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MORE APPEAL OVER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE
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THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD RECEIVED 69 APPEALS AGAINST THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION ON ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN THE YEAR 1984-85, ACCORDING TO THE BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF SIX APPEALS (9.5 PER CENT) WHEN COMPARED WITH THE FIGURES FOR THE PRECEDING YEAR.

THE REPORT SHOWED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE APPEALS RELATED TO DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, ACCOUNTING FOR 52 CASES.

THE OTHERS WERE CONNECTED WITH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, OLD AGE ALLOWANCE AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE.

THE BOARD, COMPRISING FOUR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CONSIDERING APPEALS FROM THE PUBLIC IN RESPECT OF SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS.

SEVENTY APPEALS WERE HEARD DURING THE YEAR, INCLUDING 17 BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE PRECEDING YEAR.

THE BOARD CONFIRMED THE DECISIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN 39 CASES AND VARIED THEM IN 31 CASES.

THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS CONTINUED TO BE ONE OF THE IMPORTANT ROLES OF THE BOARD.

+THESE COMPLAINTS DO NOT NECESSARILY BECOME APPEALS BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS OF SOME OF THE COMPLAINANTS MAY BE SOLVED AFTER EXPLANATION BY THE STAFF OF THE BOARD OR BY A REVIEW OF THE CASE BY A SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT,+ THE REPORT SAID.

DURING THE YEAR, 161 COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED AS AGAINST 142 IN THE PRECEDING YEAR. OF THESE, 95 WERE SETTLED, SEVEN WERE REFERRED FOR ACTION WHILE 59 EVENTUALLY BECAME APPEALS.

THE BOARD ALSO MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICES.

IT NOTED THAT UNDER THE CURRENT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME, AN ABLE-BODIED UNEMPLOYED PERSON HAS TO REGISTER AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND CALL AT THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT IN PERSON EVERY MONTH TO DECLARE HIS EMPLOYMENT STATUS IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR CASH ASSISTANCE.

SUCH REQUIREMENTS CAN BY RELAXED FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 55 TO 59, THE BOARD SUGGESTED. FOR EXAMPLE, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO REPORT TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT ONCE EVERY MONTH TO DECLARE THEIR EMPLOYMENT STATUS, THEY MIGHT ONLY BE REQUIRED TO CALL AT THE OFFICE ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS.

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IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CASES WHERE DISPUTES AROSE OVER THE AMOUNT OF OVERPAYMENT TO BE RECOVERED. THE BOARD SAW A NEED FOR THE STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO GIVE, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, DETAILED EXPLANATIONS TO APPLICANTS ON THE CAUSE OF OVERPAYMENT AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATION BEFORE ATTEMPTS WERE MADE TO ASK FOR A REFUND.

ACCORDING TO EXISTING POLICY, THE PAYMENT OF SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE ALWAYS COMMENCES ON THE DATE OF APPLICATION.

IN ORDER TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS, THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SHOULD INCLUDE A CLAUSE IN THE PAMPHLET ENTITLED '+THE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE SCHEME+' TO SPECIFY THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE ALLOWANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID THE DEPARTMENT WELCOMED THE SUGGESTIONS MADE AND THAT ACTION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN. BEGINNING FROM OCTOBER 1985, THOSE ABLE-BODIED UNEMPLOYED APPLICANTS AGED BETWEEN 56 TO 59, WHO HAVE ALREADY REGISTERED WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS AND STILL REMAINED UNEMPLOYED, NEED TO REPORT TO THE FIELD UNIT ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS INSTEAD OF EVERY MONTH.

AS REGARD TO OVERPAYMENT CASES, THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO GIVE DETAILED EXPLANATIONS OF THE CAUSE OF OVERPAYMENT AND THE METHOD OF CALCULATION TO THE APPLICANTS.

ALSO, THE PAMPHLET ENTITLED '+SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE SCHEME+' HAS BEEN REVISED RECENTLY TO INCLUDE A CLAUSE SPECIFYING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE PAYMENT OF AN ALLOWANCE.

APPEALS CAN BE MADE AT THE OFFICE OF THE APPEAL BOARD AT 7TH FLOOR, PACIFIC HOUSE, 20-20B QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, OR THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SECTION AT 15 WATSON ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, VICTORIA CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY, OR AT ANY OF ITS 31 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS.

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VALUE OF HALFWAY HOUSES STRESSED * * * *

HALFWAY HOUSES PROVIDE A FAVOURABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS AND HELP TO PREVENT RELAPSE, MR LOK MAN-PAN, REGIONAL OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WONG TAI SIN-SAI KUNG JOINT EXHIBITION ON REHABILITATION SERVICES, MR LOK SAID THAT SOME EX-MENTAL PATIENTS REQUIRED HELP IN RE-INTEGRATING INTO SOCIETY, AND SHOULD NOT BE SENT STRAIGHT BACK TO THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THEIR PROBLEMS DEVELOPED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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+ IN THE INTEREST OF THESE EX-PATIENTS AS WELL AS THE PUBLIC, THERE IS A NEED TO SET UP HALFWAY HOUSES,+ HE SAID.

HALFWAY HOUSES ARE MANNED ROUND THE CLOCK BY TRAINED PERSONNEL, AND AN IMPROVED MANNING RATIO HAD RECENTLY BEEN APPROVED FOR THESE HOUSES.

EX-MENTAL PATIENTS REQUIRED A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN AND SYMPATHY FROM THE COMMUNITY, BUT IN MANY INSTANCES THEY DID NOT RECEIVE AS MUCH ATTENTION WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED AND THE ELDERLY.

HE CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO HELP THESE EX-PATIENTS RE-ESTABLISH THEIR CONFIDENCE AND INDEPENDENCE.

TURNING TO REHABILITATION IN GENERAL, MR LOK SAID THERE WERE 14 GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED REHABILITATION ORGANISATIONS IN WONG TAI SIN AND SAI KUNG.

HE SAID THAT THE WONG TAI SIN-SAI KUNG DISTRICT REHABILITATION SERVICES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WHICH ORGANISED THE EXHIBITION, AIMED TO INTRODUCE TO RESIDENTS THE SERVICES OF THESE ORGANISATIONS, THUS GAINING THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOUNTED AT FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS TO RESIDENTS AS FOLLOWS:

WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE 104 CHING TAK STREET, WONG TAI SIN	JANUARY 18-20
CHOI WAN SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND HOSTEL BOON YUET HOUSE, CHOI WAN ESTATE	JANUARY 21-23
C.N. BOSTIC CENTRE FOR THE BLIND ON HAY HOUSE, TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE	JANUARY 24-27
HONG KONG RECREATION CLUB FOR THE DEAF KAM HON HOUSE, CHOI HUNG ESTATE	JANUARY 28-FEBRUARY 2

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PUBLIC SUPPORT BASIS FOR ANTI-SMOKING EFFORT
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PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON SMOKING AND ON TOBACCO PROMOTION WOULD NEED TO HAVE A BROAD BASE OF POPULAR SUPPORT IF THEY WERE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, TOLD THE INTERNATIONAL UNION AGAINST CANCER-HONG KONG ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY CONFERENCE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

HE SAID THAT CARE HAD THEREFORE TO BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT ANY NEW MEASURES CHOSEN WERE LIKELY TO BE SEEN BY THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AS REASONABLE AND SENSIBLE IN THE INTERESTS OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

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ADDRESSING THE CONFERENCE ON +STRATEGIES ON SMOKING CONTROL+, MR CHAMBERS SAID THESE WERE THE PRINCIPLES WHICH INFLUENCED DECISIONS ON MEASURES TAKEN IN THE PAST.

+TOBACCO SMOKING IS NOT AN EASY SUBJECT FOR A BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT TO HANDLE,+ HE SAID.

+BECAUSE SMOKING IS A PERSONAL HABIT, ATTITUDES TO IT VARY CONSIDERABLY.

+AN ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN, UNLIKE THE ANTI-NARCOTICS OR THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, IS NECESSARILY CONTROVERSIAL BECAUSE NOT EVERYBODY AGREES WITH ITS AIMS.+

ALL ASPECTS OF THE ANTI-SMOKING LEGISLATION, INCLUDING RESTRICTIONS ON TOBACCO ADVERTISING OTHER THAN THROUGH THE BROADCASTING MEDIA, HAD BEEN EXAMINED BY A WORKING GROUP LAST YEAR, HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER THE CASE FOR AMENDING SUCH LEGISLATION ONCE THE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF TOBACCO ADVERTISING ON TELEVISION AND RADIO HAD BEEN RESOLVED.

+MUCH OF THE PRESENT DEBATE ABOUT NEW MEASURES TO CONTROL THE PROMOTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS CENTRES ON THE RECENT RECOMMENDATION BY THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD, WHICH HAS BEEN LOOKING AT THE WHOLE QUESTION OF THE FUTURE OF TELEVISION AND RADIO SERVICES IN HONG KONG, FOR A COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF TOBACCO ADVERTISING ON TELEVISION AND RADIO.

+THE VIEWS OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND OF THE PUBLIC AT LARGE HAVE BEEN SOUGHT AND ARE NOW BEING STUDIED,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID. THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION ON THIS RECOMMENDATION, HE ADDED, WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THE DIRECTION OF POLICY IN THIS AREA.

HE SAID THAT, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD, MEANWHILE, ALSO CONTINUE ITS OWN EFFORTS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE HEALTH HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH SMOKING, AND \$350 000 WOULD BE ALLOCATED THIS YEAR TO A MAJOR ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN.

+WE CANNOT OF COURSE HOPE TO COMPETE WITH THE ESTIMATED \$120 MILLION SPENT BY THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY ON THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION OF ITS OWN PRODUCTS IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MUCH HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN RECENT YEARS AND THE GOVERNMENT MIGHT CLAIM THAT IT HAD FULFILLED ITS BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF INFORMING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT SMOKING WAS HAZARDOUS TO HEALTH AND ENSURING THAT NON-SMOKERS ENJOYED A MEASURE OF PROTECTION IN MOST PUBLIC PLACES.

+THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW THE CASE FOR NEW ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES,+ HE SAID.

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WARNING THAT THE ISSUES PRESENTED BY SMOKING WERE CONTINUALLY CHANGING, HE SAID: +WE MUST BEAR IN MIND THAT THERE IS A RICH AND POWERFUL INDUSTRY WHICH IS DETERMINED TO ENSURE THAT THE GAINS MADE IN RECENT YEARS ARE REVERSED.+

RECALLING THE WORK DONE BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THIS AREA IN THE PAST, MR CHAMBERS NOTED THAT THERE WAS A 39 PER CENT DECLINE IN PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF CIGARETTES BETWEEN 1980 AND 1984 SUPPORTING THE DOWNWARD TREND OF THE NUMBER OF DAILY SMOKERS BORNE OUT BY SURVEYS.

THE LATEST SURVEY CONDUCTED IN JULY 1984 ESTIMATED THAT THE NUMBER OF DAILY SMOKERS HAD DECLINED BY 144 000 OR 16 PER CENT FROM THE LEVEL OF TWO YEARS PREVIOUSLY.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DAILY SMOKERS, AT 745 000 OR 18.7 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER, REMAINED LOW BY WORLD STANDARDS, AND THERE WERE PARTICULARLY LOW INCIDENCES OF SMOKING AMONG WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, MR CHAMBERS SAID.

HOWEVER, DEATHS FROM LUNG CANCER CONTINUED TO RISE. IN 1984, 2 128 PEOPLE IN HONG KONG DIED FROM LUNG CANCER, AN INCREASE OF OVER 16 PER CENT ON THE FIGURE OF FOUR YEARS PREVIOUSLY, THOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SOME LEVELLING OFF IN THE NUMBER WHO DIED FROM ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE.

+AS WE KNOW, IT TAKES SEVERAL YEARS BEFORE REDUCTION IN SMOKING PATTERNS ARE REFLECTED IN FEWER DEATHS FROM SMOKING-RELATED DISEASES,+ HE SAID.

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VIEWS ON TEACHING CODE SOUGHT

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS TO PUT FORWARD THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED +CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE TEACHING PROFESSION+ TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S WORKING GROUP FOR CONSIDERATION.

SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, MR LEUNG SAID THE CODIFICATION OF TEACHING PRACTICE WAS RECOMMENDED IN THE EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT NO. 1 WHICH AIMED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF PROFESSIONALISM BY ENCOURAGING TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS, SCHOOL MANagements AND SPONSORS TO CO-OPERATE, THROUGH THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE WOULD SET THE ETHICAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR TEACHERS IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES AND ALL TEACHERS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO SUBSCRIBE TO IT, HE SAID.

THE COMMISSION'S REPORT ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE KEY ROLE OF TEACHERS WAS NOT ONLY IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, BUT ALSO IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM AS A WHOLE, HE ADDED.

IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATION AND CONDUCTED FAR-REACHING CONSULTATIONS ON THE SUGGESTED CODE OF PRACTICE, MR LEUNG SAID.

TO SEEK VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE TEACHING PROFESSION, HE SAID THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD WRITTEN TO THE WIDEST POSSIBLE RANGE OF BODIES CONCERNED.

WHAT WERE BEING SOUGHT WERE THE VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE POSSIBLE SCOPE, FORMAT AND CONTENTS OF SUCH A CODE AND THESE WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIC MATERIAL FOR A WORKING GROUP TO BE SET UP WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BODIES CONCERNED.

ON THE COMMISSION REPORT'S RECOMMENDATION TO SET UP REGIONAL TEACHERS' CENTRES TO ENCOURAGE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE, TO PROMOTE CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENRICHMENT, AND TO FOSTER AMONG TEACHERS A GREATER SENSE OF UNITY, MR LEUNG SAID THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST REGIONAL TEACHERS' CENTRE WAS NOW IN HAND.

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SEMINAR TO PROMOTE ELECTIONS

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A SEMINAR ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20) NIGHT TO PUBLICISE THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MARCH.

THE SEMINAR WILL ALSO DEAL WITH THE WORK, STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ABOUT 300 REPRESENTATIVES OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS INCORPORATIONS, VILLAGES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN TUEN MUN WILL ATTEND THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 8.30 PM AT THE ON TING AND YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

IN ADDITION, TWO MINI-EXHIBITIONS WILL BE STAGED AT THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL AND THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING FROM JANUARY 24 UNTIL MARCH 6 TO PUBLICISE THE ELECTION.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE MINI-EXHIBITIONS ARE AS FOLLOW:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JAN 24 TO 28	TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL	9 AM TO 10 PM
JAN 30 TO MARCH 6	TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR LIFT LOBBY	9 AM TO 5 PM

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MENTAL HEALTH BOOKLET PUBLISHED
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A RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOKLET EXPLAINING THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MENTAL HEALTH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FROM MONDAY (JANUARY 20).

THE BOOKLET, TITLED '+A SIMPLE GUIDE TO MENTAL HEALTH+', WAS COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION (COMPERE).

A SPOKESMAN FOR COMPERE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ON THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH.

BESIDES EXPLAINING MENTAL HEALTH, THE BOOKLET ALSO PROVIDES A READY SOURCE OF INFORMATION ON THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO ASSIST PERSONS WITH EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS.

A TOTAL OF 100 000 COPIES OF THE BOOKLET - 90 000 IN CHINESE AND 10 000 IN ENGLISH - HAVE BEEN PRINTED. THE BOOKLET WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE-OF-CHARGE AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT;
- DISTRICT OFFICES OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT;
- DISTRICT OFFICES OF CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION;
- MARKETING SECTION OF INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT; AND
- VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN THE REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY-ILL.

THE BOOKLET FORMS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH AMONGST THE PUBLIC. THE CAMPAIGN ALSO INCLUDES A SERIES OF FACT SHEETS AND A TELEVISION PROMOTION CLIP, BOTH OF WHICH ARE BEING PRODUCED.

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VIDEO ON BOARD WORK PLANNED
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD IS PLANNING TO PRODUCE A VIDEO TO PROMOTE ITS WORK AND THE DISTRICT'S IMAGE.

THE 20-MINUTE DOCUMENTARY IS EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE BY THE MIDDLE OF THE YEAR AND WILL SERVE AS A FORM OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN HELPING THE PUBLIC TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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THE IDEA WAS INITIATED BY THE BOARD'S PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP AND WAS GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD AND \$37 000 FOR ITS PRODUCTION AT A RECENT COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE VIDEO WILL FOCUS ON MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BOARD IN THE AREAS OF TRANSPORT, SOCIAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

+IT WILL ALSO INTRODUCE THE VARIOUS CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE PUBLIC, AND WILL FEATURE THE DISTRICT'S CHARACTERISTICS AND BEAUTIFUL SCENERY TO PROMOTE DISTRICT IDENTITY AND RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COPIES OF THE VIDEO CAN BE LOANED TO SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR USE IN THEIR CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, HE ADDED.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALSO ALLOCATED \$70 640 FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A REPORT ABOUT THE DISTRICT. THE REPORT COVERS THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1984 TO DECEMBER 1985 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE LATER IN THE YEAR.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS FETCH \$446 500
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THIRTY-FOUR SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$446 500, WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS DH 22 AND AA 988 EACH FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$42 000.

THE NUMBERS CC 6 AND DF 2 WERE SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$40 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR BL 8317 AND AC 625.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

	\$		\$		\$
DG 388	6 000	DG 3566	1 000	AX 289	9 000
DG 822	6 000	AL 138	25 000	AL 36	19 000
BK 3	30 000	DG 3088	3 500	DH 286	6 500
AB 2923	4 000	DH 728	4 000	DH 112	8 500
AT 625	2 000	DG 8233	4 000	AW 801	3 500
HK 2286	8 000	DH 886	6 500	DH 208	5 000

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AT 289	4 000	DE 7788	25 000	DG 27	16 000
DG 8088	3 000	AX 786	3 000	DH 103	5 000
AL 1689	11 000	2263	23 000		
BB 1689	16 000	1312	23 000		

A NUMBER, DE 6688, WAS WITHDRAWN.

THE NUMBERS WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 102ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO TO \$36 840 232.

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PEOPLE URGED TO LEARN ABOUT GOVERNMENT
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TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND TO TAKE PART IN THE FORTHCOMING REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION ON MARCH 6.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MOCK DISTRICT BOARD EXERCISE WORKSHOP FOR TAI PO STUDENTS AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE, MR CHAN SAID THIS WAS THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME TO CARRY OUT A CAMPAIGN TO PUBLICISE THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

APART FROM THE MOCK DB EXERCISE, SEMINARS, COMMUNITY RESEARCH PROJECTS AND ESSAY COMPETITIONS WOULD BE HELD TO PROMOTE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT THROUGH PARTICIPATION, HE ADDED.

DURING TODAY'S WORKSHOP, TALKS WERE GIVEN BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS PAULINE NG, AND DB MEMBER, DR STEPHEN TANG.

THE FUNCTION WAS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT WORKING GROUP ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS YOUTH AFFAIRS

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A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON YOUTH AFFAIRS AND PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION WILL BE RAISED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 21).

THE DISPOSAL OF INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENTS INTO THE SHING MUN RIVER, THE QUORUM FOR MEETINGS AND THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE BOARD, WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REHOUSING AND THE POLICY FOR SINGLE PERSONS, AND PROGRESS REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 21) IN THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS REPORT

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NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS THE BROADCASTING REVIEW BOARD REPORT AT A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON HAWKER PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IN THE VICINITY OF CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

AND THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON LOCAL PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE MADE KNOWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, NEW TERRITORIES.

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CLEAN-UP IN KWUN TONG
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MEMBERS OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE CLEAN KWUN TONG CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON BECAME +CLEAN-UP AMBASSADORS+ TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS.

THEY DISTRIBUTED LITTER BAGS TO RESIDENTS OF TAI SHING VILLAGE IN SAU MAU PING AND THE HAWKERS AT A MARKET IN LAM TIN ESTATE. THEY ALSO HELPED TO SWEEP THE BUSY STREETS IN THE TOWN CENTRE IN KWUN TONG.

AT TAI SHING VILLAGE, THEY ALSO HELPED TO INSTALL LITTER BINS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR REFUSE PROPERLY.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM LEUNG-KI, SAID THIS YEAR'S CLEAN KWUN TONG CAMPAIGN WAS AIMED AT EDUCATING SQUATTERS AND HAWKERS IN THE DISTRICT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

ABOUT 20 000 LITTER BAGS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION TO THEM, AND 50 HUGE LITTER BINS WOULD ALSO BE SET UP IN THE SQUATTER AREAS, HE ADDED.

THE CLEAN KWUN TONG CAMPAIGN IS SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL AT A COST OF ABOUT \$120 000.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR REPAIR WORK
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE REPAIR OF CHILDREN'S PLAYING EQUIPMENT IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS.

THE CONTRACTOR IS REQUIRED TO REPAIR ALL DEFECTIVE PLAYING EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES AT VARIOUS PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS AND GARDENS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE RSD.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE GRANTED A ONE-AND-A-HALF YEAR CONTRACT FROM APRIL 1, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION, SPORT AND AMENITIES SECTION OF THE RSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE 4TH FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, AND SHOULD BE DEPOSITED BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 14.

MORE INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 3-689479 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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TAI PO LONG DISTANCE RUN
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ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST TAI PO FESTIVAL - THE LONG DISTANCE RUN - WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

MORE THAN 400 PARTICIPANTS WILL COMPETE IN THE RACE, WHICH COVERS A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 10 KILOMETRES, FROM TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE TO TIN HAU TEMPLE FUNG SHUI SQUARE.

THE LONG DISTANCE RUN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO MEN'S JUNIOR GROUP, MEN'S OPEN GROUP, MEN'S SENIOR GROUP AND WOMEN'S OPEN GROUP.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE 10 FASTEST RUNNERS IN EACH GROUP.

A SPECIAL PRIZE WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE OLDEST PERSON WHO CAN FINISH THE JOURNEY.

TAI PO POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR JOHN BOYTON WILL OFFICIATE AT THE STARTING CEREMONY.

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN= SHATIN POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR JOHN GREENE= THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST TAI PO FESTIVAL CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR MARCUS LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE LONG DISTANCE RUN. THE RACE WILL START AT 8.30 AM AT TAI MEI TUK WATER SPORTS CENTRE. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLIER AS TING KOK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT 8.15 AM.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT THE TIN HAU TEMPLE FUNG SHUI SQUARE, TING KOK ROAD AT 10.30 AM.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI
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THE UNNAMED ROAD CONNECTING WAN CHAI FERRY PIER WITH FLEMING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JANUARY 20) FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS.

NORTHBOUND VEHICLES ON FLEMING ROAD HEADING FOR WAN CHAI FERRY PIER WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SOUTHBOUND FLEMING ROAD, HARBOUR ROAD, TONNOCHY ROAD AND THE NEWLY OPENED ACCESS ROAD TO WAN CHAI FERRY PIER.

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RESTRICTED ZONES
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TWO SECTIONS OF ROAD IN TUEN MUN WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 21). THEY ARE:

- * THE SECTION OF MING KUM ROAD BETWEEN SHEK PAI TAU ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD;
- * THE SECTION OF TSING WUN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PUI TO ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 400 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF MA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN MA TAU CHUNG ROAD AND TAM KUNG ROAD WILL BE MADE A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY. WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, NO VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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FOOTBRIDGES FOR TOWN PARK
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THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TWO FOOTBRIDGES ACROSS TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD LINKING THE NEW TOWN PARK WITH THE PROPOSED LRT SYSTEM, THE CENTRAL BUS STATION, AND THE CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN APRIL THIS YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN MID-1987.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS NOON ON FEBRUARY 7.

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WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN POK FU LAM WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 21) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY BISNEY ROAD, CONSORT RISE AND CROWN TERRACE.

ON THE SAME DAY, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TUEN MUN WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM FOR MAINS WORK.

IN NORTH POINT, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE PREMISES BOUNDED BY BRAEMAR HILL ROAD, CLOUD VIEW ROAD, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD AND YEE KING ROAD, INCLUDING LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD AND LAI TAK TSUEN WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM ON THAT DAY.

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