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VARIETY SHOW TO PROMOTE D.B. ELECTIONS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GRAHAM BARNES, TONIGHT MADE A TELEVISED APPEAL TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS TO FULLY EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHT BY CASTING THEIR VOTE IN THURSDAY'S URBAN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

HE WAS DELIVERING AN OPENING SPEECH IN CANTONESE ON THE +82 18 VARIETY SHOW+, A SPECIAL PROGRAMME STAGED AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AT BAPTIST COLLEGE BY RTHK AND SHOWN ON TVB JADE TO PROMOTE THE COMING ELECTIONS.

ECHOING AN EARLIER APPEAL BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, MR BARNES STRESSED THAT BY CASTING THEIR VOTE THE ELECTORS WOULD DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT NOT ONLY FOR THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE, BUT ALSO THEIR INTEREST IN, AND CONCERN FOR, THE GENERAL WELFARE AND GOOD ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLACE IN WHICH THEY LIVED.

MORE THAN 1 000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE SHOW, INCLUDING MANY EXISTING APPOINTED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES SITTING FOR THE COMING ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 23).

THE 90-MINUTE SHOW BEGAN AT 8.30 PM AND FEATURED A NUMBER OF ENTERTAINMENT EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES BY SUCH POPULAR SINGERS AND TELEVISION ARTISTES AS ROMAN TAM, MICHAEL KWAN AND GIGI WONG.

A TRAINEE +STRING ORCHESTRA+ AND SCHOOL DANCERS FROM THE 10 URBAN DISTRICTS ALSO PERFORMED FOR THE AUDIENCE.

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REMINDER ON FENCING OFF OPENINGS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED BUILDING CONTRACTORS THAT THEY SHOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO FENCING OFF OPENINGS, FLOOR EDGES AND OTHER DANGEROUS PLACES IN BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THIS FOLLOWED A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WAS FINED \$20 000 FOR FAILING TO FENCE LIFT SHAFT OPENINGS IN A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR THERE WERE MORE THAN 2 500 ACCIDENTS IN WHICH WORKERS FELL FROM HEIGHT IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, ADDING THAT UNFENCED LIFT SHAFT OPENINGS HAD CLAIMED MANY LIVES IN THE PAST.

UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, HE STRESSED, FLOOR EDGES, BALCONIES, LIFT SHAFT OPENINGS AND OTHER DANGEROUS PLACES OF BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BE SECURELY FENCED OFF TO A HEIGHT OF NOT LESS THAN ONE METRE.

BUILDING CONTRACTORS SHOULD ALSO MAKE REGULAR CHECKS ON THESE FENCINGS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THEY REMAIN IN POSITION AT ALL TIMES, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PARENTS REMINDED TO RETURN APPLICATION FORMS  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDS PARENTS WHO WANT TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY 1 PLACE FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER 1983 THAT THEY MUST RETURN THEIR APPLICATION FORMS BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 25).

PARENTS WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN A PARTICULAR GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL SHOULD RETURN THEIR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO THAT SCHOOL DIRECT DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

IF PARENTS DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM DURING OFFICE HOURS TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

1. LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE  
(269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, 2/F., HONG KONG)
2. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE  
(405, NATHAN ROAD, 6/F., KOWLOON)
3. EDUCATION DEPARTMENT MA TAU KOK SUB-OFFICE  
(1, MA TAU KOK ROAD, 1/F., KOWLOON)
4. DISTRICT OFFICE, SHA TIN  
(2, TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN, N.T.)
5. DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO  
(TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,  
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, N.T.)
6. DISTRICT OFFICE, TSUEN WAN  
(FOU WAH CENTRE, 2/F, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD,  
TSUEN WAN, N.T.)
7. DISTRICT OFFICE, TUEN MUN  
(CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TUEN MUN, N.T.)
8. DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG  
(269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG, N.T.)
9. DISTRICT OFFICE, NORTH, FANLING SUB-OFFICE  
(JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING, N.T.)

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED PARENTS THAT THEY COULD ONLY SUBMIT ONE APPLICATION FORM.

+IF PARENTS WERE FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED FOR MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE,+ HE SAID.

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NEW PRE-FABRICATED RURAL REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITY IN NT  
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TWO PRE-FABRICATED REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITIES HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AT FO TAN VILLAGE IN SHA TIN AND TING KOK ROAD IN TAI PO ON A TRIAL BASIS.

THEIR DESIGN WAS ONE OF THE WINNING ENTRIES OF THE RURAL CLEANSING FACILITIES DESIGN COMPETITION HELD EARLY THIS YEAR UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES MEUNG YEE KUK.

IT WAS ADOPTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AFTER AN EVALUATION OF ITS COST-EFFECTIVENESS AND CONVENIENCE ASPECTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT OCCUPIES 12 SQUARE METRES OF FLOOR AREA AND HOUSES EIGHT STANDARD 200-LITRE RUBBISH BINS.

INSPECTING THE NEW FACILITY AT SHA TIN YESTERDAY, THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JIMMY SWEETMAN, SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE HYGIENIC STANDARD AND THE DURABILITY OF THE STRUCTURE.

MEANWHILE, A NEWLY DESIGNED LITTER CONTAINER HAS BEEN INTRODUCED TOGETHER WITH THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT ON A TRIAL BASIS.

IF BOTH FACILITIES PROVE TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THEY WILL BE INSTALLED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES ATTENDING CONFERENCE  
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, IS ATTENDING THE 109TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS BEING HELD IN PHILADELPHIA, USA, TODAY (SUNDAY) AND TOMORROW.

AFTER THE CONFERENCE, MR HOLMES WILL SPEND TWO DAYS WITH THE BALTIMORE FIRE DEPARTMENT BEFORE RETURNING HOME.

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BETTER ENQUIRY SERVICES FOR TAI PO

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THE FIRST COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE (CABO) IN TAI PO WILL MOVE TO NEW PERMANENT PREMISES TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO CONTINUE SERVING THE 25 000 RESIDENTS OF TAI YUEN ESTATE AND TING NGA COURT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME.

THE 92.9 - SQUARE-METRE NEW OFFICE IS ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF TAI LOK HOUSE IN TAI YUEN ESTATE.

MANNED BY TWO LIAISON OFFICERS OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE CABO WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS TO MAKE STATUTORY DECLARATIONS, FILE COMPLAINTS, GET ANSWERS TO GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND OBTAIN GOVERNMENT PAMPHLETS AND FORMS.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL OPEN DURING 8.45 AM - 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS, 9 AM - 12 NOON ON SATURDAYS AND 7 PM - 9.30 PM ON FRIDAY EVENINGS.

PREVIOUSLY, THE TEMPORARY OFFICE, WHICH WAS OPENED A YEAR AGO AT THE TAI YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, ONLY PROVIDED A MORNING AND AN EVENING SESSION ON TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE SAID: +WITH THE INFLUX OF NEW RESIDENTS WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH TAI PO, IT IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SUCH ENQUIRY SERVICES.

+THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE TEMPORARY CABO WAS WELL RECEIVED BY THE LOCAL POPULATION AND IT IS HOPED THAT THE NEW CABO WILL SERVE THE PUBLIC EVEN BETTER AT ITS PERMANENT ADDRESS,+ HE ADDED.

BESIDES THE TAI YUEN CABO, SIMILAR FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT TWO LOCAL PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESC) ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

AS FOR THE PESC AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, STARTING FROM TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 21), THE CENTRE WILL REMAIN OPEN DURING LUNCH HOURS WHILE STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN ALL MORNING SESSIONS FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

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SQUASH COMPETITION IN NORTH DISTRICT FOR BEGINNERS

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A COMPETITION WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH IN THE NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR SQUASH BEGINNERS LIVING IN THE REGION.

THE NORTH DISTRICT NOVICE SQUASH COMPETITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS TO PROVIDE BEGINNERS WITH A CHANCE OF FORMAL COMPETITION AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF THE SPORT IN THE DISTRICT.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE FANLING NEW TOWN SQUASH COURTS ON FIVE CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS BETWEEN OCTOBER 3 AND 31, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD.

ENTRIES FOR THE TOURNAMENT, WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO MAN AND WOMAN SECTIONS, ARE NOW BEING INVITED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARTICIPANTS WHO MUST BE AGED 15 OR ABOVE SHOULD BE RESIDENTS IN THE NORTH DISTRICT, INCLUDING SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING, SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING AREAS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE FANLING NEW TOWN SQUASH COURTS OR THE NORTH OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO EITHER OF THESE TWO VENUES BEFORE TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 28), THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NEW AMBULANCE DEPOT FOR FANLING

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THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AMBULANCE DEPOT IN FANLING.

THE DEPOT, TO BE BUILT ON A SITE OF ABOUT 1 440 SQUARE METRES NEAR THE FANLING ROUNDABOUT, WILL BE A SINGLE FIVE-STOREY BLOCK.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE AN APPLIANCE ROOM FOR FOUR AMBULANCES, DUTY AND SERVICE ROOMS, DINING AND RECREATION ROOMS, MEDICAL AND LINEN STORES, STAFF ACCOMMODATION AND A DRILL YARD.

WORK WILL START IN NOVEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

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