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H.K. NEEDS MORE ATTENTION IN POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL
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DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DR STUART REED, TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THAT HONG KONG NEEDED TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

DR REED WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION.

"THE REASON FOR THIS IS THAT WE PACK MUCH OF OUR INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL AND TOURIST ACTIVITY, TOGETHER WITH OUR LIVING SPACE INTO JUST TWO OR THREE HUNDRED SQUARE KILOMETRES," DR REED SAID.

"IN ADDITION, THE NATURE OF THE TOPOGRAPHY AND METEOROLOGY HERE MEANS THAT POLLUTION EMITTED BY ALL THIS ACTIVITY THAT IS CONCENTRATED INTO A VERY SMALL SPACE, IS NOT READILY DISPERSED AND CAN BE TRAPPED FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME."

DR REED GAVE A NUMBER OF EXAMPLES OF THE POLLUTION PROBLEMS FACED BY HONG KONG AS A RESULT OF THIS SITUATION AND THEN WENT ON TO DESCRIBE THE WAY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS RESPONDING TO THE THREAT POSED BY POLLUTION IN TERMS OF:

- * INSTITUTION BUILDING AND IN PARTICULAR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT IN APRIL 1986.
- * IMPROVED ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF POLLUTION CONTROLS.
- * INTRODUCTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE THE OBJECTIVE INFORMATION NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT ANY NEW LEGISLATION, OR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES, MEET THE SPECIFIC LOCAL NEEDS IN HONG KONG.
- * PROVISION OF IMPROVED FACILITIES FOR THE COLLECTION, TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE AND SOLID WASTES.
- * PLANNING AGAINST POLLUTION TO ENSURE THAT NEW DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT LEAD TO THE CREATION OF NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS.
- * PROMOTING PUBLIC AWARENESS.

"ALL THESE PROGRAMMES WILL REQUIRE THE CONTINUING ACTIVE AND VOCAL SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED IN MAKING HONG KONG A PLACE WHERE IT IS NOT ONLY HEALTHY BUT ALSO AGREEABLE TO LIVE," DR REED SAID.

"IT IS CERTAINLY GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM TO SEE HOW MANY MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CHOOSE TO SPEND THEIR SUNDAY AFTERNOONS ATTENDING THESE SESSIONS ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION," HE CONCLUDED.

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TRAVELLERS URGED TO APPLY EARLY FOR DOCUMENTS

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY ADVISED PEOPLE INTENDING TO TRAVEL IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO APPLY FOR THEIR DOCUMENTS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

IN ADDITION, THERE MIGHT BE LONGER QUEUES AT VARIOUS CONTROL POINTS FOR IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION WHEN TRAVELLERS LEAVE OR ENTER HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS DUE MAINLY TO THE REDEPLOYMENT OF SOME IMMIGRATION STAFF FROM CONTROL POINTS AND OTHER OFFICES TO DEAL WITH THE EXTRA WORKLOAD ARISING FROM THE NEW POLICY OF SCREENING VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE ARRIVING IN HONG KONG AFTER JUNE 15.

HOWEVER, HE ASSURED THE PUBLIC THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAINTAIN ITS STANDARD OF SERVICE AND TO REDUCE ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC TO THE MINIMUM.

ALTHOUGH FUNDS HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO EMPLOY 200 ADDITIONAL STAFF TO COPE WITH THE EXTRA WORKLOAD, THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF NEW OFFICERS WOULD TAKE ABOUT SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE MEANTIME, THERE WOULD INEVITABLY BE SOME EFFECT ON IMMIGRATION SERVICES, ESPECIALLY DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN MORE PEOPLE WERE LIKELY TO BE TRAVELLING.

"IT MAY TAKE A LONGER TIME FOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO BE ISSUED AND THERE MAY BE LONGER QUEUES FOR IMMIGRATION EXAMINATION AT THE CONTROL POINTS," HE ADDED.

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SHA TIN DB TO DISCUSS BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM

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THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (JULY 5) MORNING.

BOARD MEMBER, MR LAU KONG-WAH WILL ASK ABOUT THE TYPES OF RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURE INVOLVED IN TAKING CARE OF THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND WHY THE FIRST ASYLUM POLICY CANNOT BE ABOLISHED.

HE WILL ALSO WANT TO KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE SCREENING PROGRAMME ON THE POPULATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE HERE.

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MEMBERS, MR CHAN HON-YING AND MR TAM FAU-CHUEN WILL ASK IF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS PRACTICABLE PLANS TO MEET SHA TIN RESIDENTS' DEMAND FOR GENERAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES.

ANOTHER MEMBER, DR JOHN YOUNG WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S CONTINGENCY PLANS TO DEAL WITH EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AT THE LION ROCK TUNNEL AREA AND GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH POLLUTION AT SHING MUN RIVER BEFORE AND DURING THE SUMMER.

THE BOARD WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE MERITS OF INTRODUCING SUMMER TIME AND THE SHA TIN ANTI-NARCOTICS FESTIVAL.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROGRESS REPORTS BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND BASIC LAW WORKING COMMITTEE AS WELL AS REPORT ON DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MATTERS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 5) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON 6/F, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

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BOAT PEOPLE PROBLEM ON TSUEN WAN DB AGENDA

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT ITS SECOND REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY (JULY 5) AFTERNOON.

MEMBERS WILL GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON THE SCREENING POLICY RECENTLY ADOPTED AND ON THE PORT OF FIRST ASYLUM POLICY.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS' VIEWS WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON THE MERITS OF INTRODUCING SUMMER TIME IN HONG KONG.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE REPORTS BY THE CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 5) IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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SIX MORE BUILDINGS JOIN NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

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SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TERRITORY WIDE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN 1985, THERE HAD BEEN GREAT SUCCESS IN CURBING CRIME, PARTICULARLY IN REDUCING BURGLARY IN THE BUILDINGS, EASTERN DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR R.M.A. HARPER, SAID TONIGHT (SUNDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME PHASE VI FORMATION CEREMONY CUM ANTI-TRIAD STREET PLAY AT THE CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MR HARPER POINTED OUT THAT BURGLARIES IN THE DISTRICT HAD DECREASED FROM 962 IN 1985 TO 583 IN 1987.

THE FIRST FIVE COMPLETED PHASES OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME IN EASTERN DISTRICT HAVE INVOLVED 6,708 HOUSEHOLDS IN FORMING 583 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH UNITS IN 28 DOMESTIC BUILDINGS, ONE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AND ONE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

"THE SIXTH PHASE OF THE SCHEME WILL BE PARTICIPATED BY SIX BUILDINGS, OF WHICH TWO ARE PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS AND FOUR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS. A TOTAL OF 101 UNITS WILL BE FORMED WITH 1,210 HOUSEHOLDS," MR HARPER SAID.

THESE BUILDINGS ARE BLOCK 15 IN CHAI WAN ESTATE, KING HING HOUSE IN HING WAH ESTATE PHASE I, CONTINENTAL MANSION IN NORTH POINT, BO FUNG GARDEN, NO. 956-956A KING'S ROAD AND NO. 46-56 SAI WAN HO STREET.

MR HARPER THANKED ALL THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE SCHEME FOR THEIR STRONG SENSE OF PUBLIC SPIRIT IN HELPING THE POLICE, THEIR NEIGHBOURS AND THEMSELVES IN FIGHTING CRIME.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, HOPED THAT MORE LOCAL RESIDENTS WOULD SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHEME SO AS TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY.

"A SERIES OF FIGHT CRIME ACTIVITIES INCLUDING VISITS, SCHOOL TALKS, COMPETITIONS, BUS PARADE AND CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD IN THE COMING MONTHS TO SPREAD FIGHT CRIME MESSAGE AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS," MR YEUNG SAID.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON YOUTH POLICY REPORT EXTENDED
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THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION PERIOD ON ITS REPORT ON YOUTH POLICY BY TWO MONTHS TO SEPTEMBER 24.

DISCLOSING THIS, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, MRS ROSANNA TAM, POINTED OUT THAT IN REACHING THE DECISION, THE COMMITTEE HAD TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

- * CALLS BY VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR EXTENSION OF THE CONSULTATION PERIOD;
- * ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE BY THE PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS;
- * ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE REPORT WERE ONLY AVAILABLE IN JUNE; AND
- * THE EARLY PART OF THE CURRENT CONSULTATION PERIOD HAPPENED TO CLASH WITH THAT OF LOCAL PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

"NOW WITH THE EXAMINATIONS OVER AND MORE COPIES OF THE REPORT AVAILABLE, IT IS HOPED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN PARTICULAR STUDENTS WILL HAVE TIME TO STUDY THE REPORT AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS," SHE NOTED.

MRS TAM FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMITTEE PARTICULARLY WELCOMED COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

- * WHETHER THERE IS A NEED FOR A YOUTH POLICY IN HONG KONG;
- * THE BROAD PRINCIPLES PERTAINING TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OUTLINED IN THE REPORT; AND
- * WHETHER THERE IS A NEED FOR A COMMISSION ON YOUTH AS RECOMMENDED IN THE REPORT.

COMMENTS ON THE REPORT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COMMITTEE'S SECRETARY, C/O CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, 13TH FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE NOW STILL AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH'S SECRETARIAT.

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SAFETY TALKS FOR STUDENTS

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FACTORY INSPECTORS FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ARE CONTINUING THEIR ROUND OF VISITS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO DELIVER TALKS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

THE VISITS FORM PART OF A PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMME TO INCULCATE IN STUDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK.

SINCE THE PROGRAMME STARTED IN MID-MAY THIS YEAR, FACTORY INSPECTORS HAVE VISITED 24 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND TALKED TO MORE THAN 6,000 STUDENTS ON THE EXISTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND EMPLOYMENT LEGISLATION, GENERAL SAFETY WORK PRACTICES AS WELL AS DANGEROUS MACHINERY AND PROCESSES THAT STUDENTS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM OPERATING.

PLANS ARE NOW IN HAND TO VISIT ANOTHER 16 SCHOOLS WITH SOME 4,000 STUDENTS IN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

"IF SCHOOL AUTHORITIES INTEND TO INVITE FACTORY INSPECTORS TO CONDUCT TALKS TO THEIR STUDENTS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT 5-8523565," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT EACH YEAR A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WERE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP JOBS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THESE STUDENTS, BEING UNTRAINED AND INEXPERIENCED, DO NOT HAVE ADEQUATE KNOWLEDGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ARE PRONE TO ACCIDENTS.

STATISTICS SHOW THAT 41 SUMMER JOB WORKERS WERE INJURED LAST YEAR.

OF THE TOTAL, 25 WERE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION OF MACHINERY AND EIGHT WERE RELATED TO STEPPING ON OR STRIKING AGAINST OBJECTS.

OTHER INJURIES WERE CAUSED BY HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES, HANDLING WITHOUT MACHINERY, USE OF HAND TOOLS AND FALLING OBJECTS.

AS A RESULT, SIX SUMMONSES WERE TAKEN OUT AGAINST EMPLOYERS WITH FINES RANGING FROM \$2,000 TO \$3,000.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED SUMMER JOB SEEKERS TO TAKE SOMETHING THAT IS SIMPLE AND EASY IN NATURE.

"JOBS THAT INVOLVE POWER-DRIVEN MACHINERY, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT OR HEAVY MANUAL LABOUR, SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED."

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IN PARTICULAR, HE WARNED, STUDENTS MUST STAY AWAY FROM RISKY JOBS WHICH INCLUDE:

- * WORKING AT HEIGHT;
- * USE OF CHEMICALS;
- * OPERATION OF HEAVY MACHINERY; AND
- * FIRE-RELATED PROCESSES.

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MUSIC CAMP TO OPEN NEXT WEEK
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THE ANNUAL BI-WEEKLY HONG KONG YOUTH MUSIC CAMP WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HELD THIS YEAR AT THE PO LEUNG KUK PAK TAM CHUNG HOLIDAY CAMP IN SAI KUNG STARTING FROM JULY 16.

ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH, THE ANNUAL EVENT WAS ORGANISED SINCE 1980 TO PROVIDE INTENSIVE MUSIC TRAINING TO YOUNG MUSICIANS.

THIS YEAR, MORE THAN 300 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CAMP WHICH WILL COMPRISE A SYMPHONIC BAND, TWO CHINESE ORCHESTRAS AND THREE STRING ORCHESTRAS.

DURING THE CAMP, PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE FROM GUEST MUSICIANS FROM THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, JAPAN AND CHINA AS WELL AS FROM LOCAL MUSICIANS.

THEY WILL ALSO RECEIVE A VARIETY OF MUSIC TRAINING BY TAKING PART IN ORCHESTRAL AND SECTIONAL REHEARSALS, MASTER CLASSES AND DEMONSTRATION CONCERTS.

APART FROM MUSIC TRAINING, A WIDE RANGE OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED.

TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE CAMP, A FINALE CONCERT WILL BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AT 7.30 PM ON JULY 30.

BOTH THE CAMP'S STRING ORCHESTRA AND SYMPHONIC BAND WILL TREAT THE AUDIENCE TO A SUPERB MUSIC PROGRAMME INCLUDING DVORAK'S SERENADE IN E MAJOR, SHOSTAKOVICH'S FINALE FROM SYMPHONY NO. 5 AND OTHER FAMOUS WORKS.

TICKETS AT \$5 AND \$10 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8235314.

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SPECIAL SURGERY PROGRAMME FOR DEAF PATIENTS

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FOUR PROFOUNDLY DEAF PATIENTS RECENTLY UNDERWENT SURGERY AND HAD THEIR HEARING PARTIALLY RESTORED - THANKS TO THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT PROGRAMME WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT PROGRAMME IS A SPECIAL PILOT PROJECT CONDUCTED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (CHARITIES) LTD. A SUM OF \$250,000 HAS BEEN DONATED BY THE CLUB FOR THIS SPECIAL PROJECT.

THE FIRST PATIENT WHO BENEFITTED FROM THE PROGRAMME WAS A 36-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO RECEIVED THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT SURGERY IN MARCH 5 THIS YEAR.

FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THE FIRST OPERATION, THREE OTHER PATIENTS AGED 33, 27 AND 51, UNDERWENT THE SAME TREATMENT BETWEEN MARCH AND APRIL.

THE PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF A COCHLEAR IMPLANT SURGERY AND REHABILITATION FOR SELECTED PATIENTS WHO SUFFER SEVERE HEARING IMPAIRMENT.

ACCORDING TO A CONSULTANT SURGEON OF THE EAR, NOSE AND THROAT SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ONE IN EVERY THOUSAND HONG KONG PEOPLE HAS HEARING IMPAIRMENT WHICH IS SO SEVERE THAT HE OR SHE CANNOT BENEFIT FROM ANY FORM OF AMPLIFICATION.

"WITH THE ADVENT OF THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT, THE HEARING OF THESE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN A WORLD OF SILENCE, CAN NOW BE PARTIALLY RESTORED," HE SAID.

THE CONSULTANT SURGEON EXPLAINED THAT THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT IS AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE THAT CONSISTS OF AN INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PART.

THE EXTERNAL PART IS COMPOSED OF A MICROPHONE, A SIGNAL PROCESSOR AND AN EXTERNAL TRANSMITTER. THE INTERNAL PART CONSISTS OF AN IMPLANTED RECEIVER AND AN ACTIVE ELECTRODE INSERTED INTO THE COCHLEAR.

"THE MICROPHONE CONVERTS THE INCOMING SOUND INTO AN ELECTRICAL CURRENT WHICH IS THEN MODIFIED BY THE SIGNAL PROCESSOR," HE SAID.

BY MEANS OF ELECTROMAGNETIC INDUCTION BETWEEN THE TRANSMITTER AND THE RECEIVER, CURRENT FLOWS THROUGH THE ELECTRODE, WHICH STIMULATES THE HEARING NERVE NEURONS IN THE COCHLEAR. CONSEQUENTLY, THE SIGNAL IS PERCEIVED CENTRALLY IN THE BRAIN AS SOUND.

AFTER THE IMPLANTATION, THE PATIENT HAS TO FOLLOW A REHABILITATION PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES LIP-READING, AUDITORY TRAINING AND SPEECH PRODUCTION.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IS TO HELP THE PATIENT TO IMPROVE HIS COMMUNICATION ABILITY," THE CONSULTANT SURGEON SAID.

THE FOUR PATIENTS WHO HAD SUCCESSFULLY UNDERGONE THE COCHLEAR IMPLANT SURGERY, HAVE ALSO COMPLETED THEIR PRELIMINARY POST-OPERATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME AND THE RESULTS ARE VERY PROMISING.

THE CONSULTANT SAID THAT ONLY PROFOUNDLY DEAF PATIENTS WHO ARE FOUND SUITABLE ARE SELECTED AND SCREENED FOR THE SPECIAL COCHLEAR IMPLANT PROGRAMME BECAUSE THEY ARE MOST LIKELY TO BENEFIT FROM IT.

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SUMMER FUN FOR YOUTH IN NORTH DISTRICT

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YOUNG PEOPLE IN NORTH DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER.

THE NORTH DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, FEATURING 106 EVENTS ORGANISED BY 30 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, WILL RUN FROM EARLY THIS MONTH TO THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

ACTIVITIES, WHICH FOCUS ON THE THEME "SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY", WILL INCLUDE SPORTS AND GAMES COMPETITIONS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHEMES, VISITS, OUTINGS, CAMPING, CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS.

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS DONATED \$142,300 FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND AN ESTIMATED 30,000 YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 WILL PARTICIPATE.

A VARIETY SHOW AND CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 1988 NORTH DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 20 (SATURDAY) IN THE NORTH DISTRICT TOWN HALL. ADMISSION IS FREE.

A PAMPHLET GIVING DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AT JOCKEY CLUB ROAD; THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI; AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED AT SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI AND CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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CARNIVAL TO LAUNCH SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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A FULL RANGE OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES WILL BE LAUNCHED IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT WITH A THREE-HOUR CARNIVAL HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT NEXT SUNDAY (JULY 10).

THE CARNIVAL FEATURING SINGING, DANCING, BAND PERFORMANCE, LION DANCE AND STALLGAMES WILL PROVIDE FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR MORE THAN 4,000 RESIDENTS.

GUESTS OF THE FUNCTION WILL INCLUDE THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER AND THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR NGAI WAI-MING.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE CARNIVAL AND COUPONS FOR STALLGAMES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, G/F, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, ITS SUB-OFFICES AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND KENNEDY TOWN AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 36 WESTERN STREET.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME'S OPENING CEREMONY CUM CARNIVAL TO BEGIN AT 2.30 PM NEXT SUNDAY (JULY 10) AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

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SUMMER FUN STARTS IN MONG KOK

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MONG KOK TODAY (SUNDAY) KICKED OFF ITS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AMIDST FANFARE AND FESTIVITIES WHEN THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS GATHERED AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND TO ENJOY A VARIETY SHOW AND PLAY AT GAME STALLS.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, 103 DIFFERENT EVENTS WILL BE OFFERED BY 19 ORGANISATIONS IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MRS ROSANNA TAM SAID THE NUMBER OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER TIME ACTIVITIES IN MONG KOK TOPPED PREVIOUS YEARS AND SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE AND EVEN BETTER FUNCTIONS NEXT YEAR.

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NOTING THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WERE "THE HOPE OF SOCIETY", SHE SAID THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADULTS TO ENSURE THEIR "BALANCED AND HEALTHY" GROWTH.

THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES, ARRANGED IN DIFFERENT DISTRICT EVERY YEAR TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE A CHANCE TO RELAX, TO MAKE MORE FRIENDS, TO LEARN NEW THINGS AND TO ENRICH THEIR LIFE EXPERIENCE, DEFINITELY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS RESPECT, SHE NOTED.

MRS TAM POINTED OUT THAT THE CONSULTATION PERIOD OF THE REPORT ON YOUTH POLICY, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED IN EARLY MAY, WOULD BE EXTENDED FOR TWO MONTHS TILL THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

THE DECISION ON THE EXTENSION WAS MADE BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM THE PUBLIC.

MRS TAM APPEALED TO THOSE WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE UP-BRINGING OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AS WELL AS YOUTH THEMSELVES, TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE REPORT.

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR AUGUSTINE CHENG, REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON), MR ALEXANDER FUNG, ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

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WATER CARNIVAL LAUNCHES KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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THE YEARLY INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME HAS PROVIDED YOUNG PEOPLE IN KWUN TONG WITH MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY, HONG KONG & KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT KWUN TONG SWIMMING POOL, MR LEUNG SAID THERE HAD BEEN AN YEAR-BY-YEAR INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT AS WELL AS IN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

"IN 1986, A TOTAL OF \$340,000 WAS ALLOCATED TO THE DISTRICT FOR THE PROGRAMME. THIS AMOUNT WAS RAISED TO \$400,000 IN 1987 AND \$485,000 THIS YEAR," HE NOTED.

MR LEUNG SAID THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, WHICH ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF YOUNGSTERS TO TAKE PART IN A WIDE VARIETY OF EVENTS HELD THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IN MORE THAN TEN YEARS IN THE PAST, HAD PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR AMONG THE YOUTH.

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HE ADDED THAT THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO ENRICH THEIR SOCIAL EXPERIENCE, INCREASE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND TAKE ON MORE ACTIVE ROLES IN COMMUNITY.

EARLIER, CHAIRPERSON OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MADAM YEUNG KAM-CHUN, PRAISED THE 130 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS IN MAKING THE PROGRAMME A SUCCESS.

THE OPENING WAS FOLLOWED BY A WATER CARNIVAL FEATURING SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING PRESENTATION, AQUATIC GAMES AND FREE SWIMMING SESSIONS.

ALSO ATTENDING THE EVENT WERE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; LEGCO MEMBER, MR POON CHI-FAI, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS ROSANNA URE.

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KWAI TSING YOUTHS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE

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YOUNG PEOPLE OF KWAI TSING DISTRICT ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A YOUTH CONFERENCE TO BE ORGANISED BY KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON JULY 17.

THE YOUTH CONFERENCE AIMS AT PROMOTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARENESS TOWARD THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON YOUTH POLICY.

THE MORNING SESSION OF THE YOUTH CONFERENCE IS AN OPEN FORUM WHICH WILL BE PARTICIPATED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH, MRS ROSANNA TAM AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE PART IN SIMULATION GAMES AND DISCUSSIONS IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION.

THE YOUTH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT Y.M.C.A. NEW TERRITORIES CENTRE, KWAI SHING CIRCUIT, KWAI CHUNG. REGISTRATION TO ATTEND THE YOUTH CONFERENCE IS OPENED AT KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED BY CALLING 0-273593.

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LEFT-TURN BANS IN TAI HANG AND WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TEMPORARY LEFT-TURN BANS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN TAI HANG AND WAN CHAI FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 6) TO FACILITATE ROADWORKS.

IN TAI HANG, NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT FROM JONES STREET TO SECOND LANE FOR ABOUT TWO DAYS.

VEHICLES WILL ALSO BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT FROM MONMOUTH PATH TO QUEEN'S ROAD EAST IN WAN CHAI FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

VEHICLES ON MONMOUTH PATH HEADING FOR CENTRAL CAN TRAVEL VIA QUEEN'S ROAD EAST EASTBOUND, LUN FAT STREET, JOHNSTON ROAD, HENNESSY ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

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HUNG MUI KUK ROAD BUS LANE TO BE EXTENDED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT FROM 7.30 AM TOMORROW (MONDAY), THE EXISTING BUS LANE ON THE KERBSIDE LANE OF THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD WILL BE EXTENDED FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CHUNG PAK ROAD TO THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAR PARK AT HUNG MUI KUK INTERCHANGE.

NO VEHICLES OTHER THAN BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE BUS LANE BETWEEN 7.30 AM AND 9 AM DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO WATCH OUT FOR TRAFFIC SIGNS AND ROAD MARKINGS INDICATING THE BUS LANE.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ADVISED MOTORISTS TO WATCH OUT FOR TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURES ON SHA TIN ROAD, TAI PO ROAD AND TOLO HIGHWAY BETWEEN JULY 5 AND 27.

THE MEASURES ARE TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT.

ON SHA TIN ROAD, THE NORTHBOUND FAST LANE BETWEEN TSANG TAI UK AND PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY (JULY 5) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE OF THE SAME SECTION OF SHA TIN ROAD WILL ALSO BE CLOSED DURING THE SAME TIME ON JULY 12 (TUESDAY).

THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE BETWEEN PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND CITY ONE SHATIN, THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE BETWEEN CITY ONE SHATIN AND FO TAN NULLAH, AND THE NORTHBOUND FAST LANE BETWEEN PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL AND FO TAN NULLAH WILL BE CLOSED RESPECTIVELY DURING THE SAME TIME ON JULY 19, 24 AND 26.

ON TAI PO ROAD, THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANES FROM FO TAN NULLAH TO HO TUNG LAU AND FROM HO TUNG LAU TO MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8 AM AND 8 PM ON JULY 18 AND 19 RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, THE NORTHBOUND SLOW LANE OF TOLO HIGHWAY NEAR MA LIU SHUI INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM ON JULY 11.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG AND FANLING

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG AND FANLING WILL BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY (JULY 7) FROM 11 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES INCLUDE BLOCKS 32-41, SAU MAU PING ESTATE IN KWUN TONG, AND ALL VILLAGES ALONG PING CHE ROAD IN FANLING.

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