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PEOPLE OF STATURE NEEDED IN PUBLIC SERVICE: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, TODAY (TUESDAY) SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR PEOPLE OF STATURE WHO ARE WILLING TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PUBLIC SERVICE TO COME OUT INTO THE OPEN AND PLAY THEIR PROPER ROLES IN OUR SOCIETY.

"IN THE PAST WE HAVE EXCELLED IN PRODUCING LEADERS OF INDUSTRY AND ENTERPRISE. WE NOW NEED PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE VISION TO SET NEW GOALS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE INTEGRITY, COURAGE AND COMMITMENT TO SEE THEM THROUGH," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING ABOUT HONG KONG'S TASKS AHEAD DURING A LUNCH HOSTED BY THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS ASSOCIATION.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT THE KEY TO HONG KONG'S RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH HAD ALWAYS BEEN MAKING SURE THAT WE THOUGHT AHEAD AND PUTTING THE NECESSARY INVESTMENT INTO OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, CITING THE MASSIVE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN THE COMING YEARS.

"BUT THE RENEWAL AND EXPANSION OF OUR PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE WILL NOT ALONE SEE US THROUGH THE CHALLENGES AHEAD," SIR DAVID SAID.

"STILL MORE IMPORTANT ARE OUR HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID SAID IN THE PACE OF POLITICAL CHANGE WE MIGHT NOT HAVE SECURED EVERYTHING THAT EVERYBODY IN HONG KONG WANTED, HOWEVER, WHAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED WOULD PROVIDE A GOOD BASIS ON WHICH WE COULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP OUR OWN UNIQUE SYSTEM WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK LAID DOWN BY THE JOINT DECLARATION.

"THE CHANGES WHICH ARE TO TAKE PLACE IN THE WAY IN WHICH HONG KONG IS ADMINISTERED ARE LARGELY CHANGES OF OUR OWN CHOOSING. THERE HAS BEEN, AND WILL BE, PROGRESSIVELY GREATER INVOLVEMENT OF HONG KONG PEOPLE IN RUNNING THEIR OWN AFFAIRS," HE SAID.

"THIS WILL DEMAND LEADERSHIP. HONG KONG HAS NEVER LACKED LEADERS IN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. BUT GOVERNMENT HAS GENERALLY BEEN LEFT TO OFFICIALS, PLUS SOME DEDICATED AND HARDWORKING VOLUNTEERS ON OUR VARIOUS ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES," HE ADDED.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THERE WAS ALMOST NO TRADITION OF FULL-TIME INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS, AND VERY LITTLE EXPERIENCE OF ELECTIONS.

"THE TRADITION OF ADMINISTRATION BY CONSULTATION HAS BEEN CHANGING. THE CHANGE BEGAN IN THE LATE 70'S WITH GREATER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL, LEADING TO ELECTIONS FIRST TO THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND TO AN EXPANDED FRANCHISE FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL," HE SAID.

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"THE NEXT STEP WAS INDIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. THE PROCESS WAS ALREADY WELL UNDERWAY WHEN THE DEBATE ON THE BASIC LAW BEGAN," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THIS DEBATE HAD PRODUCED MANY NEW PEOPLE WILLING TO STEP FORWARD AND PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE PROCESS OF MOULDING HONG KONG.

"THEY GRAPPLED WITH A UNIQUE POLITICAL PROBLEM AND HAVE SHOWN REAL DETERMINATION AND RESOURCEFULNESS IN THE PROCESS," HE SAID.

"WE NEED TO BUILD ON THIS," SAID SIR DAVID, ADDING THAT AFTER 1997 HONG KONG WOULD BE RUN BY HONG KONG PEOPLE.

"THAT IS A KEY ELEMENT OF BOTH THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE BASIC LAW.

"THE TASK IS NOT A SMALL ONE. BUT AGAIN THE OPPORTUNITIES ARE GREAT. FOR IT WE NEED PEOPLE OF STATURE WHO ARE WILLING TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PUBLIC SERVICE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT IN 1991, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY OF ELECTED MEMBERS WHO WOULD HAVE GAINED THEIR SEATS THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS TO SECURE ELECTION IN EITHER DISTRICT OR FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES.

"THIS WILL REQUIRE MANY MEN AND WOMEN PREPARED TO STAND UP AND BE COUNTED' TO TAKE PART IN ELECTIONS; TO WIN AND --- MUCH HARDER --- BE PREPARED TO LOSE; TO SHOW LEADERSHIP; TO SACRIFICE TIME AND OTHER COMMITMENTS IN ORDER TO GIVE HONG KONG THE RESPONSIBLE AND DILIGENT LAW-MAKERS THAT IT NEEDS AND DESERVES," SIR DAVID SAID.

"HONG KONG IS NOW A WORLD CLASS METROPOLIS. IT NEEDS ITS BEST AND BRIGHTEST TO PLAY A FULL PART IN GOVERNMENT. THE FIELD IS WIDE OPEN.

"WE HAVE THE TALENT TO ENSURE THAT WE BUILD UP A BODY OF EXPERIENCED AND COMMITTED POLITICAL LEADERS GUIDING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

"NOW IS THE TIME FOR THAT TALENT TO COME OUT INTO THE OPEN AND PLAY ITS PROPER ROLE IN OUR SOCIETY," THE GOVERNOR SAID, POINTING OUT THAT ALTHOUGH ATTENTION TENDED TO FOCUS ON THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS, THERE WAS A NEED TOO FOR LOCAL LEADERSHIP ELSEWHERE.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT WITHIN THE CIVIL SERVICE, THE GOVERNMENT HAD FOR SOME YEARS FOLLOWED A POLICY OF GIVING PROPERLY QUALIFIED LOCAL APPLICANTS PRIORITY FOR APPOINTMENT, AND AS A RESULT MANY HUNDREDS OF TALENTED LOCAL PEOPLE HAD BEEN RECRUITED AND ADVANCED THROUGH THE SYSTEM.

"HALF OF OUR POLICY SECRETARIES ARE LOCAL OFFICERS. SO ARE MOST OF THE HEADS OF OUR GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS," HE SAID.

/"THE PROVISIONS

"THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION AND BASIC LAW ARE QUITE CLEAR. IN 1997 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HIS PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS MUST BE HONG KONG CHINESE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"WE ARE ALREADY WELL ON THE WAY TO ACHIEVING THAT POSITION. WE MAY LOSE SOME LOCAL OFFICERS EITHER TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR OR TO EMIGRATION. BUT I DO NOT SEE REAL DIFFICULTY IN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF 1997," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID POINTED OUT THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE HAD BOTH THE DEPTH AND STRENGTH OF POTENTIAL LEADERSHIP THAT IT NEEDED. "THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT."

"THE CIVIL SERVICE HAS A DUAL ROLE TO PLAY, NOT ONLY AS AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT PROVIDER OF SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO AS A SOURCE OF STABILITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO EXPECT THE CIVIL SERVICE TO CONTINUE TO PERFORM BOTH ROLES IN THE YEARS AHEAD," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR POINTED OUT THAT IN THE JUDICIARY TOO, THE GOVERNMENT MUST ENCOURAGE MORE LOCAL TALENT, AS IN 1997 BOTH THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE NEXT LEADING JUDGE MUST BE HONG KONG CHINESE.

"AND BOTH THESE SENIOR JUDGES WILL NEED TO BE UNDERPINNED BY A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POTENTIAL LOCAL SUCCESSORS. HERE TOO WE MUST LOOK TO THE LOCAL LEGAL PROFESSION FOR THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE THE COMMUNITY NEEDS AND DESERVES," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE CHANGES INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING OUR OWN SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT ARE JUST AS TESTING AS THOSE WE FACE ON THE ECONOMIC FRONT," HE SAID.

"THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED WILL THROW UP NEW OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES," SIR DAVID ADDED.

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BUSINESSMEN, INDUSTRIALISTS TO AIR VIEWS ON METROPLAN

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MORE THAN 100 PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN AND INDUSTRIALISTS WILL BE ATTENDING A TWO-DAY METROPLAN SEMINAR ON APRIL 19 AND 26 ORGANISED BY THE PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

THE TOPIC FOR APRIL 19 IS "THE FUTURE PATTERN OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG", AND THAT FOR APRIL 26, "THE LOCATION OF BUSINESS DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG".

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THE SPEAKERS ON APRIL 19 WILL INCLUDE THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE; DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR T.H. BARMA; DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER AND FACTORY MANAGER, OUTBOARD MARINE CORP, MR ALFRED CHAN; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SUN HUNG KAI PROPERTIES LTD, MR THOMAS KWOK PING-KWONG; MANAGING DIRECTOR OF WONG TUNG AND PARTNERS LTD, MR EDWARD HO SING-TIN.

ON APRIL 26, THE SPEAKERS WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, DR HELMUT SOHMEN; SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES; SENIOR PARTNER OF JONES LANG WOOTTON (HK) LTD, MR ALAN HILL; A TOWN PLANNING AND TRANSPORT PLANNING CONSULTANT, MR J.C. SHAW; AND VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL MANAGER OF MOTOROLA SEMI-CONDUCTORS HONG KONG LTD, MR C.D. TAM.

ON BOTH DAYS, THERE WILL BE OPEN DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWING EACH SPEAKER'S ADDRESS AND A PANEL ROUND UP DISCUSSION AT THE END OF THE DAY.

THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES SAID HE WOULD EXPECT VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION FROM BOTH THE SPEAKERS AND PARTICIPANTS.

"THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE INVALUABLE IN HELPING US TO FORMULATE THE RECOMMENDED STRATEGY FOR THE METROPLAN," HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWO PANEL MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ROUND UP DISCUSSIONS WILL MEET THE MEDIA AT 4 PM ON APRIL 19 AND 26 AT THE CORAL ROOM, FURAMA HOTEL.

COPIES OF THE SPEECHES OF THE VARIOUS SPEAKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AROUND 3.30 PM ON BOTH DAYS AT THE CORAL ROOM.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE TWO "MEET-THE-MEDIA " SESSIONS.

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IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES ON TAIWAN APPLICATIONS FURTHER STREAMLINED
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT COPIES OF TAIWAN CENSUS PAPERS WILL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED WHEN TAIWAN RESIDENTS APPLY FOR ENTRY PERMITS TO VISIT HONG KONG.

"THIS NEW ARRANGEMENT AIMS AT FURTHER STREAMLINING THE EXISTING DOCUMENTARY REQUIREMENT ON ENTRY PERMIT APPLICATIONS BY TAIWAN RESIDENTS," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"FROM NOW ON, APPLICANTS ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO COPY THEIR TAIWAN IDENTITY CARDS AND TAIWAN EXIT PERMITS TO SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATIONS.

"WE HAVE ALREADY WRITTEN TO THE AUTHORISED AIRLINE OPERATORS, AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION ABOUT THIS CHANGE," HE SAID.

"WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORT TO LOOK FOR WAYS AND MEANS IN FURTHER STREAMLINING THE EXISTING PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE VISIT APPLICATION FROM TAIWAN TO FACILITATE THE INCREASED TRAVELLING NEEDS OF TAIWAN RESIDENTS," HE ADDED.

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DEC-FEB UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS RELEASED
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BOTH THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE AND THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE REMAINED STABLE AT RELATIVELY LOW LEVELS DURING THE PERIOD DECEMBER 1989 - FEBRUARY 1990.

THE LATEST LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT INDICATE THAT THE LABOUR MARKET WAS STILL GENERALLY TIGHT.

HOWEVER, SOME SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT WAS NOTED WHEN COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR DECEMBER 1989 - FEBRUARY 1990 WAS 1.5 PER CENT COMPARED WITH 1.3 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1989 AND 1.2 PER CENT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE INCREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT WHILE THE INCREASE OF 0.3 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER IS STATISTICALLY SIGNIFICANT.

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THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED PERSONS IN DECEMBER 1989 - FEBRUARY 1990 WAS ESTIMATED AT 40,800, COMPARED WITH 37,000 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1989 AND 33,600 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1989.

THE UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE FOR DECEMBER 1989 - FEBRUARY 1990 WAS 0.6 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH 0.8 PER CENT FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1989. IT WAS THE SAME AS THAT FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD A YEAR EARLIER.

THE DECREASE OF 0.2 OF A PERCENTAGE POINT BELOW THE PRECEDING THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS STATISTICALLY NOT SIGNIFICANT.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF UNDEREMPLOYED PERSONS IN DECEMBER 1989 - FEBRUARY 1990 WAS 17,500, COMPARED WITH 22,000 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING NOVEMBER 1989 AND 17,200 IN THE THREE MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY 1989.

CONSISTENT WITH THE CURRENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO), PERSONS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS A WEEK DUE TO ECONOMIC REASONS (SUCH AS SLACK WORK, MATERIAL SHORTAGE, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWN AND INABILITY TO FIND FULL-TIME WORK) WERE REGARDED AS UNDEREMPLOYED ONLY IF THEY WERE EITHER SEEKING OR AVAILABLE FOR MORE WORK.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS SAID THAT BECAUSE THE PROPORTION OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS (FOR EXAMPLE PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LEFT SCHOOL) VARIES FROM MONTH TO MONTH, UNEMPLOYMENT RATES THAT HAD BEEN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE VARIATIONS IN THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS SHOULD BE USED IN MAKING COMPARISONS OVER TIME.

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT, BASED ON A SYSTEM OF PROVISIONAL COUNTS, THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATES COVERING THE LATEST THREE-MONTH PERIOD COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE WITHIN TWO WEEKS AFTER THE SURVEY. THESE PROVIDE AN EARLY INDICATION OF THE LATEST UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

THE PROVISIONAL SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR JANUARY - MARCH 1990 WAS 1.6 PER CENT AND THE PROVISIONAL UNDEREMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 0.7 PER CENT.

THE UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT STATISTICS WERE OBTAINED FROM A CONTINUOUS GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE SURVEY FOR DECEMBER 1989 - FEBRUARY 1990 COVERED A QUARTERLY SAMPLE OF SOME 12,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 44,000 PERSONS, SELECTED SCIENTIFICALLY TO REPRESENT THE LAND-BASED CIVILIAN NON-INSTITUTIONAL POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

PERSONAL AND LABOUR FORCE DATA WERE OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY BY INTERVIEWING EACH INDIVIDUAL MEMBER AGED 15 AND ABOVE IN THE HOUSEHOLDS SAMPLED. IN THE SURVEY, THE DEFINITIONS USED IN MEASURING UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDEREMPLOYMENT FOLLOW CLOSELY THOSE RECOMMENDED BY THE ILO.

DETAILED ANALYSIS OF LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS IS GIVEN IN THE REPORT ON THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS PUBLISHED FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

THE NEXT REPORT COVERING THE QUARTER ENDING MARCH 1990 WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AROUND JUNE 20 AT \$11.50 PER COPY.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME '89

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MORE THAN 11,100 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE 1989 CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE SCHEME IS SPONSORED BY BAYER CHINA CO. LTD AND ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG HARBOUR.

FOUR DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED AT VARIOUS STAGES UNDER THE SCHEME WHICH WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR AND SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ACTIVITIES INCLUDED THE CLEAN AND GREEN WALK, LITTER COLLECTION AND TREE TENDING, THE BEST COUNTRYSIDE TREE COMPETITION, AND THE CLEAN AND GREEN QUIZ.

THESE ACTIVITIES WERE DESIGNED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THE PARTICIPANTS COULD EITHER INVOLVE PHYSICALLY IN KEEPING COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN AND GREEN OR HELP SPREAD THE CLEAN AND GREEN MESSAGE.

THE CLEAN AND GREEN WALK ATTRACTED 597 PARTICIPANTS, OF WHOM 51 COMPLETED MORE THAN SIX SECTIONS OF THE MACLEHOSE TRAIL AND WERE EACH AWARDED A SPECIAL SOUVENIR.

MORE THAN 10,400 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES UNDER THE SCHEME BY HELPING TO COLLECT LITTER AND TEND TREES IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE BEST COUNTRYSIDE TREE COMPETITION RECEIVED 42 ENTRIES AND 10 WINNERS WERE SELECTED ON APRIL 3.

STUDENTS FROM 18 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATED IN THE FIRST ROUND AND THE SEMI-FINAL OF THE CLEAN AND GREEN QUIZ HELD IN MARCH AND APRIL.

SING YIN SECONDARY SCHOOL WON THE CHAMPIONSHIP IN TODAY'S GRAND FINAL AND WAS AWARDED A TROPHY AND A \$1,500 BOOK COUPON.

THE CLEAN AND GREEN SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1983 AND THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS HAD INCREASED FROM 5,000 TO OVER 10,000 IN RECENT YEARS.

THE ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC INDICATES THAT THE SCHEME HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A MEANINGFUL ANNUAL EVENT, PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS PARTICIPANTS THROUGH PHYSICAL INVOLVEMENT AND INTERESTING ACTIVITIES.

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GIRLS' HOME RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO STEER A STRAIGHT PATH

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RESIDENTS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME WERE TODAY (TUESDAY) ENCOURAGED TO STEER A STRAIGHT PATH IN LIFE.

THE ADVICE CAME FROM 20 ELDERLY WOMEN FROM A SHEK LEI PUI HOSTEL, WHO VISITED THE HOME THIS AFTERNOON. THE VISITORS ALSO URGED THE GIRLS TO PUT INTO GOOD USE WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED AT THE HOME.

THE ELDERLY WERE PAYING A RETURN VISIT TO THE RESIDENTS IN APPRECIATION OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF THE HOME'S SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP.

ONE OF THE VISITORS SAID AFTER THE TRIP: "WE ARE PLEASED TO BE INVITED TO VISIT THE HOME, AND TO MEET MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP WHO HAD CHATTED WITH US AND AMUSED US DURING THEIR VISITS TO OUR HOSTEL EARLY THIS YEAR.

"WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT THE GIRLS WOULD BECOME GOOD CITIZENS AND MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY WHEN THEY ARE REINTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY," ANOTHER VISITOR ADDED.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOME, MRS ANNA MAK, SAID THE VISIT INDICATED THAT THE COMMUNITY WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE GIRLS, ADDING THAT IT WOULD ALSO HELP THEM TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE AND SELF-RESPECT.

"I AM GLAD THAT THROUGH THE VISIT, BOTH PARTIES HAD BEEN ABLE TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT EACH OTHER," SHE SAID.

MEANWHILE, A MEMBER OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP SAID: "WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN THAT OUR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN WELL RECEIVED."

DURING THE TWO-HOUR VISIT, THE ELDERLY TOURED THE DORMITORIES OF THE HOME BEFORE ENJOYING A SERIES OF PERFORMANCES BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP.

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DB TO DISCUSS CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES FOR THE 1991 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS AT ITS MEETING ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19).

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR. THE YEAR'S ALLOCATION IS EXPECTED TO BE \$2.82 MILLION, REPRESENTING A 4.8 PER CENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S AMOUNT.

A REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL WILL BE TABLED.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE REPORTS BY THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE, NAM CHEONG STREET. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES SURVEY

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THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE FINDINGS OF A SURVEY ON COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19).

THE SURVEY HAS EXAMINED THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN 1989 AND THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY THESE BODIES.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW THE GUIDELINES FOR VETTING APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG AND KOWLOON CITY
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19), THE EASTBOUND KERBSIDE LANE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (KWAI CHUNG) FROM A POINT ABOUT 200 METRES WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CHEUNG WING ROAD GYRATORY TO A POINT ABOUT 500 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A BUS LANE.

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE BUS LANE 24 HOURS DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC ON TAI SHU HA ROAD WEST IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND FOR TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION.

VEHICULAR ACCESS TO TAI SHU HA ROAD WEST FROM TAI TONG ROAD WILL BE VIA TAI SHU HA ROAD EAST.

IN ADDITION, FROM 1 AM TO 5 AM ON THURSDAY, THE SECTION OF TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD IN KOWLOON CITY BETWEEN TUNG LUNG ROAD AND FUNG MO STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.

MOTORISTS ON TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR JUNCTION ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA FUNG MO STREET AND HENG LAM STREET.

MOTORISTS ON FUNG MO STREET HEADING FOR TUNG LUNG ROAD OR TUNG TSING ROAD ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA HENG LAM STREET, JUNCTION ROAD AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.

ALSO, MOTORISTS ON JUNCTION ROAD HEADING FOR WONG TAI SIN ARE ADVISED TO TRAVEL VIA HENG LAM STREET, FUNG MO STREET AND TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE CABLE REPAIR WORKS, FROM 10 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19) TO 5 AM NEXT MORNING, THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF FLYOVERS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

- * THE FLYOVER LINKING KWUN TONG ROAD AND KAI FUK ROAD;
- * THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE FLYOVERS LINKING WAI YIP STREET AND KAI FUK ROAD WESTBOUND.

DURING THE ROAD CLOSURE, VEHICLES ON WAI YIP STREET AND KWUN TONG ROAD HEADING FOR KAI FUK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KAI CHEUNG ROAD AND VEHICLES ON KAI FUK ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA WAI YIP STREET AND LAI YIP STREET.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN THE PEAK AREA

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 9 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19), A SECTION OF HORNSEY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH OLD PEAK ROAD WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR TWO DAYS TO FACILITATE THE LAYING OF CROSS ROAD DUCTS BY THE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

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PLB BANS IN TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19), THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE DESIGNATED BAN ZONES FOR PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES:

- * CHEUNG PEI SHAN ROAD, IN TSUEN WAN
- * SHING MUN TUNNELS; AND SHING MUN TUNNELS ROAD, IN SHA TIN.

ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE PROHIBITED ZONES 24 HOURS DAILY.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19), TSUEN KAM INTERCHANGE WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY.

NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 19) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT KWUN TONG MARYKNOLL COLLEGE; BLOCKS 7 TO 10, KWUN TONG (TSUI PING ROAD) ESTATE; SUN ON HOUSE AND KUI ON HOUSE, WO LOK ESTATE; AND NOS. 20-28 HIU MING STREET.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 40.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 239.504 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 194.589 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 33.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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