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NEW OPHTHALMIC CENTRE FOR KOWLOON  
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THE GOVERNMENT OPHTHALMIC SERVICE WILL HAVE A NEW CENTRE IN KOWLOON PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES AND TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASES, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NINTH CONGRESS OF THE ASIA PACIFIC ACADEMY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, DR THONG SAID THAT AMONG THE MANY NEW FACILITIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASES IN THIS DECADE, THE SETTING UP OF A CENTRALISED OPHTHALMIC CENTRE IN ARGYLE STREET IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE.

THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE ACCOMMODATION FOR THE NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE OPHTHALMIC SERVICE, CLINICAL CONSULTING ROOMS, TREATMENT ROOMS, OPERATING THEATRES, DAY BEDS AND FACILITIES FOR HEALTH EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF OPHTHALMIC STAFF.

DR THONG ALSO GAVE AN OUTLINE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANS FOR MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

+OUR MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ENVISAGES THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS OF OVER 1 300 BEDS EACH, MORE THAN 20 CLINICS AND POLYCLINICS, ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL AND THE ELDERLY AND REHABILITATION FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED,+ HE SAID.

WITHIN THE GENERAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, PROVISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO INCORPORATE THE OPHTHALMIC SERVICE IN NEW CLINICS AND HOSPITALS.

+WHEN COMPLETED, THE NEW OPHTHALMIC CENTRE WILL PLAY A VERY ACTIVE ROLE -IN PROVIDING PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE CARE FOR EYE DISEASES AND ALSO SERVE AS A TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE STAFF IN OPHTHALMOLOGY,+ SAID DR THONG.

AN OPHTHALMIC UNIT WITH 50 EYE BEDS, OPERATING THEATRES AND CLINIC SERVICE WILL ALSO BE INCORPORATED IN A NEW BLOCK TO BE BUILT AT THE TUNG WAH EASTERN HOSPITAL.

FUTURE PLANS ALSO INCLUDE 23 ADDITIONAL CONSULTING ROOMS FOR EYE CLINIC SERVICES AND 150 ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL BEDS FOR EYE PATIENTS.

DR THONG SAID THAT APART FROM IMPROVING THE PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE ASPECT OF THE EYE SERVICE, THE GOVERNMENT IN RECENT YEARS, HAS ALSO CONSIDERED THE VARIOUS LEVELS OF THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY-LOCALLY TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITY.

+IN THIS REGARD, LEGISLATIVE CONTROL IS BEING DRAFTED FOR THE PRACTISING OPTOMETRISTS AND THE TRAINING OF OPTOMETRISTS IS BEING PLANNED TOGETHER WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATIVE CONTROL,+ HE SAID.

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A NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG ALSO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF EYE CARE, DR THONG SAID.

THE HONG KONG OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN CO-ORDINATING LOCAL SOCIETIES CONCERNED WITH MEDICAL AND OPTICAL TREATMENT OF EYE DISEASES, PUBLIC OCULAR HEALTH, WELFARE AND REHABILITATION OF THE VISUALLY DISABLED.

+WITH THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENT BODIES, WE ARE LIKELY TO SEE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS A VERY MUCH IMPROVED AND EXPANDED OPHTHALMIC SERVICE FOR THE PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE CARE OF EYE DISEASES FOR OUR COMMUNITY,+ DR THONG SAID.

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HK'S WASTE RECOVERY SYSTEM MOST EFFECTIVE  
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POLLUTION CONTROL IN DENMARK HAS GENERATED ECONOMIC GROWTH RATHER THAN SUPPRESSED IT, AN EXPERIENCE ALSO FOUND IN OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, THE COMMISSIONER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

DR REED WAS SPEAKING AT THE ENERGY AND POLLUTION CONTROL SYMPOSIUM IN HONG KONG ORGANISED BY THE FEDERATION OF DANISH INDUSTRIES.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE STRONG PARALLELS BETWEEN THE DANISH AND THE HONG KONG APPROACH TO POLLUTION CONTROL.

+THE EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION THROUGH PLANNING, THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF COOPERATION AND CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE NEED TO BALANCE THE COSTS OF ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES AGAINST THE BENEFIT DERIVED BY THE COMMUNITY FROM THE ACTIVITIES THAT GIVE RISE TO POLLUTION, ARE ALL VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH WHAT WE ARE DOING IN HONG KONG,+ DR REED SAID.

BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THE HONG KONG EPA WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1981, 10 YEARS AFTER ITS DANISH COUNTERPART, AND ADDED THAT +THE TASK WE FACE IS EVEN MORE DAUNTING THAN THE ONES FACED IN DENMARK OVER A DECADE AGO.+

AMONG THE DIFFICULTIES IN HONG KONG CITED BY DR REED ARE THE HIGH PROPORTION OF INDUSTRY IN FLATTED FACTORIES, THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CARS PER KILOMETRE IN THE WORLD, AND A TOPOGRAPHY, METEOROLOGY AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT WHICH ALL CONSPIRE TO RESTRICT DISPERSION AND CAUSE POLLUTANTS TO ACCUMULATE.

+BUT ON THE PLUS SIDE, WE HAVE ALREADY PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WASTE RECOVERY SYSTEMS IN THE WORLD WITH SOMETHING LIKE 20 PER CENT OF WASTES CREATED EACH DAY BEING RECOVERED AND RECYCLED AT A NOT INCONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO HONG KONG'S BALANCE OF PAYMENTS.

+AND, ABOVE ALL, WE HAVE THE HONG KONG SPIRIT WHICH INSISTS THAT THE POSSIBLE IS DONE TODAY AND THE IMPOSSIBLE TOMORROW,+ DR REED SAID.

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'COMMUNITY SPIRIT' IN TSUEN WAN INCREASING  
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THE WHOLE WATERFRONT AREA OF CENTRAL TSUEN WAN WILL IN A FEW YEARS BE GREATLY CHANGED FOR THE BETTER, THE OUT-GOING TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TONIGHT (MONDAY).

AT A DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY TO BID HIM FAREWELL AND TO WELCOME THE NEW DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, MR MACLEOD SAID TSUEN WAN SUFFERED FROM BEING AN +OLD+ NEW TOWN, WITH ITS EARLY GROWTH BEING BEFORE TOWN PLANNING STANDARDS HELPED TO ENSURE A REASONABLE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES.

+PARTLY FOR THIS REASON, PERHAPS, THE 'MANAGEMENT' OF THE TOWN STILL NEEDS IMPROVEMENT: SHORTAGE OF SPACE MAKES THE JOB OF THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS WHICH MANAGE TSUEN WAN - SUCH AS THE POLICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT - MUCH MORE DIFFICULT,+ HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT PAST ENCOURAGEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONS WHICH INCREASED +COMMUNITY SPIRIT+ HAD ALREADY BORNE FRUIT.

+THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD IN SPORT, RECREATION AND CULTURE IS WELL-KNOWN. ALSO OF GREAT IMPORTANCE ARE THE MANY ASSOCIATIONS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WHICH DRAW PEOPLE TOGETHER IN VARIOUS WAYS,+ MR MACLEOD CONTINUED.

+NOR SHOULD WE FORGET THAT PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT CONTINUES AT SOME SPEED, TRANSFORMING SOME OLD FACTORY AREAS INTO MODERN PRIVATE COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AND IN OTHER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT TRANSFORMING BARREN HILLSIDES INTO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.+

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT DURING HIS STAY IN TSUEN WAN HE HAD ENCOURAGED THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO GIVE MORE EMPHASIS ON MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS.

+WE HAVE ALSO BEGUN TO INVOLVE BOTH THE BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE MUCH MORE IN COMMENTING ON PLANNING MATTERS. NOR HAVE WE FORGOTTEN THE INTERESTS OF THE VILLAGERS WHO HAVE BEEN SO IMPORTANT TO THIS DISTRICT IN THE PAST, AND WHO ALSO STILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY,+ HE SAID.

THE INCOMING DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, SAID DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND OTHER DISTRICT AFFAIRS IN TSUEN WAN SUCH AS THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE SPORTS FESTIVAL AND THE ARTS FESTIVAL WERE NOW ALL ON THE TRACK.

+ALL THESE ACHIEVEMENTS ARE THE RESULT OF, APART FROM THE EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, VIEWS AND SUPPORT AND DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL LEADERS,+ MR HSU SAID.

+I HOPE YOU WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE ME AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE YOUR VALUABLE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE AS YOU HAVE BEEN GIVING.+

ABOUT 1 000 GUESTS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND LOCAL LEADERS, ATTENDED THE PARTY.

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### ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY STARTS

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FIELD WORK FOR A SURVEY TO ASCERTAIN THE MANPOWER AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY WILL START TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THIS IS A BIENNIAL SURVEY, ORGANISED BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND ASSISTED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY NOTES WERE SENT OUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO THE SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

EMPLOYERS ARE BEING ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES, EXISTING VACANCIES, TRAINING FACILITIES AND A FORECAST OF MANPOWER DEMAND IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

INTERVIEWERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES AND TO HELP IN ANSWERING THEM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

AS THE SURVEY IS IMPORTANT IN FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS, THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS FOR COOPERATION.

THE SURVEY WILL END ON MARCH 21.

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### CHANGES IN EARLY ROAD TESTS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CEASE TO OFFER EARLY ROAD TEST APPOINTMENTS TO CANDIDATES WHO HAVE COMPLETED ITS INDOOR DRIVING INSTRUCTION COURSES AT PUI CHING ROAD AS FROM APRIL 1, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THIS ALSO APPLIES TO STUDENTS ATTENDING COURSES AT THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

HOWEVER, LEARNER DRIVERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED COURSES GIVEN BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING LIMITED AT WONG CHUK HANG WILL BE GRANTED EARLY PART 'B' AND PART 'C' DRIVING TESTS.

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THE BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR A LEARNER DRIVER TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE SCHOOL IS TO PASS A FILM TEST ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A 9-HOUR SIMULATOR COURSE ORGANISED EITHER BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION OR THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING.

DETAILS OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING ENROLMENT PROCEDURES WILL BE PUBLICISED BY THE SCHOOL IN MID-APRIL.

AS FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), NEW APPLICANTS WHO REGISTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S INDOOR INSTRUCTION COURSES WILL BE ENTITLED TO ENROL FOR THE FIRST COURSE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SCHOOL OF MOTORING LIMITED IN JUNE AFTER THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE SIMULATOR COURSE.

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MORE TALKS ON EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE FOR DISABLED  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED THREE MORE TALKS ON THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, WAN CHAI, YESTERDAY (SUNDAY).

THE TALKS WERE GIVEN IN VIEW OF THE FAVOURABLE RESPONSE TO A SIMILAR FUNCTION HELD IN JANUARY.

ATTENDING THE TALKS WERE MORE THAN 300 PEOPLE WHO ARE EITHER MEMBERS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED OR REGISTRANTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE TALKS, ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, WERE SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE FIRST TALK DUE TO OVER-SUBSCRIPTION.

DURING THE TALKS, OFFICERS FROM THE UNIT EXPLAINED THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, INCLUDING CONTRACTS OF EMPLOYMENT, PAYMENT OF WAGES AND DEDUCTIONS FROM WAGES, TERMINATION OF CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT, SEVERANCE PAYMENTS, REST DAYS, STATUTORY HOLIDAYS, PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, SICKNESS ALLOWANCES AND MATERNITY LEAVE, ETC.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE TALKS WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROVISIONS, HE SAID.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF PROVIDED A SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER AT TWO SESSIONS.

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TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS THIS WEEK  
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THE ADDITION OF THREE NEW COMMITTEES TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD TO CATER FOR THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 16).

THE THREE COMMITTEES -- DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, AND LAW AND ORDER -- WILL BRING TO EIGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMMITTEES UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD.

INFORMATION PAPERS ON THE IMPACT OF THE NEW SUBVENTION SYSTEM ON WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE AGED IN THE DISTRICT, CLEARANCE AT AH KUNG KOK, PUBLIC COMPLAINTS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS, THE +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME AND NAMING OF NEW HOUSING BLOCKS IN LUNG HANG ESTATE WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

ON THURSDAY (MARCH 17), THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD ITS THIRD MEETING WHEN MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS DETAILS OF THE DISTRICT'S FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PICNIC SPOT IN MOUNT DAVIES, LICENSING GUIDELINES FOR AMUSEMENT GAME CENTRES, AND A BRIEF INTRODUCTION OF THE ORGANISATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LANDS DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN AREA DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION OF THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS.

(A) THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM5797, TAKING PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO SHA TIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.30 AM.

(B) THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM ON THURSDAY AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, 222-224 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL.

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NEW OFFICE FOR RURAL COMMITTEE  
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+A CENTRE OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE LIFE OF SHA TAU KOK VILLAGERS+ WAS OPENED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR MACPHERSON PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE AND A NUMBER OF GENEROUS DONORS WHOSE EFFORTS HAD MADE THE NEW BUILDING POSSIBLE.

HE SAID: +THE RURAL COMMITTEE WILL CERTAINLY MAKE GOOD USE OF IT TO PROVIDE AN EVEN BETTER SERVICE TO THE LOCAL INHABITANTS.+

THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED 50 YEARS AGO. ITS OFFICE WAS MOVED TO THE PRESENT SITE IN 1962, BUT COLLAPSED IN 1979.

THE TWO-STOREY BUILDING WAS REBUILT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$70 000, OF WHICH \$20 000 CAME FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE BALANCE WAS CONTRIBUTED BY LOCAL DIGNITARIES.

ITS ADMINISTRATION OFFICES ARE ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND THE UPPER FLOOR IS USED AS A CONFERENCE ROOM.

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FREE OUTING FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE  
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FOUR HUNDRED ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL JOIN A FREE ONE-DAY OUTING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES BEING ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) AND THE MOUNT CAMERON LIONS' CLUB.

THEY ARE AMONG THE MORE THAN 1 000 ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO APPLIED TO THE RSS OFFICE THIS MORNING FOR THE 400 VACANCIES AVAILABLE.

THEY WILL BE TAKEN ON A VISIT ON MARCH 23 TO FUNG YING SIN KOON, A MONASTERY IN FANLING, AND WILL BE ENTERTAINED TO A VEGETARIAN LUNCH AT CHUK LAM SIM YUEN, A MONASTERY IN TSUEN WAN.

THE OUTING IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED FOR THE ELDERLY PEOPLE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RSS SAID.

+DUE TO ITS POPULARITY, THE NUMBER OF PLACES HAS BEEN RAISED FROM 260 LAST YEAR TO 400 THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TECHNICAL STUDENTS

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SCHOLARSHIPS TOTALLING \$200 000 WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR KENNETH TOPLEY TO 334 STUDENTS FROM HONG KONG'S FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 16).

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, CHEUNG SHA WAN, STARTING AT 4 PM.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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WATER MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE CUT OFF FOR 12 HOURS FROM 8 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 17) TO ALLOW WATER MAINS WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY ON YUK ROAD, TSUEN KING CIRCUIT, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, WEST SIDE OF TAI CHUNG ROAD, CHAI WAN KOK STREET TO THE END OF 11-1/2 MILESTONE, TING KAU.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 75.8 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 437.729 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 232.140 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 40.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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