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ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION NET TIGHTENS

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THE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION NET WAS PULLED TIGHTER THIS WEEK AS 34 SUSPECTED UNDERGROUND CITIZENS WERE ARRESTED IN STEPPED-UP OPERATIONS BY THE POLICE, LABOUR AND IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENTS.

THE BLITZ IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ONGOING EFFORTS TO FERRET OUT ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS HIDING IN HONG KONG.

ALL THE ARRESTED PERSONS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION. THOSE FOUND TO BE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE REPATRIATED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN STRESSED TODAY THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ANY SLACKENING OF EFFORTS AGAINST ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+THE SECURITY FORCES AND THE POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A HIGH STATE OF VIGILANCE BOTH AT THE BORDER AND THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY,+ HE SAID.

THERE HAS BEEN A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED AT THE BORDER IN RECENT WEEKS.

+IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE RUMOUR MONGERS ARE AT IT AGAIN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+DEBRIEFINGS OF THOSE ARRESTED SHOW THAT SNAKEHEADS ARE AGAIN SPREADING RUMOURS THAT THERE WILL SOON BE AN AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

+THIS IS OF COURSE ABSOLUTELY GROUNDLESS.

+AS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TIME AND AGAIN, ALL THESE RUMOURS ARE SPREAD WITH THE SOLE AIM OF MAKING A FAST BUCK. ANYONE FOOLISH ENOUGH TO BELIEVE IN THEM IS ONLY CHEATING HIMSELF.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT GOVERNMENT POLICY ON ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS VERY CLEAR.

+THERE IS NO PLACE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN HONG KONG. WHENEVER AND WHEREVER THEY ARE FOUND, THEY WILL BE SENT BACK,+ HE SAID.

DURING THIS WEEK'S SPECIAL OPERATION, POLICE INCREASED THEIR IDENTIFICATION SPOT CHECKS IN PUBLIC PLACES AND ALSO CARRIED OUT SPECIAL OPERATIONS IN SUSPECT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY,

THEY ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTED ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FOR OFFENCES RELATING TO THE MISUSE OF IDENTITY CARDS. ANOTHER 117 PEOPLE WERE SUMMONSED FOR FAILING TO PRODUCE PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY, AND A FURTHER 46 WERE WARNED IN RESPECT OF THIS OFFENCE, WHICH CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$1 000.

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ON THE LABOUR FRONT, INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT VISITED 10 640 ESTABLISHMENTS TO WEED OUT ANY ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WHO MAY BE WORKING, AND TO CHECK THAT EMPLOYERS FULFIL THEIR LEGAL OBLIGATION OF KEEPING PROPER RECORDS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES.

A TOTAL OF 12 PERSONS IN 12 ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF IDENTITY AND HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

ANOTHER SEVEN ESTABLISHMENTS WERE FOUND TO BE KEEPING EITHER NO RECORD OR IMPROPER RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES. THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ALSO SUMMONSED 66 ESTABLISHMENTS TO PRESENT THEIR EMPLOYEE RECORDS FOR INSPECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THEY COULD BE FINED UP TO \$50 000 AND JAILED FOR UP TO A YEAR IF THEY WERE FOUND TO BE EMPLOYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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WOMEN'S TURN TO GET NEW I.D. CARDS

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OVER 950 000 WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1947 AND 1965 WILL BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS IN DIFFERENT PERIODS, STARTING FROM APRIL 24 THIS YEAR.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SATURDAY), MISS JUDY WONG, PRINCIPAL IMMIGRATION OFFICER (REGISTRATION OF PERSONS) OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, SAID, +THE SECOND CYCLE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME, WHICH COVERS WOMEN, WILL LAST ABOUT ONE YEAR.+

+LIKE THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS, THEY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL AGE GROUPS, AND EACH GROUP WILL BE ASKED TO COME FORWARD DURING A SPECIFIED PERIOD,+ SHE SAID.

+GREEN SEAL I.D. CARD HOLDERS MUST FOLLOW THE SAME APPLICATION SCHEDULE- THEY WILL NOT BE TREATED SEPARATELY,+ SHE STRESSED.

THE FIRST GROUP TO BE CALLED FORWARD WILL BE WOMEN BORN IN 1963, 1964 AND 1965. THEY WILL BE GIVEN SIX WEEKS TO APPLY FOR NEW CARDS.

+APPLICANTS MAY GO TO ANY OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, BRINGING WITH THEM THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS.+

THE ENTIRE PROCESS WILL TAKE ABOUT 30 MINUTES, AND APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED TO COLLECT THEIR NEW CARDS AND SURRENDER THE OLD ONES 18 WORKING DAYS LATER.

+THOSE WHO WANT TO ALTER THEIR LAST NAMES AS A RESULT OF A CHANGE IN MARITAL STATUS SHOULD BRING ALONG RELEVANT DOCUMENTS, SUCH AS MARRIAGE OR DIVORCE CERTIFICATES, TO SUPPORT THEIR CASES,+ SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE THEIR DAMAGED CARDS REPLACED OR THEIR PERSONAL DATA CHANGED SHOULD GO TO ONE OF THE 11 REGULAR REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES AND NOT TO THE ISSUE CENTRES.

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DETAILS OF THE SCHEME FOR WOMEN WILL BE PUBLICISED THROUGH RADIO, TELEVISION, NEWSPAPERS, WOMEN'S MAGAZINES AND POSTERS, AND EACH AGE GROUP WILL BE INFORMED OF ITS TURN IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE MEDIA.

MISS WONG POINTED OUT THAT HER DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE MAIL-IN APPOINTMENT SERVICE.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST REACH THE ISSUE OFFICE CHOSEN BY THE APPLICANTS AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE RESPECTIVE ISSUE PERIODS.

FORMS AND COPIES OF A LEAFLET EXPLAINING THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OR IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

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LEGAL AID COVERING EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS NOW AVAILABLE
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HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO FACE EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS IN THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO OBTAIN FREE LEGAL REPRESENTATION UNDER THE LAW SOCIETY LEGAL ADVICE AND DUTY LAWYER SCHEME.

HOWEVER, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THIS WILL BE REQUIRED IN OTHER THAN A FEW CASES PER YEAR AND THAT FOR THE MOST PART, IT WILL BE HONG KONG BELONGERS AND LONG-TERM RESIDENTS FACING SERIOUS CHARGES WHO WILL BENEFIT.

THE SCHEME, WHICH IS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, ALREADY OPERATES IN THE MAGISTRATES' COURTS WHERE IT ADMINISTERS THE DUTY LAWYER SCHEME.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS, BY THEIR VERY NATURE, ARE COMPLEX AND INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE PREPARATORY WORK BEFORE BEING HEARD. ANOTHER FEATURE IS THAT THEY ARE USUALLY VERY SERIOUS CHARGES.

NOW THAT DEFENDANTS CAN BE LEGALLY AIDED IN COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS, EXTRADITION WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONLY AREA OF VERY SERIOUS CASES WHERE SOME FORM OF LEGAL AID IS NOT AVAILABLE IF THE PRESENT DECISION TO EXTEND THE SCHEME HAD NOT BEEN MADE.

+IN MANY CASES THE DEFENDANT WILL BE A HONG KONG BELONGER, AND THE MATTER COULD HAVE ARISEN IN THE COURSE OF HIS EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG, FOR EXAMPLE AS A SEAMAN,+ HE SAID.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT SEVEN EXTRADITION CASES WERE HEARD IN THE MAGISTRACIES IN THE YEARS 1976 TO 1979, FIVE EACH IN 1980 AND 1982, AND 16 IN 1981. THEY RANGE FROM MURDER (12 CASES) TO INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN PROPERTY.

IT WILL REMAIN OPEN TO DEFENDANTS IN THESE CASES TO OPT FOR PRIVATE REPRESENTATION BUT FOR THOSE (ESTIMATED AT ABOUT SIX PER YEAR) WHO CANNOT AFFORD THIS, THE NEW MOVE WILL OFFER A MEASURE OF LEGAL PROTECTION CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEW THAT IT IS ONLY PROPER FOR THERE TO BE LEGAL ADVICE AND REPRESENTATION WHEN VERY SERIOUS CHARGES OF COMPLEXITY ARE CONSIDERED IN HONG KONG COURT.

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LOW-COST MEDICAL SCHEME FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE
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ELDERLY PEOPLE IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BENEFIT FROM A REDUCED-COST MEDICAL SCHEME FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SCHEME WAS INITIATED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE GREATER CONCERN AND CARE FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS WHO CONSTITUTE A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION OF ABOUT 500 000.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID 26 REGISTERED DOCTORS HAD AGREED TO JOIN THE SCHEME.

ANY PERSON, AT THE AGE OF 60 OR ABOVE AND LIVING OR WORKING IN SHAM SHUI PO, IS ELIGIBLE FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME.

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE AT THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES DURING OFFICE HOURS.

AN APPLICANT MAY CHOOSE FROM A REGISTER LIST ANY OF THE PARTICIPATING DOCTORS.

HE WILL THEN BE ISSUED WITH AN INTRODUCTION LETTER WHICH IS VALID FOR AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF VISITS UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.

THE LEVEL OF FEE REDUCTION IS AT THE DISCRETION OF EACH DOCTOR.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD, TOGETHER WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS: A RENTAL RECEIPT, A TENANCY AGREEMENT, A TENANCY CARD, AN EMPLOYEE IDENTITY CARD, AN EMPLOYER LETTER OR A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD.

THE SCHEME, TO BE RUN FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, WILL BE REVIEWED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD LATER THIS YEAR.

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MORE URBAN CLEARWAYS TO BE INTRODUCED
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 2), TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN QUARRY BAY WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

THESE SECTIONS ARE WESTLANDS ROAD BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND TAI KOO SHING ROAD, AND TAI KOO SHING ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WESTLANDS ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 90 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

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WITHIN THE ZONES, NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTION PERIODS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM THE SAME DAY, HENNESSY ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 422 AND BOWRINGTON ROAD WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS.

VARIOUS ROADS IN TAI PO WILL ALSO BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY, FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY.

THEY ARE:

- * NAM SHING STREET,
- * THE SECTION OF ON FU ROAD FROM A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH NAM SHING STREET, TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, AND
- * THE SECTION OF THE UNNAMED LANE, CONNECTING WAI YIP STREET AND NAM SHING STREET, FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH NAM SHING STREET TO A POINT ABOUT FIVE METRES TO THE SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

WITHIN THESE ZONES, DRIVERS OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS; OR FROM LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

ALSO FROM THE SAME DAY, THE SECTION OF HART AVENUE BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE WEST OF THAT JUNCTION WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD REPAIR WORK.

AS PART OF THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED:

- * HART AVENUE FROM HOUSE NOS. 4 TO 16 WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC,
- * TRAFFIC ON CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH HEADING FOR HART AVENUE WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CAMERON ROAD, CARNARVON ROAD, CORNWALL AVENUE, MODY ROAD AND HART AVENUE, AND
- * PARKING SPACES ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF HART AVENUE OUTSIDE HOUSE NOS. 10 TO 16 WILL BE SUSPENDED TO FACILITATE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

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LEAFLET ON TUEN MUN TRAIL NOW AVAILABLE

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A LEAFLET ON THE TUEN MUN TRAIL, SERVING AS A REFERENCE GUIDE TO PICNICKERS AND JOGGING ENTHUSIASTS, HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED.

PRINTED IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH AND ILLUSTRATED WITH COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS AND A MAP, THE LEAFLET IS PRODUCED BY THE TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD.

IT GIVES A DETAIL DESCRIPTION OF THE FIRST TWO STAGES OF THE 11-KILOMETRE TRAIL WHICH WERE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC RECENTLY.

THE ENTIRE TRAIL IS DIVIDED INTO 11 SECTIONS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 10 YEARS.

ON COMPLETION, THE TRAIL WILL ENCIRCLE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, PASSING THROUGH GREEN-BELT AREAS, PARKS, BEACHES, WOODLANDS AND BOTANICAL GARDENS.

THE TWO NEWLY COMPLETED SECTIONS COVERING A TOTAL LENGTH OF 2 650 METRES, START FROM THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE HOH FUK TONG SCHOOL BUILDING AND GO UPWARD ALONG THE PATH OF A VALLEY.

THE FIRST PART OF BOTH ROUTES FOLLOWS THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL LEADING THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF TSENG-TAU TSUEN SHEUNG TSUEN. IT FOLLOWS THE STREAM AND RISES UNTIL IT REACHES THE END OF THE CATCHWATER CHANNEL WHERE THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL GOES OFF TO THE RIGHT AND THE TUEN MUN TRAIL TURNS LEFT.

THE PATH THEN CONTINUES UPWARD UNTIL IT REACHES A JUNCTION WHERE IT SPLIT INTO TWO ROUTES.

ROUTE ONE STRETCHES NORTHWARD TO WONG FUNG LENG, RUNS DOWN A SERIES OF 'ZIG-ZAGS' THROUGH THE PINE WOODS ABOVE TSENG TAU HA TSUEN, AND ENDS ON AN OPEN PLATFORM ADJACENT TO THE NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED ROAD D9.

ROUTE TWO IS LONGER, SECLUDED AND MORE RUGGED, AND INVOLVES CLIMBING TO AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT 250 METRES.

AFTER SPLITTING FROM ROUTE ONE, IT TURNS EASTWARD AND FOLLOWS UPHILL ABOVE THE STREAM COURSE, CLIMBS TO THE HEAD OF A VALLEY AND THEN CONTINUES TO FU TEI SHEUNG TSUEN.

FROM THERE, IT DESCENDS TO THE SERVICE RESERVOIR ROAD ABOVE FU TEI AND REACHES THE FINISHING POINT NEAR BOWRING CAMP.

ABOUT 40 000 COPIES OF THE LEAFLET HAVE BEEN PRINTED AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

COPIES HAVE ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND SCHOOLS.

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MORE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES PLANNED FOR NEW TOWNS

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PLANS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES WILL BE INCLUDED IN EACH OF THE FIVE NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO BE COMPLETED IN THE NORTH DISTRICT AND TAI PO TO MEET THE RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE YOUNG POPULATION.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, WHEN HE OPENED THE FINNISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY'S CHOI YUEN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH SERVICE CENTRE AT CHOI YUEN ESTATE. THE CENTRE IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN SHEUNG SHUI.

+THERE ARE 127 CHILDREN'S CENTRES AND 136 YOUTH CENTRES IN HONG KONG, NEARLY ALL OF WHICH ARE RECEIVING SUBVENTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAMBERS SAID THESE CENTRES WOULD HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES, TEST THEIR SKILLS AND ACQUIRE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

+THEY ARE PROVIDED TO MEET NEEDS ON A LOCAL BASIS AT A RATIO OF ONE CENTRE FOR EVERY 20 000 POPULATION,+ HE ADDED.

MANY RURAL VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE BECOMING DENSELY POPULATED NEW TOWNS AND THE NORTH DISTRICT AND TAI PO WOULD HAVE A POPULATION OF 340 000 BY 1989, HE SAID.

THE CHOI YUEN CENTRE WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY A LOTTERIES FUND ALLOCATION AND GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION.

MR CHAMBERS PAID TRIBUTE TO THE FINNISH MISSIONARY SOCIETY FOR ITS LONG HISTORY OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+THE CONTINUING DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT OF THE MISSION TO THE SERVICE OF THE COMMUNITY IS NOW ONCE AGAIN WITNESSED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS CENTRE,+ HE SAID.

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COURSES TO TRAIN COMMUNITY LEADERS

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COURSES PROVIDED AT THE OUTWARD BOUND TRAINING SCHOOL ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THE CHARACTER OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, MR DICKEN YUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE SAID THE AIM WAS TO HELP YOUTHS TO BECOME FUTURE COMMUNITY LEADERS.

MR YUNG WAS SPEAKING TO A GROUP OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAD JUST COMPLETED RIGOROUS TRAINING AT SEA ON BOARD THE SCHOOL'S VESSEL JI FUNG.

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HE ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO 32 YOUTHS WHO HAD TAKEN PART IN AN 18-DAY COURSE.

AMONG THEM, 15 WERE GIVEN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SCHOOL INTRODUCED A SCHEME TO HELP DESERVING YOUNG PEOPLE TAKE PART IN OUTWARD BOUND COURSES BY PROVIDING AIDED PLACES.

SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHEME ABOUT A YEAR AGO, MORE THAN 1 000 YOUTHS, INCLUDING HANDICAPPED PEOPLE, HAVE JOINED THE COURSES.

MR YUNG SAID THE SCHEME WOULD CONTINUE, WITH NEW TYPES OF COURSES TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THERE ARE 180 AIDED PLACES AVAILABLE FOR FIVE TYPES OF COURSES TO BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL BETWEEN NEXT MONTH (APRIL) AND JUNE.

PEOPLE ABOVE THE AGE OF 11 SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF WING ON CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE RSS.

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LABOUR LAW OFFENDERS FINED * * * *

A TOTAL OF 627 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS TAKEN OUT BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT RESULTED IN CONVICTION BY THE COURTS LAST (FEBRUARY) MONTH, WITH FINES IMPOSED AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$630 000.

MOST OF THE CASES RELATED TO BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS TOTALLED 271, WITH \$415 800 IN FINES. THESE INCLUDED 122 CASES (WITH \$150 000 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 58 CASES (WITH \$174 350 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

CASES RELATING TO BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 270, WITH \$156 750 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, THESE CASES WERE RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP RECORD OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$1 550 IN FINES.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX
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THE HEATED MAIN POOL OF THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO ALLOW FOR THE REMOVAL OF ITS AIR SUPPORT STRUCTURE.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK, THE OTHER POOLS AT THE COMPLEX WILL ALSO BE CLOSED FROM APRIL 9 (MONDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE WHOLE COMPLEX WILL RE-OPEN ON APRIL 15 (SUNDAY).

THE SUPPORT STRUCTURE, IN THE FORM OF AN INFLATED +AIR BUBBLE+, WAS PUT UP TO SHELTER SWIMMERS FROM WINTER COLD.

MORE THAN 10 000 BATHERS USED THE SHELTERED POOL FROM LAST DECEMBER TO MARCH.

THE STRUCTURE WILL BE PUT UP AGAIN NEXT WINTER.

FROM APRIL 15, ALL THE POOLS AT THE COMPLEX WILL BE OPEN FOR THE SESSIONS DAILY: 7 AM TO 9.15 AM, 9.30 AM TO 11.45 AM, 12.45 PM TO 3 PM, 3.30 PM TO 5.45 PM AND 6.45 PM TO 9 PM.

THE POOLS, OTHER THAN THE HEATED MAIN POOL, WILL ALSO OFFER THE SAME SESSIONS BETWEEN APRIL 1 AND 8 BEFORE THEIR TEMPORARY CLOSURE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FUN DAY FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE
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ABOUT 200 ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THE +LUEN YI FUN DAY FOR THE ELDERLY+ SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE ACTIVITY WILL START AT 9.15 AM AT VICTORIA PEAK WHERE THE ELDERLY WILL HAVE A LEISURE WALK AND ENJOY THE SCENERY.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED FOR THEM AT THE CARITAS RESTAURANT AT CAINE ROAD, FOLLOWED BY A LUCKY DRAW AND A VARIETY SHOW.

OFFICIATING AT THE EVENT WILL BE MRS RUBY LAU, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT; MR HENRY S.F. WANG, PRESIDENT, LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH; AND MR Y.C. PI, DISTRICT GOVERNOR, THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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OUTSTANDING ATHLETES SCHEME TO BE LAUNCHED
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OUTSTANDING ATHLETES SCHEME WILL BE LAUNCHED TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND.

AS THE GUEST OF HONOUR, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MISS MARIA TAM WILL PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON; THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KWONG KEI-CHI; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL, MR YUNG CHEK-CHOW, AND THE PUBLIC RELATIONS MANAGER OF SAN MIGUEL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN YING-LUN.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY THERE WILL BE AN INVITATIONAL TRACK-AND-FIELD COMPETITION AMONG ATHLETES FROM GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ORGANISATIONS.

THE CEREMONY WILL HERALD A 10-MONTH SERIES OF EVENTS DURING WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL UNDERGO EXTENSIVE TRAINING TO PREPARE FOR THE GRAND FINALE EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL START AT 9 AM TOMORROW AT THE INDOOR GAMES HALL COMPLEX OF THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES HOLDS SPORTS MEET
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL SPORTS MEET WAS HELD TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE STANLEY FOOTBALL FIELD WITH SOME 300 PARTICIPANTS COMPETING IN VARIOUS TRACK-AND-FIELD EVENTS.

THE PROGRAMME FEATURED A SHOOTING COMPETITION, AN INTER-INSTITUTIONAL RELAY AS WELL AS AN INTER-DEPARTMENTAL RELAY AT WHICH SIX OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TOOK PART.

A GROUP OF DISABLED PEOPLE FROM THE MARGARET TRENCH MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE WERE ALSO INVITED TO SHARE THE FUN WITH THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF. THEY PARTICIPATED IN A WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL MATCH AND A SLALOM RACE.

MRS BEVERLEY GARNER, WIFE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

DURING THE DAY, THE CAPE COLLINSON MARCHING BAND AND THE TAI TAM GIRLS' PIPERS AND MARCHING TEAM ALSO GAVE A PERFORMANCE.

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WATER MAINS WORK IN CHEUNG CHAU
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SAN WAN AREA, CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE
SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 3) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AREA AFFECTED WILL INCLUDE ROUND TABLE STAGE II, ROUND
TABLE STAGE III, YING SIN LEUNG CARE VILLAGE, CARE VILLAGE, TUNG
KWUN SAN TSUEN, CHEUNG CHAU ELECTRIC SUB-STATION AND TREASURE BAY.

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