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RECREATION AND SPORT PROGRAMMES FOR ALL

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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HAS LINED UP MORE THAN 400 ACTIVITIES THIS MONTH, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF WATER SPORTS IN ANTICIPATION OF WARMER WEATHER.

THE MOST SPECTACULAR OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD ON +SPORTS-FOR-ALL+ DAY ON APRIL 21 IN CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY. THERE WILL BE SOME 100 GAMES AND SPORTS EVENTS TO BE HELD IN PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS ALL OVER HONG KONG. AT MOST OF THE PLACES THERE WILL BE DANCES AND BAND MUSIC AS WELL AS ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES.

DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS, THERE WILL ALSO BE PROGRAMMES FOR FAMILY GROUPS AND WORKERS. THESE INCLUDE SEA-LAND EXCURSIONS AND DAY-CAMPS AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

ABOUT HALF OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE MONTH ARE NEW EVENTS. MANY OF THEM ARE EITHER IN THE MORNING OR IN THE EVENING FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE TO WORK OR ATTEND TO FAMILY CHORES.

NOT ALL ARE STRENUOUS— THERE ARE SOCIAL AND FOLK DANCING, YOGA AND FITNESS CLASSES, TAI CHI, AND FISHING.

THERE ARE ALSO EVENTS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, SUCH AS LEISURELY WALKS AND EXCURSIONS TO THE OCEAN PARK.

THE APRIL PROGRAMME IS OBTAINABLE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

THOSE WHO WISH TO JOIN ANY OF THE ACTIVITIES CAN ENQUIRE ABOUT ENROLMENT AT THEIR LOCAL RSS OFFICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE:

HONG KONG ISLAND

HEADQUARTERS 5-458511, HK EASTERN 5-641543, WAN CHAI 5-724844, HK CENTRAL/WESTERN 5-438559, HK SOUTHERN 5-534111 EXT 10.

KOWLOON

SHAM SHUI PO 3-860945, MONG KOK 3-808781, YAU MA TEI 3-682585, KOWLOON CITY 3-028500, WONG TAI SIN 3-272641, KWUN TONG 3-436123.

NEW TERRITORIES

SHA TIN 12-620170, TAI PO 12-677111 EXT 140, SAI KUNG 3-2814683, NT ISLANDS 5-454616, YUEN LONG 12-764246, TUEN MUN 12-813210 EXT 264, TSUEN WAN 12-404361, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE 3-2813828.

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GOVERNMENT TO GRANT LAND TO SCOUT ASSOCIATION FOR
SEA ACTIVITY CENTRE

THE GOVERNMENT WILL GRANT A 2 405-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT PAK SHA WAN, SAI KUNG, BY PRIVATE TREATY TO THE HONG KONG SCOUT ASSOCIATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AS A SEA ACTIVITY TRAINING CENTRE.

THE CENTRE WILL BE USED FOR ROWING AND CANOEING ACTIVITIES AND WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH A FLEET OF 20 CANOES AND 16 DINGHIES, EIGHT OF WHICH ARE BEING BUILT BY THE SCOUTS THEMSELVES AT A HANG HAU BOATYARD.

INSTRUCTORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TRAINED BY THE HONG KONG YACHTING ASSOCIATION.

THE SITE OF THE CENTRE, PART OF WHICH COVERS THE SEABED, IS JUST OFF HIRAM'S HIGHWAY.

RECLAMATION WORK AND CONSTRUCTION OF A PROTECTIVE WALL IS ALREADY IN PROGRESS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

IN PHASE II OF THE DEVELOPMENT, A TWO-STOREY BOAT HOUSE OF 65 SQUARE METRES IN AREA WILL BE BUILT TO PERMIT EARLY USE OF THE SITE FOR SEA ACTIVITY TRAINING. THIS WILL TAKE 12 MONTHS.

PHASE III IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MAIN TWO-STOREY BUILDING OF ABOUT 280 SQUARE METRES TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR AN ASSEMBLY HALL, TWO LECTURE ROOMS, TWO OFFICES, A COMBINED ACTIVITY ROOM AND CANTÉEN, CHANGING ROOMS AND DORMITORIES TO ACCOMMODATE 40 PEOPLE. TWO YEARS WILL BE TAKEN OVER WORK IN THIS PHASE.

TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT IS ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION. FUNDS WILL BE OBTAINED IN VARIOUS WAYS, INCLUDING PRIVATE DONATIONS AND A FILM PREMIER TO BE HELD IN MAY.

THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$450 000 TO BE COMPLETED IN THREE YEARS.

PRIVATE TREATY GRANT DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE SIGNED SHORTLY.

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SURVEY ON PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS
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THERE ARE 1 254 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS STUDYING IN 482 ORDINARY PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ACCORDING TO A RECENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY CARRIED OUT IN JUNE LAST YEAR WAS TO IDENTIFY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS ATTENDING ORDINARY SCHOOLS AND TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FOR FUTURE PLANNING OF SERVICES TO THESE PUPILS.

LETTERS WERE SENT TO 1 291 SCHOOLS IN THE SURVEY. OF THESE, 1 244 SCHOOLS OR 96.4 PER CENT SUBMITTED RETURNS.

AMONG THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS, 672 ARE STUDYING IN ORDINARY PRIMARY SCHOOLS, AND 582 IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+THE MAJOR TYPES OF HANDICAP THESE PUPILS ARE SUFFERING FROM ARE POST POLIO, CARDIAC DISEASE, DELICATE HEALTH, FEEBLE LOWER LIMBS AND MOTOR INCO-ORDINATION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

AS FOR THEIR MODE OF TRANSPORT, OVER 50 PER CENT WALK TO SCHOOL, 30 PER CENT USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT, 6.6 PER CENT USE EITHER TAXI OR PRIVATE CAR, 4.8 PER CENT BY SCHOOL BUS, AND ONLY 11 PUPILS USE THE REHABUS SERVICE.

THE MAJORITY OF THE PUPILS STUDY IN SCHOOLS NEAR THEIR HOMES, AND THERE IS ONLY MINOR INTER-ZONAL MOVEMENT.

THERE ARE CASES IN WHICH PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PUPILS PREFER TAKING SCHOOL BUSES WITH THEIR SCHOOLMATES, SOME MILDLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN MAY PREFER TO WALK TO SCHOOL, AND OTHERS MAY NOT LIKE TO MAKE USE OF THE REHABUS SERVICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HENCE PROVISION OF SPECIAL TRANSPORT HAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NOT JUST THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE SCHOOL AUTHORITY OR VOLUNTARY BODIES CAN PROVIDE, THE SEVERITY OF THE HANDICAP AND THE PROXIMITY OF THE SCHOOLS TO THE PUPILS' HOMES, BUT ALSO TO THE PUPILS' PREFERENCE REGARDING THE CHOICE OF SPECIAL OR ORDINARY MEANS OF TRANSPORT,+ HE SAID.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON ROBINSON ROAD

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT WEEK ON ROBINSON ROAD IN MID-LEVELS TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK.

BETWEEN 10 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 8) AND 6 AM ON WEDNESDAY, ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN THE GLENEALY AND MOSQUE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE, MOTORISTS MAY USE EITHER THE GLENEALY AND CONDUIT ROAD, OR UPPER ALBERT ROAD AND CAINE ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 10) ROBINSON ROAD NEAR OLD PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

DURING THIS PERIOD, WESTBOUND TRAFFIC SHOULD USE THE ALBANY FLYOVER, TRAFFIC FROM OLD PEAK ROAD MAY USE HORNSEY ROAD AND THE GLENEALY.

ON APRIL 14 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM, THE GLENEALY WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE-LANE FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC CONTROLLED BY TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS ON HENNESSY ROAD

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TWO SECTIONS OF HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 9).

THEY ARE THE EASTBOUND SECTION OF HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN HOUSE NO 183 AND A POINT ABOUT 60 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FLEMING ROAD- AND THE WESTBOUND SECTION BETWEEN HOUSE NOS 226 AND 192.

WITHIN THE CLEARWAYS, ALL VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS AND LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

THE CLEARWAYS WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
APRIL 8 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 9 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
APRIL 10 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
APRIL 11 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM

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