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SWD'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES

DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

THOUSANDS OF BOYS AND GIRLS WILL AGAIN PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

IN ALL, THERE ARE NEARLY 540 DIFFERENT EVENTS TO MEET NEARLY ALL INTERESTS AND NEEDS.

THESE INCLUDE CAMPING TRIPS, RECREATION CLUBS, TRAINING AND STUDY CLASSES, OBSERVATIONAL VISITS, OUTINGS AND EXCURSIONS, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES AND GAMES, COMPETITIONS, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES.

RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMMES ARE THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY DIVISION'S 18 COMMUNITY, YOUTH AND SOCIAL CENTRES, ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICES, YOUTH WORK UNIT OFFICES AND THE LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICE UNIT, ALL CATERING TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS ARE ALSO ACTIVE IN PROMOTING AND CO-ORDINATING PROGRAMMES WITHIN DISTRICTS. THEY ACT AS ADVISERS TO THE DISTRICT YOUTH AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES.

+WHILE THE EMPHASIS IS STILL ON RECREATION, THE TYPES OF PROGRAMMES ORGANISED HAVE BEEN DESIGNED ALSO TO BE INSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL,+ SAYS MR. HENRY AU, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER.

+TAKE FOR INSTANCE THE POPULAR YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMPS. WHILE ENJOYING THE FRESH AIR, SUNSHINE AND COMPANIONSHIP, PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO LEARN SOMETHING WHICH CAN BE PUT TO GOOD USE LATER. THOSE LESS INCLINED TO THE OUTDOORS CAN TAKE UP PHOTOGRAPHY OR LEARN TO COOK, MAKE THEIR OWN CLOTHES, OR PLAY THE GUITAR, AND SO ON. SOME MIGHT ALSO LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HONG KONG BY JOINING TOURS TO THE AIRPORT, FACTORIES OR OTHER PLACES OF INTEREST.

+WE ARE GRADUALLY MOVING AWAY FROM THE PURELY ENTERTAINMENT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES, LIKE FILM SHOWS OR PLAYS, BECAUSE THESE ARE AVAILABLE ALL THE YEAR ROUND, AND THERE IS LESS VALUE IN ORGANISING THEM. IN OTHER WORDS, WE ARE CHANNELLING OUR EFFORTS INTO AREAS WHICH, WE FEEL, WILL BE OF SOME POSITIVE BENEFIT TO BOTH THE INDIVIDUAL AND THE COMMUNITY.+

HE NOTED THAT YOUTH OF TODAY WERE SHOWING GREATER INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT BY DOING, RATHER THAN HAVING THINGS DONE FOR THEM. SO, THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS AN OUTLET FOR THEIR ABILITIES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF SELF-CONFIDENCE.

MEANWHILE, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY DISABLED WHO ARE UNABLE TO JOIN IN THE REGULAR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES, THE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION DIVISION HAS PLANNED ITS OWN RECREATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THOSE UNDER CARE IN ITS CENTRE AND INSTITUTIONS.

WORKING CLOSELY WITH VOLUNTEERS, SOCIAL GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS, THE DIVISION HAS ORGANISED A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING BEACH PARTIES, CAMPING TRIPS, AND A LUNCH PICNIC.

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TWO NEW 'MAXI-CAB' SERVICES BEING INTRODUCED
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TWO NEW +MAXI-CAB+ SERVICES WILL BE INTRODUCED THIS WEEK BETWEEN ABERDEEN AND CENTRAL AS WELL AS CAUSEWAY BAY, TO SERVE RESIDENTS OF SHOUSON HILL AND DEEP WATER BAY, WONG NEI CHUNG GAP AND STUBBS ROADS.

THE NEW SERVICES HAVE BEEN AGREED TO BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MADE BY INTERESTED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS OPERATORS IN RESPONSE TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSTANT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MORE FEEDER PLB ROUTES TO SERVE DISTANT AREAS.

THE NEW SERVICES COME INTO OPERATION ON THURSDAY (JULY 3) AND WILL BE SIMILAR TO THE PEAK +MAXI-CAB+ SERVICES WHICH HAVE PROVED VERY POPULAR, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

PLBS RUNNING ON +MAXI-CAB+ ROUTES ARE PAINTED WITH A GREEN TOP, CREAM BODY AND A GREEN WAISTBAND.

THE ABERDEEN-CENTRAL SERVICE, WITH TERMINAL POINTS AT ABERDEEN OLD MAIN STREET AND PEDDER STREET, WILL OPERATE FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AT A PEAK FREQUENCY OF 10 MINUTES. THE FIRST RUN FROM ABERDEEN WILL LEAVE AT 6.15 A.M. AND THE LAST RUN FROM CENTRAL, AT 7.30 P.M.

THE ABERDEEN-CAUSEWAY BAY ROUTE, TERMINATING AT ABERDEEN OLD MAIN STREET AND JARDINE'S CRESCENT, WILL RUN THROUGHOUT THE WEEK AT A PEAK FREQUENCY OF 15 MINUTES, WITH THE FIRST +MAXI-CAB+ LEAVING ABERDEEN AT 9.15 A.M. AND THE LAST LEAVING CAUSEWAY BAY AT 12 MIDNIGHT.

BOTH ROUTES WILL CHARGE A FLAT FARE OF \$1, AND WILL OPERATE MAINLY VIA ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, SHOUSON HILL ROAD, SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, WONG NEI CHUNG GAP ROAD AND STUBBS ROAD.

STOPPING PLACES FOR JOURNEYS LEAVING ABERDEEN INCLUDE SHOUSON HILL ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG CHUK HANG ROAD= A2 AND 9D SHOUSON HILL ROAD= 5 SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST= THE LAYBYE OUTSIDE 34 STUBBS ROAD= AND THE LOCATIONS ON STUBBS ROAD NEAR TUNG SHAN TERRACE ACCESS ROAD, OUTSIDE LING NAM COLLEGE, NEAR SHUI FAI TERRACE AND OPPOSITE THE A.I.A. BUILDING.

STOPPING PLACES FOR ABERDEEN-BOUND JOURNEYS INCLUDE THE FIRST PARKING PLACE ON STUBBS ROAD= THE LAYBYE OUTSIDE WATER PUMPING STATION NEAR THE TAI HANG ROAD ROUNDABOUT= AND THE LOCATIONS ON SHOUSON HILL ROAD NEAR NO. 16A, OPPOSITE UNICORN GARDEN, NEAR NO. 8, AND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG CHUK HANG ROAD.

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TO FACILITATE THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE TWO +MAXI-CAB+ SERVICES, NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT WILL BE INTRODUCED IN ABERDEEN AND CAUSEWAY BAY AREAS.

FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY, THE SECTION OF ABERDEEN OLD MAIN STREET, BETWEEN THE TWO UNNAMED ROADS ADJACENT TO HOUSE NOS. 162 AND 178 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

THE UNNAMED STREET ADJACENT TO HOUSE NO. 178 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FOR ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TRAFFIC.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, EXCEPT THOSE AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THAT SECTION OF ABERDEEN OLD MAIN STREET WHICH WILL BE RE-ROUTED, NOR THAT SECTION OF KAI CHIU ROAD EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH YUN PING ROAD IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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ITALIAN FIRM LOOKING FOR HONG KONG PARTNER

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A WELL-KNOWN ITALIAN COMPANY, WHICH MANUFACTURES AIR-CONDITIONERS, IS INTERESTED IN OPENING A PLANT HERE JOINTLY WITH A HONG KONG FIRM TO PRODUCE THEIR MACHINES.

THE ITALIAN COMPANY IS SAID TO BE ONE OF THE LEADING MANUFACTURERS OF AIR-CONDITIONERS AND AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT IN ITALY, PRODUCING AT LEAST 11 TYPES OF AIR-CONDITIONERS WITH A TOTAL OF 226 MODELS SOLD ALL OVER THE WORLD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS HANDLING THE INQUIRIES FOR THE FIRM, SAID TODAY THAT THE TYPE OF PROCESSES INVOLVED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF AIR-CONDITIONERS AND AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT ARE MOST SUITABLE TO THE CURRENT STAGE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.

+SUCH A PARTNERSHIP WOULD BENEFIT BOTH. HONG KONG WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE ITALIAN KNOW-HOW WHICH WILL BE BROUGHT HERE= WHILST THE ITALIANS WILL ENJOY THE EXCELLENT FACILITIES HERE, THE SERVICES OF VERY GOOD ENGINEERS, TECHNICIANS AND DILIGENT WORKERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ADDED THAT THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT WELCOMED ENQUIRIES FROM ANY INDUSTRIAL FIRM, OR BUSINESS CONCERN, WHICH MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL. INTERESTED FIRMS SHOULD CONTACT MR. PETER LO, PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER (INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION), TELEPHONE NO. 5-248280 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND DETAILS.

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BETTER LIGHTING FOR HOUSING ESTATES
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A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE PUBLIC LIGHTING IN HOUSING AUTHORITY'S GROUP 'B' ESTATES IS BEING CARRIED OUT.

THIS PROGRAMME INCLUDES THE INSTALLATION OF VANDAL-PROOF, FLUORESCENT LIGHTS IN ALL CENTRAL-CORRIDOR-TYPE PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS AND HIGH-LEVEL LIGHTS IN SHADED CORNERS OF PUBLIC AREAS.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CENTRAL CORRIDOR LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AT TSZ WAN SHAN, LOWER NGAU TAU KOK AND YAU TONG ESTATES AT A COST OF \$1.9 MILLION.

THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASES WILL SHORTLY BE CARRIED OUT AT SAU MAU PING, HING WAH, CHAI WAN, TIN WAN, SHEK PAI WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TAI WO HAU, SHEK LEI, YUEN LONG, SAN FAT, LAM TIN, TUNG TAU AND LOWER PAK TIN ESTATES.

WORK WILL INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF VANDAL-PROOF FLUORESCENT LIGHTS AT EVERY OTHER BAY ALONG THE CENTRAL CORRIDORS OF HOUSING BLOCKS. THE IMPROVEMENT WORK WILL COST ABOUT \$3.2 MILLION.

OTHER LIGHTING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME, COSTING \$500,000, CONSISTS OF THE FIXING OF 500 TO 1000-WATT HIGH-LEVEL LIGHTS ON THE ROOFS OF HOUSING BLOCKS TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF LIGHTING TO THE PUBLIC AREA BELOW.

THESE HIGH-LEVEL LIGHTS WILL BE TURNED ON AND OFF AUTOMATICALLY AT SET TIMES DURING THE NIGHT.

A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID THE IMPROVEMENT WOULD SURELY BE WELCOMED BY TENANTS AS, APART FROM PROVIDING BETTER LIGHTING, IT WOULD ALSO HAVE A DETERRENT EFFECT ON CRIMINALS.

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