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COMMUNITY SUPPORTS PRESERVATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

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THE YEARS OF 1984 AND 1985 MARKED THE TURNING POINT IN THE HISTORY OF PRESERVATION OF HONG KONG'S CULTURAL HERITAGE, ACCORDING TO THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD REPORT OF 1984 AND 1985 PUBLISHED TODAY (SUNDAY).

WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY SUPPORT WAS GIVEN TO THE CAUSE OF PRESERVING HONG KONG'S HERITAGE. THE OWNERS NOT ONLY TOOK PRIDE IN ALLOWING THEIR PROPERTIES TO BE LEGALLY PRESERVED AND PROTECTED UNDER THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS ORDINANCE BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTED FINANCIALLY TOWARDS THE COST OF RESTORING THE BUILDINGS.

THIS WAS BORNE OUT BY THE CASES OF LIU MAN SHEK TONG ANCESTRAL HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI AND THE MAN MO TEMPLE IN TAI PO. ALSO, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAD BEEN PROVIDING GENEROUS DONATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE PRESERVATION OF HONG KONG'S HERITAGE EVERY YEAR SINCE 1981, THE REPORT SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD NOTED THAT A TOTAL OF 30 MONUMENTS OR HISTORICAL BUILDINGS SO FAR HAD BEEN SECURED IN WHICH SIX WERE NEW ITEMS DECLARED AND GAZETTED DURING 1984 AND 1985. THEY WERE THE MAN MO TEMPLE IN TAI PO; THE EXTERIOR OF THE OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING IN CENTRAL; THE ROCK CARVINGS AT WONG CHUK HANG, ABERDEEN; THE EXTERIOR OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY MAIN BUILDING; THE OLD TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION; AND THE LIU MAN SHEK TONG ANCESTRAL HALL, SHEUNG SHUI.

DURING THESE TWO YEARS MORE MONUMENTS AND HISTORICAL BUILDINGS WERE UNDER RESTORATION AND REPAIR AND OPENED FOR PUBLIC ENJOYMENT. THE RESTORED SHEUNG YIU VILLAGE WAS THE FIRST TO BE OPENED AS A FOLK MUSEUM UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. IT HAD PROVED ITS POPULARITY AND IT HAD BEEN ATTRACTING SOME 6,000 VISITORS PER MONTH SINCE 1984.

THE CONVERSION OF THE OLD TAI PO MARKET RAILWAY STATION INTO HONG KONG'S FIRST RAILWAY MUSEUM WAS COMPLETED AND OPENED TO THE PUBLIC IN 1985. ANOTHER MONUMENT, SAM TUNG UK IN TSUEN WAN, WAS UNDER VIGOROUS RESTORATION AND IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED AS THE SAM TUNG UK VILLAGE MUSEUM BY REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

OTHER RESTORED MONUMENTS/HISTORICAL BUILDINGS ALSO PROVED POPULAR WITH VISITORS. THEY ARE THE MAN MO TEMPLE IN TAI PO; LIU MAN SHEK TONG ANCESTRAL HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI; THE FAN LAU FORT ON LANTAU ISLAND; AND THE TUNG CHUNG FORT IN LANTAU.

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HOWEVER, THE BOARD WISHED TO SEE THAT THE RESTRICTION OF THE \$300,000 ALLOCATION ON EACH RESTORATION PROJECT TO BE RELAXED SO THAT MORE PRIVATE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COULD BE BETTER RESTORED AND PROTECTED.

ON ARCHAEOLOGY, LICENCES CONTINUED TO BE ISSUED TO QUALIFIED APPLICANTS TO EXCAVATE AND SEARCH FOR ANTIQUITIES.

THE FULL-TIME ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE TERRITORY STARTED IN 1982 AND WAS COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1985. THE CONSULTANT'S ASSESSMENT ON THE POTENTIAL VALUE OF ALL IDENTIFIED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES IN HONG KONG AND HIS ADVICE ON A POLICY FOR EXCAVATION ARE NOW UNDER THE BOARD'S REVIEW.

THE SURVEY ON HISTORICAL SETTLEMENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BY STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG CONTINUED. THE SURVEYS COVERED SHAP PAT HEUNG, HA TSUEN AND PING SHAN, YUEN LONG.

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(BEFORE 15.9.87)

HIGH-RISE RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS POPULAR

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HIGH-RISE BLOCKS SITUATED AROUND THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, MARKET, PUBLIC GARDENS AND EVEN SPORTS FACILITIES WERE PROBABLY THE MOST POPULAR FORMS OF HOUSING IN HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR BARNES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN EXHIBITION IN CONNECTION WITH THE HONG KONG YOUTH-BUILT ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT DESIGN COMPETITION (1987) HELD AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN, AND ORGANISED BY PENINSULA JAYCEES.

HE SAID THESE COMPLEXES WERE POPULAR BECAUSE THEY WERE BOTH CONVENIENT AND PLEASANT FOR LIVING.

"TO A CERTAIN EXTENT WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THIS KIND OF ENVIRONMENT INTO THE URBAN AREA," HE SAID.

"SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, WHICH GOVERNMENT WILL SOON ESTABLISH.

"UNLIKE MOST OTHER URBAN DEVELOPERS IT WILL HAVE GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSEMBLE LARGER AREAS OF URBAN LAND, IT WILL BE ABLE TO CONSTRUCT MINI-ESTATES WITH THE SAME FEATURES OF DESIGN AND SELF SUFFICIENCY FOUND IN THE NEW TOWNS ESTATES.

"SO BIT BY BIT WE SHOULD SEE A GENUINE RENEWAL OF THE CITY," MR BARNES SAID.

HE SAID NO CITY COULD CHANGE OVERNIGHT. NOR WOULD HONG KONG.

BUT IT CHANGED QUICKER AND FOR THE BETTER IF EVERYBODY TOOK AN INTEREST IN IT.

"IT IS VERY ENCOURAGING TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE WITH SUCH A STRONG INTEREST AND WITH SUCH ASPIRATIONS FOR HONG KONG," HE SAID.

CONGRATULATING THE JAYCEES "IN THIS SPLENDID INITIATIVE", MR BARNES SAID: "YOU NEVER KNOW, IT COULD BE MORE INFLUENTIAL IN OUR ENVIRONMENT EVEN THAN YOU HOPE."

MR BARNES SAID BUILT-ENVIRONMENT WAS THE PRODUCT OF INTERACTION BETWEEN DEVELOPERS, DESIGNERS AND BUILDERS.

THE DEVELOPER, WHILE TRYING TO JUSTIFY A RETURN ON HIS INVESTMENT, HAD ANOTHER DUTY TO PERFORM - THAT WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WAS WORTHWHILE AND BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY.

IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO PERFORM THIS DUAL ROLE, HE REQUIRED THE ASSISTANCE OF PROFESSIONALS LIKE ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, TO DO THE PLANNING AND DESIGN AND CONTRACTORS TO PUT THE PLANS INTO PRACTICE.

"IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR BUILT-ENVIRONMENT SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PLANNED RATHER THAN BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN ACCIDENTALLY," HE SAID.

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CYCLISTS' CODE PUBLISHED

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A FULL-COLOUR BOOKLET CONTAINING BASIC RULES AND ADVICE FOR BOTH LEARNERS AND EXPERIENCED CYCLISTS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO LEARNER CYCLISTS THROUGH SCHOOLS AND BICYCLE VENDORS.

THE 12-PAGE BOOKLET, ENTITLED "CYCLISTS' CODE", IS EXTRACTED FROM THE ROAD USERS' CODE PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN JULY AND IS AVAILABLE IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

"THE DECISION TO ISSUE A SEPARATE BOOKLET ON CYCLING WAS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LAST YEAR IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CYCLISTS," THE ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION, MR Y.C. YEUNG, SAID.

IN 1986, THERE WERE 688 BICYCLE ACCIDENTS. OF THE 754 CYCLISTS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THESE ACCIDENTS, OVER 34 PER CENT BELONGED TO THE AGE GROUP OF 15 TO 24.

"IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO REMIND CYCLISTS, IN PARTICULAR YOUNG PEOPLE, OF SAFE CYCLING RULES," MR YEUNG ADDED.

THE CODE TELLS CYCLISTS EVERYTHING THEY NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CYCLING ON THE ROADS AND CYCLEWAYS: GIVING CORRECT SIGNALS, RULES OF OVERTAKING AND TURNING AT JUNCTIONS AND ROUNDABOUTS. IT ALSO CONTAINS ADVICE ON HOW TO SELECT A SUITABLE BICYCLE, BASIC CYCLING SKILLS AND ROAD SIGNS FOR CYCLISTS.

A TOTAL OF 200,000 COPIES OF THE CYCLISTS' CODE HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FREE OF CHARGE TO STUDENTS AND CYCLISTS THROUGH DISTRICT OFFICES AND BICYCLE VENDORS FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 14). SCHOOLS WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE THE CODE TO PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS BY THE END OF OCTOBER.

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REGISTRATION MESSAGE SPREAD AT CHEUNG CHAU CARNIVAL

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MORE THAN 1,000 ISLANDERS AND VISITORS TO CHEUNG CHAU TODAY (SUNDAY) ENJOYED THEMSELVES AT A COLOURFUL CARNIVAL AT THE PAK TAI PLAYGROUND.

THE MAIN ATTRACTION AT THE CARNIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE TO TIE IN WITH THE CURRENT VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, WAS A STREET SHOW PERFORMED BY THE FRINGE CLUB.

A DRAMA, WITH THE SCRIPT SPECIALLY WRITTEN TO FOCUS ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CITIZEN, WAS STAGED TO SPREAD THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE TO SPECTATORS.

TO CATER TO PROMPT RESPONDENTS, A VOTER REGISTRATION CENTRE MANNED BY LIAISON OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS SET UP AT THE VENUE TO HELP ELIGIBLE ELECTORS SIGN UP ON THE SPOT.

THE SPECTATORS WERE ALSO ENTERTAINED WITH CHINESE MAGIC, QIGONG DEMONSTRATION, MIME AND CLOWN JUGGLING.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE SAID: "THE CARNIVAL ALSO MARKED THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT WITH THE SHIFT OF EMPHASIS TO CHEUNG CHAU AND LAMMA, AFTER LANTAU AND PENG CHAU.

"FROM NOW UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER, DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF WILL CONCENTRATE THEIR EFFORTS ON DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS ON CHEUNG CHAU AND LAMMA. THE PUBLICITY TROLLEY WILL ALSO BE DEPLOYED TO BROADCAST THE MESSAGE IF NECESSARY," HE SAID.

"OUR TARGET IS THE 8,000 ISLANDERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE BUT NOT YET REGISTERED AS VOTERS. THIS IS SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 30 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL ELIGIBLE ELECTORS IN THE DISTRICT," HE ADDED.

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SAI KUNG ELDERLY FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FORMED

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A PREPARATORY COMMITTEE ON THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY 1987 HAS BEEN FORMED TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT BETWEEN NOVEMBER 6 AND 28.

THE COMMITTEE COMPRISES MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, REPRESENTATIVES FROM RURAL COMMITTEES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SUCH AS DISTRICT OFFICE, REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE FORCE.

FIVE WORKING GROUPS UNDER THE COMMITTEE WERE ALSO FORMED TO TAKE CHARGE OF PROGRAMMES, PUBLICITY, TRANSPORT, PROGRAMME SUPERVISION AS WELL AS PREPARING FOR THE "THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD FEAST"-CUM-CLOSING CEREMONY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SAID THE FESTIVAL, BEING ONE OF THE LARGEST ANNUAL EVENTS IN SAI KUNG, AIMS AT AROUSING PUBLIC'S CONCERN AND RESPECT TOWARDS THE ELDERS.

IT ALSO ENCOURAGES THE ELDERLY TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TOWARDS THE COMMUNITY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACTIVITIES TO BE ORGANISED DURING THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE VISITS, PICNICS, TOURS, SPORTS COMPETITIONS, LUNCHES, FILM SHOWS, CONCERTS, MEDICAL CHECK-UPS AND CLEANSING SERVICES.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ACTIVITIES IS A "THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD FEAST"-CUM-CLOSING CEREMONY ON NOVEMBER 28 WHEN MORE THAN 1,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE INVITED TO TAKE PART.

VARIOUS PROGRAMMES SUCH AS SINGING, RIDDLES, SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND CANTONESE OPERA WILL BE ARRANGED SO THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL ENJOY A DAY OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT.

THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE FESTIVAL'S ACTIVITIES IS ABOUT \$150,000 WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL DIGNITARIES.

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SITE FORMATION FOR TSUEN WAN DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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SITE FORMATION WORK IS TO BE CARRIED OUT AT TSUEN KING CIRCUIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TSUEN WAN DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE SITE CLEARANCE, DEMOLITION AND EXCAVATION, SITE FORMATION AND CAISSON RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION.

ROCK SLOPE STABILISATION AND SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE WORKS WILL ALSO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE NEW DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE AT CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR THE TAI WO HAU MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION.

IT WILL CONSIST OF TWO BLOCKS WITH A GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 10,500 SQUARE METRES. THE 17-STOREY HIGH BLOCK WILL PROVIDE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, PUBLIC REPORTING FACILITIES, BARRACK ACCOMMODATION, CANTEEN MESS FACILITIES AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES.

A COVERED COMPOUND FOR PARADE PURPOSES, CELLS AND OFFICES WILL BE SITUATED IN AN ADJOINING THREE-STOREY BLOCK.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE NINE-MONTH PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER.

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BLEACHERS TENDERS FOR TUEN MUN GAMES HALL INVITED

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE DESIGN, SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SEATING FOR TUEN MUN'S SECOND INDOOR GAMES HALL.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE SEATING FOR AT LEAST 400 PEOPLE WOULD BE OF THE TELESCOPIC BLEACHERS TYPE AND MUST BE INSTALLED BY NOT LATER THAN THE COMPLETION OF THE INDOOR GAMES HALL ITSELF IN MARCH, 1988.

THE GAMES HALL IS LOCATED ON WU SHAN ROAD NEAR BUTTERFLY ESTATE IN AREA 28.

THE MAIN GAMES ARENA OF THE NEW SPORTS FACILITY, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY BE HANDED OVER TO THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT, WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE EITHER TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, TWO VOLLEYBALL COURTS OR EIGHT BADMINTON COURTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE THREE SQUASH COURTS, A FITNESS TRAINING ROOM AND AN ACTIVITY/DANCE ROOM.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR THE BLEACHERS SEATING IS NOON ON OCTOBER 2.

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GUIDE FOR STEAM RECEIVER OPERATORS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A BILINGUAL PAMPHLET ON THE SAFE USE OF STEAM RECEIVERS.

THE 28-PAGE PAMPHLET, ENTITLED "A GUIDE TO THE OPERATION OF STEAM RECEIVERS", CONTAINS MORE THAN 20 ILLUSTRATION DIAGRAMS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION AND THE MAINTENANCE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF STEAM RECEIVERS.

IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS A QUICK GUIDE FOR CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR THE CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY EXAMINATION UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID STEAM RECEIVERS WERE EXTENSIVELY USED IN INDUSTRY, IN PARTICULAR THE TEXTILES INDUSTRY.

"INSUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT WILL CAUSE SERIOUS ACCIDENTS," HE SAID.

"ALL PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN THE USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH THE CONTENTS OF THIS GUIDE."

COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION OR AT 5-8524182.

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GOODWILL VISITS TO SCHOOLS

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DIRECTORATE OFFICERS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL PAY GOODWILL VISITS TO ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DAY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG FROM THIS NEW SCHOOL YEAR TO ESTABLISH CLOSER TIES WITH THE SCHOOL MANagements AND TEACHERS AND TO GAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ABOUT THE OPERATION OF SCHOOLS.

THE SCHEME, IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING NORMAL SCHOOL VISITS MADE BY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICERS AND SCHOOL INSPECTORS, WAS LAUNCHED LAST WEEK WHEN THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, VISITED THE ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE AND QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL IN KOWLOON.

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DURING THE VISIT, MR LAN WAS BRIEFED FULLY ON THE OPERATION OF THE TWO SCHOOLS AND TOURED THE PREMISES. HE ALSO HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE PRINCIPALS AND TEACHING STAFF AND CHATTED WITH SOME OF THE STUDENTS.

MR LAN WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT THE TWO SCHOOLS HAVE NOT ONLY DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN THEIR ACADEMIC ATTAINMENTS, BUT ALSO IN DEVELOPING STUDENTS' INTERESTS IN A WIDE RANGE OF EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THROUGH A LARGE NUMBER OF ACADEMIC AND INTEREST CLUBS.

"THIS DEVELOPMENT IS IN LINE WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S POLICY TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOLS TO MAKE AVAILABLE EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND FACILITY TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' ABILITY AND INTEREST TO THE FULLEST EXTENT. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING AND LEARNING MORE IN MY FUTURE VISITS TO SCHOOLS," SAID MR LAN.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN SYP CLOSES WITH VARIETY SHOW
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CONCLUDED TODAY (SUNDAY) WITH A VARIETY SHOW PROVIDING FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR 1,500 RESIDENTS AT THE CITY HALL.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, SAID THE PROGRAMME WAS A VERY MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECT AS PARTICIPANTS COULD LEARN MORE ABOUT SOCIETY AND CULTIVATE A SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR YAU YUK-TAK, ALSO SAID ABOUT 600 ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED FOR MORE THAN 30,000 YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT WITH MOST OF THE PROGRAMMES PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AND FOSTERING A SPIRIT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE VARIETY SHOW FEATURED SINGING, DANCES, MAGIC SHOW AND TAEKWONDO PERFORMANCE.

AMONG THE GUESTS ATTENDING THE FUNCTION WERE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MISS ESTHER CHAN.

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LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

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SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISPLAY THEIR LIFE-SAVING SKILL IN A COMPETITION OPEN TO ALL SCHOOLS ON NOVEMBER 21.

THE LIFE-SAVING CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS 1987/88, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOL TEACHERS LIFE SAVING SOCIETY, WILL BE HELD AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THERE WILL BE FIVE EVENTS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS WHICH INCLUDE 2 X 50 METRE EXTENDED CHIN TOW, CROSS CHEST TOW, TORPEDO RESCUE, TIRED SWIMMER RESCUE AND 4 X 50 METRE LIFE SAVING RELAY.

THE CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE OPEN TO ALL DAY SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND COMPETITORS MUST BE 20 YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER AS ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR.

A SCHOOL MAY FIELD TWO ENTRIES IN EACH EVENT EXCEPT IN THE RELAY, WHICH IS RESTRICTED TO ONE.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT ENTRIES TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON GREEN PAPER OPINION SURVEY

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE FINDINGS OF AN OPINION SURVEY ON THE GREEN PAPER WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT IN EARLY AUGUST BY A CONSULTANT FIRM COMMISSIONED BY THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON POLITICAL REFORM.

PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR CHAN WAI-WANG, GROUP MEMBERS AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONSULTANT FIRM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 5 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CHINESE.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

THEY INCLUDE THE REPAINTING OF A FENCE WALL OUTSIDE THE FRUIT MARKET AND THE PROVISION OF PLANTER BOXES IN SOME REAR LANES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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TAI PO DB SPECIAL MEETING ON GREEN PAPER

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) TO DISCUSS THE GREEN PAPER ON THE 1987 REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE SURVEY OFFICE, MR ADOLF HSU, AND A MONITOR, MR F.K. LI, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO HEAR MEMBERS' VIEWS ON THE DOCUMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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SHA TIN DB TO MEET

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PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) MORNING.

DB MEMBER, MR JUSTEIN WONG, WILL ASK DEPARTMENT CONCERNED IF CHECKS HAVE EVER BEEN MADE TO THE LOAD WEIGHT OF VEHICLES AND THEIR EMISSION OF GAS WASTE NEAR THE ENTRANCES OF THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AS WELL AS THE TYPES OF HEALTH PROTECTION PROVIDED TO TOLL COLLECTORS.

ANOTHER MEMBER, MR CHIU SIN-KUI, WILL ASK ABOUT PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN PLANNING TO BUILD A PUBLIC OR SUBSIDISED SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PAPER ON THE TAXI POLICY REVIEW. CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER, MR SAMUEL CHAN, AND DR LEUNG CHI-KEUNG, OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY BOARD, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PAPER.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE APPLICATION FOR \$250,000 TO SET UP FESTIVE LIGHTING DECORATIONS AT CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR AND LUNAR NEW YEAR AS WELL AS PROGRESS REPORTS FROM THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BOARD MEETING, TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN NORTH POINT

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THE SECTION OF LAU LI STREET IN NORTH POINT FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ELECTRIC ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 16) UNTIL OCTOBER 9 (FRIDAY).

THE MEASURE IS TO FACILITATE THE REPAIR OF WATER DRAINS.

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