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FUNDS SOUGHT FOR NEW ID CARD SCHEME
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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) CONSIDER THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF A PROPOSED SCHEME TO ISSUE NEW FORMS OF IDENTITY CARDS TO ALL HOLDERS.

THE SCHEME IS ESTIMATED TO COST SOME \$563 MILLION IN RECURRENT AND NON-RECURRENT EXPENDITURE. IF APPROVED, THE NEW CARDS WILL BE ISSUED WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1987 AND THE WHOLE EXERCISE WILL BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER, 1991.

SOME 4.8 MILLION PEOPLE WILL BE ISSUED WITH NEW IDENTITY CARDS UNDER THE SCHEME.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE UNITED KINGDOM MEMORANDUM ASSOCIATED WITH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG PROVIDED THAT PERSONS WHO ON JUNE 30, 1997 WERE BRITISH DEPENDENT TERRITORIES CITIZENS BY VIRTUE OF A CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RETAIN AN APPROPRIATE STATUS WHICH WOULD ENTITLE THEM TO CONTINUE TO USE PASSPORTS ISSUED BY THE UK GOVERNMENT.

+THE HONG KONG ACT 1985 PROVIDES THAT THE APPROPRIATE STATUS SHALL BE A NEW FORM OF BRITISH NATIONALITY, THE HOLDERS OF WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS BRITISH NATIONALS (OVERSEAS) (BN(O)),+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO ISSUE BRITISH PASSPORTS OF TEN-YEAR VALIDITY, THE UK GOVERNMENT WOULD START ISSUING BN(O) PASSPORTS WITH EFFECT FROM JULY 1, 1987.

+TO ENSURE THAT BN(O) PASSPORTS ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL BEFORE AND AFTER 1997, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THEM TO STATE CLEARLY WHERE THEIR HOLDERS HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS, IT HAS BEEN AGREED BETWEEN THE UK AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS THAT THE BN(O) PASSPORT WILL INDICATE CLEARLY THE HOLDER'S RIGHT OF ABODE BY REFERENCE TO THE HOLDER'S IDENTITY CARD WHICH WILL STATE HIS RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG.

+TO IMPLEMENT THIS ARRANGEMENT, IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO START ISSUING FROM JULY 1, 1987 TO PERSONS WHO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG A NEW FORM OF PERMANENT IDENTITY CARD WHICH STATES THAT RIGHT,+ HE SAID.

ALSO TO BE DISCUSSED AT TOMORROW'S MEETING IS A PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE SCOPE OF STAGE II OF THE PROJECT +FUTURE INCREASE OF WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA+ TO INCLUDE A DUPLICATE SUBMARINE PIPELINE ACROSS TOLO CHANNEL, INCLUDING A PART OF THE ASSOCIATED LAND MAINS, ASSOCIATED CONSULTING ENGINEERS' FEES, AND SITE STAFF EXPENSE.

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JLG EXPERT TEAM PEKING-BOUND
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THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER, WILL LEAD A BRITISH TEAM TO PEKING ON THURSDAY (JUNE 19) TO DISCUSS TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION AND RELATED ISSUES WITH CHINESE EXPERTS.

ALSO IN THE TEAM ARE THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MRS REGINA IP; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR STEPHEN KUO; AND CROWN SOLICITOR OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, MR JEREMY MATHEWS.

THE TEAM WILL TRAVEL ON FLIGHT CA 106, ETD 1.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED TO COVER THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT BY 12.40 PM ON THURSDAY.

GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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LIMITED GROWTH IN CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICE URGED
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A GENERAL AND LIMITED EXPANSION PROGRAMME FOR CROSS HARBOUR BUSES AND THE RATIONALISATION OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY'S CROSS HARBOUR NETWORK ARE AMONG RECOMMENDATIONS OF A REPORT ON THE +STUDY OF CROSS HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES+ (CHAPTS).

THE REPORT WAS EXAMINED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) TODAY (TUESDAY) AND A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE CONCENTRATING ON THE PROPOSALS FOR THE BUS AND FERRY COMPANIES BASED ON EXISTING POLICY. NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.

CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN 1985, THE IN-HOUSE STUDY WAS TO ASSESS HOW CROSS HARBOUR BUS AND FERRY SERVICES SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE PRE-EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (EHC) AND POST-EHC PERIOD.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE OPENING OF THE EHC WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO BRING MAJOR INCREASES IN CROSS HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT TRAVEL BUT WOULD CAUSE A CHANGE IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE MAJOR CROSS HARBOUR PUBLIC TRANSPORT MODES - THE MTR, THE BUSES AND THE FERRIES.

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ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, NO RAPID EXPANSION OF CROSS HARBOUR BUS SERVICES IS REQUIRED EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE OPENING OF THE EHC. MEMBERS ENDORSED THE CHAPTS RECOMMENDATION THAT CROSS HARBOUR BUSES SHOULD ADOPT A GRADUAL AND LIMITED EXPANSION PROGRAMME AND THAT A NUMBER OF NEW RAIL AND FERRY FEEDER SERVICES SHOULD BE INTRODUCED.

FOR FERRY SERVICES TAC MEMBERS CONSIDERED THE PROJECTED IMPACT OF THE EHC ON FERRY SERVICES AND THE FINANCIAL AND OPERATING CONDITIONS OF THE TWO FERRY OPERATORS.

MEMBERS ALSO AGREED WITH THE REPORT THAT HYF'S CROSS HARBOUR NETWORK SHOULD BE RATIONALISED AND NOTED THAT HYF SHOULD HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF IMPROVING ITS FINANCIAL HEALTH IF IT TOOK REMEDIAL ACTION NOW.

FOR THE POST-EHC PERIOD, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT FREQUENCY REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE HYF ROUTES IN THE EASTERN HARBOUR.

AFTER THE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION, THE PAPER WILL BE FURTHER CONSIDERED IN THE NEXT TAC MEETING.

ALSO AT TODAY'S MEETING, MEMBERS NOTED A ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY PAPER PREPARED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1986. THE PAPER SERVED AS A BASIS FOR REVIEWING PAST PROGRESS AND SETTING FUTURE TARGETS IN THE FIELD OF ROAD SAFETY.

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DIVERSION SCHEME INTRODUCED FOR FLYOVER RECONSTRUCTION
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A MAJOR TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM THURSDAY (JUNE 26) TO COINCIDE WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ENGINEERING KOWLOON DIVISION, MR LAM HON-KIT, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY).

+THE RECONSTRUCTION, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE THREE YEARS TO COMPLETE, WILL PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC LANE ON THE FLYOVER WHICH IS REACHING SATURATION LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION, THE TRAFFIC DIVERSION SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THREE STAGES. STAGE I WILL BE INTRODUCED WITH THE START OF THE RECONSTRUCTION WHILE STAGE II WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ABOUT SIX WEEKS AND STAGE III TWO MONTHS LATER.

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WHEN STAGE III STARTS, ONE OF THE THREE LANES ON THE FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED FOR DEMOLITION AND THE REMAINING TWO LANES REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.

MR LAM POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME, CONGESTION IS EXPECTED AS IN MOST MAJOR TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS, BUT ONCE THE PUBLIC AND RESIDENTS IN THE AREA BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS TRAFFIC SHOULD BE SMOOTHER.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE ARRANGEMENTS.

STAGE I OF THE SCHEME, DESIGNED TO FACILITATE WATERMAINS LAYING WORKS AND TO MAKE WAY FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF STAGES II AND III, WILL PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE CORRIDORS FOR PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND.

THE EXISTING RIGHT-TURN BAN FROM SOARES AVENUE ON TO ARGYLE STREET AND FROM ARGYLE STREET ON TO KADOORIE AVENUE WILL BE LIFTED. KADOORIE AVENUE WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY AND WILL BE BANNED TO GOODS VEHICLES EXCEEDING 5.5 TONNES EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS.

THIS WILL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE CORRIDOR FOR PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND. VEHICLES BEFORE REACHING THE FLYOVER CAN TURN OFF AT PUI CHING ROAD AND CONTINUE ALONG SOARES AVENUE, MR LAM EXPLAINED. FROM SOARES AVENUE, VEHICLES CAN TURN RIGHT AT ARGYLE STREET TO TAKE THE ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER ABOVE THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

THEY CAN ALSO TURN LEFT AT ARGYLE STREET TO FOLLOW THE EXTENSION OF THIS CORRIDOR ALONG KADOORIE AVENUE, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WESTBOUND AND EMBANKMENT ROAD, HE SAID.

TO ENHANCE SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THESE ALTERNATIVE CORRIDORS, NO-STOPPING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY ON SOARES AVENUE; THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PUI CHING ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG HING STREET AND WATERLOO ROAD; EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN PEACE AVENUE AND WATERLOO ROAD; WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN YIM PO FONG STREET AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD; AND WATERLOO ROAD BETWEEN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND VICTORY AVENUE EXCEPT THE SECTION BETWEEN ARGYLE STREET AND SOARES AVENUE-PUI CHING ROAD.

IN ADDITION, A 24-HOUR DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SLIP ROAD LINKING PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTHBOUND AND PUI CHING ROAD.

TO REDUCE CONGESTION ALONG THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD-WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND CORRIDOR, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST EAST OF WATERLOO ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SO AS TO ALLEVIATE CONGESTION, LEFT TURN FROM WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND ON TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WILL BE BANNED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT BUSES.

THE EXISTING BUSES-ONLY RIGHT TURN FROM WATERLOO ROAD SOUTHBOUND ON TO ARGYLE STREET WILL BE MAINTAINED.

AS A RESULT OF THE REROUTINGS, KMB ROUTES 3, 7B, 10 12B AND 208 TRAVELLING ON WATERLOO ROAD NORTHBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE EASTERN GROUND-LEVEL CARRIAGEWAY OF WATERLOO ROAD NORTH OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST TO BOUNDARY STREET.

AMONG THEM, ROUTES 10 AND 208 WILL PROCEED VIA EARL STREET AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST TO REJOIN LA SALLE ROAD.

TO KEEP THE PUBLIC BETTER INFORMED OF THE SCHEME, MAPS AND SCHEDULES ON GENERAL TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE STREET NOTICE BOARDS OF THE AFFECTED DISTRICTS, MR LAM SAID.

COPIES OF THE MAP WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

HE ADDED THAT DETAILS AND THE EXACT DATES OF IMPLEMENTING TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES UNDER STAGES II AND III OF THE SCHEME WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE AND THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD WATCH OUT FOR THESE CHANGES.

MEET THE MEDIA

THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR JOHN TODD, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR PANG YUK-LING, WILL MEET THE MEDIA ON THURSDAY (JUNE 19) AT 4 PM IN THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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41 RECEIVE GOLD AWARD CERTIFICATES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRESENTED AWARD CERTIFICATES TO 41 WINNERS OF THIS YEAR'S DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S GOLD AWARD AT A CEREMONY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

THE RECIPIENTS INCLUDED STUDENTS, TECHNICIANS, CLERKS, SECRETARIES, TEACHERS, NURSES AND A FIREMAN.

THEY CAME FROM 10 OPERATING AUTHORITIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE SCHEME FOUNDED AND SPONSORED BY THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

THE AWARD SCHEME IS A LEISURE-TIME ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25.

ABOUT 40 000 YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TAKEN PART SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG.

ALL THE RECIPIENTS HAD SATISFACTORILY UNDERTAKEN ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDED 'SERVICE', 'EXPEDITIONS', 'SKILLS', 'PHYSICAL RECREATION' AND A 'RESIDENTIAL PROJECT'.

UNDER 'SERVICE', MORE THAN 34 PER CENT OF THE RECIPIENTS TOOK PART IN GENERAL SERVICES SUCH AS YOUTH SERVICE, HOSPITAL SERVICE AND SERVICE FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

ALL RECIPIENTS TOOK PART IN LAND EXPEDITIONS OR ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDED EXPLORATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, EXPLORATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAIWAN, THE STUDY OF OLD MONASTERIES AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE BUILDINGS, AND THE STUDY OF AGRICULTURE IN RURAL AREAS.

THE 41 WINNERS ALSO TOOK PART IN ONE OF 22 DIFFERENT SKILLS, THE MOST POPULAR CHOICES BEING PHOTOGRAPHY AND A MANDARIN LANGUAGE COURSE. OTHER INTERESTS IN THIS SECTION INCLUDED MUSIC, ART, CRAFTS, AND RECREATION.

FOR 'PHYSICAL RECREATION', MOST RECIPIENTS TOOK PART IN A PHYSICAL ACHIEVEMENT TEST WHILE OTHERS PARTICIPATED IN CANOEING, TAEKWONDO OR TAI CHI.

IN THE 'RESIDENTIAL PROJECT' CATEGORY, THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A FORESTRY CAMP, OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL CAMP, OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL TRAINING COURSE AND MOUNTAIN LEADER COURSE.

SIR EDWARD ALSO PRESENTED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO FOUR PEOPLE WHO HAD MADE A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE AWARD SCHEME IN PAST YEARS.

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LADY YOUDE VISITS CONSUMER COUNCIL
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LADY YOUDE SHOWED A LOT OF INTEREST AND WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WORK OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL WHEN SHE VISITED THE COUNCIL'S OFFICE IN WAN CHAI THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON.

GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MRS SELINA CHOW, AND THE CHIEF-EXECUTIVE, MRS PAMELA CHAN, SHE FIRST TOURED THE CONSUMER ADVICE COUNTER WHERE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION OF VARIOUS CONSUMER GOODS ARE AVAILABLE.

THE CENTRE RECEIVED 15 884 ENQUIRIES AND 4 531 COMPLAINTS LAST YEAR. WHILE THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES INCREASED BY 48 PER CENT OVER 1984, COMPLAINTS DECLINED BY 11 PER CENT. AT PRESENT, A TOTAL OF 14 SUCH CENTRES ARE RUN BY THE COUNCIL THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

LADY YOUDE THEN SAW A DISPLAY OF PRODUCTS IDENTIFIED AS UNSAFE BY THE COUNCIL. THESE WERE THE RESULT OF EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND TESTS OF PRODUCTS.

FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE LIBRARY, SHE ALSO MET COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR A CHAT BEFORE LEAVING.

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FANLING WAI IS FIRST VILLAGE ON VISIT PROGRAMME
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NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, HAS BEGUN A SERIES OF VISITS TO VILLAGES IN THE DISTRICT TO GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT RURAL LIFE AND TO SEE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS.

MR CHEUNG, WHO TOOK UP THE POST AS DISTRICT OFFICER IN APRIL, TODAY VISITED FANLING WAI WHICH IS THE LARGEST VILLAGE IN THE AREA WITH A POPULATION OF ABOUT 2 800 PEOPLE.

+THE PROGRAMME OF VISITS IS AIMED AT FOSTERING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE MANY RURAL COMMITTEES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT NORTH DISTRICT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID.

+AT PRESENT, THERE ARE SOME 110 VILLAGES IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH IS MADE UP OF FOUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS; FANLING, SHEUNG SHUI, SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING,+ HE ADDED.

+THE TOTAL RURAL POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT IS AROUND 65 000 AND THE FOUR SUB-DISTRICTS COME UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA COMMITTEES,+ HE SAID.

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+ALTHOUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FANLING-SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN IS PROCEEDING AT A FAST PACE, THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO PREVENT RURAL DEPOPULATION IN NORTH DISTRICT HAS NOT BEEN OVERLOOKED BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ MR CHEUNG TOLD VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES AT FANLING WAI.

+THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SHA TAU KOK TOWN, COSTING SOME \$200 MILLION, IS ALREADY UNDERWAY WHILE PROPOSALS ARE IN HAND FOR THE CREATION OF A RURAL SERVICE CENTRE AT TA KWU LING,+ HE SAID.

LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, ADMINISTERED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, HAD HELPED TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE RURAL COMMITTEES BY PROVIDING BETTER FACILITIES SUCH AS VAN TRACKS, FOOTPATHS, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS, DRAINAGE, VILLAGE LIGHTINGS AND PUBLIC TOILETS, MR CHEUNG SAID.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 110 PROJECTS, COSTING \$2.04 MILLION, WAS COMPLETED IN THE DISTRICT. THE LARGEST PROJECT WAS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GRASS SOCCER PITCH AT KWU TUNG IN SHEUNG SHUI, MADE POSSIBLE WITH A GRANT OF \$367 000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, A SUM OF \$2.14 MILLION HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IN THE DISTRICT. MAJOR PROJECTS PLANNED INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A VAN TRACK AT KWAI TAU LENG IN FANLING; THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS AT NAM CHUNG IN SHA TAU KOK, AND AT TSUNG PAK LONG IN SHEUNG SHUI; AS WELL AS THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A VEHICULAR BRIDGE AT CHOW TIN IN TA KWU LING.

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NEW GYMNASIUM FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN OPENS
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MORE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WILL BENEFIT FROM SPECIALISED TREATMENT WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW PHYSIOTHERAPY GYMNASIUM IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE CHILDREN'S GYMNASIUM WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG, TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ROTARY CHILDREN PHYSIOTHERAPY GYMNASIUM HAS BEEN BUILT ON A 110-SQUARE-METRE SITE CONVERTED FROM PART OF THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG POLYCLINIC CAR PARK. THE TOTAL COST WAS \$1.44 MILLION, OF WHICH ABOUT HALF WAS CONTRIBUTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST.

AT PRESENT, ABOUT 250 CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CEREBRAL PALSY AND 200 OTHER ORTHOPAEDIC YOUNG PATIENTS ARE RECEIVING PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT IN THE SOUTH KWAI CHUNG POLYCLINIC, SHARING THE FACILITIES OF THE ADULT PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC.

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DR THONG SAID THE OPENING OF THE PHYSIOTHERAPY GYMNASIUM WOULD ENABLE CHILD PATIENTS TO BE TREATED IN PROPER ACCOMMODATION WITH FACILITIES SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN.

THE NEW PREMISES WOULD ALSO ENABLE BOTH THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS AND THE FREQUENCY IN GIVING PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT TO BE INCREASED.

FACILITIES IN THE NEW BUILDING INCLUDE A GYMNASIUM, A LIBRARY OF TOYS, A TREATMENT CUBICLE, AND A REST ROOM.

DR THONG THANKED THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WEST, DR R.C.T. HO, FOR HIS CLUB'S GENEROUS DONATION OF \$750 000 TOWARDS THE PROJECT.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE BUILDING WAS NAMED THE ROTARY CHILDREN PHYSIOTHERAPY GYMNASIUM.

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TRAINING COURSE FOR CAREERS TEACHERS

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THE FOURTH COURSE FOR CAREERS TEACHERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED.

THE COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, UNDER THE JOINT SPONSORSHIP OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE COURSE AIMS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH BASIC THEORIES AND PRINCIPLES RELEVANT TO CAREERS GUIDANCE AND COUNSELLING, TO HELP TEACHERS ACQUIRE BASIC SKILLS IN CAREERS EDUCATION AND TO KINDLE AN INTEREST IN, AND AWARENESS OF, THE DEVELOPMENT OF CAREERS EDUCATION, AND CAREERS GUIDANCE-COUNSELLING IN SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL HEADS SHOULD NOMINATE THEIR TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSE BEFORE JUNE 21.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE COURSE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 5-8392538 OR 5-8392540 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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MARKETING COURSE OFFERED TO BANKING OFFICERS
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THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IS INVITING BANKING OFFICERS TO ENROL IN A COURSE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP THEIR MARKET STRATEGIES AND TO EXAMINE MARKETING MANAGEMENT DECISIONS.

ENTITLED +MARKETING AND MARKET PLANNING STRATEGIES FOR BANKERS+ THE COURSE WILL BE OFFERED AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG FROM JULY 29 TO AUGUST 28.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND 10 THREE-HOUR LECTURES WHICH INCLUDE BANKING MARKETS, MARKETING PLANNING TECHNIQUES, CONSUMER BEHAVIOURS, PRODUCT, DISTRIBUTION, PRICING AND PROMOTION STRATEGY.

THE COURSE IS SUITABLE FOR BRANCH MANAGERS AND OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE MARKETING OF THEIR BANKS' SERVICES.

COURSE FEE IS \$580, BUT BANKING EMPLOYEES WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE COUNCIL'S SUBSIDY TRAINING SCHEME WILL BE REFUNDED HALF THE FEE ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS JUNE 30 AND FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD ON 5-8932341 EXT. 255.

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OLD POLICE STATION TO BE RENOVATED
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THE 60-YEAR-OLD MONGKOK POLICE STATION AT THE JUNCTION OF TUNG CHOI STREET AND NATHAN ROAD IS BEING RENOVATED AT A COST OF \$2.5 MILLION.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT TO HUNG LEE CONSTRUCTION AND DECORATION COMPANY FOR THE PROJECT.

THE THREE-STOREY, BRITISH-STYLE BUILDING, COMMISSIONED IN 1925, WAS ONCE THE HEADQUARTERS FOR KOWLOON REGION.

THE WORK, AIMED AT UPGRADING FACILITIES AND PUTTING THE BUILDING'S SPACE TO BETTER USE, WILL INVOLVE PARTITIONING; GENERAL REPAIR WORK, ESPECIALLY TO THE ROOF AND STAIRWAYS; REPLACING WINDOWS AND THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM; AND INSTALLING FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT HAS STARTED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN NINE MONTHS. THE POLICE STATION WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE THE PUBLIC WHILE THE RENOVATION WORK IS GOING ON.

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FULL YOUTH PROGRAMME FOR KWAI CHUNG-TSING YI
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MORE THAN 80 000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI WILL TAKE PART IN NUMEROUS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES UNDER THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

ABOUT 460 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 9 AND THE END OF AUGUST.

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHAN KWOK-WAI, WILL ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY (JUNE 19).

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING (NEXT TO KWAI HING MTR STATION), 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, STARTING AT NOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 49.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 290.424 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 324.595 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 55.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUTS IN TWO AREAS
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 20) TO 10 AM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 22) FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY CONNAUGHT PLACE, PEDDER STREET, WYNDHAM STREET, GLENEALY, CAINE ROAD, BONHAM ROAD, POK FU LAM ROAD, HOK SZ TERRACE, SANDS STREET AND THE SEA FRONT.

ON THE SAME DAY, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY MA YAU TONG, PO LAM ROAD, MAU WU TSAI, HEAVEN OF HOPE SANATORIUM AND RENNIE'S MILL AREA.

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