARE DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR A REVISED APPROACH TO THE FUNDING OF COMPUTERISATION IN GOVERNMENT," HE ADDED.

"PLANS FOR THE UPGRADING AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COMPUTER BUREAU HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTATION WILL COMMENCE VERY SOON," DR GREENFIELD SAID.

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CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS AND THE ARTS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY

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A CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS AND THE ARTS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) TO EXPLORE HOW BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP IN PERFORMING ARTS CAN FORM A VALUABLE PART OF COMMERCIAL MARKETING STRATEGIES.

MORE THAN 250 PARTICIPANTS FROM ARTS GROUPS AND INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN THE CONFERENCE WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS AND THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE HONG KONG ARTS ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS DR WANG GUNGWU, SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE MR TANG PUI-TAT, AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE MR MAN SAI-CHEONG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CONFERENCE'S OPENING.

GUESTS SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BRITAIN'S ASSOCIATION FOR BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP OF THE ARTS, MR COLIN TWEEDY, AND CHAIRMAN OF DHL INTERNATIONAL LTD AND FOUNDER OF HONG KONG'S FOUNDATION OF BUSINESS IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS, MR PO CHUNG.

OTHER SPEAKERS WILL BE A BRITISH DANCE EXPERT, DR PETER BRINSON; DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATE DIVISION OF THE HILL AND KNOWLTON ASIA LTD, MR DOUGLES GAUTIER; ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER (TELEVISION BROADCASTING) OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD, MR NICHOLAS JAMES; DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OF AMERICAN EXPRESS INTERNATIONAL, INC, MISS RITA TUNG; PRINCIPAL OF THE ROBERTS DIRECT MARKETING CONSULTANTS LTD, MR JOHN LLOYD; AND GENERAL MANAGER OF HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, MR TIM DOLING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS AND THE ARTS TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) IN THE BALLROOM OF SHANGRI-LA HOTEL, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9 AM.

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PROPERTY MANAGERS URGED TO JOIN SEMINAR

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A CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN TODAY (MONDAY) CALLED ON PROPERTY MANAGERS AND MANAGEMENT STAFF TO TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 19 AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE.

MEMBERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AS WELL AS POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE ALSO URGED TO ATTEND.

ENTITLED "BUILDING MANAGEMENT FOR THE 90S", THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CNTA AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE TWO POLYTECHNICS AND EIGHT PROFESSIONAL BODIES WERE ALSO INVOLVED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE SEMINAR DURING WHICH THE CONCEPT AND KEY ELEMENTS OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED.

BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS WILL GIVE TALKS WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY OPEN DISCUSSIONS.

THE TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE SELF-HELP IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT; THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT AGENTS; LEGAL ASPECTS OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT; EFFECT OF MANAGEMENT CHARGES ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT; UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS; AND BUILDING REFURBISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

THE SEMINAR WILL ALSO COVER MANAGEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL, SHOPPING, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS; BUILDING MAINTENANCE, FIRE SAFETY AND PREVENTION, SECURITY, AND HYGIENE; PROPERTY AND ADSETS MANAGEMENT; FACILITIES MANAGEMENT; AND COMPUTERISED PROPERTY MANAGEMENT.

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS, TOGETHER WITH A FEE OF \$300 PER HEAD, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CNTA'S HONG KONG AND KOWLOON REGION, 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, BEFORE SEPTEMBER 27.

STUDENTS NEED ONLY PAY \$50 PER HEAD.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 835 1496 OR 835 1527.

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POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION TO AROUSE AIDS AWARENESS

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YOUNGSTERS WITH ARTISTIC FLAIR ARE INVITED TO ENTER A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION ON ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

AS AN ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S AIDS PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, THE COMPETITION AIMS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF AND CONCERN FOR AIDS AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON THE DISEASE.

IT IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS: JUNIOR SECONDARY SECTION FOR FORMS 1 TO 3 STUDENTS, SENIOR SECONDARY SECTION FOR FORMS 4 TO 7 STUDENTS, AND OPEN SECTION FOR PEOPLE AGED 18 TO 35.

THE ENTRIES SHOULD BE ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THEMES: AIDS AS A GLOBAL PROBLEM, PREVENTION OF AIDS OR CARE FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE AIDS.

THE POSTERS MUST BE IN A2 SIZE (420 MM BY 594 MM), AND CAN BE PAINTINGS, PRINTS, COLLAGES OR ANY OTHER TWO-DIMENSIONAL UNMOUNTED PIECES.

ALL ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE SOCIAL STUDIES AND HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 501 ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 19 THIS YEAR.

A PROFORMA CONTAINING THE ENTRANT'S NAME, SEX, AGE, DATE OF BIRTH, IDENTITY CARD NUMBER, NAME OF SCHOOL OR PLACE OF WORK, CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS AND CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER SHOULD BE PASTED ON THE BACK OF THE POSTER.

BOOK OR STATIONERY COUPONS VALUED FROM \$200 TO \$4,000 AND TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE WINNERS. RESULTS OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN LATE NOVEMBER.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE COMPETITION CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 839 2496.

THE AIDS POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY HANG SENG BANK LIMITED.

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CHAI WAN LOT FOR SALE BY TENDER

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THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF A LAND LOT IN AREA 22, SIU SAI WAN, CHAI WAN.

MEASURING ABOUT 32,800 SQUARE METRES, IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL, EXCLUDING HOTEL, GODOWN AND CINEMA, PURPOSES UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

ACCORDING TO THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPER IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF NOT EXCEEDING 188,825 SQUARE METRES FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND NOT MORE THAN 2,200 SQUARE METRES FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

IT IS ALSO SPECIFIED THAT THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS TO BE COMPLETED SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN 3,200 UNITS OR MORE THAN 3,300 UNITS.

FORM OF TENDER, TENDER NOTICE AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICES AT EAST KOWLOON, WEST KOWLOON, SHA TIN, TAI PO, NORTH, YUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING, TUEN MUN, SAI KUNG AND ISLANDS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON NOVEMBER 9 THIS YEAR.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 56 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 328.148 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 381.627 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 65.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUTS IN KOWLOON
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN SAU MAU PING WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT CERTAIN PREMISES BOUNDED BY SAU MAU PING ROAD, HIU KWONG STREET, SAU MING ROAD, SAU MAU PATH, INCLUDING BLOCKS 19-31 AND 42-45, SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

ON THE SAME DAY (SEPTEMBER 19), FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KOWLOON EAST AND KOWLOON SOUTH WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, MA TAU WAI, MA TAU CHUNG, KOWLOON CITY, TUNG TAU ESTATE, WANG TAU HOM, LOK FU, KOWLOON TONG, WONG TAI SIN, CHUK YUEN, TSZ WAN SHAN, KAI TAK, SAN PO KONG, CHOI HUNG AND HAMMER HILL ROAD.

THE AREA BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, PEACE AVENUE AND WATERLOO ROAD WILL ALSO BE AFFECTED.

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