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VISIT TO HK VERY IMPORTANT - LUCE

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THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, MR RICHARD LUCE, SAID TODAY THAT THE PRIME MINISTER, MRS MARGARET THATCHER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND HE HIMSELF VALUE PERSONAL CONTACT AND THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATION WITH THE LEADERS OF THE HONG KONG COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS ARRIVAL, MR LUCE SAID HIS VISIT TO HONG KONG IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF HIS TRIP TO THE FAR EAST.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AS MINISTER OF STATE RESPONSIBLE FOR HONG KONG, HE LIKES TO PAY REGULAR VISITS TO THE TERRITORY.

+I'VE JUST COME THIS MORNING FROM BRUNEI, WHERE I'VE BEEN ACCOMPANYING HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES WHO JOINED THE CELEBRATIONS FOR THE FIRST NATIONAL DAY IN BRUNEI,+ HE SAID.

MR LUCE SAID HE HAS COME TO HONG KONG AT A VERY IMPORTANT TIME IN ITS HISTORY.

+I AM VERY GLAD INDEED TO JOIN THE GOVERNOR, AND INDEED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG, ONCE AGAIN.

+AND I AM VERY GLAD THAT LIKE LAST TIME, THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN PEKING IS COMING DOWN SO THAT WE CAN HAVE DISCUSSIONS.

+I SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING CONTACT WITH A CROSS SECTION OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

MR LUCE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

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SIR RICHARD EVANS ARRIVES

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THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, SIR RICHARD EVANS, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MR RICHARD LUCE, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, AND THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE.

SIR RICHARD WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE GOVERNOR'S AIDE-DE-CAMP, MR PAUL CROFT.

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MORE VOLUNTEER HELP SOUGHT FOR PROBATIONERS

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN HELPING TO REHABILITATE OFFENDERS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS, HE SAID THE SOCIAL WORKERS COULD NOT OPERATE IN A VACUUM AND CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO ASSIST PROBATION OFFICERS BY BEFRIENDING, HELPING AND ADVISING PROBATIONERS ON A PERSONAL BASIS.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE MATCHING OF A VOLUNTEER AND A PROBATIONER +SHOULD BE DONE WITH CARE TO ENSURE SUCCESS.+

THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED A PROGRAMME OF SERVICES FOR THE OFFENDERS CONSISTING OF PROBATION, RESIDENTIAL TRAINING AND AFTER-CARE SERVICES.

HE SAID THE PROBATION ARRANGEMENT SEEMED TO WORK WELL. LAST YEAR ABOUT 86 PER CENT OF THE PROBATIONERS COMPLETED THEIR PERIODS OF SUPERVISION WITHOUT COMMITTING ANY BREACH OF THE CONDITIONS OR COMMITTING FRESH OFFENCES.

+OVER THE YEARS SINCE THE SCHEME STARTED, SOME 140 VOLUNTEERS HAVE TAKEN PART IN IT.+

RECORDS SHOW THAT A NUMBER OF THEM HAVE SERVED MORE THAN ONE TIME, WITH A FEW MORE THAN TWO TIMES.

MR CHAMBERS SAID HIS DEPARTMENT PROVIDED TWO MAIN TYPES OF SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE - PREVENTIVE AND REMEDIAL.

THE FIRST TYPE IS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP INTO MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE MEMBERS OF SOCIETY BY FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PERSONALITY, CHARACTER AND SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

THE SECOND TYPE WHICH IS AIMED AT THE OFFENDERS, IS INTENDED TO RE-INTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY.

MR CHAMBERS THANKED THE 30 VOLUNTEERS WHO RECEIVED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TODAY FOR THEIR WORK, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS +AN IMPORTANT JOB+.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY DERIVED SATISFACTION FROM BEING ABLE TO HELP SOME OF THE LESS FORTUNATE FELLOW-CITIZENS.

+YOUR CONTRIBUTION DOES HELP US TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF OUR LIMITED RESOURCES OF TRAINED SOCIAL WORKERS,+ HE SAID.

TO THOSE ATTENDING THE CEREMONY, INCLUDING JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES, HE SAID: +WE ARE VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE NEED FOR OUR PROBATION SERVICE TO PLAY A SMALL PART IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN HONG KONG, AND WE MAINTAIN A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE JUDICIARY IN CONNECTION WITH OUR STATUTORY AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES IN THIS AREA.+

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CHINA WATER PIPELINE WORK STARTS NOVEMBER
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A SUBMARINE PIPELINE IS TO BE LAID ACROSS TOLO CHANNEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE \$1.75 BILLION SCHEME TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA.

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS TO TENDER FOR THE WORK, WHICH WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE TWO-METRE DIAMETER PIPELINE WILL BE LAID FROM HARBOUR ISLAND TO SAI O, A DISTANCE OF 2.4 KILOMETRES.

THE SCHEME TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THREE STAGES UP TO 1992.

THE SUBMARINE PIPELINE PROJECT IS IN STAGE II, WHICH, AT \$725 MILLION IS THE MOST COSTLY.

OTHER PROJECTS IN THIS STAGE INCLUDE CONSTRUCTING NEW PUMPING STATIONS AT PLOVER COVE AND AN AQUEDUCT BETWEEN PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR AND PAK KONG WHICH WILL SUPPLY ADDITIONAL WATER TO JUNK BAY NEW TOWN, SAI KUNG AND EASTERN AREAS OF KOWLOON AND HONG KONG.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FROM A LIST OF PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS.

CONTRACTORS ON THE LISTS WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD WRITE TO THE CHIEF ENGINEER, RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT, WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 12/F., 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, HONG KONG, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR DETAILS SO THAT THEY CAN SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN THE LIST OF SELECTED TENDERERS.

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TRANSFER OF PRISONERS PLAN SUPPORTED
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSFER OF SENTENCED PERSONS AND ANY SIMILAR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS TO WHICH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT MAY BECOME A PARTY.

THE CONVENTION WAS SIGNED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

THIS MEANS THAT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES PRISONERS OF FOREIGN NATIONALITY SENTENCED IN HONG KONG MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES TO SERVE THEIR SENTENCES AND THAT HONG KONG RESIDENTS SERVING SENTENCES ABROAD MAY BE RETURNED TO HONG KONG.

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A SECURITY BRANCH SPOKESMAN STRESSED TODAY THAT THE CONSENT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WOULD BE REQUIRED BEFORE ANY TRANSFERS COULD TAKE PLACE. EACH CASE WOULD BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS BY THE GOVERNOR, WHO WOULD CONSULT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AS NECESSARY.

LEGISLATION IS NOW BEING INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED KINGDOM TO ENABLE THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO RATIFY THE CONVENTION AND TO CONCLUDE SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DETAILS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING WORKED OUT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. THIS IS LIKELY TO TAKE SOME TIME AND IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT ANY TRANSFERS WILL BE EFFECTED UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR AT THE EARLIEST.

THE CONVENTION IS BASED ON HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS AND TAKES ACCOUNT OF MODERN TRENDS IN CRIME AND PENAL POLICY. IN ASIA, AS IN EUROPE, IMPROVED MEANS OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION HAVE LED TO A GREATER MOBILITY OF PERSONS AND INCREASED INTERNATIONALISATION OF CRIME.

EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT PRISONERS SERVING SENTENCES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES SUFFER PSYCHOLOGICALLY AS A RESULT OF LANGUAGE BARRIERS, ALIENATION FROM LOCAL CULTURE AND CUSTOMS AND FROM THE ABSENCE OF CONTACT WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. TRANSFERS TO THEIR HOME COUNTRIES WILL, THEREFORE, ENHANCE THEIR REHABILITATION.

ONE RESULT WOULD BE THAT THE MONEY AND EFFORTS BEING EXPENDED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ON THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS WOULD BE SPENT ON HONG KONG RESIDENTS, WHO WILL BE INTEGRATED INTO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY ON COMPLETION OF THEIR SENTENCES, AND NOT ON FOREIGN NATIONALS WHO WILL BE DEPORTED.

AT THE END OF LAST YEAR THERE WERE 154 FOREIGN NATIONALS SERVING SENTENCES IN HONG KONG AND AN ESTIMATED 90 HONG KONG RESIDENTS SERVING SENTENCES ABROAD, WHO MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN TRANSFER SCHEMES.

UNDER THE CONVENTION, TRANSFERS MAY BE EFFECTED ONLY IF:

- (A) THE TWO STATES CONCERNED AGREED TO THE TRANSFER;
- (B) THE PRISONER CONSENTS TO THE TRANSFER;
- (C) THE PRISONER IS A NATIONAL OF THE STATE TO WHICH HE IS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO SERVE HIS SENTENCE;
- (D) ALL CHANNELS OF APPEAL AVAILABLE TO THE PRISONER HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED;
- (E) AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER, THE PRISONER STILL HAS AT LEAST SIX MONTHS OF HIS SENTENCE TO SERVE; AND
- (F) THE ACTS CONSTITUTING THE OFFENCE FOR WHICH THE SENTENCE HAS BEEN IMPOSED ALSO CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE IN THE STATE TO WHICH THE PRISONER IS TO BE TRANSFERRED.

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REMINDER ABOUT NEW I.D. CARDS

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MEN BORN IN 1950 AND 1951 ARE REMINDED TO APPLY FOR NEW I.D. CARDS BEFORE MARCH 10.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT 53 000 APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN RECEIVED SINCE THE CURRENT PHASE STARTED ON FEBRUARY 13.

+ABOUT 47 000 MORE ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS,+ HE ADDED.

THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED ARE ADVISED TO CALL AT ANY OF THE EIGHT I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID A LAST-MINUTE RUSH.

THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

A MAIL-IN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO PREFER TO VISIT AN ISSUE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE AT A PRE-ARRANGED TIME.

APPOINTMENTS CAN BE MADE FOR ANY TIME BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5.30 PM ON ANY WORKING DAY OTHER THAN MONDAY.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OR IMMIGRATION OFFICE.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST REACH THE ISSUE OFFICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE PHASE.

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RESIDENTS TO GET AWARDS FOR FIGHTING CRIME
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NINETEEN KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR THEIR CIVIC-MINDEDNESS, BRAVERY AND HELP IN FIGHTING CRIME AT THE FRIENDS OF THE POLICE AND CITIZENS' AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THE AWARD SCHEME HAS BEEN HELD ANNUALLY SINCE 1978 BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, WHICH COMPRISES OFFICIALS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

THIS YEAR'S NOMINEES, WHO ARE ALL MEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 23 AND 62, HAVE ASSISTED IN CASES OF THEFT, ROBBERIES, POSSESSION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS OR INDECENT ASSAULT, LEADING TO ARRESTS AND PROSECUTIONS.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHEME, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, SAID IT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DISTRICT'S CONTINUING CAMPAIGN AGAINST CRIME.

+IT IS DESIGNED TO PROMOTE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE POLICE FORCE BY RECOGNISING THE PUBLIC'S EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN COMBATTING CRIME.

+THOSE WHO ARE NOMINATED FOR THE SCHEME WILL SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS,+ HE SAID.

+THROUGH THESE, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO SOLICIT RESIDENTS' VIEWS ON THE CRIME SITUATION IN THE DISTRICT, THEREBY SUPPLYING INFORMATION TO THE POLICE,+ MR JONES SAID.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S CEREMONY WILL BE MR JONES MR WONG SIK-KONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE AND MR RICHARD LIDSTER, DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FRIENDS OF THE POLICE AND CITIZENS' AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 10 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE HO MAN TIN POLICE STATION.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR STAGES FIRST PUBLIC CONCERT
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THE 120-MEMBER KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CHORUS GAVE ITS FIRST PUBLIC CONCERT AT THE KO SHAN THEATRE THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

DURING THE 90-MINUTE CONCERT, THE CHORUS SANG CHINESE AND WESTERN FOLK SONGS WITH DANCE AND ORCHESTRAL ACCOMPANIMENT.

PERFORMANCES WERE ALSO STAGED BY STUDENTS FROM THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH SCHOOL AND BY THE TUN HUANG CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

SPEAKING AT AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY BEFORE THE CONCERT, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GORDON JONES, SAID: +THE CHORUS IS THE FIRST PERFORMING GROUP TO REPRESENT KOWLOON CITY SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION+.

+SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN JUNE 1982, THE CHORUS HAS BEEN RECEIVING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, ADMINISTRATIVE BACKUP FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL ADVICE FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE,+ HE SAID.

+TONIGHT'S CONCERT IS AIMED AT PUBLICISING THE CHORUS AND ENHANCING RECRUITMENT, INCREASING MEMBERS' EXPERIENCE AND CONFIDENCE, AND PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT TO LOCAL RESIDENTS DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVE PERIOD.+

MR JONES SAID THAT THE CHORUS HAD GIVEN MANY PERFORMANCES IN COMMUNITY CONCERTS AND ON TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

LAST YEAR, A MUSIC CAMP AND A RECRUITMENT EXERCISE WERE ALSO HELD.

+I HOPE THE CHORUS WILL KEEP UP ITS GOOD WORK AND HELP PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT,+ MR JONES SAID.

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RECREATIONAL PROJECTS IN TUEN MUN UNDERWAY
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AN EXTENSIVE BUILDING PROGRAMME IS UNDERWAY IN TUEN MUN TO COPE WITH THE RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

PROJECTS COMPLETED OR COMING UP IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS INCLUDE THE TUEN MUN TRAIL, A LEISURE POOL, A CIVIC AND CULTURAL COMPLEX, A GAMES HALL, A SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND A TOWN PARK.

MR AKERS-JONES NOTED THAT A FEW YEARS BACK, FACILITIES AND AMENITIES IN TUEN MUN WERE FEW AND FAR APART, AND MOST RESIDENTS HAD TO LEAVE THE NEW TOWN FOR RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT.

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+NOW WE HAVE AHEAD OF US AN EXTENSIVE BUILDING PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT SUCH NEEDS CAN BE LOCALLY MET,+ HE SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A BOWLING CENTRE AT THE YAN OI TONG COMMUNITY AND INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE.

HE SAID RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN EVERY NEW TOWN WERE ESSENTIAL FOR ITS GROWING POPULATION.

+I AM GLAD THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT ALONE IN TRYING TO MEET THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF THE YOUNG POPULATION IN TUEN MUN,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE BOWLING CENTRE WOULD BE CONTRIBUTING THEIR IMPORTANT AND USEFUL SHARE.

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PROJECT SEEKS MORE CHANCE FOR DISABLED
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THE DISABLED AND THE ABLE-BODIED WILL HAVE MORE CHANCES TO WORK TOGETHER IF BARRIERS BETWEEN THEM ARE REMOVED, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S +WORKING WITH THE DISABLED PROJECTS AWARD SCHEME+, SHE SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SCHEME WAS TO ENCOURAGE YOUTH GROUPS AND THE DISABLED TO WORK TOGETHER IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY.

+BESIDES EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISABILITIES, THE SCHEME ALSO PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE DISABLED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY TOO CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY WITHOUT RELYING ENTIRELY ON OTHERS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS DOE THANKED THE 16 PARTICIPATING GROUPS FOR THEIR INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND ASKED THEM TO HELP PROMOTE PUBLIC EDUCATION ON REHABILITATION.

MORE THAN 2 700 PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM ELDERLY AND DISABLED, HAVE BENEFITED FROM THESE PROJECTS, WHICH INCLUDED CAMPING, PICNICS, VARIETY SHOWS, SEMINARS AND FUN DAYS.

A COMMITTEE WAS FORMED WITHIN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR TO PROMOTE THIS WORK AND THE AWARD SCHEME IS PART OF THE 1983-84 PUBLICITY PROGRAMME.

PREVIOUS EVENTS INCLUDED OPEN DAYS ORGANISED BY REHABILITATION CENTRES AND A SEMINAR.

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KEEPING CHEUNG CHAU FREE FROM REFUSE

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THE JOB OF KEEPING CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND CLEAN AND GREEN AND FREE FROM REFUSE FOR ITS 40 000 RESIDENTS HAS GROWN FROM A SMALL PROBLEM TO A BIG ONE.

THE TINY ISLAND WAS ONCE ABLE TO GET RID OF ITS DOMESTIC REFUSE BY BURNING IT IN THE SMALL, TRADITIONAL AND VILLAGE-TYPE INCINERATORS.

HOWEVER THE AVERAGE REFUSE YIELD HAS SINCE GROWN TO SOME 16 TONNES A DAY, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS HAD TO RESORT TO A DAILY SERVICE TO REMOVE THE RUBBISH BY BARGE TO THE KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR.

THE SMALL VILLAGE-TYPE INCINERATORS WERE NOT ONLY FAILING TO COPE WITH THE GROWING VOLUME OF REFUSE, BUT WERE ALSO ADDING CONSIDERABLY TO AIR POLLUTION.

CHECKING ON REMOVAL WORK TODAY WERE MR KWONG PING-YAU, A NEW UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN'S NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WITH HIM WERE THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, AND THE ISLANDS URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, MR STEPHEN IP KI-TIT.

+THE GROWING NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND THE HILLY TERRAIN COMBINE TO MAKE THE JOB OF KEEPING CHEUNG CHAU CLEAN AN EXPENSIVE AND LABOUR-INTENSIVE OPERATION,+ MR KWONG SAID.

HE CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC - RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE - TO COOPERATE BY DISCARDING THEIR REFUSE ONLY IN THE BINS AND RECEPTACLES PROVIDED.

THE GROUP WERE LATER TOLD ABOUT THE LONG-TERM PLANS FOR THE BUILDING OF A MODERN INCINERATOR AT TAI KWAI WAN TO DEAL WITH THE REFUSE.

THEY THEN VISITED THE NEWLY COMPLETED SITTING-OUT AREA AT TUNG KOON SUN TSUEN TO SEE SOME OF THE HORTICULTURAL WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT.

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SCHEME TO KEEP BUILDINGS CLEAN

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PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT WILL BE GIVEN AWARDS FOR KEEPING THE BUILDINGS CLEAN AND TIDY.

A CLEAN PUBLIC HOUSING COMPETITION AMONG THE DISTRICT'S 56 HOUSING BLOCKS, IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S CLEAN HONG KONG WORKING GROUP.

IT IS AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS ABOUT KEEPING THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

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EARLIER THIS MONTH, 15 BLOCKS FROM AMONG THE 56 WERE NOMINATED TO ENTER THE CONTEST.

TODAY, A PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS, COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HOUSING AND CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENTS, INSPECTED SIX BLOCKS IN TIN WAN AND AP LEI CHAU ESTATES.

VISITS TO THE OTHER NINE BLOCKS IN WONG CHUK HANG, SHEK PAI WAN AND WAH FU ESTATES WILL BE HELD AT A LATER DATE.

THE ADJUDICATION IS BASED ON THE CLEANLINESS AND TIDINESS OF THE BUILDINGS' LIFT LOBBIES, MAIN ENTRANCES, STAIRCASES, CORRIDORS AND SURROUNDINGS.

MEDALS AND CASH COUPONS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE THREE CLEANEST BUILDINGS.

THE COMPETITION IS THE LAST OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

OTHER FUNCTIONS HELD EARLIER INCLUDE BEACH-CLEANSING OPERATIONS, A CLEAN HARBOUR PUBLICITY DRIVE, AND A CLEAN MARKET STALLS COMPETITION.

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SEMINAR ON THE USE OF LANGUAGE TEACHING AID
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE WILL ORGANISE 11 IDENTICAL SEMINARS ON THE USE OF THE WIREFREE INDUCTION LOOP SYSTEM FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THESE SEMINARS, EACH LASTING TWO HOURS, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MARCH 19 AND APRIL 12 AT THE CENTRE'S HONG KONG AND KOWLOON OFFICES.

THERE WILL BE TALKS ON THE DIFFERENT WAYS OF USING THE SYSTEM TO PROMOTE LISTENING SKILLS, AS WELL AS ON THE MAINTENANCE OF THE EQUIPMENT AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF A TAPED PROGRAMME IN AN ENGLISH LESSON.

SCHOOL HEADS WHO WISH TO SEND TEACHERS TO THE SEMINARS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR, ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE, 9A BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG BY MARCH 9.

THERE WILL BE 40 PLACES AT EACH SEMINAR AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SEMINARS CAN BE MADE WITH THE TEACHING CENTRE ON 5-482537.

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BUS TERMINUS TO GET PUBLIC TOILET
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A PUBLIC TOILET IS TO BE BUILT AT THE SHAM SHUI PO BUS AND FERRY CONCOURSE.

IT WILL BE A SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURE OCCUPYING AN AREA OF 138 SQUARE METRES.

A TOTAL OF 20 TOILET CUBICLES WILL BE PROVIDED, INCLUDING ONE FOR THE DISABLED.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

WORK WILL START IN APRIL AND BE COMPLETED IN SIX MONTHS.

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SECTION OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD BEING IMPROVED
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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS TO SURFACE A STRETCH OF DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, SHOUSON HILL, WHICH HAS BEEN WIDENED AND STRAIGHTENED.

THE 320-METRE-LONG SECTION, INCORPORATING PARTS OF THE EXISTING ROAD, HAS BEEN FORMED BY A PROPERTY DEVELOPER IN THE AREA AS PART OF THE LEASE CONDITIONS.

SURFACING WORK WILL START IN APRIL AND TAKE FIVE MONTHS TO COMPLETE. IT WILL RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO THE ROAD'S ALIGNMENT.

CONTRACTORS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR TENDERS BY NOON ON MARCH 9 TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, BY PLACING THEM IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

TENDER FORMS AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, HIGHWAYS (HK) DIVISION, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 9TH FLOOR, HENNESSY CENTRE, 500, HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

ONLY CONTRACTORS ON THE APPROVED CONTRACTORS LIST FOR PUBLIC WORKS: BUILDING, CIVIL ENGINEERING AND WATER WORKS LIST I IN GROUPS A, B AND C FOR ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS WILL BE PERMITTED TO TENDER.

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TUNNEL SLOW LANE TO BE REPAIRED

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FROM 11.30 PM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27) TO 6.30 AM ON MARCH 2, THE KOWLOON-BOUND 'SLOW LANE' OF LION ROCK TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS.

SOUTHBOUND MOTORISTS FROM SHA TIN TO KOWLOON ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI PO ROAD.

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RESTRICTED HEADROOM

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A PEDESTRIAN FOOTBRIDGE IS BEING BUILT ACROSS KWUN TONG ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH THE UNNAMED ROAD NEAR BLOCK 1 OF LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION, A RESTRICTED HEIGHT OF 4.75 METRES WILL BE APPLIED UNDER THE FOOTBRIDGE FALSEWORKS FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS, STARTING FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

DURING THIS PERIOD HEAVY VEHICLES EXCEEDING 4.75 METRES HIGH WILL BE DIVERTED TO WAI YIP STREET OR NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTION

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FROM 10 AM MONDAY, (FEBRUARY 27), THE FOLLOWING STREETS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED RESTRICTED ZONES FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY :-

* TUNG YAN STREET.

* THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF YUE MAN SQUARE FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET TO A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION.

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

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SALT WATER WORKS

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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE ENTIRE TUEN MUN AREA WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 28) TO 3 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 1) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

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