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ONE WEEK LEFT FOR NOMINATIONS

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WITH ONLY A WEEK TO GO BEFORE THE NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES, POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR NEXT MONTH'S NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WERE REMINDED TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT THEY SHOULD NOT DELAY COMPLETING FORMALITIES.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT THE LUNCH MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG NORTH-WEST, SAID THE CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS NEXT TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 9) AND ELECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE ON MARCH 4.

+TO DATE, OVER 60 CANDIDATES HAVE BEEN NOMINATED AND MANY MORE POTENTIAL CANDIDATES HAVE INDICATED THEIR INTEREST IN STANDING FOR ELECTION AND TAKEN THE NECESSARY FORMS AWAY FOR COMPLETION.

+AS I GO AROUND THE NEW TERRITORIES I SENSE A LOT OF INTEREST AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT IN THE WEEK REMAINING MANY MORE CANDIDATES WILL COMPLETE THE NOMINATION PROCESS IN ORDER TO CONTEST THE 56 ELECTED SEATS IN THE 46 NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD CONSTITUENCIES.

+NOMINATION PROCEDURES ARE SIMPLE AND CAN BE COMPLETED AT ANY NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICE,+ MR MACPHERSON SAID.

BESIDES HE ADDED, ONCE A PERSON IS NOMINATED, HE OR SHE CAN START CAMPAIGNING STRAIGHT AWAY.

MR MACPHERSON SAID NOMINATIONS STARTED WITH A TRICKLE, BUT HAVE BEEN BUILDING UP.

+NOW THAT THE HOLIDAY IS OVER, I CONFIDENTLY EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE PEOPLE COMING FORWARD IN ALL EIGHT DISTRICTS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID DISTRICT BOARDS ARE INTENDED TO IMPROVE LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND HAVE ALREADY DONE A GREAT DEAL IN THIS RESPECT.

+I AM CERTAIN THAT THE INCLUSION OF ELECTED MEMBERS ON BOARDS WILL CARRY THIS WORK MUCH FURTHER FORWARD- SO, AT THE SAME TIME THAT I AM APPEALING FOR CANDIDATES TO COME FORWARD FOR NOMINATION WITHOUT DELAY, I AM ALSO APPEALING TO THE 200 000 NEW TERRITORIES VOTERS WHO REGISTERED NOT TO MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 4.+

MR MACPHERSON ALSO REMINDED ROTARIANS THAT ELECTIONS TO DISTRICT BOARDS IN THE URBAN AREA WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23.

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FIRST DENTAL THERAPISTS TO GRADUATE
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL HAS PRODUCED ITS FIRST GRADUATES WHO WILL HELP RUN ITS SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE.

THE DENTAL SCHEME HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR TWO YEARS AND IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR.

THERE ARE 80 000 PRIMARY ONE AND TWO PUPILS REGISTERED IN THE SCHEME, MORE THAN DOUBLE LAST YEAR'S 35 000.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID A SECOND SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC WILL BE OPENED ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 8) AT ARGYLE STREET TO SERVE CHILDREN LIVING IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SCHEME WAS STARTED IN OCTOBER 1980, WITH ONE SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC AT MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE, WANCHAI TO TREAT PRIMARY ONE CHILDREN IN THE FIRST YEAR.

IT WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY EXTENDED EACH YEAR TO TAKE IN PUPILS IN THE HIGHER GRADES UNTIL THEY REACH PRIMARY SIX.

THE SERVICE PROVIDES SCHOOL CHILDREN WITH ROUTINE DENTAL CARE, INCLUDING A FULL DENTAL EXAMINATION, FILLINGS, SCALING, CLEANING OF TEETH AND IF NECESSARY, EXTRACTION, AT A FEE OF \$5 A YEAR.

PUPILS IN THE SCHEME ARE ATTENDED BY DENTAL THERAPISTS UNDER THE DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION OF QUALIFIED GOVERNMENT DENTISTS.

DENTAL THERAPISTS HAVE TO UNDERGO A THREE-YEAR TRAINING COURSE RUN BY THE DENTAL SERVICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT THE TANG SHIU KIN DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL WAS OPENED IN 1978 TO PRODUCE 30 DENTAL THERAPISTS EACH YEAR.

THE FIRST GROUP OF 31 DENTAL THERAPISTS WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE THREE-YEAR COURSE GRADUATED LAST OCTOBER AND HAVE BEEN ATTENDING TO CHILDREN UNDER 18.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF DENTAL THERAPISTS WILL BE HELD AT TANG SHIU KIN DENTAL THERAPISTS TRAINING SCHOOL, MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WANCHAI, ON THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 4) AT 2.45 PM, WITH THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR K.L. THONG AND MRS THONG OFFICIATING.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SECOND TUEN MUN ROAD CARRIAGEWAY TO BE OPENED
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THE GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER, MR KWEI SEE-KAN, TODAY INSPECTED THE SECOND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN TSUEN WAN AND SHAM TSENG WHICH WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC ON THURSDAY.

THIS SECTION OF ROAD, EXTENDING JUST OVER FIVE KILOMETRES, FORMS PART OF TUEN MUN ROAD STAGE TWO NOW ABOUT 75 PER CENT COMPLETE.

THE FIRST PART OF THE 17-KILOMETRE HIGHWAY, CONSISTING OF A VIADUCT AT SHAM TSENG, WAS OPENED TO TRAFFIC IN JANUARY LAST YEAR.

+WORK ON THE REMAINDER OF THE SECOND CARRIAGEWAY, FROM SHAM TSENG TO TUEN MUN AND ON AN ELEVATED ROAD LINKING THE HIGHWAY WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD AT TSUEN WAN IS IN PROGRESS AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR,+ MR KWEI SAID.

MR KWEI POINTED OUT THAT AFTER THE OPENING OF THE TSUEN WAN-SHAM TSENG SECTION ON THURSDAY, THREE TRAFFIC LANES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM TSUEN WAN TO SHAM TSENG.

+TRAFFIC GOING EAST FROM SHAM TSENG TO TSUEN WAN WILL CONTINUE TO USE THE EXISTING FIRST CARRIAGEWAY. INITIALLY ONLY TWO OF THE THREE LANES WILL BE USED AS WORK WILL NEED TO BE CARRIED OUT TO CHANGE THE EXISTING ROAD MARKINGS ON THE OLD CARRIAGEWAY,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT MODIFICATION WORK TO THE MARKINGS ON THE FIRST CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE COMPLETED IN A FEW WEEKS WHEN ALL THREE LANES OF THE FIRST CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN SHAM TSENG AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE OPENED TO EASTBOUND TRAFFIC.+

WORK WOULD CONTINUE ON BOTH CARRIAGEWAYS TO PROVIDE REFLECTIVE ROAD STUDS AND CRASH BARRIERS AT APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS.

AT THE SHAM TSENG AND TSUEN WAN ENDS OF THE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY WHERE THE ROAD WILL REVERT TO A SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC, PROMINENT SIGNS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO WARN MOTORISTS OF THE CHANGE.

MR KWEI APPEALED TO MOTORISTS TO FOLLOW THESE SIGNS WHILE APPROACHING SHAM TSENG OR TSUEN WAN AND TO KEEP WITHIN THE SPEED LIMIT OF 40 M.P.H.

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TAI PO HISTORY EXHIBITION OPENS

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A TAI PO HISTORY EXHIBITION, WHICH INCLUDES SOME ITEMS OVER 300 YEARS OLD, WAS OPENED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO.

IT IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S 18-DAY LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL AND TRACES THE HISTORY OF TAI PO - WHICH ORIGINALLY MEANT 'BIG STRIDE' - BACK TO SUNG DYNASTY TIMES WHEN THE FIRST SETTLERS ARRIVED FROM FUJIAN PROVINCE.

IT SHOWS HOW THE TOWN HAS GROWN FROM AN AGRICULTURAL CENTRE INTO A NEW TOWN, WITH A POPULATION OF 3 000 TO 4 000 IN THE 1500'S TO A PRESENT FIGURE OF 73 000. IT ALSO LOOKS INTO THE FUTURE WHEN TAI PO WILL BE A NEW TOWN WITH 236 000 INHABITANTS.

THE EXHIBITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS: ONE SHOWING PRE-1960 TAI PO AND THE OTHER SHOWING THE TOWN FROM THE 1960'S ONWARDS, WHEN MUCH OF ITS DEVELOPMENT AS A NEW TOWN HAS OCCURRED.

MR LO THANKED LOCAL VILLAGERS, RURAL LEADERS, THE URBAN COUNCIL'S MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, FOR HELPING TO COLLECT THE ITEMS ON DISPLAY.

AMONG THE ITEMS ON SHOW ARE BOWLS AND DISHES FROM WUN YIU VILLAGE MADE DURING THE LATE MING/EARLY CHING DYNASTY PERIOD, A PORTRAIT OF A TANG CLAN ANCESTOR, AND SCHOLARS' TABLETS WHICH ARE MORE THAN 100 YEARS OLD.

THE EXHIBITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND WILL LAST SEVEN DAYS. IT IS BEING HELD AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ROAD SECTION

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A SECTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD NEAR EMBANKMENT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM THURSDAY TO SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6), FOR DISMANTLING WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ALONG EASTBOUND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SAI YEE STREET AND BOUNDARY STREET, AND WEST-BOUND TRAFFIC MAY USE EMBANKMENT ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET.

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FESTIVAL FOR KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS
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MORE THAN 30 ACTIVITIES ARE PLANNED FOR THE THREE-WEEK KWAI CHUNG FESTIVAL WHICH STARTS ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 6).

ACTIVITIES WILL BE STAGED IN EACH OF THE SIX KWAI CHUNG AREAS.

ABOUT \$200 000 WILL BE SPENT ON THE FESTIVAL, OF WHICH \$130 000 IS BEING PROVIDED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REST WILL COME FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (TUESDAY), KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRED TING, SAID IT WAS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO HOLD THE FESTIVAL, JUST A MONTH BEFORE THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

+WE HOPE RESIDENTS WILL APPRECIATE THE WORK DONE BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND COME FORWARD TO VOTE,+ HE SAID.

THE FESTIVAL OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT KWAI CHUNG SPORTSGROUND AT 3 PM AND INCLUDE A TWO-HOUR PROGRAMME OF LION AND DRAGON DANCES, SINGING AND AN ORCHESTRAL PERFORMANCE.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE :

- * A TOUR TO THE SUNG DYNASTY CITY AND SPACE MUSEUM, A PAINTING COMPETITION, A TELE-MATCH AND A VARIETY SHOW FOR SOUTH KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS-
- * A ROUND-THE-ESTATE WALK, A ROLLER-SKATING AND RADIO-CONTROLLED CAR DEMONSTRATION, AND A VARIETY SHOW FOR SHEK LEI ESTATE RESIDENTS-
- * A PICNIC TO SAI KUNG, A TRIP TO THE SPACE MUSEUM, AN EXHIBITION AND A FILM SHOW FOR WEST KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS-
- * A SINGING CONTEST, A TELE-MATCH, A VARIETY SHOW AND GAMES STALLS FOR CENTRAL KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS-
- * A PARACHUTE PERFORMANCE, A FRIENDLY FOOTBALL MATCH, A TELE-MATCH, GAMES STALLS AND A VARIETY SHOW FOR NORTH KWAI CHUNG RESIDENTS- AND
- * A ROUND-THE-ESTATE WALK, A CANTONESE OPERA AND A VARIETY SHOW FOR KWAI SHING ESTATE RESIDENTS.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE WERE MEMBERS OF THE FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, DRAWN MAINLY FROM AREA COMMITTEES, LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

KWAI CHUNG HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 410 000.

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SHA TIN SPRING PARTY
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MORE THAN 400 GUESTS ATTENDED A SPRING PARTY ORGANISED BY SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE TODAY (TUESDAY).

AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON- THE SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR WAI HON-LEUNG- A LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADER, MR NG CHAN-LAM, AS WELL AS SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE, EXPRESSED HIS THANKS FOR ALL LOCAL SPONSORSHIP AND PARTICIPATION, WHICH HE SAID HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

+THE SHA TIN ARTS FORTNIGHT, WHICH WAS THE FIRST ATTEMPT OF ITS KIND IN THE DISTRICT, WAS WELL RECEIVED AND SIMILAR EVENTS WILL BE ORGANISED IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

SHA TIN WOULD EXPERIENCE GROWTH IN THE COMING YEAR: ITS POPULATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WOULD INCREASE BY 40 000, A NEW HOSPITAL AT YUEN CHAU KOK WOULD BE COMPLETED, AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WOULD BE ELECTRIFIED, HE SAID.

HE REMINDED GUESTS THAT NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH WOULD CLOSE NEXT TUESDAY, (FEBRUARY 9) AND URGED FULL PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT.

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\$770 500 IN FINES FOR LABOUR OFFENCES
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TOOK OUT 915 PROSECUTIONS FOR BREACH OF LABOUR LEGISLATION IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, AND THE FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS AMOUNTED TO \$770 500.

MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

CASES RELATED TO VIOLATIONS OF SAFETY REGULATIONS TOTALLED 284, RESULTING IN FINES OF \$382 350. THESE INCLUDED 143 CASES (WITH \$145 200 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND 115 CASES (WITH \$208 800 IN FINES) FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

CASES CONCERNING BREACHES OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS ACCOUNTED FOR 543 WITH \$325 050 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 12 CASES RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP RECORDS OF EMPLOYEES, LEADING TO \$8 600 IN FINES.

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CHINESE EDITION OF HK NARCOTICS REPORT 1980 ON SALE
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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS HAS PUBLISHED THE CHINESE EDITION OF THE HONG KONG NARCOTICS REPORT 1980 TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE REPORT GIVES A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGING CHARACTERISTICS OF HONG KONG'S NARCOTICS SCENE AS WELL AS ALL IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VARIOUS MAJOR ACTION PROGRAMMES BEING CARRIED OUT.

IT ALSO CONTAINS A CHAPTER ON +A DECADE OF ACHIEVEMENT 1971- 1980+, OUTLINING THE REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE THROUGH THESE YEARS, WHICH HAVE ATTRACTED WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION AND RECOGNITION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ACAN SAID THE REPORT IS AN INFORMATIVE AND HIGHLY READABLE DOCUMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE SERIOUS AND LONG-STANDING SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKINGS AND ADDICTION IN HONG KONG.

THE CHINESE EDITION OF THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT \$15 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THE REPORT'S ENGLISH EDITION, WHICH WAS RELEASED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE.

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