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REVIEW OF HK'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM TIMELY

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THE STUDY OF HONG KONG'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM UNDERTAKEN BY THE LONDON-BASED ELECTORAL REFORM SOCIETY (ERS) IS TIMELY BECAUSE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REVIEW THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM AND LEGISLATION IN THE LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE VARIOUS ELECTIONS HELD THIS YEAR, THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE STUDY WOULD CERTAINLY BE AN IMPORTANT SOURCE OF INPUT IN THE REVIEW PROCESS, MR SUEN SAID AT A SEMINAR ON DEMOCRACY AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

HE SAID THE DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER WAS SUCH A SIGNIFICANT EVENT THAT IT WAS INCUMBENT ON THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH, USING A SYSTEM WHICH WAS WELL TRIED OUT AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, ONE WHICH WAS FAMILIAR TO BOTH THE CANDIDATES AND THE ELECTORATE AT LARGE, RATHER THAN EXPERIMENTING WITH NEW ARRANGEMENTS.

ON ELECTION BY FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY, MR SUEN SAID CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WOULD HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO THE CREATION OF NINE MORE NEW FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES BEFORE THE 1995 ELECTIONS.

HE NOTED THAT ERS REPORT HAD RECOMMENDED THAT REGULATIONS BE DEvised TO PRESCRIBE IN DETAIL THE QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS, SUCH AS REQUIRING A TWO-YEAR QUALIFYING PERIOD BEFORE AN ORGANISATION COULD BECOME ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN A FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCY.

"THIS PROPOSAL REQUIRES VERY CAREFUL TREATMENT AS IT RAISES A MORE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE AS TO WHETHER, AND IF SO HOW, WE SHOULD PRESCRIBE TO THE VARIOUS PROFESSIONAL, TRADE OR OTHER WELL-ESTABLISHED ASSOCIATIONS WHICH MAKE UP THE FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES, AS TO WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT BE A MEMBER AND TO QUALIFY TO VOTE AT GENERAL MEETINGS," HE SAID.

ON VOTER REGISTRATION, MR SUEN SAID HE COULD SEE CERTAIN MERIT IN THE ENUMERATION APPROACH USED IN THE U.K. AND CANADA WHEREBY SPECIAL STAFF WERE EMPLOYED BEFORE A GENERAL ELECTION TO ENUMERATE ALL THE ELECTORS THROUGH DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS.

"WE PLAN TO STUDY IT IN DETAIL BEFORE A FIRM VIEW IS TAKEN ON THE WAY AHEAD IN THIS CONNEXION," HE SAID.

MR SUEN NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A SUGGESTION THAT FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS NOW LIVING OVERSEAS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO VOTE IN HONG KONG. AT PRESENT THE ELECTORAL LAWS ONLY ALLOW A QUALIFIED PERSON TO REMAIN AN ELECTOR FOR SO LONG AS HE OR SHE IS ORDINARILY RESIDENT IN HONG KONG.

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HE NOTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES, SUCH AS THE U.S. AND AUSTRALIA, DID PROVIDE FOR VOTING BY THEIR NATIONALS WHILE RESIDENT OVERSEAS. MANY OTHER COUNTRIES DID NOT PROVIDE FOR SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AND THESE INCLUDED JAPAN AND CANADA. THE U.K. HAD ONLY INTRODUCED A CATEGORY OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS SINCE 1985.

"IN OUR CASE, OUR ELECTORAL LAWS PROVIDED FOR AN ELECTORAL SYSTEM WHICH IS BASED ON A 'RESIDENCE' RATHER THAN 'NATIONALITY' CRITERIA. THEREFORE TO ADOPT A SYSTEM SIMILAR TO THAT USED IN THE U.S. AND THE U.K. WOULD INVOLVED A MAJOR AND FUNDAMENTAL DEVIATION FROM THE EXISTING SYSTEM WHICH, OUT OF NECESSITY, FOCUSES ON PRESENT RESIDENTS," HE SAID.

"THERE IS NO QUESTION OF INFRINGING BASIC POLITICAL RIGHTS BY ADOPTING THIS APPROACH. OVERSEAS RESIDENTS WHO HAVE SINCE BEEN REGISTERED HERE AND WHO STILL RETAIN ELIGIBILITY RETURNING TO HONG KONG ARE WELCOME TO VOTE."

ON A SUGGESTION THAT AN INDEPENDENT ELECTION OR BOUNDARIES COMMISSION SHOULD BE SET UP TO LOOK INTO THE ISSUES OF HOW CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES WERE DRAWN, MR SUEN SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO PHILOSOPHICAL PROBLEM WITH THE GENERAL CONCEPT RAISED IN THIS REGARD. BUT THE GOVERNMENT DID NEED TIME TO THINK THROUGH THE IDEA AND ITS PRACTICAL IMPLICATIONS.

HE ADDED THAT THE REVIEW OF HONG KONG'S ELECTORAL SYSTEM MUST ALSO HAVE REGARD TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

"AMONG OTHER THINGS, WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE INSTITUTIONAL, LEGISLATIVE, AND PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS ARE COMPATIBLE NOT ONLY WITH THE PRESENT CONSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK BUT ALSO WITH THE FRAMEWORK SET OUT IN THE BASIC LAW.

"ONLY BY DOING THIS CAN WE BE SURE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTED IN 1995 WILL HAVE A SMOOTH PASSAGE ACROSS THE 1997 DIVIDE," HE SAID.

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NEW UNITED NATIONS ANTI-DRUG CHIEF STOPS OVER IN HONG KONG

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THE NEWLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMME (UNDCP), MR GIORGIO GIACOMELLI, STOPPED IN HONG KONG BRIEFLY THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

MR GIACOMELLI, WITH A PARTY OF COLLEAGUES, HAD JUST CONCLUDED A ONE WEEK VISIT TO CHINA, WHERE HE WAS ENGAGED IN TOP LEVEL TALKS WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHINA AND MYANMAR. THE TALKS WERE AIMED AT CONSOLIDATING AND TAKING FORWARD THE UN SUB-REGIONAL MASTERPLAN FOR THE ERADICATION OF OPIUM PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA.

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MR GIACOMELLI ARRANGED TO STOP-OVER IN HONG KONG FOLLOWING AN INVITATION BY HONG KONG'S COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR DAVID WEEKS, WHO MET MR GIACOMELLI IN VIENNA TWO WEEKS AGO AT THE 34TH SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION ON NARCOTICS DRUGS.

DURING HIS VISIT, MR GIACOMELLI VISITED THE ROBERT BLACK METHADONE CLINIC AT SAN PO KONG, WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE METHADONE PROGRAMME BY DR BOSCO LEUNG, THE SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER IN CHARGE.

HE WAS LATER BRIEFED BY DR GERALD CHOA, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, MR ALISTAR ASPREY, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, AND MR WEEKS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION AS REGARDS DRUGS IN HONG KONG AND IN THE REGION.

AT THE MEETING, MR GIACOMELLI NOTED THE SUCCESSES WHICH HONG KONG IS ACHIEVING IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE AND TRAFFICKING, AND WAS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE LEADING ROLE HONG KONG PLAYS IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING FOR PROFESSIONALS FROM THROUGHOUT ASIA WHO ARE INVOLVED IN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ANTI-DRUG WORK.

HE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE POSSIBILITY OF HONG KONG PLAYING AN EVEN GREATER ROLE, IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNDCP, IN TRAINING AND ADVISING LAW-ENFORCEMENT, EDUCATION, SOCIAL WORK AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION.

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#### ANTI-DRUG PUBLICITY CAMP FOR JPC MEMBERS

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SOME 250 JUNIOR POLICE CALL (JPC) MEMBERS CAME OUT FROM A TWO-DAY CAMP AT SAI KUNG TODAY (SUNDAY) WISER ABOUT THE DRUG PROBLEM.

WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LIONS CLUBS DISTRICT 303 HONG KONG AND MACAU, THE CAMP WAS SPECIALLY ORGANISED TO PUBLICISE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES AMONG JPC MEMBERS.

TWO SEMINARS ON THE DANGER OF DRUG ABUSE WERE CONDUCTED BY THE STAFF OF SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS.

"IT IS HOPED THAT PARTICIPANTS WILL PASS ON WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT AT THE CAMP TO THEIR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS," A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS WILL HELP SPREAD THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGES AMONG THE YOUNG GENERATION," HE SAID.

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CALL FOR SAFE USE OF STEAM RECEIVERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS NOT TO USE SUB-STANDARD STEAM RECEIVERS WHICH POSE SERIOUS HAZARDS TO THEIR OPERATORS AND OTHER WORKERS NEARBY.

"IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OWNERS OF STEAM RECEIVERS TO CONSULT AN APPOINTED EXAMINER OR BOILER INSPECTOR BEFORE THE PURCHASE, EXTENSIVE REPAIR OR ALTERATIONS TO SUCH EQUIPMENT," THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR, MR M.R. MIRZA, SAID.

MR MIRZA SAID SUB-STANDARD CONSTRUCTION OF STEAM RECEIVERS WAS OFTEN THE CAUSE OF SERIOUS ACCIDENTS, NOTING THAT A FACTORY PROPRIETOR WAS KILLED AND TWO WORKERS INJURED IN TWO ACCIDENTS LAST YEAR.

"THE ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED IF THE PROPRIETORS HAD BEEN MORE CAREFUL IN THE CHOICE OF MANUFACTURERS AND REPAIRING CONTRACTORS," HE SAID.

"MANUFACTURERS OF RECEIVERS WHO FAIL TO OBSERVE THE USUAL ENGINEERING PRACTICE FOR WELDING WILL CAUSE SUB-STANDARD WORKMANSHIP IN CONSTRUCTION," HE ADDED.

FOR THE SAFETY OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR WORKERS, FACTORY PROPRIETORS SHOULD ONLY USE STEAM MANIFOLDS WHICH ARE CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOGNISED ENGINEERING PRACTICES, SUCH AS THE BRITISH STANDARD SPECIFICATION OR AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CODES.

"ALSO PROPER STANDARDS OF WELDING SHOULD BE MAINTAINED WHEN CARRYING OUT REPAIR OR FABRICATION WORK ON PRESSURE PARTS OF PRESSURE EQUIPMENT," MR MIRZA SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS AN OFFENCE TO USE SUB-STANDARD STEAM RECEIVERS WHICH COULD NOT BE REGISTERED IN HONG KONG, AND OWNERS OF SUCH EQUIPMENT WERE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

ADVICE ON THE SAFE USE OF STEAM RECEIVERS AND A LIST OF APPOINTED EXAMINERS OR BOILER INSPECTORS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON THE 17TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, OR BY DIALLING 852 4182 OR 852 4184.

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FACTORIES REMINDED NOT TO EMPLOY CHILDREN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS NOT TO TAKE ON CHILDREN IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWED A RECENT CASE AT SHA TIN MAGISTRACY IN WHICH A GARMENT FACTORY WAS FINED \$5,000 FOR EMPLOYING A CHILD.

"DURING A ROUTINE INSPECTION OF SISILI GARMENTS FACTORY LTD IN FO TAN, SHA TIN, LABOUR INSPECTORS FOUND A 13-YEAR-OLD CHILD PACKING SKI-JACKETS IN THE FACTORY," THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS), MR TSANG KIN-WOO, SAID.

"ACCORDING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS, CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 15 MUST NOT BE EMPLOYED IN ANY INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING, AND THOSE AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 14 MAY BE EMPLOYED ONLY FOR PART-TIME JOBS IN A NON-INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS," MR TSANG EXPLAINED.

"ANY EMPLOYER WHO BREACHES THE PROVISIONS ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN IN INDUSTRY IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000," HE SAID.

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SHA TO OFFICIATE AT BUN FESTIVAL

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THOUSANDS OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS VISITORS ARE EXPECTED TO FLOCK TO CHEUNG CHAU ON THURSDAY (MAY 23) TO SEE THE ISLANDERS' GRAND PROCESSION TO CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL BUN FESTIVAL.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION ORGANISED BY THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND THE CHEUNG CHAU "TA CHIU" 1991 COMMITTEE.

THE TWO-HOUR PROCESSION, INVOLVING ABOUT 2,000 PEOPLE AND SEVERAL HUNDRED SCHOOL CHILDREN, WILL START AT 2 PM FROM PAK TEI TEMPLE AND ZIG-ZAG THROUGH THE BUSTLING ALLEYS TO FUNG SHUI LANE IN FRONT OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAI SHEK HAU.

AFTER PERFORMING AT FUNG SHUI LANE, THE PROCESSION WILL MAKE A CIRCUIT OF CHEUNG CHAU TOWN AND RETURN TO PAK TEI TEMPLE.

THERE WILL BE 13 FLOATS, LION AND UNICORN DANCES, FLAG PARADES, CHINESE FOLK DANCES AND FESTIVAL MUSIC FEATURING DRUMS AND GONGS.

SHRINES OF DEITIES AND THE FAMED SWORD OF THE GOD, PAK TEI, WILL ALSO BE FEATURED.

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THE BUN FESTIVAL, HELD TO APPEASE THE HAUNTING SPIRITS OF PEOPLE KILLED BY PIRATES ON THE ISLAND IN THE EARLY DAYS, HAS BEEN ORGANISED ANNUALLY WITHOUT INTERRUPTION FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY.

CELEBRATIONS OF THE WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL, FEATURING DAILY CANTONESE OPERA SHOWS, AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR LIONS AND UNICORNS, A GHOST-WORSHIPPING CEREMONY, A SMALLER SCALE PROCESSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BUNS, WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY) WITH THE CLIMAX - THE GRAND PROCESSION - ON THURSDAY.

AS AN ACT OF SINCERITY AND HUMILITY, THE ISLANDERS WILL NOT TAKE MEAT FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE DAYS FROM TUESDAY AND NO ANIMAL WILL BE SLAUGHTERED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON THURSDAY (MAY 23).

PRESS BADGES FOR THE EVENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 30TH FLOOR, SOUTHERN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH ORGANISATION WILL ONLY BE GIVEN ONE BADGE.

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NEW DISTRICT OFFICER FOR KOWLOON CITY

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MR WILLIAM YAP HAS BEEN APPOINTED DISTRICT OFFICER OF KOWLOON CITY WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SUCCEEDS MR DUNCAN PESCOD WHO WILL TAKE UP THE POST OF PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (HEADQUARTERS) IN CNTA HEADQUARTERS.

MR YAP JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN 1970 AND BECAME AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1973.

HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED IN A NUMBER OF POLICY BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE FINANCE BRANCH, LANDS BRANCH, CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH, HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, AND SECURITY BRANCH.

HE WAS CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN) IN THE 70'S AND WAS THE DISTRICT OFFICER (ISLANDS) FROM 1983 TO 1985.

MR YAP'S LAST POSTING WAS CIVIL SECRETARY IN THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP IN THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS.

PEOPLE, AGED 21 OR ABOVE, WITH SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, MATURE PERSONALITY AND WILLING TO SACRIFICE ONE'S OWN LEISURE TIME TO SERVE OTHERS WITHOUT ANY MONETARY REWARD ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS (VSP).

THE SCHEME WAS SET UP IN 1976 TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN HELPING OFFENDERS.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THE SCHEME AIMED TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST AND CONCERN TOWARDS HELPING AND REHABILITATING OFFENDERS AND BY SO DOING BRINGING GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND STRONGER COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST CRIME.

"IT ALSO HELPS TO MEET THE SPECIFIC NEED OF SUITABLE PROBATIONERS THROUGH SERVICE OFFERED BY VOLUNTEERS AND COMPLEMENT THE EFFORT OF PROBATION OFFICERS IN THE SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF PROBATIONERS," HE ADDED.

SELECTED VOLUNTEERS WOULD BE GIVEN A BRIEFING BEFORE THEY START TO ASSIST THE PROBATION OFFICERS BY BEFRIENDING, HELPING AND ADVISING PROBATIONERS ON A PERSONAL BASIS.

"THE PERIOD OF SERVICE IS NORMALLY SIX MONTHS, BUT THE VOLUNTEER MAY SERVE FOR FURTHER TERMS FOR THE SAME OR OTHER OFFENDERS," HE SAID.

FORMER VOLUNTEERS OF THE SCHEME ARE WELCOMED TO APPLY AGAIN.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE FOR VSP ON THE 19TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY AND PROBATION OFFICES ATTACHED TO THE MAGISTRACIES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE VSP CENTRE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 10.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 895 4190.

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NEW I.D. CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1916 - 22  
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WOMEN BORN IN 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 AND 1922 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO JULY 6.

WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

- HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI  
TEL. NO. 574 7070
- EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR,  
77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK  
TEL. NO. 755 3669
- WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,  
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI  
TEL. NO. 723 2424
- TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET  
TEL. NO. 498 0117
- SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR,  
CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,  
11-17 SHATIN CENTRE STREET  
TEL. NO. 605 9108
- YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR,  
31 HOP YICK ROAD  
TEL. NO. 477 1543
- TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,  
CHI LOK FA YUEN  
TEL. NO. 458 0646
- SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,  
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI  
TEL. NO. 672 7191

"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING I.D. CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE \*\*\* SYMBOL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

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"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S I.D. CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE \*\*\* SYMBOL, SHE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOFS," HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HER EXISTING I.D. CARD, THE SPOKESMAN SAID SHE MUST PRODUCE HER TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY.

"AS THE APPLICANTS IN THE COMING PHASE ARE OVER 65 YEARS OLD, SOME MAY, DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, FIND IT INCONVENIENT TO GO TO THE ISSUE OFFICES AND WISH TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

"THEY MAY APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 824 6111.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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WSD ENQUIRY CENTRE FOR SAI KUNG CONSUMERS  
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SAI KUNG RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY CAN VISIT THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE OF WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WHICH IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE SAI KUNG TOWN CENTRE ON MONDAYS FOR WATER SUPPLY ENQUIRIES.

THE CENTRE, ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT MAN NIN STREET, OPENS FROM 8.30 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 4.30 PM EVERY MONDAY FOLLOWING REVISED SCHEDULE FROM FEBRUARY.

AN AVERAGE OF SOME 12 ENQUIRIES ARE DEALT WITH BY THE CENTRE ON EACH WORKING DAY.

CENTRE STAFF ANSWER GENERAL WATER ACCOUNT ENQUIRIES AND HANDLE DISTRIBUTION AND COLLECTION OF APPLICATION FORMS AND LEAFLETS FOR SERVICES SUCH AS CONNECTION OF SUPPLY, METER TESTS AND CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID APART FROM CALLING ON THE ENQUIRY CENTRE IN PERSON CONSUMERS CAN ALSO MAKE THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR WATER WORKS SERVICE BY POST.

HE ADDED THAT TO FACILITATE CONSUMERS, A TELEPHONE ENQUIRY SERVICE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S HEAD OFFICE IN WAN CHAI IS AVAILABLE TO HANDLE 25 INCOMING CALLS AT ONE TIME. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 824 5000.

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FLUSHING WATER SUSPENSION

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SUPPLY OF FLUSHING WATER TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 21) TO 9.30 AM ON THURSDAY TO FACILITATE MAINS CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES IN TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, SYCAMORE STREET, MAPLE STREET, WILLOW STREET, WALNUT STREET AND FUK TSUN STREET.

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