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HK'S ATTRACTION REFLECTED IN IMMIGRATION WORKLOAD
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HONG KONG'S ATTRACTION AS A GOOD PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND TO DO BUSINESS, AND THE INCREASING PROSPERITY OF LOCAL PEOPLE, ARE REFLECTED IN THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S WORKLOAD, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE SERVICE'S SILVER JUBILEE PARADE, SIR EDWARD SAID THE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED NEARLY 1.3 MILLION APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS AND EXTENSIONS OF STAY AND ISSUED MORE THAN 870 000 TRAVEL DOCUMENTS IN 1985.

HE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WAY IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT HAD RESPONDED TO A VERY RAPID INCREASE IN BUSINESS WITH A CHEERFUL ACCEPTANCE OF A GREATER CASELOAD, AND NO LOSS OF EFFICIENCY OR COURTESY.

OUTLINING THE HISTORY OF THE HONG KONG IMMIGRATION SERVICE, SIR EDWARD EXPLAINED THAT A FORM OF IMMIGRATION CONTROL WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG IN 1923.

+BUT IT WAS ONLY IN THE EARLY 1950'S, IN THE FACE OF A SUSTAINED FLOW OF IMMIGRANTS INTO HONG KONG, THAT A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF CONTROLS WAS ESTABLISHED, WITH THE AIM OF LIMITING THE INFUX OF NEW POPULATION TO ACCEPTABLE LEVELS,+ HE SAID.

AS THE PROBLEMS OF ENFORCING IMMIGRATION CONTROLS BECAME MORE COMPLEX, IT WAS DECIDED THAT A SEPARATE IMMIGRATION SERVICE, WITHIN A NEW IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TO TAKE OVER THE WORK FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE WAS FORMED.

THE DEPARTMENT CAME INTO BEING ON AUGUST 4, 1961, WITH A STRENGTH OF 201 MEN AND WOMEN, OF WHOM 73 WERE MEMBERS OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

+FROM THIS SMALL BEGINNING, THE DEPARTMENT HAS GROWN INTO A MODERN AND EFFICIENT ORGANISATION WITH A STAFF OF ALMOST 5 000, OF WHOM ABOUT HALF ARE MEMBERS OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE,+ SIR EDWARD SAID.

+IT HAS ALSO TAKEN ON WORK BEYOND IMMIGRATION CONTROL, FOR EXAMPLE THE ISSUING OF IDENTITY CARDS AND THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.+

HOWEVER, HONG KONG HAD CHANGED ITS IMMIGRATION CONTROL PROCEDURES CONSIDERABLY SINCE 1961.

+THE AIM HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO ALLOW VISA-FREE ENTRY FOR AS MANY TOURISTS AND BUSINESS VISITORS AS POSSIBLE,+ BUT SIR EDWARD SAID THAT THE TASK WAS FAR FROM EASY.

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AN IMMIGRATION OFFICER WAS EXPECTED TO ASSESS WITHIN A MATTER OF SECONDS WHETHER OR NOT THE TRAVELLER IN FRONT OF HIM WAS COMING TO HONG KONG FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH HE CLAIMED; WHETHER HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENT WAS GENUINE OR FORGED; AND WHETHER HE WAS A LAW ABIDING TRAVELLER.

SIR EDWARD SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S SUCCESS AT IDENTIFYING WHO SHOULD PASS AND WHO SHOULD NOT, WHILE MAINTAINING A COURTEOUS AND EXPEDITIOUS SERVICE FOR TRAVELLERS WHO NOW NUMBERED 40 MILLION A YEAR, HAD BROUGHT IT WELL DESERVED CREDIT.

TURNING TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS, SIR EDWARD SAID THAT A NEW AND MUCH NEEDED IMMIGRATION TERMINAL WOULD COME INTO OPERATION AT LO WU NEXT JANUARY; ANOTHER NEW CONTROL POINT WOULD BE READY FOR VEHICULAR TRAFFIC AT LOK MA CHAU IN 1988; AND A TERMINAL FOR VESSELS PLYING BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CHINA WAS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

+THESE NEW FACILITIES WILL BE COMPLEMENTED BY A NEW CONTROL SYSTEM USING COMPUTERS, TO BE INTRODUCED IN PHASES FROM NEXT MAY. IT WILL EVENTUALLY COVER ALL IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS,+ HE ADDED.

SIR EDWARD STRESSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT FACED A BUSY AND CHALLENGING FUTURE.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL MEET THAT CHALLENGE WITH THE SAME PROFESSIONALISM, DETERMINATION AND INITIATIVE THAT YOU HAVE SHOWN SINCE 1961,+ HE ADDED.

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PROPER ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE EMPHASISED

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A PROPER ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GROW, DEVELOP AND MATURE MUST BE MAINTAINED AS THE FUTURE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY LARGELY FALLS ON THEIR SHOULDERS, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS SELECTION AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY 1986, SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG, WITH ITS MIXTURE OF RACES AND BUBBLING VIVACITY, OFFERED PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND POTENTIAL.

/+WE HAVE

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+WE HAVE TO BUILD, AND GO ON BUILDING, THIS GREAT CITY OF OURS. HONG KONG HAS NO PLACE FOR THE FAINT-HEARTED AND THE UNCOMMITTED,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID COMPLIMENTED EACH AWARD RECIPIENT FOR PURSUING THEIR GOALS AND DREAMS THROUGH DETERMINATION, PERSEVERANCE, GOOD FAITH AND A SPIRIT OF VENTURE.

HE ADDED THAT IN THE PROCESS THEY HAD BUILT UP SELF-CONFIDENCE AND INSPIRED THE SAME AMONG THOSE AROUND THEM IN THE SEARCH FOR EXCELLENCE.

SIR DAVID PRAISED THE LATEST PROJECT OF THE TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS ASSOCIATION'S RECOMMENDING BOOKS FOR YOUNG READERS AS A FINE EXAMPLE OF HOW TOGETHER THESE ELITES COULD CREATE AN IMPACT AND PROMOTE GOOD READING HABITS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE TO COUNTERACT THE DISTRACTIONS AND TEMPTATIONS OF A BEWILDERING SOCIETY.

+CONFIDENCE AND COMMITMENT ARE OUR WATCHWORDS AND AS THE TEN OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS ASSOCIATION GROWS IN STRENGTH IT WILL SERVE AS A LEADING LIGHT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

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GOVERNOR LEAVING FOR PEKING ON MONDAY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, AND LADY YOUDE WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 1) AS GUESTS-OF-HONOUR OF A HIGH-LEVEL ECONOMIC AND TRADE MISSION OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

WHILE IN PEKING, SIR EDWARD WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF TDC'S PEKING OFFICE ON DECEMBER 2 AND THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG PRODUCT EXHIBITION ON DECEMBER 3. THEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 5).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR EDWARD AND LADY YOUDE WILL TAKE FLIGHT CA102, ETD 12.10 PM. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THEIR DEPARTURE SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM BY 11.20 AM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS COMPATIBLE WITH NEW TOWN GROWTH
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AS THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS INCREASES, GREAT EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON OBSERVING TRADITIONAL CUSTOMS AND RITES, TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT THROUGH VARIOUS RELIGIOUS RITES, PEOPLE WERE MORE APPRECIATIVE OF THE BEAUTY OF FOLK ARTS AND HAD A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF ITS HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND TRADITIONAL VALUES.

MR SELBY WAS SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TA CHIU CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE CHUNG YEE TONG TA CHIU COMMITTEE IN TUEN MUN. DR HAYES WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND DUE TO INDISPOSITION.

MR SELBY SAID IN TUEN MUN SEVERAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS WERE BEING CARRIED OUT TO SERVICE A MODERN AND SELF-SUFFICIENT NEW TOWN.

A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES WOULD COME ON STREAM WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW TOWN HALL, PHASE TWO OF THE TOWN PARK, AN INDOOR GAMES CENTRE, THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL, AS WELL AS THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT WHICH WOULD START OPERATION IN 1988.

ACCOMPANIED BY CHAIRMAN OF THE TA CHIU COMMITTEE, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU, MR SELBY PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY AND THE EYE-DOTTING OF A DRAGON.

THE TRADITIONAL TA CHIU ACTIVITY, HELD ONCE EVERY TEN YEARS TO APPEASE THE GODS AND TO PRAY FOR PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR THE VILLAGERS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A GRAND-SCALE LION AND DRAGON DANCE PARADE, IN 12 VILLAGES IN TUEN MUN TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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ROLE OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PRAISED
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FORMS AN EFFECTIVE ARM OF THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS ENDEAVOUR TO FIGHT CRIME, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CENTRAL AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, DR HO KAM-FAI, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPEN DAY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE, DR HO SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO CONSTANTLY REVIEW ITS STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMMES TO INCLUDE THE LATEST TECHNIQUES IN REHABILITATING OFFENDERS.

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+INCREASING EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON REHABILITATION AND ON PREPARING OFFENDERS FOR THEIR RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY,+ DR HO SAID.

+THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS STRIVING TO ATTAIN THIS GOAL THROUGH OCCUPATIONAL AND MORAL TRAINING WITHIN A DISCIPLINED SETTING,+ HE ADDED, NOTING THAT THE OPEN DAY PROVIDED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SEE HOW THE DEPARTMENT ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVES.

THE OPEN DAY ENABLES THE DEPARTMENT TO SHOW THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF TRAINING AND CORRECTIONAL WORK UNDERTAKEN BY ITS STAFF IN ADMINISTERING VARIOUS PROGRAMMES IN DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS.

THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE WAS FOUNDED IN 1968, AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND DEVELOPING THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

EXPANDED IN 1983, IT PROVIDES INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR SIMULATED AND SITUATIONAL TRAINING, INCLUDING COURT PROCEDURES, HOME NURSING, COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS.

NEW RECRUITS ATTEND A COMPREHENSIVE SIX-MONTH COURSE WHICH COVERS ELEMENTS FROM PSYCHOLOGY, CRIMINOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK TO FOOT-DRILL, WEAPONRY, RIOT CONTROL TECHNIQUES AND SELF-DEFENCE.

ADVANCED TRAINING AND SPECIALIST COURSES ARE ALSO CONDUCTED FROM TIME TO TIME TO PROMOTE SENIOR OFFICERS' PROFESSIONALISM AND KEEP THEM ABREAST OF CORRECTIONAL TRENDS.

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\$85 000 PAID FOR CAR NO. DK88
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THIRTY-SIX SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR \$671 000 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER DK88 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$85 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER DK600 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$70 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR DK 1961.

/OTHER SPECIAL

OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS SOLD WERE:

	\$		\$		\$
AJ668	33 000	DK328	48 000	BB8787	16 000
AK9800	4 000	DK10	50 000	DK1698	10 000
DK1000	12 000	DJ8328	10 000	DK3188	6 000
DJ7773	2 000	BY902	7 000	AJ110	16 000
DK786	10 000	DK80	65 000	DK2663	7 000
AY120	11 000	CT110	12 000	AY111	21 000
DK149	6 000	CL7988	3 000	DK318	17 000
DK278	8 000	DK500	25 000	DK877	16 000
AK8787	11 000	DJ9012	2 000	1736	25 000
DK1932	3 000	DK7228	5 000	DK983	11 000
BM278	9 000	XX1882	16 000	DK108	18 000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 109TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$40 438 832.

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EXPERTS TO DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL SAFETY
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THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD'S COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION (CISAP) WILL HOLD A FORUM ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 2).

THE TOPIC TO BE DISCUSSED IS: IN WHAT WAY MAY INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BE OF BENEFIT TO ME?

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THE REGIONAL ADVISER ON OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION, MR WENYI FU, AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 180 PARTICIPANTS. THEY WILL INCLUDE EMPLOYERS, MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL AND WORKERS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AS WELL AS FACTORY INSPECTORS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE FORUM WILL GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOSTER SAFETY AWARENESS IN INDUSTRY.

THE CISAP WAS SET UP IN 1978 WITH AN INTENTION THAT IT SHOULD EVOLVE INTO A STATUTORY BODY WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROMOTING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH.

IT COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF MAJOR EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND WORKERS' UNIONS, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS, AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

IT HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FORUM WILL BEGIN IN THE BALLROOM OF VICTORIA HOTEL, CONNAUGHT ROAD, AT 6 PM ON TUESDAY. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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FESTIVAL ENDS ON SUCCESSFUL NOTE

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL '86 WAS BROUGHT TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING WITH A VARIETY SHOW ATTENDED BY 3 000 PEOPLE.

SPEAKING BEFORE THE SHOW BEGAN, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, PRAISED THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR ITS HARD WORK IN MAKING THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL A SUCCESS.

THE FESTIVAL WAS THE LARGEST COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITY EVER STAGED IN THE DISTRICT.

/MR CHAU

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MR CHAU ALSO PRAISED THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT GIVEN BY ORGANISATIONS AND AREA COMMITTEES. HE URGED RESIDENTS TO MAINTAIN THE HEIGHTENED COMMUNITY SPIRIT THAT THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL HAD GENERATED.

THE AUDIENCE ENJOYED PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS ROMAN TAM, THERESA CHEUNG, ROWENA CORTES, ANNABELLE LUI AND CHEUNG WAI-KIN. IN ADDITION, THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR SANG THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL THEME SONG.

A ONE-HOUR PROGRAMME ON THE VARIETY SHOW WILL BE SHOWN ON TVB AT 8.30 PM TOMORROW FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO COULD NOT ATTEND.

AS PART OF THE CLOSING ACTIVITIES, A FREE COMMUNITY MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL TOMORROW, BEGINNING AT 8 PM. THE CONCERT WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY CHINESE MUSIC INSTRUCTORS FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE.

GUESTS AT THE CONCERT WILL INCLUDE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS YEK ; CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG ; PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE, MR LAM SUI-LUNG ; AND VICE-PRESIDENT, MR MA WING-FUNG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL COMMUNITY MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS CONCERT TO BE HELD AT 8 PM TOMORROW AT LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL AT 161, LOK SIN ROAD, SAN PO KONG.

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STUDENTS' MURALS HELP CIVIC EDUCATION
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ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM 17 SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT TODAY (SATURDAY) DEMONSTRATED THEIR CREATIVITY AND ARTISTIC SKILLS IN A MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION TO PROMOTE CIVIC EDUCATION.

THE COMPETITION WAS HELD OUTSIDE THE KELLETT BAY PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT SITE, AT THE JUNCTION OF WAH FU ROAD AND SHEK PAI WAN ROAD, AS PART OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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ELEVEN TEAMS IN THE PRIMARY SECTION AND NINE TEAMS IN THE SECONDARY SECTION USED BOLD COLOURS TO PRESENT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE THEME OF CIVIC EDUCATION ON THE HOARDINGS.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL'S MURAL PAINTING COMPETITION WORKING GROUP, MR JOSEPH CHAN, SAID THE AIM WAS TO STIMULATE CREATIVITY, ENCOURAGE TEAM WORK AND INSTIL THE CORRECT CONCEPT OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

HE SAID THE PAINTED HOARDINGS WOULD REMAIN AT THE HOUSING SITE DURING CONSTRUCTION BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT AND REMINDING RESIDENTS OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

ASSISTANT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS OLIVIA NIP, NOTED THAT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WAS HELD IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN. THE WIDE-RANGING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED SHOULD BE ABLE TO SPREAD THE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE TO EVERY CORNER OF THE DISTRICT.

PRIZES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE VARIOUS CIVIC EDUCATION COMPETITIONS HELD EARLIER IN THE POK FU LAM AND WAH FU AREAS.

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STUDENTS TO FOCUS ON COMMERCE
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SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE ANNUAL COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS PROJECT COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

AIMED AT AROUSING THE INTEREST OF STUDENTS IN BUSINESS ACTIVITIES, THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION IS +COMMERCE AND CIVIC EDUCATION+.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO FORM 4 AND 5 STUDENTS WHO ARE TAKING ONE OR MORE OF THE COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS AND FORM 6 AND 7 STUDENTS TAKING PRINCIPLES OF ACCOUNTS AND/OR BUSINESS STUDIES.

ENTRIES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SEVEN GROUPS WITH TITLES RELATED TO DIFFERENT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES. THE TITLES WERE CHOSEN TO REFLECT PART OF THE CONTENTS OF THE COMMERCE SYLLABUS AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDATION IN THE +GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS+.

ENTRIES MAY BE PRESENTED IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH AND IN THE FORM OF ESSAYS, MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS, DRAWINGS, SLIDES AND SOUND TAPES OR A COMBINATION OF THESE METHODS.

PRIZES IN CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST ENTRY IN EACH GROUP.

ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 523, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BY MARCH 16. COMPLETED PROJECTS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT NOT LATER THAN MAY 1.

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FOOTBRIDGES TO BE BUILT ACROSS WATERLOO ROAD
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COVERED 34-METRE FOOTBRIDGES WILL BE BUILT OVER WATERLOO ROAD, AT DERBY ROAD AND AT DURHAM ROAD, TO PROVIDE GRADE-SEPARATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.

THE FOOTBRIDGE AT DERBY ROAD WILL HAVE SPECIALLY DESIGNED RAMPS TO ASSIST PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS. STAIRCASES ARE TO BE BUILT AT THE DURHAM ROAD FOOTBRIDGE.

WHEN THE FOOTBRIDGES ARE IN USE, THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON WATERLOO ROAD AT ITS JUNCTIONS WITH LANCASHIRE ROAD AND DURHAM ROAD WILL BE CLOSED. THIS WILL IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

A DAMAGED SECTION OF LANCASHIRE ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND OXFORD ROAD WILL ALSO BE RECONSTRUCTED.

THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING THE FOOTBRIDGES. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY AND TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP
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A SEVEN-DAY DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY LEADERS SCHEME HELD AT THE WU KAI SHA CAMP WILL CLOSE WITH A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SCHEME WAS ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS WORKING GROUP UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD. THE AIM WAS TO FOSTER AN AWARENESS OF POLITICAL KNOWLEDGE AMONG SHA TIN RESIDENTS.

+A LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS AND OFFICE-BEARERS FROM THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY SHOW INTEREST AND PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP EVERY YEAR,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS GAVE TALKS ON TOPICS THAT INCLUDED THE DISTRICT BOARD ORGANISATION AND ITS FUNCTION, HONG KONG'S POLITICAL STRUCTURE, CIVIC RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE ROLE OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN SHA TIN.

THE 70 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY. SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEO KWAN WING-WAH, WILL OFFICIATE.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY LEADERS SCHEME CLOSING CEREMONY AT 3 PM AT WU KAI SHA CAMP. A COACH WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE KCRC GOVERNMENT CAR PARK. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE THERE 2 PM.

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DETAILS OF FUND DISTRIBUTION FOR VICTIMS
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THE FUND-RAISING GROUP FOR THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF THE FUR FACTORY ACCIDENT IN KWAI CHUNG WILL MEET THE MEDIA AT 11 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO ANNOUNCE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE REMAINING \$1 MILLION DONATION.

ABOUT \$420 000 FROM THE FUND HAD SO FAR BEEN PAID TO VICTIMS OR THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE.

/THE EIGHT-MEMBER

THE EIGHT-MEMBER FUND RAISING GROUP, WITH THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER AS ADVISER, WAS SET UP UNDER THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF THE EXPLOSION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE BRIEFING IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICE (NEXT TO THE KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

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MARATHON TO BE HELD IN SHAM SHUI PO
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A ROUND-THE-DISTRICT MARATHON WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT TO START OFF THE NAM SHAN AND YAU YAT TSUEN SUB-DISTRICT DAY.

IT WILL START AT 8 AM FROM NAM SHAN ESTATE BASKETBALL GROUND TO YAU YAT TSUEN AND BACK VIA TAI HANG SAI ESTATE, TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE, AND TAT CHEE AVENUE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A TUG-OF-WAR TOURNAMENT AFTER THE MARATHON.

THE SUB-DISTRICT DAY IS ONE OF THE 52 PROGRAMMES OF THE 1986 SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL. OTHER EVENTS TO BE HELD TOMORROW INCLUDE THE SHAM SHUI PO CROSS-COUNTRY RALLY AT THE KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK; THE NAM CHEONG EAST CARNIVAL AT MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND; A CANTONESE OPERA SHOW AT THE LAI KOK COMMUNITY HALL; THE SO UK VARIETY SHOW AT PAK HOP SQUARE; AN INTER-SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION AT SHAM SHUI PO KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION PRIMARY SCHOOL; AND A MINI SOCCER TOURNAMENT AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND.

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ISLANDS STUDENTS ENTERTAINED AT CONCERT

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ABOUT 1 000 STUDENTS FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WERE THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON ENTERTAINED AT A CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S CHÓIR IN CENTRAL.

THE CONCERT WAS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE WITH THE AIM OF ENHANCING CULTURE AMONG STUDENTS OF RURAL ISLANDS.

ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MICHAEL WU, SAID EFFORTS BY THE SCHOOLS LIAISON COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AMONG SCHOOLS WERE COMMENDABLE. HE ALSO PRAISED SCHOOL HEADMASTERS FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN THE DISTRICT.

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SHAM SHUI PO TRAFFIC CHANGE FOR CABLE LAYING

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THE SECTION OF CHEUNG LAI STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO BETWEEN CHEUNG YEE STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE REROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TOWARDS LAI CHI KOK ROAD FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE MEASURE IS FOR CABLE LAYING WORK IN THE AREA AND WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.

MOTORISTS ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD HEADING FOR THE CHEUNG SHUN STREET INDUSTRIAL AREA SHOULD USE CHEUNG MOU STREET OR TAI NAN WEST STREET INSTEAD OF CHEUNG LAI STREET.

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CLOSURE OF HARBOUR VIEW STREET

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TO ALLOW ENGINEERING WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT AT A FOOTBRIDGE, THE SECTION OF HARBOUR VIEW STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT PLACE WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON DECEMBER 2 (TUESDAY), 3, 4 AND 5.

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