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PUBLIC VIEWS ON DEPOSIT PROTECTION SCHEME SOUGHT

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE URGED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSALS FOR A DEPOSIT PROTECTION SCHEME (DPS) BEFORE THE CONSULTATION EXERCISE CLOSES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT REACHED ANY CONCLUSION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A DEPOSIT PROTECTION SCHEME SHOULD BE INTRODUCED," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID DPS HAD ITS PROS AND CONS AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PREFER TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS OF THE PUBLIC BEFORE COMING TO A DECISION.

"AS THIS IS A VERY COMPLEX SUBJECT AFFECTING VIRTUALLY EVERY ONE, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ENCOURAGED TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE CONSULTATION PAPER SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IN CONSIDERING WHETHER OR NOT A DPS IS DESIRABLE," HE ADDED.

FREE COPIES OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES SINCE LATE FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

COPIES OF THE PAPER WERE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING DISTRICT BOARDS, BUSINESS GROUPS AND PROFESSIONAL BODIES.

COMMENTS CAN BE SENT TO THE MONETARY AFFAIRS BRANCH, 1802, TOWER I, ADMIRALTY CENTRE ON OR BEFORE MAY 31.

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MACHINERY MUST BE PROPERLY GUARDED

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FACTORY PROPRIETORS MUST PROPERLY GUARD ALL DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY OR PLANT TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM POSSIBLE SERIOUS INJURY.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MADE THE APPEAL TODAY (SUNDAY) FOLLOWING THE RECENT CONVICTION OF THE LUEN CHEONG CAN FACTORY LTD. IN TUEN MUN OF FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT. THE COMPANY WAS FINED \$25,000 BY A TUEN MUN MAGISTRATE.

THE CASE REVEALED THAT A FEMALE WORKER HAD HER LEFT INDEX FINGER AMPUTATED AFTER BEING CRUSHED BY AN UNGUARDED POWER PRESS SHE WAS OPERATING.

"ACCORDING TO THE FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS, FACTORY PROPRIETORS MUST EFFECTIVELY GUARD DANGEROUS PARTS OF EVERY PIECE OF MACHINERY OR PLANT DRIVEN BY MECHANICAL POWER," SAID DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR WONG FAT-KEE.

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"IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TO LEAVE A MACHINE UNGUARDED OR INADEQUATELY GUARDED AS EVEN THE MOST CAREFUL OPERATIVE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, PARTICULARLY IN FAMILIAR WORK," MR WONG SAID, ADDING THAT PROPER GUARDING COULD ENSURE SAFE OPERATION AT ALL TIMES.

HE SAID OF THE 48,498 ACCIDENTS RECORDED LAST YEAR, 6,013 RELATED TO THE USE OF MACHINERY, INCLUDING 15 FATAL CASES.

HE CAUTIONED THAT INJURIES RESULTING FROM MACHINERY ACCIDENTS WERE OFTEN SERIOUS AND COULD CAUSE PERMANENT DISABILITY TO THE VICTIM.

"WORKERS MUST, THEREFORE, NOT WORK ON A MACHINE UNLESS IT IS PROPERLY GUARDED AND SHOULD AVOID COMING INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE DANGEROUS, MOVING PARTS OF A MACHINE," HE ADDED.

"ANY PROPRIETOR WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000," HE SAID.

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COMPETITIONS TO CELEBRATE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES' DIAMOND JUBILEE  
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THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES (FHS) IS INVITING MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH TALENTS IN WRITING AND PHOTOGRAPHY TO TAKE PART IN A PHOTO AND AN ESSAY CONTESTS.

THE COMPETITIONS, OPEN TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES, ARE ORGANISED TO COMMEMORATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FHS.

FOR THE PHOTO COMPETITION, ONLY 3R-SIZED PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE THEME OF THE PICTURE SHOULD FEATURE "A HAPPY FAMILY".

MEANWHILE, ENTRANTS FOR THE ESSAY COMPETITION SHOULD WRITE A COMPOSITION ENTITLED "MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE AND I" IN NOT MORE THAN 2,000 WORDS.

IN ADDITION TO TROPHIES, THE THREE WINNERS OF EACH COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE GIFT COUPONS RANGING FROM \$500 TO \$1,000.

COMPLETED ENTRIES AND PHOTOS SHOULD BE SENT EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL TO ANY ONE OF THE MATERNAL AND CHILD CENTRES OR THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, SECOND FLOOR, CENTRE POINT, 181 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE ENTRY DEADLINE FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS IS JUNE 27.

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ELECTION FORUM IN SHAM SHUI PO  
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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A FORUM TOMORROW (MONDAY) FOR THE THREE CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE SEAT OF THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY IN THE FORTHCOMING DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION.

THE FORUM WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM AT THE BASKETBALL COURT BETWEEN BLOCKS SEVEN AND EIGHT OF PAK TIN ESTATE.

IN THE EVENT OF RAINY WEATHER, THE VENUE WILL BE CHANGED TO THE PAK TIN COMMUNITY HALL, PODIUM, BLOCK 3, PAK TIN ESTATE.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FORUM WOULD HELP ELECTORS KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES BEFORE CASTING THEIR VOTES IN THE BY-ELECTION ON SUNDAY (MAY 24).

HE URGED ELECTORS AND RESIDENTS IN THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY TO ATTEND THE FORUM, DURING WHICH THE CANDIDATES WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

THE CANDIDATES ARE MR STANLEY SUM YIU-CHO, A 41-YEAR-OLD LECTURER; MR LEUNG WAI-SHING, A 33-YEAR-OLD CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATOR; AND MR YAN KAI-WING, A 26-YEAR-OLD COMMUNITY ORGANISER.

THE PAK TIN CONSTITUENCY, COVERING MAINLY THE PAK TIN ESTATE AND THE TAI WO PING AREA, HAS A TOTAL OF 12,521 REGISTERED VOTERS.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE ELECTION FORUM.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE REHABILITATION WORK OF OFFENDERS.

PEOPLE, AGED 21 OR ABOVE, WITH SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, MATURE PERSONALITY AND INTEREST IN THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS, ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONS (VSP).

THE SCHEME WAS SET UP IN 1976 TO PROMOTE THE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN HELPING OFFENDERS.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THE SCHEME AIMED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST AND CONCERN TOWARDS HELPING AND REHABILITATING OFFENDERS AND BY SO DOING BRING GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND STRONGER COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST CRIME.

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"IT ALSO HELPS TO MEET THE SPECIFIC NEED OF SUITABLE PROBATIONERS THROUGH SERVICE OFFERED BY VOLUNTEERS AND COMPLEMENT THE EFFORT OF PROBATION OFFICERS IN THE SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF PROBATIONERS," HE ADDED.

THE SERVICE PERIOD IS NORMALLY SIX MONTHS, BUT THE VOLUNTEER MAY SERVE FOR FURTHER TERMS FOR THE SAME OR OTHER OFFENDERS.

FORMER VOLUNTEERS OF THE SCHEME ARE WELCOME TO APPLY AGAIN.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE FOR VSP ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, PROBATION OFFICES ATTACHED TO THE MAGISTRACIES, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE CENTRES ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, JUNE 12. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE ON TEL 895 4190.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION IN TAI O  
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FRESH AND FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN TAI O WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 19) TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

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