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FS TO MOVE COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENT TO INLAND REVENUE BILL

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR PIERS JACOBS, WILL MOVE A COMMITTEE STAGE AMENDMENT TO THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 AT THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 8).

THE AMENDMENT, IF APPROVED, WILL ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE TO MORE EFFICIENTLY ASSESS AND COLLECT PROFITS TAX DUE BY CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTS ON PROFITS DERIVED FROM HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE DRAFT AMENDMENT BILL, WHICH WAS FIRST INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR, SOUGHT TO ENABLE A NON-RESIDENT TO BE CHARGEABLE TO TAX IN THE NAME OF A PERSON IN HONG KONG WHERE THAT PERSON, ALTHOUGH NOT AN AGENT OF THE NON-RESIDENT WAS NEVERTHELESS A PERSON FROM WHOM THE NON-RESIDENT WAS IN RECEIPT OF PROFITS OR INCOME ARISING IN HONG KONG.

"HOWEVER, IN THE COURSE OF CONSULTATION WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING PROFESSIONS, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE SCOPE OF THE BILL AS DRAFTED MIGHT BE TOO WIDE AND COULD HAVE HAD UNINTENDED TAXATION IMPLICATIONS FOR THOSE PERSONS IN HONG KONG WHO HAVE BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH NON-RESIDENTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS THEREFORE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL AT THE COMMITTEE STAGE," HE ADDED.

THESE AMENDMENTS HAVE THE EFFECT OF LIMITING THE SCOPE OF OPERATION OF THE NEW PROVISIONS IN THE BILL TO A SPECIFIED AND RESTRICTED CLASS OF NON-RESIDENT.

IN ESSENCE, THIS CLASS COMPRISES NON-RESIDENTS IN RECEIPT OF ROYALTIES AND LICENCE FEES FROM HONG KONG, AND NON-RESIDENT ENTERTAINERS AND PERFORMERS WHO PERFORM IN HONG KONG.

"THE AMENDMENTS WILL ENSURE THAT THE NEW PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE COLLECTION OF PROFITS TAX FROM NON-RESIDENT PERSONS WILL APPLY ONLY TO SITUATIONS WHERE PERSONS IN HONG KONG, WHO ARE NOT AGENTS, DEAL WITH THIS SPECIFIED CLASS OF NON-RESIDENT.

"THIS WOULD MEET THE CONCERN EARLIER EXPRESSED IN SOME QUARTERS OF THE LEGAL AND ACCOUNTING PROFESSIONS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THIS CLASS OF NON-RESIDENT INCLUDES THOSE CATEGORIES OF NON-HONG KONG RESIDENT FROM WHOM THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE BELIEVES TAX COLLECTION IS AT PRESENT AT GREATEST RISK.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS WOULD NOT, IN ANY WAY, ALTER THE PRESENT TAXATION SYSTEM OR ITS APPLICATION, BUT WOULD FACILITATE COLLECTION BY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF PROFITS TAX FROM NON-RESIDENTS.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN COMPUTER CONFERENCE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL COMPUTER CONFERENCE (HKICC) AND HONG KONG COMPUTER EXPO '89 ON APRIL 10 AS THE CONFERENCE PATRON AND GUEST OF HONOUR.

MORE THAN 1,000 DELEGATES REPRESENTING OVER 20 COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE, LASTING UNTIL APRIL 14.

THE FIVE-DAY CONFERENCE, TO BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, HOPES TO FOCUS THE WORLD'S ATTENTION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) DEVELOPMENT IN THIS REGION AND TO ENHANCE THE INTEREST AND AWARENESS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE APPLICATIONS OF "IT" LOCALLY.

HKICC '89 HAS ADOPTED AS ITS THEME "IT DIRECTION FOR THE 90'S". IT WILL ADDRESS FIVE SUB-THEMES, NAMELY "IT" INDUSTRY DIRECTIONS, RESEARCH DIRECTIONS, EDUCATION AND TRAINING, APPLICATIONS DIRECTIONS AND "IT" IN THE EMERGING ECONOMIES IN THE 90'S.

A FULL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME WITH ALMOST 70 SPEAKERS HAS BEEN PLANNED.

THE PROGRAMME DOES NOT ONLY CARRY SESSIONS THAT ARE TECHNICALLY ORIENTED, BUT IT ALSO COVERS SESSIONS THAT ARE MORE CONCEPTUAL IN NATURE TARGETING FOR THE MANAGEMENT CIRCLE.

SIR GEOFFREY PATTIE, UNITED KINGDOM'S FORMER MINISTER FOR INDUSTRY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, HAS ALREADY AGREED TO BE THE CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER.

DR KENNETH KING, PRESIDENT OF EDUCOM, WILL SPEAK ON "CAMPUS INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIES FOR THE 90'S". A PRESENTATION ON "TECHNOLOGY BASE FOR THE COMPUTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS REVOLUTION" WILL BE DELIVERED BY DR CHARLES KAO, VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

PROFESSOR STUART LYNN, VICE PRESIDENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY WILL ALSO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AS A KEYNOTE SPEAKER. HE WILL SPEAK ON "INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY: MANAGEMENT ISSUES FOR HIGHER EDUCATION".

NOBEL LAUREATE PROFESSOR C. N. YANG WILL BE THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THE CONFERENCE BANQUET.

THE CONFERENCE HAS IDENTIFIED SOME PARTICULAR RELEVANT TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED BY LEADING EXPERTS. THEY INCLUDE THE AREAS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, EXPERT SYSTEMS SUPERCONDUCTIVITY, SUPERCOMPUTER, INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION AND ENGINEERING SOFTWARE PACKAGES.

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THE CONFERENCE WILL ALSO DEMONSTRATE THE BREADTH OF "IT" APPLICATIONS BY COVERING AREAS SUCH AS COMPUTER ART AND MUSIC, LIBRARY AUTOMATION, AS WELL AS SOCIAL ISSUES INCLUDING COCOM REGULATIONS AND SOFTWARE COPYRIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM MR ALEX TZANG (5-286136) OR MRS LORRAINE WONG (5-8256573) OF THE CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

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PROBATION OFFICERS COMMENDED

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THE CHIEF MAGISTRATE, MR RICHARD HAWKES, TODAY (SATURDAY) COMMENDED PROBATION OFFICERS FOR THEIR HIGH STANDARD OF WORK.

"I ALMOST NEVER FAIL TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE THOROUGHNESS AND FAIRNESS OF PROBATION REPORTS, BUT WHAT IS PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED BY MAGISTRATES, HOWEVER, IS THE REALISTIC RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH ARE USUALLY MADE," HE SAID.

HE SAID IT WAS QUITE REMARKABLE THAT PROBATION OFFICERS WERE ABLE TO SET CONSISTENTLY HIGH STANDARDS IN THEIR REPORTS. THERE WERE ONLY ABOUT 70 PROBATION OFFICERS TO PROVIDE ABOUT 8,500 PROBATION REPORTS A YEAR AND TO COPE WITH THE NEARLY 3,000 OFFENDERS PLACED ON PROBATION EACH YEAR, HE NOTED.

MR HAWKES WAS SPEAKING AT THE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS (VSP) ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MR HAWKES NOTED THAT THE SCHEME HELPED PROMOTE GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE REFORMATION OF OFFENDERS AS WELL AS GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND STRONGER COMMUNITY ACTION AGAINST CRIME.

HE COMMENDED THE VOLUNTEERS WHO TOOK PART IN THE SCHEME FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO SACRIFICE THEIR OWN LEISURE TIME TO SERVE OTHERS WITHOUT MONETARY REWARD.

THESE VOLUNTEERS COULD ASSIST PROBATION OFFICERS BY PROVIDING PERSONAL AND MORAL SUPPORT FOR PROBATIONERS, HE NOTED.

"THEY CAN ASSIST IN ALL SORTS OF WAYS SUCH AS SCHOOL WORK, AND ENCOURAGING THE PROBATIONERS TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME BY DEVELOPING INTERESTS IN HOBBIES, SPORTS AND OTHER WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES.

"THE MOST VALUABLE THING THEY CAN PROVIDE IS FRIENDSHIP, WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO ALL PROBATIONERS BUT IN PARTICULAR TO THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FAMILY SUPPORT OR DESIRABLE FRIENDS," HE SAID.

HE CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN WHOLESOME AND INTERESTING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS SPORTS SO AS TO SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME PROPERLY.

"I BELIEVE THAT PERSONS WHO FIND TIME TO PLAY SPORT ON A REGULAR BASIS, APART FROM BEING GENERALLY FITTER AND HEALTHIER, ARE ALSO LIKELY TO STUDY AND WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY," MR HAWKES SAID.

SPEAKING EARLIER AT THE CEREMONY, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, POINTED OUT THAT VOLUNTARY EFFORT WAS THE ESSENCE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THIS HAD BEEN THE ESTABLISHED TRADITION IN THE WELFARE SERVICE FIELD.

HE NOTED THAT VOLUNTARY EFFORTS AND ACTIONS HAD TODAY TRANSFORMED INTO A GENERAL REALISATION OF COMMUNITY MUTUAL HELP TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS. THIS COULD BE DONE BY PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OR BY ORGANISING ONE'S OWN PROJECTS.

"PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, INCLUDING THE AVERAGE WORKER, HOUSEWIVES, PROFESSIONALS AND STUDENTS, HAVE INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED BY GIVING ADVICE, MORAL SUPPORT AND CONCRETE ASSISTANCE TO BRING ABOUT IMPROVEMENTS TO INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BETTER COMMUNITY," MR LAW SAID.

"THE VSP, WHICH STARTED IN 1976, IS A PROJECT IN THIS DIRECTION, AND IS A MEASURE TO STRENGTHEN THE REHABILITATION ASPECT OF THE SERVICE," HE ADDED.

TWENTY-NINE VOLUNTEERS WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION OR SOUVENIRS FOR THEIR CONTINUING AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

BIG BANNERS TO PROMOTE MC ELECTIONS

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THE SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, TODAY (SATURDAY) OFFICIATED AT A CEREMONY TO UNFOLD TWO BIG BANNERS CARRYING VOTING MESSAGES FOR THE FORTHCOMING MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE EVENT, HELD AT THE UC CENTENARY GARDEN IN TSIM SHA TSUI, WAS PART OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE COUNT-DOWN PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES ORGANISED TO REMIND ELIGIBLE ELECTORS TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON POLLING DAY.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, A FANCY VEHICLE STARTED A TOUR IN SOME URBAN DISTRICTS INCLUDING YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON CITY, WONG TAI SIN AND EASTERN, DURING WHICH IT MADE STOPS TO BROADCAST ELECTION MESSAGES.

A SIMILAR FANCY VEHICLE TOUR TO COVER AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 7.

APART FROM THE FANCY VEHICLE TOURS, PUBLICITY FOR THE ELECTIONS ALSO INCLUDES A SERIES OF FOUR COUNT-DOWN ANNOUNCEMENTS IN PUBLIC INTEREST (API'S) WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST ON TELEVISION AND RADIO STARTING MARCH 6.

TO ADD TO THE ELECTION ATMOSPHERE, HELIUM BALLOONS BEARING THE VOTING MESSAGE WILL BE FLOATED OVER TSUEN WAN ON MARCH 7, OVER SHA TIN ON MARCH 8, AND OVER STATUE SQUARE ON MARCH 9.

AS A REMINDER TO ELECTORS, ADVERTISEMENTS WILL APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS ON POLLING DAY.

PUBLICITY AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL INCLUDES SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS IN DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS, BANNERS, CINEMA SLIDES AND WINDOW DISPLAYS.

THIS YEAR, THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 53 CANDIDATES VYING FOR 27 SEATS IN THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS. OF THESE, SEVEN CANDIDATES - FOUR FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND THREE FOR THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS - ARE RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS URGED TO VOTE

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THE ASSISTANT SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MISS MARGARET FONG, HAS CALLED ON SHA TIN RESIDENTS TO VOTE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 9.

BY DOING SO THEY WOULD SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE CANDIDATES, WHO WERE WILLING TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

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MISS FONG TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO URGE PEOPLE TO VOTE WHEN SHE SPOKE AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR THE SHA TIN FESTIVE LIGHTING PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FESTIVE LIGHTING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE TO COINCIDE WITH THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED FESTIVE LIGHTING IN THE DISTRICT.

MISS FONG SAID THE FESTIVE LIGHTING IN SHA TIN HAD BECOME A SIGNIFICANT FEATURE WHICH ATTRACTED NUMEROUS PEOPLE FROM BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FESTIVE SEASONS.

SHE ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS OF THE FESTIVE LIGHTING PROGRAMME TO THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, AND THE COUNCIL'S INVOLVEMENT WAS A REASON WHY RESIDENTS SHOULD CAST THEIR VOTES IN SUPPORT OF THE CANDIDATES CONTESTING SHA TIN CONSTITUENCY SEATS IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

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#### FORUM IN TAI PO FOR RC CANDIDATES

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL HOLD A FORUM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR THE TWO CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE TAI PO DISTRICT CONSTITUENCY SEAT IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

THE FORUM, IN THE TAI PO OLD MARKET PUBLIC SCHOOL IN ON CHEUNG ROAD, WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM.

THE CANDIDATES, MR MICHAEL LAI KAM-CHEUNG AND MR CHENG CHUN-PING, WILL PRESENT THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE FORUM.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE TAI PO OLD MARKET PUBLIC SCHOOL IN ON CHEUNG ROAD, TAI PO.

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CROSS COUNTRY RACE IN NORTH DISTRICT

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HUNDREDS OF RUNNERS AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 60, FROM ALL PARTS OF THE TERRITORY, WILL COMPETE IN AN ANNUAL CROSS COUNTRY RACE IN NORTH DISTRICT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, THE RACE HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE SHEUNG SHUI DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN SPORT.

THE RACE HAS BEEN HELD SINCE 1964, AS PART OF LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITIES, WITH THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS RISING FROM AN INITIAL 30 TO ABOUT 500 LAST YEAR.

THERE WILL BE WOMEN'S AND MEN'S SECTIONS, WITH WOMEN COVERING EIGHT KILOMETRES AND MEN RUNNING 10 KILOMETRES.

THE WOMEN WILL START AT 3.15 PM IN HUNG LING VILLAGE, AT THE ENTRANCE TO PING CHE ROAD.

MEN WILL BEGIN 15 MINUTES LATER FROM THE SING PING PUBLIC SCHOOL IN TA KWU LING.

THEY WILL ALL FINISH AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND IN SHEUNG SHUI.

THE ASSISTANT NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER (COMMUNITY AFFAIRS), MR TIM MILNES, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT THE FINISHING POINT, AROUND 4.45 PM.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL INCLUDE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG; AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, FRONTIER, MR MICHAEL WATSON.

IN ANOTHER LUNAR NEW YEAR ACTIVITY, A FUN DAY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW BY THE SHEK WU HUI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD.

THE SHEUNG SHUI FUN DAY WILL INCLUDE A SPORTS CARNIVAL, CO-ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM IN THE BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS IN TIN PING ESTATE.

GAME STALLS FOR CHILDREN WILL BE OPEN AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND AT 10.30 AM AND AT THE CHOI YUEN ESTATE COVERED PLAYGROUND AT 1.30 PM.

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THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING DANCING, POPULAR SONGS AND A MAGIC SHOW AT THE SHEK WU HUI PLAYGROUND, BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE NORTH DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RACE AND THE SHEUNG SHUI FUN DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THE CROSS COUNTRY RACE WILL START AT 3.15 PM AND THE FUN DAY WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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CALL ON RESIDENTS TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT TO CARE FOR THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND PROTECT IT FROM FURTHER POLLUTION.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION DAY, MR WAN SAID KWUN TONG, BEING AN INDUSTRIAL AREA WITH A DENSE POPULATION, HAD LONG BEEN FACING A NUMBER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.

"IN THIS CONNECTION, CONTINUED EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT TOWARDS IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

"THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THROUGH THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, ALWAYS CONSULTS, AND EXCHANGES VIEWS WITH, OTHER RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS TO WORK OUT A FEASIBLE AND EFFECTIVE STRATEGY TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, AND TO ENSURE THAT DISTRICT FACILITIES AND DEVELOPMENTS ARE WELL-BALANCED," HE ADDED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, MR WAN CONTINUED, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WAS ALSO PLAYING A PART IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME IN KWUN TONG BY MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS AND PROVIDING FUNDS.

"LAST YEAR, NEARLY \$1 MILLION IN DISTRICT BOARD FUND WERE SPENT ON VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS," HE NOTED.

AT THIS AFTERNOON'S CEREMONY, PRIZES WERE AWARDED TO THE WINNING TEAMS OF THE COMPETITIONS ON THE BEST DECORATED GAME STALL AND THE BEST PROJECT DISPLAY IN THE KWUN TONG CIVIC EDUCATION DAY, WHICH CENTRED ON THE THEME OF "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION".

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THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY WAS OPENED THIS MORNING AT THE NEW LIFE SCHOOL INCORPORATION LUI KWOK PAT FONG COLLEGE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MISS MONA LO, AND SENIOR INSPECTOR (COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR LAU CHAK-BUN.

THE EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON CIVIC EDUCATION UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB (CYC), IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE "CYC CIVIC EDUCATION FORTNIGHT".

ABOUT 20 LOCAL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TOOK PART IN THE EVENT, WHICH INCLUDE GAME STALLS, PROJECT DISPLAYS, DRAMA, DANCING AND SINGING PERFORMANCES TO PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

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DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT ON DB AGENDA

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS PROPOSALS TO CHANGE ANY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT FOR MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 7).

MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER THE DETAILED REVIEW OF THE MASTER LAYOUT PLAN OF SHING MUN VALLEY PARK. THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TSUEN WAN.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS BY THE TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 7) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS ON AGENDA

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THREE APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (MARCH 6).

TWO OF THE APPLICATIONS CONCERN A FITNESS EXERCISE CLASS FOR THE ELDERLY AND A KOWLOON CITY BADMINTON COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN, ON MONDAY (MARCH 6). THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.15 PM.

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YUEN LONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME INVITES APPLICATIONS

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND YOUTH CENTRES IN YUEN LONG ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1989 SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AND ARE REMINDED TO SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS EARLIER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, FUNDS WOULD BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO HOLD VARIOUS SOCIAL, RECREATIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DURING THE SUMMER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

"THE CRITERIA FOR ALLOCATING FUNDS ARE THAT THESE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, POTENTIAL AND HEALTHY INTERESTS; UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE INTER-HUMAN RELATIONSHIP; GET TO KNOW THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE; AND ENHANCE THEIR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO THE COMMUNITY.

"THE CENTRAL THEME OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY'," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN NOW BE OBTAINED FROM ROOM 410, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 22.

INTERESTED PARTIES ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT MRS CHENG KAN LAI-SHEUNG ON 0-4792261 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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TRIENNIAL REPORT ON NORTH DB'S WORK

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A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

THE 160-PAGE FULL-COLOUR REPORT, CONTAINING PHOTOGRAPHS AND TABLES, HAS BEEN PREPARED BY A WORKING GROUP OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

IT GIVES A BRIEF HISTORY OF NORTH DISTRICT AND OUTLINES THE WORK DONE BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS FIVE COMMITTEES AND THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME AS WELL AS PROVIDING DETAILS OF THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE DISTRICT AND ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY LOCAL GROUPS.

BIOGRAPHIES OF MEMBERS ARE ALSO GIVEN.

THE BOARD'S STUDY TOURS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN OCTOBER 1985 AND TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND IN OCTOBER 1987 ARE ALSO COVERED.

THESE STUDY TOURS ENABLED THE PARTICIPANTS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND THE OPERATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT OVERSEAS.

IN A FOREWORD, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG, SAID THAT DURING THE 1985-1988 TERM THE BOARD HAD PLACED EMPHASIS ON RESOLVING DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

"IT NOT ONLY DEALT WITH URGENT NEEDS, BUT ALSO PROPOSED LONG-TERM MEASURES. WITH THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE BOARD MADE A GOOD START IN ITS WORK," MR PANG SAID.

"THIS COULD BE REVEALED IN THE HANDLING OF ISSUES SUCH AS THE FANLING/SHEUNG SHUI NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE NORTH DISTRICT CENTRAL PARK, THE CULTURAL COMPLEX, NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES, THE NORTH DISTRICT HOSPITAL, IMPROVEMENT TO TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT, PROGRESS OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN ON LOK TSUEN."

LOOKING AHEAD, THE BOOK DEPICTS THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT WITH REGARD TO HOUSING, TRANSPORT, EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, VILLAGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES.

MR PANG'S OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD IS ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE REPORT.

COPIES OF THE BILINGUAL REPORT ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO RURAL COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, PUBLIC LIBRARIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO READ THE REPORT AT THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING OR AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE'S SUB-OFFICES.

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LEGAL DEPT OFFICERS AWARDED LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES

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SIX OFFICERS WHO HAD CHALKED UP 150 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT WERE AWARDED LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD DURING THE DEPARTMENT'S SPRING DINNER.

TOPPING THE LONG SERVICE LIST WAS 83-YEAR-OLD LAWYER, MR HENRY BOTELHO, WHO HAD SERVED IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR 44 YEARS.

HE FIRST JOINED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS IN 1945 AS AN ASSISTANT CROWN COUNSEL AND ROSE TO THE RANK OF PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL WHEN HE REACHED RETIREMENT AGE IN 1967.

HE WAS RE-APPOINTED CROWN COUNSEL IN 1968 TO START ANOTHER 21 YEARS OF VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT IN UPDATING THE LAWS OF HONG KONG.

DURING THE CEREMONY HELD LAST (FRIDAY) NIGHT, THE ACTING ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JAMES FINDLAY, PRESENTED A SILVER SALVER TO BID FAREWELL TO MR BOTELHO.

FIVE OTHER OFFICERS WHO HAD EACH BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS, JOINTLY SERVING A TOTAL OF 106 YEARS, WERE ALSO AWARDED WITH LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES.

THEY WERE PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL, MR BRIAN CLANCY; DEPUTY PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL, MR CHAN SHU-YING; SENIOR CROWN COUNSEL, MR TONY YEN; SENIOR COURT PROSECUTOR, MR TANG MING-WAI; AND LAW CLERK, MR LAU YUK-TONG.

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDY AT UNITED WORLD COLLEGES

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS DONATED BY LEADING ORGANISATIONS WILL BE OFFERED TO LOCAL STUDENTS FOR A TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSE LEADING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE IS RECOGNISED FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRY PURPOSES IN HONG KONG AND IN MOST OTHER COUNTRIES INCLUDING BRITAIN AND CANADA.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE TENABLE AT ATLANTIC COLLEGE IN BRITAIN, PEARSON COLLEGE IN CANADA, AMERICAN WEST COLLEGE IN THE UNITED STATES AND ADRIATIC COLLEGE IN ITALY.

THE UNITED WORLD COLLEGES COMPRISE FOUR CO-EDUCATIONAL RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH EDUCATION.

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AN INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE PROJECT AND FOR THE PLANNING AND CO-ORDINATION OF NEW COLLEGES. THE STUDENT BODY AND TEACHING STAFF ARE ALSO FULLY INTERNATIONAL.

EACH SCHOLARSHIP WILL NORMALLY COVER PART OF THE TUITION AND BOARDING FEES DURING THE TWO YEARS. THE AWARD WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COVER OTHER NECESSARY EXPENSES SUCH AS AIR FARES OF A RETURN TRIP TO THE COLLEGE, MAINTENANCE DURING LONG VACATIONS AND PERSONAL EXPENSES.

INTENDING APPLICANTS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MEET THESE EXPENSES.

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A WORLD COLLEGE WILL TAKE A MINIMUM OF SIX SUBJECTS INCLUDING ENGLISH, A MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGE (SUCH AS FRENCH, GERMAN, ITALIAN, AND CHINESE), STUDY OF MAN (SUCH AS HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMICS, POLITICS, CHINESE STUDIES), EXPERIMENTAL SCIENCES (SUCH AS PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY, ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS, MARINE SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES), MATHEMATICS AND ARTS OR MUSIC.

THREE OF THE SUBJECTS ARE AT THE HIGHER LEVEL WHILE THE REMAINING THREE ARE AT THE SUBSIDIARY LEVEL.

APPLICANTS MUST BE BETWEEN 16 AND 18 YEARS OLD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1989 AND BE IN POSSESSION OF A HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION WITH AT LEAST FIVE SUBJECTS AT GRADE C OR ABOVE INCLUDING A GOOD RESULT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE OR GCE EQUIVALENT.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL HEADS TO THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, BEFORE MARCH 21.

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MUSIC OFFICE RECRUITING CHOIR MEMBERS

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THE MUSIC OFFICE IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS FOR ITS CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE.

CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SEVEN AND 12 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CHINESE FOLK SONGS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY TO JOIN THE ENSEMBLE.

THE ENSEMBLE WAS FORMED IN 1981 TO PROMOTE CHINESE FOLK SINGING.

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IT HAS PERFORMED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS, INTRODUCING A GREAT VARIETY OF CHINESE FOLK SONGS TO THE PUBLIC.

RECENT MAJOR EVENTS IN WHICH THE ENSEMBLE TOOK PART INCLUDED THE 1988 HONG KONG YOUTH BAND FESTIVAL, THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL LANTERN CONCERT AND THE 1989 MUSIC OFFICE ANNUAL GALA.

THE ENSEMBLE REHEARSES ON SATURDAY AFTERNOONS AT THE MONG KOK MUSIC CENTRE, FROM 2 PM TO 4 PM.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 23. QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION TO BE HELD IN EARLY APRIL. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 5-283257.

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