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THREE-TIER STRUCTURE GENERALLY SOUND - GOVERNOR  
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THE PRESENT THREE-TIER STRUCTURE - THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS - IS GENERALLY SOUND, THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, SIR EDWARD SAID IT WAS NATURAL THAT DISTRICT BOARDS HAD THEIR VIEWS ON THE DISTRICT LEVEL AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT ALWAYS BE THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

HOWEVER, HE SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE DIFFERENCES WERE SO WIDE THAT THEY COULD NOT BE RESOLVED BY WHATEVER ADJUSTMENT WHICH MIGHT BE NECESSARY OF THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION RATHER THAN OF ADJUSTMENT TO THE STRUCTURE.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY NEED TO MODIFY THE PRESENT THREE-TIER STRUCTURE, SIR EDWARD SAID HE TOLD THE URBAN COUNCILLORS THAT THE PRESENT STRUCTURE WAS ABOUT RIGHT.

HE ADDED THAT THEY HAD TALKED ABOUT THE REGIONAL COMMITTEES WHICH THE COUNCILLORS WERE THINKING OF AS ONE POSSIBLE WAY OF IMPROVING THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION, AND NOTED THAT THAT IDEA WAS WELL WORTH CONSIDERING.

SIR EDWARD DESCRIBED TODAY'S MEETING WITH THE URBAN COUNCILLORS AS VALUABLE BECAUSE THEY COULD HAVE A VERY FREE AND FULL DISCUSSION ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH WERE OF CONCERN TO, AND INTERESTED, THEM.

THESE INCLUDED THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS, THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, BUDGET, AND A VERY WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES WHICH WERE OF CONCERN TO THEM.

SIR EDWARD NOTED THAT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS WAS THE SUBJECT WHICH OCCUPIED MOST OF THE TIME, ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE OF HAWKERS ALSO TOOK UP A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME.

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ELECTORS URGED TO VOTE IN BY-ELECTION  
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MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, HAS URGED REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE TAI KOK TSUI CONSTITUENCY TO CAST THEIR VOTES TO RETURN THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE TO THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD.

MAKING THE APPEAL DURING A VISIT TO ONE OF THE TWO POLLING STATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTIONS, MRS FUNG SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND IN IMPROVING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

+ELECTORS WHO CAST THEIR VOTES TODAY ARE NOT ONLY EXERCISING THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS IN SHOWING CONCERN FOR THE DISTRICT, THEY ARE ALSO HELPING TO MAKE THE DISTRICT A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN,+ SHE SAID.

MRS FUNG SAID SHE EXPECTED THE BY-ELECTIONS TO PICK UP MOMENTUM LATER IN THE AFTERNOON WHEN MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE GOING TO THE POLLING STATIONS TO CAST THEIR VOTES.

UP TO 1.30 PM, 292 ELECTORS HAD CAST THEIR VOTES REPRESENTING 1.6 PER CENT OF THE 18 113 REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE TAI KOK TSUI CONSTITUENCY.

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RAINSTORM REMINDER FOR SCHOOLS AND PARENTS  
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WITH THE APPROACH OF THE RAINY SEASON, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED SCHOOLS AND PARENTS OF THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND PRECAUTIONS CONCERNING THE OPERATION OF SCHOOLS IN INCLEMENT WEATHER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID IN THE EVENT OF HEAVY PERSISTENT RAIN, AN ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE CLOSING OF SCHOOLS WOULD BE MADE ON TELEVISION AND RADIO WHEN THE SITUATION WARRANTED CLOSURE.

+WHERE POSSIBLE, THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE IN THE EARLY MORNING BEFORE CHILDREN SET OUT FROM THEIR HOMES. THE FIRST RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE MORNING OR AM AND WHOLE-DAY SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE LATER THAN 6.15 AM AND FOR PM SCHOOLS NOT LATER THAN 11 AM. THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE REPEATED AT REGULAR AND FREQUENT INTERVALS,+ HE SAID.

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WHERE RAINSTORMS ARE LOCALISED, IT WOULD BE UP TO PARENTS TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL, BEARING IN MIND WEATHER, ROAD AND TRANSPORT CONDITIONS IN THEIR LOCALITY.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, ALL KINDERGARTENS WILL CLOSE WITH THE HOISTING OF TROPICAL STORM SIGNAL NO 3. ALL SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE WHEN SIGNAL NO 8 IS HOISTED.

+IF KINDERGARTENS AND SCHOOLS ARE IN SESSION WHEN THE RELEVANT SIGNALS ARE HOISTED, HEADS OF SCHOOLS SHOULD ENSURE THAT SAFE AND ADEQUATE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR THEIR PUPILS TO RETURN HOME, SUCH AS COLLECTION BY THEIR PARENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AFTER THE PASSAGE OF A TYPHOON FOLLOWED BY THE LOWERING OF ALL SIGNALS ENABLING ALL SCHOOLS TO RESUME WITH THE NEXT SESSION, AN APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+NEVERTHELESS, PARENTS SHOULD USE THEIR DISCRETION IN SENDING CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL, IF IT SEEMS TO THEM THAT LOCAL WEATHER, ROAD OR TRANSPORT CONDITIONS HAVE NOT BY THAT TIME RETURNED TO NORMAL. HEADS OF SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM PARENTS OF THIS DISCRETION BY CIRCULAR LETTER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO REMINDED HEADS OF SCHOOLS OF THE NEED TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INTERNAL TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS FOR THOSE PUPILS WHO MISS SCHOOL BECAUSE OF HEAVY RAIN OR THUNDERSTORMS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IT IS IMPORTANT TO REASSURE PARENTS THAT THEIR CHILDREN WILL NOT BE PENALISED UNDER THESE EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES. ALSO, STUDENTS LIVING IN REMOTE AREAS OR OUTLYING ISLANDS SHOULD NOT BE PENALISED FOR BEING LATE UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.+

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RESIDENTS URGED TO SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN  
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RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED TO GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL BE HELD THERE OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.

THE CALL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH AND DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR CHAN CHE-HIM.

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MR CHAN WAS ANNOUNCING FURTHER ACTIVITIES IN A CONTINUING CAMPAIGN ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN MENTAL HEALTH, AT A PRESS BRIEFING HELD AT THE TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING.

THESE MAJOR ACTIVITIES, WHICH WILL BEGIN ON MAY 28, INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION, SEMINARS AND TALKS WITH FILMS, SLIDES AND VIDEO SHOWS, AND AN OPEN DAY AT REHABILITATION UNITS FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS IN TUEN MUN.

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND WELFARE AGENCIES. THE DISTRICT BOARD IS SPONSORING THE CAMPAIGN.

AN EXHIBITION ON MENTAL HEALTH WILL BE HELD AT ON TING-YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM MAY 28 UNTIL MAY 30- AT SHAN KING COMMUNITY HALL FROM MAY 31 TO JUNE 3- AND AT BUTTERFLY ESTATE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX FROM JUNE 4 TO JUNE 6.

THE EXHIBITION, OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM DAILY, WILL AIM AT STRENGTHENING RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS.

THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF TALKS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE ON TING-YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 8 PM ON MAY 28. THE TALK WILL AIM AT EXPLAINING TO PARENTS HOW CHILDREN IN SOUND MENTAL HEALTH WILL DO BETTER AT SCHOOL AND, IN THIS CONNECTION, HOW PARENTS SHOULD SHOW BOTH CARE AND CONFIDENCE ABOUT CHILDREN'S SCHOOL WORK.

ON JUNE 1, AT 2.30 PM, A TALK ON +HOW TO HELP THE EX-MENTALLY ILL TO INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY+ WILL BE GIVEN AT THE SHAN KING COMMUNITY HALL.

A THIRD TALK, ON +THE SOCIAL FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO MENTAL ILLNESS AND COMMUNITY CARE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL+, WILL BE GIVEN AT THE YAN OI TONG INDOOR AND SPORTS CENTRE AT 2 PM ON JUNE 7.

IN ORDER TO INSTIL A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE EX-MENTALLY ILL, RESIDENTS WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THREE REHABILITATION SERVICE UNITS WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

THERE WILL BE AN OPEN DAY AT THE NEW LIFE FARM, TUEN MUN HOSTEL AND THE TUEN MUN SOCIAL CLUB FROM 10 AM TO 4.30 PM ON JULY 12.

FINALLY, A +MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL+ CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD AT THE SHAN KING ESTATE FOOTBALL PLAYGROUND FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM ON AUGUST 24. THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE ON THIS DAY.

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NEW MEDICAL, TRANSPORT SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY  
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SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING IN WONG TAI SIN CAN APPLY FOR AN +ENTITLEMENT CARD+ FOR THE ELDERLY WHICH WILL ALLOW THEM TO HAVE DISCOUNTS ON DENTAL TREATMENTS, LABORATORY SERVICES, PURCHASES AT DISPENSARIES, AND HALF-FARE ON MAXICABS IN THE DISTRICT STARTING TOMORROW (MAY 23).

THE +ENTITLEMENT CARD+ WILL REPLACE THE REFERRAL CARD ISSUED TO APPLICANTS OF THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME LAST JUNE.

THE NEW SCHEME IS AN EXPANSION OF THE MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME WHICH GIVES PARTICIPANTS REDUCTIONS WHEN THEY SEEK TREATMENT FROM A PARTICIPATING DOCTOR.

APPLICATION FOR THE ENTITLEMENT CARD CAN BE MADE AT ANY OF THE FOUR BRANCH OFFICES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS.

RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT AGED 60 OR ABOVE WISHING TO JOIN THE SCHEME SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND DOCUMENTS INDICATING THEIR ADDRESSES OF RESIDENCE WHEN MAKING APPLICATIONS. HOLDERS OF REFERRAL CARDS SHOULD BRING ALONG TWO PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE EXCHANGE OF ENTITLEMENT CARDS.

UNDER THE NEW SCHEME, ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS WILL ENJOY A REDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT OR MORE WHEN THEY SEEK MEDICAL TREATMENT FROM A PARTICIPATING DOCTOR OR A PARTICIPATING DENTIST, AND IN THE USE OF LABORATORY SERVICES OF THE TWO LABORATORIES IN THE DISTRICT.

CARD HOLDERS WILL ALSO BE ENTITLED WITH A DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION, TO THE STANDARDISED WHOLESAL PRICE WHEN BUYING DRUGS AT THE SIX DISPENSARIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY CAN ALSO ENJOY HALF-FARE ON MAXICABS ROUTE 16 RUNNING JATS INCLINE AND PING SHEK ESTATE, ROUTE 18 RUNNING WONG TAI SIN NORTH AND TSZ WAN SHAN NORTH, ROUTE 19 RUNNING SAN PO KONG AND TSZ WAN SHAN SHATIN PASS ESTATE, AND ROUTE 20 RUNNING SAN PO KONG AND TSZ WAN SHAN NORTH.

STICKERS WILL BE PLACED ON ALL PARTICIPATING MAXICABS, DISPENSARIES AND LABORATORIES FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION.

THE MAXICABS FARE REDUCTION SCHEME IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE WHILE THE COMMUNITY MEDICAL SCHEME IS RUN BY THE BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION ASSOCIATION.

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SEX EDUCATION GUIDELINES PUBLISHED  
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THE GUIDELINES ON SEX EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PREPARED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, WILL BE ISSUED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

IT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LIGHT OF ADVICE RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, OTHER EDUCATIONALISTS, MEDICAL EXPERTS AND CONCERNED GROUPS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR SO FAI-CHO, WILL GIVE A BRIEFING ON THE PUBLICATION AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 3 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS' CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE GUIDELINES ON SEX EDUCATION IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING BY THE MEDIA AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE SAME CONFERENCE ROOM.

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TRENCH FUND OFFERS RECREATION, SPORTS GRANTS  
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR NON-CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS CONNECTED WITH RECREATIONAL, SPORTING, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

ABOUT \$2.5 MILLION WILL BE ALLOCATED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR TO ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO INITIATE PROJECTS WHICH WILL OFFER CONSTRUCTIVE, PERMANENT OR LONG-TERM BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC.

THE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID THE FUND IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE RECREATIONAL AND RELATED PROJECTS AIMED AT PROMOTING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PARTICULARLY OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

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PROJECTS SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND ALLOCATIONS MUST BE ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL GRANTS, NOT RECURRENT COMMITMENTS.

REQUESTS FOR CAMPING, CANOEING AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, OR AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT AND THE LIKE WILL BE CONSIDERED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PROJECTS MUST ALSO CATER FOR A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF THE POPULATION. HOWEVER, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO NEW PROJECTS AND TO ORGANISATIONS UNABLE TO OBTAIN FUNDS ELSEWHERE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES SECTION OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND FROM THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

THEY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

FURTHER INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED AT 5-458511.

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FIRST CHOLERA CASE CONFIRMED  
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A 40-YEAR-OLD MAN WAS CONFIRMED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO BE SUFFERING FROM CHOLERA - THE FIRST CASE REPORTED THIS YEAR.

THE MAN, WHO LIVES IN KWUN TONG, WAS ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL ON TUESDAY (MAY 20) SUFFERING FROM DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING. HE WAS CONFIRMED A CHOLERA CASE AFTER CLINICAL AND LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS WERE COMPLETED.

AS HE HAD RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A TRIP TO CHINA, THE CASE HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS IMPORTED.

THE PATIENT'S CONDITION WAS DESCRIBED AS FAIR.

HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAVE VISITED THE PATIENT'S HOME TO GIVE HIS FAMILY MEMBERS - A WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN - MEDICAL EXAMINATION AND PREVENTIVE DRUGS. THE PREMISES WERE ALSO DISINFECTED BY URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT STAFF.

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THE LAST CHOLERA CASE OCCURRED IN SEPTEMBER 1985.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT SO FAR AS THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF SPREAD, THERE IS NO NEED TO DECLARE HONG KONG AS A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA.

HOWEVER, HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE PERSONAL HYGIENE AND TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS IN THE CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND DRINKS IN THE SUMMER MONTHS TO PREVENT CONTRACTING THE DISEASE.

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BOARD COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS VOTING AGE  
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MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL OF LOWERING THE AGE OF ENTITLEMENT TO VOTE AND STAND FOR ELECTION IN CIVIC ELECTIONS AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SUBJECT IS UP FOR DISCUSSION IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT ON +YOUNG PERSONS - EFFECTS OF AGE IN CIVIL LAW+ ISSUED LAST MONTH BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION WHICH RECOMMENDED THAT THE LEGAL AGE BE LOWERED FROM 21 TO 18.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SUBSIDIES TO THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPERS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, 'CENTRAL.

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FUJIAN DELEGATION SEES TAI PO DEVELOPMENT  
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A DELEGATION FROM FUJIAN PROVINCE, LED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE PROVINCIAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE, MR YU GUANGLU, TODAY (THURSDAY) TOURED TAI PO TO SEE VARIOUS HOUSING PROJECTS AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN, INITIALLY BRIEFED THE DELEGATION ON GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT.

THEN THE PARTY WENT TO THE ROOF OF WAN YAN HOUSE IN WAN FUK COURT WHERE THE PROJECT MANAGER (NEW TERRITORIES NORTHEAST), MR R.B. HANNA, DESCRIBED VARIOUS HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

AFTER A TOUR OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE, THE VISITORS TOOK A WALK THROUGH THE ADJOINING KWONG FUK PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

THEY THEN CALLED AT THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION OFFICE AND LATER TOURED A CERAMICS FACTORY.

THE DELEGATION MEMBERS MET MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD BEFORE CONCLUDING THEIR TOUR.

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SPECIAL TRANSPORT FOR SPORT AID EVENT  
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SPECIAL BUS AND TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED TO ASSIST PARTICIPANTS IN THE SPORT AID + RACE AGAINST TIME+ EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE ON SUNDAY (MAY 25), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

SHA TIN RACE COURSE RECREATION ROUTE 888 WILL OPERATE BETWEEN KCR SHA TIN STATION AND SHA TIN RACE COURSE FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM. THE FREQUENCY WILL BE ADJUSTED ACCORDING TO DEMAND.

A SHUTTLE TRAIN SERVICE WILL OPERATE BETWEEN SHA TIN STATION AND RACE COURSE STATION AT 20-MINUTE INTERVALS BETWEEN 9.26 AM AND 3.21 PM. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 11 TRAINS DEPARTING FROM SHEUNG SHUI IN THE MORNING WILL ALSO SERVE RACE COURSE STATION.

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BASIC LENDING COURSE FOR JUNIOR BANK STAFF  
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JUNIOR BANKING OFFICERS UNDERTAKING LENDING WORK ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR A +BASIC LENDING COURSE+ JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT STUDIES OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

SUBSIDISED BY THE COUNCIL'S BANKING TRAINING BOARD, THE ONE-WEEK COURSE IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE JUNIOR BANK STAFF WITH SUFFICIENT GROUNDING IN LENDING PRINCIPLES IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND AND ANALYSE THE DATA PROVIDED IN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND FIVE LECTURES IN THE EVENING FROM JULY 7 TO JULY 11 AS WELL AS A WHOLE-DAY WORKSHOP ON JULY 12.

THE COURSE FEE IS \$500. HOWEVER, PARTICIPANTS WILL EACH GET A REFUND OF \$250 FROM THE COUNCIL PROVIDED THEY ARE EMPLOYED BY A BANK OR A DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANY, ATTEND THE COURSE UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THEIR EMPLOYER, COMPLETE THE COURSE WITH AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF NOT LESS THAN 80 PER CENT AND PASS ANY COURSE EVALUATION ADMINISTERED BY THE POLYTECHNIC.

THE CLASS IS LIMITED TO 25 PARTICIPANTS AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLMENT IS MAY 31.

ANY ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BANKING TRAINING BOARD, MR S.M. WOO, ON 5-8932341, EXT. 255.

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BUS ROUTE CHANGED WITH NEW MTR STATION  
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CHINA MOTOR BUS ROUTE 5C, LINKING KENNEDY TOWN WITH WAN CHAI FERRY PIER, WILL BE RE-ROUTED AND RE-NUMBERED AS 5M FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WITH THE OPENING OF THE SHEUNG WAN MTR STATION.

THE ROUTING OF 5M IN WESTERN AND WAN CHAI WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE CURRENT ROUTE 5C ON BOTH THE EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND JOURNEYS.

HOWEVER IN CENTRAL BUSES WILL MAKE A DETOUR TO ENABLE COMMUTERS TO CHANGE TO THE MTR AT THE RUMSEY STREET BUS TERMINUS, WHICH IS LINKED TO AN EXIT OF THE SHEUNG WAN MTR STATION'S EASTERN CONCOURSE BY A FOOTBRIDGE.

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UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, BUSES ON EASTBOUND JOURNEYS WILL NO LONGER TURN FROM CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL DIRECT TO GILMAN STREET BUT WILL MAKE A DETOUR VIA RUMSEY STREET, THE RUMSEY STREET BUS TERMINUS AND PIER ROAD.

ON WESTBOUND JOURNEYS, BUSES WILL PROCEED FROM DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO RUMSEY STREET, THE RUMSEY STREET BUS TERMINUS, PIER ROAD AND GILMAN STREET BEFORE TURNING TO CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL. THEY WILL NO LONGER RUN THROUGH QUEEN VICTORIA STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, SUPPLEMENTARY JOURNEYS BETWEEN KENNEDY TOWN AND RUMSEY STREET BUS TERMINUS ONLY WILL BE OPERATED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS DURING THE MORNING AND EVENING PEAK PERIODS ON MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AND MORNING PEAK ON SATURDAYS.

HOWEVER FOR TOMORROW THE SUPPLEMENTARY JOURNEYS WILL OPERATE FROM THE EVENING PEAK ONLY.

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