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QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE 1984

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FOLLOWING IS THE COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE BY HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN, AS HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH:

+COMMONWEALTH DAY REMINDS US IN A SPECIAL WAY THAT WE ARE EQUAL PARTNERS IN A UNIQUE ORGANISATION, A VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF FORTY-NINE INDEPENDENT NATIONS, RICH AND POOR, LARGE AND SMALL, OLD AND NEW, CONTAINING OVER A QUARTER OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION.

+IN A WORLD BEWILDERING IN ITS COMPLEXITY, THE COMMONWEALTH PROVIDES A FOCUS, A LINK, AND A FORUM: A FOCUS TOWARDS WHICH ALL ITS MEMBERS CAN LOOK FOR UNDERSTANDING AND SUSTENANCE; A LINK WHICH UNITES US IN THE COMMON PURPOSE OF PRESERVING OUR PRECIOUS HUMAN FREEDOMS; AND A FORUM WHERE SERIOUS ATTEMPTS ARE MADE TO RESOLVE OUR DIFFICULTIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH BESET THE WORLD'S POOR, THE HUNGRY AND THE SICK.

+I HAVE SPOKEN OFTEN IN THE PAST OF THE NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING AND GOODWILL TO GUIDE AND STIMULATE PEOPLE TOWARDS HELPING ONE ANOTHER. THE CHANGING PROBLEMS WHICH FACE US ALL CAN ONLY BE TACKLED BY PRACTICAL CO-OPERATION OVER THE WHOLE RANGE OF HUMAN AFFAIRS, AND FOR THIS THE COMMONWEALTH HAS AN UNUSUAL CAPACITY, AS I SAW YET AGAIN LAST YEAR IN VISITS TO COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND AT THE COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING IN DELHI.

+ALL OF US WHO MUST GUIDE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR FORMATIVE YEARS MUST GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT THE COMMONWEALTH, ITS SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND ITS VALUES AND POSSIBILITIES. IF THE COMMONWEALTH IS ABOUT ANYTHING AT ALL, IT IS SURELY ABOUT COMPASSION AND SERVICE. BECAUSE THE YOUNG LOVE A CHALLENGE, THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE UP TO THE COMMONWEALTH IDEALS OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING BY HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN THEMSELVES. TOMORROW'S COMMONWEALTH WILL BE IN THEIR HANDS. LET US HELP THEM TO PREPARE FOR IT.+

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VALUE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION STRESSED

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THE GOVERNMENT ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND IS PLANNING TO INCLUDE IT IN THE SENIOR FORM CURRICULUM, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICER, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MRS GOODSTADT WAS SPEAKING TO CHILDREN AND PARENTS IN A +FAMILY CARNIVAL+ HELD AT CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A HARMONIOUS FAMILY.

SHE SAID: +FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS A CONTINUOUS PROCESS TO INSTIL IN FAMILY MEMBERS USEFUL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THEIR GROWING UP, BEHAVIOUR, HUMAN RELATIONSHIP AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

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+MANY SOCIAL TRAGEDIES, SUCH AS DIVORCE, CHILD ABUSE AND YOUTH CRIME, CAN BE AVOIDED IF PEOPLE KNOW MORE ABOUT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION.+

MRS GOODSTADT STARTED OFF THE EVENT WHICH ATTRACTED MANY PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD. ACCOMPANIED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ORGANISING BODIES, INCLUDING MR THOMAS MULVEY, DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY AND DR RAMON RUIZ, CHAIRMAN OF HONG KONG CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL, SHE TOURED THE GAME STALLS, SAW THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY AND JOINED THE CHILDREN IN SOME OF THE GAMES.

ON THE STAGE, PROFESSIONAL SINGERS AND LOCAL VOLUNTARY GROUPS, INCLUDING RAIMONDI COLLEGE CHOIR, YWCA INSTRUMENTAL GROUP AND CARITAS PERSEVERANCE-BANDELION GROUPS, ENTERTAINED THE PARTICIPANTS WITH CHINESE TRADITIONAL MUSIC AND FOLK SONGS.

THE FAMILY CARNIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN AND ISLANDS DISTRICTS' YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AS PART OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY PROGRAMME.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS OPEN * * *

LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN EASTERN DISTRICT MAY NOW APPLY TO THE DISTRICT BOARD FOR FUNDS TO SUBSIDISE THEIR COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THERE IS NO SET LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS APPLIED FOR, THOUGH APPLICATIONS WILL BE VETTED BY THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE AMOUNT OF GRANT WILL DEPEND ON THE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PURPOSE,+ HE SAID.

+FOR ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND FESTIVE ACTIVITIES, IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT THE ORGANISERS WILL SHOULDER PART OF THE COSTS.+

APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL BE INVITED TWICE A YEAR.

+THOSE WISHING TO ORGANISE FUNCTIONS IN THE FIVE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING IN SEPTEMBER SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT BEFORE MARCH 31.

+APPLICATIONS WILL AGAIN BE CALLED FOR IN EARLY AUGUST FOR PROJECTS PLANNED FOR THE MONTHS BETWEEN OCTOBER AND FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 880-886 KING'S ROAD THE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-OFFICE AT 9-11 WING HING STREET THE SHAU KEI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT 243 SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND THE CHAI WAN SUB-OFFICE AT BLOCK 2 OF HING WAH ESTATE.

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING BY THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT NOT LATER THAN MAY 1984.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED ABOUT COMPULSORY INSURANCE

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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE LEGISLATION ON COMPULSORY INSURANCE FOR EMPLOYEES HAS BEEN IN FORCE SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR.

THIS MEANS THAT AN EMPLOYER MUST TAKE OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY IN RESPECT OF ALL HIS EMPLOYEES FOR THE FULL AMOUNT OF HIS LIABILITIES FOR BOTH COMPENSATION UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND COMMON LAW DAMAGES FOR INJURIES AND DEATH AS A RESULT OF AN ACCIDENT AT WORK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT WARNED THAT ANY EMPLOYER WHO FAILS TO TAKE OUT AN INSURANCE POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE COMMITS AN OFFENCE AND IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$50 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, THE INSURANCE POLICY MUST BE ISSUED BY AN INSURER AUTHORISED BY THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY TO CARRY ON ACCIDENT INSURANCE BUSINESS IN HONG KONG, HE SAID.

+THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE INJURED EMPLOYEE CAN RECOVER IN HIS OWN NAME DIRECTLY FROM THE INSURERS ANY AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION WHICH HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED TO CLAIM AGAINST HIS EMPLOYER,+ HE SAID.

EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE TAKEN OUT INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES MUST ALSO DISPLAY THEIR NOTICES OF INSURANCE AT A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THEIR WORK PREMISES. THE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO PUT UP THE NOTICE IS \$10 000.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AUTHORISED OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MAY ENTER AND INSPECT PREMISES, OTHER THAN DOMESTIC PREMISES, TO ENSURE THAT EMPLOYERS HAVE TAKEN OUT THE INSURANCE POLICIES AND THAT THE NOTICES ARE DISPLAYED.

HE URGED EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE ANY ENQUIRIES TO CONTACT THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-7955927, 3-688466, OR 0-467776.

EMPLOYERS MAY ALSO SEEK ADVICE FROM THE INSURANCE AUTHORITY OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IF THEY WISH.

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CONTAINER TERMINAL TO BE EXPANDED

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO RECLAIM OVER 15 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE MOUTH OF LAI CHI KOK BAY AS PART OF THE PROGRAMME TO EXPAND THE CONTAINER TERMINAL.

THE ADDITIONAL LAND, AT THE SOUTH OF CONTAINER TERMINAL NO. 4, WILL BE USED MAINLY FOR TRADES RELATED TO THE CONTAINER INDUSTRY.

IT WILL ALSO BE USED TO BUILD ACCESS ROADS AND DRAINAGE.

THE RECLAMATION WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE PUBLIC RECLAMATIONS AND WORKS ORDINANCE.

AT THE SAME TIME THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT A LEASE FOR ABOUT 27 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED NEXT TO THE RECLAMATION.

THE LESSEE WILL BE PERMITTED TO RECLAIM THE AREA AND CONSTRUCT AND USE A CONTAINER TERMINAL.

THE EXTENT OF AREAS AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN NOTICES IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE NOTICES AND PLANS CAN BE SEEN ON BOARDS NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLANS CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; OR AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, 2ND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

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REFRESHER COURSE FOR TEACHERS

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SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND A REFRESHER TRAINING COURSE AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION FROM SEPTEMBER.

THE COURSE, WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A BLOCK-RELEASE BASIS, IS TO ACQUAINT SERVING TEACHERS WITH CONTEMPORARY METHODS AND APPROACHES IN TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

IT WILL BE SUBJECT BASED AND HELD OVER SEVEN CONSECUTIVE WEEKS.

/THE CURRICULUM

THE CURRICULUM WILL COMPRISE A CORE OF STUDY AND AN ELECTIVE COURSE. THE CORE COURSES INCLUDE TOPICS IN EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY, ASSESSMENT AND STATISTICAL METHODS IN EDUCATION, AND MICROCOMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM.

THE ELECTIVE SUBJECTS INCLUDE ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND CHINESE.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE PROJECTS AND ASSIGNMENTS AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN SEMINARS AND TUTORIALS.

THERE WILL BE NO WRITTEN TESTS OR EXAMINATIONS. BUT A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE WILL BE ISSUED FOR SATISFACTORY PERFORMANCE.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS MAY NOMINATE UP TO FIVE NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS OF ANY RANK WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR INITIAL TRAINING FIVE YEARS AGO AND WHO ARE TEACHING THEIR ELECTIVE SUBJECTS IN FORMS I TO III.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO TEACHERS WHO HAVE NOT ATTENDED ANY COURSE SINCE THEIR INITIAL TRAINING IN A COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

A REPLACEMENT TEACHER OF CERTIFICATED MASTER OR MISTRESS RANK MAY BE EMPLOYED ON A TEMPORARY BASIS BY A GOVERNMENT OR AN AIDED SCHOOL FOR THE BLOCK PERIOD TO REPLACE THE TEACHER UNDERGOING TRAINING. THE SERVICE OF THE REPLACEMENT TEACHER WILL COUNT FOR PROMOTION AND INCREMENTAL PURPOSE.

SCHOOL HEADS MAY SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 2/F, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG ON OR BEFORE APRIL 18.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE COURSE MAY BE DIRECTED TO NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AT TEL. 5-871281 AND QUERIES ABOUT REPLACEMENT TEACHERS TO THE DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER CONCERNED.

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BOATYARDS TO BE BUILT IN TAI PO
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A SITE AT TAI PO IS TO BE DEVELOPED INTO YARDS TO BUILD AND REPAIR FISHING BOATS.

IT COVERS 2 625 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED OFF TING KOK ROAD NEAR YIM TIN TSAI.

THE LEASE WILL BE FOR SEVEN YEARS, RENEWABLE FOR THREE YEAR PERIODS AFTERWARDS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

/THE NOTICE

THE NOTICE WITH A PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE. THE PLAN CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT:

- * THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE (TAI PO), TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL AND CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM MARCH 9.

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SEVENTH PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR ESTATES

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A \$1-MILLION PILING CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEVENTH PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN LIVING AT ON TING AND YAU OI ESTATES, TUEN MUN.

THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO GUANGDONG WATER CONSERVANCY AND HYDRO-POWER ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT WILL BEGIN SHORTLY AND TAKE THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THEN, WORK ON BUILDING THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WILL START UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT AND THE SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY SUMMER NEXT YEAR.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ON A 0.39-HECTARE SITE ON RECLAIMED LAND IN THE VICINITY OF YAU OI ESTATE AND THE TEMPORARY HOVERFERRY PIER.

THE SIX-STOREY BUILDING WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A COVERED PLAY AREA AND AN EXTERNAL PLAY AREA WITH BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL COURTS.

THE TWO ESTATES HAVE A COMBINED POPULATION OF 60 000.

THERE ARE 39 SCHOOLS, EITHER EXISTING OR UNDER CONSTRUCTION, IN TUEN MUN WHICH NOW HAS 190 000 RESIDENTS.

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FOOD-BAZAAR TO HAVE FIRE-FIGHTING SYSTEM

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A \$63 000 CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR A VENTILATION AND FIRE-FIGHTING SYSTEM IN A COOKED FOOD BAZAAR AT KWUN TONG.

THE TWO-STOREY STRUCTURE IN TSUN YIP STREET WILL HAVE 56 COOKED FOOD STALLS AND IMPROVED EATING FACILITIES FOR LOCAL WORKERS.

THE BAZAAR WILL BE PROVIDED WITH TOILETS, A REFUSE COLLECTION CHAMBER, STOREROOMS, OFFICE SPACE AND A ROOF-TOP SITTING-OUT AREA.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER, WHEN THE BAZAAR IS READY FOR USE.

THE CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TO ARNHOLD AND COMPANY LIMITED.

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FOOTBRIDGE FOR CASTLE PEAK ROAD

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A TEMPORARY STEEL FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE BUILT ACROSS CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR CHUNG SHAN TERRACE TO IMPROVE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN THE AREA.

AT PRESENT IT IS DIFFICULT TO CROSS THE ROAD BECAUSE OF FAST TRAFFIC MOVEMENT.

THE BRIDGE WILL BE 21 METRES LONG AND 2.1 METRES WIDE.

WORK WILL START IN MID-1984 AND TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

IT WILL REQUIRE THE REPOSITIONING OF SOME UTILITY FACILITIES.

PLANS TO BUILD A PERMANENT FOOTBRIDGE AT THE LOCATION WILL BE CONSIDERED LATER WHEN DETAILS OF A PROPOSED ROAD PROJECT IN THE AREA ARE FINALISED.

A PLAN SHOWING THE EXTENT OF THE PROPOSED WORK CAN BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 174-208, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN; AND
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOU WAH CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR, 210, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL MUST REACH THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE MAY 8.

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CHINESE MUSIC AND FOLK SONGS NIGHT
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THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT HELD A CHINESE MUSIC AND FOLK SONGS NIGHT AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

THE EVENT PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE RECEIVING ORCHESTRAL TRAINING IN THE MUSIC OFFICE TO PERFORM BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

TAKING PART IN TONIGHT'S PERFORMANCES WERE THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE MUSIC OFFICE TRAINEES' CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE TSUEN WAN CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE EAST KOWLOON YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE WEST KOWLOON YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, THE ISLAND YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE CHINESE FOLK SINGING CHILDREN'S ENSEMBLE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

JAPANESE DINNER TREAT FOR CHILDREN
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SIXTY-EIGHT CHILDREN FROM THE PO LEUNG KUK WILL BE TREATED TO A JAPANESE DINNER AT A RESTAURANT IN CAUSEWAY BAY TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE CAUSEWAY BAY NORTH AREA COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THERE WILL BE GAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT BEFORE THE DINNER, AND GIFT PACKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (CAUSEWAY BAY/NORTH POINT), MR FREDERICK TONG, WILL ATTEND THE FUNCTION.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 5 PM AT THE SUISHAYA RESTAURANT IN LEIGHTON ROAD.

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