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GOVERNOR APPEALS FOR TOTAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT
IN PROTECTING ENVIRONMENT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, HAS CALLED FOR THE CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY TO HELP PROTECT AND MAINTAIN HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT.

IN A MESSAGE BROADCAST ON TVB'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY VARIETY SHOW THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, THE GOVERNOR SAID ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WAS NOT SIMPLY SOMETHING FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO DO; IT NEEDED EVERYBODY TO CO-OPERATE AND THAT WAS WHERE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY CAME IN.

"ALL OF US KNOW THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG HAS DETERIORATED OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS," HE SAID.

POLLUTION, THE GOVERNOR SAID, COULD BE FELT FROM THE AIR WE BREATHED, HEARD FROM THE NOISES, AND SEEN ON THE BEACHES, SOME OF WHICH WERE NO LONGER FIT FOR SWIMMING.

"IT IS TIME NOW TO ACT; THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING SO. WE HAVE PLANS FOR THE FUTURE, WE HAVE THINGS WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY INTRODUCED.

"FOR INSTANCE, WE RECENTLY INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL A BILL TO PROTECT THE OZONE LAYER.

"AND WE HAVE MASSIVE ENGINEERING PROGRAMMES TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF SEWAGE. WE ARE ALSO BRINGING IN MEASURES TO DEAL WITH WASTE DISPOSAL SO THAT WASTE WILL BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY AND NOT HAVE A DAMAGING EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT," SIR DAVID SAID.

"NEXT MONDAY IS WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY. THAT IS THE DAY -- THE 5TH OF JUNE -- WHICH THE WHOLE WORLD HAS SET ASIDE EVERY YEAR TO CONCENTRATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS.

"THAT IS THE DAY, TOO, WHICH WE IN HONG KONG HAVE CHOSEN TO PUBLISH OUR OWN WHITE PAPER WHICH WILL SHOW THE PLANS WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAS GOT TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF POLLUTION AND HOW TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT OVER THE COMING YEARS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID SAID HE WAS VERY IMPRESSED BY THE ENORMOUS SUPPORT GIVEN BY ALL SORTS OF ORGANISATIONS TO THE ACTIVITIES OF WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY.

"BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO CALL ON EVERYBODY TO TAKE PART IN THESE ACTIVITIES TO SHOW THEIR CONCERN FOR HONG KONG'S ENVIRONMENT, AND TO DO THEIR OWN BIT TO PROTECT IT AND TO MAINTAIN IT.

"AFTER ALL, IT IS OUR ENVIRONMENT AND WE SHARE A DUTY TO PROTECT IT," SIR DAVID SAID.

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MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN IN YAU TSIM
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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL LAUNCH A MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT LATER THIS YEAR TO APPEAL TO RESIDENTS TO KEEP THEIR HOMES CLEAN.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE CAMPAIGN, MR LEE KING-WAH, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A "BLOCK-TO-BLOCK AND MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS CLEAN-UP" IN THE DISTRICT.

THE 40-DAY CLEAN-UP IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

MR LEE SAID THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN WOULD BE IN FULL SWING FROM SEPTEMBER TO JANUARY AND WOULD INVOLVE A VARIETY OF PUBLICITY PROMOTIONS.

THESE WOULD INCLUDE CLEANLINESS COMPETITIONS FOR MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND COOKED FOOD STALLS, SEMINARS, A COLOURING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN, AREA INSPECTIONS, AND A PRE-LUNAR NEW YEAR CLEAN-UP.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE ALSO PLANNED TO BUILD A SITTING-OUT AREA IN MUN MING LANE AND TO CLEAR ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS IN THE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY.

"THERE ARE MANY MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS IN THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT, MANY OF WHICH ARE FAIRLY OLD AND PLAGUED BY SERIOUS HYGIENIC AND CLEANLINESS PROBLEMS DUE TO NEGLECT OF MANAGEMENT OR LACK OF CIVIC-MINDEDNESS ON THE PART OF THE RESIDENTS.

"I HOPE THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL AROUSE RESIDENTS' CONCERN FOR THESE PROBLEMS," MR LEE SAID.

DURING THE CLEAN-UP OPERATION, WHICH WILL LAST UNTIL JULY 11, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN THE DISTRICT AND DEPLOY MORE MANPOWER TO CLEAN UP PUBLIC PLACES.

AT THE SAME TIME, RESIDENTS WILL BE URGED TO KEEP THE COMMON AREAS IN THEIR BUILDINGS CLEAN.

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EXHIBITION TO STIMULATE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NINETY WINNING ENTRIES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT QUALITY WASTE REFUSE COMPETITION ARE BEING EXHIBITED AT THE EXHIBITION HALL OF THE SHEUNG WAN CIVIC CENTRE.

THE EXHIBITION, FEATURING ARTISTIC AND DURABLE ITEMS MADE FROM WASTE MATERIALS, IS OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 6 PM. IT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL TUESDAY (JUNE 6).

THE COMPETITION WAS ORGANISED LAST MONTH BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD IN SUPPORT OF THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY WHICH FALLS ON MONDAY (JUNE 5).

SPEAKING AFTER THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, SAID THE RESPONSE TO THE COMPETITION WAS ENCOURAGING.

"A TOTAL OF 150 HAND-MADE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING 70 ARTISTIC ITEMS, HAD BEEN RECEIVED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT," MR FISHER REMARKED.

HE SAID THE PANEL OF JUDGES HAD FOUND THE OVERALL STANDARD TO BE HIGH.

THIS ALSO SHOWED THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS WERE WELL AWARE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - THE MESSAGE THE EVENT HAD BEEN STRIVING TO PUT ACROSS, MR FISHER ADDED.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY INCLUDED FOUR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG, MR CHAN TAK-CHOR, MR LEE SHUNG-TAK, AND MISS ESTHER CHAN.

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WALL BOARD PAINTING TO ENHANCE ENVIRONMENT

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MORE THAN 140 STUDENTS FROM 14 SCHOOLS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT TOOK PART IN A WALL BOARD PAINTING PROJECT AT THE PAK TEI PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE EXERCISE WAS ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (CAC) OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD TO COMMEMORATE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 89.

WITH THE THEME OF 'SCENERIES OF THE ISLANDS', PARTICIPANTS SHOWED OFF THEIR ARTISTIC TALENT BY PAINTING ON WALL BOARDS EACH MEASURING 1.2 METRES BY 2.4 METRES.

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THE PAINTINGS WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY ON CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU AND LAMMA RESPECTIVELY BEFORE BEING USED TO DECORATE THE PARTITIONS SURROUNDING THE MUI WO MARKET COMPLEX CONSTRUCTION SITE ON LANTAU.

CHAIRMAN OF THE CAC, MR KWONG KWOK-KAM, SAID THE ACTIVITY WAS AIMED AT AROUSING THE ISLANDERS' AWARENESS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND TO PROTECT IT FROM POLLUTION.

OFFICIATING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WERE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG, AND ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG.

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SURVEY ON NT TAXI USAGE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE IN A SURVEY ON THE USAGE OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS.

PASSENGERS ALIGHTING FROM TAXIS WILL BE APPROACHED BY STAFF OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND BE ASKED ABOUT THE TIME, FARE AND TIPS INVOLVED IN THEIR RIDES.

QUESTIONS ABOUT LUGGAGE FEES AND RADIO CALL SURCHARGES WILL ALSO BE ASKED IF APPLICABLE.

THE SURVEY WILL RUN FROM MONDAY (JUNE 5) TO FRIDAY (JUNE 9) AND WILL BE CONDUCTED AT VARIOUS TAXI STANDS AND CONVENIENT SPOTS IN TAI PO, SAI KUNG, NORTH DISTRICT, YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN.

THIS IS PART OF AN ANNUAL SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AIMING AT OBTAINING UPDATED INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCOME OF TAXI DRIVERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NEW 'FLEXI-DESIGN' SCHOOL FOR TSEUNG KWAN O

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A NEW "FLEXI-DESIGN" PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHICH WILL ALLOW CONVERSION INTO A SECONDARY SCHOOL AT MINIMAL COST, IS BEING BUILT IN AREA 29 OF TSEUNG KWAN O (FORMERLY KNOWN AS JUNK BAY).

CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEGUN FOLLOWING THE AWARDED OF A \$23 MILLION CONTRACT THIS WEEK BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR.

THE SCHOOL WILL HAVE SIX STOREYS, COMPRISING 30 STANDARD CLASSROOMS, FOUR SPECIAL CLASSROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL, A BASKETBALL COURT, A COVERED PLAYGROUND AND A ROOF-TOP PLAYGROUND.

IT WILL OCCUPY A SITE AREA OF ABOUT 5,300 SQUARE METRES.

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CLEAN-UP OPERATION BEGINS IN WONG TAI SIN

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A CLEAN-UP OPERATION AIMED AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS WAS LAUNCHED IN WONG TAI SIN THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE OPERATION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IS ONE OF A SERIES BEING ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

SPEAKING AT A LAUNCHING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR FUNG KWONG-CHUNG, SAID IT WAS HOPED THE OPERATION WOULD BRING ABOUT A CLEANER AND BETTER ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

"ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE CONDITIONS IN THE TERRITORY, THERE IS STILL A NEED TO CONTINUE THE CAMPAIGN," HE SAID.

OTHER ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP INCLUDE STEPPING UP ACTION AGAINST LITTERING FROM VEHICLES, A CLEAN-UP CARNIVAL, A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP OPERATION AND A MASS CLEAN-UP OF BLACK SPOTS IN SQUATTER AREAS, MR FUNG ADDED.

THOSE OFFICIATING AT THIS MORNING'S CEREMONY INCLUDED THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU; AND THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT/ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE (KOWLOON EAST) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR ANTHONY SIU.

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CLEAN-UP EXERCISE TOMORROW AT SILVERSTRAND BEACH

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A CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO COLLECT REFUSE AT SILVERSTRAND BEACH IN SAI KUNG.

THE EXERCISE AIMS AT SPREADING THE "KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN" MESSAGE AMONG SWIMMERS AND RESIDENTS IN THE AREA TO AROUSE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND 50 VOLUNTEERS WILL TAKE PART IN THE CLEAN UP. THEY WILL ALSO HELP TO ERECT SIGNBOARDS WHICH WILL BEAR THE MESSAGE: "KEEP BEACHES CLEAN".

THE EXERCISE IS ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

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TO MARK THE OCCASION, A CEREMONY, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SINGING, GAMES AND A LUCKY DRAW, WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE THE BEACH OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT SILVERSTRAND. THIS WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY MARKING THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE AT SILVERSTRAND BEACH, SAI KUNG, TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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PUBLICITY BUS LAUNCHES KOWLOON CITY CLEAN-UP

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RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WERE URGED TODAY (SATURDAY) TO SUPPORT THE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP PROGRAMME OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE MESSAGE WAS CONVEYED BY A PUBLICITY BUS DECORATED WITH BANNERS AND BEARING THE CAMPAIGN SLOGAN "BE A SPORT, PITCH IN".

THE BUS SET OFF FROM THE CHEUNG NING STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT AND MADE STOPS AT MAJOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN THE DISTRICT. KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PAMPHLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE TOUR.

TODAY'S ACTIVITY WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

EARLIER, A CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE CHEUNG NING STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT TO LAUNCH THE BLOCK-TO-BLOCK CLEAN-UP PROGRAMME IN THE DISTRICT. THE CLEAN UP WILL CONTINUE UNTIL JULY 11.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR PETER CHAN; CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, MR WONG SIK-KONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR WONG CHI-KEUNG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR CHAN NOI-YUE.

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STUDENTS HELPING TO CLEAN BEACHES

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ABOUT 600 SECONDARY STUDENTS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME TO HELP CLEAN UP URBAN BEACHES IN THE SUMMER MONTHS.

THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDEN SCHEME, ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR THE TENTH YEAR, WAS INAUGURATED BY AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR RONALD LEUNG, AT THE CITY HALL TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY, DR LEUNG SAID THAT EMPHASIS WAS BEING PLACED ON COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND EDUCATION, ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATING THE YOUNG, IN THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

"THEREFORE, WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT STUDENTS ARE PARTICIPATING ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN THE SCHEME AND MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

BESIDES HELPING TO CLEAN UP THE BEACHES, THE AUXILIARY LITTER WARDENS WILL ALSO ADVISE BEACH-GOERS TO DISPOSE OF THEIR LITTER PROPERLY BEFORE LEAVING THE BEACHES.

THEY WILL BE ON DUTY AT THE BEACHES AT REPULSE BAY, DEEP WATER BAY, SHEK O AND BIG WAVE BAY AS WELL AS STANLEY MAIN BEACH ON SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, IN JULY AND AUGUST.

AT THE CEREMONY, THE STUDENTS WERE GIVEN GUIDELINES IN CARRYING OUT THEIR DUTIES. THEY WERE ALSO PRESENTED WITH KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAPS AND T-SHIRTS TO BE WORN WHILE ON DUTY AT THE BEACHES.

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MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE IN SHUM WAN OPENED

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THE SHUM WAN MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE IN SAI KUNG WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED BY MARICULTURISTS AS A TYPHOON REFUGE WAS OPENED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE CENTRE IS SITUATED IN SAI KUNG NORTH OVERLOOKING THE MARICULTURE ZONE IN SHUM WAN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE ACTING TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW, SAID THAT BESIDES BEING A RECREATION CENTRE AND VILLAGE OFFICE, THE BUILDING CAN BE USED AS A TYPHOON REFUGE FOR MARICULTURISTS.

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BUILT WITH A DONATION OF \$350,000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, THE CENTRE IS THE RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS HELD BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MARICULTURISTS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, SHE NOTED.

MISS CHOW ADDED THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE WAS ASSISTING THE CENTRE IN ITS APPLICATION FOR FUNDS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND TO PURCHASE RECREATION FACILITIES.

THE TWO-STOREY CENTRE HAS A FLOOR AREA OF SOME 70 SQUARE METRES.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS FOLLOWED BY A DRAGON BOAT RACE NEAR THE CENTRE.

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AREA COMMITTEES PROVIDE TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION
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AREA COMMITTEES ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO BE EFFECTIVE IN PROMOTING A COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND IN PROVIDING AN INVALUABLE TWO-WAY CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, AT A "STEP CLOSER" SEMINAR FOR AREA COMMITTEES IN WAN CHAI.

THE THEME OF THE SEMINAR WAS THE "RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AREA COMMITTEES AND THE DISTRICT BOARD".

AREA COMMITTEES ALSO MAINTAINED CLOSE LINKS WITH DISTRICT BOARDS MAINLY THROUGH CROSS-MEMBERSHIP, MR LAN POINTED OUT.

"AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE OFTEN CO-OPTED TO SERVE ON DB COMMITTEES AND PROVIDE VALUABLE LOCAL INPUT INTO DELIBERATIONS ON LOCAL MATTERS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, ELECTED DB MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED TO SERVE ON THE AREA COMMITTEES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES AND THEY HAVE HELPED REFER AREA PROBLEMS TO DB'S AND THEIR COMMITTEES WHERE NECESSARY," HE SAID.

MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT OVER THE YEARS AREA COMMITTEES HAD EVOLVED INTO AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING MACHINERY AND FOCAL POINTS FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION AT THE AREA LEVEL.

"APART FROM PROMOTING CAMPAIGNS AND RECREATION, AREA COMMITTEES HAVE BROADENED THEIR CONCERNS CONSIDERABLY AND OFTEN DISCUSS AREA PROBLEMS, DISTRICT MATTERS AND SOMETIMES GENERAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES," HE SAID.

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THE SEMINAR WAS THE FOURTH IN A SERIES DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS BETWEEN AREA COMMITTEES AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, SIX MORE SEMINARS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR AREA COMMITTEES IN KWUN TONG, SHAM SHUI PO, CENTRAL AND WESTERN, EASTERN, WONG TAI SIN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

MR LAN SAID THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THROUGH THE DISTRICT OFFICES, HAD BEEN MAINTAINING REGULAR CONTACTS WITH AREA COMMITTEES, AND THE SERIES OF "STEP CLOSER" SEMINARS WOULD BE AN EXTENSION OF THEIR CONSTANT COMMUNICATION.

"IT IS IN THIS MANNER THAT I SHALL BE ABLE TO MEET ALL THE CHAIRMEN AND 1,700 MEMBERS OF THE 89 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE URBAN AREA WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME," HE NOTED.

"THE THEME OF TODAY'S SEMINAR IS 'THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICT BOARDS AND AREA COMMITTEES' AND I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHAT WAN CHAI AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE TO SAY ON THIS SUBJECT SO THAT THIS ASPECT OF OUR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CAN BE FURTHER IMPROVED," MR LAN SAID.

EACH OF THE COMING SEMINARS WILL HAVE A THEME RELATED TO THE DISTRICT. THE THEMES ARE LIVING ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENTS, CIVIC EDUCATION, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING ISSUES ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MONDAY (JUNE 5) TO DISCUSS A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING ISSUES WHICH WERE RAISED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF AREA COMMITTEES AT A RECENT SEMINAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE WORK PLAN OF THE ABERDEEN SUB-OFFICE OF THE ICAC'S HONG KONG WEST/ISLANDS REGIONAL OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMMES FOR THE DISTRICT IN 1989-90.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER GRANTING \$40,000 TO THE DISTRICT'S NEWLY-FORMED COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION TO LAUNCH CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, AND ABOUT \$80,000 TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURAL EVENTS.

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THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO PROCESS TWO APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS FROM LOCAL BODIES FOR CARRYING OUT AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROJECT AND A COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR THE ELDERLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON MONDAY (JUNE 5) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATTER HALF OF THE MEETING, WHEN APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS ARE BEING PROCESSED, WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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TUEN NG FESTIVAL IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY
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TUEN NG FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON THURSDAY (JUNE 8) IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL WORKERS AND THOSE NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY AND MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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50 TEAMS ENTER DRAGON BOAT RACES IN EASTERN

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EASTERN DISTRICT WILL GET INTO THE TUEN NG FESTIVE MOOD WHEN ABOUT 50 TEAMS COMPETE IN DRAGON BOAT RACES ALONG THE COASTLINE OF CHAI WAN ON TUESDAY (JUNE 6) AND IN SHAU KEI WAN ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 7).

THE CHAI WAN RACES, ORGANISED BY THE CHAI WAN FISHERMEN'S RECREATION CLUB, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CHAI WAN CARGO HANDLING BASIN FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY.

A TOTAL OF 18 TEAMS, REPRESENTING VARIOUS FISHERMEN GROUPS AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, WILL TAKE PART IN THE RACES.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL PRESENT TROPHIES TO THE WINNING TEAMS.

ON WEDNESDAY, RACES ORGANISED BY THE FISHERMEN SOCIETY OF HONG KONG WILL BE HELD ALONG THE COURSE OUTSIDE THE BREAKWATER OF ALDRICH BAY TYPHOON SHELTER, FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS GIVEN A SUBSIDY OF \$26,500 TO THE CHAI WAN FISHERMEN'S RECREATION CLUB AND OF \$40,150 TO THE FISHERMEN SOCIETY OF HONG KONG TO MEET COSTS IN ORGANISING THE RACES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH EVENTS.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, WILL ARRIVE AT THE CHAI WAN CARGO HANDLING BASIN (NEXT TO THE OLD CHAI WAN FERRY PIER) AT 4 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 6).

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, WILL ARRIVE AT THE VIP STAND SET UP IN THE SHAU KEI WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET AT 3.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY.

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KWUN TONG DB TO DISCUSS UC WORKS PROGRAMME

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE FIVE-YEAR URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME AT ITS MEETING ON MONDAY (JUNE 5).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXPRESS VIEWS ON THE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND THE PRESENT POLICY ON THEM.

IN ADDITION, THE MEETING WILL CONSIDER THE REVISED PROCEDURES FOR THE NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS AS WELL AS THE GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON MONDAY (JUNE 5). IT WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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WORKSHOP FOR SWD PROBATION OFFICERS

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FIFTY STAFF FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDED A WORKSHOP ON REPORT WRITING IN THE PROBATION SERVICE.

THE WORKSHOP, WHICH WAS THE FIRST STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH AND REHABILITATION BRANCH, ENHANCED THE PARTICIPANTS' RECOGNITION OF HOW SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORTS COULD BE ORGANISED AND PRESENTED.

IT ALSO ENHANCED THEIR RECOGNITION OF THE PERCEPTION AND EXPECTATION OF THE JUDICIARY, THE HOSPITAL ORDER APPEAL TRIBUNAL, THE BOARD OF REVIEW - LONG TERM PRISON SENTENCES, AND THE SECURITY BRANCH AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS ON PROBATION OFFICERS' REPORTS AND REPORTS ON PRISONERS.

THE PARTICIPANTS INCLUDED PROBATION OFFICERS, CASEWORK SUPERVISORS FROM PROBATION OFFICES, DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICERS AND THEIR ASSISTANTS WHO HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROBATION SERVICE. THEY SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCES, IDENTIFIED AREAS OF COMMON CONCERN, AND DISCUSSED WAYS TO TACKLE THEM.

FEEDBACK FROM THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN SIMILAR PROGRAMMES ARE ORGANISED IN THE FUTURE.

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SPEAKERS AT THE WORKSHOP INCLUDED PRINCIPAL MAGISTRATE AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY, MISS LEAH CANNON; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND PRINCIPAL PROBATION OFFICER, MR KWOK KA-CHI; AND CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND CORRECTIONS), MR ANTHONY CHAN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP, MR KWOK COMMENDED THE PARTICIPANTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN COPING WITH THE HEAVY WORKLOAD DESPITE STAFFING CONSTRAINTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN MA TAU WAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE SEWER LAYING WORK, THE RIGHT-TURN FROM MA TAU WAI ROAD NORTHBOUND INTO BAILEY STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE BANNED WITH FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 5) FOR SEVEN WEEKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, VEHICLES ON MA TAU WAI ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR BAILEY STREET EASTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA SAN LAU STREET, CHATHAM ROAD NORTH, CHI KIANG STREET, TO KWA WAN ROAD AND MA TAU WAI ROAD SOUTHBOUND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 5), VEHICLES EXCEEDING SEVEN METRES IN LENGTH WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT FROM ELECTRIC ROAD TO TSING FUNG STREET IN NORTH POINT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TSING FUNG STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH ELECTRIC ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 25 METRES TO THE WEST WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THESE MEASURES WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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