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MORE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OFFICES IN THE PIPELINE

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, TODAY OUTLINED PLANS TO IMPROVE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE LATEST NORTH POINT BRANCH OFFICE OF THE SERVICE, MR. WILLIAMS SAID THE PLANS INCLUDED THE SETTING UP OF A FACSIMILE NETWORK LINKING THE VARIOUS BRANCH OFFICES AND THE OPENING OF FOUR MORE NEW OFFICES IN MONG KOK, HUNG HOM, WONG CHUK HANG AND CHAI WAN IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH POINT OFFICE AT 264, ELECTRIC ROAD, WAS JOINTLY OFFICIATED BY THREE APPOINTED MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEE, MR. SHUM CHOI-SANG, MR. CHEUNG KAM-TIM AND MADAM SUN FONG-CHUNG.

IN A BRIEF SPEECH IN CANTONESE, MR. WILLIAMS SAID THE FACSIMILE NETWORK WILL FACILITATE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN THE MANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE SERVICE.

+IMPROVED COMMUNICATION THROUGH SUCH ADVANCED EQUIPMENT WILL ENABLE A VACANCY RECEIVED BY THE NORTH POINT OFFICE TO BE TRANSMITTED TO ALL OTHER OFFICES IN TWO MINUTES, THUS RENDERING IT POSSIBLE FOR A JOB-SEEKER REGISTERING AT, SAY, SAN PO KONG OFFICE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THIS VACANCY INFORMATION AND TO HAVE A WIDER BASE OF JOBS TO CHOOSE FROM,+ HE SAID.

+ WORKING ON THE SAME LOGIC, PARTICULARS OF A JOB-SEEKER COULD BE PROVIDED TO ANOTHER OFFICE IN NO TIME FOR THE PURPOSE OF MATCHING AGAINST SUITABLE VACANCIES,+ HE ADDED.

+WITH THIS NETWORK, IT IS EXPECTED THAT IN JOB-MATCHING EACH OFFICE WILL MAKE REFERENCE TO VACANCIES RECEIVED AS A WHOLE BY THE SERVICE INSTEAD OF EMPHASISING VACANCIES IN ITS INDIVIDUAL AREA.+

MR. WILLIAMS SAID HIS DEPARTMENT WAS NOT OPENING NEW BRANCH OFFICES FOR THE SAKE OF HAVING MORE OFFICES, BUT IN FACT THE WHOLE EXPANSION PROGRAMME WAS GEARED TO THE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMY.

HE SAID: +FROM PAST EXPERIENCE WE NOTICED THAT HONG KONG RESIDENTS, EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS ALIKE, VERY MUCH PREFER THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE SERVICES RIGHT AT THEIR DOOR STEPS.

+THE OPENING OF THE SAN PO KONG OFFICE IN MID LAST YEAR WELL ILLUSTRATED THIS PHENOMENON.

+THAT OFFICE IS NOW REGISTERING A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 1,500 JOB-SEEKERS LOOKING FOR FIRST AND ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT, AND 250 VACANCY ORDERS FROM EMPLOYERS IN THE VICINITY.

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+PRIOR TO ITS OPENING I CAN MOST DEFINITELY PIN-POINT THAT MOST OF THESE 'CUSTOMERS' WERE NOT ON OUR BOOKS.

+THIS SERVES TO CONFIRM THE NECESSITY TO HAVE A WIDER CATCHMENT AREA, THAT IS, MORE OFFICES SPREADING ALL OVER HONG KONG IN ORDER TO NET EVERY SINGLE JOB-SEEKER OR EMPLOYER WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM OUR SERVICES,+ MR. WILLIAMS ADDED.

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SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL BEGINS TOMORROW

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THE ANNUAL SCHOOLS' DANCE FESTIVAL, 1978 WILL START TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THIS IS THE 14TH DANCE FESTIVAL ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG AND NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS. IT WILL LAST TWO WEEKS.

THE DANCE SESSIONS OF TWO TO THREE HOURS' DURATION WILL INCLUDE WESTERN AND ORIENTAL CLASSICAL PRESENTATIONS. THERE WILL ALSO BE FOLK DANCES, DANCE DUETS AND DRAMAS.

PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD GENERALLY BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. AT THE CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, HONG KONG, ON FEBRUARY 23 AND 24= WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, KOWLOON, ON FEBRUARY 27 AND DAILY BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND 3= AND LAM WOO MEMORIAL SECONDARY SCHOOL, NEW TERRITORIES, ON FEBRUARY 28.

ADMISSION IS FREE.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES AND PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE DANCE FESTIVAL WILL BE PRESENTED DURING APRIL 23-26 AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

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WALDEN VISITS PO LEUNG KUK NURSERY
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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, WILL PAY AN INSPECTION VISIT TO THE PO LEUNG KUK YAU TONG NURSERY TOMORROW (THURSDAY) MORNING.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR. WALDEN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. CHENG ENG-KUAN, CHAIRMAN OF PO LEUNG KUK, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG), MR. LEUNG CHIN-MAN AND OTHER REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE KUK.

THE NURSERY, ESTABLISHED IN 1965, IS SITUATED AT BLOCK 2 OF YAU TONG ESTATE AND HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 150. IT IS OPEN FROM 8 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AND IS STAFFED BY A SUPERVISOR AND 18 NURSERY WORKERS.

EACH CHILD IN THE NURSERY IS CHARGED \$50 PER MONTH WITH THE DEFICIT PARTLY SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PARTLY BORNE BY THE KUK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, TO THE PO LEUNG KUK YAU TONG NURSERY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 11 A.M.

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PROBLEM OF PIG WASTES

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MORE THAN 130,000 TONNES OF LOCAL RESTAURANT FOOD WASTES ARE BEING FED TO PIGS IN HONG KONG EACH YEAR.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS, AT THE SPRING DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF PIG RAISING CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.

HE SAID THAT IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE PIGS TO CONSUME THE LEFT-OVER RESTAURANT FOOD, THERE COULD HAVE BEEN +INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS OF WASTE DISPOSAL.+

HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THE PIGS HAVE HELPED SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF RESTAURANT FOOD WASTES, THEY CREATED ANOTHER PROBLEM REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF PIG MANURE AND EFFLUENT.

+IN FUTURE,+ MR. NICHOLS WARNED, +THERE IS ANOTHER CHALLENGE WHICH WILL GROW IN MAGNITUDE ... THE NEED FOR SATISFACTORY DISPOSAL OF PIG MANURE AND EFFLUENT WITHOUT DETERIORATION TO THE QUALITY OF THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT.

+ONE CAN FORESEE LEGISLATION WHICH, WHILST INITIALLY APPEARING TO BE SOMEWHAT STRINGENT IN ITS EFFECTS, NEED NOT HOWEVER PROVOKE THE ADVERSE REACTIONS WHICH SEEM TO BE IMPLICIT.

+I WISH TO GIVE THE INDUSTRY DUE NOTICE OF THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREA AND TO ADVISE THAT, WHILST WE AS A DEPARTMENT ARE ALREADY WORKING ON THE PROBLEM, OUR EFFORTS WILL BE IN VAIN IF WE DO NOT HAVE THE ADVICE AND SUPPORT OF ALL THOSE IN THE PIG RAISING INDUSTRY,+ SAID MR. NICHOLS.

IN HONG KONG THERE ARE ABOUT 3,500 PIG PRODUCTION UNITS WHICH PROVIDE ABOUT 15 PER CENT OF THE TERRITORY'S PORK SUPPLY.

MR. NICHOLS SAID THAT IN CASH TERMS THIS SECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY WAS VALUED AT ABOUT \$170 MILLION ...+ A VERY USEFUL FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OUR ECONOMY.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE TO TALK ON PROBATION SERVICE

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF TAI PING SHAN TO BE HELD AT THE MANDARIN HOTEL TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 1 P.M.

MR. LEE WILL SPEAK ON +PROBATION SERVICE+.

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EXTENSION OF PLB RESTRICTED ZONE
IN UN CHAU STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 25) THE EXISTING PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE IN UN CHAU STREET WILL BE EXTENDED FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KIU KIANG STREET NORTHWARDS TO THE JUNCTION WITH PRATAS STREET.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT WHICH IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN UN CHAU STREET, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT DAILY IN THE RESTRICTED ZONE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTION.

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