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WOODED PARK PLANNED FOR VICTORIA BARRACKS SITE

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A MAJOR PORTION OF THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SITE WILL BE TURNED INTO A LARGE WOODED PARK INCORPORATING FACILITIES FOR BOTH RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES, IF A CONSULTANTS' REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY IS ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE CONSULTANTS WERE COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR TO STUDY THE BEST USE OF THE AREA RESERVED FOR PUBLIC OPEN SPACE WHICH COVERS ABOUT TEN HECTARES OF LAND STRETCHING FROM THE EASTERN TO WESTERN ENDS OF THE SITE.

COMMENTING ON THE REPORT, MR GRAHAM BARNES, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, SAID THE URBAN COUNCIL WOULD BE INVITED TO SAY WHETHER IT WAS PREPARED TO DEVELOP AND MANAGE THE PARK ALONG THE LINES OF THE CONSULTANTS' PROPOSALS.

+COPIES OF THE REPORT HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE COUNCIL FOR ITS COMMENTS AND CONSULTATIONS ON THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT WILL BE HELD WITH THE COUNCIL BEFORE A FINAL PLAN IS DRAWN UP,+ HE ADDED.

AS THE LARGEST WOODED AREA IN CENTRAL, THE VICTORIA BARRACKS SITE HAS AN OUTSTANDING LANDSCAPE WHICH FORMS A GREEN WEDGE IN THE MIDST OF A CLOSELY BUILT-UP AREA.

THE CONSULTANTS' REPORT PROPOSES A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARK BY COMBINING ITS NATURAL LANDSCAPE AND HISTORIC QUALITIES WITH THE CREATION OF NEW FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE FOR MORE INTENSIVE PUBLIC USE.

A MAJOR GOAL OF SITE PLANNING HAS BEEN TO CREATE A VARIED SEQUENCE OF OUTDOOR SPACES PROVIDING INTEREST FOR PEDESTRIANS AS THEY WALK THROUGH THE PARK.

A CENTRAL GARDEN IS PROPOSED FOR THE RELATIVELY LEVEL GROUNDS OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE THE MOST HEAVILY USED SECTION OF THE SITE, LARGELY BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO CENTRAL.

THE GROUNDS ARE ALREADY SURROUNDED BY FINE TREE SPECIMENS AND GRASSLAND AND CONTAIN A LAWN SCATTERED WITH TALL PALMS.

IN ORDER TO CATER FOR THE HIGH INTENSITY OF USE, IT IS PROPOSED THAT CAREFULLY DESIGNED PAVING, FOUNTAINS, PONDS, TERRACED GARDENS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS BE PROVIDED IN THIS AREA. THE GARDEN SETTING IS ALSO CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR THE DISPLAY OF FLAMINGOES.

THE LARGEST AREAS OF WOODLAND IN VICTORIA BARRACKS ARE ON THE STEEP SLOPES BELOW KENNEDY ROAD TO THE EAST OF THE SITE.

BECAUSE OF THE DIVERSITY OF PLANT LIFE PRESENT, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THESE AREAS BE PRESERVED AS A BOTANIC RESERVE. THE EXISTENCE OF MAJOR DRAINAGE CHANNELS THERE ALSO ALLOWS FOR THE CREATION OF ORNAMENTAL PONDS AND WATERFALLS.

THE MAJOR GRASSED VALLEY OF THE BARRACKS SITE LIES TO THE WEST, BETWEEN ALEXANDER AND BIRDWOOD BLOCKS.

THIS GENTLY SLOPING VALLEY IS ALSO PLANTED WITH NATIVE AND EXOTIC SPECIES OF TREES AND PROVIDES AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DISPLAY OF BIRDS TO THE PUBLIC. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THIS AREA BE RESERVED FOR AN AVIARY, SERVING AS A HOME FOR SUCH COLOURFUL VARIETIES OF BIRDS AS CRANES AND PEAFOWL.

TO COMPLEMENT THESE LARGE WOODED AREAS, THE CONSULTANTS RECOMMEND THAT THE MORE ELEVATED SECTIONS OF THE PARK SHOULD CONTAIN A SYSTEM OF TRAILS, EXERCISE CIRCUITS, GARDENS, SITTING-OUT AREAS, PLAYGROUNDS AND LOOKOUT POINTS.

MR BARNES SAID ONE OF THE GREATEST ASSETS OF THE PROPOSED PARK IS THE SENSE OF SECLUSION IT WILL OFFER TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

+THIS BENEFIT WILL BE FURTHER ENHANCED WITH THE INCREASE IN BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN SURROUNDING AREAS. WITHIN FIVE TO TEN MINUTES WALKING DISTANCE FROM THEIR OFFICES, WORKERS IN CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI WILL BE ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM THE NOISE AND FUMES OF THE BUSINESS DISTRICTS.+

THE REPORT IDENTIFIES A NUMBER OF EXISTING BUILDINGS WHICH SHOULD BE RETAINED AND RECOMMENDS THAT THEY BE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO LEISURE ACTIVITIES, WITH FORMAL SPORTING FACILITIES RESTRICTED TO A FEW BUILDINGS AT THE WESTERN TIP OF THE SITE.

THE BUILDINGS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED WORTHY OF PRESERVATION ON THEIR ARCHITECTURAL, HISTORICAL OR FUNCTIONAL MERITS ARE :

- * FLAGSTAFF HOUSE, TOGETHER WITH ITS SERVICE WING AND GATEHOUSE-
- * CASSELS BLOCK-
- * BIRDWOOD BLOCK-
- * WAVELL HOUSE-
- * RAWLINSON HOUSE-
- * THE SQUASH COURTS-
- * CAUSEWAY BAY JUNIOR SCHOOL.

MR BARNES STRESSED THAT WHILE THE CONSULTANTS' REPORT ALSO INCLUDED PROPOSALS FOR THE CONVERSION OF THESE BUILDINGS, FINAL DECISIONS ON THEIR ACTUAL USES WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE VIEWS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND FURTHER EXAMINATION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

A BUILDING WHICH HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH PUBLIC INTEREST IS FLAGSTAFF HOUSE, WHICH DATES BACK TO 1846.

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BOTH THE VICTORIA BARRACKS PLANNING COMMITTEE AND THE ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD HAD PREVIOUSLY RECOMMENDED THE PRESERVATION OF THE BUILDING. THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROPOSED SUBSEQUENTLY THAT IT BE CONVERTED INTO A SPECIALISED MUSEUM FOR THE DISPLAY OF CHINESE WORKS OF ART.

+SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, THE GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CARRY OUT THE CONVERSION OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSE PROVIDED THAT IT IS USED AS A MUSEUM FOR A SPECIFIC COLLECTION,+ MR BARNES SAID.

THE CONSULTANTS HAVE AGREED WITH A PROPOSAL MADE ORIGINALLY BY THE VICTORIA BARRACKS PLANNING COMMITTEE THAT MURRAY HOUSE SHOULD BE RE-LOCATED IN VICTORIA BARRACKS, ON A SITE OCCUPIED AT PRESENT BY CAUSEWAY BAY INFANT SCHOOL.

IN ADDITION TO ITS HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE, MURRAY HOUSE, BUILT IN 1843, IS ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING EXAMPLES OF EARLY COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE IN HONG KONG.

AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION AT THE BOTTOM OF GARDEN ROAD, THE BUILDING HAS BECOME ALMOST HIDDEN FROM PUBLIC VIEW BY THE QUEENSWAY FLYOVER AND ITS STRUCTURAL CONDITION IS DETERIORATING STEADILY DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF HEAVY TRAFFIC ON NEARBY ROADS.

MR BARNES SAID: +THE BUILDING WILL HAVE TO BE REMOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WILL VACATE THE PREMISES IN SEPTEMBER AND THE LAND ON WHICH IT STANDS WILL BE SOLD FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT SHORTLY AFTERWARDS.

+THE GOVERNMENT THEREFORE PLANS TO DISMANTLE AND STORE THE BUILDING FABRIC OF MURRAY HOUSE. BUT NO DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN YET ON THE POSSIBLE RE-ERECTION OF THE BUILDING ON ANOTHER SITE.

+SO, CAUSEWAY BAY INFANT SCHOOL WILL BE RETAINED FOR THE TIME BEING, RATHER THAN DEMOLISHED AS SUGGESTED IN THE CONSULTANTS' REPORT.+

SEVERAL FACTORS WERE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DECIDING WHICH BUILDINGS SHOULD BE DEMOLISHED SUCH AS THEIR STATE OF DISREPAIR, INCOMPATIBILITY WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE BUILDINGS TO BE RETAINED, THE ABSENCE OF ESTABLISHED SUITABLE USES AND THEIR INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER MORE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR THE PARK.

BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED INCLUDE:

- * HEADQUARTERS LAND FORCES AND ITS EXTENSION=
- * ALEXANDER BLOCK=
- * KITCHENER BLOCK=
- * GORT BLOCK=
- * COLVIN HOUSE=
- * THE SCOUT HALL.

IN DRAWING UP ITS REPORT, THE CONSULTANTS HAD DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WITH SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF RECREATION AND LEISURE FACILITIES AND WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS REPRESENTING DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THEIR EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH THE PUBLIC. +MANY OF THEIR SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED INTO THE PROPOSED PLANNING STRATEGY FOR THE VICTORIA BARRACKS PARK,+ MR BARNES SAID.

THE CONSULTANTS ADVISE THAT NO CONSTRUCTION WORK SHOULD COMMENCE BEFORE A MASTER PLAN IS PREPARED. THEIR ESTIMATE OF THE CAPITAL COSTS INVOLVED IS \$79 MILLION BUT THE REPORT EMPHASISES THAT THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN AS ONLY A ROUGH INDICATION OF EXPENDITURE, PENDING THE COMPLETION OF THE MASTER PLAN AND DETAILED DESIGN WORK.

COPIES OF THE CONSULTANTS' REPORT ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICES.

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BUN FESTIVAL TIME AGAIN ON CHEUNG CHAU

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION ON CHEUNG CHAU ON MONDAY (MAY 19).

THE PROCESSION IS THE MAJOR EVENT OF THE FIVE DAY FESTIVAL WHICH IS HELD EVERY YEAR TO PLACATE THE SPIRITS OF THOSE KILLED BY PIRATES IN PAST CENTURIES.

MORE THAN 20 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO LINE THE STREETS OF THE ISLAND TO WATCH THE PROCESSION PASS. IT BEGINS AT 2.30 PM AND LASTS ONE AND A HALF HOURS.

TO ENSURE THE CELEBRATIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN AN ORDERLY MANNER, THE BUN SCRAMBLE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE. INSTEAD, BUNS, WHICH ACCORDING TO LEGEND BRING GOOD LUCK TO THE RECIPIENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON TUESDAY (MAY 20), THE DAY AFTER THE MAIN PROCESSION.

THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 2 000 PEOPLE FROM 23 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS AND SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WILL TAKE PART IN THE PROCESSION WHICH INCLUDES A PARADE OF ALL THE SHRINES FROM THE ISLAND'S TEMPLES, THE FAMOUS SWORD FROM PAK TI TEMPLE, FLOATS, UNICORN AND LION DANCES, FAMOUS CHIU CHOW GONGS AND DRUM PERFORMANCES, AS WELL AS TRADITIONAL CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCES.

THE FESTIVAL STARTS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND ENDS NEXT TUESDAY WITH A REPEAT OF THE PREVIOUS DAY'S PROCESSION.

ONE OF THE FESTIVAL'S AIMS IS TO BRING PEACE TO ALL LIVING THINGS SO WHILE IT LASTS THE ISLANDERS DO NOT EAT MEAT OR FISH.

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THERE WILL BE CHINESE OPERA PERFORMANCES EACH NIGHT AND TAOIST PRIESTS WILL CHANT PRAYERS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ARRANGED FINANCIAL BACKING FOR THE SETTING UP OF THREE 13.7 METRE TALL BUN TOWERS.

THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION IS ALSO PLAYING A ROLE IN THE FESTIVAL AND IS DEVELOPING IT AS A TOURIST ATTRACTION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

WE HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE ORGANISERS OF THE FESTIVAL TO INVITE YOU TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE GRAND PROCESSION ON CHEUNG CHAU BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM NEXT MONDAY (MAY 19). 30 SPECIAL PRESS BADGES FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM. THE ORGANISERS REGRET THAT DUE TO THE LIMITED SPACE ON THE GRAND STAND, THEY ARE ABLE TO ALLOT ONE BADGE ONLY TO EACH NEWS ORGANISATION. A FERRY, MAN YAN, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER INVITED GUESTS FROM HONG KONG TO CHEUNG CHAU. IT WILL LEAVE QUEEN'S PIER AT 12.30 PM AND IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CHEUNG CHAU ON THE RETURN JOURNEY AT 4 PM. STAFF OF THE NTA INFORMATION UNIT WILL ALSO TRAVEL ON THE FERRY.

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CALL FOR TRAINED MANPOWER IN ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY

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IMMEDIATE ACTION IS REQUIRED IF THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY IS TO MEET ITS MANPOWER NEEDS IN THE MID-1980S, SAYS A REPORT PUBLISHED TODAY (THURSDAY).

AN EXTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME MUST BE IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SKILLED PERSONNEL FROM 1982 TO 1986, IT SAYS.

THE REPORT IS BASED ON A SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE SURVEY, THE FIFTH TAKEN, WAS CONDUCTED LAST YEAR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT DATA PROCESSING DIVISION.

IT CONTAINS DETAILED STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE INDUSTRY AND A FORECAST OF THE TRAINING NEEDS FOR THE PERIOD 1980 TO 1982 FOR EACH PRINCIPAL JOB.

IT ALSO CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE BOARD ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH THE MANPOWER NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY IN THE LIGHT OF THE SURVEY'S FINDINGS.

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THE BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED THE NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGIST TRAINEES AND TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT APPRENTICES WHICH THE INDUSTRY SHOULD TAKE ON FOR TRAINING BETWEEN 1980 AND 1982.

THE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ESTIMATED ON THE BASIS THAT CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS REQUIRE THREE TO FOUR YEARS' TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGISTS REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS' POST-COURSE TRAINING.

IN THE OPINION OF THE BOARD, BETTER TRAINED TECHNOLOGISTS ARE REQUIRED BY THE INDUSTRY TO CARRY OUT COMPLEX ELECTRICAL PROJECTS AS WELL AS THE DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE OF PRODUCTS WITH GREATER DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CONTENT.

IT IS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR TECHNOLOGISTS HAS BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE INDUSTRY AND RECOMMENDS EMPLOYERS TO EXERT GREATER EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TRAINING.

NOTING THAT A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF OVERSEAS EDUCATED GRADUATES ARE RETURNING TO HONG KONG FOR EMPLOYMENT, THE BOARD URGES EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, MORE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES -- NOT ONLY FOR LOCAL BUT ALSO OVERSEAS ENGINEERING GRADUATES -- TO PREPARE THEM FOR EMPLOYMENT AS FULLY-TRAINED ENGINEERS IN THE INDUSTRY.

FOR ORGANISED APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES, THE BOARD URGES EMPLOYERS TO MAKE USE OF THE FREE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION IN HELPING THEM TO START THESE SCHEMES.

COPIES OF THE REPORT IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AT \$12 EACH.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICE OPENS ON MONDAY

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A REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT DIVISION WILL BE SET UP IN PUI CHING ROAD, HO MAN TIN, FROM MONDAY (MAY 19).

THE OFFICE WILL DEAL WITH ALL PARKING AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MATTERS IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, INCLUDING LANTAU AND OTHER OUTLYING ISLANDS.

IT WILL ALSO HANDLE THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF CLOSED ROAD PERMITS FOR THESE PLACES.

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HISTORY OF WATER SUPPLY TOLD IN BOOKLET
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS BROUGHT OUT A NEW BOOKLET IN ENGLISH DESCRIBING THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES IN HONG KONG.

THE 36-PAGE BOOKLET, ENTITLED +HONG KONG'S WATER+, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GPO BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE.

IT CONTAINS 32 FULL COLOUR PICTURES AND IS PRICED AT \$11.

APART FROM TRACING THE HISTORY OF WATER SUPPLY AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SOURCES, THE PUBLICATION PROVIDES INFORMATION ON THE TREATMENT OF DRINKING WATER, SUPPLY OF FLUSHING WATER, MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE FUTURE SUPPLIES, AND ORGANISATION OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THERE ARE ALSO APPENDICES AT THE END ILLUSTRATING HONG KONG'S RAINFALL, WATER DEMAND, METRED SERVICES, AND THE CAPITAL AS WELL AS RECURRENT EXPENDITURES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

OPENING OF MENTAL HEALTH PHOTO EXHIBITION
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) OPEN A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL AS PART OF THE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK.

MR LEE WILL CUT THE RIBBON TO DECLARE THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION OPEN, AND PRESENT PRIZES TO ENTRY WINNERS AND PENNANTS TO JUDGES.

THE EXHIBITION OF 240 PHOTOGRAPHS ON MENTAL HEALTH IS ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, OF WHICH MR LEE IS THE VICE-PRESIDENT, AND THE HONG KONG PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL.

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SPECIAL COUNCILLORS FOR HEUNG YEE KUK ELECTED

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THE ELECTION OF SPECIAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE SOUTHERN ELECTORAL DISTRICT OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK TOOK PLACE TODAY (THURSDAY) AT THE KUK'S HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON TONG.

THERE WERE 12 CANDIDATES FOR THE SEVEN VACANCIES. ELECTED WERE: MR CHAN SUEN (29 VOTES)= MR LAI CHEONG-YUEN (25 VOTES)= MR LEE KENG-CHING (23 VOTES)= MR WONG TAI-HI (22 VOTES)= MR YUEN WAI (22 VOTES)= MR YUEN SHU-KWAN (21 VOTES) AND MR WONG WAI-KWAN (20 VOTES).

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WAS THE RETURNING OFFICER FOR THE ELECTION WHICH WAS HELD BY SECRET BALLOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK ORDINANCE.

THE ELECTORATE OF 35 COMPRISED THE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF RURAL COMMITTEES AND UNOFFICIAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE OF SOUTHERN ELECTORAL DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES TSUEN WAN, ISLANDS AND SAI KUNG DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

ELECTIONS WERE NOT NECESSARY FOR THE OTHER TWO KUK ELECTORAL DISTRICTS - YUEN LONG (INCLUDING TUEN MUN) AND TAI PO (INCLUDING SHATIN AND NORTH) - BECAUSE ONLY THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF CANDIDATES - SEVEN - WERE NOMINATED IN EACH DISTRICT.

ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN, TWO VICE-CHAIRMEN AND 15 ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK WILL BE HELD ON MAY 29. THE ELECTIONS ARE FOR THE KUK'S 24TH TERM WHICH BEGINS ON JUNE 1.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR EXHIBITION OF CERAMIC ART

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ALL STUDENTS IN HONG KONG ARE INVITED TO SEND IN WORKS IN CERAMIC FOR AN EXHIBITION OF STUDENTS' CERAMIC ART AT THE FUNG PING SHAN MUSEUM.

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE MUSEUM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE EVENT, TO BE HELD FROM JULY 11 TO AUGUST 6, WILL GIVE STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM AND TO ENJOY ONE ANOTHER'S WORK, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT WILL ALSO PRESENT TO THE PUBLIC THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF LOCAL STUDENTS IN THIS ART FORM.

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A SPECIAL SECTION DISPLAYING THE WORK OF WELL-KNOWN LOCAL POTTERS WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE EXHIBITION, HE ADDED.

STUDENTS AT PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND TERTIARY LEVELS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES THROUGH THEIR HEADS OF SCHOOLS.

THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON THE THEME AND SIZE OF CERAMIC WARES TO BE SUBMITTED, AND RELIEFS ARE ACCEPTABLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO THE FUNG PING SHAN MUSEUM IN BONHAM ROAD DURING OFFICE HOURS BETWEEN JUNE 23 AND 30. IT CLOSES ON THURSDAYS.

A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE MUSEUM WILL SELECT THE ENTRIES TO BE DISPLAYED.

IT WILL ALSO DECIDE ON THE BEST 30 INDIVIDUAL PIECES OF WORK AND FIVE SCHOOLS SUBMITTING THE BEST WORKS. EACH OF THEM WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AND AN EXHIBITION CATALOGUE OF SHIWAN WARES PUBLISHED BY THE MUSEUM.

TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE WELCOME AT THE EXHIBITION.

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PLB RESTRICTIONS
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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED AT BRAEMAR HILL IN NORTH POINT AND IN SHEK KIP MEI FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 17).

IN NORTH POINT, CLOUD VIEW ROAD EAST OF YEE KING ROAD, AND BRAEMAR HILL ROAD SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH THE BRANCH ROAD LEADING TO THE ACCESS TO BRAEMAR HILL MANSIONS WILL BE DESIGNATED PLB PROHIBITED ZONES.

ALSO CLOSED TO PLB'S WILL BE TAI HANG TUNG ROAD NORTH OF WOH CHAI STREET, AND SHEK KIP MEI STREET NORTH OF BERWICK STREET.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THESE ROADS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE ZONES.

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