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HEALTH CARE RESOURCE ALLOCATION TO BE RATIONALISED

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ALLOCATION OF HEALTH CARE RESOURCES HAS TO BE RATIONALISED TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM COST-EFFECTIVENESS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS. ELIZABETH WONG SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 13TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY HEALTH SERVICES FUNDS, MRS. WONG POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM IN THIS POLICY AREA WAS TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE AND TO OPTIMISE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT IN RECENT DEBATES ON HOW TO FINANCE HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG, REFERENCES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE "USER-PAY" CONCEPT, TO MEDICAL INSURANCE AND TO SOME FORM OF CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME.

"IN OUR QUEST FOR SOLUTIONS, WE ARE ABOUT TO REVIEW OUR POLICY ON HOSPITAL FEES AND CHARGES AND TO CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS TO ENCOURAGE PRIVATE MEDICAL INSURANCE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

"THIS, HOWEVER, MUST NOT BE CONSTRUED AS GOVERNMENT SHIRKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR PATIENT SERVICES OR PUBLIC HEALTH.

"NOT SO, NOT AT ALL. OUR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE CONTINUES TO BE PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE HEALTH SERVICES. WE REMAIN FIRM IN OUR RESOLVE TO SEE THAT NO ONE WILL BE DENIED ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE BECAUSE OF LACK OF MEANS," SHE STRESSED.

MRS. WONG POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PROCESS OF UPGRADING THE QUALITY OF CARE TO MEET RISING EXPECTATIONS, HONG KONG IS NOT SPARED THE PROBLEM FACED BY OTHER INDUSTRIALISED TERRITORIES -- THE ESCALATING COSTS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

"IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, PUBLIC SPENDING ON HEALTH SERVICES IS CLOSE TO \$10 BILLION OR SOME 9.4 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE.

"IN THE LIGHT OF COMPETING DEMANDS FOR HOUSING, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE, HOW DO WE CONTAIN COSTS, MAXIMISE VALUE FOR PUBLIC MONEY AND LIMIT SPENDING ON HEALTH SERVICES, YET MAINTAIN AND EVEN ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF CARE?

"THIS IS THE CHALLENGE WE MUST RISE TO MEET," SHE SAID.

MRS. WONG SAID HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HAS BEEN HEAVILY SUBSIDISED.

"WE ARE PROVIDING A VIRTUALLY FREE, EASILY ACCESSIBLE AND PRACTICALLY UNIVERSAL PUBLIC HOSPITAL SERVICE.

"HOWEVER, WE ARE ALL TOO CONSCIOUS THAT PUBLIC EXPENDITURE DEVOTED TO THE HEALTH PROGRAMME WILL HAVE TO MOUNT STEADILY JUST TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT LEVEL OF SERVICE, NOT TO MENTION THE HIGHER STANDARDS THAT WE ARE AIMING FOR.

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"IN ADDITION, SOARING COSTS ARISING FROM EXPENSIVE, HIGHLY SPECIALISED AND HOSPITAL-BASED SERVICES HAVE LED MANY OF THE WORLD'S INDUSTRIALISED TERRITORIES TO RE-EXAMINE THEIR HEALTH CARE PROVISION AND TO SHIFT GREATER EMPHASIS AND RESOURCES TO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE.

"NEW SOURCES OF FUNDING HAVE TO BE FOUND, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO MANAGE WHAT WE HAVE, BETTER," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE THEME OF THIS CONFERENCE -- "CARING AND SPARING : LIMITING SPENDING WHILE PRESERVING QUALITY" -- IS MOST RELEVANT TO THE HEALTH CARE SCENE IN HONG KONG RIGHT AT THIS MOMENT.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE PAST 20 MONTHS OR SO, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEVOTED TREMENDOUS EFFORTS TO THE FORMATION OF AN INDEPENDENT HOSPITAL AUTHORITY TO TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF ALL PUBLIC HOSPITALS.

SINCE AUGUST LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT HAS EMBARKED ON A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

PREPARATION IS ALSO UNDERWAY FOR THE SETTING UP OF AN ACADEMY OF MEDICINE.

"THIS GIVES HONG KONG A SPRING BOARD OF TRIPLE STRENGTH TO LAUNCH, FIRMLY AND PROUDLY, INTO MULTIPLE HEALTH SERVICE REFORMS.

"THESE ARE OUR GOVERNMENT'S INITIATIVES IN RESPONSE TO CHANGING DEMANDS AND RISING COMMUNITY ASPIRATIONS," SHE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDICAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONG-KONG, MR. KEITH PEARSON, NOTED THAT MUCH HAD BEEN DONE BY THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE THE HONG KONG HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, REDUCE WAITING TIMES AND MAKE PUBLIC MEDICAL CARE MORE VALUED BY THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

HE FELT THAT HIGH PRIORITY ACCORDED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN HEALTH CARE REFORMS AND THE NEW INITIATIVES BEING IMPLEMENTED WOULD IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR TO MEET THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

"HOWEVER, WE FACE A GROWING DEMAND FROM CONSUMERS FOR INDEPENDENCE IN MEDICAL CARE AND DIGNITY IN SICKNESS. DISPOSABLE INCOMES ARE RISING IN HONG KONG AND SOME OF THIS WEALTH IS ALREADY BEING CHANNELLED INTO THE PRIVATE SECTOR OF MEDICAL CARE," HE SAID.

"WITH A GENTLE PUSH FROM THE GOVERNMENT, FURTHER EXPANSION OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN EASILY BE ENVISAGED," MR. PEARSON ADDED.

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NEW POWERS FOR INVESTIGATION OF UNREGISTERED SCHOOLS

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THE EDUCATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990 PROVIDES NEW POWERS FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF UNREGISTERED SCHOOLS.

A NEW SECTION (81A) PROVIDES:

INSPECTION OF PREMISES IN THE CASE OF UNREGISTERED SCHOOLS

(1) THE DIRECTOR AND ANY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS MAY ENTER AND INSPECT ANY PREMISES WHICH THE DIRECTOR HAS REASON TO SUSPECT ARE BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL WHICH IS NOT REGISTERED OR PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED.

(2) IF THE DIRECTOR OR ANY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS -

(A) IS OBSTRUCTED BY ANY PERSON WHILE HE IS CARRYING OUT, OR ATTEMPTING TO CARRY OUT, AN INSPECTION OF ANY PREMISES REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (1); OR

(B) HAS REASON TO SUSPECT THAT HE IS LIKELY TO BE SO OBSTRUCTED IN CARRYING OUT, OR ATTEMPTING TO CARRY OUT, SUCH AN INSPECTION.

THE DIRECTOR OR INSPECTOR, AS THE CASE MAY BE MAY APPLY TO A MAGISTRATE UNDER SUBSECTION (3) FOR A WARRANT TO ENTER AND INSPECT THOSE PREMISES.

(3) A MAGISTRATE MAY ISSUE A WARRANT AUTHORISING THE DIRECTOR OR ANY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS TO ENTER AND INSPECT ANY PREMISES REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (1) IF HE IS SATISFIED BY INFORMATION ON OATH THAT THERE ARE REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR SUSPECTING THAT THOSE PREMISES ARE BEING USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF A SCHOOL WHICH IS NOT REGISTERED OR PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED.

(4) A WARRANT ISSUED BY A MAGISTRATE UNDER SUBSECTION (3) MAY AUTHORISE THE DIRECTOR OR ANY INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS TO -

(A) ENTER THOSE PREMISES, IF NECESSARY BY FORCE;

(B) REMAIN ON THOSE PREMISES FOR SUCH TIME OR TIMES AS MAY BE SPECIFIED IN THE WARRANT;

(C) RE-ENTER THOSE PREMISES FROM TIME TO TIME OR ON SUCH DAY OR DAYS AS MAY BE SPECIFIED IN THE WARRANT.

THE PENALTY FOR OBSTRUCTING AN INSPECTOR IS A FINE OF \$25,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THESE NEW POWERS WAS TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF UNREGISTERED SCHOOLS.

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HE SAID THAT ALL REPORTS ARE INVESTIGATED BUT DIFFICULTY WAS SOMETIMES FOUND IN GAINING ACCESS TO PREMISES.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED FOR CO-OPERATION, FAILING WHICH AN APPLICATION FOR A WARRANT FROM A MAGISTRATE WILL BE MADE TO GAIN ACCESS.

OPERATORS OF LANGUAGE CLUBS WERE ALSO URGED TO CO-OPERATE WITH INSPECTORS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WHO MAY ENTER THE PREMISES TO INVESTIGATE ANY BREACHES OF THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO SCHOOL REGISTRATION.

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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S
STABILITY AND PROSPERITY

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SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS WOULD HELP ENCOURAGE EMIGRATED HONG KONG RESIDENTS TO RETURN.

HE MADE THIS REMARK WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A KINDERGARTEN IN SAI KUNG.

THE KINDERGARTEN IS RUN BASICALLY FOR EXPATRIATE CHILDREN BUT THERE WOULD ALSO BE A SUBSTANTIAL MEMBER OF LOCAL STUDENTS.

"I BELIEVE THIS WILL BE A USEFUL ADDITION TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS WHICH WILL BE RUN ON SIMILAR LINES.

"I SEE THIS NOT AS A MEANS TO FAVOUR EXPATRIATES, BUT RATHER THIS SCHOOL WILL BE PART OF THE EDUCATION SET-UP THAT WILL, AT THE SAME TIME, MAKE PROVISIONS FOR THOSE HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO HAD EMIGRATED AND WHO NOW WANT TO COME BACK TO LIVE AND WORK HERE.

"TO SUCH PEOPLE, THE FOREMOST WORRY MUST BE THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN," MR TSAO SAID.

HE SAID THAT THE MORE SUCH SCHOOLS, NOT ONLY AT THE KINDERGARTEN LEVEL BUT ALSO AT HIGHER LEVELS, WERE ESTABLISHED, THE GREATER THE PULL ON OUR EX-RESIDENTS TO RETURN.

"THEREFORE, IN A BROAD SENSE, I VIEW THIS ESTABLISHMENT AS A PART OF A PACKAGE THAT WE WOULD NEED TO PUT IN TO ENSURE HONG KONG'S FUTURE STABILITY AND PROSPERITY," HE ADDED.

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UTILITY SERVICES TO TAI A CHAU DETENTION CENTRE

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO INSTALL UTILITY SERVICES FOR THE PROPOSED TAI A CHAU DETENTION CENTRE.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 1,034 HECTARES AFFECTING 680 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED BETWEEN TAI A CHAU AND SHEK PIK, LANTAU ISLAND.

THESE SERVICES WILL INCLUDE ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLIES AS WELL AS A SUBMARINE SEWAGE OUTFALL.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEA-BED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 30, 1991.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR LAB ELECTION

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS INVITING NOMINATIONS FROM BOTH TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO SIT ON THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD (LAB) FOR A NEW TERM OF OFFICE STARTING NEXT JANUARY.

LETTERS WERE SENT TO ALL 441 REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS YESTERDAY (SATURDAY) INVITING THEM TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION AS EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD IN ITS NEXT SESSION FROM JANUARY 1, 1991 TO DECEMBER 31, 1992.

"THE LAB COMPRISES 12 MEMBERS, SIX REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES AND SIX REPRESENTING EMPLOYERS, WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR OR HIS DEPUTY AS ITS EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN," THE BOARD'S SECRETARY, MRS ANGELA HO, SAID.

"FIVE SEATS ON THE EMPLOYEES' SIDE WILL BE FILLED BY ELECTION TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER," MRS HO EXPLAINED, ADDING THAT REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNIONS WILL ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE BASIS OF ONE UNION ONE VOTE.

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"ON THE EMPLOYERS' SIDE, FIVE SEATS WILL BE FILLED BY A NOMINATED REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION OF HONG KONG, THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE," SHE SAID.

"THE REMAINING ONE MEMBER ON THE EMPLOYERS' SIDE AND ONE ON THE EMPLOYEES' SIDE WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT," SHE ADDED.

MRS HO SAID EACH REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' TRADE UNION MAY NOMINATE UP TO FIVE CANDIDATES WHO MUST BE PAID-UP MEMBERS.

NOMINATION OF EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE MADE IN A SPECIFIED FORM AND SHOULD REACH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BY SEPTEMBER 29.

AS FOR THE NOMINATION OF THE EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES, MRS HO SAID THE CLOSING DATE WAS OCTOBER 27.

THE LAB IS A TRIPARTITE CONSULTATIVE BODY WHICH ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON LABOUR MATTERS INCLUDING LEGISLATION AND THE APPLICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

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RADIO PROGRAMME TO PUBLICISE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION
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RADIO PROGRAMMES TO BOOST FAMILY TIES WILL SOON BE ON AIR.

THE PROGRAMMES, TO BE HOSTED BY PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS, WILL BE BROADCAST BY TWO RADIO STATIONS - RTHK CHANNEL 1 AND COMMERCIAL RADIO 1 - LATER THIS MONTH.

THIS IS REVEALED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, MRS PATRICIA CHU.

"THE SERIES WILL FEATURE DRAMAS ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, PHONE-IN BY AUDIENCE AND TALKS BY FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WORKERS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS CONCERNING ADOLESCENTS, WAYS TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FAMILY MEMBERS AND RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD," MRS CHU SAID.

RTHK CHANNEL 1 WILL BROADCAST THE SERIES THROUGH HER "WHAT A NICE DAY" PROGRAMME BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 12.30 PM EVERY THURSDAY FOR 17 WEEKS FROM SEPTEMBER 20.

WHILE COMMERCIAL RADIO 1, THROUGH "THE FUN STATION", WILL DO IT IN 10 20-MINUTE PARTS AT 3 PM EVERY WEDNESDAY, BEGINNING FROM SEPTEMBER 26.

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MRS CHU POINTED OUT THAT THE RADIO PROGRAMMES, WHICH TARGETTED AT ADOLESCENTS, ARE PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CURRENT YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE A MUSIC COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH MUSIC OFFICE AND COMMERCIAL RADIO, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS TO BE HELD IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS, AS WELL AS THE PUBLICATION OF A BOOKLET FOCUSING ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE AND WAYS TO MAINTAIN A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PARENTS AND THE ADOLESCENTS.

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BUS PARADE PROMOTES VOTER REGISTRATION

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A DECORATED OPEN-TOP BUS TOURED THE BUSY STREETS OF EASTERN DISTRICT THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION.

ON BOARD THE BUS WERE REGISTRATION STAFF OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, WHO WERE JOINED BY TELEVISION PERSONALITY MISS BERTHA NGAI AND DISC JOCKEY MR JOHN WOO ON A THREE-HOUR TOUR WHICH STARTED OFF AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE PARTY VISITED VARIOUS DENSELY POPULATED AREAS, INCLUDING HENG FA CHUEN, KORNHILL AND CITY GARDEN. THEY ASSISTED PEDESTRIANS TO SIGN UP AND DISTRIBUTED PROMOTIONAL ITEMS.

THE BUS PARADE WAS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO PUBLICISE THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL RUN UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

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ALLOCATION OF PRIMARY 1 PLACES IN YUEN LONG SCHOOLS

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THE TWO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN YUEN LONG PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, TO WHICH SOME CHILDREN OF TENANTS IN NEARBY LONG PING ESTATE HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED, WILL NOT BE REPROVISIONED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) TO ASSURE PARENTS OBJECTING TO THE ALLOCATION THAT THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION WOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED BECAUSE OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

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"SOME CONCERN HAS BEEN EXPRESSED ON THE REPROVISIONING IN THE NEAR FUTURE OF THE YUEN LONG CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE YUEN LONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NO. 2 SCHOOL AND THAT STUDENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE RELOCATED TO OTHER SCHOOLS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BUT, HE SAID, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS CONFIRMED THAT YUEN LONG ESTATE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE CURRENT FIVE-YEAR ROLLING PROGRAMME AND THAT REDEVELOPMENT WILL ONLY BE CONSIDERED IN THE NEXT NINE OR 10 YEARS.

"THE PARENTS OBJECTING TO THEIR CHILDREN BEING ALLOCATED TO THE NEARBY YUEN LONG ESTATE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN TOLD AT A MEETING WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON JULY 20, AND IN A LETTER IN REPLY TO THEIR WRITTEN REQUEST FOR RELOCATION, THAT THE PRIMARY 1 ALLOCATION SYSTEM EMPHASISES SENDING CHILDREN TO SCHOOLS WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND WITHIN REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM THEIR HOMES," HE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, UNDERSTOOD THEIR DESIRE FOR THEIR CHILDREN TO STUDY IN MORE CONVENIENT LOCATIONS, SUCH AS IN SCHOOLS IN THEIR ESTATE.

"ENLARGING CLASSES IN LONG PING ESTATE SCHOOLS WOULD BE UNFAIR TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AND THEIR REQUEST TO MAKE USE OF VACANT CLASSROOMS WOULD ALSO BE UNFAIR TO THE CHILDREN OF ABOUT 500 FAMILIES WHO WILL BE MOVING IN LATER THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

THE YUEN LONG CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE YUEN LONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NO. 2 PRIMARY SCHOOL WHERE ABOUT 100 LONG PING ESTATE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO ARE OF STANDARD 24-CLASSROOM DESIGN.

SCHEDULED TOILET REFURBISHING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT THE TWO SCHOOLS AND EXTERNAL REDECORATION WILL PROCEED AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

"THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALSO PLANS TO INSTALL AIR-CONDITIONERS IN THE CLASSROOMS ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE SIX-STOREY BUILDING WITHIN TWO YEARS OUT OF ITS OWN FUNDS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE YUEN LONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCHOOL IS NOTED FOR ITS MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENTS AND ITS SCHOOL BAND HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN FEATURES IN MANY PUBLIC FUNCTIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND IN THE URBAN AREAS.

ON TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHOOLS HAVE TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THOSE NOT WISHING TO TAKE THE LESS THAN 15-MINUTE WALK FROM LONG PING ESTATE.

"THE SCHOOLS HAVE A LONG AND WELL-KNOWN HISTORY IN THE DISTRICT AND PARENTS CAN REST ASSURED THAT THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE WELL TAKEN CARE OF," HE SAID.

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MONG KOK TO LAUNCH CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

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A BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN TO DRAW RESIDENTS' ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE WILL BE LAUNCHED IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE ONE-MONTH CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A LAUNCHING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE JUNCTION OF NULLAH ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

OFFICIATING THE CEREMONY WILL BE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; MONG KOK DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT, MR LEUNG NAI-MING; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR HO FEI-CHI; ASSISTANT MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VINCENT FUNG; AND THE DISTRICT'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR YIM KWOK-ON.

THEY WILL HELP IN CLEARING UP REFUSE AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD AT 10 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE JUNCTION OF NULLAH ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, MONG KOK.

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COUGH SYRUP ABUSE ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE COUGH SYRUP ABUSE PROBLEM OF YOUNG PEOPLE AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

A COMMITTEE MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO PRESENT A DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE PROBLEM URGING THE AUTHORITIES TO TAKE STEPS TO CONTROL IT.

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THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER A NUMBER OF DB FUND APPLICATIONS FOR HOLDING MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS AND FOR IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, 7-11 NAM NING STREET.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SECOND HALF OF THE MEETING ON THE VETTING OF DB FUND APPLICATIONS WILL BE HELD BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

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TEMPORARY NIGHT CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TWO SECTIONS OF TUEN MUN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY BETWEEN TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 4) AND FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) TO FACILITATE THE REMOVAL OF A TEMPORARY FOOTBRIDGE LINKING WALDORF GARDEN AND TUEN MUN TOWN HALL.

THE SECTION OF THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN TUEN HING ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. TRAFFIC ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD HEADING FOR YUEN LONG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUEN HI ROAD BEFORE RE-JOINING TUEN MUN ROAD.

ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, THE SECTION OF THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN PUI TO ROAD AND TUEN HING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED. VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD HEADING FOR KOWLOON WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TUEN FAT ROAD BEFORE RE-JOINING TUEN MUN ROAD.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS.

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