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CALL FOR COMMENTS ON GREEN PAPER

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INDIVIDUALS AND EVERY SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY ARE URGED TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, TO ENABLE THE FORMULATION OF A SYSTEM THAT WILL MEET LOCAL NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE CALL WAS MADE TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE ACTING REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM, AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL.

HE DESCRIBED THE PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ADMINISTERING HONG KONG IN A PROGRESSIVE MANNER AS +A SPRINGBOARD TO A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM+.

+THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO COLLECT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE PUBLIC OPINION ON THESE PROPOSALS IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS FOR SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL.+

TO THIS END, MR LAM URGED EVERY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO STUDY THE GREEN PAPER AND GIVE THEIR VIEWS TO VARIOUS DISTRICT OFFICES OR THE COUNCILS AND ADMINISTRATION BRANCH BECAUSE +PUBLIC OPINION IS THE BACKBONE OF THE CONCEPT OF THE NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM+.

HE ALSO MADE A SPECIAL APPEAL TO GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING DISTRICT BOARDS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, AREA COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, CULTURAL ORGANISATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL GROUPS TO COMMENT ON THE PAPER IN A POSITIVE MANNER.

+THE THREE IYY MAIN THEMES -- PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE -- ARE APPLICABLE TO NOT ONLY YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT ALSO TO OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

+ONLY WITH PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION WE CAN WEATHER THE CHALLENGE OF THE TIME, AND PARTICIPATION CAN START WITH DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

+ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE PAST THREE YEARS ARE EVIDENT TO ALL, AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE A FAR-REACHING INFLUENCE ON HONG KONG'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND THE WORKING OF THE GOVERNMENT.

+POSITIVE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IS THEREFORE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE,+ HE ADDED.

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DB SEEN AS +A VITAL LINK+  
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WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THE GREEN PAPER ON REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS BECOME AN IMPORTANT LINK IN HONG KONG'S POLITICAL SYSTEM, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HO KAM-FAI, SAID TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

DR. HO SAID THAT UNDER PROPOSALS IN THE GREEN PAPER, DB MEMBERS TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE NEW REGIONAL COUNCIL, WOULD FORM AN ELECTORAL COLLEGE TO ELECT AMONG THEMSELVES A FIXED NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO SERVE THE PUBLIC AT THE POLICY-MAKING LEVEL.

+TO ENABLE DISTRICT BOARDS TO PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT ARE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE,+ HE STRESSED.

+AND THE BEST WAY TO PARTICIPATE IS BY REGISTERING AS VOTERS.+

DR HO WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION VARIETY SHOW AT MORSE PARK WHICH SET OFF A TWO-MONTH MAJOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION.

+THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM HAS ENABLED PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE TO DIRECTLY TAKE PART IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS,+ HE SAID.

+UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE AREA COMMITTEES AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES. PEOPLE CAN EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS THROUGH THIS CONSULTATIVE STRUCTURE TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING.

+WONG TAI SIN WAS THE FIRST DISTRICT BOARD TO INITIATE THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOARD MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS.

+AND WITHIN A SHORT SPAN OF THREE YEARS, THE BOARD HAS SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT MANY LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS, RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND CLEARANCES OF ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AT BACKLANES.+

+THESE ARE ONLY SOME EXAMPLES OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WHICH DESERVES EVERY PUBLIC SUPPORT,+ DR HO ADDED.

TONIGHT'S VARIETY SHOW WAS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE TOGETHER WITH THREE AREA COMMITTEES, FEATURING A FOLK DANCE, A DRAMA AND SINGING PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS.

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CALL FOR DB VOTERS AND CANDIDATES  
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A NORTH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR LAU SUM-POR, TONIGHT (SATURDAY) URGED LOCAL PEOPLE NOT ONLY TO REGISTER AS VOTERS BUT ALSO TO RUN AS CANDIDATES IN NEXT YEAR'S DB ELECTIONS.

IN A MESSAGE TO THE DISTRICT'S AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST, HE NOTED THAT BOTH THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND DISTRICT BOARD HAD DONE A GREAT DEAL TO PROMOTE RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

FURTHERMORE, HE SAID THE BOARD WAS VERY CONCERNED WITH COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND HAD BEEN CONTINUING ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS.

MR LAU STRESSED THAT THE BOARD COULD ONLY FUNCTION WELL WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE RESIDENTS.

NORTH IS THE LAST DISTRICT TO HOLD THE 18-DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND A LOCAL NEWSPAPER ORGANISATION TO PROMOTE THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

WINNERS FROM THE 18 DISTRICTS WILL MEET AGAIN IN THE SEMI-FINAL TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 11 AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

NINE SEMI-FINALISTS WILL VIE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP DURING THE GRAND FINAL ON SEPTEMBER 1.

THE ACTING NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR NG, PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS AT TONIGHT'S SONG CONTEST.

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VISAS ABOLISHED FOR AUSTRIAN VISITORS  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FROM AUGUST 1, AUSTRIAN CITIZENS CAN VISIT HONG KONG WITHOUT A VISA FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE CHANGE FOLLOWS THE RECENT DECISION BY THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT TO ABOLISH VISAS FOR BRITISH HONG KONG PASSPORT HOLDERS FOR VISITS TO AUSTRIA OF UP TO THREE MONTHS.

THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR ALAN CARTER WARMLY WELCOMED THE AUSTRIAN DECISION WHICH HE SAID WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT AT THIS TIME. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE AUSTRIAN CONSUL GENERAL, MR EDUARD ADLER, WHO HAD BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN ACHIEVING THE BREAKTHROUGH WITH HIS GOVERNMENT.

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JOGGING TO A GOOD START  
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MORE THAN 100 STUDENTS, WORKERS AND RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY WILL PARTICIPATE IN A 3 000-METRE MARATHON JOG TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF A TWO-WEEK DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORT FESTIVAL.

THEY WILL START AT 8.30 AM FROM THE JUNCTION ROAD PARK, JOGGING ALONG JUNCTION ROAD, RENFREW ROAD, HEREFORD ROAD, LA SALLE ROAD, NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, INVERNESS ROAD, DUMBARTON ROAD AND RETURN TO THE PARK.

THE EVENT WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND TEAMS OF AT LEAST FIVE MEMBERS EACH. THOSE WHO CAN FINISH WITHIN ONE HOUR WILL BE AWARDED PRIZES.

ELSEWHERE ON THE SAME DAY, BADMINTON, VOLLEY-BALL AND TABLE-TENNIS COMPETITIONS AND SOFTBALL DEMONSTRATION MATCHES WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS OUTDOOR AND INDOOR VENUES.

THE \$120 000-FESTIVAL, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL AND URBAN COUNCIL, IS AIMED AT PROVIDING COMPETITIVE SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS, THUS HELPING TO BUILD A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 25-EVENT FESTIVAL INCLUDE TABLE TENNIS FOR THE BLIND, KITE-MAKING AND FLYING, HORSE RIDING, ICE AND ROLLER-SKATING AND AN AQUATIC TELEMATCH.

THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TANG TAI-CHUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW MORNING BEFORE THE MARATHON JOG.

MR GARCIA SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CURRENT SPORTS FESTIVAL, ANOTHER TWO-WEEK ARTS FESTIVAL WOULD BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR IN DECEMBER, FEATURING MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCES, LUNCH-TIME OR AFTERNOON EVENTS, VISUAL ARTS ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS.

HE SAID THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN RECREATION AND SPORTS, AND CULTURE IN THE DISTRICT HAD BEEN SIGNIFICANT AND WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW.

+A KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FESTIVAL WAS HELD OVER A FOUR-WEEK PERIOD IN 1982 WITH A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SPORTS, RECREATION, CULTURE, EXHIBITIONS AND COMMUNITY WORK,+ HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, IT IS FELT THAT BY HOLDING TWO SEPARATE FESTIVALS WILL STIMULATE THEIR FURTHER GROWTH THROUGH GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

+FURTHERMORE, TWO SEPARATE FESTIVALS AT DIFFERENT TIMES OF THE YEAR WILL ALLOW FOR A MORE EVEN SPREAD AND BETTER USE OF STAFF RESOURCES.+

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HELPING TO KEEP HK +CLEAN AND GREEN+  
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SIXTY-TWO YEAR OLD RETIRED CIVIL SERVANT MR NG CHONG DOESN'T BELIEVE IN IDLING AWAY HIS TIME.

SOME OF THIS TIME HE SPENDS PLANTING TREES, MAKING FIRE BEATERS, CLEANING BARBECUE FIXTURES AND CLEARING UP LITTER - ALL AS A CIVIC GESTURE.

MR NG CHONG IS ONE OF THE 393 PERSONS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST THREE STAGES OF THE COUNTRY PARKS +CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

ALONG WITH THOUSANDS OF MUCH YOUNGER PEOPLE, MR NG ENTERED THE SCHEME BY PICKING UP LITTER IN THREE COUNTRY PARKS LAST OCTOBER.

LATER ON, HE PLANTED A TREE AND TOOK AN OUTSTANDING PHOTOGRAPH, WHICH WON HIM A PLACE IN STAGE III OF THE SCHEME.

+I LOVE THE CLEAN FRESH AIR AND THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

+PEOPLE WHO ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF COUNTRYSIDE SHOULD HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF KEEPING IT THAT WAY, NO MATTER HOW OLD THEY ARE,+ MR NG SAID.

MR NG WORKS HARD AT MAKING FIRE-BEATERS AND CLEANING BARBECUE FURNITURE IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR STAGE IV OF THE SCHEME. AT THIS STAGE, PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE PART IN A COUNTRY PARKS QUIZ CONTEST.

THE SCHEME WILL END WITH AN EXCITING FINALE IN THE AUTUMN.

HE SAID HE FELT THE SCHEME WAS WELL DESIGNED TO EDUCATE COUNTRY PARK VISITORS ABOUT THE NEED TO KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN AND GREEN.

TOP PRIZE WILL BE A \$10 000 CAMPING TRIP TO AUSTRALIA. OTHER PRIZES INCLUDE A CAMERA AND ACCESSORIES, AND CAMPING AND HIKING EQUIPMENT.

FOR MR NG THOUGH, THE PRIZE IS NOT THE AIM. HE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE PART IN THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME REGARDLESS.

+THE IMPORTANT THING IS TAKING PART - NOT WINNING,+ HE SAID.

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PONY RIDES FOR PHAB YOUTHS  
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A FUN DAY WHICH WILL INCLUDE PONY RIDES WILL BE HELD FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED CHILDREN TOMORROW (SUNDAY), AT THE POKFULAM RIDING SCHOOL.

IT IS BEING ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION.

TWENTY-FOUR CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 12, HALF FROM EACH GROUP, WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE FUN DAY.

THE EVENT IS PART OF A SERIES OF SUMMER RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES PUT TOGETHER SPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNG +PHAB+ PEOPLE BY THE TWO ORGANISING GROUPS, AN RSS SPOKESMAN SAID.

LAST MAY, A COURSE IN SKIN AND SCUBA DIVING WAS HELD FOR THEM AND THIS WAS FOLLOWED IN JULY BY AN ELEMENTARY SWIMMING TRAINING COURSE FOR CELEBRAL PALSIED AND PHAB JUNIORS IN MID-JULY.

THE AIM OF THE ACTIVITIES IS TO HELP THEM BUILD CONFIDENCE AND DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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POPULAR HORTICULTURAL CLASSES OFFERED  
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SHA TIN RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN TWO HORTICULTURAL CLASSES TO BE HELD IN THE DISTRICT NEXT MONTH.

THE 90-MINUTE CLASSES ARE ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE BASIC KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PLANT PROPAGATION TO THE PUBLIC.

THE TWO COURSES ARE BEING HELD TO MEET DEMAND, AN NTSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIRTY PERSONS CAN BE ENROLLED IN EACH COURSE, WHICH WILL BE HELD IN EIGHT SESSIONS AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND ON SATURDAY MORNINGS STARTING ON AUGUST 11.

LECTURES WILL DEAL WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPOSTS, FERTILISERS, INSECTICIDES, FUNGICIDES AND HERBICIDES, LAWN MAINTENANCE, GROWING ENVIRONMENT OF PLANTS, APPLICATION OF PLANTING TOOLS, SIMPLE PROPAGATION, PRUNING, INDOOR PLANTS AND PEST AND DISEASE.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE PRACTICAL PLANTING, DEMONSTRATIONS AND A FIELD TRIP TO SIU LEK YUEN NURSERY.

PERSONS OVER 16 MAY ENROL, AND APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE SHA TIN URBAN SERVICES OFFICES ON LEVEL 4, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, NEW TERRITORIES.

ENROLMENT FOR THE TWO CLASSES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ABERDEEN TRAFFIC PLAN

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 30), THE BAN ON VEHICLES FROM ENTERING WU PAK STREET BETWEEN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE LIFTED, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, WHICH WILL STILL BE PROHIBITED FROM THE ENTIRE WU PAK STREET.

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PLB RESTRICTED ZONE

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 30), THE SECTION OF PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD BETWEEN KING TUNG CLOSE AND A POINT ABOUT 40 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH FUNG SHING STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONE, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS.

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CENTRAL WATER WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 31) TO 4 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY EDINBURGH PLACE, HARCOURT ROAD, FENWICK STREET AND SEAFRONT, INCLUDING VIOLET PEEL CLINIC AND ADMIRALTY CENTRE.

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