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SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTOR STRESSES IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTEERS
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY EMPHASIZED THAT VOLUNTEERS HAVE A SIGNIFICANT PART TO PLAY IN THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE CITY LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG, HE DESCRIBED VOLUNTEERS AS THE +BACKBONE OF A CARING COMMUNITY+ WHO OFFER THEIR SERVICES AND ADVICE WITH NO THOUGHT OF REMUNERATION.

THEY ARE A SOURCE OF SUPPORT TO PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS AND A WEALTH OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND NEW PERSPECTIVES, HE SAID.

MR ALLEYNE SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HEALTHY COMMUNITY LIFE AS THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IN SOCIAL WELFARE COULD NOT DEPEND ON GOVERNMENTAL OUTLAYS AND DIRECTIVES ALONE, NOR ONLY ON PROFESSIONAL STAFF.

+IT ALSO REQUIRES THE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE EMPHASIZED.

HE SAID VOLUNTEERS MIGHT NOT BE TRAINED IN SOCIAL WORK THEMSELVES BUT THEIR PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR OWN FIELDS WAS OF IMMENSE VALUE IN HELPING TO SHAPE SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SOCIETY.

HE CITED THOSE SERVING AS UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, SUCH AS MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL WORK TRAINING.

+WE ALSO HAVE THOSE WHO SERVE ON BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF MANY VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES, WHO DO THE IMPORTANT JOB OF MONITORING AND DEVELOPING THEIR AGENCIES' SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE GROUPS LIKE LIONS CLUBS REPRESENT ANOTHER CATEGORY OF VOLUNTEERS WHO SHARE AND CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME, IDEAS AND MONEY IN HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE ONES, HE ADDED.

AT THE FRONT LINE, MR ALLEYNE SAID, STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS CONSTITUTE THE MAJORITY OF VOLUNTEERS IN DIRECT SERVICES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED IN A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SERVICES, SUCH AS GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK AND PROBATION SERVICE.

HE GAVE AS EXAMPLE THE DEPARTMENT'S +OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SCHEME+ UNDER WHICH OVER 500 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS HAD BEEN ORGANISED IN THE PAST SIX YEARS INVOLVING SOME 17 000 VOLUNTEERS BRINGING SERVICE TO OVER ONE MILLION PEOPLE.

THE VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS ALSO SUPPLEMENTS THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION SERVICE BY RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP REFORM YOUNG OFFENDERS, HE ADDED.

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MR ALLEYNE SAID THAT IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, WELFARE AGENCIES ALSO RELIED ON VOLUNTEERS IN THE PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES.

ON A TERRITORY-WIDE BASIS, HE NOTED, THE ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE SET UP 10 YEARS AGO IS A PRIME FORCE BEHIND THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE IN HONG KONG.

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AUDIT REPORT ON GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS OUT TOMORROW

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THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF AUDIT ON THE ACCOUNTS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN 1979-80 AND OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE WILL BE TABLED AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

AT THE SAME MEETING, THERE WILL BE EIGHT QUESTIONS:

THE HON FRANCIS TIEN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER TAKING STEPS TO EASE THE IMPACT OF THE PRESENT HIGH INTEREST RATES ON INDUSTRY.

THE HON LYDIA DUNN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS COME TO ANY VIEWS AS TO THE MOTIVATION BEHIND THE SPATE OF BUS BOMBINGS LAST FEBRUARY AND THE RECENT BOMBING INCIDENT AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE. DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI WILL WANT TO KNOW STATISTICS ON ROBBERIES INVOLVING THE USE OF IMITATION FIREARMS, AND THE GOVERNMENT ACTION BEING TAKEN TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF TOY PISTOLS WHICH CAN BE CONVERTED INTO FIREARMS.

THE HON CHARLES YEUNG WILL ASK FOR A GOVERNMENT STATEMENT ON PLANS FOR CONCERT HALL, AUDITORIUM OR CULTURAL CENTRE FOR VARIOUS NEW TERRITORIES AREAS, AND ASK WHETHER IT IS SATISFIED WITH THE ADEQUACY OF EXISTING ACTIVE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, PARTICULARLY IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED CONCERN THE PROGRESS OF THE PROPOSED HOME PURCHASE SCHEME FOR CIVIL SERVANTS, PUBLICATION DATE OF THE WHITE PAPER ON PRE-PRIMARY AND PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRIMARY 1 ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR THE COMING SEPTEMBER, AND PROSECUTIONS FOR NON-CARRYING OF IDENTITY DOCUMENTS AND THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS UNCOVERED BY IDENTITY CHECKS.

THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981 AND THE FOREIGN JUDGMENTS (RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981 WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE SECOND READING OF THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1980, INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANIES DEPOSIT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, AND THE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981.

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ELDERLY COUPLES GO ON SECOND HONEYMOON
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TWENTY ELDERLY COUPLES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL START A TWO-NIGHT +SECOND HONEYMOON+ AT THE HILTON HOTEL IN CENTRAL TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE EVENT IS PART OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES TO PROMOTE +HAPPY MARRIAGE, HAPPY LIFE+.

IT WILL BE OFFICIALLY STARTED BY THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES), MR HENRY AU, AT A CEREMONY IN WHICH A COMMUNITY LEADER, MR KWOK WING-CHI, WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR \$20 000 AS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE PROGRAMME.

IT WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCH IN WHICH THE PARTICIPATING COUPLES WILL GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

THE +SECOND HONEYMOON+ WILL FEATURE FILM SHOWS, TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ON MARITAL ADJUSTMENT, AND OUTINGS TO SUCH PLACES AS THE HONG KONG SPACE MUSEUM AND OCEAN PARK.

ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN-YUEN LONG DISTRICT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION COMMITTEE, IT IS AMONG A SERIES PLANNED IN THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS TO FOSTER HARMONIOUS MARITAL RELATIONSHIP.

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RADIO TALKS ON PREVENTION OF DISABILITIES
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS LAUNCHING A YEAR-LONG WEEKLY RADIO PROGRAMME ON HEALTH SUBJECTS IN SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PERSONS.

STARTING THIS WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON PREVENTION OF DISABILITIES IN A SERIES OF TALKS TO BE BROADCAST FROM 2.30 TO 3 PM ON TUESDAYS ON RTHK'S CHINESE CHANNEL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THESE PROGRAMMES WAS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DISEASES WHICH BRING ABOUT DISABILITIES.

THE TALKS WILL COVER THE CAUSES, PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF DISEASES, INCLUDING THOSE OF HEART, RESPIRATORY, RHEUMATOID AND SENSORY ORGANS.

+THE TOPICS ARE SPECIALLY SELECTED IN LINE WITH THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO PROMOTE EFFECTIVE MEASURES FOR THE PREVENTION OF DISABILITY AND FOR THE REHABILITATION OF DISABLED PERSONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EACH PROGRAMME LASTS 30 MINUTES, WITH THE FIRST HALF DEVOTED TO A BRIEF TALK BY A SPECIALIST IN A PARTICULAR FIELD, AND THE REMAINING HALF FOR PHONE-IN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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APART FROM THESE RADIO TALKS, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PLANNING A MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR.

THE AIM IS TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON MENTAL HEALTH, DISABILITIES RELATED TO MENTAL DISEASES AND THEIR PREVENTION.

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SWD DIRECTOR CONTINUES TOUR OF WELFARE SERVICES

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, TODAY WENT ON A HALF-DAY INSPECTION TOUR OF WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE YOUNG AND THE OLD IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS.

ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MRS EVELYN DOE, HE VISITED A DAY NURSERY AND A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY RUN BY THE WESTERN DISTRICT WOMEN'S WELFARE CLUB IN BRIDGES STREET.

HE WAS MET AND BRIEFED ON THE OPERATIONS BY THE CLUB CHAIRMAN, MRS KHO CHIU BI-KE, AND THE PRESIDENT, MRS SIU TSANG FUNG-KWAN.

THE NURSERY TAKES CARE OF 170 CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SIX YEARS, WHILE THE CENTRE PROVIDES LEISURE FACILITIES FOR ELDERLY MEN AND WOMEN IN WESTERN DISTRICT.

MR ALLEYNE LATER CALLED AT THE HONG KONG JUVENILE CARE CENTRE AT LOWER ALBERT ROAD, A SPECIAL SCHOOL FOR 70 SOCIALLY DEPRIVED BOYS AGED EIGHT TO 14 YEARS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE CENTRE'S CHAIRMAN, MR WOO WING-FAI, HE INSPECTED THE FACILITIES, LOOKING AT ITS DORMITORY, CLASSROOMS, LIBRARY, PLAYGROUND, ROOFTOP GARDEN AND KITCHEN.

THE CENTRE PROVIDES PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION, PHYSICAL AND PRE-VOCATIONAL TRAINING, AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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GET TO KNOW THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY

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A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND EXHIBITIONS ON SYNTHETIC POLYMERS WILL BE HELD THIS MONTH AT THE SCIENCE TEACHING CENTRE IN NORTH POINT FOR CHEMISTRY TEACHERS.

THE AIM IS TO INTRODUCE THE TEACHERS TO THE DIFFERENT MOULDING METHODS USED IN THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, THE RAW MATERIALS USED IN PRODUCING COMMON PLASTIC ARTICLES, AND THE RELEVANT POLYMER CHEMISTRY EXPERIMENTS RECOMMENDED IN THE NEW CHEMISTRY SYLLABUS FOR FORMS 4 AND 5.

A LOOPFILM SHOW HIGHLIGHTING THE DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED.

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PARTICIPATING TEACHERS WILL BE ABLE TO TRY OUT THE EXPERIMENTS SET UP AT THE CENTRE, AND WILL ALSO RECEIVE SMALL SAMPLES OF VARIOUS RAW PLASTIC MATERIALS.

THE WORKSHOP AND EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD EVERY TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY FROM JANUARY 13 TO 24. OPENING HOURS ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS ARE FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM, AND ON SATURDAYS FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

THE SCIENCE TEACHING CENTRE IS LOCATED AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE AT THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON 5-774001 EXT. 38.

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BARBECUE PARK BEING BUILT AT TAI O

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ISLANDS DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD IS FUNDING A \$28 000 BARBECUE PARK AT TAI O, LANTAU.

THE PROJECT INCLUDES A PAVILION AND THREE BARBECUE PITS FOR USE BY LOCAL PEOPLE AND VISITORS.

THE PARK, MEASURING 168 SQUARE METRES, LIES BETWEEN TAI O ROAD NEAR HANG MEI AND A NATURAL STREAM CALLED KWAI FAI CHE. A PUBLIC CAR PARK IS SITUATED NEARBY.

THE PROJECT AND ITS LOCATION WERE PROPOSED BY TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE.

THE PAVILION WILL BE BUILT IN MODERN STYLE WITH THREE CONCRETE BENCHES.

WORK STARTED IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND WILL BE COMPLETED LATER THIS MONTH. IT IS BEING SUPERVISED BY ISLANDS DISTRICT WORKS OFFICE.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON YUNG TAI-WAI ON JULY 9, 1979 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

YUNG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF HUI KA-WING IN ABERDEEN ON NOVEMBER 6, 1978.

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