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GOVERNOR'S FAREWELL VISIT TO CHINA

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THE GOVERNOR, LORD WILSON, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) HIS VISIT TO BEIJING WAS A CHANCE TO SAY FAREWELL TO A NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE THAT HE HAD BEEN DEALING WITH OVER HONG KONG AFFAIRS FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, LORD WILSON SAID HE WAS ALSO LOOKING FORWARD TO SAILING DOWN THE YANGTZE RIVER DURING A PRIVATE VISIT.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD DISCUSS THE AIRPORT ISSUE WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, LORD WILSON SAID HE HOPED TO DEAL IN A GENERAL WAY WITH ANY ISSUES THAT ARE CURRENT AT THE MOMENT.

"THE AIRPORT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO GET ON WITH AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN; THERE IS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES WHICH SAYS THAT WE SHOULD BE GETTING ON WITH IT," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID DETAILED ISSUES OF THE AIRPORT SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN BODIES LIKE THE AIRPORT COMMITTEE.

"I THINK THERE IS A DEGREE OF URGENCY IN GETTING ON WITH THE WHOLE PROJECT IF WE'RE GOING TO CARRY OUT OUR OBLIGATION, WHICH IS TO COMPLETE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BEFORE 1997; THAT'S WHAT WE WANT TO DO AND IN ORDER TO GET AHEAD WITH THAT, WE WANT REASONABLY SOON TO HAVE GOTTEN AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK FOR IT," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD DISCUSS THE 1995 ELECTIONS, LORD WILSON SAID: "WE'VE SAID THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AT THE RIGHT TIME, BECAUSE WE WANT TO SEE THAT WE CAN GET THE MAXIMUM OF CONTINUITY THROUGH 1997."

"BUT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT'S GOING TO COME UP LATER; THAT'S NOT SOMETHING FOR ME TO DISCUSS DURING THIS PARTICULAR VISIT," HE ADDED.

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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS TO VISIT BEIJING

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A SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD DELEGATION LEFT FOR BEIJING AND GUANGDONG THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING ON AN EIGHT-DAY STUDY TOUR.

LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOY WAI-SHEK, AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALAN FUNG, THE DELEGATION COMPRISES 11 DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

/"THE OBJECTIVE

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THE TOUR IS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS ON HONG KONG'S DISTRICT CONSULTATIVE BODIES, POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, LAW AND ORDER, AS WELL AS ECONOMIC AND TRADE DEVELOPMENTS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THE VISIT WILL ENABLE MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN BEIJING AND GUANGZHOU," MR CHOY SAID.

IN BEIJING, THE DELEGATION WILL MEET OFFICIALS OF THE HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE.

THE PARTY WILL ALSO VISIT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND TRADE, THE PEOPLE'S CONGRESS AND PEOPLE'S POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE IN CHAO YANG DISTRICT.

ON JUNE 12, THE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE AT GUANGZHOU WHERE THEY WILL MEET OFFICIALS OF THE GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT.

THE DELEGATION WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON JUNE 14 (SUNDAY).

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HEALTH COURSE FOR TEACHERS

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BIOLOGY AND HUMAN BIOLOGY TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A FIVE HALF-DAY TRAINING COURSE ON HEALTH MATTERS INCLUDING AIDS, DRUG ABUSE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH.

IT IS HOPED THAT THE COURSE, TO BE HELD FROM JUNE 22 TO 26, WILL HELP TEACHERS ORGANISE PROMOTION ACTIVITIES ON HEALTH EDUCATION.

AIMED AT UPDATING AND BROADENING TEACHERS' KNOWLEDGE ON HEALTH AND DISEASES, THE COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

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SEARCH ON FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP PROBATIONERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED RESIDENTS INTERESTED TO HELP IN THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO JUNE 20.

THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME WAS SET UP IN 1976 TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO HELP OFFENDERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

/"THE VOLUNTEERS

"THE VOLUNTEERS ARE EXPECTED TO HELP PROBATIONERS IN ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE NO PROFESSIONAL SKILLS," HE SAID.

THE RANGE OF SERVICES INCLUDE HELPING PROBATIONERS IN SCHOOL WORK, GUIDING THEM IN THE PROPER USE OF LEISURE TIME AND DIRECTING THEIR INTEREST INTO WHOLESOME SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE VOLUNTEERS ALSO CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIP WITH PROBATIONERS WHO LACK FAMILY SUPPORT, AND SHARE EXPERIENCE WITH THEM.

THE VOLUNTEERS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD, OF SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION LEVEL AND MATURE IN PERSONALITY.

"NEWLY RECRUITED VOLUNTEERS WILL BE TRAINED BEFORE STARTING THEIR SERVICES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FORMER PARTICIPANTS OF THE SCHEME ARE WELCOME TO APPLY AGAIN.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE FOR THE SCHEME ON 19/F, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY; PROBATION OFFICES ATTACHED TO THE MAGISTRACIES; COMMUNITY CENTRES AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE ON TEL 895 4190.

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TIME IS RIPE TO VISIT NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE

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FOR NATURE LOVERS, THE ORCHARDS OF THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE IN SAI KUNG ARE AT THEIR VERY BEST SETTING TO GREET THEM THIS TIME OF THE YEARS.

VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE HOW THE TREES COME INTO BLOOM AND YIELD FRUITS. THEY CAN ALSO FEEL THE FRAGRANCE OF NATURE WHILE STROLLING ABOUT IN THE CITROUS ORCHARD, THE LYCHEE ORCHARD AND BANANA GROVES.

LOCATED ON A 16.5-HECTARE SITE IN TSIU HANG, SAI KUNG, THE EDUCATION CENTRE, RUN BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, WILL CELEBRATE ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW (JUNE 8).

"MORE THAN 316,000 VISITORS HAVE VISITED THE CENTRE DURING THE FIRST YEAR," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"WITH ITS NUMEROUS ATTRACTIONS INCLUDING THREE EXHIBITION HALLS ON FISHERIES, AGRICULTURE AND COUNTRY PARKS; AND ARBORETUM; PLENTIFUL SPECIES OF FRUIT TREES IN THE ORCHARDS; AND CHINESE HERBAL GARDEN AND A WIDE SELECTION OF FIELD CROPS, THE CENTRE PROVES TO BE A VERY POPULAR PLACE FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

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"IT IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO YOUTHS AND STUDENTS BECAUSE OF ITS EDUCATIONAL VALUE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE CENTRE IS UNIQUE IN HONG KONG AS IT PROMOTES NATURE EDUCATION, FIELD STUDIES, A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HONG KONG'S WILDLIFE, VEGETATION, NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE PRIMARY INDUSTRIES IN THE TERRITORY.

BUILDING ON A SITE FORMERLY USED AS A GOVERNMENT FARM SET UP IN THE 50S FOR DEMONSTRATING FARMING AND FRUIT GROWING TECHNIQUES TO FARMERS, THE CENTRE WAS DESIGNATED AS A SPECIAL AREA IN 1987 FOR ITS CONSERVATION VALUE AND POTENTIAL IN NATURE EDUCATION.

FACILITIES IN THE FARM WERE UPGRADED AND NEW FACILITIES ADDED IN AFTER ITS OFFICIAL OPENING IN JUNE 1991.

NATURE LOVERS WHO VISIT THE CENTRE DURING THIS SEASON WILL FIND OVER 40 SPECIES OF TREES AND SHRUBS INCLUDING LOCAL CAMELLIAS AND RHODODENDRONS WHICH ARE PLANTS FIRST DISCOVERED IN HONG KONG.

IN THE ORCHARDS ARE A WIDE VARIETY OF FRUITS INCLUDING JACK-FRUIT, SAPODILLA, PERISMMON, AND WHITE OLIVE.

IN THE PAST YEAR, TWO ATTRACTIONS WERE ADDED INTO THE CENTRE. THEY WERE THE INTERESTING PLANT CORNERS AND THE GRASSES CORNER.

OTHER FACILITIES BEING PLANNED ARE A CAFETERIA AND AN INSECTARIUM.

THE CENTRE IS OPEN DAILY FROM 9.30 AM TO 5 PM EXCEPT TUESDAY. NO ADVANCE BOOKING IS REQUIRED.

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BUILDING CONTROL BOOKLET ON SALE

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A FULL-COLOUR PUBLICATION, "BUILDING CONTROL IN HONG KONG", PREPARED BY THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT IS ON SALE AGAIN AFTER THE FIRST BATCH WAS SOLD OUT RECENTLY.

THE BILINGUAL BOOKLET PROVIDES THE PROFESSIONALS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH AN OVERALL PICTURE OF THE BUILDING CONTROL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG AND THE ROLE OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AS THE EXECUTOR OF THE SYSTEM.

TO BETTER SERVE BUYERS, THE RE-PRINTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT \$40 PER COPY FROM TWO MORE OUTLETS IN ADDITION TO THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THEY ARE THE SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE, BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT, 14/F, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE KOWLOON MAP SALES SECTION, 382 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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FUNDS FOR CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

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THE NORTH DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE WILL PROVIDE FUNDING FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY BODIES TO ORGANISE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES THIS YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN SAID UP TO \$4,000 WOULD BE GRANTED TO EACH PROJECT, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE, STYLE AND CONTENT.

HOWEVER, APPLICATION FOR MORE FUNDING WOULD BE CONSIDERED, HE SAID.

THIS YEAR, THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF \$55,000 FOR THE CIVIC EDUCATION ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE SCHEME HAD PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL LAST YEAR, WITH A TOTAL OF \$35,000 SPENT ON 12 ACTIVITIES.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE ON 3/F, NORTH DISTRICT GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 3 PIK FUNG ROAD, FANLING.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS JULY 6.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 675 1584.

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