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TIME-SAVING IN MAJOR REPAIRS OF AIDED SCHOOLS

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THE PROPERTY SERVICES BRANCH OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL FROM THIS MONTH, DIRECTLY UNDERTAKE ALL MAJOR REPAIRS TO AIDED SCHOOLS OUTSIDE HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH WOULD SAVE A GOOD DEAL OF TIME SINCE THESE SCHOOLS WOULD NO LONGER HAVE TO NOMINATE, APPOINT AND SUPERVISE AUTHORISED PERSONS, WERE MADE AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SCHOOLS COUNCILS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS WILL BE OF BENEFIT TO ALL SPONSORING BODIES AND PARTICULARLY SO TO SMALL ORGANISATIONS," HE SAID.

UNDER THE FORMER SYSTEM, IT WOULD TAKE ONE YEAR TO SECURE FORESEEABLE MAJOR REPAIRS AND ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR URGENT ONES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (ASD) WOULD NOW CONTACT SCHOOLS AND ARRANGE SITE INSPECTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH SCHOOL AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH FULL DETAILS OF THE REQUIRED WORKS FOR NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MAJOR REPAIRS IN THE 1990-91 FINANCIAL YEAR, HE SAID.

DURING THE INSPECTIONS AND DISCUSSIONS, ASD STAFF WILL GIVE PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ADVICE AND ENSURE THAT THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS ADOPTED TO MEET THE SCHOOL'S PARTICULAR NEEDS.

HAVING AGREED ON THE EXTENT AND DETAILS OF THE REQUESTED OR ANY "MODIFIED" WORK, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, ASD WOULD SUBMIT THE ESTIMATED COSTING TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR BUDGETARY AND FUNDING PURPOSES.

AS FOR MAJOR REPAIR WORKS APPROVED FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID ASD WOULD, FROM THIS MONTH, CONTACT THESE SCHOOLS TO ESTABLISH THE EXTENT OF THE APPROVED WORKS AND ARRANGE WITH SCHOOL SUPERVISORS FOR THE MOST CONVENIENT TIME FOR THE WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN.

"FOR STRAIGHT FORWARD REPAIR WORKS, IT WOULD BE ASD'S AIM TO UNDERTAKE THE WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BUT THEY WOULD BEAR IN MIND THE NEED OF NOT INTERFERING WITH OR DISRUPTING THE SCHOOL'S TEACHING PROGRAMME," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"IT WILL CLEARLY BE NECESSARY FOR SOME WORKS SUCH AS RE-ROOFING AND RENEWING WINDOWS TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN THE DRY SEASON WHEN THE RISK OF TYPHOONS OR RAINSTORMS IS LOWER.

"SCHOOL SUPERVISORS WILL BE FULLY CONSULTED ON THE WORKS PROGRAMME."

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HE SAID ASD WOULD PLACE THE ORDER WITH CONTRACTORS AND ARRANGE FOR THE WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN WHEN THE WORKS PROGRAMME HAS BEEN AGREED.

GENERALLY, HE SAID, WORKS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO ASD'S STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS BUT SCHOOLS, AS CLIENTS, SHOULD DECIDE AND ADVISE ASD ON COLOUR SCHEMES, CHOICE OF MATERIALS AND DESIGN DETAILS.

HE SAID THAT SINCE ASD WOULD TAKE OVER MOST OF THE SERVICES PREVIOUSLY UNDERTAKEN BY THE SCHOOLS - APPOINTING CONSULTANTS AND CONTRACTORS FOR MAJOR REPAIRS - IT WAS NOT INTENDED THAT SCHOOLS WOULD BE LEFT WITHOUT A SOURCE OF PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL ADVICE.

"ASD CAN BE CONTACTED BY ANY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL - IRRESPECTIVE OF THE FACT THAT MAJOR REPAIR WORKS MAY OR MAY NOT BE DUE IN THE SCHOOL - TO SEEK ADVICE ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN IN RELATION TO THE CONDITION OF BUILDINGS OR SERVICES.

"THE ADVICE WILL BE FREE OF CHARGE SUBJECT TO NO COSTS BEING INCURRED BY ASD IN UNDERTAKING EXTENSIVE TESTING OR INVESTIGATIVE OPERATIONS TO PROVIDE THE ADVISORY SERVICE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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MAP SHOWS PRESENCE OF MARBLE AT MA ON SHAN
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THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE HAS PRODUCED A MAP SHOWING THE AREA WHICH MAY BE UNDERLAIN BY MARBLE BEDROCK IN MA ON SHAN.

THIS FOLLOWS THE DETECTION OF THE EXISTENCE OF MARBLE BEDROCK.

DR ANDREW MALONE, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER, SAID THE MARBLE HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED RECENTLY IN BOREHOLES SUNK TO DEPTHS IN EXCESS OF 50 METRES BELOW GROUND LEVEL, AT TWO SITES ON RECLAIMED LAND IN THE PROPOSED MA ON SHAN NEW TOWN.

DR MALONE EMPHASISED THAT THERE WAS NO DANGER TO EXISTING BUILDINGS IN MA ON SHAN.

HE SAID THE MARBLE IS THOUGHT TO BE CONFINED WITHIN AN AREA OF LESS THAN 60 HECTARES ALONG THE WATERFRONT, AND NO MARBLE WAS VISIBLE ON THE GROUND SURFACE.

MOST OF THE AREA HAD LAIN BENEATH THE WATERS OF TOLO HARBOUR, BEFORE LAND RECLAMATION FROM THE SEA IN THE 1980S.

"THE MAJOR PART OF THE MA ON SHAN DEVELOPMENT AREA HAS BEEN CONFIRMED TO BE UNDERLAIN BY GRANITE BEDROCK WITHOUT MARBLE," HE SAID.

/THE MARBLE

THE MARBLE IS COVERED BY THICK LAYERS OF ALLUVIAL AND MARINE SUPERFICIAL DEPOSITS UPON WHICH THE RECLAMATION IS BUILT.

DR MALONE ADDED THAT THE BOREHOLES WHICH REVEALED THE MARBLE WERE DRILLED THROUGH THE SUPERFICIAL DEPOSITS DEEP INTO THE BEDROCK AT TWO SITES ON THE OUTER EDGE OF THE RECLAMATION.

IN COMPARISON TO THE MARBLE FORMATION IN THE YUEN LONG AREA, DR MALONE SAID THE AREA OF DEVELOPMENT LAND AFFECTED AT THE MA ON SHAN RECLAMATION IS MUCH SMALLER AND THAT THE MARBLE STRATUM IS AT A GREATER DEPTH AT MA ON SHAN.

"THE CAVITIES DISCOVERED SO FAR IN THE MA ON SHAN MARBLE ARE MAINLY OF A SIZE OF LESS THAN TWO METRES AND ARE NOT EXPECTED TO CAUSE SIGNIFICANT FOUNDATION PROBLEMS, ALTHOUGH HIGH QUALITY GROUND INVESTIGATION AND SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS WITH FOUNDATION DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE NECESSARY," HE SAID.

STANDARDS FOR SAFE CONSTRUCTION FOR BUILDINGS UNDERLAIN BY MARBLE WITH CAVITIES ARE NOW WELL ESTABLISHED.

DR MALONE SAID GUIDANCE ON NECESSARY STANDARDS OF SITE INVESTIGATION AND DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR SITES UNDERLAIN BY MARBLE HAD ALREADY BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE DESIGNATED AREA IN YUEN LONG. THESE STANDARDS SHOULD BE APPLIED TO THE MA ON SHAN DESIGNATED AREA AND ADVICE TO THIS EFFECT IS BEING PROMULGATED.

SINCE THE DISCOVERY, THE HONG KONG GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HAD BEEN COMPILING INFORMATION FROM EXISTING BOREHOLES IN THE MA ON SHAN RECLAMATION AREA.

THE GCO WOULD ALSO INITIATE FURTHER DRILLING WORK AND MAPPING, CULMINATING IN THE PRODUCTION OF DETAILED GEOLOGICAL MAPS.

THESE MAPS WOULD PORTRAY THE SUBSURFACE GEOLOGY, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROSPECTIVE DEVELOPERS, THE PLANNERS AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

"WE WILL ASSIST ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS WORKING IN THE MA ON SHAN RECLAMATION AREA BY GIVING ACCESS TO THE DATA BEING COLLECTED IN THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE AT ANY TIME," HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE MARBLE WAS DERIVED FROM LIMESTONE ORIGINATING BETWEEN 300 AND 350 MILLION YEARS AGO AS CARBONATE DEPOSITS (E.G. CORAL REEFS) IN WARM TROPICAL SEAS, IN CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE NOW FOUND AROUND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF IN AUSTRALIA.

ABOUT 140 MILLION YEARS AGO, THE REGION WAS SUBJECT TO MAJOR EARTH MOVEMENTS AND VOLCANIC ACTIVITY, AS A RESULT OF WHICH MOLTEN INTRUDING GRANITE HEATED THE LIMESTONE AND IT WAS RECRYSTALLISED INTO MARBLE.

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MARBLE IS COMPOSED OF CALCIUM CARBONATE AND OVER GEOLOGICAL TIME THIS CAN BE DISSOLVED BY WATER FLOWING WITHIN THE ROCK MASS, AND CAVITIES CAN ULTIMATELY BE FORMED.

THE CAVITIES WHICH HAD BEEN DISCOVERED AT YUEN LONG AND MA ON SHAN WERE A RELIC OF THE GEOLOGICAL PAST AND ALL SIGNIFICANT CAVITY FORMATION HAD CEASED LONG AGO.

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FIGHT CRIME DELEGATION DEPARTS FOR THAILAND

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A CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) DELEGATION LEFT FOR THAILAND THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING ON A FIVE-DAY STUDY VISIT.

SPEAKING BEFORE DEPARTURE, DFCC CHAIRMAN AND THE DELEGATION'S LEADER, MR WU CHOR-NAM, POINTED OUT THAT THE STUDY TOUR WAS THE LAST IN A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THE 1989-90 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN.

"WE ARE GOING TO VISIT THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION IN BANGKOK WHERE OFFICIALS WILL BRIEF US ON CRIME PREVENTION ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THEIR STUDENTS," HE SAID.

MR WU SAID THE 20-MEMBER DELEGATION WOULD ALSO VISIT THE THAI METROPOLITAN POLICE BUREAU, THE BANGKOK BANK AND A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS.

"MEMBERS WILL EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH THAI REPRESENTATIVES ON HOW THEIR COMMUNITY BODIES SIMILAR TO OUR DFCC'S ARE HELPING THE POLICE FIGHT CRIME," HE ADDED.

THE DELEGATION COMPRISES 11 DFCC MEMBERS, FOUR COMMUNITY LEADERS, A DISTRICT OFFICE EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND FOUR SECONDARY STUDENTS WHO CAME TOP IN THE RECENT DFCC-ORGANISED GOOD STUDENT AWARD SCHEME.

THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON TUESDAY, APRIL 17.

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DRIER AND BRIGHTER IN MARCH

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WHILE THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF 1990 WERE WET AND HUMID, MARCH WAS DRIER AND BRIGHTER, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE MONTHLY RAINFALL WAS 29.9 MILLIMETRES WHICH WAS 45 PER CENT BELOW THE NORMAL OF 54.8 MILLIMETRES. HOWEVER, THE QUARTERLY TOTAL OF 273.1 MILLIMETRES WAS STILL MORE THAN TWICE THE NORMAL OF 123.6 MILLIMETRES FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

APART FROM THE LAST 10 DAYS OF THE MONTH, THE DAILY MEAN PRESSURE STAYED CONSISTENTLY ON THE HIGH SIDE AS A CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE PREVAILED OVER CHINA. THE MONTHLY MEAN PRESSURE OF 1,018.2 HPA TURNED OUT TO BE THE FIFTH HIGHEST ON RECORD FOR MARCH.

THE COLD NORTHERLY SURGE AT THE END OF FEBRUARY PERSISTED INTO EARLY MARCH. THE FRONTAL CLOUDS LINGERED OVER THE SOUTH CHINA COASTAL AREAS AND BROUGHT FREQUENT DRIZZLE AND LIGHT RAIN FOR THE FIRST COUPLE OF DAYS IN THE MONTH.

PRECIPITATION BECAME LESS FREQUENT ON MARCH 3 AND 4, BUT TEMPERATURE DROPPED FURTHER AS COLD AIR WAS REPLENISHED FROM THE NORTH.

THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 10.8 DEGREES RECORDED ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 5 WAS THE LOWEST FOR THE MONTH. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DRY CONTINENTAL AIR IN HEIGHT CLEARED AWAY MOST OF THE CLOUDS AND GAVE RISE TO SOME SUNNY PERIODS DURING THE DAY.

THE WEATHER WAS EVEN SUNNIER ON MARCH 6, SPOILT ONLY BY SOME LIGHT RAIN LATER IN THE EVENING.

WINDS THEN TURNED EASTERLY ON MARCH 7 AS THE CONTINENTAL ANTICYCLONE MOVED EASTWARDS TO EASTERN CHINA. THE WEATHER ON MARCH 7 AND 8 WAS MAINLY FINE WITH COASTAL MIST AT TIMES.

WITH INCREASED MOISTURE IN THE LOWER ATMOSPHERE, CLOUDIER WEATHER PREVAILED ON MARCH 9 AND 10.

ALTHOUGH A LULL IN THE EASTERLIES GAVE RISE TO LONG PERIODS OF SUNSHINE DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS, VISIBILITY STARTED TO DETERIORATE ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 11. THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS MISTY WITH PERSISTENT FOG OFFSHORE AND FOG INSIDE THE HARBOUR DURING THE MORNING.

THE EASTERLIES FRESHENED AGAIN ON MARCH 13 AND CLOUDY CONDITION RETURNED. AFTER SOME MORNING RAIN ON MARCH 16, THE WEATHER TURNED GENERALLY FINE EXCEPT FOR ANOTHER CLOUDY INTERLUDE ON MARCH 18.

/FROM MARCH

FROM MARCH 22 ONWARDS, THE COOL-SEASON MONSOON WAS RELATIVELY INACTIVE APART FROM TWO INSTALMENTS OF EASTERLIES WHICH ARRIVED ON MARCH 26 AND 30.

PRIOR TO THE FIRST EASTERLY REPLENISHMENT, THE WEATHER WAS WARM AND HUMID WITH BRIGHT PERIODS DURING THE DAY AND LIGHT DRIZZLE IN THE MORNING AND IN THE EVENING.

COASTAL MIST AND FOG PATCHES WERE PREVALENT AND VISIBILITY WAS WORST ON MARCH 24 WHEN MORNING FOG AGAIN AFFECTED INSHORE AREAS.

THE FOLLOWING DAY WAS THE WARMEST IN THE MONTH WHEN TEMPERATURE ROSE TO A MAXIMUM OF 27.8 DEGREES. THE WEATHER THEN TURNED CLOUDY WITH LIGHT RAIN OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

AFTER SOME BRIGHTER PERIODS ON MARCH 28, CLOUDINESS AND SHOWERS INCREASED. RAIN CLOUDS AND THUNDERSTORMS DEVELOPED OVER GUANGXI AND WESTERN GUANGDONG FROM TIME TO TIME AND MOVED EASTWARDS TO AFFECT THE TERRITORY.

AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF MIST AND COASTAL FOG, THE UNSETTLED WEATHER PERSISTED TILL THE END OF THE MONTH WITH THE HEAVIEST RAIN FALLING ON MARCH 30.

DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, NO TROPICAL CYCLONES OCCURRED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS DIVERTED DUE TO POOR VISIBILITY ON THE RUNWAY ON THE MORNING OF MARCH 24.

THUNDERSTORM WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON MARCH 29, 30 AND 31. A YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS IN EFFECT ON MARCH 18. THE ONLY SIGNAL HOISTED DURING THE MONTH WAS AS FOLLOWS:

WEATHER SYSTEM	SIGNAL	DATE AND TIME OF HOISTING	DATE AND TIME OF LOWERING
WINTER MONSOON	STRONG MONSOON	MARCH 26 10.30 PM	MARCH 27 7.35 AM

THE MONTH'S FIGURES AND DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL WERE:

TOTAL BRIGHT SUNSHINE	121.7 HOURS ; 20.3 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DAILY GLOBAL SOLAR RADIATION	12.63 MJ/SQ METRE ; 1.21 MJ/SQ METRE ABOVE NORMAL
TOTAL RAINFALL	29.9 MM ; 24.9 MM BELOW NORMAL
MEAN AMOUNT OF CLOUD	72 PER CENT ; 4 PER CENT LESS THAN NORMAL

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MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY	80 PER CENT ; 2 PER CENT LOWER THAN NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MAXIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	21.3 DEGREES CELSIUS ; NORMAL
MEAN AIR TEMPERATURE	18.5 DEGREES CELSIUS ; NORMAL
MEAN DAILY MINIMUM AIR TEMPERATURE	16.7 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.4 DEGREE CELSIUS ABOVE NORMAL
MEAN DEW POINT	14.8 DEGREES CELSIUS ; 0.2 DEGREE CELSIUS BELOW NORMAL
TOTAL EVAPORATION	71.6 MM ; 24.3 MM BELOW NORMAL

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YUEN LONG CELEBRATIONS FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL
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COLOURFUL CELEBRATIONS, TO BE HIGHLIGHTED BY A GRAND PROCESSION, WILL BE HELD IN YUEN LONG ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18) TO MARK THE TIN HAU SEA GODDESS FESTIVAL.

THE ANNUAL PROCESSION, FIRST HELD IN 1963 AND ORGANISED BY THE SHAP PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, WILL BE PARTICIPATED BY SOME 2,500 PEOPLE FROM 13 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS. IT WILL COMPRISE DRAGON, LION AND UNICORN DANCES; FLOATS; CHIU CHOW GONGS AND DRUMS; AND CHINESE FOLK DANCES.

THE PROCESSION WILL SET OFF FROM THE OLD BUS TERMINUS AT FUNG KAM STREET IN YUEN LONG TOWN EAST AT 10.30 AM. IT WILL THEN WIND ALONG HOP YICK, TAI TONG, KAU YUK AND TAI YUK ROADS BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM FOR THE FINALE.

THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FINALE CELEBRATIONS AT THE STADIUM AT 11 AM.

THE WHOLE PROGRAMME IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BEFORE 1 PM.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FESTIVAL, A DRAW OF TRADITIONAL "FA PAU" WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAI SHU HA, SHAP PAT HEUNG, AT 2.30 PM, WITH THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICERS, MR ROBIN IP, OFFICIATING.

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THE FESTIVAL HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR FISHERFOLK WHO PRAY TO THE SEA GODDESS FOR FAIR WEATHER AND GOOD TIDINGS ALL YEAR ROUND.

IT ORIGINATED IN THE 17TH CENTURY WHEN THE DISTRICT WAS A COASTAL FISHING VILLAGE, AND IS STILL ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS FOR YUEN LONG PEOPLE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL PROCESSION WHICH BEGINS AT 10.30 AM IN YUEN LONG ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 18).

PRESS BADGES FOR THE EVENT ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 30TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH ORGANISATION WILL BE GIVEN ONLY ONE BADGE.

TWO GOVERNMENT VANS FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE MIDDLE ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, NEAR THE Y.M.C.A. AT 8.45 AM ON WEDNESDAY.

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FUNDS FOR SYP ACTIVITIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT CAN NOW APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THIS SUMMER.

"THE ACTIVITIES SHOULD AIM AT CATERING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 AND CARRY THE SYP THEME," A COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY), ADDING THAT THE THEME OF THE PROGRAMME IS 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY'.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT ABERDEEN CENTRE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN ABBA COMMERCIAL BUILDING, LEI TUNG ESTATE, WAH FU ESTATE AND STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 23. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 552 0595.

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CHILD ASSESSMENT CENTRE IN SHA TIN TO BEGIN OPERATION

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THE PAMELA YOUDE CHILD ASSESSMENT CENTRE, LOCATED AT CHAP WAI KON STREET IN SHA TIN, WILL BEGIN OPERATION ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE CENTRE, WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY LADY YOUDE LAST MONTH, WILL PROVIDE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN UP TO 12 YEARS OLD WITH DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS BE THEY PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SENSORY OR EMOTIONAL.

APART FROM ASSESSMENT AND FORMULATION OF REHABILITATION PLANS, THE CENTRE WILL ALSO PROVIDE THERAPY FOR CHILDREN AND COUNSELLING FOR PARENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CENTRE WOULD HANDLE REFERRALS FROM SHA TIN, TAI PO, SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND SHA TAU KOK.

FOR APPOINTMENT, A REFERRAL LETTER, ADDRESSED TO THE CENTRE'S CONSULTANT PAEDIATRICIAN, FROM THE PATIENT'S DOCTOR OR PSYCHOLOGIST SHOULD BE PRODUCED.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 647 7411.

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