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SMOKING HABIT CONTINUES TO DECLINE

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RESULTS OF THE LATEST SURVEY ON THE SMOKING PATTERNS OF HONG KONG PEOPLE SHOWED THAT THE SMOKING HABIT HAS CONTINUED TO DECLINE.

RELEASING THE FINDINGS TODAY OF THIS EXERCISE WHICH WAS CONDUCTED AS PART OF THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY IN JULY THIS YEAR, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLEASED WITH THE CONTINUAL DECLINE FROM THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION DAILY SMOKERS TO NEARER 700 000.

+IT SHOWED THAT THE MESSAGE OF THE DANGERS OF SMOKING WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN PROMULGATING WAS CONTINUING TO GET THROUGH.

+HOWEVER, THE DECLINE IN THE LAST TWO YEARS IS NOT AS FAST AS IT WAS IN THE PREVIOUS TWO WHEN IT WAS THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE FASTEST IN THE WORLD,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HE WAS NOT SURPRISED THAT THE DECLINE WAS LESS STEEP THAN PREVIOUSLY, BECAUSE THE YEARS 1982-4 HAD SEEN A MAJOR NEW PUSH IN THE FORM OF THE INITIATION AND LEGISLATION OF AN ANTI-SMOKING POLICY, AND OF A STEEP RISE IN PRICES.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE DECLINE WOULD CONTINUE UNDER THE IMPACT OF THE 1986-7 ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN AND WITH THE IMMINENT CREATION OF THE COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH WHICH WOULD HAVE FULL-TIME STAFF DEVOTED TO ANTI-SMOKING EDUCATION.

A TOTAL OF 14 000 PEOPLE WERE INTERVIEWED IN THE SURVEY ON SMOKING HABITS.

+SOME OF THE MOST INTERESTING FINDINGS RELATE TO THE AGE AND SEX OF HONG KONG SMOKERS+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS HAD BEEN HIGHLIGHTED IN RECENT INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY ON THE SUCCESS OF HONG KONG'S ANTI-SMOKING MOVEMENT THROUGH AN ARTICLE IN THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, HONG KONG'S SMOKING PROFILE IS UNUSUAL.

FIRSTLY, VERY FEW WOMEN SMOKE. THE PERCENTAGE HAS REMAINED STABLE AT FOUR PER CENT.

THE FIGURE FOR MEN IS 31 PER CENT, NEARLY A THRID OF THE ADULT MALE POPULATION. BUT THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WAS AT LEAST AN ENCOURAGING DECREASE FROM 40 PER CENT IN 1982.

+AS LONG AS WOMEN ARE NOT TAKING UP THIS DANGEROUS HABIT,+ HE SAID, +WE ARE UNLIKELY TO SEE THE DIFFICULTIES NOW FACING THEM IN THE WEST, WHERE WOMEN ARE BECOMING THE MAJORITY AMONGST SMOKERS BECAUSE OF SIMILAR DECLINES IN MALE SMOKING FIGURES.+

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SECONDLY, THE AGE AT WHICH SMOKING STARTS IS LATER IN HONG KONG THAN IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. +THIS HAS POSSIBLY BEEN A FACTOR IN HELPING TO KEEP OVERALL FIGURES LOW,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +AS IT IS WELL KNOWN THAT THE OLDER YOU ARE THE LESS LIKELY YOU ARE TO TAKE UP THE HABIT, AND IT IS OBVIOUSLY BETTER IF PEOPLE DO NOT START TO FEEL TEMPTED UNTIL THEY ARE MATURE ENOUGH TO RESIST IT+.

+ON THIS,+ HE ADDED, +THE ANTI-SMOKING POLICY COMES TOGETHER WITH THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY'S OWN DECLARED INSISTENCE THAT 'SMOKING SHOULD BE AN ADULT CHOICE'+.

BUT ONE ASPECT OF THE LATEST SURVEY RESULTS IS WORRYING IN THIS RESPECT. +THE YOUNGEST GROUP IS THE ONLY SET AMONG THE AGE-GROUPS WHICH SHOWS AN INCREASE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE FIGURE EVEN FROM ADMITTED SMOKERS IN THE 15-19 YEAR-OLD BAND IS OVER 17 000 AND IF YOU INCLUDE PROBABLE NON-REPORTING AND THOSE UNDER 15, YOU HAVE A VERY MUCH HIGHER LEVEL OF SMOKING FOR TEENAGERS.+

THIS FIGURE INDICATED A NEW TREND THAT WAS LIKELY TO CAUSE THE COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH TO ADDRESS ITSELF AT ONCE TO WAYS OF REACHING TEENAGERS AND COUNTER-ACTING THEIR FEELING THAT EARLY SMOKING DEMONSTRATED EARLY MATURITY, THE SPOKESMAN SUGGESTED.

THE LATEST FIGURES STILL SHOWED THE 50-60 AGE-GROUP AS THE PEAK FOR THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF SMOKERS, AND 40-50 AS THE PEAK ONE FOR QUANTITY OF CONSUMPTION, AT 17 CIGARETTES A DAY.

+WE WERE NATURALLY HOPING THAT AS THIS GENERATION GREW OLDER IT WOULD BE REPLACED BY ONE WISER OF THE RISKS OF A HABIT WHICH IS THOUGHT TO BE HONG KONG'S AS WELL AS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST KILLER, WITH LATEST GLOBAL ESTIMATES AT 2-1/2 MILLION PREVENTABLE DEATHS A YEAR.

+THERE IS SOME ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF PEOPLE GIVING UP, HOWEVER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. MORE THAN HALF OF THE EX-SMOKERS IN THE SURVEY GAVE UP BECAUSE THEY HAD COME TO APPRECIATE THE EXTENT OF THE HEALTH RISK, WHETHER THROUGH THEIR DOCTOR OR THROUGH THEIR OWN REALISATION.

+OBVIOUSLY, THE MAIN HOPE IN THE LONG RUN, IN HONG KONG AND ELSEWHERE, IS THAT THE NUMBER OF EX-SMOKERS WILL EVENTUALLY OVERWHELM THE NUMBER OF SMOKERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR IN ITSELF. IT'S A MATTER OF GETTING IT THROUGH.+

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YOUTH CENTRE POLICY UNDER REVIEW

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THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS, BOTH IN QUALITY AND QUANTITY, SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE YOUTH CENTRE POLICY MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SALVATION ARMY LUNG HANG YOUTH CENTRE IN SHA TIN, HE SAID: +WE ARE NOW ACTIVELY REVIEWING THE DISTRIBUTION AND PLANNING STANDARDS OF YOUTH CENTRES IN ORDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF DISTRICTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN A MORE FLEXIBLE MANNER.+

HE SAID THERE WAS MORE TO A YOUTH CENTRE THAN JUST BEING A VENUE FOR SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+YOUTH CENTRE IS A MINI-COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE COME INTO CONTACT WITH THEIR PEER GROUPS AND THE SOCIETY AND AT THE SAME TIME LEARN HOW TO RELATE TO PEOPLE AND TO SOLVE PROBLEMS THROUGH GROUP EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

+ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES OF YOUTH CENTRE OR YOUTH WORK IS TO ENABLE YOUNG PEOPLE TO GAIN ACTUAL EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS THROUGH ORGANISED GROUP ACTIVITIES,+ HE ADDED.

MR LAW NOTED THAT RATHER THAN ALLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE TO ADOPT A +SPECTATOR'S+ ROLE, GROUP WORK IN YOUTH CENTRES SERVED TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO ORGANISE THEMSELVES TO CARRY OUT PROJECTS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE SUCCESS OF YOUTH CENTRES ALSO RELIED ON THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CENTRE AND MEMBER FAMILIES AS WELL AS ON THE PARTICIPATION OF THE LATTER.

+AS ACTIVITIES ARE DEVELOPED ACCORDING TO THE NEEDS AND THE WISHES OF THE MEMBERS AND HAVE TO MEET WITH CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE DISTRICT, THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION IS NECESSARY,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO YOUTH FACILITIES IN SHA TIN, HE OBSERVED THERE WERE 11 YOUTH CENTRES IN OPERATION WHILE ANOTHER SEVEN WERE UNDER PLANNING.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SALVATION ARMY FOR ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

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COMMUNITY URGED TO JOIN FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN THE CRUSADE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CARNIVAL, MR MORTIMER SAID THE NARCOTICS DIVISION HAD ONCE AGAIN JOINED HANDS WITH THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO ORGANISE A TWO-WEEK LONG PREVENTIVE AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

+THROUGH THE MANY EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL AND INTERESTING ACTIVITIES, IT IS HOPED THAT THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE WILL REACH NOT ONLY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES BUT WILL BE FURTHER PROMULGATED BY THEM TO THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES,+ HE SAID.

+I BELIEVED THAT THE GOAL OF A GREATER COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE COULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE IMPACT OF DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS.

+THIS CARNIVAL WHICH MARKS THE BEGINNING OF THE FORTNIGHT SHOWS US THAT LIFE HAS MEANINGFUL AND ENJOYABLE ATTRACTIONS AND THAT WE, TOGETHER WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, CAN FIGHT WHAT IS WRONG AND HELP EACH OTHER TO RE-FASHION OUR LIFE.+

THE CARNIVAL, HELD AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE, INCLUDED GAMES STALLS, ANTI-NARCOTICS EXHIBITION DISPLAYS, FILM SHOWS, SLIDE PRESENTATION AND A DEMONSTRATION OF SKILLS BY THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DOG UNIT OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT.

THE FIVE-HOUR EVENT ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF ENTHUSIASTIC SPECTATORS.

THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FORTNIGHT PROVIDES A PROGRAMME AIMED AT EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY YOUNG PEOPLE, ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE FORTNIGHT WILL CLOSE ON DECEMBER 7 WITH AN OPEN-AIR DISCO +ANTI-NARCOTICS BEAT STREET+, PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY COMMERCIAL RADIO FROM VICTORIA PARK.

OTHER EVENTS DURING THE FORTNIGHT WILL INCLUDE VISITS TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT BY STAFF OF THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND MOBILE DISPLAYS BY THE MOBILE PUBLICITY UNIT.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER MR BOWEN LEUNG, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR LEUNG SAU-CHI.

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EMPLOYERS GIVEN REMINDER ON WORKING HOURS
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT FACTORY PROPRIETORS WHO EMPLOY WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS TO WORK OUTSIDE THEIR PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT RISK BEING PROSECUTED.

THIS FOLLOWED A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH THE PROPRIETOR OF A PRINTING FACTORY WAS FINED \$5 000 BY A MAGISTRATE FOR EMPLOYING 15 WOMEN OUTSIDE THEIR PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FINE IMPOSED WAS THE MAXIMUM PENALTY UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS REGULATIONS.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE +PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT+ IS THE PERIOD AS ENTERED IN THE NOTICE OF PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF WORK, INCLUDING THE INTERVALS ALLOWED FOR MEALS OR REST, WITHIN WHICH WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS MAY BE EMPLOYED ON THAT DAY.

+NO CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN SERVED ON THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AND ANOTHER NOTICE POSTED ON THE PREMISES 48 HOURS BEFORE THE PROPOSED CHANGE IS TO COME INTO FORCE,+ HE SAID.

+SUCH CHANGE SHOULD NOT BE MADE MORE THAN ONCE IN EVERY THREE MONTHS EXCEPT WITH SPECIAL PERMISSION IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.+

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE -- 5-8152200 -- TO REPORT ANY BREACHES OF THE REGULATIONS.

ALL COMPLAINTS WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND THE NAMES AND IDENTITY OF THE COMPLAINANTS WOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED IN THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATIONS.

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ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION
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SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO WIN AN OVERSEAS TRIP, CASH AND BOOK PRIZES IN AN ESSAY COMPETITION ON TOPICS RELATING TO COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND STUDIES.

PRIZES IN THE ANNUAL ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY ESSAY COMPETITION ARE OFFERED BY THE SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

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THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO FOUR GROUPS OF SCHOOL CHILDREN - CLASS A FOR CANDIDATES AGED 16 AND UNDER 19 IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR, CLASS B FOR THOSE BETWEEN 14 AND 16, CLASS C BETWEEN 12 AND 14 AND CLASS D FOR THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF 12.

WINNER OF CLASS A WILL BE AWARDED A HONG KONG-LONDON RETURN FLIGHT FOR TWO, 30 POUNDS STERLING IN CASH AND BOOKS WORTH 20 POUNDS.

THE BEST ESSAY WRITER OF CLASS B WILL RECEIVE REGIONAL AIR TRAVEL FOR TWO PLUS 20 POUNDS STERLING IN CASH AND BOOKS WORTH 15 POUNDS STERLING.

THERE WILL BE FOUR PRIZES FOR EACH OF THE FOUR CLASSES AWARDED BY THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN BRITAIN.

IN ADDITION, THE ROYAL COMMONWEALTH SOCIETY IN HONG KONG WILL OFFER A ROUND-TRIP AIR TICKET TO KUALA LUMPUR, ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO NIGHTS AT COMMONWEALTH HOUSE, SIGHTSEEING EXPEDITIONS AND SPENDING MONEY TO THE BEST WRITER IN CLASS A. JUDGING WILL BE DONE BY THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN LONDON.

THE HONG KONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL DONATE 12 PRIZES TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS OF EACH OF THE FOUR CLASSES OF THE LOCAL COMPETITION ORGANISED TO SELECT ENTRIES OF SUFFICIENT DISTINCTION FOR ENTERING THE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION IN LONDON.

DETAILS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ESSAY COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS. ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT VIA SCHOOLS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE JANUARY 20, 1987, FOR THE PRELIMINARY ROUND OF JUDGING.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL BEGINS
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THE 16-DAY SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL OPENED TONIGHT (SATURDAY) WITH A SPECTACULAR LASER VARIETY SHOW IN WONG CHUK HANG.

OPENING THE FESTIVAL, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THE FESTIVAL NOT ONLY PROVIDED FUN FOR RESIDENTS, BUT ALSO HAD A SERIOUS PURPOSE OF DRAWING TOGETHER PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS.

+I KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS RECENTLY INITIATED AN INTENSIVE CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN AND THIS HAS BEEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORTED BY THE SIX AREA COMMITTEES,+ HE SAID.

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+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE FESTIVAL WILL BE OF GREAT BENEFIT TO THE CAMPAIGN, THROUGH THE BOOST WHICH IT WILL GIVE TO COMMUNITY SPIRIT,+ HE ADDED.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SIMON LORD; SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR JASPER LAM AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS SO CHOW YIM-PING.

RESIDENTS REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREAS PUT TOGETHER A SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD LOGO TO SYMBOLISE THE UNITY OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS. THERE WAS ALSO A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY FOR THE LASER VARIETY SHOW THAT FOLLOWED.

MORE THAN 4 000 RESIDENTS ATTENDED THE THREE-HOUR SHOW IN WHICH WELL-KNOWN DISC-JOCKEYS AND POPULAR SINGERS TOOK PART.

THEY WERE AMAZED AT THE VARYING PATTERNS AND SPECIAL EFFECTS CREATED BY LASER BEAMS DURING THE SHOW, WHICH WAS HELD ON A SOCCER PITCH.

THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL WILL RUN UNTIL DECEMBER 7. THERE WILL BE 12 OTHER FREE CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES TO SPREAD THE FESTIVAL'S THEME OF CIVIC EDUCATION TO PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND INTERESTS.

PROGRAMME LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-540271.

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YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT BEGINS * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT IS PLACING MORE AND MORE EMPHASIS ON YOUTH SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING THROUGH THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR A.K. CHUI, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND JAL INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP YOUTH SOCCER TOURNAMENT BEING HELD AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE.

THE TOURNAMENT PROVIDED A WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR TALENTED, UP-AND-COMING YOUNG FOOTBALLERS FROM SINGAPORE, JAPAN AND HONG KONG TO PIT THEIR SKILLS AGAINST EACH OTHER AND TO GAIN COMPETITIVE EXPERIENCE, HE SAID.

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+THE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE PROVIDED BY THIS EVENT WILL ALSO HELP TO GENERATE GREATER INTEREST AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN THIS SPORT,+ HE ADDED.

MR CHUI DESCRIBED FOOTBALL AS A POPULAR AND WELL SUPPORTED SPORT IN HONG KONG.

+WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF YOUTH FOOTBALL TRAINING SCHEMES, IT IS HOPED THAT IN THE YEARS AHEAD HONG KONG FOOTBALLERS WILL EARN A BETTER PLACE FOR THEMSELVES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT IN 1981 THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HAD LAUNCHED A SCHEME TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM AND SYSTEMATIC TRAINING FOR YOUNG PLAYERS.

MR CHUI ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THOSE INVOLVED IN MAKING THE TOURNAMENT POSSIBLE, INCLUDING JAPAN AIR LINES, WHICH PROVIDED AIR FARES AND SPONSORED TROPHIES, THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, AND THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.

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SPORTS DEMONSTRATIONS GIVEN FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS
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SKILLED PERFORMERS GAVE DEMONSTRATIONS OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR MONG KOK RESIDENTS AT THE LIM POR YEN CENTRE TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE +SPORTS OPEN DAY+ BEGAN WITH A DEMONSTRATION OF AEROBICS BY YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT.

A TEAM FROM THE HONG KONG AMATEUR SHUTTLECOCK ASSOCIATION THEN SHOWED THEIR SKILL AT SHUTTLECOCK KICKING.

OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS WERE GIVEN IN VARIOUS BALL GAMES, KARATE, FENCING, TRAMPOLINING, SOCIAL DANCING, AND BALLET DANCING.

THE OPEN DAY WAS ORGANISED AS PART OF ACTIVITIES IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS FORTNIGHT.

THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO GIVE RESIDENTS THE CHANCE TO SHARE THEIR INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE IN SPORTS AND TO ENHANCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HEALTHY LEISURE ACTIVITIES.

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SOUTHERN TO HOLD CARNIVAL TOMORROW
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RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A HOST OF ACTIVITIES WHEN A CARNIVAL IS HELD FROM 1 PM TO 6 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE REST GARDEN.

THE PROGRAMME RANGES FROM STAGE PERFORMANCES AND CRAFTS STALLS TO EXHIBITIONS AND GAMES STALLS. ADMISSION IS FREE.

THE CARNIVAL, ENTITLED '+SOUTHERN DISTRICT -- YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW+', IS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS ORGANISED FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND IS AIMED AT PROJECTING THE DISTRICT AS A FAST-MOVING AND DEVELOPING COMMUNITY.

EVENTS ON THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE A LION DANCE BY THE FISHERMEN'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION, BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE, MAGIC SHOW, CANTONESE OPERA, FOLK SONGS AND DANCES, AND BALLET AND CHILDREN'S DANCES PERFORMED BY KINDERGARTENS, SCHOOLS, RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS AND OTHER GROUPS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A PERFORMANCE OF ENGLISH MORRIS DANCING.

TWO EXHIBITIONS, ON SOUTHERN DISTRICT'S HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT AND ON THE FISHING INDUSTRY, WILL BE HELD. RESIDENTS CAN ALSO VISIT A WELL-EQUIPPED MODERN FISHING VESSEL MOORED ALONGSIDE THE PROMENADE.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO 12 WINNERS OF THE DISTRICT'S '+CITIZENS OF THE MONTH+' AWARD FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER AT A CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

A SPECIAL PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE GAMES STALL HAVING THE BEST DESIGN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CARNIVAL OPENING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 2 PM TOMORROW AT THE ABERDEEN PROMENADE REST GARDEN (OPPOSITE NO. 70 BUS TERMINUS).

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SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS COMPETITION TOMORROW
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IT WILL BE A DAY OF ACTION FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AS A SERIES OF SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE ALL OVER THE DISTRICT.

REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T.H. CHAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO TRACK AND FIELD SPORTS COMPETITION WHICH WILL START AT 11 AM.

CO-ORGANISED BY URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM, BOUNDARY STREET.

ANOTHER COMPETITION AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN PLAYGROUND FROM 9.30 AM TO 6 PM IS A KNOCK-OUT MINI SOCCER TOURNAMENT ORGANISED BY THE LAI CHI KOK AND UN CHAU AREA COMMITTEE.

A CARNIVAL WILL ALSO BE HELD AT 2 PM AT PO ON ROAD PLAYGROUND, WHILE A VARIETY SHOW AT MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND WILL START AT 7.30 PM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MANY EVENTS OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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YOUNG PEOPLE TO DISCUSS CIVIC ISSUES
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SIX GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE WILL AIR THEIR VIEWS ON VARIOUS ISSUES INVOLVING THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT AT A SEMINAR TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THEY ARE THE WINNING TEAMS IN A CIVIC IMPLEMENTATION SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC EDUCATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE.

THEIR PROJECTS WERE CHOSEN FROM A TOTAL OF 17 ENTRIES WHICH TOUCHED ON TOPICS SUCH AS THE HISTORY OF OLD-STYLE CHINESE TEA HOUSES IN YAU MA TEI, THE FRUIT MARKET, PROBLEMS FACING ELDERLY PEOPLE, AND PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

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PRESENT AT THE SEMINAR WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM AND CONTROLLER OF EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION, MR CHU PUI-HING, BOTH OF WHOM WERE ADJUDICATORS IN THE SCHEME.

YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR YIP WAH, WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM PARTICIPANTS.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNING TEAMS.

THE SEMINAR WILL ALSO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE YAU MA TEI CIVIC EDUCATION FESTIVAL WHICH BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 9.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO START AT 2 PM TOMORROW IN THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO SHA TIN COMPETITION
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ABOUT 700 SECONDARY AND PRIMARY STUDENTS IN SHA TIN HAVE ENTERED THE DISTRICT'S SLOGAN AND ESSAY COMPETITION ON +STOP THROWING OBJECTS FROM HEIGHT+.

THE COMPETITION, ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, IS AIMED AT ALERTING RESIDENTS TO THE HARM AND DANGER CAUSED BY OBJECTS THROWN FROM HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO 32 OUTSTANDING ENTRIES AT A CEREMONY AT SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA AT 11 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY THE SHA TIN CHILDREN CHOIR, DRAMA CLUB AND THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, AS PART OF A VARIETY SHOW.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM, SHA TIN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR J.F. GREENE, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR ANDREW WONG, AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LEE KWAN WING-WAH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION AND VARIETY SHOW TO BEGIN TOMORROW AT 11 AM AT THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA (NEAR THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN).

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CANTONESE OPERA TREAT AT CITY HALL
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MORE THAN 1 000 CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY A CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE DURING THE SECOND CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE THREE-HOUR PERFORMANCE BY THE HON FUNG CANTONESE OPERA TROUPE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 24) AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL. IT WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

IT IS HOPED THAT MANY ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL ATTEND.

FREE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, KENNEDY TOWN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, THE TAM PAK HEUNG SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY AND SEVEN CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR KEVIN MAK= CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG= AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR VINCENT KO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL'S CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMANCE TO BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL.

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AD HOC GROUP ON ANIMAL WASTE CONTROL PLANNED
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MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONSIDER SETTING UP AN AD HOC GROUP TO STUDY THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY ANIMAL WASTE AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 24).

THE GROUP, TO BE PROPOSED BY MR TAI CHIN-WAH IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON ANIMAL WASTE, WILL EXAMINE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CONTROL AREA; THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO CONTROL FARMING AND COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT FOR THOSE AFFECTED.

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MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AND PROGRESS REPORTS ON MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AND FROM THE STREET MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, YUEN LONG.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING IN SHAM SHUI PO

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FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 25), A SECTION OF PRATAS STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHEAST BOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHWEST BOUND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE AFFECTED SECTION IS BETWEEN UN CHAU STREET AND FUK WING STREET.

MEANWHILE, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND AT THIS SECTION OF PRATAS STREET WILL BE CANCELLED. TWO PLB STANDS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE SECTION OF FUK WING STREET BETWEEN CAMP STREET AND PRATAS STREET.

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CENTRAL, SHA TIN WATER CUTS

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT AND SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 25) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

IN CENTRAL DISTRICT, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY CAINE ROAD, LADDER STREET, PO HING FONG, KUI IN FONG, TAI PING SHAN STREET, BRIDGES STREET, STAUNTON STREET AND ABERDEEN STREET, INCLUDING U LAM TERRACE AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD POLICE QUARTERS.

IN SHA TIN, THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES BOUNDED BY SIU LEK YUEN ROAD, LOK SHING STREET, TAK PO STREET, TAK WING STREET AND TAK KAY STREET, INCLUDING CITY ONE PHASE I AND II (BLOCK NO'S 1 - 52).

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FIRING PRACTICE IN DECEMBER
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON 16 DAYS IN DECEMBER.

THE PUBLIC IS WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE:

| DATE ----- | TIME ----- |
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| DECEMBER 1 (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 2 (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 3 (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 4 (THURSDAY) | 8.30 AM - 11.59 PM |
| DECEMBER 5 (FRIDAY) | 0.01 AM - 11.59 PM |
| DECEMBER 6 (SATURDAY) | 0.01 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 8 (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 9 (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 10 (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 11.59 PM |
| DECEMBER 11 (THURSDAY) | 0.01 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 12 (FRIDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 15 (MONDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 16 (TUESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 17 (WEDNESDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 18 (THURSDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |
| DECEMBER 19 (FRIDAY) | 8.30 AM - 5 PM |

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