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+FIRST-HAND LOOK AT DEVELOPMENTS IN PEARL RIVER AREA+
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT HIS TRIP TO THE PEARL RIVER AREA IN CHINA WAS TO SEE INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS ROADS AND BRIDGES WHICH ALL HAD A BEARING ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS OUTSIDE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUILDING BEFORE ATTENDING A LUNCHEON PARTY WITH UMELCO MEMBERS, SIR DAVID SAID, +I ALWAYS LIKE TO SEE THINGS FOR MYSELF SO I AM OVER TO GET FIRST-HAND IMPRESSIONS.+

HE SAID IT WAS ABOUT A YEAR SINCE HE LAST VISITED SHENZHEN AND +IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SEE HOW THE ROADS AND BRIDGES AND THINGS LIKE THAT ARE COMING ON+.

ASKED WHETHER THE ROLE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS, SIR DAVID SAID HIS OBJECTIVE WAS TO GO OVER TO HAVE A LOOK AT ROADS, BRIDGES AND DRAINS.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION ON WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE DEBATE ON NATIONALITY ORDER NOT GOING TO BE HELD BEFORE EASTER, HE SAID THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WAS GIVING THE MATTER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

+I HAVE NOTHING REALLY TO ADD TO THE STATEMENT WHICH I MADE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE ADDED.

WHEN ASKED FOR HIS REACTION TO SOME COUNCILLORS' DISAPPOINTMENT WITH HIS STATEMENT IN THE COUNCIL, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD NOTHING MORE TO SAY AND THE MATTER WAS NOW WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

LATER IN THE AFTERNOON, SIR DAVID TOLD REPORTERS AT THE HONG KONG-MACAU FERRY TERMINAL BEFORE LEAVING THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN ROADS AND BRIDGES BECAUSE THEY WERE IMPORTANT TO HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES IN HONG KONG, SUCH AS CROSS-BORDER BRIDGES AND THE CONTAINER PORT AND THINGS LIKE THE DOUBLE-TRACKING OF THE RAILWAY.

+ALL THESE ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR HONG KONG AND I FELT THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT I SHOULD KNOW THE STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT THAT HAS BEEN REACHED,+ HE SAID.

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CS ON PRIVATE VISIT TO CHINESE CITIES

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A PRIVATE VISIT TO ZHUHAI, GUANGZHOU AND SHENZHEN.

SIR DAVID WILL TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN AND AROUND THE CHINESE CITIES, WHICH WILL BE RELEVANT TO HONG KONG'S OWN DEVELOPMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURAL SERVICES TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC

SIR DAVID WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LADY AKERS-JONES. THEY WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SUNDAY (MARCH 23) EVENING.

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SPORTS IMPORTANT IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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AS A COMMUNITY, IT MUST BE OUR CONCERN THAT WE HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY HONG KONG, THAT WE DEVELOP NOT ONLY THE INTELLECTUAL TALENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE BUT ALSO THEIR PHYSICAL WELL-BEING, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT THE FINALS OF THE 1985-86 INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS, SIR DAVID SAID IN RECENT YEARS HONG KONG HAD DEVOTED MORE OF ITS RESOURCES TO THE PROMOTION OF RECREATION AND SPORTS.

+IN 1985-86 MORE THAN 10 SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING SCHEMES BENEFITED 15 000 YOUNG PEOPLE AND THOSE WITH TALENT ARE SELECTED TO UNDERGO MORE SYSTEMATIC AND EXPERT TRAINING BY COACHES FROM THE SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS OR AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

+THEY WILL ALSO BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITIES TO RAISE THEIR STANDARDS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION,+ HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID PRAISED THE HONG KONG SCHOOL SPORTS ASSOCIATION FOR PLAYING A MAJOR ROLE OVER MANY YEARS IN PROMOTING SPORT AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO KNOW THAT OVER 70 000 STUDENTS FROM 650 SCHOOLS ARE TAKING PART IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION,+ HE SAID.

SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE ASSOCIATION AND ALL THOSE WHO HAD WORKED HARD TO MAKE THE INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS A SUCCESS.

TODAY'S EVENTS MARKED THE END OF THE 15-DAY COMPETITION IN WHICH 12 500 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED.

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SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION

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THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE SINO-BRITISH LAND COMMISSION WAS HELD ON MARCH 21, 1986. HAVING REGARD TO HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS, AND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN A STABLE PROPERTY MARKET, THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT THE LAND DISPOSAL PROGRAMME FOR THE 1986-87 FINANCIAL YEAR SHOULD AMOUNT TO 55 HECTARES. THE PROGRAMME COMPRISES ABOUT 21 HECTARES FOR COMMERCIAL, RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS; ABOUT 15 HECTARES FOR HOME OWNERSHIP AND PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEMES; AND ABOUT 19 HECTARES FOR COMMUNITY, INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENTS AND OTHER USES, INCLUDING 3.5 HECTARES FOR THE PROVISION OF BACK-UP FACILITIES FOR THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT.

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+NEW HORIZON FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE+

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A NEW HORIZON HAS EMERGED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING TO STUDENTS OF THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE, MR LIAO NOTED THAT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE TAKING AN INCREASINGLY ACTIVE INTEREST IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

+THROUGH JOINING MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES AND OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, THEY CAN INFLUENCE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEIR IMMEDIATE ENVIRONMENT.

+THE DISTRICT BOARDS PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN MATTERS OF A WIDER CONCERN AND ALSO PROVIDE AN ACCESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

MR LIAO SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT IN THE 1985 DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS, 56 PER CENT OF THE ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS WERE AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 40, COMPARED WITH 34 PER CENT IN 1982.

FOR THE 1986 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION, 47 PER CENT OF THE ELECTED COUNCILLORS WERE UNDER THE AGE OF 40, COMPARED WITH 33 PER CENT IN 1983, WHILE IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION, 75 PER CENT OF THOSE ELECTED WERE UNDER 40 YEARS OLD, MR LIAO SAID.

+THE FOUNDING OF THE HANG SENG SCHOOL OF COMMERCE IS A FINE EXAMPLE OF HOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS COULD HELP IN CULTIVATING AND DEVELOPING THE POTENTIALS OF OUR YOUTH,+ HE SAID.

/MR LIAO

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MR LIAO POINTED OUT THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE FIVE MILLION HARD-WORKING AND RESOURCEFUL PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE UNDER THE AGE OF 30.

+THE FUTURE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG HINGES ON THE EFFORTS AND HARD WORK OF OUR YOUTH TODAY,+ HE SAID.

+WE, AS PARENTS, TEACHERS, EMPLOYERS, OR THOSE WORKING IN COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND GOVERNMENT ARE CONCERNED TO TRAIN AND DEVELOP YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH ALL SORTS OF ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMPS, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS,+ HE ADDED.

+BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE ALSO LEARN A LOT FROM YOUNG PEOPLE THEMSELVES AND SHARE UNIQUE EXPERIENCES WITH THEM.

+VERY OFTEN, IT IS THE CROSS-FERTILISATION OF EXPERIENCE THAT COUNTS,+ MR LIAO SAID.

+YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IS NOT A ONE-WAY TRAFFIC TYPE OF BUSINESS, IT INVOLVES PARTICIPATION BY ALL,+ HE ADDED.

GOVERNMENT EFFORTS IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT ARE AIMED AT FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING, MUTUAL CARE AND CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AMONG RESIDENTS= AND TO MAINTAIN HONG KONG AS A COHESIVE AND HARMONIOUS SOCIETY.

+THESE OBJECTIVES ARE PROMOTED THROUGH THE PROVISION OF PURPOSE-BUILT FACILITIES SUCH AS COMMUNITY CENTRES FOR GROUP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, FORMATION OF RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS, AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON MATTERS WHICH AFFECT THEIR DAILY LIFE,+ SAID MR LIAO.

+THROUGH THE PROCESS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THE PEOPLE, WHOSE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS ALSO BECOME BETTER UNDERSTOOD BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+WHILE IT IS NOT CONSIDERED PRACTICABLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNITY BUILDING PROGRAMME TO SINGLE OUT YOUNG PEOPLE FOR SPECIAL TREATMENT, THE SETTING UP OF YOUTH CENTRES, THE LAUNCHING OF SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE SCHEME ARE NONETHELESS RECOGNITION OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

MR LIAO POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO SINGLE BRANCH OR DEPARTMENT TO CATER EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE NEEDS OF YOUTH, BEARING IN MIND THE SPREAD OF SERVICES TO BE CATERED FOR BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS, THE WELL-BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE REMAINED AN AREA OF PRIME CONCERN FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

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+HAVING REGARD TO THE RAPID EXPANSION OF YOUTH SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES IN RECENT YEARS AND THE SIZE OF THE YOUTH POPULATION AND ITS CONTRIBUTORY ROLE IN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO SET UP IN THE NEAR FUTURE, A CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON YOUTH,+ HE SAID.

THE COMMITTEE WOULD COLLATE INFORMATION AND CONDUCT RESEARCH ON THE NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, AND PROMOTE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND WIDEN THE CHANNELS OF YOUTH PARTICIPATION, MR LIAO SAID.

MR LIAO REITERATED THAT TO CULTIVATE SUCCESSFULLY A GENERATION OF WELL-EDUCATED, WELL-MOTIVATED, AND CIVIC-MINDED YOUNG PEOPLE, IT MUST BE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT BY ALL CONCERNED.

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BILL PROVIDES FLEXIBILITY FOR COMPENSATION
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THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS (COMPENSATION)(AMENDMENT) BILL 1986, WHICH SEEKS TO PROVIDE GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO THE DEPENDANTS OF A PNEUMOCONIOTIC WORKER WHO DIES FROM A CAUSE OTHER THAN PNEUMOCONIOSIS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE PRESENT SYSTEM, COMPENSATION WOULD BE MADE TO THE DEPENDANTS OF A DECEASED PNEUMOCONIOTIC WORKER, PROVIDED THAT A CERTIFICATE HAD BEEN ISSUED BY THE PNEUMOCONIOSIS MEDICAL BOARD BEFORE HIS DEATH.

IN CASES, HOWEVER, WHERE A WORKER DIED BEFORE AN ASSESSMENT WAS MADE BY THE MEDICAL BOARD, OR WHEN HIS DEATH OCCURRED BETWEEN THE DATE OF DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASE AND THE DATE OF ISSUE OF THE CERTIFICATE, THE DEPENDANTS COULD NOT RECEIVE ANY COMPENSATION.

THE BILL SEEKS TO MADE COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO THE DEPENDANTS WHETHER OR NOT THE DECEASED HAD SUBMITTED HIMSELF TO THE BOARD AND GOT A CERTIFICATE BEFORE HIS DEATH, PROVIDED THAT MEDICAL EVIDENCE WAS AVAILABLE BEFORE DEATH TO ENABLE HIS DEGREE OF INCAPACITY AS A RESULT OF PNEUMOCONIOSIS TO BE ASSESSED BY THE MEDICAL BOARD.

HOWEVER, DEPENDANTS WHO WISHED TO CLAIM COMPENSATION MUST NOTIFY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR OF THE DEATH.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, IF ENACTED, WOULD APPLY WHERE THE DEATH OCCURRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1981.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READING ON APRIL 9.

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FRANCHISE OF LANTAO BUS FIRM EXTENDED
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THE FRANCHISE OF THE NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY, DUE TO EXPIRE ON MARCH 31, 1989, HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR TWO YEARS TO MARCH 31, 1991.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE EXTENSION, INTENDED TO ENABLE THE COMPANY TO MAKE FORWARD PLANNING OF ITS SERVICES, WAS GRANTED AFTER A CAREFUL APPRAISAL OF ITS PERFORMANCE.

HE SAID THAT SINCE THE LAST EXTENSION OF ITS FRANCHISE IN DECEMBER 1983, THE NEW LANTAO BUS COMPANY HAD COMPLIED SATISFACTORILY WITH THE OVERALL STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND THE AGREED ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

+MOREOVER, THE COMPANY HAS PROVED ITSELF CAPABLE OF ARRANGING FLEXIBLE FLEET DEPLOYMENT TO MEET THE PEAK AND VARIABLE RECREATIONAL TRAVEL DEMAND,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COMPANY HAS RESPONDED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S RECOMMENDATION TO INTRODUCE ONE-MAN OPERATION OF BUSES, AS A MEANS OF INCREASING COST-EFFECTIVENESS. THIS HAS NOW BEEN INTRODUCED ON MOST OF ITS ROUTES, RESULTING IN CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S ADVICE, THE COMPANY HAS ALSO UNDERTAKEN TO FURTHER IMPROVE ITS BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CENTRAL MAINTENANCE DEPOT AT MUI WO.

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IMPROVED EDUCATION FOR YOUNG INMATES
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YOUNG INMATES HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP ACADEMICALLY IN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS, AND MORE WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE IN TRAINING CENTRES.

SPEAKING AT A PARADE OF CORRECTIONAL STAFF TODAY (FRIDAY), THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, SAID: +A BOLD STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN TO REVAMP THE GENERAL EDUCATION FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.+

A NEW SYLLABUS AND CONTENTS FOR VARIOUS ACADEMIC SUBJECTS ARE BEING PREPARED, WITH THE HELP OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, TO CATER FOR THOSE PURSUING VOCATIONAL TRAINING, MR CHAN SAID.

IT WOULD INCREASE THEIR OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCREDITATION WHILE ACQUIRING A SKILL, HE SAID.

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+THOSE WHO AIM FOR THE NORMAL SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS ARE GIVEN EVERY ENCOURAGEMENT AND HELP TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL,+ MR CHAN SAID. +HOPEFULLY, WE WILL SEE MORE ACADEMIC HONOURS IN THE COMING YEAR.+

AT PRESENT, MORE THAN 900 PERSONS OUT OF ABOUT 1 300 YOUNG INMATES UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE ARE TAKING VARIOUS GENERAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL COURSES.

IN ADDITION, MR CHAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD PLANS TO INTRODUCE SCOUTING ACTIVITY IN THE TRAINING CENTRES AS A +WORTHWHILE+ SUPPLEMENT.

SEVEN CONTINGENTS, COMPRISING 204 OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS INCLUDING 30 RECRUITS WHO COMPLETED THEIR SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING, TOOK PART IN THE PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY.

THE PARADE, COMMANDED BY SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT LAM WAH-PAK, WAS IN HONOUR OF 22 VETERANS WHO WERE AWARDED CLASPS TO THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL.

WHILE PAYING TRIBUTE TO THEM FOR THEIR +MANY YEARS OF LOYALTY AND DEDICATION TO THEIR WORK+, MR CHAN SAID THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT +HAVE WORKED IN CLOSER COOPERATION THAN EVER BEFORE TO MAINTAIN ORDER WITHIN PENAL INSTITUTIONS, THUS CONTRIBUTING SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS THE STABILITY OF THE TERRITORY.+

MR CHAN TOLD OFFICERS ON PARADE THAT THEIR JOB HAD BECOME MORE DEMANDING.

+THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS SERVING LIFE IMPRISONMENT AND OTHER INDETERMINATE SENTENCES HAS RISEN FROM 146 FIVE YEARS AGO TO 248 TODAY,+ HE SAID.

THERE WERE ANOTHER 1 425 SERVING SENTENCES OF SIX YEARS AND OVER, 60 PER CENT OF WHOM ARE FOR VIOLENT OFFENCES.

MR CHAN SAID THAT ABOUT \$126 MILLION IN COMMERCIAL VALUE OF GOODS AND SERVICES WERE PROVIDED LAST YEAR THROUGH THE CONTINUING EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES INDUSTRIES WHICH EFFECTIVELY EMPLOYED ABOUT 6 500 INMATES.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS WILL INCREASE TO ABOUT \$136 MILLION IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR,+ MR CHAN SAID.

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MORE CHANGES AT CNTA ANNOUNCED
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THE PRESENT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, WILL BECOME DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 21, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

IT WAS EARLIER ANNOUNCED THAT THE CURRENT DRS (HK AND K), MR T.H. CHAU, WILL TAKE OVER FROM MR BARRIE WIGGHAM AS REGIONAL SECRETARY.

MR WIGGHAM WILL LEAVE HIS POST ON APRIL 21 AND UNDERTAKE LANGUAGE STUDIES BEFORE BEING SECONDED TO THE BRITISH EMBASSY AT PEKING AS A COUNSELLOR. HE WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TO TAKE UP THE POST OF SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES IN LATE 1986.

MR MAK, AGED 47, JOINED THE CIVIL SERVICE IN AUGUST 1963 AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER II. HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER STAFF GRADE C IN 1981.

MR MAK HAD SERVED IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BEFORE HE JOINED THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AS KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER IN MARCH 1983.

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GOVT TO BUY FEWER FORM 1 PLACES
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CEASE TO BUY FORM 1 PLACES FROM 16 PRIVATE SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER 1987 WHEN MORE PLACES IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SCHOOLS ARE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME.

THE DECISION IS IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT APPROVED POLICY ANNOUNCED IN 1978 ON THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES AND WAS MORE RECENTLY ENDORSED BY THE EDUCATION COMMISSION IN ITS REPORT NO. 1 PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 1984.

A START TO PHASE OUT SOME OF THE PRIVATE SCHOOLS FROM THE BOUGHT PLACE SCHEME WAS MADE IN MARCH LAST YEAR WHEN 17 SCHOOLS WERE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION THAT FORM 1 PLACES WOULD NO LONGER BE BOUGHT FROM THEM AS FROM SEPTEMBER 1986.

IN LINE WITH THE PREVIOUS PRACTICE, ALL SCHOOLS AFFECTED ARE BEING GIVEN AN ADVANCE NOTICE OF 18 MONTHS.

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TSIM SHA TSUI DRAFT PLAN AMENDED

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THE SITE RESERVED FOR THE MUSEUMS OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY HAS BEEN INCREASED AND DESIGNATED AS BEING FOR +MUSEUMS+ ON THE TOWN PLAN FOR TSIM SHA TSUI.

A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE ORIGINAL SITE OF 1.24 HECTARES HAD BEEN ENLARGED BY 1.5 HECTARES TO ALLOW MORE FLEXIBILITY IN THE DESIGN OF THE WHOLE COMPLEX.

HE SAID THE INTENTION WAS TO MAINTAIN A CONTINUOUS LINK OF OPEN SPACE ALONG THE CHATHAM ROAD CORRIDOR FOR PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT.

DETAILED PROPOSALS ON THE SITE SUCH AS THE AREA AND DISPOSITION OF OPEN SPACE WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD FOR APPROVAL IN THE FORM OF A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN.

OTHER AMENDMENTS TO THE PLAN INVOLVE INCORPORATING THE STAR FERRY AND TWO OTHER PIERS ON THE WEST INTO THE PLANNING SCHEME AREA= CHANGING THE ANNOTATION OF PRIVATE SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB TO SPORTS AND RECREATION CLUB; REZONING PART OF GRANVILLE ROAD EAST OF CHATHAM ROAD TO OPEN SPACE TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL USE OF THE SITTING-OUT AREA AND INCLUDING PART OF A SERVICE ROAD AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST FOR A COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE AMENDED OUTLINE ZONING PLAN CAN BE INSPECTED AT THE TOWN PLANNING DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD AND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-OFFICE, 40 CARNARVON ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, TSIM SHA TSUI, AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTER AT THE WEST WING ENTRANCE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

ANYONE AFFECTED BY THE AMENDMENT MAY SUBMIT THEIR OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD C/O LANDS DEPARTMENT, FOURTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE APRIL 10, 1986.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SURVEY DIVISION, LANDS DEPARTMENT, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND KOWLOON MAP AND PLAN SALES SECTION AT 382 NATHAN ROAD AT \$10 PER UNCOLOURED COPY AND \$60 FOR A COLOURED COPY.

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HOSTEL PILOT SCHEME BEGINS

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ELDERLY BACHELORS LIVING IN CRAMPED BED-SPACE APARTMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL SOON FIND BETTER ACCOMMODATION IS AVAILABLE AT A WELL-MANAGED NON-PROFIT-MAKING HOSTEL.

THE SALVATION ARMY KEE ON HOSTEL, ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF 250 KI LUNG STREET, CAN COMFORTABLY ACCOMMODATE 16 PEOPLE, AT A NOMINAL RENT.

THE HOSTEL IS A JOINT VENTURE BETWEEN THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ASSISTANCE SCHEME AND THE SALVATION ARMY.

AT A LEASE-SIGNING CEREMONY THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCHEME, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, WHO SPONSORED THE PREMISES, HANDED OVER THE TENANCY AGREEMENT TO THE SALVATION ARMY.

THE ARMY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE HOSTEL, WHICH HAS A THREE-YEAR LEASE.

EACH TENANT WILL HAVE TO PAY A MONTHLY RENT OF ONLY \$267.

MR TAI SAID THE AIM OF SETTING UP THE HOSTEL WAS TO PROVIDE INTERIM ACCOMMODATION, RECREATIONAL, RELIGIOUS AND COUNSELLING SERVICES TO SINGLE ELDERLY MEN PENDING THEIR ADMISSION TO HOMES FOR THE AGED OR TO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT ABOUT 700 RESIDENTS LIVING IN 21 PRIVATELY-RUN BED-SPACE APARTMENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

MR TAI SAID THE HOSTEL WAS BEING ESTABLISHED ON A PILOT BASIS. SIMILAR HOSTELS WOULD BE DEVELOPED IF THE SCHEME PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

DETAILS OF THE HOSTEL AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW OBTAINABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES AS WELL AS AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ASSISTANCE SCHEME, FORMERLY NAMED THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND SQUATTERS ASSISTANCE SCHEME, IS A LOCAL ORGANISATION FORMED BY 14 COMMUNITY LEADERS IN 1984 TO OFFER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE POOR AND THE UNDERPRIVILEGED IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR SYLVESTER TSE, IS THE HONORARY ADVISER TO THE SCHEME.

THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SCHEME HAS SO FAR GRANTED ABOUT \$55 000 TO RESIDENTS FOR VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, COMMUNITY BUILDING AND EMERGENCY RELIEF ACTIVITIES.

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FREE AURAL TESTS START TOMORROW

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A SIXTH-MONTH AURAL HEALTH SCHEME WILL BEGIN IN KWUN TONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO PROVIDE A FREE AUDIOMETRIC SCREENING SERVICE FOR WORKERS AND ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT TSUN YIP STREET PLAYGROUND, A MOBILE AUDIOMETRIC SCREENING VAN WILL START SERVING THE FIRST BATCH OF PEOPLE WHICH WILL INCLUDE 20 WORKERS AND 10 ELDERLY RESIDENTS.

INSTRUMENTS TO PROTECT HEARING WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE PLAYGROUND.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING FREE HEARING TESTS TO LOCAL FACTORY WORKERS AND THE ELDERLY, THE SCHEME WILL ALSO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF AURAL PROBLEMS THROUGH ACTIVITIES SUCH AS A MOBILE EXHIBITION, A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION AND A SONG AND LYRIC WRITING CONTEST.

THE SCHEME HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE.

OFFICIATING AT TOMORROW'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF, MR SIMON LEE; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING; THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE, MR PETER LOO.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SCHEME AT 12.30 PM TOMORROW AT THE TSUN YIP STREET PLAYGROUND IN THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA (NEAR THE TSUN YIP STREET COOKED FOOD BAZAAR).

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ILLEGAL STRUCTURES CLEARED
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THREE ILLEGAL DOMESTIC STRUCTURES ALONG YUE LEI STREET AND AT THE REAR LANE OF SHEK PAI WAN ROAD IN TIN WAN WERE PULLED DOWN THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING IN A CLEARANCE OPERATION.

THE OPERATION IS PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT. THREE FAMILIES WHO WERE AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE WERE REHOUSED EITHER IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES OR TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE IN YUE LEI STREET AND SHEK PAI WAN ROAD STARTED IN JANUARY AND WAS CARRIED OUT IN STAGES FOR THE HOUSING AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENTS TO ASSESS AND FINALISE REHOUSING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THOSE AFFECTED.

THE ENTIRE EXERCISE INVOLVED 11 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES, NINE FOR DOMESTIC AND TWO FOR STORAGE PURPOSES.

OF THE 11 FAMILIES AFFECTED, FOUR WERE REHOUSED IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND TWO IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

A FAMILY OF SIX AND THREE SINGLETONS WHO WERE ELIGIBLE FOR REHOUSING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD TURNED DOWN THE OFFER OF ACCOMMODATION IN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS.

THE REMAINING CASE, INVOLVING A SINGLETON, WAS AWAITING INVESTIGATION BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR REHOUSING.

TODAY'S OPERATION WAS CARRIED OUT BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE.

WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE YUE LEI STREET CLEARANCE, MOST ILLEGAL BACK LANE AND PAVEMENT STRUCTURES IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, EXCEPT THOSE IN STANLEY AND SHEK O, WOULD HAVE BEEN CLEARED.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSICIANS AND DANCERS
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LOCAL YOUNG MUSICIANS AND DANCERS CAN NOW APPLY FOR OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND FOR THE YEAR 1986-87.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MUSIC FUND SAID TODAY THE SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INTENDED FOR EXCEPTIONALLY TALENTED YOUNG PEOPLE TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDIES OR BALLET AT OVERSEAS INSTITUTIONS.

/THE SCHOLARSHIPS

THE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL COVER TUITION FEES AND INCLUDE A TECHNICAL ALLOWANCE. A SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE MAY ALSO BE GRANTED ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL NEED.

CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STUDIES SHOULD NOT BE OVER THE AGE OF 23 ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND SHOULD HAVE ALREADY STUDIED MUSIC UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OR EQUIVALENT.

AS FOR THE BALLET SCHOLARSHIPS, CANDIDATES SHOULD BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OLD ON SEPTEMBER 1, AND SHOULD HAVE ALREADY STUDIED BALLET UP TO THE STANDARD OF THE DIPLOMA GRANTED BY THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF BALLET OR EQUIVALENT.

IN ADDITION, ALL APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN NOW BE OBTAINED FROM:

- * HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT, 11TH FLOOR, WING ON CENTRE, 111 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG; AND
- * MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE (ADDRESSES ARE OBTAINABLE ON 5-458791 EXT. 25)

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BY THE APPLICANTS IN PERSON TO THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB MUSIC FUND SECRETARIAT. THE CLOSING DATE IS APRIL 2.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM 5-458791 EXT. 25.

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NEW RECLAMATION FOR PUMPHOUSE, PROMENADE
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AN AREA OF ABOUT 2 700 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED OPPOSITE THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION CENTRE AT THE WAN CHAI WATERFRONT IS TO BE RECLAIMED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAFRONT PEDESTRIAN PROMENADE AND A SEAWATER PUMPHOUSE.

THE RECLAIMED AREA IS TO BE LEASED TO THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, OWNERS OF THE EXHIBITION CENTRE.

RECLAMATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE, AND ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BY MAY 13.

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WEST GERMAN TRADE OFFICIAL TOURS KWUN TONG
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A SENIOR TRADE OFFICIAL FROM WEST GERMANY THIS (FRIDAY) MORNING GAINED FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ABOUT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN KWUN TONG DURING A TOUR OF THE DISTRICT.

THE HEAD OF THE MARKET INFORMATION DIVISION OF WEST GERMANY'S FOREIGN TRADE INFORMATION OFFICE, MR EDGAR ANDRACK, WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STANLEY YING, AND OTHER DISTRICT OFFICE STAFF DURING HIS TOUR.

MR ANDRACK FIRST VISITED THE RECENTLY-OPENED KWUN TONG OFFICE OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

AT A KNITWEAR FACTORY AND AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY, MR ANDRACK WAS TOLD THAT TEXTILES AND ELECTRONICS WERE THE LARGEST INDUSTRIES IN THE DISTRICT WITH MORE THAN 1 000 FACTORIES IN PRODUCTION.

THE PARTY ALSO INSPECTED THE WESTERN EXTENSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREA - THE 221 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED INDUSTRIAL LAND IN KOWLOON BAY.

MR ANDRACK ALSO MET LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, AND TALKED ABOUT DEVELOPMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD REPORTS ON YEAR'S WORK
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL REPORT ON ITS FIRST YEAR OF WORK FOR THE 1985-1988 TERM AT A SEMINAR FOR THE DISTRICT'S SIX AREA COMMITTEES ON SUNDAY (MARCH 23).

JOINTLY ORGANISED WITH THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE, THE THREE-HOUR SEMINAR WILL START AT 2.15 PM IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE ABERDEEN URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX.

ABOUT 150 PEOPLE FROM THE AREA COMMITTEES OF POK FU LAM, WAH FU, ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU, TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN, WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS, AND STANLEY AND SHEK O WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

/THE CHAIRMEN

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS FIVE COMMITTEES WILL REPORT ON PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR, AS WELL AS ON PLANS FOR THE FUTURE.

THE CHAIRMEN ARE MR JASPER LAM, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, MISS YEUNG CHUI-CHUN (WORKS PROJECTS), MISS MAR YUET-HAR (ENVIRONMENT), MR RAYMOND KWOK (TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT), MR MAN HON-MING (COMMUNITY BUILDING) AND MR KO TAM-KAN (SOCIAL SERVICES).

A SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID SUNDAY'S SEMINAR WAS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING TIES AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE AREA COMMITTEES.

+THROUGH OPEN DISCUSSIONS, AREA COMMITTEES WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORK OF THE BOARD, WHILE THE DISTRICT BOARD COULD OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION AND FEEDBACK FROM RESIDENTS ON DISTRICT AND TERRITORY-WIDE ISSUES,+ HE SAID.

THE MEETING IS A SEQUEL TO A SERIES OF SIX SEMINARS HELD BY THE AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATIONS, FROM JULY TO DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

+IT IS HOPED THAT SEMINARS OF THIS NATURE WOULD STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE THREE-TIER CONSULTATIVE SYSTEM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES AND RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT AND SEMINAR WITH AREA COMMITTEES ON SUNDAY (MARCH 23) AT 2.15 PM IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL, 5/F, ABERDEEN URBAN COUNCIL COMPLEX, NO. 203 ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD. THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR.

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FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY AT TSING YI OPENS

THE FIRST PUBLIC LIBRARY ON TSING YI ISLAND, WITH AN INITIAL STOCK OF 13 000 VOLUMES, WAS OPENED TODAY (FRIDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR LAM KIN-MING, SAID THE LIBRARY WOULD PROVIDE BOOK LENDING SERVICES FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN, A QUICK REFERENCE AND READERS' ENQUIRY SERVICE, A NEWSPAPER AND PERIODICALS SERVICE AND AN AUDIO CASSETTE LENDING SERVICE.

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+THERE WILL ALSO BE A WIDE RANGE OF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING SUBJECT TALKS, STORY HOURS, BOOK EXHIBITIONS AND VISITS FOR SCHOOL PARTIES AND ORGANISED GROUPS,+ MR LAM SAID.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM AND FROM 2 PM TO 6 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. IT WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAYS.

THE TSING YI PUBLIC LIBRARY IS THE 17TH STATIC LIBRARY UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH ALSO RUNS TWO MOBILE LIBRARIES.

MR LAM PAID TRIBUTE TO STAFF OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP THE LIBRARY.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE PROVISIONAL REGIONAL COUNCIL, DR HO MAN-WUI, AND THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR TONY HAMMOND.

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ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE 1986

THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), MR JOHN WINFIELD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1986 ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AT 9.30 AM.

THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE IS +CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH CONTINUING EDUCATION+.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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BILLIARD ESTABLISHMENT ISSUE TO BE DISCUSSED
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE PROPOSED CONTROL OF BILLIARD CLUBS AND PUBLIC BILLIARD SALOONS AT A MEETING ON MONDAY (MARCH 24).

ALSO TO BE DISCUSSED ARE RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOCATE \$130 000 TO BUILD A VAN TRACK AND A STRETCH OF FOOTPATH AT CHING UK CHUEN IN SO KWUN WAT, AND REPAIRS TO BARBECUE PITS AND SEATING IN OLD CAFETERIA BEACH.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON MONDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD'S SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1, TUEN HI ROAD.

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CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR IN TUEN MUN
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ABOUT 100 TEACHERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN TUEN MUN WILL TAKE PART IN A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE SEMINAR IS SPONSORED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, AND ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SIX VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL BE DR FUNG YI-WAN, A LECTURER AT THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG= MISS WU KIT-YING, CO-ORDINATOR FOR GROUP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES OF THE SALVATION ARMY= AND TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR SIT HO-YIN AND MR NG WAI-CHO.

THEY WILL GIVE TALKS ON THE ROLES OF SCHOOLS, SOCIAL WORKERS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, AND THESE TALKS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

/THE SEMINAR,

THE SEMINAR, AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM AT THE ON TING/YAU OI COMMUNITY CENTRE IN ON TING ESTATE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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SEMINAR ON MATERNITY LEAVE

A SEMINAR ON MATERNITY LEAVE, ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE KWAI CHUNG AND TSING YI DISTRICT BOARD, WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON SUNDAY (MARCH 23) AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN WO YI HOP ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE MR CHU PING-IM, A SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MR SIMON TSANG, OF THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, A MEDICAL SOCIAL WORKER, MISS SO CHI-KIN, DR PETER LO AND MADAM LI FUNG-YING OF THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON ELECTRONIC INDUSTRY WORKERS' UNION.

THE SEMINAR IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.

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VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY FOR THE ELDERLY

ABOUT 100 ELDERLY COUPLES AGED OVER 55 WILL TAKE PART IN A +ROMANTIC+ SOCIAL GATHERING AT LINGNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE +VALENTINE'S DAY FOR THE ELDERLY+ IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CONCERN FOR THE AGED WORKING GROUP OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE. ITS AIM IS TO PROMOTE HAPPY MARRIED LIFE AMONG ELDERLY COUPLES.

/THE PROGRAMME

THE PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF A TALENT SHOW, DANCING, SINGING AND GAMES FOLLOWED BY +CANDLE-LIGHT+ DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT TO BE HELD TOMORROW AT LINGNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 15 STUBBS ROAD, STARTING AT 3.30 PM.

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CERTIFICATE FOR LABORATORY
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THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MR K.Y. YEUNG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDEPENDENT TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT BOARD OF THE HONG KONG LABORATORY ACCREDITATION SCHEME (HOKLAS) DR. JOSHUA WONG, WILL PRESENT A CERTIFICATE TO THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY, THE FIRST LABORATORY TO BE ACCREDITED UNDER THE SCHEME.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 25) AT THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY AT OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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ROUNDAABOUT, SLIP ROAD OPEN TO TRAFFIC
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THE MINI ROUNDAABOUT AT THE JUNCTION OF MA CHAI HANG ROAD AND FUNG MO STREET IN WONG AI SIN WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 24).

THE SLIP ROAD A LEADING FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD EASTBOUND TO THE ROUNDAABOUT WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT THE SAME TIME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW THERE.

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WATER CUT IN HAPPY VALLEY
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HAPPY VALLEY WILL
BE TURNED OFF BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM ON MONDAY (MARCH 24) FOR
MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE 27-123 AND 92-140 BLUE POOL ROAD,
BRIAR AVENUE, GREEN LANE, HOLLY ROAD AND BROOM ROAD.

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