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PUBLIC WORKS SPENDING GREATLY INCREASED
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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR SHOWS A DRAMATIC INCREASE WHEN COMPARED WITH FIGURES FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS, MR CHAN NAI-KEONG, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY (WORKS) OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS LUNCHEON, MR CHAN SAID THAT A START WOULD BE MADE ON \$3 400 MILLION WORTH OF NEW PROJECTS THIS YEAR, WHILE THE APPROVED BUDGET SHOWED A TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON NEW PROJECTS AND THOSE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO BE ABOUT \$7 600 MILLION (EXCLUDING LAND COSTS).

+THE AMOUNT APPROVED FOR WORKS EXPENDITURE THIS FINANCIAL YEAR REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 140 PER CENT OVER THE 1980/81 FIGURE AND 16 PER CENT OVER THE 1982/83 ACTUAL EXPENDITURE OF \$6 574 MILLION.

+IN TERMS OF ACTUAL DEMAND ON THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, THE INCREASE OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED FOR 1983/84 OVER THAT SPENT IN 1982/83 WILL BE EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANT,+ HE SAID.

THE REASON, MR CHAN SAID, WAS THAT IN 1982/83 AN AMOUNT OF SOME \$600 MILLION WAS USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF ALREADY BUILT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT QUARTERS.

+IF THIS AMOUNT WAS DEDUCTED, THE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN EXPENDITURE ON CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES IS SOME 27 PER CENT OVER THAT IN 1982/83.

+THIS NOT ONLY IS NO CUT-BACK, IT REPRESENTS AN AMBITIOUS INCREASE,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO PRIVATE SECTOR EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION, MR CHAN SAID THAT THERE WAS A ONE PER CENT DECLINE IN 1982 EVEN THOUGH BUILDING INTENTIONS INCREASED BY 40 PER CENT IN 1981.

+THIS, I FEEL, INDICATES THAT DUE TO THE DEPRESSED STATE OF THE PROPERTY MARKET SOME DEVELOPERS HAVE RESCHEDULED THEIR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES. AS THERE WAS A DECLINE OF 24 PER CENT IN PRIVATE SECTOR BUILDING INTENTIONS IN 1982, AND THE CURRENT OVER-SUPPLY SITUATION MAY PERSIST, IT IS LIKELY THAT THERE WILL BE A FURTHER DECLINE IN CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ MR CHAN SAID.

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THESE FACTORS AND THE LIKELY EFFECT OF THE OVERHANG FROM THE HIGH LEVEL OF BUILDING INTENTIONS IN 1981, THE GOVERNMENT ESTIMATED THAT THE RATE OF PRIVATE SECTOR EXPENDITURE ON BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION IN THE COMING YEAR SHOULD ONLY DECLINE BY TWO PER CENT, HE ADDED.

WHILE INDEPENDENT FORECASTS BY SOME IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR SUGGESTED A MORE PESSIMISTIC PICTURE, MR CHAN FELT THERE WAS NO GROUND FOR UNDUE PESSIMISM.

+THERE HAVE BEEN HEALTHY SIGNS THAT DEMAND FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY IN THE SMALLER SIZE RANGE HAS BEEN ACTIVE AND SALES HAVE BEEN BRISK. ALSO, DEVELOPERS ARE REACTING TO THIS DEMAND BY AMENDING THEIR DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES ACCORDINGLY.

+HONG KONG PEOPLE HAVE ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULT TIMES IN THE PAST AND HAVE ALWAYS ENDURED THEM, EMERGING EVER STRONGER THAN BEFORE. SO AT THIS TIME OF WORLD-WIDE ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY, WE ARE, AS BEFORE, WELL PLACED TO BENEFIT FROM ANY UPTURN IN GLOBAL ECONOMIES. RECENT TRADE FIGURES SHOW THAT WE ARE ALREADY DOING JUST THAT,+ HE SAID.

MR CHAN WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE UNSATISFIED DEMAND FOR ADEQUATE PERMANENT HOUSING WAS STILL VERY LARGE AND MUCH OF THIS COULD BE PROVIDED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE CHARACTERISTIC INGENUITY, ADAPTABILITY AND RESILIENCE OF THE PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, THE PROSPECTS FOR THE PRIVATE SECTORS WERE NOT AT ALL AS GLOOMY AS THEY MIGHT APPEAR AT PRESENT.

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COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENTS TO BILLS

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SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE LANDLORDS AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, PUBLISHED ON APRIL 15, WILL BE MOVED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 8 DURING THE COMMITTEE STAGE.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR DONALD LIAO, WILL MOVE AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE COMMENCEMENT DATE IN CLAUSE 1(2) FROM AUGUST 1 TO JUNE 10. THE MOST IMPORTANT RESULT OF THIS PROPOSED AMENDMENT WOULD BE TO EFFECT THE PROPOSED EXCLUSION OF FRESH LETTINGS OF PREMISES ON JUNE 10, INSTEAD OF JULY 1. MR LIAO WILL ALSO BE MOVING A NUMBER OF LEGAL AND TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL.

MR S.L. CHEN WILL MOVE AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES 11 AND 30(D) TO ENSURE THAT THE PROTECTION UNDER THE LEGISLATION INTENDED ONLY FOR THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS RESIDING WITH A DECEASED TENANT AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH, WILL NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO OTHER PERSONS.

AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES 15(H) AND 37(A) TO PRESERVE THE STATUS QUO IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD OF RESTRICTION ON ALIENATION OF PREMISES REPOSSESSED BY THE LANDLORD FOR SELF OR FAMILY'S OCCUPATION OR FOR REDEVELOPMENT WILL BE MOVED BY MR J.J. SWAINE.

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THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD BE TO CONTINUE TO DATE THE 24-MONTH PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF POSSESSION ORDER, INSTEAD OF DATE OF ACTUAL DELIVERY OF VACANT POSSESSION AS PROPOSED IN THE PUBLISHED BILL. MR SWAINE WILL ALSO BE MOVING AMENDMENTS TO CLAUSES 24 AND 25 TO QUALIFY THE POWERS OF INVESTIGATION PROPOSED TO BE ACCORDED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION IN THE PUBLISHED BILL.

MISS MARIA TAM WILL MOVE AN AMENDMENT TO CLAUSE 15(G) AND INTRODUCE A NEW CLAUSE TO PREVENT A SUB-TENANT WHO HAS BECOME A DIRECT TENANT OF THE LANDLORD SUBLETTING ANY PART OF THE PREMISES WITHOUT THE WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE LANDLORD.

FOUR MINOR AMENDMENTS TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983 WILL ALSO BE MOVED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING DURING THE COMMITTEE STAGE OF THE BILL ON JUNE 8.

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TWO DAYS LEFT FOR NEW I.D. CARD APPLICANTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY MADE A FINAL CALL FOR MEN BORN IN 1964 TO APPLY FOR THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ONLY TWO DAYS REMAIN FOR THIS AGE GROUP TO APPLY AT ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES BEFORE THEY CLOSE FOR APPLICATIONS AT 9.30 PM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 4).

+BETWEEN MAY 2 AND LAST (WEDNESDAY) NIGHT, 53 000 APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED, LEAVING AN ESTIMATED 6 000 MORE TO COME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEN BORN IN 1964 ARE THE FIRST GROUP TO BE ISSUED WITH THE NEW I.D. CARDS AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET APPLIED ARE URGED TO DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

+ANY 19-YEAR-OLD MALE WHO FAILS TO OBTAIN A NEW I.D. CARD BY JUNE 4 WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION UNLESS HE IS OUT OF HONG KONG DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD, IN WHICH CASE HE MAY APPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS UPON RETURN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE PROGRESS OF THE FIRST PHASE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE SCHEME HAS MADE A GOOD START, AND THE COOPERATION OF THE APPLICANTS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.+

THE NEXT PHASE, WHICH IS TARGETED AT MEN BORN IN 1963, WILL START ON MONDAY (JUNE 6).

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TEXTILE ACCORD REACHED WITH SWEDEN

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THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR JUSTIN YUE, TODAY (THURSDAY) RELEASED AN OUTLINE OF HONG KONG'S NEW TEXTILE AGREEMENT WITH SWEDEN, WHICH RUNS FOR FOUR YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1983.

+IT IS STRUCTURALLY SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING AGREEMENT BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CHANGES,+ SAID MR YUE.

+THE NEW AGREEMENT IS IN SOME WAY MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN THE PRESENT ONE, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF GROWTH AND FLEXIBILITY.

+AT THE SAME TIME THE NEW AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR MOVEMENT OF QUOTAS FROM UNDER-UTILISED CATEGORIES TO FULLY-UTILISED CATEGORIES, AND FOR SHIPMENT OF CHILDREN'S WEAR AT A MORE FAVOURABLE RATE THAN ADULTS' WEAR,+ HE SAID.

+IF THE PROVISIONS IN THE NEW AGREEMENT ARE FULLY EXPLOITED, HONG KONG HAS THE POTENTIAL TO INCREASE ITS EXPORTS TO SWEDEN,+ MR YUE ADDED.

THE NEW AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED AT THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING TODAY.

FULL DETAILS WILL BE RELEASED BY THE TRADE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SIR PHILIP VISITS BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, TODAY VISITED THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

ARRIVING AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS IN MURRAY BUILDING, SIR PHILIP WAS MET BY THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ARCHITECT, MR JOSEPH LEI, AND THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR, MR HUGH MCATEER.

FOLLOWING A BRIEFING GIVEN BY MR LEI AND MR MCATEER ON THE WORK OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE AND THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, SIR PHILIP SAW A MINI-EXHIBITION OF THE WORK OF THE TWO OFFICES WHICH INCLUDED A NUMBER OF MODELS, DRAWINGS AND PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING MAJOR CULTURAL AND CIVIC DEVELOPMENTS AND PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND QUALITY CONTROL EQUIPMENT AND SAMPLES FOR PRIVATE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT.

/SIR PHILIP

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SIR PHILIP ALSO VISITED THE DRAWING OFFICES OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE AND THE GENERAL DIVISION OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE AND MET FIVE LONG-SERVING STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO TOGETHER HAVE DONE 159 YEARS' SERVICE.

THE CHIEF SECRETARY LATER WENT TO THE MASS TRANSIT DIVISION AND PERSONNEL REGISTRY SECTION WHERE HE MET EXECUTIVE OFFICER II MISS ALICE POON, A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG HOCKEY SQUAD WHICH TOOK PART IN THE ASIAN GAMES HELD IN NEW DELHI LAST YEAR.

DURING HIS TWO-HOUR STAY IN MURRAY BUILDING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF WORK DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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'HOPEFUL START' MADE IN FIGHTING VICE DENS

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EFFORTS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ABATING AS FAR AS POSSIBLE NUISANCES CAUSED TO LOCAL PEOPLE BY VICE-ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENTS IN MONG KOK, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD MADE WHAT LOOKED LIKE A HOPEFUL START IN THIS DIRECTION, HE ADDED.

MR WONG WAS ADDRESSING MEMBERS OF THE Y'S MEN'S CLUB OF HONG KONG AT A LUNCHEON MEETING ON THE EFFECT OF THE BOARD'S RECENT STUDY ON VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN MONG KOK.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE UNREASONABLE TO EXPECT THE STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO BRING ABOUT A COMPLETE ERADICATION OF ALL SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS.

+ON THE CONTRARY, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD BASED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT VICE ACTIVITIES WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST IN A FREE SOCIETY SUCH AS OURS,+ HE ADDED.

MR WONG DISCLOSED THAT RESIDENTS IN 15 BUILDINGS WITH VICE ESTABLISHMENTS HAD APPROACHED THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE FOR HELP DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOARD'S STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM.

IN THE SAME PERIOD ENDING IN APRIL THIS YEAR, HE SAID, THE POLICE HAD CONDUCTED 1 674 VICE RAIDS IN MONG KOK, REPRESENTING A 30 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE 1 760 RAIDS CONDUCTED IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF LAST YEAR.

AS A RESULT, 562 PERSONS WERE ARRESTED, 400 UNDER-AGED GIRLS DISCOVERED, 62 PROTECTION ORDERS ISSUED, 51 MISSING PERSONS AND 10 WANTED PERSONS FOUND.

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EXAMPLES OF OTHER EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS ARE:

- * A MANUAL ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING A CHAPTER ON HOW RESIDENTS CAN ABATE NUISANCES CAUSED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS IN THEIR BUILDINGS, IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN AUGUST;
- * DEMOLITION OF 92 SIGNBOARDS OF VICE-ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING 23 WITH OBJECTIONABLE CONTENTS, IN THE MANSUN BUILDING WERE CONDUCTED IN APRIL THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE POLICE, THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE INCORPORATED OWNERS OF THE BUILDING;
- * LAWYERS OF THE LAW SOCIETY FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME HAVE MET MEMBERS OF THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OF FOUR BUILDINGS TO ADVISE THEM ON WHAT RESIDENTS COULD DO TO COMBAT VICE-OPERATIONS IN THE BUILDING WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE DEED OF MUTUAL COVENANT AND THE STATUS OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT BODY. SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR TWO OTHER BUILDINGS; AND
- * HELP IS BEING GIVEN FOR FOUR MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES TO CONVERT ITSELF INTO OWNERS CORPORATIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO TACKLE THE PROBLEMS BETTER.

IN THE CASE OF THE MANSUN BUILDING, ONLY NINE ONE-PROSTITUTE APARTMENTS REMAIN, COMPARED WITH 29 SUCH APARTMENTS AND TWO RECREATION CENTRES IN LATE 1982.

+LIMITED SUCCESS IN TACKLING THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ON A CASE BASIS.

+FOR SOME OF THE BUILDINGS WHICH APPROACHED THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR POLICE FOR ASSISTANCE, THEIR SITUATION HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE EFFORTS AND ESPECIALLY SO FOR THOSE BUILDINGS WHERE THE RESIDENTS SHOW GREAT DETERMINATION IN TACKLING THE PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

MR WONG SAID THE STUDY HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THE AMENDMENT OF LEGISLATION AND THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPREHENSIVE LICENSING CONTROL ON +PLACES OF ADULT ENTERTAINMENT+ WOULD BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR TACKLING THE PROBLEM.

HE SAID, IN THIS RESPECT, THE STUDY HAD ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE IN THAT A WORKING PARTY HAD BEEN FORMED UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONSIDER HOW THE RELEVANT LAWS IN HONG KONG MIGHT BE AMENDED TO REDUCE THE NUISANCE CAUSED BY THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO OTHER OCCUPANTS OF PREMISES, PARTICULARLY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

+THE WORKING PARTY HAS MET TWICE AND IS EXPECTED TO MEET FURTHER SHORTLY,+ HE SAID.

DEVELOPMENTS FORGING AHEAD IN TUEN MUN

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TO COPE WITH THE RAPID POPULATION GROWTH IN TUEN MUN, THE GOVERNMENT IS GOING FULL STEAM AHEAD IN PROVIDING THE NEW TOWN WITH INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER ESSENTIAL FACILITIES AND SERVICES, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RICKY FUNG, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

+OVER \$500 MILLION WAS SPENT LAST YEAR ON CONSTRUCTION DEVELOPMENT ONLY, AND UP TO \$700 MILLION WILL BE SPENT IN THE 1983-84 FINANCIAL YEAR,+ HE SAID.

IN A LUNCHEON SPEECH TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH, HE SAID IT WAS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO HELP THE NEW RESIDENTS SETTLE DOWN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND MINIMISE THE DIFFICULTY OF ADAPTING TO A COMPLETELY NEW ENVIRONMENT.

MR FUNG POINTED OUT THAT TUEN MUN'S POPULATION, NOW STANDING AT 210 000, WAS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 70 000 ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS AND REACH HALF A MILLION BY THE END OF THE DECADE.

+WE HAVE LEARNT FROM OUR EXPERIENCE, ALTHOUGH SOMETIMES IN THE HARD WAY, THROUGH THE YEARS OF NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT, THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE ALL ESSENTIAL AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED BEFORE PEOPLE MOVE IN,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS NOW STANDARD PRACTICE FOR A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD TO GO THROUGH A CHECKLIST OF BASIC FACILITIES SUCH AS KINDERGARTENS, SCHOOLS, BUS SERVICES, SHOPS, BANKS, POST BOXES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING UNIT, ETC. BEFORE THE FIRST BATCH OF TENANTS MOVE INTO A NEW ESTATE, A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE OR A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

+THE WORKING GROUP ALSO MAKES PRE-INTAKE SITE VISITS TO ENSURE THAT THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IS UP TO AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD.

+THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS THEREFORE CHARGED WITH THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY OF CO-ORDINATING EFFORTS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN ON THE ONE HAND AND TO BUILD UP A HARMONIOUS COMMUNITY ON THE OTHER.

+TO THIS END, THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS FORTUNATELY BLESSED WITH A VOCAL AND IMAGINATIVE DISTRICT BOARD WHICH IS VERY SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF TUEN MUN RESIDENTS, AND A RESPONSIVE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE COMPRISING GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE MOST UNDERSTANDING, RECEPTIVE AND EFFICIENT,+ MR FUNG SAID.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD ALSO SEES THE NEED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DISTRICT TO NEW RESIDENTS, WHO ARE COMPLETE STRANGERS AND NEED TO BE GIVEN INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR SURROUNDINGS QUICKLY.

+A RESIDENT HANDBOOK IS THEREFORE PUBLISHED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRIBUTED TO EVERY HOUSEHOLD THE MINUTE THEY DECIDE TO MOVE INTO TUEN MUN,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID BRIEFINGS ON THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF LIFE IN THE NEW TOWN WERE ALSO GIVEN TO NEW RESIDENTS BY STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE POLICE.

+COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS ARE ALSO REFERRED TO THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS FOR ACTION, AND EVERYTHING IS DONE TO ENSURE THAT THE 'CUSTOMERS' ARE SATISFIED,+ HE ADDED.

MR FUNG WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSISTING RESIDENTS IN FORMING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN NEW RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

THERE ARE NOW OVER 60 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES MAINLY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND 23 OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN TUEN MUN, SERVING MORE THAN 160 000 RESIDENTS.

+IT MAY BE DIFFICULT TO ASSESS OUR ACHIEVEMENT IN ABSOLUTE TERMS, BUT COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS CAN ONLY BE FELT BY THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

+HOWEVER, I AM CONFIDENT TO SAY HERE AND NOW THAT WE ARE HEADING FOR THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND NOT FAR FROM ACHIEVING WHAT WE HAVE SET OUT TO DO,+ HE ADDED.

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HONG KONG TO JOIN PACIFIC WATER SUPPLY TALKS

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM HONG KONG WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE FOURTH ASIAN PACIFIC REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY CONFERENCE (ASPAC-RWSC) IN DJAKARTA IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

THIS DECISION WAS MADE KNOWN BY MR LAU JONG-MING, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, TO MR I.H. RAZAK MANAN, CHAIRMAN OF ASPAC-RWSC, WHO WAS VISITING HONG KONG RECENTLY.

THE CONFERENCE, SPONSORED BY THE INTERNATIONAL WATER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, WILL DEAL WITH THE THEME +MASS PROVISION OF WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES+.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR RAZAK MANAN WAS BRIEFED BY MR LAU ON WATERWORKS INSTALLATIONS IN HONG KONG. MR RAZAK MANAN, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE INDONESIAN WATER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION, EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S +IMPRESSIVE RESERVOIRS IN THE SEA PROJECTS+.

HE ALSO PRESENTED THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WITH A SOUVENIR WELCOMING HONG KONG TO THE CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS A PLAQUE AS A MEMENTO.

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SHORT SUMMER VOCATIONAL COURSES OFFERED

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS ORGANISED, THROUGH THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, 156 SHORT COURSES TO BE HELD IN THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR WORKING PEOPLE TO UPDATE THEIR SKILLS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A VTC SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAVE BEEN OFFERING A RANGE OF SHORT COURSES WHICH ARE MOSTLY HELD IN THE EVENINGS DURING NORMAL TERM TIMES.

THE COUNCIL BELIEVED THAT SHORT COURSES COULD OFFER AN IMPORTANT SERVICE TO INDUSTRY AND THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

+FOR THIS REASON, EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME TO EXPAND THE NUMBER OF COURSES,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, A SMALL NUMBER OF HOBBY AND LEISURE INTEREST COURSES WOULD ALSO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE ABOVE 15 YEARS OF AGE.

SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDE COMMERCIAL STUDIES, BUSINESS COMPUTERS, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, TEXTILES AND CLOTHING, MANUFACTURE, PRINTING AND DESIGN.

WESTERN FOLK DANCE, POTTERY FOR BEGINNERS AND INTRODUCTION TO AIR BRUSH TECHNIQUES ARE SOME OF THE LEISURE INTEREST COURSES OFFERED.

AMATEUR COURSES ON HOUSE DECORATING, WALL PAPER HANGING, WOOD FURNITURE REDECORATING AND FASHION ACCESSORIES DESIGN CAN PROVE TO BE POPULAR, TOO, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY AND AUGUST. DETAILS INCLUDING COURSE FEES AND THE MEDIA OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE ADVERTISED ON SATURDAY.

OTHER PARTICULARS SUCH AS THE ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS AND THE DATES AND TIMES OF CLASS MEETINGS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE SUMMER SHORT COURSE GUIDE.

THE GUIDES AND APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, ANY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

PAMPHLETS CONTAINING BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF INDIVIDUAL SHORT COURSES MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, NAMELY, KWUN TONG, HAKING WONG, MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG AND LEE WAI LEE.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS JUNE 18.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR PROBATIONERS SCHEME
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH REHABILITATION WORK FOR OFFENDERS.

PEOPLE WHO ARE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, AND HAVE A SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, A MATURE AND SOCIABLE PERSONALITY, AND A DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS, ARE ASKED TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

THEY MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM ALL PROBATION OFFICES AND THE OFFICE OF THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME IN CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, 7TH FLOOR (TEL. 5-703172). COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH.

APPEALING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SCHEME, MR LIU KOON-KEUNG, SAID: +WHILE OUR PROBATION OFFICERS COUNSEL AND HELP PROBATIONERS IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE, WE ALSO NEED COMMUNITY SUPPORT, WHICH WE FEEL WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME.+

+VOLUNTEERS PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN WIDENING PROBATIONERS' CONTACTS AND IN HELPING REINTEGRATE THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM BEING THEIR FRIENDS, HE SAID, VOLUNTEERS CAN HELP PROBATIONERS DEVELOP MEANINGFUL HOBBIES AND HABITS, AND CULTIVATE HEALTHY PURSUITS. TUITION AND USEFUL GUIDANCE CAN ALSO BE PROVIDED TO THE PROBATIONERS.

MR LIU DESCRIBED AS +ENCOURAGING+ THE LARGE TURNOUT OF VOLUNTEERS IN PREVIOUS RECRUITMENT EXERCISES AND SAID THE SCHEME CLEARLY RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT.

THE SCHEME, STARTED IN 1976, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

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CAR POUND TEMPORARILY FILLED
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THE ABANDONED VEHICLE POUND AT KOWLOON BAY HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY FILLED.

THE SPOKESMAN REQUESTED CAR OWNERS WHO WISH TO UTILISE THIS FACILITY TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 6) FOR THE EXISTING VEHICLES TO BE CLEARED.

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250-YEAR OLD TEMPLE REOPENED
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THE 250-YEAR-OLD KWAN TEI TEMPLE ON SOUTH LANTAU WAS REOPENED TO WORSHIPPERS AND LOCAL VILLAGERS TODAY, AFTER COMPLETION OF RENOVATION WORK.

SITUATED IN TONG FUK ON SOUTH LANTAU, THE TEMPLE HAS BEEN A PLACE FOR LOCAL VILLAGERS TO PAY HOMAGE TO THEIR DEITY, KWAN TEI, DURING SUCH TRADITIONAL FESTIVITIES AS THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT), MID-AUTUMN AND THE WINTER SOLSTICE.

WITH \$70 000 IN FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE CHINESE TEMPLE COMMITTEE, RENOVATION WORK BEGAN IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR AND WAS COMPLETED BY THE END OF MARCH THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE VILLAGERS.

A RIBBON-CUTTING AND AN UNVEILING CEREMONY, PERFORMED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, WAS HELD TODAY TO MARK THE OCCASION.

SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, MR YAP SAID THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH RESIDENTS, VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES, RURAL COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO CO-ORDINATE THE WORKS OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, AND TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS AND CUSTOMS OF LOCAL VILLAGERS.

+TODAY'S EVENT IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, AND I HOPE THIS COMMUNITY SPIRIT WILL GO ON,+ HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR TSANG LIN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH LANTAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAU YUNG-FUK, AND A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR YOUNG WING-YAU.

TRAM TRACK WORK WILL REDUCE SATURDAY SERVICE
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TRAM SERVICES WILL BE REDUCED ON SATURDAY (JUNE 4) FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF TRAM TRACKS ON DES VOUEX ROAD CENTRAL.

THE LAST TRAM WILL LEAVE HAPPY VALLEY FOR KENNEDY TOWN AT 10.06 PM, FOR WHITTY STREET AT 10.17 PM AND FOR WESTERN MARKET AT 10.33 PM.

THE SERVICE FROM NORTH POINT TO WHITTY STREET WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 10.07 PM AND TO WESTERN MARKET UNTIL 10.26 PM.

THE LAST TRAM WILL LEAVE SHAU KEI WAN FOR WESTERN MARKET AT 10.13 PM.

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TRAMS TRAVELLING FROM WESTERN MARKET TO SHAU KEI WAN, NORTH POINT AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL RUN UNTIL 10.58 PM.

THE LAST TRAM WILL LEAVE WHITTY STREET FOR NORTH POINT AT 10.44 PM AND FOR HAPPY VALLEY AT 10.45 PM.

THE SERVICE FROM KENNEDY TOWN TO HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 10.41 PM.

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TRAFFIC RESTRICTIONS IN KWUN TONG

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FROM 10 AM TOMORROW (JUNE 3), YUET WAH STREET IN KWUN TONG FROM ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH HIP WO STREET TO A POINT 100 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM DAILY.

THE RESTRICTION WILL ALSO BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF ROAD BETWEEN HO PONG STREET AND THE UNNAMED ROAD NORTH OF TUEN MUN CLINIC BETWEEN 7 AM AND 9 PM DAILY, WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (JUNE 4).

WITHIN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ROAD SECTIONS, NO VEHICLE OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIODS.

ALSO FROM 10 AM TOMORROW, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WAI WAH STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD TO A POINT 85 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS PLB CLEARWAY.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY.