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GREATER YOUTH CIVIC EFFORT URGED

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YOUNG PEOPLE WERE URGED TODAY (SUNDAY) TO JOIN VOLUNTEER GROUPS AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH HELPING OTHERS.

THE APPEAL CAME FROM MR DONALD LIAO, SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME POLICY COMMITTEE, WHEN HE LAUNCHED THE 1985 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG CAMP THIS MORNING.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR LIAO POINTED OUT THAT THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME ADOPTED THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR (IYY) THEME OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, PEACE+.

HE SAID THERE WOULD BE A BALANCE OF ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THIS SUMMER, REVOLVING AROUND THIS THEME.

REMINDING YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THE SPIRIT OF PARTICIPATION GOES BEYOND ENROLMENT IN AN ACTIVITY, MR LIAO SAID, +WHERE POSSIBLE, THEY SHOULD ALSO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN PLANNING THE ACTIVITY AND ASSIST IN THE ORGANISATION OF IT.+

THE ACHIEVEMENT OF OUTSTANDING YOUTH LEADERS WHO CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME AND SERVICE TO THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS RECOGNISED BY THE AWARD OF THE JOCKEY CLUB'S OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS.

MR LIAO STRESSED THAT THE SUCCESS OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THE SUPPORT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, COMMUNITY LEADERS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, DISTRICT BOARDS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+THE JOCKEY CLUB, IN PARTICULAR, HAS PROVIDED UNFAILING SUPPORT FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE LAST 16 YEARS,+ MR LIAO SAID.

+THIS YEAR, THE CLUB HAS AGAIN MADE A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$5.25 MILLION TOWARDS THE TOTAL PROGRAMME COST OF ABOUT \$15 MILLION.+

AFTER THE OPENING ADDRESS, MR WONG CHUNG-HIN, STEWARD OF THE RHKJC, PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR \$5.25 MILLION TO MR LIAO.

TODAY'S CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 150 GUESTS, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE SYP POLICY AND CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES, CHAIRMEN OF THE 19 DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES, REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE GUESTS, WHO WERE TAKEN ON A GUIDED TOUR ROUND THE CAMP PRIOR TO THE OPENING CEREMONY, WATCHED 300 YOUTHS TAKING PART IN SPORTS AND GAMES.

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THESE WERE ONLY A FEW OF THE 10 000 OR MORE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR OVER ONE MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE THIS SUMMER. THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES, CAMPS, VISITS AND EXCURSIONS, COMPETITIONS, FUN FAIRS, SPORTS ACTIVITIES, MUSIC CAMPS AND THE SWINGING SUMMER TV SERIES.

THE EVENTS WERE ORGANISED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

TO PUBLICISE THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, A TV ANNOUNCEMENT, RADIO MESSAGES AND A SUPPORTING POSTER HAVE BEEN PRODUCED. THE POSTER WILL BE DISPLAYED AT GOVERNMENT POSTER SITES, MTR AND KCR STATIONS AS WELL AS OUTLYING FERRY PIERS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER MONTHS IN ORDER TO REACH THE INTERESTED GROUPS.

ANYONE WHO WANTS TO JOIN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CAN OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

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EDP TRAINING MANUAL PUBLISHED
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THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAS PUBLISHED A MANUAL OF TRAINING CURRICULA FOR THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING INDUSTRY.

THE MANUAL IS TO ASSIST THE TRAINING INSTITUTIONS, EDUCATIONAL BODIES AND EMPLOYERS IN OFFERING SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR PRE-ENTRY AND POST-ENTRY EDP PERSONNEL.

IT IS PRESENTED IN THE FORM OF TRAINING COURSE MODULES SPECIFYING THE DURATION OF A TRAINING PROGRAMME TO COVER THE TOPICS, TEXTBOOKS TO BE USED, PRACTICAL WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN AND THE MEANS OF ASSESSING STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE AFTER COMPLETION OF THE COURSE AS WELL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID THAT A FULLY-TRAINED ENTRANT TO THE EDP PROFESSION WOULD AT LEAST BE FAMILIAR WITH THE CONCEPTS AND TERMINOLOGY OF ALL THE TOPICS LISTED IN THE CURRICULA AND KNOW WHERE TO SEEK FURTHER KNOWLEDGE ON THE SUBJECT WHEN REQUIRED.

THE MANUAL IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AT HK\$14.50 A COPY.

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CLOSER LINKS WITH DISTRICT BOARDS URGED
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KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED RESIDENTS TO USE THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS WITH BOARD MEMBERS.

DESCRIBING THE SCHEME AS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO STRENGTHEN THE LINK BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD, LOCAL RESIDENTS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, MR WONG SAID: +IT HELPS BOARD MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS IN THEIR CONSTITUENCIES, AND PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO MAKE THEIR VIEWS KNOWN.+

HE SAID THAT THE SCHEME, INITIATED IN JANUARY 1983, HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED.

+OF THE 107 CASES HANDLED IN 51 SESSIONS LAST YEAR, A LARGE PROPORTION WERE DEALT WITH SATISFACTORILY,+ HE SAID.

THE MAJORITY OF CASES DEALT WITH HOUSING, WHICH FOCUSED ON APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

+THERE WAS ALSO A COMPARATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

HE REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE HELD EVERY THURSDAYS FROM 8 PM TO 10 PM IN THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, WHERE TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WOULD BE ON DUTY.

PEOPLE WISHING TO AIR THEIR GRIEVANCES OR SEEK ADVICE SHOULD BOOK THEIR APPOINTMENT BY PHONING 3-7110171 EXTENSION 52.

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SEARCH GOES ON DAILY FOR PLANT SPECIES
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EVERY DAY, RAIN OR SHINE, TWO PERSONS TREK THE COUNTRYSIDE IN SEARCH OF PLANT SPECIES, OR TO TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF PLANTS FLOWERING IN THEIR HABITATS.

OR THEY MAY COLLECT THE PLANT SPECIMENS OR SEEDS, ESPECIALLY IF THEY ARE RARE, TO BE DRIED AND PRESERVED AS SPECIMENS.

THEY ARE PLANT COLLECTORS FROM THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1878, UNDERTAKING THE JOB OF COLLECTING, CLASSIFYING AND MAINTAINING PRESERVED PLANT SPECIMENS REPRESENTATIVE OF HONG KONG FLORA.

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THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 34 500 DRIED PLANT SPECIMENS, SOME NEARLY AS OLD AS THE HERBARIUM ITSELF, RESULTING FROM THE CONTINUOUS SEARCH FOR PLANTS IN HONG KONG, AS WELL AS SOME OTHERS OBTAINED FROM OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES.

LAST YEAR, ABOUT 200 SPECIMENS WERE ADDED TO THE HERBARIUM'S COLLECTION, SAID MR LEUNG HIN-MING, ECOLOGIST WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE HERBARIUM'S COLLECTION INCLUDES SOME 2 600 SPECIES AND VARIETIES RECORDED IN HONG KONG, BOTH NATIVE AND INTRODUCED, AND SOME 2 500 OTHER SPECIES FROM ASIAN COUNTRIES.

THE MOST VALUABLE SPECIMENS, MR LEUNG POINTED OUT, ARE TYPE SPECIMENS. THESE ARE THE FIRST SPECIMENS WHICH ARE GIVEN THE PERMANENT NAMES OF PLANT SPECIES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED IN LATIN IN TAXONOMIC PAPERS.

THE HERBARIUM, HE SAID, HAS A COLLECTION OF SOME 110 TYPE SPECIMENS.

+TO CONFIRM WHETHER A PLANT IS A NEW SPECIES, THE HERBARIUM SENDS THE SPECIMEN WITH FLOWERS AND FRUITS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION TO A RECOGNISED AUTHORITY - SUCH AS THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS AT KEW IN THE UNITED KINGDOM - FOR IDENTIFICATION,+ MR LEUNG SAID.

NEW DISCOVERIES OF PLANT SPECIES WERE USUALLY NAMED AFTER GOVERNORS, BOTANISTS OR PLANT COLLECTORS. THE +BAUHINIA BLAKEANA, FLOWER OF HONG KONG+, WAS DISCOVERED IN 1908 BY FATHERS OF THE FRENCH MISSION AND NAMED AFTER SIR HENRY BLAKE, GOVERNOR FROM 1898 TO 1904.

OTHER NEW SPECIES MIGHT BE NAMED AFTER HONG KONG ITSELF, SUCH AS THE +CAMELLIA HONGKONGENSIS+ AND +RHODODENDRON HONGKONGENSE+.

THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM ALSO DISSEMINATES INFORMATION BY MAINTAINING AN INDEX OF SCIENTIFIC NAMES AND ANOTHER INDEX OF CHINESE AND ENGLISH COMMON NAMES OF PLANTS OF HONG KONG.

IT IS ALSO THE ONLY HERBARIUM WHICH HAS AN ENGLISH CATALOGUE OF FLORA THAT IS TO A CERTAIN EXTENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA, ESPECIALLY THAT OF GUANGDONG PROVINCE, MR LEUNG SAID.

WITH ITS VAST COLLECTION OF SPECIMENS, ASSOCIATED FIELD NOTES, PHOTOGRAPHS, COLOUR SLIDES AND BOTANICAL LITERATURE, THE HERBARIUM PROVIDES AN IDEAL RESEARCH PLACE FOR BOTANISTS, TEACHERS AND OTHERS INTERESTED IN LOCAL FLORA.

/IT ALSO

IT ALSO OFFERS A PLANT IDENTIFICATION SERVICE TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE HERBARIUM MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH ABOUT 220 HERBARIA AND BOTANICAL INSTITUTIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD, THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL SEED EXCHANGE PROGRAMME. THIS PROGRAMME, MR LEUNG SAID, IS A USEFUL WAY TO INTRODUCE NEW SPECIES INTO HONG KONG.

ON THE OTHER HAND, SEEDS COLLECTED BY THE HERBARIUM ARE SENT TO OVERSEAS BOTANICAL INSTITUTIONS ON REQUEST. AMONG THE POPULAR SEEDS SOUGHT OVERSEAS ARE THOSE OF THE GNETUM AND PITCHER PLANT, HE SAID.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT WORK OF THE HERBARIUM IS TO GIVE ADVICE AND INFORMATION ON CONSERVATION OF VEGETATION. TO CONSERVE RARE NATIVE SPECIES, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAD SET UP AN ARBORETUM IN SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK.

IN THE THREE-HECTARE ARBORETUM, MORE THAN 200 SPECIES REPRESENTATIVE OF HONG KONG FLORA, SUCH AS WATER PINE AND MANGLIETIA HAVE BEEN PLANTED.

THERE IS ALSO A CAMELLIA GARDEN, WITH BEAUTIFUL CAMELLIAS, INCLUDING THE RARE +GRANTHAM'S CAMELLIA+ AND +HONG KONG CAMELLIA+.

THE ARBORETUM ALSO FEATURES THE GROWING OF ABOUT 40 DIFFERENT BAMBOO SPECIES, MOST OF THEM NATIVE SPECIES, BUT SOME CONTRIBUTED BY CHINESE BOTANISTS.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE ARBORETUM TO BE OPENED FOR EDUCATIONAL VISITS BY SCHOOLS AND OTHER GROUPS.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ALSO PROPAGATES RARE SPECIES, SUCH AS THE EARLIER MENTIONED GRANTHAM'S CAMELLIA, CRAPNELL'S CAMELLIA AND SOUTH CHINA RHODODENDRON IN THE COUNTRY PARKS, TO ENSURE THEIR SURVIVAL IN THE WILD.

AS HONG KONG IS SITUATED IN THE NORTHERN LIMIT OF THE DISTRIBUTION OF TROPICAL ASIAN FLORA, THE PLANTS OF HONG KONG ARE LARGE IN NUMBER AND VARIETY.

WITH THIS RICHNESS IN FLORA, HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOULD SPEND MORE TIME STROLLING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND APPRECIATING THEIR SURROUNDINGS.

AND THEY MIGHT EVEN FIND A PLANT THAT MIGHT BE NAMED AFTER THEM, MR LEUNG SAID.

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THE RIGHT WAY TO MOVE MEAT

MEAT-MOVING IS BIG BUSINESS IN HONG KONG. AT ANY TIME OF DAY FROM JUST BEFORE DAWN TILL LATE AFTERNOON, UP TO 500 TONS OF NEWLY-SLAUGHTERED PIGS WILL BE ON THE ROAD SOMEWHERE IN THE URBAN AREAS. ALSO ON THE MOVE WILL BE ANOTHER 50 TONS OR SO OF NEWLY-ROASTED WHOLE PORKERS.

THE ULTIMATE DESTINATION IS OF COURSE THE CONSUMER'S PLATE. AND, TO ENSURE THAT WHEN THE MEAT ARRIVES THERE IT IS SAFE TO EAT, THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS THE TASK OF CHECKING NOT ONLY THAT THE ANIMAL HAS BEEN HYGIENICALLY SLAUGHTERED BUT ALSO THAT THE CARCASE IS HYGIENICALLY HANDLED THROUGHOUT ALL STAGES OF ITS SUBSEQUENT TRANSPORTATION TO RESTAURANTS OR SHOPS.

IN RECENT YEARS, DESPITE STEADILY INCREASING MEAT IMPORTS AND CONSUMPTION, THERE HAS BEEN NO MAJOR OUTBREAK OF FOOD POISONING ATTRIBUTABLE TO BAD MEAT. BUT MORE AND MORE MEAT IS NOW ON THE MOVE, AND THE URBAN COUNCIL IS WELL AWARE THAT IF JUST ONE VANLOAD (ABOUT TWO TONS) OF MEAT WERE TO BE SERIOUSLY CONTAMINATED THROUGH EXPOSURE TO DIRT OR FLIES, THE RESULTS COULD BE GRIM INDEED.

OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN INTENSIFYING THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE THE TRANSPORTING OF MEAT AS SAFE AND HYGIENIC AS POSSIBLE. MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN ACHIEVED IN PARTICULAR THERE HAS BEEN A BIG IMPROVEMENT IN THE TYPE OF VEHICLE USED IN THE TRADE.

THE CHANGES ARE BEST DESCRIBED BY THE MAN WHO HAS DONE MOST TO BRING THEM ABOUT IN KOWLOON. HE IS MR NG HON-WING, A SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT IN THE USD WHOSE CONCERN WITH FOOD SAFETY GOES BACK TO 1953 WHEN HE BEGAN WORK AS A HEALTH INSPECTOR. THE DISTRICTS NOW UNDER HIS CARE -- INCLUDING MONG KOK, YAU MA TEI, SHAM SHUI PO, CHEUNG SHA WAN AND KOWLOON CITY -- MAKE UP THE AREA WHERE THE MEAT TRADE IS BUSIEST AND MOST CONCENTRATED.

MR NG EXPLAINS THAT THERE ARE TWO PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT STAGES IN THE BULK CARRYING OF PORK. +THE FIRST STAGE IS THE MOVING OF CARCASES FROM THE SLAUGHTERHOUSE TO PLACES LIKE MARKETS, RESTAURANTS AND LARGE ROASTING FACTORIES.

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+THE URBAN COUNCIL, WHICH MANAGES THE ABATTOIR AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, ALSO GRANTS PERMITS FOR THOSE VEHICLES THAT CAN ENTER IT TO COLLECT CARCASES. THIS HAS GIVEN US THE LEVERAGE TO PERSUADE THE TRANSPORT COMPANIES TO REPLACE THEIR OLD VEHICLES WITH SPECIALLY-FITTED VANS. THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING AND REPLACING THE TRUCKS IS NOW COMPLETE.

+MANY OF THE OLD VEHICLES WERE OPEN OR HALF-OPEN LORRIES IN WHICH CARCASES USED TO BE PILED ON WOODEN FLOORS. THE NEW PURPOSE-DESIGNED VANS ARE LINED WITH METAL AND ARE FITTED WITH ROLLER RACKS, WELL CLEAR OF THE FLOOR, ON WHICH CARCASES CAN BE LAID. THE IMPROVEMENT, IN TERMS OF CLEANLINESS, IS OBVIOUS.+

THE OTHER IMPORTANT STAGE OF BULK TRANSPORTATION APPLIES TO THOSE CARCASES THAT HAVE TO BE MOVED ON TO RESTAURANTS AND RETAIL OUTLETS AFTER PASSING THROUGH FOOD FACTORIES FOR ROASTING.

+THE SAME SORT OF IMPROVEMENT WAS NEEDED IN THESE OPERATIONS ALSO,+ SAYS MR NG. +THE BASIC NEED WAS FOR CLOSED STEEL-LINED VANS TO REPLACE THE VARIOUS TYPES OF LESS ADEQUATE VEHICLES EMPLOYED PREVIOUSLY.+

THERE ARE EIGHT LICENSED PIG-ROASTING ESTABLISHMENTS IN KOWLOON, WHERE MOST CARCASES ARE ROASTED IN VAST WOOD-FUELLED PITS. ALL THOSE FACTORIES ARE LICENSED BY THE COUNCIL, AND MOST OF THEM USE THEIR OWN VEHICLES TO DELIVER THE COOKED CARCASES TO THEIR CLIENTS.

MR NG ADDS THAT THE USD HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE OPERATORS ABOUT THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW OR IMPROVED VANS WHICH WOULD MEET HYGIENIC STANDARDS. +AS IN OUR DEALINGS WITH THE TRANSPORT FIRMS COLLECTING FROM THE ABATTOIRS, WE HAVE HAD TO INSIST THAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE MADE. BUT GENERALLY WE HAVE GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WITH THE TRADE.

+THE PROCESS OF CONVERTING AND REPLACING THE ROAST-CARCASE DELIVERY VEHICLES IS NOT QUITE COMPLETED YET. BUT THE NEW VANS NOW MAKE UP ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THESE FLEETS.+

MR NG REGARDS THE INTRODUCTION OF BETTER VEHICLES AS A CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE -- AS ONE BATTLE WON IN THE ON-GOING WAR AGAINST FOOD HAZARDS. BUT THE CAMPAIGN IS NOT OVER, AND HE STRESSES THAT FURTHER EFFORTS ARE CALLED FOR.

+THE FOOD BUSINESS BY-LAWS MAKE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT WE ARE REQUIRED -- AND EMPOWERED -- TO ACT DECISIVELY TO SEE THAT FOOD IS NOT EXPOSED TO CONTAMINATION WHILE IT IS MOVED FROM PLACE TO PLACE.

/+OUR RESPONSIBILITY

+OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS FIELD IS AS CLEAR AS IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHECKING HYGIENE CONDITIONS IN RESTAURANTS. IN SERIOUS CASES WE HAVE TO PROSECUTE -- THERE WERE 33 SUCH CASES IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS IN KOWLOON. BUT MUCH CAN BE DONE THROUGH PERSUASION AND EDUCATION.+

IT IS NOT JUST PORK THAT HAS TO BE PROTECTED BUT ALL MEAT -- IN FACT ANY FOOD THAT CAN BE CONTAMINATED IN TRANSIT.

+EFFECTIVE ACTION IS NOT ALWAYS EASY,+ MR NG POINTS OUT, +ESPECIALLY IN THE CASE OF PEOPLE WHO CONVEY FOOD ON A SMALL SCALE.

+FOR EXAMPLE, LET'S SAY THAT I OR ONE OF MY INSPECTORS NOTICE A MAN ON A BICYCLE WHO'S CARRYING A COUPLE OF ROAST DUCKS WHICH ARE UNWRAPPED AND EXPOSED TO DUST AND DIRT. IF WE WARN HIM THAT HE IS PUTTING CUSTOMERS AT RISK, HE IS LIKELY TO REPLY THAT THE DUCKS ARE ONLY FOR CONSUMPTION BY HIS OWN FAMILY.

+PROSECUTION WOULD BE A WASTE OF TIME, SINCE THE CASE WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE DISMISSED. NEVERTHELESS, IN SUCH CASES I POINT OUT TO THE OFFENDER THAT IF HE REALLY CARES FOR HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HE SHOULD WRAP THE FOOD PROPERLY.

+OFTEN THE MESSAGE BEGINS TO SINK IN. BUT SPREADING THE MESSAGE OF FOOD HYGIENE THROUGH ALL LEVELS OF THE TRADE IS A LONG-TERM BUSINESS, REQUIRING PATIENCE AND COURTESY AS WELL AS FIRMNESS AND PERSISTENCE.

+ABOVE ALL, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO RELAX OUR VIGILANCE. AND WE MUST ALWAYS BE ON THE LOOK-OUT FOR NEW WAYS OF MAKING FOOD-SAFETY STANDARDS STICK.+

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APPLICATION SOUGHT FOR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION
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SECONDARY SCHOOL LEAVERS, PREPARED TO TAKE UP TEACHING AS A CAREER, ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

THE THREE COLLEGES, THE GRANTHAM AND SIR ROBERT BLACK IN KOWLOON AND THE NORTHCOTE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, OFFER A FULL-TIME TWO-YEAR TEACHER TRAINING COURSE IN ENGLISH.

IN ADDITION, NORTHCOTE AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION OFFER A FULL-TIME THREE-YEAR COURSE IN ENGLISH WHILE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION OFFERS A FULL-TIME THREE-YEAR COURSE IN CHINESE.

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THESE INITIAL COURSES OF TEACHER EDUCATION ARE TO TRAIN STUDENTS TO BECOME QUALIFIED TEACHERS TO TEACH GENERAL SUBJECTS AT PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL AND TO TEACH TWO ELECTIVE SUBJECTS UP TO FORM 3 LEVEL IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

ALL COURSES WILL COMPRISE A COMPULSORY PROGRAMME OF STUDIES AND TWO SUBJECTS ON AN ELECTIVE BASIS WHICH EACH STUDENT IS REQUIRED TO FOLLOW.

APPLICANTS FOR THE THREE-YEAR ENGLISH COURSE SHOULD NORMALLY HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN AN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL. THOSE FOR THE CHINESE COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION IN A CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOL.

THEY SHOULD BE 17 YEARS OLD BY THE END OF THIS SEPTEMBER.

EACH APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE E IN SIX SUBJECTS AT THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION (HKCEE) INCLUDING AT LEAST GRADE C IN TWO SUBJECTS AT ONE SITTING, PLUS AT LEAST GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT.

IN ADDITION, THE SIX SUBJECTS SHOULD INCLUDE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

THOSE WHO APPLY FOR THE TWO-YEAR COURSE SHOULD HAVE COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF EDUCATION BEYOND THE LEVEL OF FORM 5 IN AN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOL AND SHOULD BE 18 YEARS OF AGE BY THE END OF THIS SEPTEMBER.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE ATTAINED AT LEAST GRADE E IN SIX DIFFERENT SUBJECTS INCLUDING CHINESE LANGUAGE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE AT HKCEE LEVEL IN ONE SITTING.

IN ADDITION, THEY SHOULD ATTAIN GRADE E OR ABOVE IN AT LEAST TWO SUBJECTS AT A-LEVEL IN THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION (HKALE) PLUS AT LEAST GRADE D IN ONE OTHER SUBJECT AT HKCEE LEVEL.

APART FROM THAT, APPLICANTS WHO HAVE ATTAINED PUBLIC EXAMINATION RESULTS COMPARABLE TO HKCEE AND/OR HKALE MAY ALSO APPLY FOR ADMISSION IN THE COURSES OFFERED BY THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR ADMISSION ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND THE KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE AT 405, NATHAN ROAD.

THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT APPLICATION FORMS - ONE FOR THE THREE-YEAR COURSE (ENGLISH), ONE FOR THE THREE-YEAR COURSE (CHINESE) AND ONE FOR THE TWO-YEAR COURSE (ENGLISH).

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APPLICANTS MUST USE THE APPROPRIATE FORM WHEN MAKING AN APPLICATION FOR ANY COURSE.

APPLICANTS WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL MAY OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORMS FOR ADMISSION AT THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION OR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON PERSONAL REQUEST AND PRESENT THE COMPLETED FORMS IN PERSON AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT 42-44 GASCOIGNE ROAD, YAU MA TEI, BEFORE 1 PM ON AUGUST 16.

SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORMS FROM THEIR SCHOOLS AND RETURN THE COMPLETED FORMS TO THEIR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WHO WILL SUBSEQUENTLY FORWARD THE APPLICATIONS TO THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY TUITION FEES OF \$800 PER ANNUM. NEEDY STUDENTS MAY APPLY FOR INTEREST-FREE LOAN AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS.

GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION ARE ELIGIBLE TO HAVE THEIR NAMES ENTERED IN THE OFFICIAL REGISTER OF TEACHERS ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ADDING THAT NEITHER THE COLLEGES NOR THE GOVERNMENT COULD GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT.

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APPRENTICESHIP BRANCH OFFICE MOVES
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THE KWUN TONG BRANCH OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT'S APPRENTICESHIP SECTION WILL MOVE TO NEW OFFICE AT NINTH FLOOR, KOWLOON EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 12 LEI YUE MUN ROAD, KWUN TONG, TOMORROW (MONDAY).

IT WILL SERVE BOTH EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES WITHIN THE KWUN TONG, KOWLOON BAY AND SAI KUNG AREAS.

EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP WITH PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 19 WITHIN THE 42 DESIGNATED TRADES.

EMPLOYERS ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING APPRENTICES TO ATTEND COMPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION EITHER AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR ENQUIRIES FOR THE NEW OFFICE ARE 3-491109 OR 3-491225.

THERE ARE FOUR OTHER BRANCH OFFICES AT WAN CHAI, TSUEN WAN, TO KWA WAN AND TSIM SHA TSUI.

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REPORT ON SOUTHERN DISTRICT PUBLISHED

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A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE CHARACTERISTICS, DEVELOPMENT AND AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND OTHER FACILITIES IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANATOMY REPORT PROVIDES DETAILED INFORMATION AND STATISTICS ON THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

COMPILED THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLISHED WITH FUNDS FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE REPORT ALSO LOOKS AT VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE DISTRICT AND GOVERNMENT'S PLANS TO TACKLE THEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.

THERE ARE 17 CHAPTERS COVERING VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DEVELOPMENT, THE HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, AND AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS BOUNDARIES.

OTHER TOPICS INCLUDE HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, RECREATION AND SPORTS, TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, PUBLIC SERVICES, HAWKERS AND MARKETS, LAW AND ORDER, AND THE WORK OF THE ICAC.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DMC, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID SINCE ITS FIRST PUBLICATION IN 1982, THE REPORT HAD PROVIDED USEFUL BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN HELPING TO FORMULATE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

+IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE REPORT SHOULD BE UPDATED EVERY THREE YEARS TO COINCIDE WITH THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE BOARD, SO THAT IT WOULD HELP NEW MEMBERS OBTAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF LOCAL AFFAIRS,+ HE SAID.

A TOTAL OF 2 000 COPIES -- 800 IN ENGLISH AND 1 200 IN CHINESE -- WERE PRINTED AND WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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REFRESHMENT SALES
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS CALLING FOR TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENT AT THE ROOF-TOP PLAYGROUND OF SAN HUI MARKET IN TUEN MUN, FOR THREE YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSD SAID TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD AT +TOP COURT+, FIRST FLOOR, 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE RSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON JULY 19 (FRIDAY).

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE REFERRED TO THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD ON TELEPHONE 0-820800 EXT. 301.

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NEW MARKET COMPLEX FOR KWUN TONG
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A NINE-STOREY MARKET COMPLEX, OCCUPYING A 1 660-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS TO BE BUILT IN KWUN TONG AT THE JUNCTION OF SHUI WO STREET AND FU YAN STREET.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE 331 MARKET STALLS, 20 COOKED FOOD STALLS, LIBRARY AND STUDY ROOMS, A MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS HALL AND THREE SQUASH COURTS, A GAMES ROOM AND ONE FLOOR TO BE USED AS OFFICES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND BE COMPLETED BY MID-1987.

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FUN IN THE SUN FOR TAI PO YOUTHS
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WITH THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS APPROACHING, A WIDE RANGE OF INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR YOUTHS IN TAI PO BY THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WILL START ON FRIDAY (JUNE 28) WITH A PERFORMANCE BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER, DESIGNED NOT ONLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE BUT THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL.

A BOOKLET CONTAINING DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT THE MANY EVENTS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES.

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE VARIOUS SPORTS COMPETITIONS, A SINGING CONTEST, A DRAMA PERFORMANCE, PICNICS, COUNTRY TOURS, TRAINING CAMPS AND MANY OTHER EVENTS.

THE TOTAL COST FOR THE DISTRICT'S PROGRAMME IS MORE THAN \$160 000, OF WHICH \$114 000 COMES FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD FUND AND THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WHILE THE REMAINDER OF FUNDS ARE FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR MAINS LAYING

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE LAYING OF FRESH WATER PRINCIPAL DISTRIBUTION MAINS IN WONG TAI SIN.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE THE LAYING OF 800 METRES OF MAINS ALONG THE ACCESS ROAD TO LION ROCK PARK AND TWO NEWLY-COMPLETED ROADS BETWEEN CHUK YUEN ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

THEY WILL BE USED TO CHANNEL WATER FROM THE PROPOSED MA CHAI HANG FRESH WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR TO HOUSING ESTATES CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN CHUK YUEN AND MA CHAI HANG.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ABERDEEN TUNNEL

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THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR AN HOUR FROM 1 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 26) TO FACILITATE TESTING OF EQUIPMENT.

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ROAD CLOSURE
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THE KERB-SIDE LANE OF THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD IN CHAI WAN KOK, TSUEN WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM WEDNESDAY (JUNE 26) FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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CENTRAL WATER CUT
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 26) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, ICE HOUSE STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND POTTINGER STREET INCLUDING HOUSE NO. 1-9 OF ON HING TERRACE, HOUSE NO. 24-38 OF ICE HOUSE STREET AND HOUSE NO. 18-28 OF WYNDHAM STREET.

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