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LADY YOUDE PRAISES YIN NGAI SOCIETIES

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YIN NGAI SOCIETIES -- WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES -- ARE GROWING QUICKLY AND RESPONDING SUCCESSFULLY TO THE NEEDS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES, AND LADY YOUDE, WIFE OF THE GOVERNOR, HOPES THE SOCIETIES WILL CONTINUE TO SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF FIVE NEW YIN NGAI SOCIETIES AT THE PAK TIN COMMUNITY HALL IN SHAM SHUI PO TODAY, LADY YOUDE SAID: +MODERN LIVING CAN SO EASILY ISOLATE WOMEN IN THEIR HOMES, CUTTING THEM OFF FROM NATURAL CONTACT WITH RELATIVES AND NEIGHBOURS.

+MANY DO NEED HELP WITH THE APPARENTLY SMALL THINGS IN LIFE - SUCH AS MEETING NEIGHBOURS AND FINDING NEW FRIENDS; GETTING HELP WITH BABY-SITTING AND SHOPPING; AND SHARING HOBBIES AND FAMILY OUTINGS - BECAUSE IT IS THE SMALL THINGS THAT PROVIDE THE KEY TO A HAPPY AND FULFILLED EXISTENCE.+

+THE YIN NGAI SOCIETIES PROVIDE THE HELP AND SUPPORT THAT LEADS TO THE BUILDING OF A SUCCESSFUL AND CARING COMMUNITY,+ SHE ADDED.

LADY YOUDE NOTED THAT THERE WERE NOW EIGHT YIN NGAI SOCIETIES IN EXISTENCE, AND WITH THE INAUGURATION OF THE PAK TIN AND OI MAN SOCIETIES, THE ORGANISATION WOULD PUT ITS ROOTS DOWN IN KOWLOON.

THE OTHER THREE SOCIETIES INAUGURATED TODAY ARE AT ON TING AND YAU OI, TAI YUEN AND SHUI PIN WAI ESTATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MRS AKERS-JONES; THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON; THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM; AND THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR S.E. ALLEYNE.

THE IDEA OF FORMING YIN NGAI SOCIETIES CAME FROM MR AKERS-JONES TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE ENCOURAGED THE SETTING UP OF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOUSEWIVES TO GET TOGETHER, EXCHANGE VIEWS IN HOUSECRAFT, HELP ONE ANOTHER AND GENERALLY MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR SPARE TIME.

APART FROM THE FIVE SOCIETIES INAUGURATED TODAY, THREE OTHERS AT LEI MUK SHUE, TAI HING AND LEK YUEN-WO CHE ESTATES WERE INAUGURATED A YEAR AGO BY MRS AKERS-JONES.

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ADULT EDUCATION IS IMPORTANT MEANS OF ADVANCEMENT - TOPLEY

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ADULT EDUCATION IS A VALUABLE AND IMPORTANT MEANS OF ADVANCEMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION, MR KEN TOPLEY SAID AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE CARITAS ADULT EDUCATION WEEK TODAY (SATURDAY).

+ADULT EDUCATION MAY BE CALLED SECOND CHANCE EDUCATION, BUT IT IS BY NO MEANS SECOND CLASS EDUCATION. THIS IS BECAUSE THIS FORM OF VOCATIONAL AND ACADEMIC EDUCATION IS SOUGHT ONLY BY THOSE WHO ARE DETERMINED TO SUCCEED AND WHO ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SACRIFICES,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT MOTIVATION WAS ONE OF THE REAL STRENGTHS OF ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

HE POINTED OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT IN SWEDEN ONLY 18 PER CENT OF UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATES ARE UNDER 25 YEARS OF AGE AND SAID THAT THE MAJORITY THEREFORE ARE FIRST-CLASS STUDENTS WHO SEEK A FORM OF EDUCATION WHICH THEY DESIRE, AT AN AGE WHEN THEY ARE ABLE TO REALISE ITS FULL VALUE.

MR TOPLEY PRAISED THE WORK OF CARITAS CONTINUING AND ADULT EDUCATION SERVICE AND ITS CO-ORDINATOR, MISS THERESE SHAK, AND EMPHASIZED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING, AND HELPING TO PROVIDE, ADULT EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

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SAFER WINTER FOR TAI SHING VILLAGERS

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SOME 800 SQUATTER FAMILIES LIVING IN TAI SHING VILLAGE, SAU MAU PING, WILL ENJOY A SAFER AND WARMER WINTER THIS YEAR FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF AN ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, INITIATED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, COSTS EACH OF THE FAMILIES LESS THAN $500.

FOR THIS OUTLAY, THEY HAVE REMOVED THE DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH ILLEGAL ELECTRICITY TAPPING AND WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THEIR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN YEARS.

TO MARK THE INSTALLATION OF STANDARD ELECTRICAL METERS AND WIRING COVERING 80 PER CENT OF THE VILLAGERS, THE KWUN TONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ARTHUR NG, WILL PERFORM A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 10.30 AM.

ALSO PRESENT WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE POWER COMPANY AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

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ADVANCE PAYMENT DATES FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE WITH PAYMENT DATES FALLING ON THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TO GET THEIR PAYMENTS EARLIER.

THOSE WHO ARE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT ON DECEMBER 25, 26 AND 27 CAN CASH THEIR COUPONS ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 22, 23 AND 24 RESPECTIVELY.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH POST OFFICES, TREASURY SUB-OFFICES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES WHILE SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES ARE PAID THROUGH BANKS IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE OFFICES.

STAFF OF SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INFORM THEIR CLIENTS OF THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN TAI TAM

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO WIDEN A SECTION OF TAI TAM ROAD BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN END OF TAI TAM TUK DAM AND TAI TAM RESERVOIR ROAD AS AN INTERIM ROAD IMPROVEMENT MEASURE.

THE PROPOSED PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH SITE FORMATION AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORK, IS IN LINE WITH A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN TAI TAM.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROJECT IS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A SCHEME PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE ; THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG SOUTH, NEW WORLD TOWER, SIXTH FLOOR, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL; AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, SECOND FLOOR, ABERDEEN CENTRE, HONG KONG.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE.

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ADDITIONAL TUEN MUN ROAD WORKS

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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE WILL CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO A 400-METRE LENGTH OF THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN SHAM TSENG AND SIU LAM STARTING FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 20).

WHILE STRESSING THAT TUEN MUN ROAD HAD BEEN BUILT TO A HIGH STANDARD, AN OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE ADDITIONAL WORKS WERE BEING CARRIED OUT TO FURTHER IMPROVE SAFETY FOR MOTORISTS.

THESE WORKS WILL CONSIST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 270-METRE CONCRETE BARRIER ALONG THE EXTREME EDGE OF THE OUTER LANE OF THE ROAD AND THE APPLICATION OF A HIGH-FRICTION DRESSING TO THE ROAD SURFACE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS SECTION OF ROAD WOULD BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM ABOUT 9.30 AM TO 11.30 AM ON MONDAY AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PLACED IN POSITION TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

+AFTER THAT THE ROAD WILL ONLY BE OPENED TO ONE LANE TRAFFIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT ON COMPLETION OF ALL WORKS, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE A FEW WEEKS, THIS SECTION OF ROAD WOULD BE REOPENED TO THREE-LANE TRAFFIC.

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TEN-YEAR LEASE FOR PIER

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT BY PRIVATE TREATY A 10-YEAR LEASE OF THE NEW KOWLOON PERMANENT PIER NO. 17 IN KWUN TONG TO THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED.

THE COMPANY WILL BE PERMITTED TO USE THE EXISTING PIER STRUCTURE ONLY FOR THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF GOODS AND MATERIALS CONNECTED WITH ITS NORMAL BUSINESS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THIS PLAN MUST REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS NOT LATER THAN 60 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE NOTICE.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE SURVEY DIVISION OF LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, TUNG YAN STREET, KOWLOON.

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TEMPORARY PIER FOR MA LIU SHUI

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A NEW TEMPORARY PIER AT MA LIU SHUI RECLAMATION WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 20) TO REPLACE THE EXISTING PIER.

THE FERRY SERVICES USING THE PIER WILL INCLUDE REGULAR ROUTES TO WU KAI SHA AND MA ON SHAN.

GOVERNMENT VESSELS, KAITOS AND OTHER PUBLIC VESSELS MAY ALSO USE THE PIER.

SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP NEAR THE EXISTING PIER AND ALONG THE ACCESS TO THE NEW PIER TO GUIDE PASSENGERS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL, SHAM SHUI PO AND SHA TIN

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THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF KENNEDY ROAD NEAR THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 29) UNTIL JANUARY 2 FOR WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT ON A SLOPE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ONE-LANE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THIS SECTION.

MEANWHILE, IN SHA TIN, THE BRIDGE LINKING SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE ROAD WITH SHA TIN WAI ROAD ACROSS SHING MUN RIVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 6.30 PM TO 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21) FOR THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SWITCHING-ON CEREMONY.

AND IN SHAM SHUI PO, VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO TONKIN STREET EASTBOUND FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 20).

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OPENING OF USD TRAINING SCHOOL

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DR KIM CHAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S ADMINISTRATION SELECT COMMITTEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TRAINING SCHOOL ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 20).

THE TRAINING SCHOOL IS LOCATED AT OI KWAN COURT IN WAN CHAI.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS OUTSIDE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) CARPARK AT 10.15 AM.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF STAGE FUND-RAISING WALK

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MORE THAN 800 STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) PARTICIPATED IN A SPONSORED WALK IN TAI LAM CHUNG IN AID OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WELFARE FUND.

THE ANNUAL EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, PERFORMED A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY TO START OFF THE SIX-KILOMETRE WALK FROM TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WALKED AROUND THE TAI LAM CHUNG RESERVOIR AND BACK TO THE INSTITUTION.

AFTER THE WALK, A BARBECUE PARTY WAS ORGANISED FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, ACCOMPANIED BY GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN. MUSIC WAS PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF BAND.

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CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA FOR WONG TAI SIN RESIDENTS

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MORE THAN 5 000 YOUTHS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND A SERIES OF FESTIVE EVENTS SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR THEM ON CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EVES.

THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED $40 000 FOR THESE ACTIVITIES.

THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL INCLUDE A +D.J. VARIETY SHOW+ AND A +SOCIAL DANCE+ BOTH ON CHRISTMAS EVE. THEY ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE WITH SUPPORT FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

THE +D.J. SHOW+, TO BE HELD BETWEEN 8.30 PM AND 11.30 PM AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE, WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR RADIO D.J.S AND SINGERS.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND TICKETS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, OR TELEPHONE 3-222261 FOR ENQUIRIES.

THE +SOCIAL DANCE+ WILL ALSO BE HELD BETWEEN 8.30 PM AND 11.30 PM, BUT AT THE EAST KAI TAK INDOOR GAMES HALL IN SAN PO KONG.

IT WILL BE A DISCO PARTY FOR 400 PEOPLE, FEATURING A PROFESSIONAL BAND AND FAMOUS SINGERS.

YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE PARTY AND ADMISSION TICKETS AT $10 PER COUPLE, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LOK FU, TUNG TAU AND WANG TAU HOM SUB-OFFICES, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

FIVE OTHER PROGRAMMES, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK SERVICES CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, WILL ALSO BE LAUNCHED ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

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THEY WILL BE HELD, BETWEEN 8.30 PM AND 12 MIDNIGHT, AT DIFFERENT VENUES AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-273327.

IN ADDITION, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAVE JOINTLY ORGANISED TWO DISCO NIGHTS ON CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EVES.

BOTH FUNCTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE MORSE PARK INDOOR GAMES HALL IN FUNG MO STREET, BETWEEN 7.30 PM AND 10.30 PM.

ADMISSION IS FREE AND TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OFFICE AT 15-24, WANG TAU HOM ESTATE, BLOCK 26, GROUND FLOOR.

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PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

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A SERIES OF CELEBRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) HERALDING CHRISTMAS WHICH IS ONLY A FEW DAYS AWAY.

IN SHA TIN, LOCAL CHILDREN WILL HAVE A TASTE OF FESTIVE SNACKS MADE BY GIRL GUIDES AND LADY MEMBERS OF THE YIN NGAI SOCIETY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE FOOD STALL WILL BE ONE OF THE MAJOR ATTRACTIONS AT THE CHRISTMAS FUN FAIR TO BE HELD ON THE PODIUM OF LEK YUEN ESTATE BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4 PM.

FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE FUN FAIR WILL BE OPENED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DONALD TSANG, AND HIS WIFE.

FOR SHAU KEI WAN RESIDENTS, A FUN FAIR WILL BE HELD ON THE PODIUM AT BLOCK 25, MING WAH BUILDING IN A KUNG NGAM, STARTING AT 2 PM.

THE FUN FAIR, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB ASSOCIATION, WILL INCLUDE 10 GAME STALLS, A BOOK EXHIBITION AND FOLK DANCES.

ANOTHER EVENT WILL BE CAROL SINGING BY THE WONG TAI SIN CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND MEMBERS FROM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS TO BE HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT IN CENTRAL AT 2.30 PM.

A HAPPY FAMILY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, SHEUNG WAN AREA COMMITTEE AND WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, WILL BE HELD AT BLAKE GARDEN, PO HING FONG, SHEUNG WAN, BEGINNING FROM 2 PM.

IN KWAI CHUNG, A CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 AM AT THE YMCA CENTRE AT 321 KWAI SHING CIRCUIT.

AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ANN KINGSTON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE DISABLED
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE AND KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE A CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THEIR 400 TRAINEES ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21).

THE TRAINEES WILL PERFORM DANCES, SINGING, DRAMA, ACROBATICS AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES. THE BAND OF TAI TAM GIRL PIPERS WILL BE THERE TO GIVE A MARCHING DISPLAY.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, AND A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAM HON-KEUNG WILL ATTEND AS GUESTS OF HONOUR.

THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE PROVIDES SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR DISABLED PEOPLE, AND THE KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE IS A RESIDENTIAL CENTRE FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN UNDER 16.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE, WELFARE ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, STARTING AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21).

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WAN CHAI DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN VARIETY SHOW
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR CHAM SIU-LEUN, CALLED FOR PUBLIC SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION FOR THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

HE MADE THE CALL THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING DURING A SPEECH AT THE OPENING OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN VARIETY SHOW AT THE SOUTHORN PLAYGROUND FOOTBALL PITCH.

THE SHOW WAS CO-ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

HE SAID: +TO MAKE WAN CHAI PROSPEROUS, RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT SHOULD FIRST KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.+

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, WHO WAS AMONG THE OFFICIATING GUESTS ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN ANY GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED CAMPAIGN.

HE SAID THAT PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWED PUBLIC SUPPORT WAS PREREQUISITE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE +KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN+ CAMPAIGN.

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OTHER GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED MR WONG TAK-FUN, URBAN SERVICES OFFICER (WAN CHAI), MR FRANCIS S.W. HO, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (WAN CHAI) AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS MR CHU WING-KEE, MR LEE KON, MR CHENG HOK-YIN, MR HO YUK-WING, MR NG SAI-YING, MR HO FOOK-CHU AND MR LO WAI-MAN.

AT THE CEREMONY SOUVENIRS WERE PRESENTED BY MR CHAM SIU-LEUN TO MR CHEONG-LEEN, MR WONG TAK-FUN, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SIX WAN CHAI DISTRICT AREA COMMITTEES AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG FOOD, GROCERY AND VEGETABLE HAWKER WELFARE AND FRATERNITY ASSOCIATION.

PROGRAMMES OF THE NIGHT INCLUDED SINGING, ACROBATICS, A MAGIC SHOW AND A LUCKY DRAW. THE SHOW ATTRACTED A LARGE AUDIENCE.

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SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT OPENS

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THE SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT, TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, OPENED TONIGHT (SATURDAY) AT THE SIR RUN RUN SHAW HALL OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

TWENTY-EIGHT SHOWS WILL BE HELD AT 11 VENUES IN SHA TIN, FEATURING PERFORMANCES INCLUDING MUSIC, DANCE, FILMS, DRAMA, CANTONESE OPERA AND VARIETY SHOWS WHICH ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, MISS LYDIA DUNN, POINTED OUT THAT SOME 160 CULTURAL EVENTS HAD BEEN HELD IN SHA TIN DURING THE YEAR.

BUT SHE SAID IT WAS A PITY THAT THESE ACTIVITIES WERE NOT HELD IN A PLACE WITH PROPER FACILITIES.

HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT'S OWN TOWN HALL WOULD BE READY IN EARLY 1985, MISS DUNN SAID.

IT WOULD HAVE A 1 450-SEAT RECITAL HALL TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL TRAINING ROOMS AND REHEARSAL AREAS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A DANCE DRAMA ENTITLED +ROMANCE OF THE MESMERISING VISIONS+ BY THE HONG KONG DANCE COMPANY.

THE ARTS FORTNIGHT IS A CONCERTED EFFORT BY THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO BRING HIGH-STANDARD CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO THE NEW TOWN.

PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THE FESTIVAL EVENTS ARE ADVISED TO MAKE BOOKINGS EARLY AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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FUN DAY FOR TSUEN WAN VILLAGERS

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A NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING A CHILDREN'S FUN FAIR AND A BEER-DRINKING CONTEST, HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR VILLAGERS OF TSUEN WAN AT TOMORROW'S (SUNDAY) RURAL AREA DAY.

STARTING AT 1.30 PM, 12 GAMES STALLS AT THE BASKETBALL COURT UNDER THE SHAM TSENG VIADUCT WILL OPEN FOR SOME 1 200 CHILDREN WHO WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITIES OF WINNING VALUABLE PRIZES.

A BEER-DRINKING CONTEST FOR 80 MEN AND WOMEN WILL BE HELD AT THE SAME VENUE, PRECEDED BY AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM TO BE PRESIDED OVER BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG.

A VARIETY SHOW COMPRISING MAGIC, ACROBATICS AND SINGING PERFORMANCES FOR THE YOUNG AND OLD WILL START AT 7.30 PM.

THE RURAL AREA DAY IS BEING ORGANISED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO PROVIDE CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE RURAL COMMUNITY IN TSUEN WAN.

OTHER PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING A MINI SOCCER TOURNAMENT, A DRAWING AND CALLIGRAPHY COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN, AND A PICNIC AND VEGETARIAN LUNCH FOR THE ELDERLY HAVE BEEN HELD OVER THE PAST WEEK.

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NORTH DISTRICT MARKET STALLS FOR AUCTION

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TEN STALLS AT THREE MARKETS IN NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC AUCTION ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21).

TWO STALLS FOR SELLING FISH AT SHA TAU KOK MARKET WILL BE AUCTIONED AT THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE'S OFFICE AT 10 AM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE OTHER EIGHT STALLS LOCATED AT TWO TEMPORARY MARKETS IN SHEK WU HUI WILL BE AUCTIONED AT 2.30 PM AT THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE IN FU HING STREET, SHEUNG SHUI.

SEVEN OF THESE STALLS WILL BE FOR THE SALE OF GROCERIES, FRUITS AND CONFECTIONERY WHILE THE REMAINING ONE WILL BE FOR THE SALE OF VEGETABLES.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL IS $50 EACH FOR THE TWO STALLS AT SHA TAU KOK MARKET AND $100 EACH FOR THE OTHER EIGHT STALLS.

/SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS .....

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR ON THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, AND ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE BIDDED RENTAL QUARTERLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BIDDERS MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE AND MUST BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE NORTH URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE O-6572837.

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WATER CUT IN MUI WO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN MUI WO WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREAS INCLUDE LUK TEI TONG, TAI TEI TONG, PAK NGAN HEUNG, CHUNG HAU, KAY HAU, NAM PING, SAI YUEN, TONG YUEN, CHUNG HAU TAI STREET, C.M.B. FREE HOSPITAL AND ELECTRIC SUB-STATION.

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