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'REX' REPORT ADOPTED BY EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
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A REPORT ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND HONG KONG, PREPARED BY THE EXTERNAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (REX) OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, WAS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE REPORT WAS PREPARED AFTER THE RAPPORTEUR, MR HANS-JOACHIM SEELER, AND THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, DAME SHELAGH ROBERTS, VISITED HONG KONG EARLIER THIS YEAR.

IN ADOPTING THE REPORT, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT PASSED A RESOLUTION (160 VOTES IN FAVOUR, THREE AGAINST AND TWO ABSENTIONS), WHICH:

- * WELCOMES THE SOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE PARTIES TO THE JOINT DECLARATION TO THE FUTURE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POSITION OF HONG KONG;
- * NOTES THAT THIS AGREEMENT ENABLES ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE AND BE FURTHER DEVELOPED AND MOREOVER MAY BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA;
- * NOTES IN THIS CONNECTION THE IMPORTANCE FOR THE FOREIGN TRADE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OF HONG KONG AS THE LARGEST PORT ON THE CHINA COAST AND THE THIRD LARGEST FINANCIAL CENTRE IN THE WORLD;
- * NOTES THAT BECAUSE OF THE DE FACTO RETENTION OF ITS EARLIER STATUS COMBINED WITH A CERTAIN DEGREE OF INTEGRATION WITH THE NATIONAL ECONOMY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION, HONG KONG CAN DEVELOP CONSIDERABLY ITS PRESENT INTERMEDIARY ROLE IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC AND THE WESTERN INDUSTRIALISED NATIONS AND THAT SUCH A DEVELOPMENT COULD HAVE VERY POSITIVE EFFECTS ON FUTURE ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA;
- * CALLS ON THE COMMISSION TO FOLLOW CLOSELY THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS, AND IN PARTICULAR TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE PRACTICAL WAYS IN WHICH HONG KONG'S FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE BENEFITS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM CAN BE MAINTAINED AFTER 1997, AND ESPECIALLY THE QUESTION OF HONG KONG CONTINUING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES;
- * EXPECTS, HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION AND THE COUNCIL TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE ON BEHALF OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT FIRSTLY HONG KONG AND SECONDLY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THEIR ENDEAVOURS TO ATTAIN THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN THE JOINT DECLARATION AND ITS ANNEXES;

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- * EXPECTS IN PARTICULAR THE COMMISSION AND COUNCIL TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENABLE HONG KONG TO REMAIN A MEMBER OF GATT AND THE IMF AFTER 1997 AS LONG AS HONG KONG AS A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THESE BODIES AND NOTES THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES THE CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF HONG KONG AFTER 1997 IN GATT, WHICH IS A MATTER OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE;
- * EXPECTS THAT EVEN AFTER 1997 HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED IN THE COMMUNITY BY AN ECONOMIC AND TRADE MISSION AND THAT THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOR ITS PART WILL BE DULY REPRESENTED IN HONG KONG;
- * BELIEVES IT NECESSARY FOR THE COMMISSION TO TAKE STEPS TO ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO FACILITATE BUSINESS AND TRADE CONTRACTS AND CONSEQUENTLY PERSONAL TRAVEL TO AND FROM HONG KONG BY ELIMINATING THE VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZENS OF HONG KONG FOR VISITS UP TO THREE MONTHS AND EXPECTS FROM HONG KONG IN RETURN RECIPROCAL MEASURES INCLUDING A WAIVER OF ANY FURTHER INCREASE IN AIRPORT TAXES;
- * EXPECTS FURTHER THAT THE COMMISSION WILL WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER THROUGH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WITH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT LIAISON GROUP WHICH WILL BEGIN ITS WORK ONCE THE JOINT DECLARATION ENTERS INTO FORCE ON JUNE 30, 1985 ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO RELATIONS IN FUTURE BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND HONG KONG AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

MR DEREK JONES, MINISTER, BRUSSELS, WHO WAS IN LUXEMBOURG TO ATTEND THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON THE REPORT, SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT IT RECOGNISED THE ROLE HONG KONG COULD PLAY OVER THE COMING DECADES AS A TRADE, BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CENTRE ESPECIALLY IN REGARD TO ITS POSITION AS A GATEWAY TO CHINA.

HE WELCOMED THE STRESS PLACED IN THE REPORT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE GATT AND ITS CALL FOR THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S FULL SUPPORT TO ACHIEVE THIS.

+ I AM SURE THAT THE ADOPTION OF THIS REPORT WILL ASSIST IN THE EXPANSION OF ECONOMIC AND TRADE TIES BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO EXPRESS VIEWS
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REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN URGED TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON LOCAL ISSUES TO THEIR AREA COMMITTEES WHICH WILL IN TURN REFLECT THEM TO THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR MAYER NG, SAID THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION DEPENDED ON RESIDENTS' SUPPORT, AND THEIR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WERE IMPORTANT IN HELPING THE GOVERNMENT IMPROVE PEOPLE'S LIVING CONDITIONS.

HIS COMMENTS CAME TONIGHT (SATURDAY) AT A SEMINAR JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS AREA COMMITTEE FOR ALL RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS IN THE AREA.

HE NOTED THAT AS SOME OF THE AREA COMMITTEE'S INCUMBENT UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS OR RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS, CAN HELP BRING VARIOUS PROBLEMS TO THE ATTENTION OF AREA COMMITTEES.

+THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT BECAUSE PROBLEMS IN THE AREA ARE REGULARLY REFLECTED BY THE AREA COMMITTEE TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES,+ MR NG SAID.

THIS PROCESS PROVIDES A SOLID FOUNDATION IN THE FORMATION OF THE THREE-TIERED INTEGRATED CONSULTATIVE SYSTEM COMPRISING THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND THE RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, HE SAID.

MR NG SAID THE ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES HAD EXPANDED SINCE THEIR ESTABLISHMENT MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO, AND THEIR SUGGESTIONS HAD RESULTED IN IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

+INITIALLY, AREA COMMITTEES WERE MAINLY INVOLVED IN THE PUBLICITY WORK ON VARIOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS, BUT WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE ONSET OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THEIR INTERESTS WERE EXTENDED TO COVER NUMEROUS PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE AREA AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES,+ HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS AREA, FOR EXAMPLE, DISCUSSIONS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THE CONVERSION OF THE TWO-LANE WONG CHUK HANG ROAD INTO A THREE-LANE CARRIAGEWAY WHICH HAD GREATLY IMPROVED TRAFFIC FLOW.

TWO-THIRDS OF THE SQUATTER AREAS IN WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS AREA HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER AREA IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, UNDER WHICH FUNDS WILL BE ALLOCATED TO INSTAL STREET LIGHTS, METERED WATER SUPPLY AND TO RESURFACE FOOTPATHS.

THE WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS AREA COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR KO KAM-CHEUNG, SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD BEEN ABLE TO REFLECT ITS VIEWS REGULARLY TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD BECAUSE FOUR OF ITS MEMBERS ARE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, WHILE TWO OTHERS ARE CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

ABOUT 80 REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS ATTENDED TONIGHT'S SEMINAR WHICH WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEMBERS OF VARIOUS CONSULTATIVE BODIES TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL ORGANISE ANOTHER SEMINAR WITH THE WAH FU AREA COMMITTEE EARLY NEXT MONTH FOR RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS THERE.

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ONLY ONE I.D. CARD TO A PERSON
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THE PUBLIC IS REMINDED THAT IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO HOLD MORE THAN ONE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD.

+UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS, IT IS AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON TO APPLY FOR, OBTAIN OR BE IN POSSESSION OF MORE THAN ONE HONG KONG I.D. CARD,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR THE OFFENCE IS A FINE OF \$20 000 AND TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, 10 CASES OF SUCH A NATURE HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

IN MOST CASES, OFFENDERS CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD EARLIER LOST THEIR I.D. CARDS AND APPLIED FOR REPLACEMENTS, BUT THE LOST CARDS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED. THEY THEN DECIDED TO KEEP THE RETRIEVED CARDS, THINKING THAT THEY COULD USE THEM IN CASE THEY LOST THE REPLACEMENT CARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS IMPROPER AS ONCE A CARD WAS REPORTED LOST, IT AUTOMATICALLY WAS INVALIDATED.

+USING AN INVALIDATED I.D. CARD CAN CAUSE A PERSON A GREAT DEAL OF INCONVENIENCE AND EMBARRASSMENT,+ HE WARNED.

+THE PROPER THING TO DO IS TO RETURN THE OLD CARD TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY FOR CANCELLATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AND IF, UNFORTUNATELY, THEY LOSE THEIR REPLACEMENT CARD LATER ON, THEY WILL SIMPLY HAVE TO APPLY FOR ANOTHER ONE,+ HE ADDED.

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MORE VIEWS SOUGHT ON OPEN EDUCATION

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THE QUESTION OF OPEN EDUCATION IN HONG KONG IS AN IMPORTANT ONE, AND A MAJOR TOPIC TO BE COVERED BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS NEXT REPORT.

BUT A COMMISSION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THERE WAS +SCOPE FOR MORE PUBLIC COMMENT+ ON OPEN EDUCATION, AND THAT THE COMMISSION HOPED FOR A +LARGER RESPONSE+ THAN IT HAD RECEIVED SO FAR TO ITS CALL A MONTH AGO FOR THE PUBLIC TO COME FORWARD WITH ITS VIEWS ON HOW IT SHOULD DEVELOP IN HONG KONG.

THE PUBLIC HAS UNTIL THE END OF JULY TO MAKE KNOWN WHAT IT THINKS ABOUT THE IDEA OF OPEN EDUCATION.

OPEN EDUCATION IS ONE OF THE MAJOR TOPICS WHICH THE COMMISSION INTENDS TO COVER IN ITS SECOND REPORT, THE FIRST REPORT HAVING BEEN PRODUCED IN OCTOBER 1984.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN ITS FIRST REPORT THE COMMISSION HAD GIVEN PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION TO OPEN EDUCATION, STATING THAT +WHILST WE ENDORSE THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION THAT AN OPEN UNIVERSITY SHOULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG, WE SHALL, IN THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR WORK, EXAMINE THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS.+

OPEN EDUCATION REFERS TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR BASIC OR FURTHER EDUCATION FOR PEOPLE WHO WOULD NOT OTHERWISE BE ELIGIBLE FOR IT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT A PERSON MIGHT NOT NORMALLY BE ELIGIBLE BECASUE HE OR SHE WAS BEYOND THE NORMAL AGE LIMITS OR WAS INADEQUATELY QUALIFIED, BUT OPEN EDUCATION COULD OFFER SUCH A PERSON A SECOND CHANCE.

OPEN EDUCATION INCLUDES DISTANCE LEARNING BY CORRESPONDENCE COURSES, RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMMES, PART-TIME ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, EXTERNAL DEGREE AND DIPLOMA PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY A UNIVERSITY, POLYTECHNIC OR RECOGNISED COLLEGE, AND FULL-TIME COURSES FOR MATURE STUDENTS.

+THE EDUCATION COMMISSION WISHES TO CONSIDER WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO EXTEND OPEN EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PUBLIC SHOULD SEND THEIR VIEWS, IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH, TO THE SECRETARY TO THE EDUCATION COMMISSION, EAST WING, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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NEED FOR GUARDING MACHINERY STRESSED
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FACTORY PROPRIETORS WERE REMINDED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OF THE NEED TO GUARD THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY.

THE REMINDER FOLLOWED A RECENT INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENT IN WHICH A WORKER'S RIGHT HAND WAS SEVERED BY A PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINE HE WAS OPERATING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS, PROPRIETORS OF FACTORIES MUST EFFECTIVELY GUARD DANGEROUS PARTS OF EVERY PIECE OF MACHINERY AND PLANT DRIVEN BY MECHANICAL POWER.

HE SAID THE PROPRIETOR IN THE CASE WAS LATER FINED \$15 000 BY A COURT AND ORDERED TO PAY A COURT CHARGE OF \$5 000.

THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR THE OFFENCE IS \$30 000.

FACTORY PROPRIETORS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR ADVICE ON ANY MATTERS CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

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CAS OPENS NEW CADET CENTRE
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES' NEW CADET TRAINING CENTRE WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING BY THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON.

MR JEAFFRESON FIRST UNVEILED A PLAQUE AND THEN DOTTED THE EYES OF A LION TO START A LION DANCE, PERFORMED BY CAS CADETS FOR THE OPENING.

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THE CAS CADET CORPS WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1968 TO TRAIN YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 18 TO BECOME GOOD CITIZENS BY DEVELOPING THEIR PERSONALITIES, PERSONAL TALENTS, PHYSICAL FITNESS, INITIATIVE AND A SENSE OF CO-OPERATION THROUGH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES.

IT NOW HAS 24 UNITS ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, WITH OVER 2 600 MEMBERS.

THE OLD CAS CENTRE AT MA TAU WAI, HAS BEEN HANDED BACK TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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YOUTHS URGED TO TAKE UP TECHNICAL COURSES
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SECONDARY SCHOOL-LEAVERS ARE URGED TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO BECOME WELL-TRAINED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL.

+IN FUTURE HONG KONG WILL NEED A HIGHLY-TRAINED AND EDUCATED WORK FORCE AT ALL LEVELS TO MAINTAIN ITS COMPETITIVENESS IN A PERIOD OF UNPRECEDENTED AND RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE,+ SAID MR HORACE KNIGHT, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE CHRISTIAN ALLIANCE COLLEGE THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

+ONLY THE ALERT AND WELL-TRAINED WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP ABREAST OF AND GRASP THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY NEW DEVELOPMENTS,+ HE ADDED.

WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IN 1982, PROVISION OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING HAS BEEN EXPANDING DRASTICALLY TO SUPPORT THE LOCAL MANPOWER NEEDS.

WHEN IN FULL OPERATION, THE COUNCIL'S EXISTING FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, TOGETHER WITH THREE NEW INSTITUTES SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN A COUPLE OF YEARS WILL PROVIDE 65 000 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME PLACES IN DISCIPLINES WHICH ARE RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF THE ECONOMY.

OFF-THE-JOB INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN BASIC SKILLS AT ALL LEVELS ARE ALSO OFFERED AT THE KOWLOON BAY TRAINING CENTRE COMPLEX. ANOTHER COMPLEX AT KWAI CHUNG WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL THIS SEPTEMBER.

THE TWO COMPLEXES WOULD PROVIDE 9 000 TRAINING PLACES PER YEAR FOR ALMOST ALL THE MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY, MR KNIGHT SAID.

HE ALSO STRONGLY ADVISED YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONSIDER JOINING THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME, WHICH COMBINES EMPLOYMENT IN A TRAINING CAPACITY AND RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION, AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO FULL-TIME EDUCATION.

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CALIFORNIA STUDENTS TO TOUR EASTERN

TWENTY-FIVE GRADUATES FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, WHO ARE ON A PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION STUDY TOUR, WILL VISIT EASTERN DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON DURING THEIR BRIEF STAY IN HONG KONG.

THE TOUR WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT GOVERNMENTAL EXPERIENCES IN CITY MANAGEMENT AND OTHER URBAN MATTERS.

THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG, BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICERS, DR SIMON VICKERS AND MR VINCENT LEUNG.

THE STUDENTS WILL TOUR THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, THE LAI TAK TSUEN AND NGAR CHOI HANG SQUATTER VILLAGES TO LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HOUSING, AND TO SEE THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE TO LIVING CONDITIONS IN HILLSIDE SQUATTERS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, AND THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S THREE SUB-COMMITTEES, WILL ALSO MEET THE GROUP TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF GENERAL INTERESTS.

TEACHING TEACHERS ABOUT PUPILS' PROBLEMS

ABOUT 600 PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL ATTEND A THREE-DAY COURSE ON UNDERSTANDING AND HANDLING PUPILS' PROBLEMS IN THE CLASSROOM, STARTING MONDAY (JULY 15).

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE HOMANTIN GOVERNMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL.

AIMED AT HELPING TEACHERS TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEMS OF PUPILS IN THE CLASSROOM AND TO DISCUSS VARIOUS WAYS OF HANDLING SUCH PROBLEMS IN A CLASSROOM SETTING, THE COURSE WILL ALSO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

RESPONSE TO THE COURSE BY TEACHERS WAS VERY ENCOURAGING AS THOSE HAVING SUCH PUPILS IN THEIR CLASSES WOULD FIND THE COURSE PARTICULARLY USEFUL, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS A RESULT, THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS ACCEPTED FOR THE COURSE HAD INCREASED REMARKEDLY FROM 200 TO 600, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TALKS DURING THE THREE-DAY COURSE WILL INCLUDE STUDENT GUIDANCE SERVICE IN SCHOOLS, HOW TO HELP PUPILS WITH LEARNING PROBLEMS OR WITH BEHAVIOUR AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS, THE ROLE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES IN HELPING SCHOOL CHILDREN, AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND CLASSES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS IN HONG KONG.

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WORKSHOP HELD TO INTRODUCE SURVEY ON TREES
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ABOUT 40 TEACHERS TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDED A WORKSHOP AT THE VICTORIA PARK CENTRE COURT IN CONNECTION WITH A COMING SURVEY ON TREES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

THE WORKSHOP WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION.

THE AIM OF THE SURVEY IS TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON TREES THROUGH FIELD RESEARCH, TO MAINTAIN MONTHLY TREE PLANTING, FELLING AND MAINTENANCE RECORDS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF USD STAFF, AND TO ESTABLISH AND UPDATE THE TREE DATABASE THROUGH THE USE OF COMPUTERS.

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SHOWS TO BOOST RESIDENTS' EFFORTS
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A VARIETY SHOW AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE TOMORROW EVENING (JULY 14) WILL LAUNCH THE WONG TAI SIN WEST SUB-DISTRICT FORTNIGHT, WHICH AIMS AT ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND AT THE SAME TIME, PUBLICISE THE WORK OF AREA COMMITTEES.

THERE WILL BE DANCING AND SINGING PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES, AND ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR D.C. BUTLER, THE CHAIRMAN OF LOK FU AREA COMMITTEE, MR WONG KAN-FONG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF TUNG TAU AREA COMMITTEE, MR CHUNG SHE-YEN.

THE VARIETY SHOW IS ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, AND THE AREA COMMITTEES OF TUNG TAU, LOK FU AND WANG TAU HOM.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE FORTNIGHT INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, A CHILDREN'S DRAWING COMPETITION AND CROSS-WORD PUZZLE COMPETITION, AND OTHER EVENTS.

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FAIR STARTS OFF TUEN MUN SUMMER ACTIVITIES

THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY) WITH A FUN FAIR AT THE YAN OI TOWN SQUARE.

HUNDREDS OF YOUNGSTERS THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEMSELVES AT THE FAIR, WHICH HIGHLIGHTED THE OPENING OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR SO SHIU-SHING, SAID THIS YEAR'S PROGRAMME WAS PLANNED TO COINCIDE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR'S THEME OF +PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PEACE+.

A TOTAL OF 536 EVENTS, COSTING MORE THAN \$300 000, HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR YOUTHS IN TUEN MUN.

MR SO SAID HE HOPED THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD HELP TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY IN THE FUTURE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, AND THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR CHAN CHE-HIM, ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY.

A LEAFLET ON THE TIME-TABLE OF THE TUEN MUN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

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OFFICE MOVING

THE KWUN TONG OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE AT TUNG YAN STREET WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KWUN TONG EAST GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LEI YUE MUN ROAD ON MONDAY (JULY 15).

THE OFFICE WILL HANDLE LABOUR DISPUTES IN THE DISTRICT AND GIVE ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATING TO CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT IN GENERAL. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT 3-490977.

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RECLAIMED LAND FOR HOUSING PLANNED
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO CONSTRUCT A 480-METRE SEAWALL AND TO RECLAIM AN AREA OF ABOUT 10.35 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA-BED AT KELLETT BAY, POK FU LAM.

THE RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME HOUSING ESTATE, COMPRISING A TOTAL OF 4 110 FLATS FOR 18 500 PEOPLE, AND RELATED FACILITIES.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORK IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE NOTICE TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, SHOP 25, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL IN WRITING AND/OR CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BY SEPTEMBER 12.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENT SALE
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

THE POOL COMPLEX IS A MAJOR AQUATIC SPORTS CENTRE FOR YUEN LONG RESIDENTS, AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID.

LAST YEAR, IT WAS FREQUENTED BY MORE THAN 250 000 SWIMMERS.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDER CAN START HIS BUSINESS ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR UNTIL OCTOBER 31, 1987.

TENDER FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE OF THE RSD ON ROOM 201 OF THE YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND TAI KIU MARKET, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG; OR THE ADMINISTRATION DIVISION OF THE RSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TENDER BOX SITUATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE RSD HEADQUARTERS BEFORE 9 AM ON AUGUST 9 (FRIDAY). LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE TENDER SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TELEPHONE 0-753433, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ROAD JUNCTION TO BE MODIFIED FOR SAFETY
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO CONVERT KENG HAU ROAD IN SHA TIN INTO A CUL-DE-SAC TO ENHANCE ROAD SAFETY IN THE AREA.

FOLLOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TIN SUM VALLEY IN SHA TIN VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IN KENG HAU ROAD HAD BECOME SO HEAVY THAT IT EXCEEDED THE SAFE CAPACITY OF THE ROAD.

A DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN TO CLOSE THE JUNCTION OF KENG HAU ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD TO VEHICLEKJOA SPOKESMAN FOR THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID.

MODIFICATION WILL BE MADE TO THE JUNCTION FOR THE CLOSURE, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF A TURNING AREA FOR MOTOR VEHICLES, PEDESTRIAN PAVEMENTS, AMENITY RAILINGS AND A LOCKABLE BARRIER.

THE PLAN AND SCHEME MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG, DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN AND SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

OBJECTIONS TO THE WORKS OR THE USE, OR BOTH, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY SEPTEMBER 10.

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ROAD CLOSED
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THE SLIP ROAD LINKING THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HIP WO STREET AND THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 16) TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF WATER MAINS.

MOTORISTS USING HIP WO STREET NORTHBOUND AND HEADING FOR SHUN LEE AREA WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD.

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TAPS OFF
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 16) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY TAI KOO SHING ROAD, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, TAI ON STREET, INCLUDING THE SEA FRONT.

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STREETS RE-ROUTED FOR ROAD WORKS

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A NUMBER OF STREETS IN CHEUNG SHA WAN AND TAI KOK TSUI WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 16) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

THEY ARE:

- * CHEUNG MOU STREET BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND CHEUNG SHUN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * MAPLE STREET BETWEEN BEDFORD ROAD AND TUNG CHAU STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

MOTORISTS GOING TO LAI CHI KOK ROAD ARE ADVISED TO USE TAI NAN WEST STREET. MOTORISTS HEADING FOR BEDFORD ROAD SHOULD USE WALNUT STREET.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON TOUTING FOR LEGAL SERVICES

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST TOUTING FOR LEGAL SERVICES WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (JULY 15) AT 3 PM.

MR TIM FRESHWATER, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LAW SOCIETY WILL DELIVER A SPEECH.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MR DENIS CHANG, Q.C., CHAIRMAN OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION, MR WILLIAM TSUI, MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE LAW SOCIETY AND A LEGAL DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE.

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