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SOCIAL SERVICES SECRETARY OPENS YEAR OF
THE CHILD SEMINAR
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THE YEAR OF THE CHILD PROVIDES HONG KONG WITH A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON THE SERVICES PRESENTLY PROVIDED TO ASSIST CHILDREN, INCLUDING HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

IT ALSO GIVES HONG KONG THE CHANCE TO CONSIDER PLANNING OBJECTIVES TO EXPAND BOTH THE QUALITY AND THE QUANTITY OF THESE SERVICES FOR THEM TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL CAPABILITIES TO THE FULLEST EXTENT POSSIBLE.

MR. E.P. HO, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN OPENING AN INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD SEMINAR ON +THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILD+ AT THE DUKE OF WINDSOR CENTRE.

MR. HO SAID MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WERE THE LARGEST GROUP OF DISABLED CHILDREN IN HONG KONG AND THE NATURE OF THEIR DISABILITY WAS USUALLY COMPLEX. REGRETTABLY, NO COUNTRY HAD YET DEVELOPED A COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THEM.

+IT IS THEREFORE MOST STIMULATING THAT YOU HAVE GATHERED TOGETHER TODAY TO STUDY THE NEEDS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON THE SERVICES THAT SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THEIR REHABILITATION,+ HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH SHOULD BE ADOPTED IN REHABILITATING A HANDICAPPED PERSON. SUCH AN APPROACH ENHANCED A BETTER AWARENESS OF THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED AND LED TO A BETTER CO-ORDINATED AND EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME FOR THEM.

THE WHITE PAPER, 'INTEGRATING THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY: A UNITED EFFORT', HAD PROPOSED A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT AND CARE SERVICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED CHILD.

+A WORKING PARTY WILL SHORTLY REPORT TO ME WITH PROPOSALS AS TO HOW SUCH ASSESSMENT AND CARE SHOULD BEST BE DEVELOPED,+ MR. HO SAID.

THIS REPORT WOULD THEN BE REFERRED FOR THE ADVICE OF THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SERVICES.

+THE PRESENCE OF MANY PROFESSIONALS OF VARIOUS DISCIPLINES TODAY WELL ILLUSTRATES YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE INTER-RELATED TEAM APPROACH IN REHABILITATING THE DISABLED CHILD,+ MR. HO SAID.

HE WAS PARTICULARLY HAPPY, HE SAID, TO SEE AMONG THE PANELLISTS A PARENT AND ALSO PARENTS IN THE AUDIENCE.

THE ROLE OF PARENTS WAS VITAL IN THE PRE-SCHOOL YEARS OF A CHILD, AND WAS EVEN MORE SO IN THE REHABILITATION OF A DISABLED CHILD.

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NO ASSESSMENT OF THE CHILD'S NEEDS COULD BE COMPLETE WITHOUT INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE PARENTS, AND NO REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PRESCRIBED TO MEET HIS NEEDS COULD BE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT WITHOUT THEIR CO-OPERATION AND PARTICIPATION.

+FINALLY, THERE IS THE GENERAL PUBLIC,+ MR. HO SAID. +THEY MUST BE CONVINCED OF THE VALUES OF ACCEPTING DISABLED PEOPLE AS PART OF OUR COMMUNITY. THE PUBLIC MUST THEREFORE BE HELPED TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF THE DISABLED.

+THE GREATER THE DEGREE OF DIRECT PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT IN THE REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PEOPLE, AND THE WIDER THE INTER-ACTION BETWEEN ABLE BODIED AND DISABLED PEOPLE, THE MORE LIKELY IT IS THAT THE PUBLIC WILL UNDERSTAND, ACCEPT AND ASSIST THE DISABLED IN THE COMMUNITY.+

HAVING ACCEPTED THAT THE NEEDS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WERE COMPLEX AND THAT A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO THEIR REHABILITATION WAS MOST ESSENTIAL, IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT PROFESSIONALS OF VARIOUS DISCIPLINES HAD RECEIVED SUITABLE TRAINING.

PARENTS, AS PART OF THE REHABILITATION TEAM, SHOULD ALSO RECEIVE TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL ADVICE TO ENSURE CONTINUITY OF CARE OF THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN AT HOME. IT WAS THEREFORE MOST APPROPRIATE THAT TRAINING HAD BEEN INCLUDED AS ONE OF THE THEMES FOR THE SEMINAR.

MR. HO CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE WAS CERTAIN THAT THE SEMINAR WOULD FURTHER STIMULATE AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN HONG KONG AND RESULT IN GREATER INVOLVEMENT BY PROFESSIONALS, PARENTS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN THEIR REHABILITATION.

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PRINCE CHARLES TO TOUR TSANG TAI UK WALLED VILLAGE

TSANG TAI UK — AN OLD WALLED VILLAGE AT SHA TIN — IS ALL SET TO RECEIVE A DISTINGUISHED GUEST EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE GUEST IS NONE OTHER THAN HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES WHO WILL BE ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG BETWEEN MARCH 3 AND 6.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, PRINCE CHARLES WILL VISIT THE VILLAGE ON MARCH 4 (SUNDAY) AFTER TAKING A PANORAMIC VIEW OF SHA TIN DEVELOPMENT FROM A VANTAGE POINT AT SIU LEK YUEN.

AT THE VILLAGE ENTRANCE, MR. AKERS-JONES WILL PRESENT LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, AND VILLAGE ELDERS TO PRINCE CHARLES.

HE WILL THEN WALK THROUGH THE VILLAGE — ONE OF THE FEW STILL REMAINING INTACT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TSANG TAI UK — MEASURING ABOUT 137 METRES BY 46 METRES — WAS BUILT IN TRADITIONAL WALLED VILLAGE STYLE IN ABOUT 1850 BUT, DURING THE PAST 130 YEARS, IT HAS UNDERGONE EXTENSIVE CHANGES AND MODERNISATION WITHIN THE WALLS.

ACCORDING TO LONGTIME RESIDENTS OF THE AREA, THE VILLAGE WAS FOUNDED BY A MASON NAMED TSANG SAM LEE.

AFTER MAKING HIS FORTUNE QUARRYING FINE STONE, HE DECIDED TO BUILD A VILLAGE HOUSE FOR HIS FAMILY.

CONSTRUCTION WORK STARTED IN ABOUT 1850 AND TOOK SOME 20 YEARS TO COMPLETE AS THE SITE OF THE VILLAGE HAD TO BE RECLAIMED FROM THE SEA AND MOST OF THE BUILDING MATERIALS IMPORTED FROM CHINA.

THE VILLAGE IS DIVIDED INTO THREE ROWS OF TWO-STOREY HOUSES WITH MORE THAN 120 ROOMS.

AT PRESENT, IT HAS ABOUT 700 RESIDENTS, OF WHOM SOME 300 ARE MEMBERS OF THE TSANG CLAN.

BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAS RESOLVED TO RETAIN IT AS PART OF SHA TIN'S HERITAGE IN THE NEW TOWN.

AS A RESULT OF MASSIVE RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE SURROUNDING AREA, THE VILLAGE IS NOW LYING BELOW THE RECLAIMED LAND.

SPECIAL RESERVOIR AND PUMPING FACILITIES HAVE TO BE PROVIDED TO PREVENT IT FROM FLOODING. WORK ON THIS IS NOW IN PROGRESS.

THE OPEN SPACE IN FRONT OF THE VILLAGE WILL BE DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE A +BUFFER ZONE+ FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

AS MOST OF THE VILLAGE LAND HAS BEEN RESUMED FOR DEVELOPMENT, THE RESIDENTS HAVE TURNED FROM AN AGRICULTURAL TO AN URBAN TYPE ECONOMY.

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HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY EXHIBITION * * * * *

MANY FORMS OF DISABILITIES WHICH OCCUR IN THE ELDERLY AGE GROUP CAN BE PREVENTED IF PEOPLE HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS NORMAL HEALTH IN ADVANCED AGE, THEIR HEALTH NEEDS AND THE WAYS TO PREVENT DISEASE.

THIS WAS STATED BY DR. HARRY S.Y. FANG, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WHEN HE DECLARED OPEN THE +HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY EXHIBITION+ AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL THIS MORNING.

+EVERYONE GROWS OLD WITH THE PASSING OF TIME, BUT THE ART OF LIVING LIES IN KNOWING HOW TO GROW OLD IN GOOD HEALTH,+ HE SAID.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY.

DR. FANG SAID IN VIEW OF THE CHANGES IN HEALTH TRENDS AND THE AGE STRUCTURE OF THE POPULATION, THE MOUNTING OF HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES ON THE HEALTH ASPECTS OF THE ELDERLY +IS MOST TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE IN TODAY'S CIRCUMSTANCES.+

HE SAID THAT WITH IMPROVED HEALTH SERVICES, BETTER HOUSING, ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS, PEOPLE ARE LIVING LONGER.

+IT IS TIME FOR US TO TAKE A FRESH LOOK AT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE OLDER GENERATION, TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS NORMAL HEALTH IN ADVANCED AGE, THEIR HEALTH NEEDS AND THE WAYS TO PREVENT DISEASE,+ HE ADDED.

DR. FANG COMMENDED THE DEPARTMENT FOR LAUNCHING THE HEALTH EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH IS SO MUCH NEEDED AND WHICH IS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GREEN PAPER ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, SAID THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN WERE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON WAYS OF ACHIEVING OPTIMAL HEALTH AND THE PREVENTION OF DISEASES IN THE ELDERLY, AND THE USE OF AVAILABLE PERSONAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

HE SAID IMPARTING HEALTH KNOWLEDGE TO THE PUBLIC IN A CONTINUOUS MANNER AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY IN HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES +ARE CLOSELY AND MUTUALLY LINKED IN OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE BETTER HEALTH AND A HIGHER QUALITY OF LIFE.+

DR. THONG POINTED OUT THAT TO BE ADVANCING IN YEARS DID NOT MEAN ILLNESS AND NON-PRODUCTIVITY AS MANY PEOPLE SEEMED TO THINK.

+IN FACT, OLD AGE COULD BE A CONTINUED PHASE OF THE PRIME OF LIFE IN WHICH ONE CAN REMAIN HEALTHY AND ACTIVE, IF ONE UNDERSTANDS THE COMMON HEALTH PROBLEMS IN OLD AGE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTION,+ HE SAID.

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DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, MRS. SIU HON-SUM PRESENTED PRIZES AND TROPHIES TO WINNERS OF A PHOTO COMPETITION WHICH WAS RUN IN CONNECTION WITH THE CAMPAIGN.

ALL THE CASH PRIZES AND TROPHIES WERE DONATED BY MRS. SIU, WHO HAS MADE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE CARE OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

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SCHOOLS SHOULD PREPARE STUDENTS TO BE GOOD CITIZENS

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS PROVIDE THE MOST BASIC EDUCATION AND TEACHERS SHOULD WORK TOWARDS FORMING PUPILS INTO GOOD CITIZENS, MR. Q.W. LEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE JOINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS EXHIBITION AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

+PRIMARY SCHOOLS PROVIDE THE BASIC EDUCATION IN LIFE. APART FROM TEACHING THE PUPILS GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND BASIC SKILLS, TEACHERS SHOULD HELP THEM DEVELOP INTERESTS, IDEALS AND A CORRECT ATTITUDE IN DEALING WITH OTHER PEOPLE.

+IN THIS WAY THE PUPILS WILL ACHIEVE HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT IN BODY AND MIND, AND GROW UP TO BECOME GOOD CITIZENS,+ MR. LEE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE POINTED OUT THAT CHILDREN ARE PLAYFUL BY NATURE, AND IT WAS UP TO THE SCHOOLS, PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS TO HELP THEM TO STUDY VOLUNTARILY BY PROVIDING THEM WITH A SUITABLE AND HAPPY SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

+THEREFORE IT IS HIGHLY MEANINGFUL THAT THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION IS 'HAPPY CHILDHOOD'.

+FURTHERMORE, IT IS EXTREMELY TIMELY THAT SUCH AN EXHIBITION STRESSING ON CARE FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR SCHOOL LIFE SHOULD BE HELD THIS YEAR, WHICH IS THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD,+ MR. LEE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY WAS MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, WHO COMMENDED THE STAFF OF HIS DEPARTMENT, THE UNION OF GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS HEADMASTERS AND HEADMISTRESSES, AND THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS UNION FOR THEIR WORK IN ORGANISING THIS EXHIBITION.

+THE AIMS OF THE EXHIBITION ARE ON THE ONE HAND TO TELL THE PUBLIC ABOUT THIS SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT- AND ON THE OTHER TO GIVE THE COMMUNITY AN INSIGHT INTO THE SPECIALITIES AND ACTUAL RUNNING OF GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN ORDER TO HELP THEM FORM A TRUE PICTURE OF THE SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD TODAY AND TOMORROW (SATURDAY) IN QUEEN'S COLLEGE, AND WILL BE MOVED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL IN KOWLOON NEXT WEEKEND (MARCH 3 AND 4). THE OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

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IMPORTANT ROLES OF M.A.C. IN TSUEN WAN STRESSED

TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, TODAY (SATURDAY) SPOKE OF THE MANY IMPORTANT WAYS IN WHICH MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES CAN CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE WELL-BEING OF THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNAR NEW YEAR SPRING GATHERING OF TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, MR. HAYES STRESSED THAT THESE COMMITTEES, IF PROPERLY RUN AND UNDER GOOD LEADERSHIP, WOULD BE AN IMMENSE POTENTIAL ASSET TO TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

+THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE IS AN IMPORTANT INSTITUTION IN MODERN TSUEN WAN,+ HE SAID.

+THIS APPLIES EQUALLY WHETHER IT IS IN A PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDING, A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING OR A SQUATTER AREA.+

ALTHOUGH THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE IS GOOD MANAGEMENT OF THE BUILDING IT SERVES, MR. HAYES POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE OTHER IMPORTANT WAYS IN WHICH A MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY, IN PART AND AS A WHOLE.

IT CAN FORM THE BASIC UNIT OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATION AND ASSIST IN THE CREATION OF A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND A SENSE OF IDENTITY IN THOSE BUILDINGS WHERE A SPIRIT OF GOODWILL AND MUTUAL CO-OPERATION EXISTS.

+IT CAN LOOK AFTER ITS OLD PEOPLE AND CHILDREN AND FORM TEAMS AND GROUPS OF VARIOUS KINDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND PARTICIPATION IN THE MANY COMPETITIONS ARRANGED BY LOCAL BODIES.

+ITS OFFICE BEARERS CAN JOIN IN THE CONSULTATIVE AND ADVISORY WORK OF AREA COMMITTEES,+ MR. HAYES ADDED.

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TUEN MUN'S LARGEST RECREATIONAL FACILITY

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MR. LAU WONG-FAT, VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, TODAY (SATURDAY) DESCRIBED THE OPENING OF CASTLE PEAK SAN HUI PLAYGROUND AS A SIGN OF A NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT ITS OPENING CEREMONY.

THE PLAYGROUND COVERS AN AREA OF 6,600 SQUARE METRES AND IS THE LARGEST RECREATIONAL FACILITY IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

BEING THE FIRST STAGE OF A RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF THE NEW TOWN, THE PLAYGROUND CONSISTS OF A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND A SITTING-OUT AREA.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

MR. WONG SAID THAT WHEN THE SECOND STAGE IS COMPLETED THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE RECREATIONAL AND SPORT FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEED OF THE NEW TOWN'S EXPANDING POPULATION WHICH WILL INCREASE TO 500,000 WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

BEFORE DECLARING THE PLAYGROUND OPEN MR. WONG THANKED THE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS CONTINUOUS EFFORTS IN MAKING LAND AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

MR. H.S. GREWAL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES (NEW TERRITORIES), WHEN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY SAID THE COMPLETION OF THE PLAYGROUND WAS A STEP FORWARD TO FULFIL THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, BOTH ACTIVE AND PASSIVE, TO MEET THE VARIED NEEDS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE NEW TOWN.

AS A DOUBLE CELEBRATION, A GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR A CLOCK TOWER WAS HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PLAYGROUND WAS DECLARED OPEN.

THE CLOCK TOWER IS BEING DONATED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF CASTLE PEAK.

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PWD'S ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKING HK ROADS SAFER

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THE TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DIVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTING TO EFFORTS TO MAKE HONG KONG'S ROADS SAFER.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE WORK OF THE HONG KONG AND MAINLAND DIVISIONS ARE REFLECTED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

HE SAID THE CAUSEWAY BAY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WAS JUST ONE OF THE MANY PROJECTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ISLAND DIVISION.

+THE SCHEME COMPRISES MAINLY THE REROUTING OF SIDE STREETS IN THE AREA SOUTH OF HENNESSY ROAD AND EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

+IT IS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE LOCAL TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.+

THE SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1978.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD THE HONG KONG DIVISION ADDED TO THE NUMBER OF STREET LAMPS, CARRIED OUT SEVERAL TRAFFIC STUDIES, CAREFULLY LOOKED AT ZEBRA CROSSINGS AND PREPARED A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING DESIGNS.

THEIR COUNTERPARTS ACROSS THE HARBOUR ALSO INCREASED THE NUMBER OF ILLUMINATED TRAFFIC AIDS -- THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 2,550 ON THE MAINLAND.

DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR THE MAINLAND DIVISION COMPLETED NO FEWER THAN 23 NEW SIGNAL-CONTROLLED CROSSINGS AND BROUGHT INTO OPERATION 13 NEW SETS OF TRAFFIC LIGHT SIGNALS.

THE PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS, ON TOP OF THIS, A NET INCREASE OF 532 STREET LAMPS.

+ALL OF THEIR WORK,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN, +CONTRIBUTED TO THE SAFETY OF THE MOTORIST AND THE PEDESTRIAN.+

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FAMILY CARNIVAL FOR TAI HANG TUNG RESIDENTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE IS ORGANISING A +FAMILY CARNIVAL+ FOR 3,000 RESIDENTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER FOR WEST KOWLOON, MR. LU YU-HUA, WILL BE AMONG THE GUESTS TO OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

PROGRAMMES OF THE CARNIVAL, TO BE HELD AT THE TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE NO. 1 PLAYGROUND, WILL FEATURE BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE AND A VARIETY OF GAME STALLS.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED FOR THE BEST GAME STALL DESIGN AS WELL AS TO WINNERS OF A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION ESSAY COMPETITION.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WEST KOWLOON YOUTH GUIDANCE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FAMILY CARNIVAL AND ITS OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE NO. 1 PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

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PASSING OUT PARADE IN STANLEY

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PRISON OFFICERS SHOULD NOT USE THEIR AUTHORITY INDISCRIMINATELY BUT TO TREAT ALL PRISONERS IN A STRICT AND HUMANE MANNER.

THIS WAS SAID BY MR. W.T. GRIMSDALE, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, WHEN HE ADDRESSED A PASSING OUT PARADE OF 86 PRISON OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

MR. GRIMSDALE HAS BEEN A VISITING JUSTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTIONS FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS.

EXPLAINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF VISITING JUSTICES, HE SAID TWO MUST VISIT EVERY INSTITUTION AT LEAST ONCE A FORTNIGHT TO CHECK ON ALL MANAGEMENT ASPECTS AND TO HEAR COMPLAINTS FROM PRISONERS.

HE ADDED THE VISITING JUSTICES ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO COMMENT ON ALL ASPECTS WITHIN INSTITUTIONS.

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21 CONTRACTS AWARDED BY PWD LAST MONTH

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AWARDED 21 CONTRACTS WORTH \$80.77 MILLION LAST MONTH.

THIRTEEN WERE AWARDED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND EIGHT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PWD TENDER BOARD.

THE BIGGEST CONTRACT WAS FOR YUEN LONG DEVELOPMENT, WHICH INVOLVES FORMING 28 HECTARES OF LAND AND BUILDING SEVEN KILOMETRES OF ROAD AND CYCLE PATH.

AMONG OTHER CONTRACTS WERE THOSE FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE SEMI-AUTOMATED DEPARTURE BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM STAGE TWO AT KAI TAK AIRPORT AND FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORK IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

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FIGHT CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION
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STUDENTS FROM 10 YAU MA TEI SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE TAKING PART IN A BEAT CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO HELP PUBLICISE THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTIONS. EACH SCHOOL WILL HAVE TO PERFORM A 20-MINUTE SHOW.

THE CHAMPION, FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF EACH SECTION WILL BE GIVEN SHIELDS AND SOUVENIRS.

MR. THOMAS SHARR, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (YAU MA TEI) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (YAU MA TEI) AND THE YAU MA TEI EAST AREA COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FIGHT CRIME DRAMA COMPETITION AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE YAU MA TEI KAIFONG ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLIFF ROAD, YAU MA TEI.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF FLEMING ROAD BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 7 P.M. ON MONDAY TO 7 A.M. ON TUESDAY.

IN KWUN TONG, TING FU STREET, AT THE JUNCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED FOR FOUR WEEKS STARTING FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY TO FACILITATE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS IN THE TWO AREAS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN HA TSUEN, CASTLE PEAK RANGE
ON FOUR DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE
AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING
PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
MONDAY (FEBRUARY 26)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 27)	9 A.M. - 5.30 P.M.
THURSDAY (MARCH 1)	8 A.M - 11 P.M.
FRIDAY (MARCH 2)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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