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MASSIVE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN BEGINS ON SUNDAY

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WILL LAUNCH A MASSIVE CAMPAIGN THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 16) TO DRIVE ITS ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE HOME TO MORE THAN 500,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE CAMPAIGN FORMS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE BIGGEST-EVER PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMME BEING UNDERTAKEN BY ACAN THIS YEAR.

A COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACAN, THE SHAM SHUI PO CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND 30 OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WAS SET UP FOUR MONTHS AGO TO ORGANISE THE CAMPAIGN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MR. GEORGE HSUEH, WHO IS THE PRINCIPAL OF THE NAM WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL AS WELL AS AN ACTIVE COMMUNITY WORKER IN SHAM SHUI PO, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THE CAMPAIGN WOULD LAST FOR FIVE WEEKS AND COST ABOUT \$100,000.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE, MR. KARL STUMPF- THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, MR. FRED TING- AND CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, SHAM SHUI PO, DR. PATRICK HASE.

MR. HSUEH SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS AIMED AT PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

+RATHER THAN SIMPLY EDUCATING YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE, WE SHALL TAKE A POSITIVE APPROACH IN THE CAMPAIGN TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO SPEND MORE OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGY ON HEALTHY, MEANINGFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES,+ MR. HSUEH SAID.

+THE CAMPAIGN WILL, THEREFORE, INCLUDE SUCH ACTIVITIES AS ATHLETIC COMPETITION, SPORTS VARIETY SHOW AND EXHIBITION OF VARIOUS RECREATIONAL OUTLETS AND HOBBIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM THESE ACTIVITIES, SEMINARS, FILM SHOWS, STREET THEATRE PERFORMANCES AND OTHER EFFORTS WILL ALSO BE MADE TO INFORM THE ADULT GENERATION, PARTICULARLY PARENTS AND TEACHERS, OF THE CAUSES OF DRUG ABUSE AND TO ADVISE THEM ON WHAT THEY CAN DO TO FIGHT AGAINST THE PROBLEM.

FIFTY THOUSAND LEAFLETS, TOGETHER WITH A LARGE QUANTITY OF PUBLICITY HAND-OUTS, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO. BANNERS CARRYING THE SLOGAN OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL ALSO BE WIDELY DISPLAYED.

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ALTHOUGH ACTIVITIES ON THE GROUND WILL BE HELD ONLY IN THE SHAM SHUI PO AREA, INTENSIVE PUBLICITY WILL BE LAUNCHED AT THE SAME TIME THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA, ESPECIALLY TELEVISION, TO SPREAD THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE TO EVERY CORNER OF HONG KONG.

A SERIES OF ANTI-DRUG FILM CLIPS WILL BE REPEATEDLY SHOWN ON TELEVISION AND THOUSANDS OF POSTERS WILL BE PUT UP ALL OVER HONG KONG.

IN ADDITION, RTV WILL TELEVISE AN HOUR-LONG, SPECIALLY DESIGNED ANTI-DRUG GAMES SHOW ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 16, WHICH MARKS THE OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN.

THE CAMPAIGN IS THE FIFTH OF ITS KIND HELD BY ACAN. SIMILAR ONES HAVE BEEN HELD IN TSUEN WAN, KWUN TONG, CHAI WAN AND KOWLOON CITY DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD AT 1.45 P.M. THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 16) AT THE PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND, ADJACENT TO SO UK ESTATE. IT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED BY THE BURNING OF A 10-FOOT-TALL EFFIGY OF A +DRUG DEVIL+. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE TO BE REACTIVATED
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE WILL BE REACTIVATED IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY NEXT YEAR TO FIND ALTERNATIVE TEACHING POSTS FOR REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN EARLY MARCH NEXT YEAR ON THE NUMBER OF NEW CLASSES TO BE OPENED IN NEW AND DEVELOPING AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1978 AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF SERIOUSLY UNDER-UTILISED CLASSES TO BE PHASED OUT, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MR. LAM TAT-LAU SAID TODAY.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AFFECTED WILL THEN BE KNOWN.

MR. LAM SAID: +FROM EXPERIENCE GAINED IN OPERATING THE SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT SERVICE OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT TEACHERS FROM CLASSES WHICH CLOSE WILL BE ABSORBED BY SCHOOLS WITH VACANCIES ARISING FROM THE OPENING OF NEW CLASSES, RETIREMENT AND OTHER NORMAL WASTAGE.

+WHILE THE PLACEMENT SERVICE DOES ITS BEST TO PLACE REDUNDANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ALTERNATIVE JOBS, IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT.

+THE SERVICE IDENTIFIES VACANCIES AND BRINGS SCHOOL MANAGERS AND TEACHERS TOGETHER WITH A VIEW TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM. MUCH DEPENDS ON THE WILLINGNESS OF THE TEACHERS CONCERNED TO TAKE UP APPOINTMENTS, THE WILLINGNESS OF MANAGERS TO ACCEPT TEACHERS AND THE SUITABILITY OF TEACHERS WITH SUBJECT SPECIALISM WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT MATCH VACANCIES,+ MR. LAM SAID.

NEVERTHELESS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IS CONFIDENT THAT THE PLACEMENT SERVICE WILL AGAIN BE ABLE TO PLACE ALL REDUNDANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEXT YEAR.

IN 1975 THE SERVICE PLACED 187 TEACHERS, IN 1976 IT FOUND ALTERNATIVE POSTS FOR 165 AND THIS YEAR 400.

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PWD SETS UP NEW CONTROLLED TIP
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO SET UP A NEW CONTROLLED TIP FOR THE DISPOSAL OF REFUSE AT MA YAU TONG IN KWUN TONG.

THIS WILL BRING TO SEVEN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONTROLLED TIPS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

MR. WONG WAN-MING, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT SITE PREPARATORY WORK, INCLUDING DRAINAGE AND ROAD WORKS, WOULD BEGIN IN DECEMBER.

+THE TIP IS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR USE IN OCTOBER NEXT YEAR, AND WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER OUTLET FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THE GROWING AMOUNT OF REFUSE COLLECTED,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN FULLY COMPLETED AND CLOSED, THE TIP WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN SEVEN HECTARES OF NEW LAND.+

ABOUT 5.5 HECTARES OF THE NEW LAND WILL BE USED FOR OPEN SPACE FOR RECREATIONAL AND OTHER SIMILAR PURPOSES. ANOTHER 2.2 HECTARES OF LAND ADJOINING THE TIP WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EDUCATIONAL, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USE.

MR. WONG SAID: +THIS IS ONE OF THE ADDED ADVANTAGES IN CONTROLLED TIPPING, BECAUSE NOT ONLY DOES THE SYSTEM PROVIDE FOR AN ECONOMICAL AND SANITARY MEANS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, BUT IT ALSO ENABLES FULL USE TO BE MADE OF THE SITES FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS ONCE THE TIP IS CLOSED AND TOPPED OFF.+

IN CONTROLLED TIPPING, HE EXPLAINED, REFUSE IS SPREAD IN LAYERS AND COMPACTED BY MECHANICAL PLANTS TO A THICKNESS OF ABOUT TWO METRES EACH TIME.

EACH LAYER IS THEN COMPLETELY COVERED WITH INERT MATERIAL SEALING OFF ALL WORKING FACES AT THE END OF EACH DAY'S WORK IN ORDER TO PREVENT FOUL ODOUR AND TO ELIMINATE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE NEW TIP AT MA YAU TONG, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE A CAPACITY OF 700,000 TONNES AND IS SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR SET UP SIX CONTROLLED TIPS, FOUR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TWO IN KOWLOON.

OF THE SIX, ONE SITUATED AT NGAU TAM MEI IN YUEN LONG HAS BEEN CLOSED. IT PROVIDES 1.1 HECTARES OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE.

THE REMAINING FIVE, WHICH ARE BEING DEVELOPED, WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE 23.6 HECTARES OF RECREATIONAL LAND.

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CONSTRUCTION OF SEWAGE OUTFALLS IN TUEN MUN

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WORK WILL BEGIN LATE NEXT MONTH ON SUBMARINE SEWAGE OUTFALLS AT PILLAR POINT TO COPE WITH THE DEVELOPMENTS IN TUEN MUN.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH FORMS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE SEWERAGE SYSTEM FOR TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT WILL CONSIST OF THE LAYING OF A 900-METRE LONG TWIN PIPE IN THE SEABED AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS ON LAND.

MR. CHAN YAN, P.W.D.'S CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE DRAINAGE WORKS DIVISION, SAID THE PROJECT WOULD TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+ON COMPLETION, SEWAGE FROM THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN CAN BE CONVEYED INTO DEEPER WATER FOR BETTER DILUTION AND DISPERSION AFTER UNDERGOING TREATMENT AT THE PROPOSED PILLAR POINT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.+

MEANWHILE, WORK IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY ON THE COMPREHENSIVE SEWERAGE SYSTEM IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT, COSTING \$16 MILLION, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT 6,000 METRES OF SEWERAGE PIPES WITHIN THE NEW TOWN.

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DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS TO VISIT PO LEUNG KUK
LEK YUEN NURSERY
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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, WILL VISIT THE PO LEUNG KUK LEK YUEN NURSERY ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 13) AFTERNOON TO INSPECT THE NURSERY SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE PO LEUNG KUK TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE FAST-GROWING SATELLITE TOWN OF SHA TIN.

THE NURSERY, ESTABLISHED LAST MARCH, IS LOCATED AT BLOCK 4 OF THE LEK YUEN ESTATE AND CAN ACCOMMODATE 100 CHILDREN. IT IS OPENED FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AND STAFFED BY A NURSERY SUPERVISOR, SEVEN NURSERY WORKERS AND FOUR AMAHS.

THE GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISES THE DEFICITS OF THE NURSERY AS THE FEES CHARGED ON EACH CHILD IS \$50 WHICH IS PARTIALLY BORNE BY THE KUK ITSELF.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR. WALDEN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HIS TOUR OF THE NURSERY BY MR. CHENG ENG-KUAN, THE KUK'S CHAIRMAN AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE KUK.

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SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS MOVE
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CHEUNG SHA WAN SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT WILL BE MOVED TO ITS NEW OFFICE AT BLOCK 5, YEUNG KING HOUSE, GROUND FLOOR, LAI KING ESTATE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN IT WILL BE RENAMED LAI CHI KOK FIELD UNIT.

THE PREMISES VACATED BY THE UNIT AT 234, TAI PO ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, WILL BE TAKEN OVER AS A SUB-OFFICE BY THE SHEK KIP MEI FIELD UNIT, CURRENTLY OPERATING AT TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE LAI CHI KOK FIELD UNIT WILL BE: 3-737626, 3-737491 AND 3-737521. AS FOR THE SHEK KIP MEI FIELD UNIT, THE NUMBERS OF THE MAIN OFFICE IS 3-809835 AND 3-954507, WHILE THOSE OF THE NEW SUB-OFFICE WILL BE 3-708613, 3-708462 AND 3-709095.

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