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PRE-CASTING WORK STARTS ON
WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING CONCRETE UNITS

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WORK ON THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING PROJECT HAS REACHED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE WITH THE START OF PRE-CASTING WORK ON THE CONCRETE UNITS THAT WILL FORM THE IMMERSSED TUBE TUNNEL.

THE SIX-LANE, TWO-KILOMETRE ROAD TUNNEL, RUNNING FROM SAI YING PUN ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION, IS A MAJOR PART OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME TRANSPORT NETWORK, WHICH WILL LINK THE URBAN AREAS TO THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK.

"THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING IS A PRIVATELY FUNDED FRANCHISE PROJECT. IT IS BEING DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED ON A FAST-TRACK AND IS GOING VERY WELL," SAID MR ERIC GLENVILLE, THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR ENGINEER FOR THE PROJECT.

THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE PROJECT COMPRISES AN IMMERSSED TUBE TUNNEL WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF 1,363 METRES. IT WILL BE MADE UP OF 12 PRE-CAST TUNNEL UNITS, EACH WEIGHING 35,000 TONNES.

EACH OF THESE UNITS IS ABOUT 113.5 METRES LONG, 33.3 METRES WIDE AND 8.5 METRES HIGH. THEY ARE BEING CAST IN BATCHES OF FOUR AT A SPECIALLY BUILT CASTING BASIN AT SHEK O QUARRY. EACH BATCH WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO CONSTRUCT AND ABOUT 1,200 CUBIC METRES OF CONCRETE PER DAY WILL BE POURED DURING THE CASTING OPERATION.

ONCE THE FIRST BATCH OF FOUR UNITS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, THE 13-HECTARE QUARRY BASIN WILL BE FLOODED AND THE UNITS FLOATED OUT TO SEA. THEY WILL THEN BE TOWED BY BARGES TO TEMPORARY MOORINGS IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE ENTRANCE TO THE CASTING BASIN WILL THEN BE SEALED AND THE BASIN DRAINED READY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEXT FOUR UNITS.

WHEN READY FOR POSITIONING, THE COMPLETED UNITS WILL BE TOWED INTO THE HARBOUR AND SUNK IN A CONTROLLED MANNER INTO A DREDGED TRENCH.

CONSTRUCTION OF ALL 12 UNITS, WHICH WILL MAKE UP THE LENGTH OF THE IMMERSSED TUBE, IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN SPRING 1996.

ONCE THE CASTING OPERATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED, THE BASIN WILL BE TURNED INTO A MARINE COVE AS PART OF THE SHEK O QUARRY REHABILITATION WORKS.

THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING WILL BE THE THIRD ROAD CROSSING BETWEEN HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON.

IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT AWARDED THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY THE FRANCHISE TO DEVELOP THIS PROJECT ON A 30-YEAR, BUILD-OPERATE-TRANSFER BASIS, A METHOD BY WHICH THE DEVELOPER DESIGNS, CONSTRUCTS, OPERATES, MAINTAINS THE CROSSING AND TRANSFERS THE FACILITY TO THE GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF THE FRANCHISE PERIOD.

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ALL OF THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE NISHIMATSU KUMAGAI JOINT VENTURE, CONTRACTORS TO THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY.

THE PROJECT IS ON TARGET FOR COMPLETION IN 1997.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT LAUNCHES PERFORMANCE PLEDGE

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PLEDGES TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT ARE COURTEOUS, FAIR, CONFIDENTIAL, PRIVATE, PERSONAL AND PROMPT.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, WHEN HE INTRODUCED THE DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE PLEDGE TO THE PUBLIC TODAY (SUNDAY).

"OUR STAFF MET AND ASSISTED ALMOST ONE MILLION CUSTOMERS EVERY YEAR THROUGH OUR 350 SERVICES UNITS.

"OUR MISSION IS TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO MEET THE SOCIAL WELFARE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG," HE SAID.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT PLEDGED TO ANSWER ENQUIRIES ON SOCIAL WELFARE MATTERS AND PROVIDE COUNSELLING SERVICE ON THE HOTLINE - 343 2255 DURING OPERATING HOURS (MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9 AM TO 10 PM; SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 1 PM TO 10 PM).

FOR ENQUIRIES RECEIVED BY THE RECORDING MACHINE AFTER OPERATING HOURS, THE STAFF WILL CALL BACK THE NEXT DAY.

"FOR ENQUIRIES MADE BY A HEARING-IMPAIRED PERSON THROUGH A FAX MACHINE ON OUR NUMBER 763 5874, A WRITTEN REPLY WILL BE SENT BY FAX WITHIN TWO WORKING DAYS," HE ADDED.

ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, THE DEPARTMENT PLEDGES TO ACHIEVE BY 1997 ALL THE KEY TARGETS FOR VARIOUS SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AS SET OUT IN THE 1991 SOCIAL WELFARE WHITE PAPER AND IN THE 1992 REHABILITATION GREEN PAPER.

MR STRACHAN PLEDGED THAT NEW CUSTOMERS APPLYING FOR ANY OF THESE SERVICES WOULD BE CONTACTED WITHIN 10 WORKING DAYS AFTER THEIR APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED.

"WE FURTHER PLEDGE TO HAVE COMPLETED ALL PROCESSING PROCEDURES WITHIN THREE MONTHS, BY WHICH TIME THE CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO A CENTRE FOR SERVICE OR PLACED ON A WAITING LIST WHERE DEMAND FOR THAT SERVICE CANNOT YET BE FULLY MET," HE SAID.

ON SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICES, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD AIM TO PROVIDE CLEAR INFORMATION ON SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICES AND PROMPT AND ACCURATE PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS.

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THESE MEASURES INCLUDE THE PRINTING OF INFORMATION PAMPHLETS AND LEAFLETS, THE PRODUCTION OF AUDIO AND VIDEO TAPES AND THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE PAYMENT SYSTEM.

TURNING TO FAMILY WELFARE SERVICES, MR STRACHAN SAID THEY WERE PROVIDED TO PRESERVE AND STRENGTHEN THE FAMILY TO ENABLE FAMILY MEMBERS TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY.

"WE PLEDGE TO SET UP 19 FAMILY ACTIVITY AND RESOURCE CENTRES IN OUR GROUP WORK UNITS IN COMMUNITY CENTRES DURING 1994/95 FOR FAMILIES TO ENJOY VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND TO SEEK EARLY GUIDANCE ON THEIR PROBLEMS," HE SAID.

TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF CASEWORK SERVICE, MR STRACHAN SAID THE NUMBER OF CASEWORKERS IN FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS WOULD BE INCREASED THIS YEAR.

IN THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE, MR STRACHAN ALSO OUTLINED A THREE-PRONGED PLAN TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN. THEY ARE:

- *LOCAL ADOPTION: 80 PER CENT OF CHILDREN AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION WILL BE PLACED INTO THEIR NEW ADOPTIVE HOMES WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THEY ARE FREED FOR ADOPTION.
- *FOSTER CARE : THE POOL OF FOSTER CARE PLACES WILL BE INCREASED FROM 480 TO 560 IN 1994/95.
- *SMALL GROUP HOMES : THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDES NON-INSTITUTIONAL CARE IN SMALL GROUP HOMES EACH WITH EIGHT PLACES AND A SUBSTITUTE MOTHER AND FATHER. THE NUMBER OF PLACES IN THESE HOMES WILL BE INCREASED FROM 520 TO 712 IN 1994/95.

MR STRACHAN SAID HE WOULD MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE AND REPORT ON PROGRESS EVERY YEAR.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS PERFORMANCE PLEDGE AS WELL AS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE WELCOME TO DIAL THE HOTLINE - 343 2255.

COPIES OF A BILINGUAL BOOKLET ON THE PERFORMANCE PLEDGE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT ALL DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICES, FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES, COMMUNITY CENTRES, SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS AS WELL AS ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

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THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES TO THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR IAN STRACHAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE - HONG KONG FUNG YAT SOCIAL SERVICE COMPLEX, MR STRACHAN SAID THE OPENING OF THE COMPLEX WAS A STEP FURTHER TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE.

MR STRACHAN SAID THE GOVERNOR, IN HIS 1992/93 POLICY ADDRESS, HAD PLEDGED TO EXPAND REHABILITATION SERVICES BY PROVIDING 1,688 ADDITIONAL PLACES IN DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES, 2,360 SHELTERED WORKSHOP PLACES AND 4,071 RESIDENTIAL PLACES BY 1997 WITH A VIEW TO MEETING THE NEEDS OF DISABLED PERSONS.

"THE SUCCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED REHABILITATION SERVICES DEPENDS HEAVILY ON THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY.

"WE MUST OVERCOME PREJUDICE WITHIN LOCAL COMMUNITIES. THE GOVERNMENT IS TACKLING THIS PROBLEM VIGOROUSLY THROUGH WIDER PUBLIC EDUCATION, PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT AND A WILLINGNESS TO MEET WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF FEAR AND MISUNDERSTANDING," HE SAID.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH SOCIAL SERVICE - HONG KONG FOR HAVING A LONG HISTORY OF WELFARE SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1968, MR STRACHAN SAID THE ASSOCIATION HAD OVER THE YEARS EXPANDED ITS SCOPE OF SERVICE TO 21 SERVICE UNITS, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, ELDERLY SERVICE, CHILD-CARE CENTRES AND REHABILITATION SERVICE.

FACILITIES AT THE FUNG YAT SOCIAL SERVICE COMPLEX INCLUDE A CHILD-CARE CENTRE, A DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE AND A HOSTEL.

ADDITIONAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING A DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE, HOSTEL AND CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOME, ARE BEING PLANNED FOR THE SECOND PHASE EXTENSION OF THE COMPLEX TO SERVE THE SEVERELY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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EMPLOYER FINED FOR SACKING PREGNANT EMPLOYEE

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO SACK A FEMALE WORKER AFTER SHE HAD NOTIFIED HER EMPLOYER OF HER INTENTION TO TAKE MATERNITY LEAVE.

LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS), MRS GRACE SHEK, GAVE THE ADVICE TODAY (SUNDAY)

/GARLI TEXTILE

GARLI TEXTILE PRODUCTS COMPANY LIMITED IN SHAM SHUI PO WAS RECENTLY FINED \$2,000 BY A NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRATE FOR SACKING A PREGNANT EMPLOYEE.

THE CASE CAME TO LIGHT WHEN THE PREGNANT EMPLOYEE APPROACHED THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE AFTER BEING DISMISSED BY HER EMPLOYER IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, A FEMALE WORKER IS PROTECTED FROM TERMINATION OF HER EMPLOYMENT DURING THE PERIOD FROM THE DATE ON WHICH SHE GIVES NOTICE OF HER INTENTION TO TAKE MATERNITY LEAVE UNTIL THE DATE ON WHICH SHE IS DUE TO RETURN TO WORK, IF SHE HAS BEEN EMPLOYED FOR NOT LESS THAN 12 WEEKS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES THAT A FEMALE EMPLOYEE WHO HAS WORKED FOR THE SAME EMPLOYER UNDER A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 26 WEEKS IS ENTITLED TO MATERNITY LEAVE.

IF A FEMALE WORKER HAS WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE EMPLOYER FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 40 WEEKS BEFORE THE EXPECTED DATE OF HER COMMENCEMENT OF MATERNITY LEAVE AND SHE HAS NO MORE THAN TWO SURVIVING CHILDREN, SHE IS ALSO ENTITLED TO MATERNITY LEAVE PAY.

MRS SHEK NOTED THAT THE MATERNITY LEAVE PAY WAS CALCULATED AT THE RATE OF TWO-THIRDS OF THE EMPLOYEE'S MONTHLY SALARY.

IF A FEMALE WORKER IS EMPLOYED ON PIECE RATE OR WHERE HER DAILY WAGES VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, THE RATE IS TWO-THIRDS OF HER DAILY AVERAGE WAGE DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, COMPRISING NOT LESS THAN 28 DAYS AND NOT MORE THAN 31 DAYS, PRECEDING THE LEAVE.

SHE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EMPLOYERS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO PAY WAGES IN LIEU OF MATERNITY LEAVE.

"EMPLOYERS BREACHING THE PROVISIONS WOULD BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000," MRS SHEK SAID.

"THE EMPLOYER WILL ALSO HAVE TO PAY THE SUM THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAYABLE IF THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN TERMINATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS TERMS, THE MATERNITY LEAVE PAY FOR 10 WEEKS AND A FURTHER SUM EQUIVALENT TO SEVEN DAYS' WAGES," SHE SAID.

TO HELP WORKERS UNDERSTAND IN SIMPLE TERMS THE MATERNITY PROTECTION PROVISIONS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED A LEAFLET FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION AT THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OFFICES.

INCLUDED IN THE LEAFLET IS A STANDARD FORM OF NOTICE, SPECIFYING THE EXPECTED DATE OF CONFINEMENT AND THE DATE ON WHICH THE MATERNITY LEAVE IS TO START, TO FACILITATE EMPLOYEES TO COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATION.

THERE IS ALSO A DECLARATION FORM TO HELP FEMALE WORKERS TO MAKE STATUTORY DECLARATION TO VERIFY THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN SHE HAS IN ORDER TO CLAIM MATERNITY LEAVE PAY.

BETTER PROTECTIVE HELMETS FOR FIREMEN

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FIREMEN WILL GET GREATER PROTECTION AT WORK AS THEY ARE EQUIPPED WITH A NEW TYPE OF FIRE HELMETS TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS BOUGHT 4,500 "PACIFIC K3/70" HELMETS PRODUCED BY A NEW ZEALAND FIRM FOR ITS STAFF ON FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE DUTIES.

"THE NEW, LIGHTER HELMET CAN HELP FIRE-FIGHTERS REDUCE HEAD INJURIES," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"IT HAS A VISOR TO PROTECT THE EYES AND UPPER FACE OF THE WEARER FROM FLYING DEBRIS, AND A PROTECTOR TO GIVE BETTER PROTECTION FOR EARS AND NECK," HE ADDED.

THE NEW HELMETS ARE REPLACING THE OLD "CROMWELL F200" WHICH HAD BEEN IN USE FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

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TERTIARY STUDENTS URGED TO EXERCISE CIVIC RIGHT

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YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BART IRELAND, TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO TERTIARY STUDENTS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND REGISTER AS VOTERS.

"AS THE VOTING AGE HAS NOW BEEN LOWERED TO 18, MOST OF THESE STUDENTS WOULD QUALIFY TO BECOME ELECTORS," HE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 263 STUDENTS HAVE ALREADY FILLED IN VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS DISTRIBUTED BY STAFF OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC LAST WEEK.

"POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS CAN ALSO OBTAIN THESE FORMS AT THEIR STUDENT UNION BUILDING," MR IRELAND SAID.

THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE LAUNCHED A DISTRICT-WIDE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN THIS MONTH. HOUSEHOLD VISITS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THREE-TIER ELECTIONS.

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HELP FOR REDUNDANT TEACHERS TO GET JOBS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE TO HELP REDUNDANT TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS OBTAIN NEW TEACHING POSTS WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THEY WERE USUALLY MADE REDUNDANT BY THE DROP IN ENROLMENT IN THEIR SCHOOLS DUE TO PEOPLE MOVING FROM URBAN AREAS TO NEW TOWNS.

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE UNIT HAS HELPED ABOUT 6,950 SUCH TEACHERS IN SECURING NEW TEACHING POSTS OVER THE PAST YEARS.

"WE WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE THEM FULL ASSISTANCE AGAIN THIS YEAR. OUR 100 PER CENT SUCCESS RATE OVER THE PAST YEARS OWES MUCH TO THE SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOL HEADS AND SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS MOST GRATEFUL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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46 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 46 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

EIGHTEEN OF THE PLANS ARE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN FOR KOWLOON AND 21 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDE 14 FOR APARTMENT AND APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, NINE FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND 11 FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

IN THE SAME MONTH, CONSENT WAS GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 22 BUILDING PROJECTS, WHICH INVOLVE 47,993 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 123,950 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN THE MONTH TOTALLED ABOUT \$1,606 MILLION.

OF THE BUILDINGS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN THE MONTH, USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USE ARE 113,991 SQUARE METRES AND 60,272 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 25 OCCUPATION PERMITS - NINE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, SEVEN FOR KOWLOON AND NINE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 23 DEMOLITION CONSENTS INVOLVING 132 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 386 COMPLAINTS OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,455 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 290 REMOVAL ORDERS ON THE UNAUTHORISED WORKS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION ALSO INSPECTED 728 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED TWO EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE COURT.

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TUEN MUN LAUNCHES VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE

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THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (SUNDAY) LAUNCHED A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR PETER KWOK, APPEALED TO THE PUBLIC TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC DUTY TO REGISTER AS VOTERS.

MORE THAN 70 TEMPORARY COMMUNITY ORGANISERS HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO HELP IN THE CAMPAIGN.

THEY WORE COLOURFUL T-SHIRTS EMBLAZONED WITH THE SLOGAN - "MAKE YOURSELF HEARD, REGISTER TO VOTE" AND WALKED AROUND VARIOUS AREAS TO ENCOURAGE PASSERS-BY TO REGISTER.

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MONG KOK RESIDENTS URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF MONG KOK, MR BENJAMIN LEE, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP AS VOTERS.

"IT IS IMPORTANT TO REGISTER AS AN ELECTOR IF YOU WISH TO MAKE YOURSELF HEARD," HE STRESSED.

REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES AND HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES.

MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF ARE VISITING HOUSEHOLDS TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE THREE-TIER ELECTIONS.

VOTER REGISTRATION BOOTHS WILL BE SET UP AT MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATIONS IN MONG KOK AND PRINCE EDWARD.

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WINNING SCHOOL DRAMA TEAMS PERFORM FOR PUBLIC
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THE OUTSTANDING TEAMS IN THE HONG KONG SCHOOL DRAMA FESTIVAL 1993/94 WILL SHOW THEIR TALENTS AT THE GALA EVENINGS AND PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE ON MAY 5 AND 6.

THE DRAMA FESTIVAL, COVERING CHINESE AND ENGLISH SECTIONS, IS PRESENTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, URBAN COUNCIL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID QUEEN'S COLLEGE AND TWGHS TANG SIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL WON THE BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS IN CHINESE DRAMAS WHILE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND OBLATE FATHERS PRIMARY SCHOOL WON THE BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE AWARDS IN ENGLISH DRAMAS.

HE SAID THE WINNING TEAMS WOULD BE AWARDED OTHER PRIZES FOR BEST STAGE EFFECT, SCRIPT ORIGINALITY, ACTORS, ACTRESSES AND DIRECTORS.

TICKETS AT \$20 ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. THERE WILL BE 50 PER CENT DISCOUNT FOR STUDENTS AND PEOPLE AGED 60 OR ABOVE.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONIES FOR CHINESE DRAMAS ON MAY 5 AND ENGLISH DRAMAS ON MAY 6. BOTH EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM IN THE SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE, 11 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, SHAU KEI WAN.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DOMINIC S W WONG, WILL PRESENT PRIZES.

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