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NEW TOWN RESIDENTS HAVE WIDE CHOICE OF LEISURE FACILITIES: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (THURSDAY) SAID THAT THE PROVISION OF A WIDE RANGE OF MODERN RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL HAS GREATLY IMPROVED THE LIVES OF RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TOWNS: THEY NOW HAVE A MUCH BROADER RANGE OF FACILITIES TO CHOOSE FROM DURING THEIR LEISURE HOURS.

"THIS SHOWS WHAT OUR WELL-PLANNED NEW TOWNS CAN OFFER," HE SAID.

"IN SHA TIN, FOR INSTANCE, RESIDENTS HAVE ONE OF THE BEST PARKS IN THE TERRITORY RIGHT IN THEIR MIDST AND THERE IS THE TOWN HALL, CENTRAL LIBRARY AND ACTIVE SPORTING FACILITIES FOR TRACK AND FIELD, SOCCER, TENNIS, SQUASH AND EVEN SWIMMING WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE," HE NOTED.

SIR DAVID, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR HAIDER BARMA, WAS VISITING SHA TIN, ONE OF THE NINE DISTRICTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

EN ROUTE MR BARMA SHOWED SIR DAVID THE SITE NEXT TO KCR HOUSE WHICH WILL BE THE NEW \$187.5 MILLION HOME OF THE COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT IN TWO YEARS' TIME.

THE GOVERNOR MET STAFF OF THE ENVIRONMENT HYGIENE SECTION, THE GENERAL OFFICE AND THE LEISURE SERVICES SECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT'S DISTRICT OFFICE.

SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT IN THE PAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT DEPLOYED NEARLY 3,500 CLEANSING STAFF AND A FLEET OF OVER 200 SPECIALISED VEHICLES TO ENSURE A CLEAN AND PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA DESPITE THE RAPIDLY GROWING POPULATION.

MORE THAN HALF A MILLION TONNES OF REFUSE WERE COLLECTED, INDICATING AN AVERAGE OF 0.64 KILOGRAMMES PER CAPITA DAILY OUTPUT. SHA TIN, WITH A POPULATION OF OVER 500,000, GENERATED THE HEAVIEST WORKLOAD FOR DISTRICT STAFF.

HE NOTED THAT THE FACILITIES AND METHODS USED IN PROVIDING CLEANSING SERVICES HAVE UNDERGONE EXTENSIVE CHANGES TO IMPROVE REFUSE COLLECTION.

IN THE NEW TOWN AREAS, SUCH AS SHA TIN, PLASTIC RECTANGULAR BINS ARE INTRODUCED TO REPLACE METAL DRUMS WHILE IN THE RURAL PARTS OF THE REGION, A NEW COLLECTION SYSTEM CALLED THE "HAUL-ALL", COMPRISING SPECIALLY DESIGNED VEHICLES AND AUTOMATIC LOADING CONTAINERS, WILL BE PUT ON TRIAL THIS YEAR.

FROM KCR HOUSE, SIR DAVID WALKED TO THE SHA TIN CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR A BRIEFING ON THE WORK AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT BY SENIOR DIRECTORATE STAFF. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE LIBRARY ITSELF.

/SIR DAVID

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SIR DAVID WAS TOLD THAT WITH ITS 20 PUBLIC LIBRARIES THE DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS A TOTAL STOCK OF 1.2 MILLION BOOKS.

SHA TIN CENTRAL LIBRARY, WHICH OPENED IN FEBRUARY 1987, HAS THE HIGHEST LENDING RATE IN A SINGLE DAY (OVER 8,000 ITEMS) OF ALL PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN HONG KONG.

ANOTHER CENTRAL LIBRARY IN TUEN MUN WILL BE READY LATER THIS YEAR AND WILL PROVIDE AN INITIAL STOCK OF 200,000 ENGLISH AND CHINESE BOOKS AND COMPREHENSIVE LIBRARY FACILITIES AND REFERENCE SERVICES SIMILAR TO THE SHA TIN ONE.

SIR DAVID THEN TOURED THE SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK AND SAW THE VARIOUS THEME AND ADVENTURE GARDENS WITHIN THE SPRAWLING EIGHT-HECTARE SITE LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE NEW TOWN.

MR BARMA TOLD SIR DAVID THAT THE TOTAL AREA OF PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND AMENITY PLOTS MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT AMOUNT TO ALMOST 400 HECTARES. THE SHA TIN PARK, LIKE A SIMILAR ONE IN TUEN MUN, ATTRACTS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EVERY WEEKEND.

THE FINAL STOP FOR SIR DAVID WAS THE SHA TIN ROAD SAFETY PARK, ONE OF THE LATEST FACILITIES PROVIDED FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN THE BURGEONING NEW TOWN. SIR DAVID SAW CHILDREN LEARNING THE PROPER WAY TO CROSS ROADS AND HOW TO IDENTIFY ROAD SIGNS.

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CS VISITS FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, VISITED THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON.

SIR DAVID WAS MET BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR JOHN MARCH, AND THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR CHEUNG SHU-SHING, AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST. HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE OPERATION OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY THEN VISITED THE FIRE SERVICES COMMUNICATION CENTRE IN THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION COMPLEX. HE WATCHED DEMONSTRATIONS BY FIREMEN AND VIEWED SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT USED IN FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

SIR DAVID LATER SAW A MODERN AMBULANCE, AN AMBULANCE AID MOTORCYCLE AND A MOBILE CASUALTY TREATMENT CENTRE BEFORE DEPARTING ON BOARD FIRE BOAT NO. 6 FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT PIER.

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PROVISIONAL DATES FOR 1989-90 LEGCO SESSION

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THE 1989-90 SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, WHEN THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE HIS ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE PROVISIONAL DATES FOR THE COUNCIL'S SITTINGS IN THE NEW SESSION:

WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 11	OPENING OF 1989-90 SESSION (GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS)
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 18	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	OCTOBER 25	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 1	DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS (MEMBERS OTHER THAN OFFICIALS SPEAK)
THURSDAY	NOVEMBER 2	
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 8	DEBATE ON MOTION OF THANKS (OFFICIALS SPEAK)
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 15	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 22	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	NOVEMBER 29	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 6	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 13	REGULAR SITTING
(CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR RECESS)		
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 10	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 17	REGULAR SITTING
(LUNAR NEW YEAR RECESS)		
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 7	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 14	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 21	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 7	FIRST BUDGET SITTING (FINANCIAL SECRETARY PRESENTS BUDGET)

/WEDNESDAY MARCH 14

WEDNESDAY	MARCH 14	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 21	REGULAR SITTING
(SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN WEEK COMMENCING MARCH 26)		
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 4	REGULAR SITTING
(EASTER RECESS)		
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 25	SECOND BUDGET SITTING
THURSDAY	APRIL 26	(MEMBERS OTHER THAN OFFICIALS SPEAK)
WEDNESDAY	MAY 2	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MAY 9	THIRD BUDGET SITTING (OFFICIALS SPEAK)
WEDNESDAY	MAY 16	REGULAR SITTING (FOURTH BUDGET SITTING: COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING OF APPROPRIATION BILL)
WEDNESDAY	MAY 23	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	MAY 30	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 6	REGULAR SITTING
(QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY RECESS)		
WEDNESDAY	JUNE 27	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JULY 4	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JULY 11	REGULAR SITTING
WEDNESDAY	JULY 18	REGULAR SITTING

OPENING OF PHASE I OF PILLAR POINT OPEN CAMP
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WITH PHASE I OF THE PILLAR POINT OPEN CAMP NOW COMPLETED, SOME 1,600 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE EXISTING TEMPORARY CLOSED CAMP IN PILLAR POINT TO THE NEW OPEN CAMP IN BATCHES AS FROM SATURDAY (JULY 22).

"ABOUT 800 ADDITIONAL PLACES WILL COME ON STREAM IN AUGUST AND THESE WILL BE FILLED BY REFUGEES FROM OTHER CLOSED CENTRES TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE SITE OF THE EXISTING TEMPORARY CAMP IN PILLAR POINT WILL BE VACATED BY THE END OF THIS MONTH TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PHASE II OF THE OPEN CAMP.

"WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER THIS YEAR, THE WHOLE CAMP, THAT IS PHASES I AND II, WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE UP TO ABOUT 5,500 REFUGEES."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW OPEN CAMP WOULD BE MANAGED BY A MANAGEMENT COMPANY DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES TO PROVIDE THE MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

"THE REFUGEES ARE REQUIRED TO PAY A RENT PLUS MANAGEMENT FEES," HE SAID.

"THEY WILL BE ALLOWED FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, BUT STILL SUBJECT TO THE OPEN CENTRE RULES UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE.

"THE POLICE WILL STEP UP PATROLS IN THE AREA TO STRENGTHEN LAW AND ORDER. THE CAMP WILL BE OFFICIALLY GAZETTED AS AN OPEN CAMP SHORTLY.

"THE COSTS OF ABOUT SIX MILLION POUND STERLING FOR CONSTRUCTING THE OPEN CAMP HAS BEEN REIMBURSED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BY THE UK GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE UNHCR."

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SDB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED
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MR HOWARD WELLS HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD (SDB) WHICH WILL BE FORMALLY ESTABLISHED NEXT YEAR.

MR WELLS WAS SELECTED FROM 28 APPLICANTS AND HIS APPOINTMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM OCTOBER 1 THIS YEAR.

/THE DECISION

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THE DECISION WAS MADE BY A SELECTION BOARD WHICH WAS CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI.

OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK AND MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MR WILLIAM PURVES; EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS RITA FAN; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR PAUL CHENG; AND BRITISH SPORTS CONSULTANT, MR EMLYN JONES.

MR WELLS HAS BEEN WITH THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE SINCE 1981 AND HAS SERVED AS ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE SINCE 1984. HE WAS FORMERLY DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE AT BISHAM ABBEY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

MR WELLS IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

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CFPA APPROVES CRITERIA FOR NEW 'SEEDING GRANTS'
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THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA) APPROVED AT ITS MEETING YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) THE CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD OF "SEEDING GRANTS".

THESE WILL BE DESIGNED TO HELP THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROMISING PERFORMING GROUPS TOWARDS PROFESSIONAL STATUS BY ASSISTING THEM WITH THEIR GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE AND PRODUCTION COSTS.

"WE WANT TO DO MORE TO FOSTER THE PROGRESS OF THE BEST SMALL PERFORMING GROUPS," THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, DR WANG GUNGWU, SAID.

"PREVIOUSLY, THE COUNCIL OFFERED ONLY TWO SORTS OF GRANTS: 'GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS', AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$24 MILLION THIS YEAR, TO SUBSIDISE THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF SOME OF THE MAJOR LOCAL COMPANIES; AND 'PROJECT GRANTS' WHICH ARE ONE-OFF AWARDS FOR INDIVIDUAL PLAYS, CONCERTS AND SO ON.

"THE SEEDING GRANTS WILL BE SOMETHING IN BETWEEN," DR WANG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COUNCIL DID NOT HAVE AS MUCH MONEY TO SPARE AS IT WOULD LIKE AND THAT, THEREFORE, IT WOULD HAVE TO START THE SCHEME THIS YEAR BY USING A PORTION OF THE \$5 MILLION WHICH IT HAD SET ASIDE FOR PROJECT GRANTS.

HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL CONSIDERED THAT THIS WOULD BE A WORTHWHILE SACRIFICE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LONG TERM DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERFORMING ARTS.

/DR WANG

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DR WANG EXPLAINED THAT APPLICATIONS WOULD NOT BE INVITED FOR SEEDING GRANTS. INSTEAD, THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES ON DANCE, DRAMA AND MUSIC WOULD CONSIDER POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS AND THEN MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL ITSELF.

THE MEETING ALSO DECIDED ON A STREAMLINING AND STRENGTHENING OF THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. THE EXISTING "CROSS DISCIPLINE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE" WILL BE EXPANDED AND RENAMED THE "DEVELOPMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE".

THIS RENAMED COMMITTEE WILL ACT AS A FORM OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE COUNCIL, COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF POLICY ISSUES, FINANCIAL QUESTIONS (INCLUDING FUNDING FROM THE PRIVATE SECTORS) AND PUBLICITY ON THE ROLE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNCIL.

IN ADDITION, A NEW "ARTS SERVICES COMMITTEE" WILL BE FORMED TO DEAL WITH MATTERS PERTAINING TO ARTS ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS, AS WELL AS THE TECHNICAL ARTS.

THE COUNCIL ALSO UNDERTOOK TO HELP HIGH-CALIBRE LOCAL PERFORMING COMPANIES WHICH WISH TO MAKE OVERSEAS TOURS.

"ALTHOUGH AGAIN WE DON'T HAVE MUCH MONEY AVAILABLE AND THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WE CAN OFFER WILL BE VERY LIMITED, WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THESE TOURS.

"THEY CAN DO A GREAT DEAL TO PROMOTE HONG KONG'S IMAGE ABROAD AND, WHAT IS PERHAPS MORE, TO HELP STIMULATE OUR OWN DISTINCT CULTURAL IDENTITY," DR WANG ADDED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR URBAN AND NT TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR 200 URBAN AND 100 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES.

THIS TENDER EXERCISE IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION TAKEN BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL LAST YEAR THAT NOT MORE THAN 200 NEW LICENCES FOR URBAN TAXIS AND 100 LICENCES FOR NT TAXIS SHOULD BE ISSUED EACH YEAR.

IT IS ALSO IN ACCORDANCE WITH A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION THAT THE NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHICH MIGHT BE REGISTERED AS TAXIS WOULD BE LIMITED TO 14,800 IN THE URBAN AREA AND 2,838 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES UNTIL JULY 1990.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT A SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BY THE DEPARTMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR SHOWED A CONTINUED DEMAND FOR TAXI SERVICE. WHILE THE TAXI TRADE HAD RECENTLY INDICATED THAT THERE WAS A DROP IN PATRONAGE LEADING TO REDUCTION IN BUSINESS, THE 300 NEW TAXI LICENCES TO BE ISSUED CONSTITUTE ONLY 1.8 PER CENT OF THE EXISTING TAXI FLEET WHICH STANDS AT 17,038.

/THE TRANSPORT

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE LEVEL OF TAXI SERVICE TO ENSURE THAT CHANGES IN THE LEVEL OF DEMAND WILL BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN THE ISSUE OF THE NEXT BATCH OF TAXI LICENCES IS CONSIDERED.

FORMS FOR THE NEW LICENCES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC VEHICLES SECTION, ROOM 27, MEZZANINE FLOOR, MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL.

TENDERERS MUST DEPOSIT \$50,000 WITH THE DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR EACH TAXI LICENCE THEY SEEK.

TENDERS FOR URBAN AND NT TAXI LICENCES MUST BE SEPARATED. ONE TENDER FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED FOR ANY NUMBER OF URBAN TAXI LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 200 OR FOR ANY NUMBER OF NT TAXI LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 100.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS WHICH OFFER THE SAME UNIT PREMIUM.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS, TOGETHER WITH ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN DUPLICATE IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 4, THIS YEAR.

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TEACHER HONOURED FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO DISABLED

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IT WAS A SUNNY MORNING IN JULY. FIFTY-SIX YEAR OLD MRS WU KOO POO-SHUEN WAS TEACHING HANDICRAFT TO A GROUP OF DISABLED TRAINEES AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S WONG TAI SIN DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE.

IT WAS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DAY. EXCEPT THAT MRS WU KNEW NOW THAT HER 25 YEARS' DEDICATED SERVICE HAD NOT GONE UNNOTICED -- SHE WAS RECENTLY NAMED IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST.

THROUGHOUT HER CAREER AS A WORKSHOP INSTRUCTOR WITH THE DEPARTMENT, MRS WU HAS TAUGHT DEAF CHILDREN, AS WELL AS PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

HOWEVER, UNLIKE HER FELLOW INSTRUCTORS, MRS WU IS HERSELF ALSO A DISABLED PERSON.

SHE BECAME DEAF AND DUMB AFTER CONTRACTING MENINGITIS AT THE AGE OF FOUR BUT HER DISABILITY DID NOT DAMPEN HER ENTERPRISING SPIRIT NOR AFFECT HER INTELLIGENCE. SHE RECEIVED SPECIAL EDUCATION AND SKILLS TRAINING, AND CAN READ LIPS AND COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS BY WRITING AND USING SIGN LANGUAGE.

/MRS WU'S

MRS WU'S CAREER IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT BEGAN IN 1964 WHEN SHE WAS RECRUITED AS AN INSTRUCTOR FOR HER KNOWLEDGE IN HANDICRAFT.

SHE WAS AT FIRST RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING DEAF CHILDREN. IN 1981, WHEN EDUCATION OF DISABLED CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE BECAME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SHE JOINED THE WONG TAI SIN DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE.

HERE SHE TEACHES TRAINEES COMPRISING BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

UNDER HER INSTRUCTIONS IN THE PAST 25 YEARS, MRS WU HAS HELPED NUMEROUS DISABLED PEOPLE TO REGAIN THEIR CONFIDENCE AND BECOME LESS DEPENDENT ON OTHERS.

THROUGH A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER, MRS WU SAID: "THE DISABLED TRAINEES ARE OFTEN EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE BECAUSE OF A FEELING OF INFERIORITY, TIMIDITY AND LONELINESS SO WE, AS INSTRUCTORS, MUST BE CONSIDERATE AND LOVING IN ORDER TO HELP THEM LEARN A SKILL."

THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE CENTRE, MR MA SIU-KAY, NOTED THAT WITH LOVE AND PATIENCE, MRS WU HAD BUILT UP A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE TRAINEES.

"SHE FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE TRAINEES' CAPABILITIES AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH FELLOW COLLEAGUES IN MAPPING OUT TRAINING PLANS MOST SUITABLE TO THEIR NEEDS," SHE SAID.

THE CENTRE PROVIDES DAY CARE FOR MODERATE TO SEVERE MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS WHO ARE UNABLE TO BENEFIT FROM VOCATIONAL TRAINING OR SHELTERED WORK.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO DEVELOP THE LIMITED CAPABILITIES OF THE TRAINEES TO ENABLE THEM TO BE MORE INDEPENDENT IN THEIR DAILY LIVES, TO TEACH THEM BASIC PRACTICAL AND SOCIAL SKILLS, AND TO HELP THEM DEVELOP WORK HABITS AND MANUAL DEXTERITY WITH A VIEW TO REACHING SHELTERED WORK STANDARDS.

MRS WU WAS AWARDED THE CIVIL SERVICE LONG SERVICE TRAVEL AWARD LAST YEAR AND, TOGETHER WITH HER FAMILY, SHE WENT TO CANADA TO VISIT HER SON WHO WAS STUDYING COMPUTERS THERE.

THIS YEAR, SHE WAS AWARDED THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL IN THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS LIST.

MRS WU SAID SHE AND HER FAMILY FELT HONOURED AND THRILLED BY THE AWARD, A FEELING WHICH WAS ALSO SHARED BY HER COLLEAGUES AND TRAINEES.

MRS WU HAS A HAPPY FAMILY. HER HUSBAND, WHO IS ALSO DEAF AND DUMB, IS A SUCCESSFUL SALESMAN WHILE HER DAUGHTER HAS COMPLETED STUDIES AND IS NOW WORKING.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) APPROVED \$23,440 FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO 11 VICTIMS INJURED IN A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON JUNE 28.

NINETEEN PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN THE ACCIDENT INVOLVING A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS AND THREE GOODS VEHICLES ALONG KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

THE TAVA SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW PROCESSING SEVEN OTHER APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE WHILE THE REMAINING APPLICATION WAS FOUND INELIGIBLE.

THE TAVA SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS WITHOUT TAKING REGARD OF THE MEANS OF A FAMILY OR THE ELEMENT OF FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

BENEFICIARIES UNDER THE SCHEME STILL RETAIN THE RIGHT TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR LEGAL DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION FROM OTHER SOURCES IN THE USUAL WAY.

HOWEVER, THOSE WHO RECEIVE OTHER DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION IN RESPECT OF THE SAME TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ARE REQUIRED TO REPAY THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM THE SCHEME. IN ANY CASE, THE AMOUNT OF REPAYMENT SHALL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES OR COMPENSATION AWARDED.

APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE SECTION AT FIRST FLOOR, VICTORIA CENTRE, 15 WATSON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 5-702410.

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EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES MUST BE REGISTERED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC OF THE LAW GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES.

THIS FOLLOWS A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A FILIPINO WOMAN WAS FINED \$2,000 BY A CENTRAL MAGISTRATE FOR OPERATING AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY WITHOUT A VALID LICENCE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE OPERATOR OF AN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY MUST OBTAIN A LICENCE OR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FROM THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR BEFORE UNDERTAKING ANY JOB PLACEMENT BUSINESS.

/THE LICENSEE

THE LICENSEE IS ALSO REQUIRED TO DISPLAY THE LICENCE IN A PROMINENT PLACE INSIDE HIS OFFICE AND TO MAINTAIN RECORDS OF ALL REGISTRATIONS FOR EMPLOYMENT OR PROCUREMENT OF EMPLOYEES.

LABOUR INSPECTORS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL CARRY OUT SPOT CHECKS ON ALL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW.

ANYONE WHO CONTRAVENES THE ORDINANCE IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES ON THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES ADMINISTRATION (TEL. NO. 5-8523535).

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROGRESS REPORT ON MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

IT WILL ALSO DISCUSS A REVIEW ON PEDESTRIAN PROBLEM SPOTS IN TSUEN WAN AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN LUEN YAN STREET.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRANSPORT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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BRIEFING ON WORK OF CONSUMER ADVICE CENTRES

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THE COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A REGULAR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

AT THE MEETING, THE CHIEF COMPLAINT OFFICER OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL, MR CHAN WING-KAI, WILL BRIEF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ON THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE 16 CONSUMER ADVICE CENTRES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMERCE, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COMMITTEE TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR ADMISSION TO COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

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THE FOUR LOCAL COLLEGES OF EDUCATION ARE INVITING STUDENTS WISHING TO ENTER THE TEACHING PROFESSION TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSES BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER.

THEY ARE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

STUDENTS WITH CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS WERE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR THE THREE-YEAR COURSE AND THOSE WITH ADVANCED LEVEL QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE TWO-YEAR COURSE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE TWO-YEAR AND THREE-YEAR COURSES AT NORTHCOTE, GRANTHAM AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION PREPARE STUDENTS TO TEACH GENERAL SUBJECTS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TWO ELECTIVE SUBJECTS UP TO SECONDARY 3 LEVEL IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE THREE-YEAR COURSE PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE PREPARES STUDENTS TO TEACH EITHER DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY OR COMMERCE, AND ONE OTHER ELECTIVE SUBJECT IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

"A STUDENT WILL BE AWARDED A TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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DETAILS OF THE COURSES AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT THE THIRD FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY; OR THE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT THE SEVENTH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 21 SASSOON ROAD, POK FU LAM; GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 42 GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI; SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 6 CALDECOTT ROAD, PIPER'S HILL; AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATIONS THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL HEADS AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY LEFT SCHOOL, TO THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, BEFORE AUGUST 16.

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FINALS OF SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD

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THE FINALS OF BADMINTON, VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL COMPETITIONS OF THE FOURTH SCHOOLS SUMMER OLYMPIAD WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM IN WAN CHAI ON SUNDAY (JULY 23).

THIS YEAR'S SCHOOL SUMMER OLYMPIAD, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS, ATTRACTED A TOTAL OF 3,400 ATHLETES FROM 127 SCHOOLS.

THEY COMPETED IN FIVE SPORTS: SWIMMING, ATHLETICS, BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL AND BADMINTON.

THE FINALS OF THE ATHLETICS AND SWIMMING EVENTS TOOK PLACE EARLY THIS WEEK, WHILE THOSE IN THE BALL GAMES WILL BE HELD AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY, STARTING AT 9.15 AM.

AFTER THE BASKETBALL FINALS, THERE WILL BE A CELEBRITY BASKETBALL MATCH FROM 5 PM TO 5.45 PM. A TEAM OF FILM STARS WILL BE INVITED TO PLAY AGAINST A JOINT STAFF TEAM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MRS ROSANNA TAM; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR WONG SIK-WAH; AND MANAGER OF ORIENTAL DAILY NEWS, MR MA CHING-FAT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON SUNDAY (JULY 23).

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CSD SETS UP FURTHER RECRUITMENT CENTRE

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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (CSD) HAS SET UP ANOTHER TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRE AT THE SHOPPING ARCADE OF CHUK YUEN HOUSING ESTATE IN KOWLOON TO ASSIST ENERGETIC YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NEARBY AREAS IN APPLYING TO JOIN AS OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS.

THE NEW RECRUITMENT CENTRE IS THE FOURTH OF ITS KIND SET UP BY THE CSD IN SHOPPING ARCADES OF PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES. THE OTHER THREE ARE AT LOK FU, WO CHE AND LEI TUNG HOUSING ESTATES.

IN ADDITION TO THESE CENTRES, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO HAS TWO TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRES AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HO ROAD, TSUEN WAN, AND AT THE LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE.

THESE TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRES HAVE THREE EXHIBITION PANELS ON THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE CENTRES ARE MANNED BY CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS WHO ASSIST APPLICANTS AND ANSWER ENQUIRIES.

"THE SETTING UP OF TEMPORARY RECRUITMENT CENTRES FORMS A VITAL PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT EXERCISE RUNNING FROM MARCH TO THE END OF THE YEAR, AND THESE CENTRES HAVE HAD A GOOD RESPONSE FROM JOB-SEEKERS," A CSD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"WE MUST THANK THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP RECRUITMENT CENTRES IN THE ESTATES' SHOPPING ARCADES," HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT TARGET THIS YEAR IS 1,400, INCLUDING REGULAR STAFF AND TEMPORARY STAFF TO WORK IN VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE CENTRES.

SINCE MARCH, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED SOME 2,800 APPLICATIONS AND ABOUT 350 RECRUITS HAVE BEEN UNDERGOING TRAINING.

"THIS IS STILL FAR FROM WHAT WE WISH TO ACHIEVE BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL MANY VACANCIES TO BE FILLED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"TO ENCOURAGE MORE SCHOOL LEAVERS TO JOIN, WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A SCHOOL TALK TEAM. ITS PRIME OBJECTIVE IS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT THROUGH CAREERS TALKS."

IN THE PAST FOUR MONTHS, OFFICERS OF THE TEAMS HAVE GIVEN 35 CAREERS TALKS TO MORE THAN 4,500 STUDENTS IN 32 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

"IN ORDER TO LET THE JOB-SEEKERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK AND TRAINING PROGRAMME, WE ALSO PLAN TO HOLD AN OPEN DAY AT OUR STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE LATER THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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OPENING OF PHILATELIC OFFICE IN SHA TIN

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THE SEVENTH PHILATELIC OFFICE IN HONG KONG, LOCATED AT THE SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE, WAS OPENED TODAY (THURSDAY).

STAMPS AND PHILATELIC PRODUCTS OF HONG KONG, MACAU AND SINGAPORE ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE, WHICH IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TODAY WERE THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF MACAU, MR CARLOS DA SILVA; THE POSTMASTER GENERAL OF HONG KONG, MR GORDON SIU; SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; AND LEADERS OF THE PHILATELIC COMMUNITY IN HONG KONG.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID DISPLAYS OF NEW STAMP ISSUES AND STAMP PRODUCTS WILL BE STAGED AT THE NEW PHILATELIC OFFICE FROM TIME TO TIME.

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REPRINTS OF DEFINITIVE AND REEL STAMPS TO GO ON SALE

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THE POST OFFICE TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT REPRINTS OF THE CURRENT DEFINITIVE STAMPS AND REEL STAMPS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE PHILATELIC COUNTERS OF SEVEN POST OFFICES ON AUGUST 1.

THEY ARE THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE POST OFFICE, PEAK POST OFFICE, AIRPORT POST OFFICE, GRANVILLE ROAD POST OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AND SHA TIN CENTRAL POST OFFICE.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID A NEW FEATURE OF THE REPRINTS IS THAT THEY BEAR A YEAR IMPRINT "1989" ON EACH STAMP TO SHOW THE YEAR IN WHICH IT IS REPRINTED.

"ALSO ON THE 10 CENTS AND 50 CENTS REEL STAMPS, A RUNNING SERIAL NUMBER WILL BE PRINTED ON THE BACK OF EVERY FIVE STAMPS," HE SAID.

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL NOT BE ISSUED BUT HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON AUGUST 1 FOR COVERS BEARING A "FIRST DAY" INDICATION AT THE SEVEN POST OFFICES.

"STAMP COLLECTORS WISHING TO BUY THEIR PREFERRED BLOCKS OF STAMPS MAY ORDER THEM AT ANY POST OFFICE STARTING FROM MONDAY (JULY 24) BUT STAMPS CAN ONLY BE COLLECTED AT THE SEVEN PHILATELIC OFFICES ONE WEEK AFTER ORDER AS FROM AUGUST 1," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

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THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSE, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS. THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU.

THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW:

BEACH -----	LAST GRADING ----- (AS AT 6.7.89)	PRESENT GRADING ----- (AS AT 20.7.89)
HONG KONG SOUTH -----		
BIG WAVE BAY	B	B
CHUNG HOM KOK	A	A
DEEP WATER BAY	A	A
HAIRPIN	B	B
MIDDLE BAY	B	A
REPULSE BAY	A	A
SHEK O	B	B
SOUTH BAY	A	A
ST STEPHEN'S	A	A
TURTLE COVE	A	A
STANLEY MAIN	A	B
ROCKY BAY	X	X
TO TEI WAN*	A	A

ISLANDS DISTRICT

CHEUNG SHA UPPER	A	A
CHEUNG SHA LOWER	B	B
DISCOVERY BAY*	A	A
HUNG SHING YEH	A	A
KWUN YAM WAN	A	A
TONG FUK	A	A
LO SO SHING	A	A
PUI O	A	A
SILVERMINE BAY	X	X
TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU	A	A
TUNG O*	A	A

SAI KUNG DISTRICT

CAMPERS	A	A
CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH	A	B
CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH	A	A
HAP MUN BAY	A	A
KIU TSUI	A	A
PAK SHA CHAU	A	A
SILVERSTRAND	B	B
TRIO (HEBEHAVEN)	B	B

TSUEN WAN DISTRICT

ANGLERS'	X	X
APPROACH	B	B
CASAM	B	B

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GEMINI	B	A
HOI MEI WAN	B	B
LIDO	A	A
TING KAU	X	X
TUNG WAN, MA WAN	A	A

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

OLD CAFETERIA	X	X
NEW CAFETERIA	B	B
CASTLE PEAK	X	X
KADOORIE	B	B
BUTTERFLY	B	B

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

MIDDLE BAY AND GEMINI, FROM "B" TO "A". STANLEY MAIN AND CLEAR
WATER BAY 1ST BEACH, FROM "A" TO "B".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE
BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT MR PAUL R. HOLMES,
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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 22), TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN KOWLOON TONG TO IMPROVE THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC.

THE EXISTING TAXI BAN IN THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE LIFTED:

- * SOMERSET ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN DEVON ROAD AND KENT ROAD;
AND
- * KENT ROAD SOUTHBOUND BETWEEN SOMERSET ROAD AND SUFFOLK ROAD.

ON THE OTHER HAND, TAXIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER SUFFOLK ROAD BETWEEN KENT ROAD AND WATERLOO ROAD FROM 6 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.

IN ADDITION, ALL TAXIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS IN THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS:

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KENT ROAD BETWEEN SOMERSET ROAD AND SUFFOLK ROAD;
- * THE EASTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF KENT ROAD BETWEEN SUFFOLK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 70 METRES TO THE NORTH; AND
- * TO FUK ROAD BETWEEN SUFFOLK ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES TO THE SOUTH.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HK ISLAND AND IN NT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN WAN CHAI, SHEUNG WAN AND YUEN LONG FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 22).

IN WAN CHAI, THE EXISTING PEAK HOUR (7 AM - 10 AM AND 4 PM - 7 PM) DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY ON GLOUCESTER ROAD SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN O'BRIEN ROAD AND LUARD ROAD WILL BE LIFTED.

MEANWHILE, ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES LONG WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM O'BRIEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND TO JAFFE ROAD FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS TO FACILITATE WATERMAIN LAYING WORKS.

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IN SHEUNG WAN, WING LOK STREET BETWEEN HOUSE NOS. 21 AND 45 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FOR CABLE LAYING WORKS. NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

IN YUEN LONG, THE EXISTING CLOSURE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (T-1) WESTBOUND NEAR CHAU TAU WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL 2.30 PM ON JULY 27 TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 22), SECTIONS OF HIP WO STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED URBAN CLEARWAYS.

THE FOLLOWING TWO ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE MADE URBAN CLEARWAYS ROUND-THE-CLOCK:

- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HIP WO STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 35 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 38 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HIP WO STREET BETWEEN A POINT ABOUT 66 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET AND ITS JUNCTION WITH KWUN TONG ROAD.

MOREOVER, THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HIP WO STREET BETWEEN MUT WAH STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 56 METRES TO THE SOUTH WILL BECOME A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

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

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF NORTHBOUND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAYS OF ARGYLE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 22).

THE CLOSURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

VEHICLES INCLUDING CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTE 170 ON PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ARGYLE STREET.

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'NO-ENTRY' BAN IN KWUN TONG
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JULY 22), ALL VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE UNNAMED EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD LINKING THE UNNAMED ROAD OFF SHUNG SHUN STREET WITH LEI YUE MUN VILLAGE IN KWUN TONG.

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