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VISIT TO LONDON USEFUL - GOVERNOR

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SPEAKING ON HIS RETURN FROM LONDON THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING TOGETHER WITH UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL; THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID:

+GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. SORRY TO BRING YOU TO THE AIRPORT A LITTLE EARLY. THEY WILL GIVE YOU SOME TIME OFF LATER IN THE EVENING, I EXPECT.

+THIS WAS A SHORT BUT VERY USEFUL VISIT TO LONDON. IT WAS THE FOURTH IN THE SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTERS TO WHICH BOTH THEY AND WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE.

+AND AS YOU KNOW ON THIS OCCASION WE SAW MR LUCE, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND THE PRIME MINISTER -- IN THAT ORDER. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE VERY BUSY SCHEDULES, THEY DID ALLOCATE A VERY CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO THE DISCUSSIONS WITH US, AND WE OF COURSE SPENT QUITE A LOT OF TIME IN PREPARATION FOR THE MEETINGS WITH THEM. AND THAT ENABLED US TO HAVE A VERY FULL REVIEW OF THE SITUATION, PARTICULARLY WITH SIR GEOFFREY HOWE IN PREPARATION FOR HIS VISIT TO PEKING WHICH IS IN JUST OVER A WEEK'S TIME. THAT WAS A VERY USEFUL REVIEW AND AS ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, WE REACHED A CLOSE IDENTITY OF VIEWS.

+AS FOR ME, I AM ONLY GOING TO BE HERE FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS BEFORE I HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SEEING YOU AGAIN AT THE AIRPORT ON TUESDAY WHEN I AM GOING TO PEKING. I SHALL STAY UP THERE. I WON'T BE COMING BACK AFTER THE NEXT ROUND. I SHALL STAY IN PEKING AND WAIT FOR SIR GEOFFREY TO ARRIVE. WE WILL BE THERE FOR HIS VISIT AND WE WILL THEN COME BACK TO HONG KONG WITH HIM.

+AND I KNOW THAT HE WANTED ME TO SAY THAT HE IS LOOKING FORWARD VERY MUCH TO HIS VISIT AND TO MEETING AS MANY PEOPLE AS HE CAN WHILE HE IS HERE.

+THAT IS ALL WE HAVE FOR YOU AT THE MOMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.+

ARRIVING BACK TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNOR THIS EVENING WERE NINE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. THEY ARE SIR SZE-YUEN CHUNG, MR OSWALD CHEUNG, MR ROGER LOBO, MR LI FOOK-WO, MR LO TAK-SHING, MISS LYDIA DUNN, MR LEE QUO-WEI, MR CHEN SHOU-LUM AND MISS MARIA TAM.

THE PARTY WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE.

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MEN REMINDED ABOUT NEW I.D. CARDS

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MEN BORN IN 1948, 1949 AND 1965 ARE REMINDED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THEY HAVE 12 MORE DAYS TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

AN IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SINCE THE TENTH PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME BEGAN ON MARCH 12, SOME 124 100 MEN IN THE AGE GROUPS HAVE APPLIED FOR THE CARDS, LEAVING ABOUT 25 100 YET TO APPLY BY APRIL 19.28

THE END OF THE TENTH PHASE ALSO MARKS THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST MALE CYCLE OF THE SCHEME. BY THEN, ALL MEN BORN BETWEEN 1948 AND 1965, INCLUDING GREEN-SEAL CARD HOLDERS, SHOULD HAVE APPLIED FOR NEW CARDS.

ANYONE FOUND WITH AN INVALID CARD WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

+HOWEVER, THOSE WHO MISSED THEIR TURN TO APPLY FOR NEW CARDS BECAUSE THEY WERE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIODS MAY APPROACH ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEXT PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME WILL BE TARGETED AT WOMEN BORN IN 1963, 1964 AND 1965.

MEN BORN IN 1947 OR BEFORE WILL HAVE TO WAIT FOR THEIR TURN WHEN THE SECOND MALE CYCLE BEGINS NEXT YEAR.

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600 000 TREE SEEDLINGS BEING PLANTED

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MORE THAN 600 000 TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE PLANTED THIS YEAR IN COUNTRY PARKS, NEW TOWNS, HOUSING ESTATES AND ALONG HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THE SEEDLINGS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO MAKE HONG KONG A NICER AND GREENER PLACE, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR JOHN RIDDELL-SWAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY IN THE PLOVER COVE COUNTRY PARK TO LAUNCH THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME, BEFORE LEADING A PARTY OF GUESTS TO PLANT THE FIRST BATCH OF SEEDLINGS.

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RECALLING THAT THE FIRST COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY WAS HELD IN SHING MUN PLANTATION MORE THAN 25 YEARS AGO, DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID: +COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY IS NOW A WIDELY ACCEPTED ANNUAL EVENT AND IN 1982, DESPITE INCLEMENT WEATHER, 1 700 PARTICIPANTS PLANTED 3 500 TREES AND LAST YEAR 2 500 PARTICIPANTS PLANTED 3 800 TREES.+

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE EVEN MORE PEOPLE WILL JOIN IN PLANTING TREES.

TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PLANTING BY VISITORS IN SIX OF THE COUNTRY PARKS - AT TWISK, BRIDE'S POOL IN TAI PO, CLEAR WATER BAY AND PAK TAM CHUNG IN SAI KUNG, NAM SHAN ON LANTAU ISLAND AND QUARRY BAY ON HONG KONG ISLAND - ON THREE SUNDAYS FROM TOMORROW (APRIL 8 , AND ON APRIL 15 AND 22) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 3 PM.

DR RIDDELL-SWAN SAID THAT TREE PLANTING WAS ONLY THE FIRST STEP, AND THAT PROTECTION AND MAINTENANCE WERE NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP MEASURES.

HE SAID THAT FIRES WERE THE BIGGEST MENACE, AND BECAUSE OF THE EXCEPTIONALLY DRY WINTER FOUR COUNTRY PARKS HAD TO BE CLOSED FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS.

HE SAID THE PUBLIC ACCEPTEED THIS CLOSURE +WITH GOOD GRACE AND UNDERSTANDING+, AND I THANKED THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING OF THIS NECESSARY MEASURE.

TREE PLANTING, HE SAID, WAS ALSO REQUIRED OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE +CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME, A COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION EDUCATION COMPETITION STARTED IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

HE REMINDED THE YOUNG PARTICIPANTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED PART ONE OF THIS SCHEME TO TAKE PART IN THE SECOND STAGE, WHICH INCLUDES TREE PLANTING AS PART OF THE COMPETITION.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR CHARLES YEUNG AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG JOINED DR RIDDELL-SWAN AND OTHER GUESTS IN PLANTING THE FIRST TREES DURING THE CEREMONY.

ABOUT 120 CIVIL AID SERVICES CADETS, POLICE CADETS, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB, THE SCOUTS AND A SCHOOL INVOLVED IN A FOREST PROJECT AT BRIDE'S POOL ALSO TOOK PART IN TREE PLANTING TODAY.

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MORE PARKS AND GARDENS FOR NT RESIDENTS

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RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE MAY NOW ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF MORE THAN 140 PARKS AND GARDENS AND HUNDREDS OF LANDSCAPED ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE ATTRACTIVE SETTINGS OF COLOURFUL PLANTS AND WELL-LAID LAWNS CAN BE FOUND IN MANY LOCATIONS IN THE NEW TOWNS AND COUNTRYSIDE AND ARE THE WORK OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

PLANTING AND LANDSCAPING ARE ON-GOING ACTIVITIES TO CREATE A MORE BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

MORE THAN 470 000 PLANTS, MANY OF EXCEPTIONAL BEAUTY OR FRAGRANCE, WERE PLANTED IN 1983 AND NOW ADD COLOUR TO THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE NTSD GARDENING STAFF, AND TO HELP RAISE THEIR STANDARD OF WORK A GARDEN COMPETITION WAS HELD RECENTLY AMONG THEM. AWARDS FOR THE CONTEST WERE PRESENTED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS.

THE WINNERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BEST KEPT PARK OF THE NTSD:

1. SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN;
2. TAI PO KAU PARK; AND
3. YUEN WO PLAYGROUND IN SHA TIN.

BEST KEPT LARGE ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOT:

1. AMENITY PLOT IN FRONT OF THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SQUASH COURT;
2. TAI HO ROAD ROUNDABOUT IN TSUEN WAN; AND
3. TAI PO MEI ROADSIDE AMENITY PLOT.

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93 000 OBJECTIONS TO RATEABLE VALUES RECEIVED
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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED ABOUT 93 000 OBJECTIONS TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES IN THE VALUATION LISTS FOR 1984-85.

THIS COMES TO ABOUT 12.6 PER CENT OF PREMISES ASSESSED COMPARED WITH 10.2 PER CENT IN 1977 WHEN THE PREVIOUS REVALUATION WAS MADE.

THE GENERAL INCREASE IN RATEABLE VALUES IN 1977 WAS MUCH LESS, SO THAT AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS THIS TIME IS NOT UNEXPECTED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE EXACT NUMBER OF VALID PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE KNOWN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS AS REGISTRATION IS STILL NOT COMPLETED EVEN THOUGH THE PERIOD FOR SERVING THEM HAS EXPIRED.

OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVESTIGATING ALL THE PROPOSALS MADE AND WILL NOTIFY RATEPAYERS OF THE DECISION TAKEN.

RATEPAYERS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE DECISION CAN APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL.

THE SPOKESMAN RE-AFFIRMED THAT THE REVALUATION HAS NOT AFFECTED THE STATUS OF ANY PROPERTY IN RELATION TO THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE.

THE RATEABLE VALUE EXCLUSION POINT (\$50 000) FOR PART II OF THE ORDINANCE IS THAT IN THE VALUATION LIST ON JUNE 10, 1983, AND THE RECENT CHANGES DO NOT AFFECT ANY PROPERTY'S STATUS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES ARE BASED ON AN ESTIMATE OF THE ANNUAL RENTAL VALUE OF THE PREMISES AS AT JULY 1, 1983 ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THEY WERE VACANT AND TO LET.

+THUS IF A DOMESTIC PROPERTY IS LET AT A CONTROLLED RENT THE RATEABLE VALUE WILL USUALLY BE HIGHER THAN THE RENT PASSING BECAUSE THIS WOULD NOT USUALLY REPRESENT THE RENT WHICH COULD BE OBTAINED FOR THE PREMISES IF VACANT AND TO LET.+

HE SAID HE FELT THAT A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS MAY HAVE BEEN MADE AS A RESULT OF A MISUNDERSTANDING ON THIS POINT.

+RATEABLE VALUES WILL NOT BE REDUCED MERELY BECAUSE THEY EXCEED THE CONTROLLED RENT PASSING,+ HE ADDED.

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STUDENTS TO BE TOLD ABOUT DRUG DANGER

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ACAN - THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS - WILL LAUNCH A PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY DRIVE THIS YEAR AIMED PARTICULARLY AT YOUNG PEOPLE.

SPEAKING TO ABOUT 100 FRONTLINE SOCIAL WORKERS AT A SEMINAR ENTITLED +DRUG PROBLEMS: ITS PRESENT TREND AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES+ TODAY (SATURDAY), MR ISSAC CHOW, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, SAID THAT NARCOTICS DIVISION STAFF WERE VISITING SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO TALK ABOUT DRUG ABUSE TO CHILDREN IN FORMS I, II AND III.

SEMINARS WOULD ALSO BE HELD FOR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS ON THE PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE, HE SAID.

TODAY'S SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, AIMED AT PROVIDING SOCIAL WORKERS WITH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DRUG ABUSE.

SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR, MR K.L. STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN, STRESSED THAT ALL SOCIAL WORKERS AND ALL VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAD AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN MAKING HONG KONG A DRUG-FREE COMMUNITY.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE SEMINAR WERE DR C.Y. SAM, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, MR Y.F. HUI, DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND MRS VIRGINIA LO, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE, SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS.

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PUBLIC URGED TO SUPPORT DB'S

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SUCCESS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN PROMOTING DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION DEPENDS GREATLY ON WHETHER THEY CAN REFLECT THE WISHES AND VIEWS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

HE SAID WHILE THE PUBLIC WERE AWARE OF THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THEIR DAILY LIFE AND WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS, THEY SHOULD ALSO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT AND VOTE IN THE BOARD ELECTIONS.

+REGISTERING AS VOTERS IS THE FIRST STEP TO MOTIVATE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE SIX-WEEK REGISTRATION EXERCISE WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 15 AND ANY RESIDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 21 WHO HAVE LIVED IN HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS SHOULD REGISTER.

MR WONG WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT PRELIMINARY SINGING CONTEST - THE SECOND OF THE 18 DISTRICTS' COMPETITIONS. THE FIRST WAS HELD IN SHA TIN ON APRIL 1.

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FOR THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS UNTIL JULY 28, PRELIMINARY COMPETITIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE OTHER 16 DISTRICTS.

THE 18-DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED.

+THE CONTEST IS TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TAKE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT ACTIVITIES SO AS TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING AND CONCERN TOWARDS LOCAL AFFAIRS,+ MR WONG SAID.

IN TUEN MUN, HE SAID, THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD HAD MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BY SUPPORTING WELFARE SERVICES AND ORGANISING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

TWELVE YOUNG AMATEURS, SELECTED FROM ABOUT 100 CONTESTANTS THROUGH A SERIES OF AUDITIONS, COMPETED FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE YAU OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE TONIGHT.

THE WINNER WILL REPRESENT TUEN MUN TO COMPETE WITH WINNERS OF 17 OTHER DISTRICTS IN A SEMI-FINAL ON AUGUST 11 WHEN NINE FINALISTS WILL BE CHOSEN FOR THE GRAND FINAL ON SEPTEMBER 8.

THE BEST PERFORMER IN THE GRAND FINAL WILL WIN A RECORDING CONTRACT AND OTHER WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES WORTH MORE THAN \$40 000.

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INSIGNIA FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

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SIXTY-EIGHT PEOPLE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC WILL RECEIVE THEIR INSIGNIA FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AT 6 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9).

HEADING THE LIST OF RECIPIENTS ARE MR CHEN SHOU-LUM, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, AND MR PETER WILLIAMS, THE COMMISSIONER OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, BOTH OF WHOM WILL RECEIVE THE CBE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

A LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS AT THE INSIGNIA PRESENTATION MAY BE COLLECTED FROM THE GIS NEWS DIVISION AT 4 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9).

ONLY PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WITH SPECIAL PASSES WILL BE ADMITTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THEY SHOULD MEET GIS OFFICERS IN THE GUARD ROOM NOT LATER THAN 5.30 PM.

NEWSPAPERS WITHOUT SUCH PASSES WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PRINTS WITH MING YUEN STUDIO, 22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TEL. 5-224310.

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KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS INVITED TO JOIN COURSES
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KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WHO ARE PROFESSIONALLY UNTRAINED ARE BEING INVITED TO ENROL IN ONE OF TWO PART-TIME IN-SERVICE COURSES TO BE ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE 1984-85 ACADEMIC YEAR.

ONE OF THE COURSES WILL START IN SEPTEMBER 1984 AND THE OTHER IN MARCH 1985.

THE 12-WEEK COURSES ARE ORGANISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF THE 1981 WHITE PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES.

+KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE AND A SIX-MONTH POST-COURSE PERIOD OF SUPERVISED TEACHING WILL BE DESIGNATED 'QUALIFIED ASSISTANT KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS', + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL FULL-TIME KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS WITH A MINIMUM OF TWO-YEARS' TEACHING EXPERIENCE IN A REGISTERED KINDERGARTEN.

KINDERGARTEN SUPERVISORS OR HEAD-TEACHERS, WHO ARE FULLY TRAINED TEACHERS OR ARE UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE GRADUATES BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED SPECIALISED TRAINING IN KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION, MAY ALSO APPLY.

+FOR THIS GROUP OF TRAINEES, PART OF THE COURSE CONTENTS WILL INCLUDE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT, AND THE POST-COURSE TEACHING PRACTICE REQUIREMENT WILL BE WAIVED, + THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULT BEFORE THE END OF JULY 1984.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, AND ITS KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY MAY 18 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR, KINDERGARTEN SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE WITH THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION ON 5-8392487 OR 5-8392489.

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BETTER SERVICES FOR ELDERLY

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SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY HAVE IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY IN BOTH QUALITY AND QUANTITY, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR CHUI WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SHAN KING ESTATE HOSTEL AND SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN TUEN MUN, RUN BY THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT PLANNED TO OPEN NINE HOSTELS, TWO CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND ONE NEW HOUSING SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY THIS YEAR, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL 1 700 RESIDENTIAL PLACES. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE MORE THAN 6 700 RESIDENTIAL PLACES.

+THESE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE FULL SUPPORT OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND PUBLIC-SPIRITED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

+COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES, LIKE SOCIAL CENTRES, WILL ALSO BE GREATLY EXPANDED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THOSE ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING AT HOME.+

THERE ARE NOW 80 SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY AND ANOTHER 15 ARE PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR.

THESE CENTRES PROVIDED SENIOR CITIZENS WITH A VENUE FOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP THEM BECOME ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, MR CHUI SAID.

SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY PROVIDED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INCLUDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, HEALTH SERVICES, RESIDENTIAL CARE, HOUSING, HOME HELP, COUNSELLING AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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EDUCATORS' COMMUNITY ROLE STRESSED

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DEMOCRACY REQUIRES PROPER CIVIC EDUCATION AND SOCIAL AWARENESS, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

+IN AN ERA WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ELECTIONS, REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRACY, IT IS PERHAPS IMPORTANT FOR THE EDUCATION SECTOR TO EMPHASISE GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS,+ HE SAID.

KNOWLEDGE OF THE POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND OF CURRENT AFFAIRS WILL FOSTER A STRONG SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AMONG STUDENTS, SO THAT THEY UNDERSTAND THE REAL OBJECTIVES OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MORE BROADLY REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRACY AS A WHOLE, SAID MR LAM.

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HE WAS SPEAKING ABOUT 'DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FROM THE EDUCATION SECTOR' AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT HEADMASTERS' SEMINAR.

ONE WAY TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY IS FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO LEARN TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY AND OTHER PEOPLE, THEREBY DEVELOPING A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND SOCIAL AWARENESS.

MR LAM ALSO TOUCHED ON THE OTHER WAYS IN WHICH EDUCATION COULD PROMOTE AND DEVELOP DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

HE SAID HEADMASTERS AND TEACHERS SHOULD NOT FORGET THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN SHARING IN, AND CONTRIBUTING THEIR IDEAS TO, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

+THEREFORE I WOULD EXPECT THEM TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AS VOTERS AND TO CAST THEIR VOTES,+ HE SAID. +I HOPE THEY WILL ENCOURAGE THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN GOOD EXAMPLES.

+FURTHERMORE, GIVEN THEIR ACQUAINTANCE WITH PARENTS FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE, THEIR INTERACTION WITH THE YOUNGER GENERATION AND THEREFORE THEIR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE NEEDS, ASPIRATIONS AND DESIRES OF STUDENTS AND PARENTS GENERALLY, THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE EDUCATION SECTOR IS NOT NECESSARILY CONFINED NARROWLY TO EDUCATION MATTERS.

+BEING EQUIPPED WITH CRITICAL AND ANALYTICAL MINDS, HEADMASTERS AND TEACHERS HAVE A FAR MORE IMPORTANT AND BROADER ROLE TO PLAY IN COMMUNITY AND DISTRICT AFFAIRS.+

MR LAM SAID THAT THE SETTING UP OF DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS THE HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE, HELPED IN THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY AWARENESS AND GREATLY ENHANCED SOCIAL COHESION WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

+IN ADDITION, THEY INDIVIDUALLY PROVIDE A COLLECTIVE BASE ON WHICH THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD CAN PROMOTE THEIR ACTIVITIES AND SOLICIT FEEDBACK ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, EITHER GENERALLY OR SPECIFICALLY,+ HE SAID.

REFERRING TO THE RECENT PROPOSALS ANNOUNCED BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO FURTHER DEVELOP DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR LAM SAID: +IF THESE PROPOSALS WERE EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED, THE MORE REPRESENTATIVE STATUS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THEIR GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES WOULD MAKE THEM BETTER ABLE TO DEAL WITH LOCAL ADMINISTRATION MORE RESPONSIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY.+

TODAY'S SEMINAR, ATTENDED BY HEADMASTERS OF ALL KINDERGARTENS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT, WAS THE FIRST PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT HEADMASTERS' CONFERENCE SINCE ITS FORMATION LAST SEPTEMBER.

THE OTHER GUEST SPEAKER AT THE SEMINAR WAS THE PRINCIPAL OF CNEC CHRISTIAN COLLEGE, MR LAU YAN-TAK, WHO TALKED ON 'SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND MORAL EDUCATION'.

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NORTH POINT TRAFFIC CHANGES
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NEW TRAFFIC MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE IN NORTH POINT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9).

THE MEASURES ARE:

- * VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM JAVA ROAD INTO TONG SHUI ROAD SOUTHBOUND.
- * WHARF ROAD BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND NORTH POINT ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * NORTH POINT ROAD BETWEEN WHARF ROAD AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

HOWEVER, THE SECTION OF TONG SHUI ROAD BETWEEN JAVA ROAD AND KING'S ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY (APRIL 10 AND 11) TO 6 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS FOR WORK ON THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS WILL HAVE TO USE KAM HONG STREET TO PROCEED TO KING'S ROAD.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FLYOVER
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9), THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE FLYOVER CONNECTING PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST AND MA TAU CHUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT A MONTH TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE, MOTORISTS FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD EAST HEADING FOR MA TAU CHUNG ROAD ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED ON GROUND LEVEL ROADS.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTION LIFTED
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9), THE BUS-ONLY LANE ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 193 AND HOI AN STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE CABLE LAYING WORK IN THE AREA.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 1984

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FIRING DRILL AT HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE PRACTICE WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 9), TUESDAY (APRIL 10), WEDNESDAY (APRIL 11) AND THURSDAY (APRIL 12), AND FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 13).

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