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### BOOST TO SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES

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LIBRARY GRANTS TO GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE DOUBLED IN THE COMING ACADEMIC YEAR.

+THIS RECOGNISES THAT SCHOOL LIBRARIES ARE BECOMING AN IMPORTANT AID IN IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG AND REFLECTS THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THIS ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

MORE THAN \$2 MILLION HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME. THE AMOUNT IS CALCULATED ON A PER CAPITA BASIS WHICH MEANS THAT THE GRANT FOR EACH STUDENT WILL GO UP FROM \$5 TO \$10.

FURTHERMORE, A SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE SCHEME WAS IMPLEMENTED LAST SEPTEMBER TO DEVELOP SCHOOL LIBRARIES INTO RESOURCE CENTRES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A RECOMMENDATION IN THE WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION.

UNDER THIS SCHEME, ONE ADDITIONAL POST WAS PROVIDED IN EACH GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOL WITH 18 OR MORE CLASSES, SO THAT THE SCHOOL COULD APPOINT A TEACHER-LIBRARIAN TO TAKE CHARGE OF ITS LIBRARY ON A FULL-TIME BASIS.

A TOTAL OF 90 SCHOOLS ARE NOW IN THE SCHEME AND THE NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE GRADUALLY TO 200, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN.

TEACHER-LIBRARIANS ARE EXPECTED TO KNOW THE BASIC SKILLS OF LIBRARY MANAGEMENT AND THE USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES IN THE CONTEXT OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, AN IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED LAST DECEMBER BY THE EXTRA-MURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE LIBRARY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

SIMILAR COURSES AT BASIC AND ADVANCED LEVELS WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE FUTURE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHER-LIBRARIANS AS WELL AS THOSE ALREADY IN THE POST.

ONE FURTHER EFFORT TO PROMOTE ADEQUATE USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES IN SCHOOLS IS AN EXHIBITION ON SCHOOL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES TO BE HELD ON MAY 17.

ITEMS ON DISPLAY AT THE EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT MUNSANG COLLEGE IN DUMBARTON ROAD, WILL INCLUDE PROJECTS AND COURSE WORK INTRODUCING THE ROLE OF THE TEACHER-LIBRARIAN AND THE EFFECTIVE USE OF LIBRARY RESOURCES.

+TO START WITH, WE HOPE STUDENTS WILL LEARN HOW TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF EXISTING LIBRARY FACILITIES IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

+WE ALSO HOPE TO INCULCATE THE HABIT OF READING AND TO ENCOURAGE PUPIL TO USE PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR SELF-EDUCATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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**TAI HANG TUNG TO GET NEW GENERAL CLINIC  
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A GENERAL CLINIC WILL BE BUILT SHORTLY AT NAM SHAN ESTATE TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND MEDICAL SERVICES IN TAI HANG TUNG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW CLINIC, OCCUPYING ABOUT 870 SQUARE METRES ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF NAM YIU HOUSE, WOULD HAVE TWO CONSULTING ROOMS FOR THE GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AND TWO FOR THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE CENTRE.

UPON COMPLETION, IT WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING CLINIC AT TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PWD ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

WORK WILL START IN JULY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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**ENRICHING LIFE OF NEW TOWN RESIDENTS  
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AN ARTS ASSOCIATION AND A SPORTS ASSOCIATION ARE BEING FORMED IN SHA TIN TO PROMOTE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS IN THE NEW TOWN.

INITIAL WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT BY PREPARATORY COMMITTEES COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. IT IS EXPECTED THAT BOTH ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE REGISTERED IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

FORMATION OF THE ASSOCIATIONS IS BEING SUPPORTED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEES, THE ARTS ASSOCIATION WILL CONCENTRATE ON ORGANISING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CONCERTS, DRAMA, CANTONESE OPERA AND PHOTOGRAPHY. THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION WILL PROMOTE FOOTBALL, ATHLETICS, VOLLEY BALL, TENNIS, ARCHERY AND BASKETBALL.

+THE AIM IS TO PROVIDE THE GROWING POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN WITH VARIOUS WELL-ORGANISED ACTIVITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEES HAD STARTED DRAWING UP PROGRAMMES OF EVENTS AND FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES.

+THE SPORTS ASSOCIATION PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN BUILDING A SPORTS CENTRE,+ HE SAID. +WE ARE NOW LOOKING FOR FUNDS AND A SUITABLE SITE.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ONCE THE ASSOCIATIONS HAD BECOME WELL ESTABLISHED, GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE REDUCED TO MAKE WAY FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

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### TENDERS FOR WATER PROJECT

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THE CAPACITY OF THE TAI PO TAU TREATMENT WORKS IS TO BE DOUBLED TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR WATER FROM NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN TAI PO AND SHEK WU HUI NEW TOWNS.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO CLARIFIERS, THREE FILTERS, AN EXTENSION TO THE CHEMICAL HOUSE AND FLOW MEASUREMENT DEVICES, ARE NOW BEING INVITED.

ON COMPLETION, THE TREATMENT CAPACITY WILL BE INCREASED BY 100 PER CENT TO 110 000 CUBIC METRES A DAY.

WORK ON THE EXTENSION WILL START IN JULY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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### LEARNING SCIENCE CAN BE FUN

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THE LEARNING OF SCIENCE IN SCHOOLS CAN BECOME MORE INTERESTING IF MORE EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON 'ENQUIRY AND ACTIVITY', THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MRS LOUISE MOK, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MRS MOK WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE TSUEN WAN JOINT SCHOOL SCIENCE EXHIBITION IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

SHE SAID THAT EFFORTS HAD BEEN MADE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND TEACHERS TO MAKE SCIENCE MORE INTERESTING AND TO RELATE IT MORE DIRECTLY TO EVERYDAY LIFE.

+WHEN ACTIVITIES, EXPERIMENTS AND PROJECTS ARE ORGANIZED BY THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES, AS IN THIS EXHIBITION, SCIENCE BECOMES A VITAL LIVING SUBJECT,+ SHE ADDED.

THE EXHIBITION, WITH THE THEME OF 'MODERN SCIENCE AND SOCIETY', AIMS TO AROUSE PUBLIC INTEREST IN SCIENCE.

IT IS ORGANISED WITH THE ADVICE AND UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF TEACHERS OF NINE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS, MEMBERS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GRAND PIANO FOR TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL

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YOU ARE REMINDED THAT A NEW GRAND PIANO WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL BY THE LION'S CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.30 PM IN THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL. THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR BRIAN WILSON WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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MAIL DELAY

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THE POST OFFICE TODAY ADVISES MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY POST OFFICE STAFF IN JAMAICA, MAIL TO THAT COUNTRY MAY BE SUBJECT TO DELAY.

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FU YAN STREET CLOSED  
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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE CUL-DE-SAC OF FU YAN STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR ROAD RESURFACING WORK FOR ABOUT 12 DAYS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 5).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE NEXT WEEK ON THURSDAY (MAY 8) FROM 8.30 AM TO 4.30 PM AND ON FRIDAY FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

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