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NEW HOME FOR FRONTIER POLICE HEADQUARTERS

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THE FRONTIER DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE WILL SOON HAVE A NEW HOME AT FAN LING.

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX AT FAN LING ROUNDABOUT, EXPECTED TO BE READY BY AUGUST, WAS DESIGNED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WHICH ALSO SUPERVISES ITS CONSTRUCTION.

+THE NEW BUILDING WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING SHEUNG SHUI POLICE STATION BUILT BEFORE THE FIRST WORLD WAR, AND ALSO PROVIDE MODERN ACCOMMODATION FOR THE FRONTIER DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS NOW HOUSED IN NISSAN (TUNNEL-SHAPED) HUTS AT FAN LING+ SAID MR. VINCENT IP, P.W.D.'S ARCHITECT IN-CHARGE OF THE PROJECT.

WORK ON THE NEW COMPLEX, COMPRISING A FIVE-STOUREY POLICE STATION, A THREE-STOUREY QUARTERS BLOCK, AND A SINGLE-STOUREY GARAGE BLOCK, COMMENCED IN OCTOBER, 1976.

THE STATION BUILDING HAS OFFICES, CELLS AND ARMOURY ON THE LOWER FLOORS, AND BARRACKS, CANTEENS, RECREATION AND LAUNDRY FACILITIES ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

+THE STATION BUILDING HAS AN EXTERNAL FINISH OF WHITE MOSAIC TILES WHILE THE PANELS UNDER THE WINDOWS AND CONCRETE SUN-BREAKER FINS ARE OF BROWN MOSAIC TILES+, MR. IP SAID.

+APART FROM PARKING FACILITIES, THE GARAGE BLOCK ALSO CONTAINS A SERVICE BAY AND TRANSPORT OFFICE.+

+THERE IS ALSO A HELIPAD IN THE COMPOUND, HE ADDED.

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NEW TECHNIQUES HELP FARMERS YIELD BETTER VEGETABLES

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LOCAL FARMERS CAN NOW PRODUCE IN SUMMER BETTER QUALITY VEGETABLES AT LOWER COST - THANKS TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A CHEMICAL WHICH SUPPRESSES THE GROWTH OF WEED.

THE HERBICIDE - NITROFEN - WAS RECOMMENDED AFTER THREE YEARS OF INTENSIVE TESTING AND EVALUATION, FOR FARMERS TO USE AT THE TIME OF SOWING OF VEGETABLES.

THE CHEMICAL CAN CHECK THE GROWTH OF WEEDS FOR ABOUT 30 DAYS, ROUGHLY THE TIME A FARMER NEEDS TO RAISE HIS CROP FREE FROM WEED COMPETITION.

DR. LAWRENCE LEE, SENIOR CROP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, SAID: +THE ADVANTAGES OF THIS HERBICIDE ARE THAT FARMERS CAN REDUCE ABOUT ONE THIRD OF LABOUR IN CROP PRODUCTION AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF VEGETABLES TOO.+

/THIS HERBICIDE

THIS HERBICIDE IS VERY EFFECTIVE IN INHIBITING THE GERMINATION OF WEED SEEDS, BUT IS NOT HARMFUL TO THE CROPS.

IT IS SUITABLE FOR USE IN MANY TYPES OF VEGETABLES IN HONG KONG, INCLUDING THE POPULAR FLOWERING CABBAGE, CHINESE WHITE CABBAGE AND LEAF MUSTARD+, DR. LEE SAID.

TO PROMOTE THE USE OF THIS HERBICIDE, THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION (V.M.O.) HAS PROVIDED A WORKING FUND FOR BULK PURCHASE OF THE HERBICIDE FOR SALE AT COST PRICE TO VEGETABLE FARMERS AT THE V.M.O. DEPOTS AND THE 31 OFFICES OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

+BY MEANS OF OUR BULK PURCHASE DIRECTLY FROM THE MANUFACTURER AND SELLING IT AT COST AFTER BOTTLING, VEGETABLE FARMERS CAN OBTAIN THIS HERBICIDE AT A CHEAPER PRICE AND CAN BE ASSURED OF A CONTINUOUS SUPPLY IN THE WEED CONTROLLING SEASON,+ DR. LEE SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT IN 1974 WHEN THERE WAS A SUDDEN SERIOUS OUTBREAK OF SLUGS AND SNAILS INFESTING WATER CRESS AT CHUEN LONG, TSUEN WAN, THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED AN EFFECTIVE MOLLUSCICIDE TO FARMERS BUT INADEQUATE SUPPLY IN THE MARKET WAS FOUND.

HOWEVER, THE INFESTATION WAS EVENTUALLY KEPT UNDER CONTROL BY THE SPRAY TEAM OF THE DEPARTMENT WHICH SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING QUICK SUPPLY THROUGH BULK PURCHASE. TO PREVENT FUTURE OCCURRENCE THE V.M.O. HAS NOW ACQUIRED A STOCK OF THE CHEMICAL FOR SALE TO FARMERS.

ON ANOTHER FRONT THE V.M.O. WILL ALSO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE THE USE OF PLASTIC NETHOUSE WHICH HAS BEEN PROVED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PROTECTING VEGETABLES AGAINST STRONG WIND, HEAVY RAIN AND LOW TEMPERATURE.

THE PLASTIC NETHOUSE DONATED BY V.M.O. TO A FARMER IN YUEN LONG FURTHER DEMONSTRATES ITS EFFECTIVENESS AND FARMERS IN GENERAL ARE CONVINCED OF THE USEFULNESS OF THE STRUCTURE.

DR. LEE SAID: +AN OBSTACLE WHICH PREVENTS A WIDE ADOPTION BY FARMERS OF THIS TECHNIQUE IS THE DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING SMALL QUANTITY OF NET MATERIAL BY INDIVIDUAL FARMERS AS MANUFACTURER DOES NOT ACCEPT SMALL UN-COORDINATED ORDERS. TO REMEDY THIS SITUATION, THE V.M.O. HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR BULK PURCHASE OF PLASTIC NETS SO THAT FARMERS CAN OBTAIN READILY ANY QUANTITIES AT A LOWER PRICE FOR THEIR USE.+

HE NOTED THAT IF MORE NETHOUSES COULD BE BUILT IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL BOTH TO THE FARMERS AND THE PUBLIC BY ENSURING STEADY INCOME TO THE FORMER AND CONTINUOUS SUPPLY OF VEGETABLES AT STABILISED PRICES TO THE LATTER IN THE WAKE OF A SPELL OF BAD WEATHER.

+THE COST OF ERECTING NETHOUSE IS AT ABOUT \$1.20 PER SQUARE FOOT AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED TO RENDER TECHNICAL ADVICE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN TERMS OF LOANS TO INTERESTED FARMERS,+ DR. LEE ADDED.

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EFFORTS OF STUDENT GUIDANCE BODY ACKNOWLEDGED
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (SUNDAY) REAFFIRMED THE VALUE OF CO-OPERATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND THE GOVERNMENT IN MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS.

MR. LEE SAID THIS COULD BE REFLECTED BY THE VARIOUS COMMUNITY PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SECONDARY AND PRIMARY STUDENT GUIDANCE COMMITTEE - A BODY MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SCHOOLS, WELFARE AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION STUDENT CULTURAL CONTESTS ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE, HE SAID THAT UNTIL DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE COMMITTEE WAS A SMALLER GROUP WITH SERVICES RESTRICTED TO PRIMARY SIX STUDENTS.

WITH THE CANCELLATION OF THE JOINT SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION, THE GROUP WAS EXPANDED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND SERVICES TO SECONDARY STUDENTS AS WELL.

+DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS, THE COMMITTEE HAS WORKED HARD TOWARDS THE EXPANSION OF STUDY ROOM FACILITIES AND TUITION SERVICE IN THE DISTRICT, AND ORGANISED A SEMINAR ON CAREER AND FURTHER STUDIES TO HELP STUDENTS PLAN THEIR FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO SHOWN STRONG SUPPORT TOWARDS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, A MAJOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMME JOINTLY LAUNCHED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO STRENGTHEN FAMILY TIES IN THE FACE OF RAPID SOCIAL CHANGES.

+THE COMMITTEE'S ATTEMPT IN FOSTERING THE ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND MORAL DEVELOPMENT OF OVER 70,000 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT HAS WON PUBLIC ESTEEM AND SUPPORT,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE NOTED THAT THE RECENT DONATION OF \$40,000 BY THE ROTARY CLUB ISLAND WEST TOWARDS THE COMMITTEE'S CURRENT YEAR EXPENDITURE WAS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THIS SUPPORT.

MR. LEE LATER PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE ESSAY-WRITING, POSTER-DESIGN AND COLOURING CONTESTS. THEY WERE SELECTED FROM AMONG 1,500 PARTICIPANTS WHO BASED THEIR ENTRIES ON THEIR DAILY FAMILY LIFE.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION WAS HELD ALONG WITH A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY SCHOOL CHOIRS, HARMONICA BANDS, ORIENTAL AND WESTERN FOLK DANCE TEAMS, BRASS AND PERCUSSION BANDS.

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LAST FIVE DAYS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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THERE ARE ONLY FIVE MORE DAYS LEFT FOR ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO ADD THEIR NAMES ON THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTORAL ROLL BEFORE THE REGISTRATION CLOSES ON THURSDAY (JUNE 15).

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE REGISTRATION OFFICER FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION REGISTRATION, MR. KUO KET-CHEN.

+PERSONAL APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, 4TH FLOOR NOT LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON JUNE 15,+ MR. KUO SAID.

+MAILING APPLICATIONS POSTMARKED ON JUNE 15 WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED,+ HE ADDED.

DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS 901 PEOPLE HAVE APPLIED TO REGISTER AS NEW VOTERS.

TO DATE, A TOTAL OF 30,489 PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED AS ELECTORS, INCLUDING 21,384 RE-REGISTERED VOTERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DHA TO ATTEND DIRECTORS INSTALLATION CEREMONY

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, WILL ATTEND THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1978-79 OF THE LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MR. CHUI WILL PRESENT LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT TO THE DIRECTORS WHILE THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN, WILL ADMINISTER THE OATHS DURING THE CEREMONY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4 P.M. IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF LOK SIN TONG YU KAN HING SCHOOL, 3 FU YUE STREET, WANG TAU HOM.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN YAU TONG

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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATION IN YAU TONG ESTATE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY FOR FIVE DAYS FROM JUNE 19.

REGISTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARDS BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS THIS WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE :

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
JUNE 13 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
JUNE 14 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
JUNE 15 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.

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