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HK JOINS INTERNATIONAL TRADE SEMINAR

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HONG KONG WILL TAKE PART IN AN INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON ASIA-PACIFIC CO-OPERATION IN TOKYO NEXT WEEK.

AT THE INVITATION OF JAPAN EXTERNAL TRADE ORGANISATION (JETRO), THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR ANDREW LEUNG, AND A LEADING LOCAL INDUSTRIALIST, MR HENRY TANG, WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 27 TO DECEMBER 1.

THE SIX-DAY "GLOBAL CONTRIBUTION SEMINAR" IS ORGANISED BY JETRO AND THE JAPAN ECONOMIC FOUNDATION (JEF) AND IS SUPPORTED BY JAPAN'S MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI).

THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO OFFER A FORUM FOR THE ASIA-PACIFIC COUNTRIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON VARIOUS ISSUES CONCERNING THE ECONOMY, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER.

IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THE SEMINAR WILL FACILITATE THE PROMOTION OF INTER-REGIONAL CO-OPERATION IN THE COMING YEARS, LINKING IT WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.

MR LEUNG AND MR TANG WILL BE REPRESENTING HONG KONG'S PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS RESPECTIVELY.

MR LEUNG WILL JOIN THE DISCUSSION SESSIONS ON "CURRENT AND FUTURE ISSUES ON TRADE INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION" AND "THE ASIA-PACIFIC ECONOMY AND ISSUES OF ECONOMIC POLICY: THE PROCESSING STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT AND INDUSTRIAL POLICIES".

THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE SEMINAR INCLUDE THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, KOREA, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND AND BRUNEI.

MR LEUNG SAID HE HOPED HONG KONG CAN RENEW AND EXPAND ITS CONTACTS WITH MITI AND JETRO BY TAKING PART AND SHOWING ITS CONTINUED INTEREST IN SOLICITING JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE LATEST SURVEY ON OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, JAPAN CONTINUES TO BE THE SECOND LARGEST SOURCE OF INVESTMENT, CONTRIBUTING 27 PER CENT OF TOTAL OVERSEAS INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG.

"JAPAN INVESTED MORE IN HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES IN 1988 THAN ANY OTHER INVESTING COUNTRIES.

"IF ITS PRESENT RATE OF INVESTMENT CONTINUES, IT MAY SOON CHALLENGE THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAS BEEN OCCUPYING THE FIRST POSITION FOR YEARS," MR LEUNG SAID.

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LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS RE-APPOINTED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RE-APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, WHOSE MEMBERSHIP WILL EXPIRE AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, FOR ANOTHER TERM OF ONE YEAR FROM DECEMBER 1, 1989.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MR LEO KWAN, SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO PROVIDE A FORMAL COMMUNICATION CHANNEL BETWEEN THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

HE PRAISED THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH HELPED TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME.

"THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE ASSISTED IN CONVEYING MESSAGES ABOUT ANY ACTION TAKEN AND PROPOSALS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE SCHEME TO THE AFFECTED LIVESTOCK FARMERS TO ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCHEME.

"THEY ALSO REFLECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT THE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS EXPRESSED BY THE LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY." HE ADDED.

THE RE-APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ARE AU YIU, CHAN HON-LAM, CHAN KWOK-WAI, CHAN YU-YUK, CHIU YU-PANG, FOK WUI-KO, FUNG CHOI-YUK, LEUNG CHI-WAH, LEUNG CHIK, LI HOI-YUK, LO SHUK-CHING, NG PO-WING, SO WING-HOI, TSE FAI, WONG CHUN-KAU, WONG SUI-FAN, YAU MING-TAK AND THE CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE.

THE COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY MR KWAN, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH ITS SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS, HAS HELD 17 MEETINGS SINCE DECEMBER LAST YEAR. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE CARRIED OUT 15 VISITS TO PRIVATE FARMS TAKING PART IN THE DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS ON LIVESTOCK WASTE TREATMENT METHODS TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THESE PROJECTS.

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RENT OFFICER SCHEME HANDLES OVER 14,500 ENQUIRIES

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MORE THAN 14,500 PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON TENANCY MATTERS WERE DEALT WITH UNDER THE RENT OFFICERS SCHEME DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

OF THESE, THE MOST COMMON PROBLEMS WERE RECOVERY OF PREMISES, EVICTION OF TENANTS, LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IN TENANCY DISPUTES, AND THE USE AND COMPLETION OF TENANCY FORMS.

UNDER THE SCHEME, RENT OFFICERS FROM THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT ARE ON DUTY AT SPECIFIC DISTRICT OFFICES TO ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON TENANCY MATTERS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICES PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES ARE CENTRAL AND WESTERN, EASTERN, SOUTHERN, WAN CHAI, KOWLOON CITY, KWUN TONG, MONG KOK, SHAM SHUI PO, WONG TAI SIN, YAU TSIM, KWAI TSING, TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SEEK ADVICE OR OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE 67 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OR THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI, OR TELEPHONE THE SECTION ON 5-8351510.

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NEW HARBOUR CROSSING A BOON FOR KWUN TONG

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THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING AND THE COMPLETION OF ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS WILL HAVE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS ON THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THE COMPLETION OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, TOGETHER WITH THE OPENING OF THE JUNK BAY TUNNEL AT THE END OF 1990 AND THE COMPLETION OF THE TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL AND THE PHASES II AND III OF THE KWUN TONG BYPASS, WOULD PLACE KWUN TONG AT THE CENTRE OF A CIRCULAR TRAFFIC NETWORK, AND WOULD BOOST THE DISTRICT'S COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS," MR LAN SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

MR LAN SAID CONCERN THAT THE OPENING OF THE NEW CROSSING WOULD WORSEN THE TRAFFIC SITUATION IN KWUN TONG HAD NOT MATERIALISED.

ON THE CONTRARY, TRAFFIC CONGESTION HAD EASED ON THE COMPLETION OF ASSOCIATED ROAD WORKS.

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HE NOTED THAT KWUN TONG WAS A FAST-DEVELOPING AREA, WHERE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WOULD INCLUDE A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING WITH A COMMERCIAL CENTRE ON TOP OF THE LAM TIN MTR STATION, A BIG PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE AT CHA KWO LING AND REDEVELOPMENT WORKS AT TSUI PING AND LAM TIN ESTATES.

THE REDEVELOPMENT WORKS WOULD BE EXTENDED TO COVER KO CHIU ROAD, YAU TONG AND SAU MAU PING ESTATES.

"WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS, MORE PUBLIC FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENT, KWUN TONG WILL BECOME A MORE PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY HOME TO RESIDENTS," HE SAID.

ON THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL, MR LAN SAID MORE THAN 30 DIFFERENT EVENTS WOULD BE HELD IN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES AND FROM DIFFERENT WALKS OF LIFE.

HE SAID MAKING THE FESTIVAL A SUCCESS OWED MUCH TO THE GENEROUS DONATIONS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE DISTRICT, AND TO THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THE FESTIVAL WAS THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION IN THE PREPARATION WORK FOR THE FESTIVAL BY THE 15 AREA COMMITTEES. THEY WOULD ALSO HOLD SPECIAL EVENTS IN THEIR AREAS IN SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL IN ORDER TO BRING THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE TO EVERY CORNER OF THE DISTRICT, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING, THE PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '90 ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LO CHING-HO, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MADAM YEUNG KAM-CHUN, THANKED ALL THOSE WHO HAD ASSISTED IN ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL, AND CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE VARIOUS EVENTS.

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MORE CULTURAL VENUES FOR EASTERN DISTRICT

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THE SAI WAN HO COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE AND THE CAUSEWAY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHICH ARE DUE TO OPEN SHORTLY, WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL VENUES FOR DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS TO STAGE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE OPENING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS FESTIVAL IN VICTORIA PARK.

HE SAID THE NEW VENUES WOULD OFFER A GREATER SCOPE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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THE ARTS FESTIVAL, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER 3, IS BEING JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL, THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

MR FUNG SAID CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FORMED AN INTEGRAL PART OF EVERYDAY LIFE, PROVIDING A DRIVING FORCE FOR BETTER LIVING.

SUCH ACTIVITIES ALSO REFLECTED THE CULTURAL STANDARD OF SOCIETY, HE SAID, AND THUS CULTURAL LIFE WAS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO FAST-DEVELOPING HONG KONG.

MR FUNG PRAISED THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARTS COUNCIL FOR VIGOROUSLY PROMOTING ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE DISTRICT SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1985.

IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, A VARIETY OF CULTURAL PROGRAMMES WILL BE OFFERED FOR RESIDENTS, INCLUDING A FILM SHOW, A CONCERT BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHOIR, CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE AND AN ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE.

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ROAD SAFETY PLEA BY DISTRICT OFFICER

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DUNCAN PESCOD, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN THE PROMOTION OF ROAD SAFETY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN CARNIVAL AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND, MR PESCOD URGED RESIDENTS TO ASSIST IN PUBLICISING ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC MISHAPS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WERE SOMETIMES UNAVOIDABLE IN A BUSY PLACE SUCH AS THE DENSELY-POPULATED KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT.

NOTING THAT THE DISTRICT IS SITUATED AT THE CENTRE OF A BUSY TRAFFIC SYSTEM, NORTH TO THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AND SOUTH TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL, MR PESCOD SAID A CAMPAIGN WAS NEEDED TO FOCUS LOCAL PEOPLE'S ATTENTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING A CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION, A COLOURING COMPETITION, AN EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR THE ELDERLY, A MODEL PEDESTRIAN ELECTION AND A ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION, HAD ALREADY BEEN HELD IN THE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN, HE SAID.

"AS THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES INVOLVING THE ELDERLY IS COMPARATIVELY HIGH, MOTORISTS SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO ELDERLY PEOPLE USING THE ROAD," HE ADDED.

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ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR DAVID DEPTFORD; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR CHAN CHI-KWAN; AND KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHIANG SAI-CHEONG.

THE CARNIVAL ATTRACTED MORE THAN 3,000 LOCAL RESIDENTS.

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FREE EYE CHECK-UP FOR ELDERLY IN NORTH DISTRICT
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ABOUT 300 ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN FANLING AND TA KWU LING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT WERE GIVEN FREE EYE CHECK-UPS BY OPTOMETRISTS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING.

ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON ELDERLY ACTIVITIES WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT EDUCATING SENIOR RESIDENTS ON PROPER EYE CARE.

TODAY'S PROGRAMME INCLUDED A SEMINAR ON EYE CARE AND AN EXHIBITION ON THE PREVENTION OF CATARACT.

SIMILAR EYE CHECK-UPS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR 300 SENIOR RESIDENTS IN SHEUNG SHUI AND SHA TAU KOK ON NOVEMBER 26 IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL IN SHEUNG SHUI.

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ATHLETIC MEET HELPS COMMUNITY BUILDING
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IT IS HOPED THAT PEOPLE LIVING IN SAI KUNG - LONG TIME RESIDENTS AS WELL AS NEWCOMERS - WOULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS. THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LISA CHAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S ATHLETIC MEET.

MISS CHAN SAID AS MORE AND MORE URBAN PEOPLE MOVED INTO THE AREA, SPORTS GATHERINGS COULD HOPEFULLY TURN INTO "GETTING TO KNOW YOU" OCCASIONS.

THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

ABOUT 200 PARTICIPANTS FROM VARIOUS SCHOOLS, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS COMPETED IN 48 EVENTS, WHICH INCLUDED HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, SHOT-PUT, DISCUS THROWING, JAVELIN THROWING, RELAY AND HURDLE RACES.

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SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN TSUEN WAN

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A SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT FOR TENANTS AND OWNERS OF SELECTED BUILDINGS IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 21) EVENING.

ORGANISED BY A DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEMS OF OLD PRIVATE BUILDINGS.

A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS AT HO PUI STREET HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY THE WORKING GROUP FOR A PILOT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

THE SEMINAR WILL BEGIN AT 8.30 PM IN THE ANCILLARY HALL OF THE CHUEN YUEN CHURCH, 2-4 TAI UK STREET, TSUEN WAN.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE TSUEN WAN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE GUEST SPEAKERS.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS

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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO BRUSH UP THEIR BUILDING MANAGEMENT KNOWLEDGE BY JOINING A BUILDING MANAGEMENT FORERUNNERS SCHEME BEING ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE SCHEME, COMPRISING TALKS, A VISIT AND A SEMINAR, WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 7 AND 8. IT WILL FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IS OPEN TO OFFICE BEARERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

RESIDENTS WISHING TO JOIN THE SCHEME MAY CONTACT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 3-7110171 EXT. 50.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS KEEP CLEAN CAMPAIGN ON ISLANDS
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THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DETAILED PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE CAMPAIGN TO BE HELD IN JANUARY WILL INCLUDE CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES AT THE EIGHT RURAL AREAS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT. A SLOGAN COMPETITION TO PUBLICISE THE CAMPAIGN WAS HELD LAST MONTH AND A TOTAL OF 70 ENTRIES WERE RECEIVED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP TO BE HELD AT METHODIST SILVERMINE BAY CENTRE, MUI WO FROM DECEMBER 1 TO 3. THIS WILL BE A DISTRICT ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE YOUTH FESTIVAL.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROPOSED ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD NEWSLETTER AND THE ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BEGIN AT 2.15 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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INSTRUCTORS' HONORARIUMS UNDER STUDY
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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL, AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 21), STUDY A PAPER ON THE SCALE OF HONORARIUMS FOR INSTRUCTORS OF TRAINING AND INTEREST CLASSES RUN BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO LOOK INTO THE SCALE OF REMUNERATION FOR PART-TIME STAFF ENGAGED IN RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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ALSO, THEY WILL CONSIDER 24 APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS BY VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 21) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

ELDERLY SERVICES REACH A FAIRLY HIGH STANDARD

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HONG KONG'S ELDERLY SERVICES HAVE REACHED A FAIRLY HIGH STANDARD WITH THE PROVISION OF A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR KWOK KA-CHI, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A FUNCTION FOR THE ELDERLY IN CHEUNG CHAU, MR KWOK SAID THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAD MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO PROVIDE AND DEVELOP ELDERLY SERVICES TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS.

"HONG KONG IS EXPERIENCING A GROWING ELDERLY POPULATION. ACCORDING TO THE 1986 BY-CENSUS, 11.6 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION WERE OVER THE AGE OF 60.

"IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IN 2001, ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL ACCOUNT FOR 15.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION." HE SAID.

MR KWOK POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD BE MOST IDEAL FOR THE ELDERLY TO LIVE WITH AND BE TAKEN CARE OF BY THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS.

"TO ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST FAMILIES TO LOOK AFTER THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS, A RANGE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED." MR KWOK SAID.

"THESE INCLUDE COMMUNITY NURSING CARE, DAY CARE CENTRES, HOME HELP SERVICE AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY."

ON THE OTHER HAND, RESIDENTIAL SERVICES WERE ALSO PROVIDED FOR THOSE IN NEED, INCLUDING COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING, HOSTELS, HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES, HE SAID.

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"IN ADDITION. THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW CARRYING OUT AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT TO BUY PLACES FROM PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY WHICH CAN MEET OUR REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

"THE AIM OF THE PROJECT IS TO ENCOURAGE OPERATORS TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF SERVICES TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL." HE SAID.

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ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE LAND SPORTS SAFETY MESSAGES
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HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE TODAY (SUNDAY) TOOK PART IN THE 1989 LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY IN THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SAFE WAY IN PURSUING VARIOUS LAND SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY IN OUTDOOR PURSUITS, THE LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY AIMED TO DISSEMINATE THE PLAY SAFE MESSAGE THROUGH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HIKING, ROCK CLIMBING, ORIENTEERING AND TENT CAMPING TRAINING BY VARIOUS SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

OTHER ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A MOUNTAIN RESCUE DEMONSTRATION, A QUIZ AND DISPLAYS AT THE PO LEUNG KUK HOLIDAY CAMP.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI, SAID MORE AND MORE PEOPLE NOW SPENT THEIR LEISURE TIME ON WALKING, HIKING AND CAMPING. AS A RESULT THE CHANCES OF ACCIDENTS HAD BECOME GREATER.

NOTING THAT MANY OF THESE ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF SOME BASIC SAFETY PRECAUTIONS HAD BEEN OBSERVED, MR CHUI URGED PARTICIPANTS IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO DEVELOP A HABIT OF TAKING THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE SPORTS.

HE HOPED THE LEAFLET ON THE SAFETY CODES FOR VARIOUS LAND SPORTS PUBLISHED BY THE WORKING PARTY OF THE 1989 LAND SPORTS SAFETY DAY WOULD PROVIDE USEFUL GUIDELINES FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

ALSO TAKING PART IN TODAY'S EVENT WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS.

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SINGAPORE POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES VISIT HK

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FOUR JUNIOR POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE POLICE HAVE VISITED HONG KONG TO STUDY THE WELFARE FACILITIES AND WORKING CONDITIONS OF THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE.

THE DELEGATION, LED BY MR LIM AH SOON, PRESIDENT OF THE JPOA, STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR FIVE DAYS.

"POLICE WORK IN SINGAPORE HAS BECOME MORE DEMANDING AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASE OF POPULATION, HIGH EXPECTATION FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND SPECIALISATION PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE." MR LIM SAID.

"KNOWING THE STRESS, WE FEEL THAT THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS WHO ARE USUALLY THE FRONT LINE MEN IN MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER, SHOULD BE ENTITLED TO HAVE GOOD SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

"WE ARE GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH MORALE OF THE MEMBERS IN THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE AND EVERYONE WE HAVE MET HAS BEEN HELPFUL AND COURTEOUS.

"THE RATIONALE BEHIND OUR VISIT IS TO LEARN SOMETHING FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE IN ORDER TO BOOST THE MORALE OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

"ALTHOUGH POLICE OFFICERS ARE BETTER PAID THAN OTHER DISCIPLINES IN OUR CIVIL SERVICE, WE ALSO EXPERIENCE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING NEW OFFICERS.

"WE HAVE FOUND THAT PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE WELFARE FACILITIES AND GOOD WORKING CONDITIONS OF SERVICE CAN HELP TO BUILD UP THE UNIQUE SENSE OF BELONGING IN A DISCIPLINED ESTABLISHMENT.

"THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE HAS BEEN REGARDED AS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN THESE ASPECTS AND SETS A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR US TO FOLLOW SUIT."

WITH RESPECT TO THE MANAGEMENT STYLE OF THE CLUB HOUSES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, MR LIM APPRECIATED THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARD ATTAINED.

"WE ARE NOW TRYING TO IMPLEMENT A CORPORATE MANAGEMENT STYLE AND ALLOW PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE TO RUN THE CLUB HOUSES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE QUALITY SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES TO OUR MEMBERS." HE SAID.

VISITS TO THE WELFARE BRANCH HEADQUARTERS, PERSONNEL BRANCH, STAFF RELATIONS UNIT, POLICE OFFICERS' CLUB, POLICE SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB, FORCE CATERING UNIT, HOLIDAY HOMES AND KAI TAK DISCIPLINED SERVICES SPORT CENTRE WERE INCLUDED IN THE VISITORS' ITINERARY.

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THEY MET MR GEOFF ROPER. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL: MR DAVID LOW. CHIEF FORCE WELFARE OFFICER: MR TSUI WAI-CHUN. CHAIRMAN OF THE JUNIOR POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION: AND OTHER PERSONNEL OF THE FORCE TO DISCUSS THE ORGANISATION OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE. WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY DEVELOPMENT. STAFF RELATION MATTERS. MANAGEMENT OF CLUB HOUSES AND THE FORCE CATERING ORGANISATION.

THE SINGAPORE GROUP - COMPLETED BY MESSRS SINGARAM KALIDAS, DAVID NG AND GEORGE MATHEWS - SENT THEIR COMPLIMENTS TO THE FORCE BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG. MR LIM SAID "WE EXPRESS OUR HEARTY GRATITUDE TO THE OFFICERS FOR THEIR WARM HOSPITALITY DURING OUR VISIT".

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