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LODGE TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES EARLY  
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TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CAN MINIMISE INCONVENIENCE TO THEMSELVES IF THEY LODGE THEIR CERTIFICATES, WITH THEIR DEMAND NOTES, SOME THREE OR FOUR WEEKS BEFORE THE DUE DATE OF THEIR TAX PAYMENT.

AN INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TAXPAYERS SENDING IN THEIR TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES AT ANY TIME UP TO ONE MONTH BEFORE THE DUE DATE WOULD NOT SUFFER LOSS OF INTEREST.

THEY SHOULD SEND IN THEIR CERTIFICATES AND DEMAND NOTES WITH CASH OR CHEQUE FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FACE VALUE OF THE CERTIFICATES AND THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF TAX DUE. INTEREST EARNED ON THE CERTIFICATES WILL BE REFUNDED BY A CHEQUE.

+IN SO DOING, TAXPAYERS NEED NOT BOTHER THEMSELVES WITH CALCULATING INTEREST EARNED ON THE CERTIFICATES AND MAY LEAVE THE WORK TO THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+BY SENDING IN THEIR TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES, WITH THEIR DEMAND NOTES, SOME THREE OR FOUR WEEKS AHEAD OF THE DUE DATE, THEY WILL ALLOW THE COLLECTION OFFICE TIME TO MAKE ALL NECESSARY CALCULATIONS.+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THOSE CERTIFICATES LODGED MORE THAN A MONTH BEFORE THE DUE DATE COULD ONLY EARN INTEREST UP TO THE DATE OF SURRENDER.

THE DEPARTMENT'S TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES SECTION IS FACING A VERY BUSY PERIOD AS MORE PEOPLE ARE PURCHASING TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES AND MANY SALARIES TAX DEMAND NOTES BEGIN TO FALL DUE IN EARLY JANUARY, 1979.

IN THE PAST EIGHT MONTHS, ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 44,141 TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES WERE PURCHASED, COMPARED WITH 35,992 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. CERTIFICATES MAY BE BOUGHT BY TAXPAYERS FROM THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR BANKERS.

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NOTICEABLE DROP IN INCIDENCE AND DEATH RATE OF TB  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT RESULTS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS WITH A NOTICEABLE DROP IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND INCIDENCE OF THE FORMER NUMBER ONE KILLER DISEASE IN HONG KONG.

IN THE PAST DECADE, THE INCIDENCE OF THE DISEASE DROPPED FROM 398 PER 100,000 POPULATION IN 1967 TO 168.4 PER 100,000 LAST YEAR.

THERE WAS ALSO A CORRESPONDING FALL IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS. THE DEATH RATE AT 11.8 PER 100,000 POPULATION IN 1977, WAS AN ALL-TIME LOW AND ONE FOURTH OF THE RATE A DECADE AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY): +ALTHOUGH THE INCIDENCE AND DEATH RATES HAVE DECLINED SUBSTANTIALLY OVER THE PAST DECADE, THE BATTLE AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS IS NOT YET OVER, AND ANY RELAXATION COULD CAUSE A RESURGENCE OF THE DISEASE.+

TO KEEP UP ITS EFFORTS IN CHECKING THIS DISEASE, THE CHEST SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED A YEAR-ROUND TB CASE-FINDING CAMPAIGN IN MARCH THIS YEAR, URGING PEOPLE WITH SYMPTOMS OF PERSISTENT COUGH FOR MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS TO GO TO A GOVERNMENT CHEST CLINIC FOR A CHECK-UP.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG, AS IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, NOW HAS FEWER PEOPLE DYING OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, INCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS.

FAST SUBSTITUTING TUBERCULOSIS AS THE NUMBER ONE KILLER DISEASE IN HONG KONG AS IN OTHER DEVELOPED TERRITORIES IS CANCER. THE LOCAL MORTALITY RATE IS GRADUALLY RISING FROM 88.1 PER 100,000 POPULATION IN 1967 TO 107.3 PER 100,000 IN 1972 AND TO 125.2 LAST YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF CANCER ARE FOUND IN THE LUNG, LIVER, STOMACH AND NASOPHARYNX.

CAMPAIGNS TO MAKE PEOPLE AWARE OF THE DISEASE ARE HELD FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THEIR HEALTH AND TO SEE A DOCTOR ON NOTICING ANY ABNORMALTIES OR DISCOMFORT.

+WITH OUR MODERN MEDICINE AND ADVANCE IN TECHNOLOGY, CANCER, IF DETECTED AT AN EARLY STAGE, COULD BE EFFECTIVELY CURED,+ HE ADDED.

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SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR INCINERATORS

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SPECIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN INSTALLED AT THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATION PLANT TO AVOID ACCIDENTS IN THE RECEPTION AREA.

THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS INSTALLED AN ALARM SYSTEM AT ALL REFUSE BUNKERS OF THE +A+ AND +B+ PLANTS.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THE SYSTEM GIVES A VISUAL SIGNAL. A HORN ALSO WARNS REFUSE VEHICLE DRIVERS NOT TO UNLOAD IN ANY BUNKER WHERE THE CRANE GRAB IS WORKING.

+THE ALARM,+ HE EXPLAINED, +IS OPERATED BY THE CRANE OPERATOR.+

THE PWD SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AT THE INCLINED ASH CONVEYOR IN PLANT +A+ AN 'EMERGENCY TRIP WIRE' SYSTEM HAS BEEN INSTALLED.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT BOTH THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATION PLANT AND THE PLANT AT LAI CHI KOK CONTINUED TO BURN OFF THOUSANDS OF TONS OF REFUSE.

FOR EXAMPLE, BETWEEN JULY AND SEPTEMBER THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR BURNT NO LESS THAN 57,699 TONS OF REFUSE -- AN AVERAGE OF 634 TONS A DAY.

THE +A+ PLANT AT LAI CHI KOK BURNT OFF 41,936 TONS AND THE +B+ PLANT WAS NOT FAR BEHIND WITH 40,832 TONS.

BOTH THE KENNEDY TOWN AND LAI CHI KOK PLANTS ARE OPERATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PWD.

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BUSY CHRISTMAS FOR TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL ORGANISERS  
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THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WILL SEE A TEAM OF SKILLED WORKERS BUSILY HAMMERING, PLASTERING AND PAINTING TO PUT THE FINAL TOUCHES TO THE RENOVATIONS OF THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY HALL WHICH WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL VENUE FOR TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL PERFORMANCES.

CONTRACTORS OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR EARLY ONE MONTH TO CONVERT THE HALL INTO A SPACIOUS AUDITORIUM TO ACCOMMODATE 1,000-STRONG AUDIENCE.

ON TOP OF THE RENOVATION WORK, ADDITIONAL LIGHTING, AUDIO AND STAGE EQUIPMENT USED FOR THEATRICAL PLAYS, CONCERTS AND MUSICAL SHOWS ARE BEING INSTALLED TO MAKE THE VENUE MORE SUITABLE FOR THE PERFORMERS.

THE MODIFICATION IS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ONE OF THE THREE KEY SPONSORS OF THE TSUEN WAN ARTS FESTIVAL -- THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

THE TWO OTHER SPONSORS ARE THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND THE DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION.

MR. BENJAMIN TANG, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE COST OF THE MODIFICATION WOULD COME FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S \$80,000 CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE OVERALL FESTIVAL BUDGET OF \$300,000, TWO-THIRDS OF WHICH WERE ALLOCATED FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD.

+DURING THE FESTIVAL PERIOD,+ HE SAID, +EIGHT OF THE 25 PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED IN THE CONVERTED HALL, AND I AM SURE THE PERFORMERS AND THE AUDIENCE WILL BE SATISFIED WITH OUR MODIFICATION.+

+THE PRESENTATIONS INCLUDE THE MAJOR PERFORMANCES BY THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE HONG KONG FOLK DANCE TROUPE, THE TSUEN WAN YOUTH DRAMA GROUP AND THE NORTHCOTE PLAYERS.

+THE HONG KONG PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA CONCERT WILL BE ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL'S GRAND OPENING TO BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON JANUARY 1,+ MR. TANG SAID.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL CUT THE RIBBON TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE PILOT PROGRAMME TO BRING ART AND CULTURE TO THE NEW TOWN.

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CYC MEMBERS GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF COMMUNITY  
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS HAVE GAINED A BETTER AND BROADER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIETY AS A RESULT OF THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CYC ACTIVITIES.

ALTOGETHER ABOUT 1,000 MEMBERS ATTENDED 13 TALKS ON ROAD SAFETY HELD EARLY THIS MONTH. THEY WERE BRIEFED BY SPEAKERS FROM THE ROAD SAFETY OFFICE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE ON ROAD SAFETY CODES, IMPORTANT ROAD SIGNS, TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY.

THE USEFULNESS OF THESE TALKS WAS DEMONSTRATED BY THE VERY HIGH STANDARD OF THEIR EXHIBITS AT THE ROAD SAFETY PROJECT DESIGN EXHIBITION HELD LAST WEEK.

FIRE PREVENTION IS ANOTHER SUBJECT IN WHICH THE CYC MEMBERS HAVE AN ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT. VISITS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR CLUB MEMBERS FROM 30 SCHOOLS TO FIRE STATIONS NEAR THEIR SCHOOLS. THE PROGRAMME IS TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHALLENGING WORK OF THE FIRE BRIGADE, AND FAMILIARISE THEM WITH COMMON FIRE HAZARDS AND FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES.

IT IS HOPED THAT THESE CYC MEMBERS WILL IN TURN SPREAD THE MESSAGE TO THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOLS AND THENCE THE COMMUNITY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB SECRETARIAT IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE VISITS AND TALKS WERE OF TREMENDOUS VALUE TO THE STUDENTS.

+WE BELIEVE THE KEY TO LIBERAL EDUCATION LIES IN CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND SCHOOL. BESIDES PROVIDING A HEALTHY PASTIME, THESE EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES EXPAND THE SCOPE OF LEARNING FOR THE STUDENTS BEYOND THE LIMITS OF FORMATIVE SCHOOLING AND ENRICH THEIR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE ACTUAL STATE OF AFFAIRS OF SOCIETY.+

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SPEED LIMIT ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON DECEMBER 27, A SPEED LIMIT OF 30 M.P.H. WILL BE IMPOSED ON KWAI CHUNG ROAD FROM A POINT 580 METRES SOUTH OF KWAI FOO ROAD AND KWAI CHUNG ROAD JUNCTION TO A POINT 80 METRES SOUTH OF THE FLYOVER IN CONTAINER PORT ROAD.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STRUCTURES ACROSS KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTIONS.

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