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FREE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE FOR PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED
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PLACING HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONS IN SUITABLE JOBS WILL NOT ONLY ENABLE THEM TO DERIVE SATISFACTION FROM THEIR WORK, BUT WILL ALSO HELP OPTIMISE THE USE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE - YOUNG PEOPLE - OF THE COMMUNITY.

IT IS WITH THIS UNDERLYING OBJECTIVE THAT THE HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (HEES), WAS SET UP WITHIN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN 1973.

THE HEES HELPS EMPLOYERS IN RECRUITING PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND JOB-SEEKERS WITH UNIVERSITY OR POST-SECONDARY QUALIFICATIONS IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

IN PARTICULAR, THE SERVICE IS INTENDED TO HELP HONG KONG STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EDUCATION OVERSEAS.

"THEY FIND OUR SERVICE USEFUL IN LEARNING ABOUT HONG KONG'S JOB MARKET AND MANY OF THEM ARE SUBSEQUENTLY PLACED IN JOBS CLOSELY RELATED TO THEIR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING," THE LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE HEES, MR EDDIE TANG, SAID.

MR TANG NOTED THAT THE SERVICE WAS ALSO USED BY GRADUATES OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTES WHO WERE IN EMPLOYMENT BUT WISHED TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE JOBS.

BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE THIS YEAR, 946 PERSONS HAD REGISTERED WITH THE HEES.

A BREAKDOWN OF THE TOTAL SHOWS THAT 329 RETURNED FROM CANADA, 183 FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM, 175 FROM LOCAL INSTITUTES AND 92 FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE REST WERE FROM AUSTRALIA, CHINA AND TAIWAN.

OF THEM, 255 POSSESSED QUALIFICATIONS ON BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE; 158 STUDIED ENGINEERING; 151 COMPUTER AND STATISTICS; 137 SOCIAL SCIENCE; AND 45 SCIENCE.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, 152 PERSONS REGISTERED WITH THE HEES WERE PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT. THEY INCLUDED 26 ENGINEERS, 16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS, 15 COMPUTER PROGRAMMERS, 14 MARKETING/SALES EXECUTIVES, AND FIVE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES.

THEIR AVERAGE MONTHLY WAGES WAS \$4,500 THOUGH SOME WERE OFFERED BETWEEN \$7,000 AND \$10,000.

MR TANG NOTED THAT WHEN A JOB-SEEKER REGISTERS WITH THE HEES, HIS PERSONAL PARTICULARS SUCH AS EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, INTERESTS AND APTITUDE, WILL BE FED INTO THE COMPUTER.

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"STAFF OF THE HEES WILL THEN CAREFULLY MATCH ITS REGISTRANTS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDERED VACANCIES ON HAND AND ARRANGE SUITABLE APPLICANTS TO BE INTERVIEWED BY THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER," HE SAID.

"JOB-MATCHING PERFORMED BY THE COMPUTER DOES NOT ONLY SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF INTRODUCING CANDIDATES TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS, BUT ALSO HELPS JOB-SEEKERS TO IDENTIFY THE VACANT POSTS BEST SUITED TO THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND INTERESTS."

THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTER, A CANDIDATE PROFILE IS ALSO COMPILED AND SENT TO SOME 1,000 ESTABLISHMENTS MONTHLY.

THIS PROFILE WHICH CONTAINS THE ACADEMIC BACKGROUND, WORKING EXPERIENCE, POSITION SOUGHT AND SALARY EXPECTED OF SELECTED REGISTRANTS, PROVES TO BE A USEFUL "TALENT POOL" FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYERS WHEN RECRUITING STAFF.

MR TANG REITERATED THAT OPTIMISING THE USE OF HUMAN RESOURCES WAS THE MAIN AIM OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S VARIOUS EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.

"BUT FOR THESE SERVICES TO BE SUCCESSFUL, WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES SO THAT WE CAN ATTRACT SUITABLY QUALIFIED JOB-SEEKERS.

"I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO CALL ON ALL PERSONNEL MANAGERS AND INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYERS TO MAKE FULL AND MORE FREQUENT USE OF OUR EMPLOYMENT SERVICES SO THAT WE CAN PLAY OUR ROLE MORE EFFECTIVELY," MR TANG ADDED.

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS MAY CALL AT THE HEES WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. THEY MAY ALSO TELEPHONE 5-8523232 OR 5-8523533.

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SUPERSTRUCTURE CONTRACT FOR PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL

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CONSTRUCTION WILL SOON BEGIN ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL - ONE OF THE LARGEST HOSPITALS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE WORLD TODAY.

IT WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AWARD OF A \$1,333 MILLION CONTRACT ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 3) BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR THE MAIN HOSPITAL SUPERSTRUCTURE. THE TARGET COMPLETION DATE IS AROUND DECEMBER 1991.

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SITE FORMATION WORK FOR THE 1,750-BED HOSPITAL, FORMERLY KNOWN AS EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL, BEGAN IN 1984 ON A MID-LEVEL HILLSIDE SITE OVERLOOKING CHAI WAN.

THE 188,000-SQUARE-METRE HOSPITAL COMPLEX WILL PROVIDE A FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL FACILITIES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG. IT WILL CONSIST OF FIVE INTER-RELATED BUILDINGS LINKED BY TUNNELS, DECKS AND FOOTBRIDGES.

THE PRIMARY UNIT IS THE 14-STOREY MAIN BLOCK, FOLLOWED BY A 12-STOREY SPECIAL BLOCK, A NINE-STOREY PATHOLOGY BLOCK, A SIX-STOREY POLYCLINIC BLOCK, AND NURSES TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS.

OF ITS TOTAL OF 1,750 BEDS, 900 WILL BE GENERAL BEDS, 550 FOR THE MENTALLY ILL, 100 FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED, AND 200 BEDS IN THE DAY WARDS AND THE OBSERVATION WARD ATTACHED TO THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT.

THE HOSPITAL IS ALSO DESIGNED TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE EXPANSION IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF BEDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE \$1,333 MILLION CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PAMELA YOUDE HOSPITAL'S SUPERSTRUCTURE.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE DECK LEVEL OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 2.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 3).

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NEW FLYOVER IN YUEN LONG TO BE OPENED
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TRAFFIC FLOW IN YUEN LONG WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW FLYOVER THIS WEEK.

THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BY-PASS GRADE SEPARATION AT EASTERN JUNCTION IS A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ABOUT 280 METRES LONG AND 15.35 METRES WIDE.

WORK ON THIS \$35 MILLION PROJECT STARTED IN FEBRUARY LAST YEAR AND WAS COMPLETED RECENTLY.

THE FLYOVER IS A MAJOR COMPONENT OF THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BY-PASS WHICH PROVIDES A QUICK ROUTE FOR MOST OF THE TRAFFIC BETWEEN TUEN MUN AND AU TAU BY ALLOWING TRAFFIC TO BYPASS THE BUSY YUEN LONG TOWN CENTRE.

A CEREMONY TO OPEN THE FLYOVER WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 2) AND THE FLYOVER WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 3).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR TAI KUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BY-PASS GRADE SEPARATION AT EASTERN JUNCTION AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 2), ON THE DECK OF THE FLYOVER AT YUEN LONG ON LOK ROAD.

THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, MR C.K. CHOW, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE. THOSE WHO WISH TO USE IT SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT HANKOW ROAD (ENTRANCE TO YMCA), TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9 AM ON TUESDAY.

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FLYOVER OPENING AND URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION

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THE FLYOVER CONNECTING YUEN LONG NORTHERN BY-PASS AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION) WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 3).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW FLYOVER WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW BETWEEN AU TAU AND YUEN LONG NORTHERN BY-PASS.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPENING, THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION), YUEN LONG NORTHERN BY-PASS AND ROAD L1:

- * EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON LONG YIP STREET HEADING FOR AU TAU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CROSS THE JUNCTION AT GROUND LEVEL, BUT WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE NEW FLYOVER.
- * WESTBOUND VEHICLES ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG SECTION) HEADING FOR YUEN LONG ON LOK ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM CROSSING THE JUNCTION AT GROUND LEVEL. THEY WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA THE NEW FLYOVER.

IN ADDITION, WANG CHAU ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND. TRAFFIC FROM AU TAU DIRECTION GOING TO YUEN LONG TOWN NORTH WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WANG CHAU ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, TWO ROAD SECTIONS AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

THE ACCESS ROAD OFF WYLIE ROAD LEADING TO THE ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WILL BE MADE A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY, WHILE THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE ACCESS ROAD OFF GASCOIGNE ROAD LEADING TO THE PODIUM LEVEL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WILL BECOME AN URBAN CLEARWAY OPERATING DAILY BETWEEN 7 AM AND MIDNIGHT.

NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THESE ROAD SECTIONS FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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FUNDING OF SENIOR STAFF COURSE CENTRE APPROVED

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED THE FUNDING OF A PERMANENT GOVERNMENT BODY TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION TRAINING TO SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS.

UNDER THE DIRECTORSHIP OF A D3-RANK OFFICIAL, THE PROPOSED SENIOR STAFF COURSE CENTRE (SSCC) WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL ON APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE RECURRENT COST OF THE SSCC IS ESTIMATED AT \$10 MILLION EACH YEAR.

COURSES FOR SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS STARTED IN 1984 FOLLOWING THE THEN FINANCE COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL TO FUND A SERIES OF FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS.

THESE COURSES HAVE BEEN RUN UNDER THE GENERAL GUIDANCE OF AN ADVISORY BOARD WHOSE MEMBERS, COMPRISING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ACADEMICS AND PEOPLE FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WERE APPOINTED AND RESPONSIBLE TO THE GOVERNOR.

BASED ON A DETAILED REVIEW IN 1987, THE ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT SENIOR STAFF COURSES SHOULD BECOME A PERMANENT FEATURE OF GOVERNMENT'S TRAINING FOR SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS AS THEY WERE TAILORED TO MEET THEIR NEEDS AND WERE SUBSTANTIALLY CHEAPER THAN COMPARABLE COURSES OVERSEAS.

TWO FULL-TIME COURSES, EACH LASTING FOR 13 WEEKS AND ATTENDED BY 40 ATTENDANTS, ARE CURRENTLY RUN EACH YEAR, WHILE SHORT COURSES AND SEMINARS ARE ORGANISED DURING SUMMER BETWEEN THE FULL-TIME COURSES.

THE SSCC IS EXPECTED TO KEEP UP THIS LEVEL OF FULL-TIME COURSES, TO BE RUN EACH YEAR PRIMARILY FOR SENIOR MANAGERS AND PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS ON GOVERNMENT'S MASTER PAY SCALE POINTS 48 TO 51 AND UP TO THE D2 RANK.

A RANGE OF SHORT COURSES ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS WOULD ALSO BE DEVELOPED, PARTICULARLY FOR OFFICERS IN THE TARGET GROUP WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE FULL-TIME COURSES.

FROM 1984 TO THE END OF THIS YEAR, ABOUT 400 SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS WOULD HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE 10 FULL-TIME COURSES ORGANISED UNDER THE EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMME.

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APPLY NOW FOR SWD'S YOUTH SCHEME

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED YOUTH GROUPS PLANNING INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME" (OYS).

THE OYS, LAUNCHED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN 1974, PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ENABLE YOUTH GROUPS TO IMPLEMENT SERVICE PROJECTS TO BENEFIT THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TO HELP THEIR OWN PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.

"THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO PROJECTS WITH INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND ENRICHED CONTENTS INVOLVING COMMUNITY SERVICE, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, RURAL AREA AND DEPRIVED AREA, REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY SERVICE, AS WELL AS COMMUNITY EDUCATION," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR SUBSIDIES TO FUND THE PROJECTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SWD'S YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES.

THE FORMS, TOGETHER WITH DETAILED PROPOSALS, SHOULD REACH THE YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15.

ALL PROJECTS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE JANUARY 15 NEXT YEAR.

EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25; AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY OR BUSINESS ORGANISATION.

DISCRETION MAY BE GIVEN TO ALLOW FOR SOME MEMBERS TO EXCEED THE AGE LIMIT, UP TO 30.

GROUPS WITHOUT ANY SPONSOR, BUT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY), MAY ALSO APPLY.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA INCLUDE THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, EXTENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT; FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT, AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION.

THE MAXIMUM SUBSIDY FOR EACH APPROVED PROJECT IS \$4,500.

ON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, EACH DISTRICT WILL SELECT ITS MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT TO COMPETE FOR A TERRITORY-WIDE "BEST OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AWARD".

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FEE REMISSION FOR SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

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SECONDARY 4 TO 7 STUDENTS WHO ARE IN GENUINE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE FEE REMISSION SCHEME RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SCHEME IS AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS OF PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITH ASSISTED PLACES.

FULL GRANT, THREE-QUARTER FREE OR A HALF-FREE PLACE WILL BE AWARDED TO AN APPLICANT IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECKONER SYSTEM TO ASSESS THE FAMILY'S INCOME.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR FEE REMISSION ARE AVAILABLE AT SCHOOLS AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE RESPECTIVE SCHOOL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

FEE REMISSION IS AWARDED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. RECIPIENTS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE TO BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME IN THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY AGAIN.

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1988-89, THE SCHOOL FEE CHARGEABLE AT SECONDARY 4 TO 5 IN GRAMMAR, TECHNICAL, PREVOCATIONAL AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS IS \$1,050 PER ANNUM. THAT FOR SECONDARY 6 TO 7 IS \$1,400.

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MAC'S GROWING FAST IN SHA TIN

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THE NUMBER OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S) IN SHA TIN IN MARCH THIS YEAR WAS 245, ALMOST DOUBLING THE 129 IN 1984, ACCORDING TO SENIOR LIAISON OFFICER IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR LEE KWING-WING.

MR LEE SAID IN 1975, WHEN MAC'S WERE FIRST FORMED IN THE DISTRICT, ONLY TWO WERE SET UP.

"THE RAPID GROWTH IS CERTAINLY DUE TO RESIDENTS' CONCERN OVER THE WELFARE AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THEIR AREA, AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO BE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

"ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR IS, OF COURSE, THE INCREASE OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN SHA TIN, WHICH NOW ACCOMMODATE 460,000 PEOPLE, COMPARED WITH ONLY ABOUT 25,000 IN 1975."

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MR LEE SAID THE GROWTH OF MAC'S WAS OVERSEEN BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, PARTICULARLY BY THE OFFICE'S LIAISON TEAM.

"TO START WITH, IT IS USUALLY OUR LIAISON OFFICERS WHO IDENTIFY THE HOUSING BLOCKS THAT NEED TO FORM MAC'S.

"THEN, ASSISTED BY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS, THEY WILL SEND LETTERS TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD IN THE BLOCK ASKING IF THEY FAVOUR THE FORMATION OF AN MAC," HE SAID.

"IF THERE ARE SUFFICIENT POSITIVE RESPONSES, THEY WILL GO AHEAD WITH THE FORMATION, MAKING SURE THAT IT COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIRED PROCEDURES AND THE MODEL RULES."

IN PUBLIC HOUSING, FOR EXAMPLE, THE LIAISON OFFICERS WOULD HELP THE RESIDENTS ON EVERY FLOOR TO ORGANISE MEETINGS TO ELECT FLOOR REPRESENTATIVES, MR LEE SAID.

"THEN A MEETING OF FLOOR REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE CONVENED TO ELECT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE KEY POSTS WILL ALSO BE FILLED AT THE SAME TIME.

"THIS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL APPLY TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR APPROVAL OF THEIR REGISTRATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE SOCIETIES ORDINANCE."

AFTER AN MAC WAS FORMED, MR LEE SAID, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE COMMITTEE, PROVIDING IT WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE IN ACHIEVING ITS TARGETS.

"THESE BLOCK-BASED ORGANISATIONS SERVE AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION IN BRIDGING UP THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS," HE NOTED.

"THEY ALSO HELP MUCH IN MANAGING THE BUILDING, MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER AND CLEANLINESS, AND INSPIRING A SENSE OF BELONGING AND NEIGHBOURHOODNESS."

THE MAC'S WERE ALSO GOOD BREEDING GROUND FOR COMMUNITY LEADERS AND FORMED AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATIVE MACHINERY, HE ADDED.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN DB REPORT PUBLISHED

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUBLISHED A FULL COLOUR REPORT WHICH SUMS UP ITS WORK AND DEVELOPMENT DURING THE LAST TERM.

THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE BOARD HAS SHOWN GREAT CONCERN OVER A WIDE RANGE OF TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES, AND HAS STRIVED TO SEEK LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

IT POINTS OUT THAT IN THE PAST THREE YEARS, MORE THAN 30 TASK-ORIENTED WORKING GROUPS WERE FORMED TO STUDY AND TACKLE SPECIFIC PROBLEMS, TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS, AND TO ORGANISE VARIOUS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

CITING A SCIENTIFIC STUDY ON THE POLLUTION CAUSED BY THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR AND ABATTOIR AS AN EXAMPLE, THE REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE BOARD'S POSITIVE APPROACH IN INVITING EXPERTS TO PROVIDE THESE WORKING GROUPS WITH PROFESSIONAL ADVICE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES.

THE BOARD ALSO INITIATED A SERIES OF VISITS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND POLICY BRANCH SECRETARIES TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE OPERATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OFFICIALS.

MEANWHILE, THE WORK AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS, FINANCE, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES, AS WELL AS PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS ARE ILLUSTRATED BY 30 PICTURES AND CHARTS IN THE REPORT.

THE REPORT ALSO COVERS SOME OF THE BOARD'S MEMORABLE ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS DB MEMBERS' VISIT TO CHINA AND RAISING \$400,000 IN AID OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS' EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SERVICES FOR KIDNEY PATIENTS.

IN HIS CONCLUDING REMARKS, THE BOARD'S LAST TERM CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO, THANKED THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED THE BOARD'S MEETINGS FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION AND ASSISTANCE.

"AS A COROLLARY TO THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG, I BELIEVE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL BE PLAYING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN MANAGEMENT," MR KO NOTED.

COPIES OF THE REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND OTHER DISTRICT BOARDS FOR REFERENCE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY OBTAIN FREE COPIES, ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL OR ITS SUB-OFFICES AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND KENNEDY TOWN.

FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT, FISH SHOW IN NORTH DISTRICT
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THE SECOND NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW WILL BE HELD IN FANLING DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS THIS YEAR.

"WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, LADY WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIVE-DAY SHOW WHICH WILL START ON DECEMBER 23 AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND THE ADJOINING FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE," THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE SHOW, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE LARGE-SCALE EXHIBITION IS ORIGINATED FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER SHOW WHICH HAD BEEN HELD FOR 10 YEARS AND WAS A DISTINCTIVE CULTURAL EVENT IN THE DISTRICT.

"THE FIRST JOINT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW HELD LAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG. IT WAS A SUCCESS AND ATTRACTED OVER 60,000 VISITORS," MR LIU NOTED.

"THIS YEAR'S SHOW WILL BE LARGER IN SCOPE AND WITH MORE ATTRACTIONS. IT IS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN AND ENHANCING THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT NATURE," HE ADDED.

EXHIBITS WILL COME MAINLY FROM PRIVATE COLLECTIONS, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF FLORAL AND HORTICULTURAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE FLOWER SECTION WILL FEATURE POT PLANTS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, BONSAI AND ORCHIDS.

FLOWER-LOVERS ARE NOW INVITED TO ENTER FOR THE 1988 NORTH DISTRICT FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW. ENQUIRIES CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE ON 0-908747 AND 0-914813.

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CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL ON COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD AN EXTENDED MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1988, WHICH SEEKS TO CLAMP DOWN ON NUISANCES CAUSED BY VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WILL ALSO ATTEND THE MEETING.

/THE POLICE

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THE POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER FOR ABERDEEN, MR K.W. TAM, WILL GIVE A BRIEFING DURING THE MEETING ON THE BILL AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR 1988-89, AND CONSIDER A COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR FIVE VILLAGES IN LAN NAI WAN.

SEVERAL MEMBERS WILL RAISE QUESTIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AT THE TONG BIN LANE SQUATTER AREA, AND ON A SCHEDULE FOR REFUSE COLLECTION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A PROGRESS REPORT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR 1987-88.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET.

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APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR MONG KOK DB FUNDS

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD HAS RESERVED MORE THAN \$240,000 FOR THE SECOND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR TO ENABLE LOCAL BODIES TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES.

A CALL EXERCISE IS UNDERWAY SO THAT PROPOSED ACTIVITIES CAN START IN OCTOBER.

APPLICATIONS HAVE TO BE SENT TO THE SECRETARIAT OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, ON THE SECOND FLOOR, TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KOWLOON, BY THE END OF AUGUST.

ACTIVITIES TO BE SPONSORED HAVE TO FIT IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING OBJECTIVES: TO PROMOTE RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES; TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND SOCIAL COHESION; TO HELP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO DEVELOP GOOD HOBBIES, INTERESTS AND CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS; AND TO BE EDUCATIONAL.

THE COMMITTEE HAS SENT LETTERS LISTING DETAILS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT, INVITING THEM TO APPLY FOR FUNDS.

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SUNDAY, JULY 31, 1988

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A VETTING TEAM HAS BEEN FORMED UNDER THE COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS EARLY IN SEPTEMBER.

THE TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SECRETARIAT OF MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-815291.

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PARKING SPACES AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL METERED

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NEWLY INSTALLED PARKING METERS ON THE PODIUM LEVEL AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 3) TO REGULATE THE UTILISATION OF PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE PARKING METERS, TOTALLY 33, ARE TO BE USED BY VEHICLES OTHER THAN MEDIUM AND HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES, BUSES, MOTOR CYCLES AND PEDAL CYCLES.

THEY WILL OPERATE FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT FROM MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS AND FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ALL METERS ARE FOR HALF-AN-HOUR AND MAY BE DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR WHITE AND YELLOW POST. THE PARKING FEE WILL BE \$2 FOR EVERY 30 MINUTES AND MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO NOTE THAT ONLY \$2 COINS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON TAI PO ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR TOLO HIGHWAY WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 8 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 2).

THE SAME MEASURE WILL BE IN FORCE AGAIN FROM 8 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 3) TO 5 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

IN ADDITION, FROM 7 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON AUGUST 5 (FRIDAY) AND 6, THE NORTHBOUND FAST AND CENTRE LANE OF THE SAME SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE AND PATIENCE.

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