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## KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS SHOW SENSE OF IDENTITY

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THERE IS A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT, ACCORDING TO THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY RELEASED TODAY.

THE FINDINGS WERE REVEALED BY THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP OF THE SURVEY, MRS CLARIE LO, AT A PRESS CONFERENCE.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO FIND OUT THAT OF THE 981 RESIDENTS INTERVIEWED, ABOUT 40 PER CENT INDICATED THAT THEY HAD A STRONG SENSE OF BELONGING AND ANOTHER 45 PER CENT SAID THEY FELT A DEGREE OF IDENTITY WITH THE DISTRICT,+ MRS LO SAID.

THE 12-MONTH LONG SURVEY, LAUNCHED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY'S PUBLIC AFFAIRS RESEARCH CENTRE, WAS INITIATED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD TO IDENTIFY THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

THE COST OF THE WHOLE PROJECT WAS ESTIMATED TO BE \$130 000 -- \$50 000 OF WHICH WAS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE BALANCE COMPRISING CONSULTATION FEE, COMPUTER TIME, STAFF COST WAS BEING CONTRIBUTED BY THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY BUILDING IN THE DISTRICT, THE SCOPE OF SURVEY WAS RESTRICTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

A SENIOR STATISTICIAN OF THE HOME AFFAIRS BRANCH, MR K.K. AU, ALSO ASSISTED IN THE TECHNICAL ASPECT.

TWENTY FOUR STUDENTS OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY WERE INVOLVED IN THE INTERVIEWS CONDUCTED BETWEEN JUNE AND JULY THIS YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE FINDINGS, MRS LO SAID: +I AM VERY PLEASED WITH THE HIGH NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS - 87.6 PER CENT - WHO ARE AWARE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS ESTABLISHED LESS THAN A YEAR AGO.

+ALTHOUGH MANY SEEM UNCLEAR ABOUT THE BOARD'S WORK, I AM SURE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING WILL INCREASE AS THE BOARD'S ROLE TAKES ROOT IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.+

THE SURVEY ALSO SHOWED THAT MOST RESIDENTS HAD A GOOD IMPRESSION OF THE SERVICES AND STAFF ATTITUDES OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

+HOWEVER, IMPROVEMENT IS STILL NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE GREATER PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE,+ MRS LO ADDED.

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ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT YOUTH CENTRES, THE RESPONDENTS SHOWED THAT THEY JOINED THE FUNCTIONS WITHOUT REALLY PAYING ATTENTION TO WHICH DEPARTMENT WAS INVOLVED IN THE ORGANISATION.

+IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THIS SITUATION, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED ARE PLANNING TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE,+ MRS LO SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CONFERENCE WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEE LAP-SUN; THE SURVEY'S PROJECT DIRECTOR, DR LIAO KUANG-SHENG; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR JEREMIAH WONG KUI-HUNG; SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, KOWLOON EAST, MR MARCUS LEE SZE-HUNG; AND DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR LOK MAN-PAN.

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APPLICATIONS FOR WELFARE PREMISES INVITED  
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SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES WILL RECEIVE A MAJOR BOOST AS A RESULT OF MORE THAN 6 000 SQUARE METRES OF PREMISES BEING RESERVED FOR WELFARE USE.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND OTHER BODIES ARE BEING INVITED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR THE PREMISES, WHICH WILL BE LOCATED IN NINE HOUSING ESTATES DUE FOR COMPLETION OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

ADDITIONAL PREMISES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

+TO BE IN LINE WITH THE FIVE-YEAR PLAN ON SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT AND TO ENABLE MORE REALISTIC PLANNING, ONLY THOSE PREMISES WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1987 ARE INCLUDED IN THE LATEST LIST OF WELFARE PREMISES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE LIST HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR PLANNING AND EARLY APPLICATION.

THE PREMISES, RANGING IN AREA FROM 169 TO 1 869 SQUARE METRES, WILL BE USED FOR TWO SOCIAL CENTRES AND TWO HOSTELS FOR THE ELDERLY, FOUR HALF-WAY HOUSES FOR THE EX-MENTALLY ILL AND ONE DAY-WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

OTHER SERVICES PLANNED INCLUDE THREE NURSERIES TO BE LOCATED AT THE CHEUNG CHING - CHEUNG HONG ESTATE ON TSING YI ISLAND, THE CHUN SHEK ESTATE IN SHA TIN AND THE LOK WAH ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE AT THE EAST NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

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ONE OF THE LARGEST PREMISES RESERVED FOR WELFARE PURPOSES, WITH AN AREA OF 1 869 SQUARE METRES, IS EARMARKED FOR A HOSTEL FOR 160 ELDERLY PEOPLE AT THE FUTURE WONG KWONG SHAN ESTATE IN FANLING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS FOR THE PREMISES SHOULD REACH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 19TH FLOOR, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, BY NOVEMBER 27, 1982.

HE SAID THAT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOR WELFARE PREMISES WOULD NOT BE AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLED TO SUBVENTIONS OR LOTTERIES FUND GRANTS.

+SEPARATE APPLICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE MADE IN DUE COURSE AND EACH CASE WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN MERITS,+ HE ADDED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PREMISES AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION ON 5-7953754.

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MORE ROOM FOR QUICKER CHECKS AT LO WU  
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THE EXISTING IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS PROCESSING HALL AT LO WU STATION WILL BE REPLACED BY TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

THE TEMPORARY STRUCTURE WILL HOUSE OFFICES OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE. IT COMPRISES A SPACIOUS HALL WITH 36 COUNTERS FOR PROCESSING TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, COMPARED WITH 19 COUNTERS IN THE EXISTING HALL.

A KCR SPOKESMAN SAID THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PROCESSING COUNTERS WOULD SPEED UP THE FLOW OF PASSENGERS CROSSING THE LO WU BORDER EVERY DAY.

IN ADDITION, THERE IS A LARGE HALL WITH BOOTHS FOR LUGGAGE CHECKS. VENTILATION AND TOILET FACILITIES ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

THE STEEL-BRICK-CONCRETE STRUCTURE, LOCATED SOME 10 METRES EAST OF THE EXISTING PROCESSING AND EXAMINATION HALL, WILL BE OPERATIONAL UNTIL MID-1984 WHEN THE NEW LO WU STATION COMPLEX IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED.

GUIDE FOR THE DISABLED

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A GUIDE TO PLACES IN HONG KONG WHICH ARE ACCESSIBLE TO PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN WHEELCHAIRS, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED FOR BOTH LOCAL PEOPLE AND VISITORS.

THE EASY-TO-FOLLOW PAMPHLET LISTS THE PLACES AND BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG WHERE PHYSICALLY DISABLED PEOPLE WILL HAVE LITTLE OR NO TROUBLE GAINING ACCESS.

IT IS THE FIRST SUCH GUIDE ISSUED IN HONG KONG, AND IS ALREADY IN DEMAND FROM THE MANY DISABLED VISITORS ARRIVING FOR THE FESPIC GAMES WHICH WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DUKE OF KENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE PAMPHLET HAS TAKEN MONTHS OF CAREFUL PREPARATION BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ACCESS COMMITTEE, AN ARM OF THE GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE, DR RICHARD BUTLER, SAID THE GUIDE WOULD ENABLE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED VISITORS TO MAKE THE MOST OF THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG.

IT IS PRINTED IN THREE LANGUAGES - CHINESE, ENGLISH AND JAPANESE - AND IS BEING DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE HKTA, AIRLINES, CONSULATES AND VARIOUS BODIES AND AGENCIES DEALING WITH THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED.

+IT IS ALSO OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO LOCAL DISABLED PEOPLE, SOME OF WHOM MAY NOT BE FULLY AWARE OF THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PLACES AND BUILDINGS WHICH ARE ACCESSIBLE TO THEM.

+MANY HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, PRIVATE DEVELOPERS AND, OF COURSE, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL HAVE MADE SPECIAL EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND THIS IS THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SUMMARY THAT WE CAN PROVIDE,+ DR BUTLER SAID.

AMONG THE PLACES ITEMISED, APART FROM HOTELS, RESTAURANTS ARE A CINEMA, CHURCHES, KAI TAK AND OTHER TRANSPORT FACILITIES SUCH AS THE KCR, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS OUTLETS, CULTURAL FACILITIES SUCH AS THE CITY HALL AND TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE BIG SHOPPING AND COMMERCIAL AREAS OF OCEAN TERMINAL AND OCEAN CENTRE.

FOR OVERSEAS VISITORS, THE PAMPHLET ALSO PROVIDES INFORMATION ON WHERE SPECIALISED FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED ARE AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

DR BUTLER SAID THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS MOST ANXIOUS TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO COULD ADD TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE GUIDE.

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+WE CARRIED OUT A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH BUT WE BELIEVE IT IS INEVITABLE THAT WE HAVE MISSED SOME ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAVE FACILITIES, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM THEM SO WE CAN KEEP THE GUIDE UP TO DATE.+

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MISS EILEEN LUK, SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG ACCESS COMMITTEE, ON 5-95619.

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### BIG CLEAN-UP BLITZ STARTING IN RURAL AREAS \* \* \*

ANOTHER TWO-MONTH-LONG CLEAN-UP OPERATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN HUNDREDS OF VILLAGES AND RURAL AREAS THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OUTLYING ISLANDS TO COINCIDE WITH THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 1), CLEANING TEAMS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT VARIOUS VILLAGES AND PICNIC SPOTS TO ASSIST ROUTINE STAFF IN LAUNCHING THE OPERATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

DURING THE LAST 13 MONTHS OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN, NTSD WORKERS HAVE REMOVED 11 000 LORRY-LOADS OF DISCARDED ITEMS TOTALLING 33 000 TONNES AND CLEARED AWAY 9 000 TONNES OF GARBAGE AND BUILDING DEBRIS, IN ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL AVERAGE OF 290 000 TONNES OF REFUSE.

BUT THIS VAST IMPROVEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT WAS QUICKLY UNDONE BY LITTERING BY INCONSIDERATE VILLAGERS AND PICNICKERS.

AS A RESULT, A REGULAR CLEAN-UP OPERATION HAS TO BE CARRIED OUT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE WARNED THAT A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT COULD BE IMPOSED FOR LITTERING.

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TUEN MUN MUSIC AND DANCE FORTNIGHT OPENS  
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A FORTNIGHT OF MUSIC AND DANCE - PART OF A PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR LOCAL PEOPLE - WAS OPENED IN TUEN MUN TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

+THE RAPID INCREASE IN THE NEW TOWN'S POPULATION EXERTS A GROWING DEMAND FOR A HIGH STANDARD OF APPRECIATION IN THE PERFORMING ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, AND THIS IS ONE WAY OF PROVIDING IT,+ THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BILLY LAM SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FORTNIGHT AT ON TING YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE, MR LAM ALSO SAID THE FORTNIGHT WAS A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO MEET RESIDENTS' NEEDS.

THERE WILL BE 15 MUSIC AND DANCE PROGRAMMES, AND A LUNCH-HOUR CONCERT PERFORMED BY THE QUEEN'S GURKHA ENGINEERS, ESPECIALLY FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS.

THE CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND LIM KEK-HAN CONCERT ORCHESTRA WILL GIVE THEIR FIRST PERFORMANCES IN TUEN MUN.

THE FORTNIGHT SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONTINUE UNTIL NOVEMBER 13.

+THESE PROGRAMMES PERFORMED BY HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS AND SOME EXCELLENT TALENT WILL BE A TESTING GROUND FOR FUTURE LARGE-SCALE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES,+ MR LAM SAID.

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STUDENT TRAIN TRAVELLERS  
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FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 1) STUDENTS WHO POSSESS VALID STUDENT TRAVEL CARDS CAN TRAVEL BY TRAIN BETWEEN KOWLOON AND SHA TIN AT HALF FARE, ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AS WELL AS ON WEEKDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY THAT THE CONCESSION WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ELECTRIC TRAIN SERVICE AND THE FREQUENCY OF THE SERVICE.

HOWEVER, THE CONCESSION WILL NOT COVER JOURNEYS IN AREAS NORTH OF SHA TIN, HE POINTED OUT.

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FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX TO BE CLOSED FOR MAINTENANCE  
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ALL POOLS AT THE FANLING PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 1) FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE.

HOWEVER, ONE OF THE HEATED POOLS AT THE COMPLEX MAY BE REOPENED IN DECEMBER ON COMPLETION OF REPAIR WORK, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

MEANWHILE, THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL AND THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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SECTION OF WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR TO BE OPENED  
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THE NORTHBOUND SECTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR LEADING FROM CHERRY STREET TO YEN CHOW STREET WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

THIS NEW ELEVATED ROAD WILL PROVIDE A MORE DIRECT ROUTE FROM TAI KOK TSUI TO SHAM SHUI PO.

HOWEVER, ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE BANNED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION.

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