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RELEASE OF PRIMARY ONE DISCRETIONARY PLACES ALLOCATION RESULTS

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RESULTS OF ALLOCATION OF DISCRETIONARY PLACES FOR SEPTEMBER 1990 UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION (POA) SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 8) BY ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 40,000 OUT OF THE 74,000 APPLICANTS WOULD BE OFFERED A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOLS.

PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEY HAVE APPLIED FOR A PRIMARY 1 PLACE, WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL OR NOT, ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 8) BETWEEN 9 AM AND 5 PM OR ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 9) BETWEEN 9 AM AND NOON FOR THE RESULTS.

REGISTRATION OF SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (DECEMBER 11 AND 12) DURING SCHOOL HOURS.

FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN OFFERED A PRIMARY 1 PLACE, THEY ARE ADVISED TO NOTE CAREFULLY THE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES AND ANY REQUIREMENTS BY INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS, SUCH AS PRODUCING PARENT'S COPY OF THE POA APPLICATION FORM, AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF THEIR CHILDREN FOR REGISTRATION PURPOSES.

"THE REGISTRATION OF THE CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL WILL BE REGARDED AS BINDING ON BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE PARENT," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARENTS UNABLE TO REGISTER THEIR CHILD WITH THE SCHOOL WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TWO-DAY PERIOD ARE REQUESTED TO NOTIFY THE SCHOOL CONCERNED OR THROUGH THE POA UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT (TEL. NO. 5-724383) TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.

PARENTS WHO FAILED TO HEED THE ADVICE WOULD BE DEEMED TO HAVE GIVEN UP THE PLACE OFFERED TO THEIR CHILDREN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE POA SYSTEM, THE SPOKESMAN SAID A GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL COULD FILL UP TO A MAXIMUM OF 65 PER CENT OF ITS TOTAL NUMBER OF PRIMARY 1 PLACES AT ITS OWN DISCRETION.

THE REMAINING 35 PER CENT OF PRIMARY 1 PLACES WOULD BE RESERVED FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION AT A LATER STAGE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

PARENTS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES WILL BE INFORMED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN MARCH NEXT YEAR OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION ARRANGEMENTS.

PARENTS WHO HAVE CHILDREN REACHING PRIMARY 1 SCHOOL AGE BUT HAVE NOT APPLIED FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE WILL ALSO BE NOTIFIED AT THE SAME TIME.

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THEY WILL BE ASKED TO GO TO A DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTION CENTRE IN THEIR HOME DISTRICT TO OBTAIN A COPY OF "CHOICE OF SCHOOLS" FORM AND A LIST OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL THEN ALLOCATE A PRIMARY 1 PLACE TO THEIR CHILDREN WITHIN THEIR HOME DISTRICT WITH THE PARENTS' CHOICES FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

DETAIL OF THE CENTRAL ALLOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED EARLY NEXT YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PLANS IN HAND TO DEVELOP RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES

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PLANS TO DEVELOP AND EXPAND RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES HAVE BEEN DEVISED BY A STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID THIS TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG STUDENT AID SOCIETY.

"THE PLANS ARE TO IMPLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS PUT FORWARD BY THE WORKING GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

"THEY INCLUDE THE EXPANSION OF NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES LIKE FOSTER CARE AND SMALL GROUP HOMES," HE SAID.

MR CHUI SAID IT WAS THE COMMUNITY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF CHILDREN FROM BROKEN FAMILIES, AND RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE WAS PROVIDED TO CATER TO THEIR NEEDS.

OUTLINING THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES, MR CHUI SAID THE CONCEPT AND FORMS OF PROVIDING THE SERVICES HAD CHANGED GREATLY.

HE NOTED THAT THE SERVICES DATED BACK TO THE 19TH CENTURY WHEN ORPHANAGES WERE SET UP BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS.

"IN THE 70'S, HONG KONG BEGAN TO SEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, SUCH AS FOSTER CARE AND SMALL GROUP HOMES.

"IN THE EARLY 80'S, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO EXPAND THE NON-INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES, INCLUDING PLANS TO SET UP 15 SMALL GROUP HOMES AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT IN 1982," HE SAID.

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NINE QUESTIONS, THREE BILLS ON LEGCO AGENDA
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MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK A TOTAL OF NINE QUESTIONS AND CONSIDER THREE BILLS AT THE COUNCIL'S MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1989 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

IN ADDITION, TWO PRIVATE BILLS WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THESE ARE THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF SURVEYORS BILL 1989 AND THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS INCORPORATION BILL 1989. THE FORMER WILL BE INTRODUCED BY THE HON CHENG HON-KWAN AND THE LATTER BY THE HON EDWARD HO.

DEBATES ON ALL THREE BILLS ARE TO BE ADJOURNED.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE THAT SECTION 18(3) AND PARTS VIIA AND VIIB OF THE ORDINANCE SHALL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31 NEXT YEAR.

THIS WOULD EXTEND FOR A YEAR PROVISIONS WHICH HELP THE GOVERNMENT DEAL WITH VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS.

THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER WILL MOVE A MOTION UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND ANOTHER UNDER THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION) ORDINANCE. THE MOTIONS ARE INTENDED TO EFFECT AMENDMENTS TO BOTH ORDINANCES BY INCREASING CERTAIN LEVELS OF MONETARY COMPENSATION.

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KWAI TSING TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT
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THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KWAI TSING INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATING TEAM WILL ORGANISE A SLOGAN COMPETITION AND A BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSE THIS MONTH TO AROUSE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS TOWARDS PROPER MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

THE SLOGAN COMPETITION IS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC WHILE THE COURSE IS SPECIFICALLY ORGANISED FOR FACTORY OWNERS.

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO STUDENTS AND OPEN SECTIONS. ENTRIES SHOULD BE IN CHINESE AND THERE IS NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF CHARACTERS.

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THE CHAMPION, FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF EACH SECTION WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES OF \$500, \$300 AND \$200 RESPECTIVELY. THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE USED FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES.

THE ENTRIES SHOULD REACH THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE MID-DECEMBER.

FACTORY OWNERS AND MEMBERS OF OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSE WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FORM OF SEMINARS ON THREE CONSECUTIVE THURSDAYS STARTING DECEMBER 7.

THE COURSE WILL COVER THE SETTING UP AND ORGANISATION OF OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS, ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, MAINTENANCE AND SECURITY, AND NOISE POLLUTION.

THE SEMINARS WILL START AT 8 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE. ADMISSION IS FREE.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-4212855.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR KENNEDY TOWN RESIDENTS

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KENNEDY TOWN RESIDENTS WISHING TO KNOW MORE ABOUT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CAN ATTEND A SEMINAR TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IT WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM AT THE KENNEDY TOWN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION IN BELCHER'S STREET.

HEAD OF THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM, HOUSING MANAGER MR LEE CHI-SHING WILL GIVE A TALK ON MAINTENANCE OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

A LABOUR OFFICER, MR AU CHI-KEUNG, WILL SPEAK ON THE LABOUR LAWS AND OTHER ISSUES RELATING TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

FOLLOWING THE TALKS WILL BE A SLIDE PRESENTATION AND A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION.

THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KENNEDY TOWN/MOUNT DAVIS AREA COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KENNEDY TOWN BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 7 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE KENNEDY TOWN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, 14A BELCHER'S STREET.

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OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER DISTRICT SINGING CONTEST

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AMATEUR SINGERS FROM CENTRAL AND WESTERN HAVE TWO MORE WEEKS IN WHICH TO ENTER THE DISTRICT'S SINGING COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR EARLY NEXT YEAR.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF ENTRY FORMS ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S THREE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES AT HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) AND IN BELCHER'S STREET.

FORMS CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE'S HONG KONG MUSIC CENTRE ON THE NINTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE, 2 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE FORMS, TOGETHER WITH THE LYRICS AND MUSICAL NOTATIONS OF THE SONGS TO BE PERFORMED, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE ABOVE ADDRESSES ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID DISTRICT RESIDENTS AGED 15 TO 30 WERE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE SINGING COMPETITION, WHICH IS NOW IN ITS EIGHTH YEAR.

THE CONTEST WILL BE DIVIDED INTO CLASSICAL SONG SOLO, POP AND FOLK SONG SOLO AND POP AND FOLK SONG ENSEMBLE GROUPS.

THE FINALS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523499 OR 5-283257.

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DB TO DISCUSS REPORT ON HOUSING FOR ELDERLY

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 7).

ALSO, MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 1990 LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR IN YUEN LONG.

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IN ADDITION, A MEMBER WILL RAISE QUESTIONS CONCERNING CATEGORY III FILMS AND THEATRE BILLBOARDS IN YAU TIN AREA.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 7) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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METRICATION COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT OFFICE ON MOVE

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THE SECRETARIAT OFFICE OF THE METRICATION COMMITTEE HAD MOVED TO ROOM 349, EAST WING OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, A TRADE AND INDUSTRY BRANCH SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

PUBLIC ENQUIRIES IN RELATION TO THE GOVERNMENT'S METRICATION POLICY CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8102869 AS FROM TODAY.

THE METRICATION COMMITTEE, CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, MANAGEMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, IS THE FOCAL POINT OF LIAISON ON ALL MATTERS CONCERNING METRICATION.

THE COMMITTEE ADVISES AND ENCOURAGES THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS IN THE FRAMING OF THEIR METRICATION PROGRAMMES. MOST GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE NOW USING METRIC UNITS EXCLUSIVELY.

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LEFT-TURN BAN IN WESTERN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 7), VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM NORTHBOUND HILL ROAD ONTO WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

VEHICLES ON HILL ROAD HEADING FOR WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EASTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, WHITTY STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND KA ON STREET.

LONG VEHICLES ARE ADVISED TO PROCEED VIA WATER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, CHIU KWONG STREET AND WESTBOUND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

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CANCELLATION OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT DUE TO THE DELAY IN THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE RECONSTRUCTION WORKS ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN TUNG CHAU STREET AND BEDFORD ROAD, THE TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS SCHEDULED TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN TAI KOK TSUI FROM THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING IS NOW CANCELLED.

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