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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS TO BE UPGRADED

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WILL UPGRADE AND EXPAND TWO OF ITS MAJOR ELECTRONIC AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEMS TO COPE WITH THE RAPID INCREASE IN AIR TRAFFIC.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID ONE OF THE SYSTEMS, THE RADAR DATA PROCESSING AND DISPLAY SYSTEM (RDPDS), WAS AN IMPORTANT EQUIPMENT FOR THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTRE AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

THE SYSTEM PROCESSES DATA FROM VARIOUS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL RADAR STATIONS AND PRESENTS TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS, ON A DISPLAY CONSOLE, A COMPREHENSIVE PICTURE OF THE POSITION, ALTITUDE AND SPEED OF AIRCRAFT IN THE SURROUNDING AIRSPACE.

"TO CATER FOR THE INCREASING NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS AND TO MAINTAIN AN EFFICIENT AND SAFE AIR TRAFFIC FLOW, IT IS NECESSARY TO EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING RDPDS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS WILL ENSURE THAT EVEN AT TIMES OF GREAT PRESSURE, THE RDPDS WILL HAVE ADEQUATE CAPACITY TO PROCESS THE VAST AMOUNT OF RADAR DATA RECEIVED AND DISPLAY TO THE CONTROLLERS AN ACCURATE TIME PICTURE OF THE TRAFFIC FLOW," HE ADDED.

TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM, A \$22.2 MILLION NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE IS REQUIRED.

THE OTHER SYSTEM, A VHF OMNIDIRECTIONAL RADIO RANGE AND DISTANCE MEASURING EQUIPMENT SYSTEM (VOR/DME), IS THE STANDARD INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION RADIO NAVIGATIONAL AID USED TO PROVIDE BEARING/DISTANCE INFORMATION TO AIRCRAFT.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE THREE VOR/DME FACILITIES LOCATED AT CHEUNG CHAU, TUNG LUNG PEAK AND TATHONG POINT, SERVING AIRCRAFT IN DIFFERENT PHASES OF FLIGHT.

THE SYSTEM ON CHEUNG CHAU IS A LONG-RANGE NAVIGATIONAL AID. IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT FOR PROVIDING TRACK GUIDANCE IN SUPPORT OF PRIMARY FLIGHT PROCEDURES.

THE EXISTING CHEUNG CHAU SYSTEM WAS COMMISSIONED IN 1974 AND HAS BEEN IN SERVICE FOR OVER 18 YEARS. IT IS INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AND UNECONOMICAL TO MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH IS NEARING THE END OF ITS SERVICEABLE LIFE.

THEREFORE, THERE IS A NEED TO REPLACE IT, AT A COST OF \$18.7 MILLION, TO ENSURE CONTINUING AVIATION SAFETY.

IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT WILL BUY ANOTHER CRASH FIRE RESCUE VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH A JACKLESS HYDRAULIC RESCUE PLATFORM TO SUPPLEMENT THE VEHICLE FLEET OF THE AIRPORT FIRE CONTINGENT.

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THE NEW VEHICLE WILL BE POSITIONED AT THE SUB-FIRE STATION NEAR THE END OF THE RUNWAY. THE EXISTING ONE IN USE IS STATIONED AT THE MAIN FIRE STATION WHICH IS ABOUT 2.4 KILOMETRES AWAY.

THE SECOND VEHICLE, VALUED AT \$6.1 MILLION, IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE REQUIRED RESPONSE UNDER INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION STANDARDS.

FUNDS FOR THE THREE ITEMS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S VOTE DURING THE 1993/94 FINANCIAL YEAR.

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### BIG BOOST TO ELDERLY SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE ELDERLY CITIZENS WITH AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 PLACES IN CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND HOMES FOR THE AGED IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT AN ANNUAL CONGRESS OF GERONTOLOGY AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY, MRS WONG SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO ESTABLISH ANOTHER 14 MULTI-SERVICE CENTRES AND 70 SOCIAL CENTRES.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT IN 20 YEARS' TIME, 18 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION OR 1.2 MILLION PERSONS, WOULD BE AGED 60 AND ABOVE.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCORDED PRIORITY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELDERLY SERVICES, PARTICULARLY RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES, SHE ADDED.

WHILE THE MAIN THRUST OF HONG KONG'S WELFARE SERVICES IS GEARED TOWARDS ENABLING THE ELDERLY PEOPLE TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN THE CARE OF THE FAMILY, MRS WONG SAID A MINORITY OF THEM WERE NOT CAPABLE OF LOOKING AFTER THEMSELVES OR MIGHT NOT BE LOOKED AFTER BY THEIR FAMILIES FOR MEDICAL OR OTHER REASONS.

"ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT SEE INSTITUTIONALISING OUR SENIOR CITIZENS AS THE WAY FORWARD FOR OUR AGING COMMUNITY, THIS TYPE OF CARE MAY BE NECESSARY FOR SOME OF THEM," SHE SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS, PROVIDES A RANGE OF RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICES TO CATER FOR THEIR VARYING NEEDS," MRS WONG ADDED, CITING SHELTERED HOUSING, SELF-CARE HOSTELS, HOMES FOR THE AGED AND CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AS EXAMPLES OF SUCH SERVICES.

TO REDUCE THE NEED FOR LONG-TERM INSTITUTIONAL CARE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TIMELY AND PROPER CARE IS PROVIDED AT THE ONSET OF AGING.

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"HENCE, WE HAVE FOCUSED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF GERIATRIC REHABILITATION IN MEDICAL SETTINGS AND IN THE COMMUNITY," SHE SAID.

THE GERIATRIC REHABILITATIVE NETWORK IN THE COMMUNITY CONSISTS OF MULTI-DISCIPLINARY SERVICES, INCLUDING COMMUNITY NURSING SERVICE, DOMICILIARY OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, DOMICILIARY PHYSIOTHERAPY AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES.

THE DIRECTION FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THIS TYPE OF NETWORK IS TOWARDS THE FORMATION OF A DISTRICT-BASED NETWORK TO ENSURE THAT CARE AND ASSISTANCE FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE ARE READILY AVAILABLE IN A COMMUNITY SETTING NEAR TO THEIR HOMES.

MRS WONG SAID: "TO THIS END, TWO DISTRICT-BASED MULTI-DISCIPLINARY GERIATRIC TEAMS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN WAN CHAI AND KWUN TONG THIS YEAR.

A THIRD TEAM WILL BE LAUNCHED SHORTLY IN TSUEN WAN/KWAI TSING.

"LOOKING AHEAD, THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

"AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL EXPLORE AND ENCOURAGE INNOVATIVE MODES OF SERVICE DELIVERY AS WELL AS NEW APPROACH TO CARE."

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#### GOVT ROLE IN CHILDREN WELFARE STRESSED

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MRS PATTEN TODAY (SATURDAY) HIGHLIGHTED THAT THE INTERESTS OF CHILDREN SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

SPEAKING AT A CHILD POLICY SYMPOSIUM ORGANISED BY "AGAINST CHILD ABUSE", SHE SAID THE GOVERNMENT PLAYED A DUAL-ROLE IN ENSURING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN.

THE FIRST ROLE IS TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT SERVICES SO THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CHILDREN.

THESE SERVICES INCLUDE AIDED CHILD CARE FACILITIES, HOME HELP TEAMS, COUNSELLING SERVICES AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

THE SECOND ROLE IS TO OFFER ASSISTANCE TO THOSE VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN WHO CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY CARED FOR BY THEIR FAMILIES, OR WHO ARE BEING MALTREATED OR ABUSED.

"CHILDREN ARE VERY PRECIOUS. THEY ARE OUR FUTURE.

"IT IS SOCIETY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY GROW UP IN A HEALTHY, WARM AND STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT," SHE SAID.

"THE FAMILY IS THE BASIC UNIT OF SOCIETY OFFERING SUCH CARE AND SUPPORT," SHE SAID.

UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ALL CHILDREN CAN BE ADEQUATELY LOOKED AFTER BY THEIR FAMILIES, SHE ADDED.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE IS EMPOWERED BY THE LAW TO REMOVE THESE CHILDREN TO A SAFE PLACE AND MAKE THEM HIS WARDS.

"ALTHOUGH THIS AREA CAN BE A MORAL AND LEGAL MINEFIELD, IT IS INDISPUTABLE THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE CHILD CONCERNED SHOULD TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS - IN ENGLISH WE CALL IT THE 'PARAMOUNT CONSIDERATION'," SHE SAID.

STATING THE IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN WELFARE, SHE IS MOST IMPRESSED BY THE VIGOUR AND DEDICATION SHOWN BY "AGAINST CHILD ABUSE" IN PROTECTING THE INTERESTS OF CHILDREN.

"AS A RESULT OF THE UNRELENTING EFFORT OF THE ASSOCIATION, COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PROTECT CHILDREN THROUGH LEGISLATION AND OTHER MEANS HAS INCREASED," SHE SAID.

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HK, AUSTRIA REACH TEXTILE AGREEMENT  
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AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED AD-REFERENDUM BETWEEN HONG KONG AND AUSTRIA ON CERTAIN TEXTILE EXPORTS TO AUSTRIA ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10).

IT WILL RUN FROM FEBRUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31 NEXT YEAR AND WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1994 UNLESS THE URUGUAY ROUND WAS CONCLUDED AND ITS AGREEMENT ON TEXTILE AND CLOTHING WAS IMPLEMENTED ON JANUARY 1, 1994.

THE TERMS OF THE NEW AGREEMENT RESEMBLE THOSE IN THE EXISTING ONE, WHICH EXPIRES ON JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR.

THOUGH THE NUMBER OF CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO QUOTA RESTRAINT REMAINS THE SAME, THERE ARE IMPROVEMENTS IN MARKET ACCESS INCLUDING GROWTH RATES.

THERE ARE ALSO UPLIFTS IN RESPECT OF THE RESTRAINT LEVELS OF SOME CATEGORIES.

COMMENTING ON THE AGREEMENT FROM VIENNA, AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE AND LEADER OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION, MS MARIA KWAN, SAID: "THIS AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE CERTAINTY FOR HONG KONG'S TEXTILE TRADE WITH AUSTRIA FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, WITH SOME IMPROVEMENT IN ACCESS."

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THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG DELEGATION AND THE AUSTRIAN DELEGATION, FROM DECEMBER 9 TO 10.

THE CURRENT HONG KONG/AUSTRIA TEXTILES AGREEMENT COVERS FOUR QUOTA CATEGORIES AND EIGHT EXPORT AUTHORISATION CATEGORIES.

MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL EXPORTS OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING FROM HONG KONG TO AUSTRIA IN 1991 WERE COVERED BY THE CURRENT AGREEMENT.

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NOVEMBER AIR QUALITY REPORT RELEASED

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) RELEASED AIR QUALITY INFORMATION FOR LAST MONTH.

THIS IS THE 12TH MONTHLY ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT NORMALLY CONTAINS MONITORING RESULTS OBTAINED AT ITS MONG KOK, CENTRAL/WESTERN AND KWAI CHUNG MONITORING STATIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE REPORTED AIR POLLUTANTS INCLUDE SULPHUR DIOXIDE (SO<sub>2</sub>) AND NITROGEN DIOXIDE (NO<sub>2</sub>) WHICH IS MONITORED CONTINUOUSLY ROUND THE CLOCK, AND TOTAL SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (TSP) AND RESPIRABLE SUSPENDED PARTICULATES (RSP) WHICH IS SAMPLED FOR 24 HOURS EVERY SIX DAYS.

THESE AIR POLLUTANTS MAINLY COME FROM THE COMBUSTION OF FUEL IN INDUSTRIAL PLANTS AND IN MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINES. TSP AND RSP IS ALSO GENERATED BY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND SOME MANUFACTURING PROCESSES, AS WELL AS BY NATURAL SOURCES.

IN NOVEMBER THE LEVEL OF ALL POLLUTANTS WAS WITHIN THE AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES. HOWEVER, LOCAL ACTIVITIES, DRY WEATHER AND LOW RELATIVE HUMIDITY WERE CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS TO RELATIVELY HIGH DUST LEVELS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE ANNOUNCEMENT SERVED TO MAKE THE PUBLIC MORE AWARE OF THE GENERAL AIR QUALITY LEVELS TO WHICH THEY MIGHT BE EXPOSED.

THE DAILY HONG KONG AIR QUALITY OBJECTIVES OF SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, TSP AND RSP ARE 350, 150, 260 AND 180 MICROGRAMS PER CUBIC METER RESPECTIVELY.

THESE OBJECTIVES ARE COMPARABLE TO INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED AIR QUALITY STANDARDS RECOMMENDED FOR PROTECTING THE HEALTH OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

HIGH LEVEL OF SO<sub>2</sub> CAUSES RESPIRATORY ILLNESS, REDUCES LUNG FUNCTION AND INCREASES MORTALITY RATE.

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NO2 CAUSES RESPIRATORY IRRITATION, INCREASES SUSCEPTIBILITY TO RESPIRATORY INFECTION AND IMPAIRS LUNG DEVELOPMENT.

TSP ACTS SYNERGISTICALLY WITH OTHER GASEOUS POLLUTANTS AND RSP CAUSES RESPIRATORY ILLNESS AND REDUCES LUNG FUNCTION. SOME FORMS OF RSP MAY CAUSE CANCER.

THE MONG KOK, CENTRAL/WESTERN AND KWAI CHUNG STATIONS BROADLY REPRESENT AIR QUALITY AT LOCATIONS CLOSE TO ROAD TRAFFIC IN BUILT-UP URBAN DISTRICTS; COMBINED COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS; AND DISTRICTS CLOSE TO INDUSTRIAL AREAS RESPECTIVELY.

CURRENTLY THE DEPARTMENT OPERATES A TOTAL OF 11 FIXED AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS, INCLUDING THE ABOVE THREE.

THE OTHER EIGHT STATIONS ARE AT KWUN TONG, SHAM SHUI PO, TSIM SHA TSUI, TSEUNG KWAN O, TSUEN WAN, HONG KONG SOUTH, TAI PO AND SHA TIN.

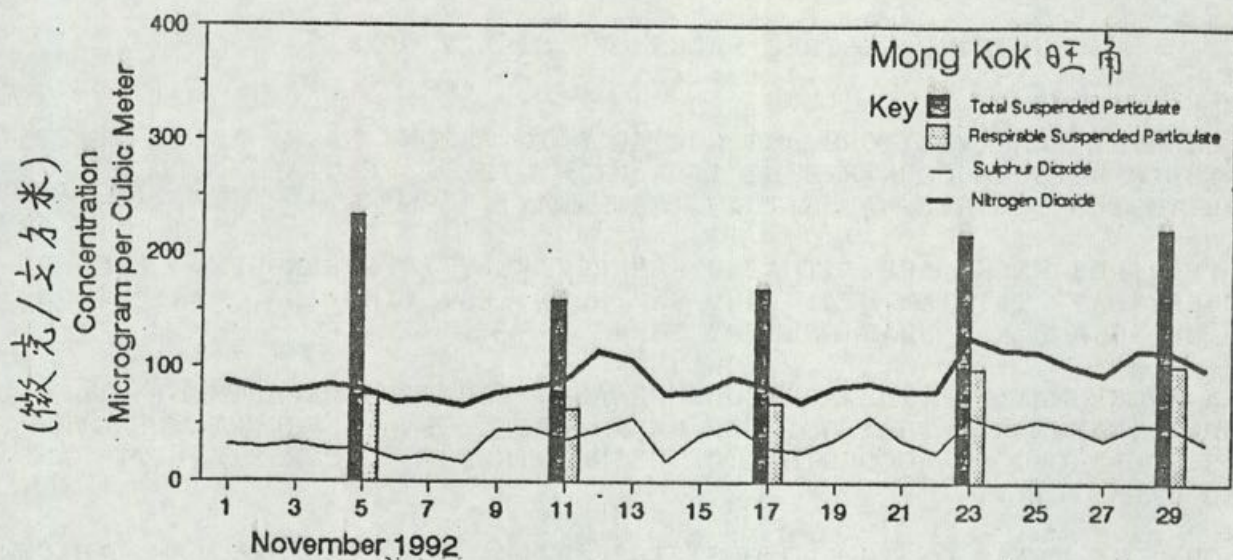
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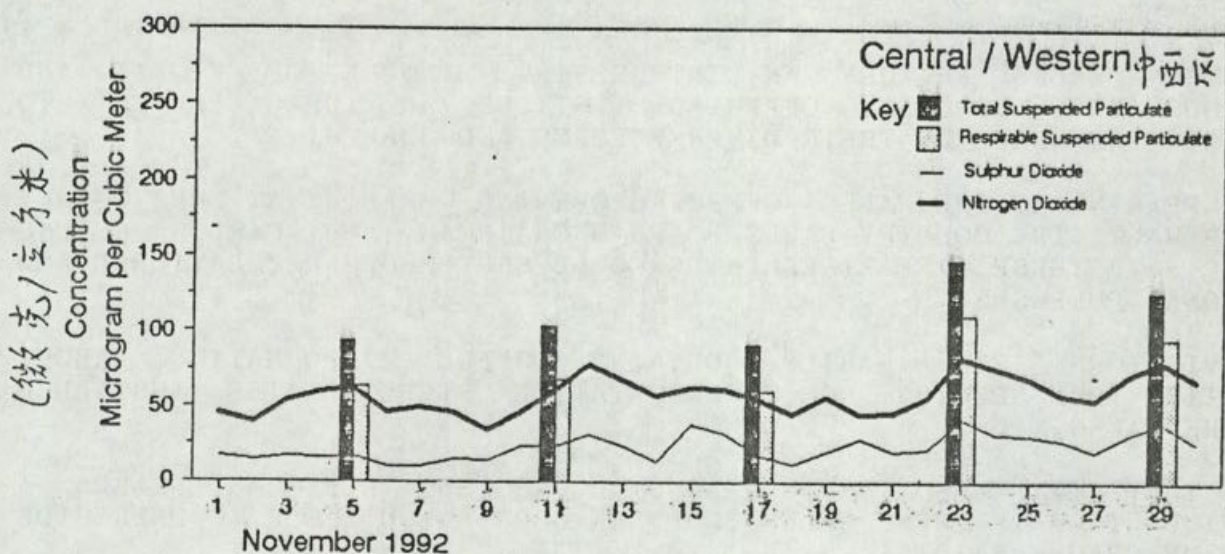
FURTHER ENQUIRY CAN BE DIRECTED TO AN ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER, MR W S TSUI, ON TEL 594 6401.

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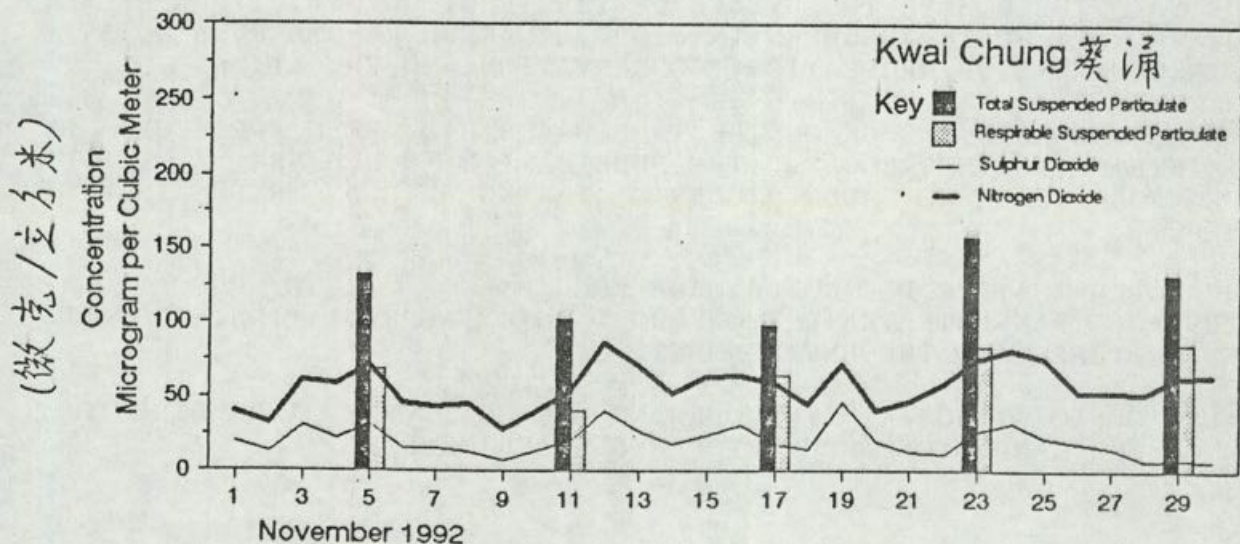
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COUNTRY PARK TREE WALKS OFFICIALLY OPEN

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COUNTRY PARK VISITORS ARE NOW ABLE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TREES DURING THEIR LEISURE COUNTRYSIDE TOUR WITH THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TERRITORY'S 10 TREE WALKS THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE TREE WALKS ARE SITUATED RESPECTIVELY IN ABERDEEN, POK FU LAM, QUARRY BAY, TAI TAM, TAI TAN, KAM SHAN, KEI LING HA, TAI TONG, PAK TAM CHUNG AND NAM SHAN COUNTRY PARKS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT AS TREE WALKS WERE OF DIFFERENT LENGTHS, VISITORS COULD CHOOSE ACCORDING TO THEIR INTEREST, ACCESSIBILITY AND PHYSICAL CAPABILITY.

ONE CAN TREAD ON THE LONGEST TREE WALK AT POK FU LAM WHICH SPANS A TOTAL OF 2,300 METRES, OR WALK ALONG THE SHORTEST 135-METRE TAI TAM WALK.

THESE WALKS FEATURE AN INTERESTING MIXTURE OF EXOTIC AND INDIGENOUS TREE SPECIES, OFFERING VISITORS AN IDEAL PLACE TO APPRECIATE THE GRACE OF THEIR DIVERSE FORMS AND SHAPES.

SPEAKING AT THE WALKS' OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY AT THE QUARRY BAY TREE WALK, THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR CARLOS CHEUNG HON-KAU, SAID THESE TREE-LINED PATHS COULD SERVE BOTH RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.

VISITORS CAN EASILY OBTAIN USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT INTERESTING TREE SPECIES FROM INTERPRETATIVE STEEL PLATES INSTALLED ALONG THE WALKS.

"THEY MAY ALSO BRING ALONG BOOKS ON TREES AND TAKE A SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF THESE WALKS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR COUNTRYSIDE TREES," MR CHEUNG SAID.

HE SAID THE COMPLETION BY AFD OF THE TERRITORY'S 10 TREE WALKS, THE FIRST WAS SET UP IN ABERDEEN IN 1990, MARKED ANOTHER BIG STEP FORWARD IN COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION, CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION.

MR CHEUNG SAID A BOOK ON THE TREE WALKS HAD BEEN PRODUCED BY AFD AND DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS. THE PUBLICATION WOULD BE A USEFUL REFERENCE FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TAKING FIELD TRIPS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

HE HOPED THAT PEOPLE COULD MAKE FULL USE OF THESE EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND TRANSLATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE INTO APPRECIATION, CONCERN AND CARE FOR TREES AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE AFD DIRECTOR, DR LAWRENCE LEE, AND OTHER COUNTRY PARKS BOARD MEMBERS.

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IMPORTANCE OF EYE CARE STRESSED

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THE LEADING CAUSES CONTRIBUTING TO BLINDNESS HAVE SHIFTED FROM EYE INFECTION AND POOR NUTRITION TO DEGENERATIVE DISEASES, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S H LEE, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT EYE-CARING CAMPAIGN FOR THE ELDERLY, DR LEE SAID THE PROVISION OF EYE CARE SERVICES TO THE AGED WAS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE.

THIS IS BECAUSE PEOPLE, WHEN ENTERING THE ELDERLY STAGE, WERE MORE VULNERABLE TO THE DEGENERATIVE DISEASES SUCH AS CATARACT, GLAUCOMA AND RETINAL DEFECTS AND DISORDERS.

DR LEE SAID: "TO PROTECT OUR EYES, ENHANCED EDUCATION ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE CARE FOR THE PUBLIC IS NECESSARY."

HE APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO ADOPT SIMPLE MEASURES TO EYE CARE.

THESE INCLUDE THE ADOPTION OF GOOD HABITS AND HEALTHY LIFE STYLE, TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PROTECT EYES, REGULAR CHECK-UPS AND BEING ON THE ALERT OF SYMPTOMS OF EYE DISEASES AT EARLY STAGE.

MEANWHILE, HE ALSO HOPED THAT THE CAMPAIGN WOULD PROMOTE THE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF EYE CARE IN THE COMMUNITY AND THE AGED.

TODAY'S CAMPAIGN WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, THE HONG KONG OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED TO FAMILIES

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THE GOVERNMENT'S CHILD WELFARE POLICY IS TO SUPPORT AND STRENGTHEN FAMILIES, PROVIDING CHILDREN WITH A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT FOR PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, AN ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS KATHERINE SHIN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS ADDRESSING THE CHILD POLICY SYMPOSIUM OF THE "AGAINST CHILD ABUSE" AT THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING.

WHILE THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARING CHILDREN RESTS WITH PARENTS, HELP WILL BE GIVEN TO DISADVANTAGED AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS ARE UNABLE TO LOOK AFTER THEM, SHE SAID.

"WHEN WE PLAN SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND PROPOSE CHILD-CARE LAWS, OUR PARAMOUNT CONCERN IS ABOUT A CHILD'S BEST INTERESTS," MRS SHIN SAID.

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AS CHILDREN ARE BEST BROUGHT UP IN THEIR OWN FAMILIES, THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDES FAMILIES WITH A RANGE OF SUPPORT SERVICES, SUCH AS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

"IF OUT-OF-HOME CARE IS NEEDED AND CARE BY RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IS NOT AVAILABLE, PLACEMENT IN A SUBSTITUTE FAMILY, LIKE SMALL GROUP HOMES OR FOSTER PARENTS, IS ARRANGED," SHE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, MRS SHIN SAID CHILD-CARE ORDINANCES WERE UPDATED CONSTANTLY, AIMING TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY REVIEWED THREE ORDINANCES REGARDING CHILDREN - THE ADOPTION ORDINANCE, PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES ORDINANCE AND CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE.

TURNING TO THE PRACTICE OF CHILD CARE, SHE SAID EACH CHILD WOULD HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL PLAN PRECEDED BY A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF HIS NEEDS FOR PLACEMENT.

SHE REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HOW TO PROTECT AND CARE FOR CHILDREN, HELP THEIR DEVELOPMENT, AND SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES.

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#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSICIANS AND DANCERS

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LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS CAN NOW APPLY FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND FOR THE YEAR 1993/94.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS TO ENABLE EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE MUSIC OR DANCE TRAINING IN POST-DIPLOMA STUDIES AT OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS.

THE SCOPE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS IS NOT CONFINED TO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDIES OR BALLET.

RELATED STUDIES IN MUSIC OR DANCE, PRACTICAL OR ACADEMIC, SUCH AS COMPOSITION, MUSICOLOGY, CHOREOGRAPHY, AND DANCE NOTATION ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

SELECTION OF SUITABLE CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH AUDITIONS OR INTERVIEWS TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH NEXT YEAR.

ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE AUDITION IN PERSON.

THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL COVER TUITION FEE, A TECHNICAL ALLOWANCE AND A RETURN PASSAGE TO THE INTENDED COUNTRY OF STUDY.

A SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE MAY BE GRANTED ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL NEED.

AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE AWARDED A SCHOLARSHIP FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE YEARS UNLESS UNDER VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

APPLICANTS PLANNING TO PURSUE A COURSE OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR SHOULD BE PREPARED TO LOOK FOR OTHER SOURCES OF FINANCE AFTER THE FIRST YEAR.

CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR MUSIC, MUSIC-RELATED, DANCE OR DANCE-RELATED STUDIES SHOULD PREFERABLY BE UNDER THE AGE OF 23 ON SEPTEMBER 1 NEXT YEAR.

HOWEVER, EXCEPTIONS MAY BE MADE IN THE CASES OF SINGERS, COMPOSERS OR CHOREOGRAPHERS WISHING TO ENTER ADVANCED COURSES.

THE APPLICANTS SHOULD NORMALLY BE GRADUATES OF A RECOGNISED HONG KONG TERTIARY INSTITUTION AND SHOULD BE AT A PERFORMANCE STANDARD EQUIVALENT TO THE ADVANCED DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

COMPOSERS, MUSICOLOGISTS AND CHOREOGRAPHERS SHOULD BE AT A COMPARABLE ADVANCED STANDARD.

IN ADDITION, ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THREE YEARS' RESIDENCE IN HONG KONG.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT, CULTURE DIVISION, RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, 40TH FLOOR WANCHAI TOWER III, 5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT NO LATER THAN JANUARY 15 NEXT YEAR.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED ON TEL 594 5620 OR 594 5628.

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CENTRAL AND WESTERN FESTIVAL ENDS TOMORROW

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THE THREE-WEEK CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL BE CONCLUDED TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WITH AN ATHLETIC CARNIVAL ON THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND, KENNEDY TOWN.

IN THE FIRST OF THE TWO-PART CARNIVAL WHICH BEGINS AT 11 AM, NINE TEAMS FROM OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WILL COMPETE IN VARIOUS TELEMATCH GAMES.

THE SECOND PART, WHICH STARTS AT 2 PM, WILL BE A CLOSING CEREMONY FEATURING DEMONSTRATIONS BY TOP ATHLETES IN CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS, SOCCER, CYCLING, TABLE TENNIS AS WELL AS AEROBIC DANCE.

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

ADMISSION TO THE CARNIVAL IS FREE. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CLOSING CEREMONY CUM ATHLETIC CARNIVAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) ON THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND, KENNEDY TOWN.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BEGIN AT 11 AM AND THE CLOSING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2 PM.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN SAI KUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO MOST PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 14) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL THE PREMISES AT HIRAM'S HIGHWAY, HIRAM'S VILLA, TAI PO TSAI UPPER AND LOWER VILLAGES, HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SHAW'S STUDIO, TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED'S TELEVISION CITY, AH KUNG WAN ROAD, SILVERSTRAND BEACH ROAD AND SILVER CAPE ROAD.

IT WILL ALSO AFFECT HANG HAU VILLAGE, MANG KUNG UK, HANG HAU WING LUNG ROAD, NG FAI TIN, PAN LONG WAN, SHEUNG YEUNG, HA YEUNG, MIU TSAI, MAU PO, TAI AU MUN, LEUNG FAI TIN, SHEUNG SZE WAN, SIU HANG HAU, TAI HANG HAU, LUNG HA WAN ROAD, TSIU WO, TAI WAN TAU, TAI O MUN ROAD, SHEUNG LAU WAN, TIN WAN TSAI, TIN HA, TAI WONG KUNG, PO TOI O, TAI MIU AU, CLEAR WATER BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB AS WELL AS TSEUNG KWAN O VILLAGE.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1992

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND  
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,500
REVERSAL OF LAF	NIL
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,500
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-20
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,480
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	

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