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CIVIC EDUCATION DAY FOCUSES ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW ARE THE CORNERSTONES FOR MAINTAINING THE PROSPERITY AND STABILITY OF HONG KONG, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR MICHAEL SUEN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THESE TWO ASPECTS ARE ALSO THE WORK FOCUS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE, MR SUEN ACKNOWLEDGED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC EDUCATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND UNDERLINED ITS CLOSE TIES WITH THE EDUCATION ON THE RULE OF LAW.

"THE SPIRIT OF THE RULE OF LAW LIES IN THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF LAW FOR EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY, REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE AND RELIGION, BE THEY POOR OR RICH.

"THEREFORE, LEGAL ARTICLES SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND DETAILED. THEY SHOULD BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOCIAL CHANGES AND REQUESTS FROM CITIZENS."

THE PROCESS OF LAW SHOULD ALSO BE OPEN, RATIONAL AND FAIR, HE SAID.

AND HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS PURSUIT OF JUSTICE AND FAIRNESS IS REALLY THE GIST OF HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A SOUND LEGAL SYSTEM.

EARLIER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, DR DANIEL TSE, SAID THE PURPOSE OF ORGANISING A CIVIC EDUCATION DAY WAS TO DIRECT DISTRICT RESOURCES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF AND INTEREST IN CIVIC EDUCATION.

WHILE NOTING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS A GOAL THAT CAN BE REALISED, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE BILL OF RIGHTS COULD ONLY BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY WHEN THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CONCEPT AND SUBSTANCE OF THE LEGISLATION.

THEREFORE, DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION GROUPS ARE ORGANISING ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS, DEBATES AND TRAINING CAMPS.

THE CIVIC EDUCATION DAY, WITH THE THEME "KNOW MORE ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, ENJOY FULLY YOUR OWN RIGHTS", IS THE FIFTH OF ITS KIND SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION IN 1986.

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HELP URGED FOR DISABLED

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THE PUBLIC SHOULD ABANDON THEIR TRADITIONAL ATTITUDES TO THE DISABLED AND SHOULD HELP THEM INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (YOUTH AND REHABILITATION), MR ANTHONY CHAN WAI-KWAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN OVERNIGHT CAMP FOR THE DISABLED, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO THE WELFARE OF DISABLED PEOPLE.

"THE GOVERNOR HAD STRESSED IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS THIS OCTOBER THE SIGNIFICANCE OF REHABILITATION SERVICES," MR CHAN SAID.

THE GOVERNOR HAD ALSO PROPOSED TO DOUBLE THE ALLOCATION FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING STANDARD OF THE NEEDY AND TO DEVELOP NEW SERVICES, HE SAID.

"BESIDES UPGRADING THE LIVING STANDARD OF THE DISABLED, THERE IS A LONG-TERM AIM ON REHABILITATION SERVICES - TO INTEGRATE DISABLED PEOPLE INTO THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THESE PEOPLE MUST BE GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COMMUNITY, HE ADDED.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE DISABLED TO WIDEN THEIR HORIZON AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH TRAINING AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY SHOULD ALSO JOIN HANDS WITH THE DISABLED TO BUILD UP A HARMONIOUS SOCIETY, HE ADDED.

THE CAMP IS A MAJOR EVENT UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CARE AND SHARE PROGRAMME IN WHICH MANY PARTICIPANTS FROM VARIOUS REHABILITATION SERVICE UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT SHARED CAMPING EXPERIENCE WITH THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS AT THE CHINESE YMCA WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE.

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PUBLIC SUPPORT ESSENTIAL TO HERITAGE PRESERVATION

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SUPPORT FROM PRIVATE OWNERS IS NECESSARY IN PRESERVING LOCAL HERITAGE AS ALMOST ALL CHINESE HISTORICAL BUILDINGS WORTHY OF PRESERVATION IN HONG KONG ARE PRIVATELY OWNED, THE CHAIRMAN OF ANTIQUITIES ADVISORY BOARD, MR DAVID LUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE REHABILITATION CEREMONY OF THE YEUNG HAU TEMPLE IN TUNG TAU TSUEN, YUEN LONG, MR LUNG SAID VILLAGERS, IN PARTICULAR THE ELDERS, OF TUNG TAU SAM TSUEN HAD GIVEN GREAT SUPPORT BY AGREEING TO PRESERVE THE ARCHITECTURALLY DISTINGUISHED TEMPLE.

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"I SINCERELY HOPE OTHERS WILL FOLLOW THEIR GOOD EXAMPLE TO SUPPORT SUCH WORK," HE SAID.

AMONG THE 47 MONUMENTS DECLARED SO FAR, THREE WERE CHINESE TEMPLES. THE PRESENT YEUNG HAU TEMPLE WAS THE ONLY TEMPLE OF ITS KIND DECLARED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE MANAGER OF YEUNG HAU TEMPLE, MR TANG YUK-KAM, SAID THE TEMPLE WAS ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ANTIQUITIES IN HA TSUEN WHICH VILLAGERS OF TUNG TAU SAM TSUEN WERE EAGER TO PRESERVE.

MR TANG ADDED THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL TO THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH FOR FUNDING THE RESTORATION PROJECT.

HE ALSO THANKED THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, THE ANTIQUITIES SECTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE PROJECT CONTRACTOR FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION.

THE 200-YEAR-OLD YEUNG HAU TEMPLE WAS BUILT BY INDIGENOUS VILLAGERS OF THE TANG CLAN IN TUNG TAU TSUEN, LO UK TSUEN AND HONG MEI TSUEN, LOCALLY REGARDED AS TUNG TAU SAM TSUEN.

ACCORDING TO THE TANGS, THE TEMPLE WAS BUILT TO COMMEMORATE YANG LIANG-JIE, ALSO CALLED HAU WONG, A SONG GENERAL WHO GAVE UP HIS LIFE TO PROTECT THE LAST SONG EMPERORS.

THE ORIGINAL DESIGN OF THE BUILDING WAS A TWO-HALL STRUCTURE WITH AN OPEN COURTYARD IN BETWEEN. THE OPEN COURTYARD WAS LATER ROOFED OVER.

TWO DRUM TERRACES AND THEIR FOUR COLUMNS AT THE ENTRANCE WERE CONSTRUCTED WITH RED SANDSTONE.

THE WHOLE TEMPLE IS DECORATED WITH FINE WOOD CARVINGS AND PAINTINGS OF AUSPICIOUS CHINESE MOTIFS.

YEUNG HAU TEMPLE WAS DECLARED A HISTORICAL BUILDING IN NOVEMBER 1988. REPAIR WORK FIRST STARTED IN 1989 AND WAS FOLLOWED BY RESTORATION WORK WITH GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

THE RESTORATION PROJECT WAS COMPLETED IN MID-1992 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ANTIQUITIES SECTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR MR TANG SHIU-TONG; A PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR ANGUS MIU; THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR KENNETH CHAN, AND VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TUNG TAU SAM TSUEN.

THE TEMPLE IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE LOCAL VILLAGERS.

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DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS MUST SAFEGUARD WORKERS

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DEMOLITION CONTRACTORS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR STATUTORY OBLIGATION, UNDER THE GENERAL DUTIES PROVISIONS OF THE FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE, TO DEVISE AND ADOPT A SAFE SYSTEM OF WORK TO GUARD WORKERS AGAINST POSSIBLE DANGERS.

"A SAFE SYSTEM OF WORK IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IF DEMOLITION WORK INVOLVES ILLEGAL STRUCTURES," LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN TAT-KING, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THIS IS BECAUSE THE SUPPORTING STRUCTURES MAY NOT BE AS STRONG AS THEY APPEARED TO BE AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN PUT UP FOR A LONG TIME," MR CHAN EXPLAINED.

"THERE MAY ALSO BE DANGERS RESULTING FROM LACK OF MAINTENANCE AND NATURAL WEAR AND TEAR," HE ADDED.

"THEREFORE, THE STRUCTURES SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY ASSESSED FOR ANY HIDDEN DANGERS BY A COMPETENT PERSON, PREFERABLY A QUALIFIED STRUCTURAL ENGINEER OR SURVEYOR, AND A SAFETY WORK PLAN BE DEVISED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR ADVICE, BEFORE DEMOLITION WORK BEGINS," MR CHAN SAID.

"IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO CORDON OFF THE AREA UNDERNEATH A CANOPY OR A HANGING STRUCTURE UNDER DEMOLITION TO PREVENT INJURIES ON WORKERS OR THE PUBLIC BY FALLING PARTS," HE SAID.

"EMPLOYERS FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE GENERAL DUTIES PROVISIONS ARE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THE DUTY OF EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS SAFETY HELMETS, DUST MASKS AND EAR PROTECTORS, FOR WORKERS.

"IF WORKERS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK AT A HEIGHT, THEY MUST BE PROVIDED WITH SAFETY BELTS WITH HARNESS ATTACHED TO AN INDEPENDENT LIFELINE," HE SAID.

WORKERS SHOULD ALSO BE INFORMED OF THE HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH WORK, MR CHAN SAID.

IN ADDITION, THEY SHOULD BE TRAINED AND SUPERVISED TO CARRY OUT ALL THE NECESSARY SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, HE STRESSED.

MR CHAN ALSO URGED WORKERS TO CO-OPERATE WITH EMPLOYERS IN USING SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROVIDED FOR THEM.

THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE IS ALWAYS READY TO OFFER WORK SAFETY ADVICE.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE REGIONAL OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

ILLEGAL EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS WHO TAKE ON CHILDREN IN NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS.

THE REMINDER WAS MADE FOLLOWING TWO COURT CASES AT THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY IN WHICH A RESTAURANT SUB-CONTRACTOR AND A CANTEEN OWNER WERE FINED \$3,000 AND \$2,000 RESPECTIVELY FOR EMPLOYING CHILDREN ILLEGALLY.

TWO BOYS, BOTH AGED 14, WERE FOUND WORKING ALONG WITH OTHER WORKERS IN THE LI MUK SHU RESTAURANT AND THE WEI HONG CANTEEN IN KWAI CHUNG DURING INSPECTIONS BY LABOUR INSPECTORS.

INVESTIGATION FOUND THAT THE EMPLOYERS HAD NOT OBTAINED FROM THE CHILDREN'S PARENTS A WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT AND A VALID SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE AS REQUIRED UNDER THE REGULATIONS.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS, AN EMPLOYER MUST OBTAIN FROM A CHILD'S PARENTS A VALID SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CERTIFICATE FOR THE CHILD OR EVIDENCE OF THE CHILD HAVING COMPLETED FORM 3 EDUCATION, AND A WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE EMPLOYMENT," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (LABOUR INSPECTION) MR CHAN KWOK-KUEN SAID.

"IN ADDITION, A CHILD AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 14 CAN BE EMPLOYED ONLY ON A PART-TIME BASIS IN AN NON-INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING, BUT SHOULD IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES BE EMPLOYED IN THE KITCHEN OF AN EATING ESTABLISHMENT," HE SAID.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO BREACHES THE PROVISIONS ON CHILD EMPLOYMENT IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

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FOSTER CARE PLACES MORE THAN DOUBLE BY 1996/97

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO MORE THAN DOUBLE THE EXISTING 240 FOSTER CARE PLACES TO 600 BY 1996/97, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID AS A START THE NUMBER OF FOSTER CARE PLACES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS WOULD BE INCREASED BY 80 IN JANUARY.

"IT IS INTENDED TO CONTINUE EXPANDING FOSTER CARE PLACES UNTIL IT REPLACES INSTITUTIONAL CARE AS THE MAIN FORM OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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TO MEET WITH THE EXPANSION, ONE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER HAS BEEN POSTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT. FOUR ADDITIONAL CASE WORKERS WILL ALSO JOIN THE UNIT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE AIM OF FOSTERING IS TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE FAMILY TO CHILDREN WHO CANNOT BE ADEQUATELY TAKEN CARE OF BY THEIR FAMILIES DUE TO NEGLIGENCE, ILLNESS OF PARENTS OR OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

"THROUGH FOSTERING, CHILDREN CAN GROW IN A FAMILY SETTING AND ENJOY A NORMAL CHILDHOOD. WHEN THEY RETURN TO THEIR NATURAL PARENTS, THEY MAY FIND IT EASIER TO ADJUST TO FAMILY LIFE," THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID THE LAUNCHING OF A SERIES OF ROVING EXHIBITIONS AND RADIO PROGRAMMES ON THE SERVICE SINCE JULY HAD HELPED TO ENHANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OF FOSTER CARE AND TO APPEAL TO MORE FAMILIES TO OFFER FOSTER HOMES.

THE NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES HAD ALSO INCREASED TO ABOUT 20 PER WEEK, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS ASSESSING THE APPLICATIONS AND LOOKING FOR SUITABLE AND CARING FOSTER PARENTS.

"FOSTER PARENTS CAN BOTH SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND IMPROVE THEIR ABILITY AS PARENTS," HE ADDED.

THEY ARE ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE OF \$2,678 AS MAINTENANCE GRANT FOR A CHILD AND INCENTIVE GRANT FOR THEMSELVES. IN ADDITION, AN INITIAL SETTING-UP GRANT OF \$893 WILL ALSO BE GIVEN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE IDEAL FOSTER PARENTS ARE A HAPPY MARRIED COUPLE AGED BETWEEN 25 AND 60.

HOWEVER SOME DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY ON THE AGE LIMIT IS ALLOWED IF THE APPLICANTS ARE FOUND TO BE CARING AND SUITABLE.

ENQUIRIES AND APPLICATIONS ON FOSTER CARE SERVICES MAY BE MADE ON TEL 852 4596 OR 852 4599.

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DISABLED SHARE CAMPING FUN
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MORE THAN 600 DISABLED PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS BRIGHTENED UP WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE WITH LAUGHTER AND CHEERS DURING A CAMP TODAY (SUNDAY).

AS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE ANNUAL "CARE AND SHARE" PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, HUNDREDS OF TRAINEES FROM 13 DISTRICTS SHARED THEIR FAMILY LIFE EXPERIENCES AT THE OVERNIGHT CAMP.

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ALONG WITH OTHER CAMPERS, 30-YEAR-OLD AH-WING AND HIS 60-YEAR-OLD MOTHER ENJOYED A JOYFUL EVENING LAST (SATURDAY) NIGHT, TAKING PART IN KARAOKE, DISCO DANCING AND WATCHING VIDEOS.

THEY ALSO TOOK PART IN VARIOUS KINDS OF GAMES AND ENGAGED IN OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES THIS MORNING.

AH-WING IS SEVERELY HANDICAPPED AND HE HAS BEEN RECEIVING TRAINING IN A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE SINCE LAST YEAR. HIS MOTHER WAS PLEASED THAT HE HAD GOT THIS NEW CAMPING EXPERIENCE.

"WE ENJOYED VERY MUCH IN THE TWO-DAY PROGRAMME AND HAD MADE MANY NEW FRIENDS," AH-WING'S MOTHER SAID.

SHE SAID AH-WING HAD ALREADY MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT AFTER ACQUIRING SKILLS IN SELF-CARE AND SIMPLE MANUAL TASKS IN THE EAST KOWLOON DAY ACTIVITY CENTRE.

SHE WAS SURE THAT THE CAMPING EXPERIENCE WOULD BROADEN HIS HORIZON AND HELP HIM INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.

THE DISABLED PARTICIPANTS, ALL BEING TRAINEES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SERVICE UNITS, INCLUDED 352 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS, 23 MENTALLY ILL, 11 PHYSICALLY DISABLED, FIVE VISUALLY IMPAIRED AND FOUR HEARING IMPAIRED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE EVENT, MR KO HAU-MING, SAID THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO PROMOTE A SPIRIT OF INTEGRATION BETWEEN THE ABLE-BODIED AND DISABLED.

HE SAID THE "CARE AND SHARE" WAS THE MOTTO OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WHICH STRESSED MUTUAL HELP.

"THE CAMP ALSO PROVIDES A CHANCE TO ADVOCATE FAMILY ACTIVITIES WITH A VIEW TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FAMILY RELATIONSHIP," HE ADDED.

"TO COINCIDE WITH THE PUBLICATION OF THE REHABILITATION GREEN PAPER, DISABLED PEOPLE WERE THUS CHOSEN AS THE TARGET GROUP OF THE 'CARE AND SHARE' PROGRAMME '92," MR KO SAID.

"RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE ESSENTIAL TO A BALANCED LIFE AND ARE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO DISABLED PERSONS. THEY WOULD FACILITATE THE LEARNING AND ACQUISITION OF SOCIAL SKILLS, AND ARE ESSENTIAL COMPONENTS FOR AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAMME OF SOCIAL INTEGRATION."

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PUBLIC ENCOURAGED TO ENJOY COUNTRYSIDE

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ENTHUSIASTIC TRAIL WALKERS TODAY (SUNDAY) WENT OUT IN FULL FORCE TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE "ENJOY COUNTRYSIDE DAY".

AMONG THEM, ABOUT 700 WENT HIKING ON THE FAMILY WALK IN PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OUTSIDE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE, THE SECRETARY FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR JAMES SO, SAID THE EVENT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE "ENJOY COUNTRYSIDE SCHEME" ORGANISED BY THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE (SDTFC).

UNDER THE SCHEME, FUNDS ARE GRANTED TO ORGANISATIONS FOR ORGANISING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF URBAN DWELLERS.

MR SO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND WHICH HAD GRANTED NEARLY \$50 MILLION TO FINANCE ABOUT 4,000 PROJECTS DURING THE PAST TWO DECADES.

THE PROJECTS INCLUDED PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL, SPORTING, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES.

HE SAID TENS OF THOUSANDS OF RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY YOUNGSTERS, HAD BENEFITED FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD, MR CARLOS CHEUNG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SDTFC, MR CHAN KA-KUI.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR SO, OFFICIATING GUESTS AND MEMBERS OF THE RTHK-2 "TAKE IT EASY" PROGRAMME, ALSO JOINED THE HIKING ON THE FAMILY WALK.

LAUNCHED LAST YEAR, THE ENJOY COUNTRYSIDE SCHEME HAD ALREADY ALLOCATED ABOUT \$480,000 TO SUBSIDISE 45 GROUPS IN ORGANISING HIKING, CAMPING, ORIENTEERING COMPETITION AND WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

BOTH THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL ALSO ORGANISED SOME 20 PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT THE SCHEME.

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TSUEN WAN LAUNCHES KEEP HK CLEAN CAMPAIGN

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TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS ARE TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED TO CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN IN TSUEN WAN, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG, SAID THE CAMPAIGN WAS MEANT TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

"THIS IS ACHIEVED THROUGH EDUCATION, PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

"FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE HAVE ORGANISED VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, INCLUDING A CARNIVAL, COLOURING COMPETITION, BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION AS WELL AS A GAME STALL DECORATION COMPETITION," HE ADDED.

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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