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ARTS SUPPORT COULD BENEFIT BUSINESS - SIR PHILIP

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SUPPORT OF THE ARTS THROUGH SPONSORSHIP CAN BE AS BENEFICIAL TO THE BUSINESS CORPORATIONS CONCERNED AS IT IS TO THE COMMUNITY, THE DEPUTY TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR PHILIP HADDON-CAVE SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

+IT IS IMAGE BUILDING IN THAT IT ASSOCIATES THE CORPORATION WITH THE CULTURAL LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY; AND YET, AT THE SAME TIME, IT HELPS THE LESS WELL-OFF TO ENJOY WHAT OTHERWISE MIGHT BE RESTRICTED TO THE MORE AFFLUENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE GALA OPENING OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL 1985, SIR PHILIP POINTED OUT THAT IN MANY COUNTRIES PRIVATE SECTOR ORGANISATIONS PLAYED A VERY SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTS.

+THIS IS A TREND, I AM HAPPY TO SAY, THAT IS NOW GATHERING MOMENTUM HERE, ALONGSIDE THE MORE TRADITIONAL SUPPORT FORTHCOMING FROM INDIVIDUAL PHILANTHROPISTS AND SUCH INSTITUTIONS AS THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB,+ HE NOTED.

SIR PHILIP DESCRIBED AS +MOST ENCOURAGING+ THAT CORPORATIONS WERE COMING TO RECOGNISE THE BENEFITS OF SUCH SPONSORSHIP.

+CREDIT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY FOR TAKING A LEADING ROLE IN GENERATING THIS FORM OF SUPPORT AND I KNOW THAT MANY EVENTS THIS YEAR ARE BEING WELL SPONSORED BY BUSINESS CORPORATIONS - MORE SO THAN LAST YEAR.

+CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP WILL BE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE WE CANNOT CONTINUE TO RELY ON THE PUBLIC PURSE TO FINANCE THE SORT OF EXPANSION OF THE ARTS WE HAVE WITNESSED IN RECENT YEARS,+ HE SAID.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR BEING +THE PRIME MOVER IN BRINGING THE ARTS TO THE PEOPLE BY EXPANDING THE FACILITIES AVAILABLE+.

HE SAID THE PUBLIC AUDITORIA IN HONG KONG HAD ONLY SOME 4 000 SEATS IN 1979, AND WERE EXPANDED TO ALMOST 27 000 SEATS. BY 1990 THERE WOULD LIKELY BE MORE THAN 40 000.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS BY THE JOCKEY CLUB AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PRODUCE HOME GROWN TALENT TO MEET OUR CULTURAL NEEDS, SIR PHILIP ADDED.

HE ALSO DWELT ON THE THRIVING LOCAL ARTS SCENE WITH THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA, CANTONESE OPERA AND MANY OTHER LOCAL GROUPS, THAT BROUGHT +ENJOYMENT AND PROFESSIONALISM TO THE ARTS+.

+THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL TO INSPIRE THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARTS IN HONG KONG, AND WE ALL OWE A CONSIDERABLE DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO SIR RUN RUN SHAW AND HIS COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO THIS FIRMLY ESTABLISHED AND INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS,+ HE SAID.

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1985 IS YEAR OF ACTION, AKERS-JONES SAYS
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THE BEST WAY TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF HONG KONG PEOPLE GOVERNING HONG KONG WITHIN THE NEXT 12 YEARS MUST BE TO REVIEW EACH STEP TAKEN, HAVING REGARD TO THE PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES AT THAT TIME, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

IN DRAWING UP ANY PLAN FOR THE FUTURE, HE SAID, WE MUST REMEMBER THAT UNLESS WE CONTINUE WITH SOUND POLICIES TO SUSTAIN AND MAINTAIN THE ECONOMY WE SHALL UNDERMINE THE PROSPERITY WHICH LIES AT THE BASE OF ANY SYSTEM WE DEVISE.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF MEETING POINT.

+IF 1984 WAS A YEAR OF DEBATE, THEN 1985 IS A YEAR OF ACTION,+ HE SAID.

IN 1985, MANY CHANGES HAD TO BE MADE TO A LONG ESTABLISHED STRUCTURE, HE SAID.

+GIVEN THEIR COMPLICATED NATURE, WE MUST SET THE RIGHT PACE SO AS TO MINIMISE RISK AND MAXIMISE PROGRESS,+ HE SAID.

THE CHANGES WERE COMPLICATED, HE SAID, BECAUSE THE LIFE AND LIVELIHOOD OF MANY PEOPLE DEPENDED UPON THEM AND BECAUSE THERE WAS NO EXACT MODEL OR PATTERN TO FOLLOW.

+OUR APPROACH THEREFORE MUST BE BOTH GRADUAL, BUT POSITIVE AND PROGRESSIVE.+

MR AKERS-JONES SAID HONG KONG SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP ITS OWN IDEAS WITHIN A FRAMEWORK OF WHAT WAS REALISTIC AND REASONABLE, AND LEARN FROM, BUT NOT NECESSARILY COPY THE FORM AND THE SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENTS ELSEWHERE.

HE NOTED THAT LAST YEAR THERE HAD BEEN WIDE-RANGING, CRITICAL AND POSITIVE DISCUSSION AT ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY ON GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AT THE DISTRICT, REGIONAL AND CENTRAL LEVELS.

AS A RESULT, WE WERE SURE WHEN WE INTRODUCED CHANGES THAT THEY COMMANDED GENERAL SUPPORT. AT THE SAME TIME WE HAD LEARNED OF THE CRITICISMS OF THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN STRUCTURE AND, IN THE PROCESS, ACQUIRED NEW INSIGHT INTO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLITICAL PROCESS.

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE EMERGENCE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS OF A NUMBER OF GROUPS LIKE MEETING POINT WAS A VERY HEALTHY AND WELCOME DEVELOPMENT.

DISCUSSION OF HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN OPEN FORUMS AS A RESULT OF THE FORMATION OF THESE GROUPS HAD DEVELOPED AS A PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTIC OF THE HONG KONG POLITICAL SCENE, HE SAID.

/+IT HAS

+IT HAS ENABLED US TO TALK AND DEBATE, DISCUSS AND ARGUE WITHOUT FORMING OURSELVES INTO POLITICAL PARTIES AND PLATFORMS.

+A FLEXIBLE SYSTEM OF DISCUSSION HAS EMERGED WHICH SEEMS TO SUIT HONG KONG'S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES AND FROM WHICH A CONTINUOUS CONSENSUS HAS EMERGED,+ MR AKERS-JONES SAID.

AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE ELECTIONS THIS YEAR, HE ADDED, HONG KONG WOULD BE ENTERING A NEW ERA OF INVOLVEMENT BY ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG.

+IN TURN THESE REPRESENTATIVES WILL MAKE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS WHICH WILL NEED TO BE MADE IN THE FUTURE.+

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NOVEMBER ORDERS-ON-HAND, EMPLOYMENT, PAYROLL FIGURES OUT
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THE AVERAGE VOLUME OF ORDERS-ON-HAND IN TERMS OF MONTHS IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR IN NOVEMBER 1984 WAS SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

WHILE INCREASES IN ORDERS-ON-HAND WERE REPORTED IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES, SOME DECREASES WERE RECORDED IN THE WEARING APPAREL AND TEXTILES INDUSTRIES.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR AS A WHOLE DECREASED, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S FIGURES.

THE DECLINES IN EMPLOYMENT WERE MORE SIGNIFICANT IN THE FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, THE PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRIES. IN THE CASE OF THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, INCREASED AUTOMATION WAS QUOTED AS A MAJOR CAUSE.

EMPLOYMENT IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR INCREASED SLIGHTLY DUE TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF SOME NEW PROJECTS. THIS IS THE FIRST INCREASE RECORDED SINCE JUNE, 1984.

IN THE SERVICES SECTORS, EMPLOYMENT REMAINED UNCHANGED COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

DECREASES IN PAYROLL AND IN PER CAPITA EARNINGS WERE REPORTED IN MOST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES BECAUSE OF A DROP IN THE PAYMENT OF OVERTIME ALLOWANCES.

PAYROLL AND PER CAPITA EARNINGS IN THE SERVICES SECTORS ALSO DECLINED, FOLLOWING THE PAYMENTS OF BONUSES AND GRATUITIES IN OCTOBER BY SOME FIRMS.

THE SURVEY COVERED A PANEL OF THE 200 LARGEST MANUFACTURING COMPANIES AND THE 50 LARGEST COMPANIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND SELECTED SERVICES SECTORS CHOSEN BY REFERENCE TO THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN MARCH 1983.

AS THE SAMPLE WAS NOT DRAWN ON A RANDOM BASIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT CAUTIONED THAT RESULTS ON MAGNITUDE OF CHANGE MIGHT NOT REFLECT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE, ALTHOUGH THEY SHOULD GIVE A USEFUL INDICATION OF THE DIRECTION OF CHANGE FOR A QUICK ASSESSMENT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ECONOMY IN THE SHORT TERM.

THE SURVEY REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1984 WILL SOON BE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER, KAI TAK COMMERCIAL BUILDING, AT \$1.50 PER COPY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SURVEY RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION STATISTICS SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT AT 3-7212768.

A. ORDERS-ON-HAND IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			ORDERS-ON-HAND (IN TERMS OF MONTHS) FOR NOV 1984
	SEPT 1984	OCT 1984	NOV 1984	
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	-1	-1	4.74
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-1	1	-2	2.26
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-2	-5	*	4.08
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-1	-8	1	3.27
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	2	-2	2	5.56
OTHERS	-1	-1	-1	4.32
<u>ALL ABOVE INDUSTRIES</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>-2</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>4.53</u>

B. EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS

INDUSTRY/ SERVICES	PERSONS ENGAGED BY THE COMPANIES SURVEYED			PER CAPITA EARNINGS			PER CAPITA EARNINGS FOR NOV 1984 HK\$
	(% CHANGE OVER THE PRECEDING MONTH)			SEPT 1984	OCT 1984	NOV 1984	
	SEPT 1984	OCT 1984	NOV 1984	SEPT 1984	OCT 1984	NOV 1984	
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	-4	*	-2	-2	2	-1	2 730
FOOD AND DRINKS	-4	-2	-1	4	-5	-4	3 466
WEARING APPAREL, EXCEPT FOOTWEAR	-2	*	-1	-4	4	-1	2 417
TEXTILES, EXCEPT WEARING APPAREL	-2	1	*	-6	4	-1	2 714
PLASTIC PRODUCTS	-12	2	-2	3	1	-3	2 567
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	-3	-2	-5	2	-2	1	2 363
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS	-5	*	-3	-1	3	*	2 564
OTHERS	-3	*	*	-2	2	*	3 756
<u>CONSTRUCTION</u> **	-1	-1	1	-3	4	*	4 048
<u>SERVICES</u>	*	*	*	3	-3	-2	4 938
BANKS	*	*	*	-1	*	*	4 413
HOTELS	1	1	*	*	*	*	3 183

/PUBLIC UTILITIES

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PUBLIC UTILITIES	*	*	*	10	-5	-3	5 109
OTHERS	*	1	1	-4	-2	-1	5 986

* CHANGES WITHIN + 0.5 PER CENT

** PERSONS ENGAGED COVER COMPANY EMPLOYEES ONLY; SITE WORKERS EMPLOYED BY LABOUR-ONLY SUB-CONTRACTORS NOT INCLUDED.

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NEW RECREATION CENTRE FOR KWAI CHUNG

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A NEWLY-BUILT INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE OPENED ON JANUARY 28.

IT IS THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG TANG SHIU KIN INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, LOCATED AT A 3 200-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT WO YI HOP ROAD NEXT TO THE NORTH KWAI CHUNG JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND THE WO YI HOP ROAD SPORTS GROUND.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$16 MILLION, THE INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IS JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED \$10 MILLION TOWARDS THE PROJECT.

IT IS THE SECOND INDOOR RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS VENUE IN KWAI CHUNG, AND WAS DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. IT IS NOW UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT WILL BE THE THIRD SPORT FACILITY BUILT WITH A DONATION FROM SIR SHIU-KIN TANG AND MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

THE OTHER TWO FACILITIES ARE TUEN MUN TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND AND SAI KUNG TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE NEW INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE IS A 36 METRES X 36 METRES MULTI-PURPOSE GAMES ARENA OF GRANWOOD FLOORING.

IT CAN ALTERNATIVELY BE TURNED INTO TWO BASKET-BALL COURTS, TWO VOLLEY-BALL COURTS OR EIGHT BADMINTON COURTS.

THE ARENA CAN ALSO BE USED FOR FENCING, GYMNASTICS, JUDO, TABLE-TENNIS, TRAMPOLINE AND WEIGHT-LIFTING FOR TRAINING AS WELL AS COMPETITIONS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/THERE IS

THERE IS A CONCRETE STAND FOR 400 PEOPLE AT ONE END OF THE MAIN GAMES ARENA, AND A FURTHER 350 RETRACTABLE SEATS AT THE OTHER END OF THE HALL.

OTHER FACILITIES AT THE RECREATION CENTRE ARE THREE AIR-CONDITIONED SQUASH COURTS, ONE GAMES ROOM FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS COURSES, DANCING OR OTHER LEISURE ACTIVITIES, A TRAINING-LECTURE ROOM, OFFICES AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

PURPOSE-BUILT RAMPS LEADING TO THE INDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AND SPECIAL CHANGING FACILITIES ARE ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE DISABLED.

TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING, ON JANUARY 28, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY AT THE FACILITY.

SIR SHIU-KIN TANG, THE DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR GRAHAM BARNES, WILL ALSO BE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY.

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PEDESTRIANS BLAMED FOR ACCIDENTS
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NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF PEDESTRIANS ACCOUNTED FOR A PROPORTION OF THE 1 546 ROAD ACCIDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO LAST YEAR.

PEDESTRIANS WERE INVOLVED IN 632 AND CYCLISTS IN 50 OF THESE ACCIDENTS.

THE STATISTICS WERE REVEALED AT THE OPENING OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR STEPHEN CHENG.

OF THE ACCIDENT CASES, HE POINTED OUT 22 WERE FATAL, 504 RESULTED IN SERIOUS INJURIES AND 1 020 IN MINOR INJURIES.

DURING THE SECOND HALF OF LAST YEAR, 116 PEOPLE AGED 60 AND ABOVE SUSTAINED INJURIES IN ACCIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

+I FIRMLY BELIEVE THE NUMBER OF ROAD ACCIDENTS CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED IF PEDESTRIANS AND MOTORISTS WOULD EXERCISE MORE CARE AND OBSERVE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS WHEN USING THE ROADS,+ SAID MR CHENG.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE; THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (SHAM SHUI PO), MR PETER LEE; AND THE POLICE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER (TRAFFIC KOWLOON), MR MICHAEL HARPER.

PRIZES WERE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF A NUMBER OF EDUCATIONAL COMPETITIONS HELD IN SUPPORT OF THE CAMPAIGN, INCLUDING A CROSS WORD PUZZLE AND A STALL DECORATION CONTESTS.

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FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY WAS A TWO-HOUR ENTERTAINMENT-PACKED CARNIVAL, FEATURING BRASS BAND PERFORMANCES, REMOTE CONTROL MODEL CAR COMPETITIONS, VIDEO GAMES, A DISC JOCKEY SHOW AND VARIOUS GAMES STALLS.

THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN THIS YEAR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD AND THE POLICE.

IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, THE POLICE WILL CONTINUE AN ON-STREET EDUCATION PROGRAMME, TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER TWO WEEKS' INTENSIFIED ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS AGAINST JAYWALKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

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ANTI-DRUGS VAN HITS THE ROAD
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PUBLICITY FOR THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WILL BE STRENGTHENED FOLLOWING THE LAUNCHING TODAY (SUNDAY) OF THE MOBILE PUBLICITY VAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

THE MOBILE PUBLICITY VAN WILL VISIT ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG TO SPREAD THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE AND TO ENCOURAGE DRUG ADDICTS TO SEEK TREATMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING OF THE +ACAN MOBILE PUBLICITY VAN+ AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT, MR G.L. MORTIMER, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, SAID THAT HONG KONG COULD BE PROUD OF ITS DRUG PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES AND ITS DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAMMES.

+THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES ARE PROBABLY UNIQUE IN THE WORLD TODAY AND ARE THE SUBJECT OF GREAT INTEREST TO MANY COUNTRIES FACED WITH THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE,+ HE SAID.

THE EYE-CATCHING MOBILE PUBLICITY VAN WAS CONVERTED FROM A GOVERNMENT PARCELS VAN. IT IS PAINTED IN BRIGHT YELLOW AND GREEN COLOURS WITH THE ACAN LOGO AND SLOGANS. IT IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH A BUILT-IN COLLAPSIBLE EXHIBITION UNIT, AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT, PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM AND POSTER FRAMES, ALL DESIGNED TO CONVEY THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE.

THE VAN WILL TOUR THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE DENSELY POPULATED AREAS WITH A HIGH INCIDENCE OF DRUG ABUSE. THE VAN WILL SERVE AS AN INFORMATION CENTRE AND DISTRIBUTION POINT FOR ANTI-NARCOTICS MATERIALS, SUCH AS LEAFLETS AND POSTERS.

IN ADDITION, IT WILL PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORT OF ALL DISTRICT AND OTHER ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN FUNCTIONS, TO INCREASE THE PUBLICITY IMPACT AND WILL SUPPORT THE DRUG EDUCATION SCHOOL TALKS GIVEN BY STAFF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION.

THE PROGRAMME FOR TODAY'S EVENT INCLUDES AN ANTI-NARCOTICS EXHIBITION, MUSIC BY THE BAND OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) AND A DEMONSTRATION OF THE SKILLS OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DOGS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE.

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A MILLION HEALTH EDUCATORS
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THE CAUSE OF HEALTH EDUCATION IN HONG KONG HAS AT LEAST A MILLION POTENTIAL YOUNG CHAMPIONS - MEANING THE ENTIRE SCHOOL-GOING POPULATION. THESE STUDENTS START LEARNING ABOUT THE SUBJECT AS PART OF THEIR CURRICULUM AT PRIMARY LEVEL AND THROUGHOUT THEIR SCHOOL CAREERS THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO TAKE PART IN HEALTH EDUCATION CONTESTS AND EXHIBITIONS PROMOTED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

MR STEPHEN TAM, HEAD OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHICH IMPLEMENTS THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE POLICIES OF THE COUNCIL, DESCRIBES THE STUDENTS AS THE SECTION'S +MOST IMPORTANT TARGET GROUP+.

+THEY ARE VITAL TO THE SUCCESS OF HEALTH EDUCATION NOT ONLY THROUGH THEIR SHEER NUMBERS - THEY AMOUNT TO 20 PER CENT OF OUR TOTAL POPULATION - BUT BECAUSE THEY CAN ALSO BECOME OUR MOST EFFECTIVE 'AGENTS OF CHANGE'. THROUGH THEM, THE MESSAGE OF HEALTH EDUCATION IS SPREAD TO THEIR FAMILIES AND TO PEOPLE THEY COME IN CONTACT WITH WHEN THEY GROW UP.+

MR TAM POINTS OUT THAT TO RAISE PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS REQUIRES A CHANGE IN HABITS AND ATTITUDES. BUT CHANGE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED OVERNIGHT.

+THE BEST WAY TO PROMOTE IT IS THROUGH MESSAGE REPETITION, WITH FREQUENT IMAGE EXPOSURE, TO THE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TARGET GROUP -- OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN,+ HE SAID.

+THUS EVERY YEAR, THE HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION INVITES ALL SCHOOLS TO TAKE PART IN THE HEALTH EDUCATION SPEECH AND SONG CONTESTS AS WELL AS THE HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITION PROJECT COMPETITION.

+THROUGH THESE CONTESTS THE STUDENTS ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE ON ENVIRONMENTAL, PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE.+

THIS YEAR, 158 FINALISTS FROM 110 SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE SPEECH CONTEST, 520 INDIVIDUAL CONTESTANTS FROM 10 SCHOOL CHOIRS IN THE SONG CONTEST AND 30 SCHOOLS IN THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT EXHIBITION COMPETITION. THE PRIZE-WINNING PROJECTS WERE LATER DISPLAYED IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL WHERE THEY WERE SEEN BY THOUSANDS OF VISITORS, THUS SPREADING THE MESSAGE EVEN MORE WIDELY.

THE HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION HAS ACCESS TO A CAPTIVE AUDIENCE THROUGH THE CONSULTANCY SERVICE IT PROVIDES IN HELPING TO DESIGN AND REVISE THE HEALTH EDUCATION CURRICULUM FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS. IT ALSO ADVISES ON THE PRODUCTION OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES.

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IN ADDITION, STAFF OF THE SECTION REGULARLY RESPOND TO REQUESTS FOR TALKS ON ENVIRONMENTAL, PERSONAL AND FOOD HYGIENE TO STUDENT GROUPS.

BUT THE WORK OF THE SECTION DOES NOT END AT THE SCHOOL GATES. IN THE FIRST 11 MONTHS OF 1984, A RECORD TOTAL OF 9 100 ADULTS ATTENDED THE HUNDREDS OF TALKS, SEMINARS, LECTURES AND DISCUSSION GROUPS ORGANISED BY THE SECTION TO MEET SPECIAL NEEDS. MANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING 2 775 CAME FROM RESTAURANTS AND OTHER FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, WERE GROUP LEADERS IN THEIR TRADES OR PROFESSIONS.

SAYS MR TAM: +WE REGARD THE FOOD INDUSTRY AS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT TARGET GROUP IN OUR CAMPAIGN TO PROPAGATE HEALTH EDUCATION BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL HARM THAT CAN BE DONE IF FOOD OPERATORS ARE NOT BRIEFED ON PROPER HYGIENIC PRACTICES.

+WE HOLD REGULAR SEMINARS ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS FOOD POISONING, CLEAN FOOD PRODUCTION, THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF PREMISES, AND PERSONAL HYGIENE. FOOD INDUSTRY WORKERS CAN ATTEND AT NO COST. UP TO NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, 30 OF THESE SEMINARS WERE HELD.+

TODAY THERE ARE SOME 7 500 FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS REGISTERED IN THE URBAN DISTRICTS ALONE, SERVING A MASSIVE DAILY CLIENTELE. THUS, IMPROPER FOOD HANDLING IN THESE PLACES COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS PROBLEMS CAUSED BY EATING UNWHOLESOME FOOD.

THE TALKS, SEMINARS AND LECTURES THE SECTION REGULARLY ORGANISES FOR SCHOOLS AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY AND SERVICE GROUPS ARE DESCRIBED BY MR TAM AS PART OF THE +PERSUASIVE APPROACH+.

HE ADDS THAT HIS STAFF OF 20 WELCOME THE BACKING OF SOME 700 DISTRICT HEALTH INSPECTORS WHO IMPLEMENT THE +ENGINEERING APPROACH+ BY CORRECTING UNHYGIENIC PRACTICES AND REPORTING ON UNSANITARY CONDITIONS THEY DISCOVER IN THEIR INSPECTIONS OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS AND THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT.

+THE DISTRICT HEALTH INSPECTORS ARE VERY MUCH THE WATCHDOGS OF PUBLIC HEALTH AS THEY ARE CONCERNED NOT ONLY WITH FOOD HYGIENE BUT ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AS WELL,+ MR TAM POINTS OUT.

+AND THEY DON'T JUST ENFORCE THE LAW -- THEY SPREAD THE SAME MESSAGE AS OURSELVES IN THE ADVICE THEY GIVE TO CATERERS, TRADERS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.+

CLOSELY LINKED TO ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE ARE THE ANNUAL ANTI-RAT AND ANTI-MOSQUITO PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION. THE SECTION ALSO PLAYS A VITAL SUPPORTING ROLE IN THE RECURRENT ANTI-LITTER DRIVES AND THE CLEAN HOUSE AND CLEAN BEACH CAMPAIGNS WHICH ARE PART OF THE OVERALL CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

ASKED ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY HIS SECTION, MR TAM SAID: +HEALTH EDUCATION IS A LONG-TERM PROCESS AND ITS RESULTS, ALTHOUGH MOST IMPORTANT, MAY NOT EVER BE QUANTIFIABLE OR EVIDENT UNTIL YEARS LATER.

+THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR WORK IS SEEN IN THE MUCH BETTER OVERALL SANITARY CONDITION OF OUR GENERAL SURROUNDINGS AND THE IMPROVED HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE. BUT MORE SCIENTIFICALLY ACCEPTABLE INDICATORS ARE THE LONGER LIFE EXPECTANCY AND LOWER INFANT AND MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES.+

LIFE EXPECTANCY IN HONG KONG HAS STEADILY INCREASED -- FROM 63.6 YEARS AND 70.5 YEARS FOR MEN AND WOMEN RESPECTIVELY IN 1961, TO 68.0 AND 75.6 IN 1971 AND 72.4 AND 78.1 IN 1981.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE HAS DECLINED FROM 21 PER 1 000 LIVE BIRTHS IN 1961, TO 12.6 IN 1971 AND 6.6 IN 1981.

SAYS DR R.A. PERRY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HYGIENE) OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT: +THIS IMPROVEMENT, NO DOUBT, IS ATTRIBUTABLE IN PART TO THE BETTER MEDICAL FACILITIES AND NUTRITION AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE.

+BUT IT IS STILL THROUGH PROPER HEALTH EDUCATION THAT THE PUBLIC ARE MADE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, OF SEEKING EARLY MEDICAL TREATMENT WHEN NECESSARY, EATING THE RIGHT FOOD AND MAINTAINING PERSONAL AND DOMESTIC HYGIENE.+

DR PERRY EXPLAINS THAT GIVING TALKS AND SEMINARS, WHILE EFFECTIVE, IS VERY LABOUR INTENSIVE AND CAN COVER ONLY A LIMITED TARGET GROUP. MASS COMMUNICATION, THROUGH THE MODERN MEDIA, MUST ALSO BE USED.

+OUR MESSAGES ARE NOW BEING PUT OUT REGULARLY ON RADIO AND TELEVISION, IN THE PRESS AND THROUGH THE THREE BROADCASTING VANS THAT WE OPERATE. THE MESSAGES ARE REPEATED AT SUITABLE INTERVALS DURING OUR ANNUAL PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS.

+WE EVEN MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS TO REACH SOME MINORITY GROUPS SUCH AS VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, RECENT CHINESE IMMIGRANTS, FILIPINA MAIDS AND THE ELDERLY.

+AND IF ANYONE IS STILL LEFT OUT, WE ARE ON CALL (TEL: 5-729361) TO PROVIDE TALKS WHICH CAN BE GEARED TO CLIENTS' SPECIAL NEEDS,+ DR PERRY ADDED.

EYE CARE DRIVE FOR ELDERLY
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DETAILS OF THE +EYE CARE CAMPAIGN FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT+ WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS WITH ASSISTANCE BY THE HONG KONG OPTIOMETRIC ASSOCIATION AND SEVEN CENTRES FOR ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR CHOW WAI-KEUNG= THE CHAIRMAN OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR CHRISTOPHER MOK= AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG OPTIOMETRIC ASSOCIATION, MR JAMES TANG.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WILLIE BUILDING, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL.

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FACTORIES GET BOILER WARNING
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FACTORY PROPRIETORS WHO FAIL TO REGISTER THEIR ELECTRIC BOILERS WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ARE LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED AND ORDERED TO CEASE THE OPERATION AND USE OF THEIR BOILERS.

THE WARNING WAS ISSUED TODAY (SUNDAY) FOLLOWING RECENT FACTORY INSPECTIONS DURING WHICH BOILERS WERE DISCOVERED TO BE OPERATING WITHOUT REGISTRATION WITH THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION.

A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT SOME IMPORTANT SAFETY DEVICES OF THESE UNREGISTERED BOILERS WERE ALSO FOUND TO BE DEFICIENT AND MIGHT CAUSE RISKS TO HUMAN LIVES AND PROPERTIES.

HE SAID THAT UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE, NO SUCH BOILER SHOULD BE OPERATED WITHOUT PRIOR REGISTRATION AND STATUTORY EXAMINATION. THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR BREACH OF THIS STATUTORY REQUIREMENT IS \$30 000.

HE ADDED THAT NOT ONLY SHOULD BOILERS BE REGISTERED AND APPROVED, THEY SHOULD ALSO BE OPERATED UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF COMPETENT PERSONS. FAILURE TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT IS LIABLE TO FACE A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30 000.

FACTORY PROPRIETORS WHO DO NOT HAVE COMPETENT PERSONS OPERATING THEIR BOILERS ARE URGED TO SEND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ATTEND A HALF-DAY TRAINING COURSE CONDUCTED BY THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION FREE OF CHARGE.

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CANDIDATES ARE THEN GIVEN A MULTIPLE-CHOICE TEST, AND THOSE WHO ARE SUCCESSFUL MAY ATTEND TO SUCH BOILERS FOR A PERIOD OF 14 MONTHS UNDER AN EXEMPTION ORDER ISSUED BY THE PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR.

DURING THIS PERIOD, A CANDIDATE SHOULD OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE BY PASSING THE NORMAL EXAMINATION AT THE DIVISION.

OWNERS AND EMPLOYEES OF FACTORIES USING SUCH BOILERS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 3-688111 EXT. 352 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

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POSTER CONTEST TO BOOST YOUTH YEAR
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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A POSTER DESIGN CONTEST IN SAI KUNG TO PUBLICISE THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CONTEST IS BEING HELD FOR PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25 TO PROMOTE THE IYY THEME - PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE, SAID THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARRIE CHENG.

+WE ALSO HOPE TO DEVELOP YOUNG PEOPLE'S POTENTIAL IN DESIGN,+ SHE ADDED.

THE POSTER DESIGNS SHOULD REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHICAL AND CULTURAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SAI KUNG AND, AT THE SAME TIME, ILLUSTRATE THE THEME OF PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE.

THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BE USED IN PUBLICITY POSTERS OF IYY ACTIVITIES IN SAI KUNG.

ALL ENTRIES, WHICH MUST ALSO BEAR THE WORDS OF +SAI KUNG DISTRICT 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR+, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY JANUARY 31.

THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES BY EACH PARTICIPANT, BUT EVERY POSTER SHOULD MEASURE 57 X 43 CENTIMETRES AND CONTAIN NOT MORE THAN FOUR COLOURS.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED BOOK COUPONS WORTH \$500, \$300 AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY. SOUVENIRS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO FIVE OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE COUNTER ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOUNG LEADERS

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THREE YOUTH LEADERS HAVE BEEN AWARDED OUTWARD BOUND DIPLOMA COURSES SCHOLARSHIPS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK IN THE 1984 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE THREE WERE CHOSEN FOR THE JOCKEY CLUB OUTWARD BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS FROM A TOTAL OF 22 NOMINATIONS BY THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

MISS KATHLEEN WONG, A 22-YEAR-OLD ESTATE AGENT, WAS GIVEN THE HIGHEST MARK BY THE SELECTION PANEL FOR ORGANISING NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

MR KWOK WING-CHOW, A 25-YEAR-OLD FIREMAN, WAS AWARDED THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR ORGANISING AN EXPEDITION COURSE FOR YOUNG MEMBERS OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME.

THE THIRD WINNER, MR TANG SAI-PUN, A 20-YEAR-OLD STUDENT, WAS CHOSEN FOR HIS EFFORTS IN ORGANISING A MAJOR CAMPING EXPEDITION IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE TRIO WILL UNDERGO AN 18-DAY OUTWARD BOUND DIPLOMA COURSE, WHICH INCLUDES A SAILING TRIP ON THE JI FUNG. OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE COURSE INCLUDE NAVIGATION, SMALL BOAT SAILING EXPEDITIONS, CANOEING, SWIMMING, INITIATIVE GAMES, FIRST AID TRAINING AND WALKING AND CAMPING EXPEDITIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A CEREMONY FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE THREE YOUTH LEADERS WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 24 (THURSDAY) AT 3 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF THE WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME POLICY COMMITTEE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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YOUTH FESTIVAL OPENS

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KWUN TONG'S HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND WAS FILLED WITH THE VITALITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

MORE THAN 500 MEMBERS FROM 25 UNIFORMED YOUTH GROUPS, SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PARADED AT THE PLAYGROUND TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE TWO-WEEK KWUN TONG YOUTH FESTIVAL.

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE FESTIVAL, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, ENCOURAGED THE YOUTHS TO TAKE PART IN DISTRICT MATTERS EITHER AT SCHOOLS, YOUTH ORGANISATIONS OR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, TO DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS AND POTENTIALS.

+AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE QUALIFIED, THE DISTRICT BOARD IS A PLACE FOR THEM TO MAKE THEIR FIRST STEPS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLITICAL SYSTEM OF HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS THROUGH EVERYONE'S CONTRIBUTION THAT WE CAN ACHIEVE DEVELOPMENT, AND WHEN EVERYONE ATTAINS A WILLINGNESS TO SERVE OTHERS, WE SHALL ACHIEVE STABILITY AND PEACE.+

MR WIGGHAM NOTED THAT HONG KONG WAS ENTERING A NEW PHASE OF CHANGE AND THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE WIDE-RANGING EFFECTS ON THE SOCIAL FABRIC.

+IN THIS PROCESS, WE REQUIRE THE DYNAMISM OF THE YOUNG, AND THE FORTITUDE OF THE EXPERIENCED TO MEET THE CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD. WE MUST EACH PLAY OUR PART TO BRING ABOUT THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULT,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY ALSO FEATURED A VARIETY PERFORMANCE INCLUDING A MARCHING BAND, CYCLING AND DANCING, AND A BODY-BUILDING DRILL DEMONSTRATION BY TVB'S VITALITY TEAM.

SPONSORED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE KWUN TONG YOUTH FESTIVAL IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO CELEBRATE THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR.

MORE THAN 30 PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED ALONG THE LINES OF THE FESTIVAL'S THEME +YOUTHS OF KWUN TONG ANSWER EVERY CALL, DEVELOP THE COMMUNITY AND PEACE FOR ALL+.

DETAILED FESTIVAL PROGRAMMES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-416315.

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+MUCH CHANCE+ FOR MUSIC

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THERE WAS MUCH OPPORTUNITY FOR MUSIC APPRECIATION IN HONG KONG, WITH CONCERTS BEING HELD ALMOST EVERY DAY, MADAM ANITA CHAN LAI-LING, AN EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT A HONG KONG REGION STUDENT CONCERT PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

MADAM CHAN SAID THAT THE SETTING UP OF THE MUSIC OFFICE IN 1977 HAD BROUGHT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING TO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE, WITH A COMMENDABLE IMPROVEMENT IN THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.

+INTEREST IN THIS AREA IS GROWING ALL THE TIME AS WITNESSED BY THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS EACH YEAR TO THE MUSIC OFFICE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME,+ MADAM CHAN ADDED.

SHE SAID SHE WAS MOST IMPRESSED BY THE PERFORMANCE OF THE TRAINEES.

+I KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN POSSIBLE ONLY THROUGH A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT AND DISCIPLINE IN THEIR PRACTICE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE VITAL INGREDIENTS IN THE MAKING OF A GOOD MUSICIAN,+ SHE SAID.

MR K.C. YEUNG, ACTING MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR THANKED ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT WHICH MADE THE MUSIC OFFICE'S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME A SUCCESS.

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SPORTS TRAINING FOR MORE DISABLED URGED

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A SEMINAR ON SPORTS FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WAS HELD THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, SHA TIN.

THE SEMINAR, ON +HOW TO ORGANISE AN ATHLETIC MEET FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED+, WAS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

MRS POLLY LAI, A SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, SAID THAT HONG KONG'S DISABLED ATHLETES HAD BEEN DOING WELL IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS, SUCH AS THE 1984 INTERNATIONAL GAMES FOR THE DISABLED AND WORLD WHEELCHAIR GAMES.

+THERE IS A NEED TO TRAIN MORE SPORT ORGANISERS TO PROMOTE SPORTS AMONG A LARGER NUMBER OF PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE,+ SHE ADDED.

/MR RAYMOND

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MR RAYMOND MAK, AN EXPERT IN THE FIELD, SPOKE ON THE CONCEPT OF ORGANISING AN ATHLETIC MEET AND EXPLAINED THE CHARACTERISTICS OF GAMES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO ARE WHEELCHAIR-BOUND.

ABOUT 100 TEACHERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, VOLUNTEERS, SECONDARY STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTORS IN ATHLETICS ATTENDED THE SEMINAR.

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SPORTS DAY HELD
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ABOUT 400 STAFF OF LANDS AND WORKS GROUP OF DEPARTMENTS TOOK PART IN TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS AT TODAY'S (SUNDAY) ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL SPORTS DAY HELD AT THE SHA TIN SPORTS GROUND.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR NICKY CHAN, OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY. MRS CHAN AND MISS HONG KONG, JOYCE MINA GODENZI, WERE ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY. LATER, MR CHAN PRESENTED PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS TO THE WINNERS AND PARTICIPANTS.

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LITTERBUGS TOP OFFENDER LIST
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LITTERING TOPPED THE LIST OF OFFENCES BY COUNTRY PARK VISITORS LAST YEAR.

DURING THE YEAR, SOME 1 700 PEOPLE WERE FINED FOR THE OFFENCE COMMITTED INSIDE AND NEAR COUNTRY PARKS.

IN ADDITION, ALMOST 300 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR TAKING THEIR CARS INTO COUNTRY PARKS.

OTHER OFFENCES INCLUDED 46 CASES OF POLLUTING STREAMS, 56 OF USING FIRE IN NON-DESIGNATED SITES OR PROHIBITED AREAS, 31 OF CAMPING IN NON-DESIGNATED SITES, 18 OF DAMAGING PLANTS, 11 OF POSSESSING PROTECTED PLANTS AND FOUR OF POSSESSING PROTECTED ANIMALS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT APPEALED TODAY TO COUNTRY PARK VISITORS TO HELP KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN.

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OFFICES MOVE
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THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICE OF NORTH DISTRICT WILL BE OPERATING IN NEW PREMISES FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THEY WERE FORMERLY LOCATED IN CONGESTED PREMISES IN TAI PO'S OLD DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING AND THE TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THE MOVE WILL ALLOW BETTER SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT.

THE TWO OFFICES WILL BE SHARING ABOUT 25 000 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR SPACE IN FIVE BLOCKS OF TWO-STOREYED PREFABRICATED STRUCTURES LOCATED ON JOCKEY CLUB ROAD NEAR THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT.

THESE ARE TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATIONS AS NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN FANLING WITHIN A FEW YEARS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTACT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE NORTH ON TELEPHONE 0-902644 AND THE DISTRICT SURVEY OFFICE NORTH ON 0-901978 CONCERNING LAND MATTERS.

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ROAD WORK
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ROAD D4 NEAR SHEUNG SHUI MINI-ROUNDABOUT WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK FROM 12.45 AM TO 5 AM BETWEEN JANUARY 22 AND 26.

TRAFFIC FROM MAN KAM TO HEADING FOR YUEN LONG AND SHEK KONG WILL BE DIVERTED VIA JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING ROUNDABOUT, ROAD L2 AND TAI PO ROAD.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC FROM TAI PO WILL BE DIVERTED VIA FANLING ROUNDABOUT, ROAD L2 AND TAI PO ROAD.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE
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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 22), VEHICLES ON BOWRING STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING CANTON ROAD NORTHBOUND, SO AS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

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FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS

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TO FACILITATE WORK ON A FLYOVER, TRAFFIC ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH CHAI WAN ROAD, WILL BE STOPPED AT FIVE-MINUTE INTERVALS BETWEEN 1.45 AM AND 4.30 AM DAILY FROM THURSDAY TO SATURDAY (JANUARY 24 TO 26).

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WATER MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO FIVE AREAS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JANUARY 23) TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE FIVE AREAS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- * CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM LAM TEI PUMPING STATION TO AU TAU, INCLUDING WANG CHAU INDUSTRIAL ESTATE;
- * CASTLE PEAK ROAD (SAN TIN SECTION) FROM AU TAU TO SAN TIN, INCLUDING FAIRVIEW PARK;
- * KAM TIN ROAD FROM AU TAU TO SHEUNG TSUEN;
- * KAM SHEUNG ROAD FROM KAM TIN ROAD TO SHEUNG TSUEN; AND
- * FAN KAM ROAD FROM KAM TIN ROAD TO PAT HEUNG FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL, INCLUDING SHEK KONG CAMP AND ALL ADJACENT VILLAGES.

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