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GOVERNOR REPLIES TO SIR GEOFFREY AND MR LUCE  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE HAS RESPONDED ON BEHALF OF THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS TO THE PERSONAL MESSAGES RECEIVED FROM THE NEW SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, AND THE MINISTER OF STATE WITH SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HONG KONG, MR RICHARD LUCE.

IN THEIR MESSAGES, SIR GEOFFREY AND MR LUCE REAFFIRMED HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG, AND TO SEEKING A SOLUTION ON THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS WELL AS TO THE BRITISH AND CHINESE GOVERNMENTS.

SIR EDWARD HAS DESPATCHED THE FOLLOWING REPLIES:

+MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR TO THE RT HONOURABLE SIR GEOFFREY HOWE, QC, MP, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS:

THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAVE ASKED ME TO CONVEY THEIR THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE, AND TO OFFER THEIR CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY. IN PARTICULAR THEY WELCOME YOUR REAFFIRMATION OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG, AND TO SEEKING A SOLUTION REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG AS WELL AS TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAVE ASKED ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE NEGOTIATIONS, AND TO MAINTAIN CONFIDENCE IN HONG KONG WHILE THE TALKS CONTINUE.

THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE ALSO ASKED ME TO SAY THAT THEY ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU, AS I AM, WHEN THEY VISIT LONDON EARLY NEXT MONTH.+

+MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR TO MR RICHARD LUCE, MP, MINISTER OF STATE, FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE:

I HAVE CONVEYED YOUR PERSONAL MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS. IN WELCOMING YOU TO YOUR NEW POST, THEY HAVE ASKED ME TO EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR ENCOURAGING WORDS AND FOR YOUR INTEREST IN AND COMMITMENT TO HONG KONG. THEY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND WORKING WITH YOU.+

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS IS A LIFETIME PROCESS - HAYE  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, TODAY (SATURDAY) REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF IN-SERVICE REFRESHER COURSES FOR PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS.

SPEAKING AT THE FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION, MR HAYE SAID THAT INITIAL TEACHER TRAINING, NO MATTER HOW LONG OR HOW COMPREHENSIVE, WAS INADEQUATE FOR 40 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.

+THE PROCESS OF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IS INDEED A LIFETIME PROCESS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO IN THOSE AREAS OF EDUCATION THAT ARE CLOSELY AFFECTED BY RAPID TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS,+ HE NOTED.

MR HAYE SAID THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FULLY ACCEPTED THE FORWARD-LOOKING PHILOSOPHY UNDERLYING THE PROVISION OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS.

THIS ACCEPTANCE WAS EMBODIED IN TWO MAJOR EDUCATION WHITE PAPERS OF RECENT YEARS— THE 1978 WHITE PAPER ON SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION AND THE 1981 WHITE PAPER ON PRIMARY EDUCATION AND PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES.

AT PRESENT, TEACHER-TRAINING COURSES ARE PROVIDED AT THE GRADUATE LEVEL BY THE SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION OF THE TWO UNIVERSITIES.

INITIAL TRAINING FOR NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IS CARRIED OUT BY THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

FOR SERVING TEACHERS WHO HAVE ALREADY TAKEN A COURSE OF INITIAL TRAINING BUT WHO NEED TO UPDATE THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF MODERN TEACHING METHODS, REGULAR COURSES OF REFRESHER TRAINING HAVE NOW BEEN ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THESE COURSES INCLUDE THE EIGHT-WEEK SYSTEMATIC RETRAINING COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, INTRODUCED IN 1982 AND TO BE EXTENDED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR TO SECONDARY TEACHERS, THE PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE REFRESHER COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THE 16-WEEK COURSES FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS.

TEACHERS ARE RELEASED FROM THEIR NORMAL TEACHING DUTIES TO ATTEND THESE COURSES.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LANGUAGE COURSES WHICH ARE RUN BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, THE VARIOUS COURSES ARE RUN BY THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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IN ADDITION, THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE ALSO PROVIDES IN-SERVICE TRAINING OF SHORT DURATION BOTH ON A REGULAR AND ON AN OCCASSIONAL BASIS.

THIS INCLUDES PART-TIME COURSES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS.

MR HAYE SAID THAT, FURTHERMORE, ORGANISATIONS LIKE THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION AND THE TWO UNIVERSITIES ALSO ORGANISE A WIDE VARIETY OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR TEACHERS.

ON THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE -- SCHOOL-BASED IN-SERVICE EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS (INSET) -- MR HAYE SAID IT RIGHTLY PLACED EMPHASIS ON THE INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL AS A DOMINANT FACTOR IN THE PROCESS OF TEACHER EDUCATION.

HE SAID THAT SCHOOL-BASED INSET WAS A CO-OPERATIVE ACTIVITY AND TO BE FULLY EFFECTIVE, DEMANDED SKILLS WHICH WERE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM THOSE WHICH MANY TEACHERS HAD DEVELOPED THROUGH TRADITIONAL MODES OF THOUGHT.

+INSET IS UNLIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOLS WHERE TEACHERS OPERATE IN ISOLATION,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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PUBLIC URGED TO SHOW MORE COMPASSION TO DRUG ADDICTS  
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED FOR A +MORE TOLERANT AND COMPASSIONATE ATTITUDE+ TOWARDS DRUG ADDICTS.

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE 15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ARITAS LOK HEEP CLUB, WHERE SHE PRESENTED BADGES OF MERIT TO DESERVING MEMBERS.

OVER THE YEARS, MRS CHAN SAID, MUCH HAD BEEN DONE TO STIMULATE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE EVILS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TO ENLIST THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

+HOWEVER, I SUSPECT THAT MANY OF US MAY NOT CONSIDER THAT HELPING DRUG ADDICTS IS AS SOCIALLY OR EMOTIONALLY SATISFYING AND REWARDING AS HELPING THE OLD, THE DISABLED OR ABUSED CHILDREN,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT DRUG ADDICTION OFTEN RESULTED FROM A COMPLEX INTERPLAY OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CAUSES RATHER THAN SIMPLE SELF-INDULGENCE.

IN ANY REHABILITATION PROCESS, SHE WENT ON, THE COMMUNITY HAD TO BE WILLING TO COME TO THE AID OF THE VICTIMS.

THE AID COULD BE IN THE FORM OF EMPLOYMENT OFFERS, SOCIALISING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE VICTIMS OR SIMPLE ACCEPTANCE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT.

+THE LAST THING THAT AN ADDICT WANTS IS TO BE SHUNNED BY HIS FAMILY OR NEIGHBOURS. WITHOUT COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND SYMPATHY, NO ADDICT CAN HOPE TO REMAIN FREE OF DRUGS FOR LONG,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN NOTED THAT THE NUMBER OF YOUNG DRUG ADDICTS IN HONG KONG WAS SMALL BUT THERE APPEARED TO BE A RISING TREND IN THE NUMBER OF ADDICTS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 BEING REPORTED TO THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE.

IN 1978, OF 6 559 NEWLY REPORTED INDIVIDUALS, ONLY 5.9 PER CENT WERE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 7 AND 21.

THIS PERCENTAGE ROSE STEADILY TO 14.2 PER CENT IN 1980, 22.4 PER CENT IN 1981 AND 26.8 PER CENT IN 1982.

THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PERSONS PROSECUTED FOR DRUG OFFENCES, RANGING FROM SIMPLE POSSESSION TO TRAFFICKING, ALSO INCREASED FROM 294 IN 1978 TO 1 016 IN 1982.

+WHILE THERE IS NO CAUSE YET FOR SERIOUS CONCERN, THE SITUATION OBVIOUSLY NEEDS CAREFUL WATCHING,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID IT WAS WELL KNOWN THAT YOUNG ADDICTS OFTEN PICKED UP THE HABIT THROUGH SHEER IGNORANCE, PEER GROUP PRESSURE, CURIOSITY OR BECAUSE OF UNHAPPY FAMILY CIRCUMSTANCES.

+PREVENTIVE MEASURES,+ SHE SAID, +CANNOT BE RELEGATED JUST TO SCHOOLS AND THE GOVERNMENT. I WOULD STRESS THE VITAL ROLE THAT PARENTS CAN PLAY HERE.+

SHE DESCRIBED ADOLESCENCE AS +AN UNSETTLING PERIOD+ AS YOUNGSTERS UNDERGO CONSIDERABLE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND SEXUAL CHANGES.

DURING THIS CRUCIAL AND SENSITIVE PERIOD, A STABLE AND LOVING FAMILY ENVIRONMENT COULD MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TURNING OUT A WELL ADJUSTED, RESPONSIBLE ADULT OR A DISGRUNTLED SOCIAL MISFIT.

+AS THE CHILD MATURES, HE NEEDS HIS PARENTS BY HIS SIDE TO GUIDE, EDUCATE AND SUPPORT HIM EMOTIONALLY.

+AN ALERT AND SUPPORTING PARENT CAN DO MUCH TO KEEP THE CHILD FROM TAKING TO DRUGS OR IF THE YOUNGSTER UNFORTUNATELY FALLS PREY TO DRUG ABUSE, TO TAKE EARLY STEPS TO SEEK TREATMENT,+ SHE SAID.

MRS CHAN SAID THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD GIVEN EVERY SUPPORT TO THE LOK HEEP CLUB AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO.

SHE WAS SORRY TO NOTE THE DIFFICULTIES THE CLUB HAD EXPERIENCED IN RE-PROVISIONING ITS HONG KONG CLUB HOUSE.

IT WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT BOTH TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE AGENCY THAT THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL TO RE-PROVISION THE CLUB IN A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FELL THROUGH BECAUSE OF RESISTANCE FROM THE RESIDENTS, SHE SAID.

+I HOPE THAT INCREASINGLY THROUGH PUBLICITY AND EDUCATION, THE MORE FORTUNATE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY WILL SHOW GREATER TOLERANCE AND UNDERSTANDING TOWARDS THE NEEDS OF EX-DRUG ADDICTS,+ SHE SAID.

HAPPILY, ALTERNATIVE PREMISES FOR THE HONG KONG CLUB HOUSE HAVE NOW BEEN FOUND AND WHEN IT BECOMES OPERATIONAL LATER THIS YEAR, ITS MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO ENJOY IMPROVED FACILITIES.

MRS CHAN DESCRIBED THE RECIPIENTS OF THE BADGES OF MERIT AS +COURAGEOUS MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE REMAINED ABSTINENT FROM DRUGS FOR VARYING PERIODS.+

SHE SAID THE ROAD TO DELIVERY FROM DRUG ADDICTION WAS A LONG AND TORTUOUS ONE AND REQUIRED OF THE ADDICT NOT ONLY DETERMINATION AND PERSEVERANCE BUT ALSO AN ABILITY TO WITHSTAND CONSIDERABLE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DISCOMFORT DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS.

+THE BADGES OF MERIT BEAR TESTIMONY TO A BATTLE COURAGEOUSLY FOUGHT AND WON AND THE RECIPIENTS CAN TAKE JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN THEIR ACHIEVEMENT,+ SHE ADDED.

THE CARITAS LOK HEEP CLUB HAS PROVIDED SERVICES FOR DRUG ADDICTS FOR 15 YEARS.

IT NOW HAS NEARLY 1 000 MEMBERS AND MORE THAN 100 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

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CALL TO JOIN OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK FIELD  
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PEOPLE WITH LONG EXPERIENCE IN LIFE AND SOCIAL WELFARE WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED TO JOIN THE FIELD OF OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK.

THE APPEAL CAME FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICER (WEST KOWLOON), MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, WHEN SHE SPOKE AT THE OPENING OF THE HUNG HOM OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAM OFFICE OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS.

SHE DESCRIBED OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK AS +DIFFICULT BUT FULL OF CHALLENGES+.

SHE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MORE WOULD JOIN THE RANKS OF OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAMS.

/+AS YOUNG .....

+AS YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY, IT IS AN URGENT TASK FOR US TO HELP THEM GROW UP AS GOOD CITIZENS,+ SHE SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 18 OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAMS IN HONG KONG.

THEY HAVE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS COME UP AGAINST MANY PROBLEMS, SUCH AS MANPOWER SHORTAGES AND LACK OF OFFICE SPACE.

+HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DISCOURAGED, NOR HAS THEIR ENTHUSIASM BEEN DAMPENED. ON THE CONTRARY, THEY HAVE CARRIED ON THE GOOD WORK WITHOUT COMPLAINT,+ MRS GOODSTADT SAID.

ON YOUTH PROBLEMS GENERALLY, SHE SAID THAT BECAUSE YOUNG PEOPLE HAD NOT MATURED FULLY AND BECAUSE OF THE INFLUENCE OF WESTERN IDEAS, THEY HAD OFTEN FAILED TO COME UP TO THE MORAL AND BEHAVIOURAL STANDARDS EXPECTED OF THEM BY THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

+FORTUNATELY, THE VAST MAJORITY OF FAMILIES ARE ABLE TO HELP THEIR YOUNGER MEMBERS DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD TO ADJUST TO THE WORLD OF THE GROWN-UPS.

+THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THROUGH THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ORGANISED IN YOUTH CENTRES, HAVE ALSO ASSISTED YOUNG PEOPLE IN GROWING UP INTO RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS,+ SHE SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE MORE THAN 100 CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

THERE ARE PLANS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF THESE CENTRES TO 370 OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

REFERRING TO PROBLEM YOUTHS, MRS GOODSTADT SAID THAT NEITHER THE FAMILY NOR THE SCHOOL HAD HAD ANY INFLUENCE ON THIS GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

+THEY ALSO DO NOT WANT TO ATTEND YOUTH CENTRES OR PARTICIPATE IN ORGANISED ACTIVITIES.

+THESE YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE OUR SYMPATHY AND ASSISTANCE, AND THAT IS WHY WE HAVE INTRODUCED OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK,+ SHE SAID.

OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORKERS WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO GO OUT INTO THE STREETS, TO BILLIARD ROOMS AND OTHER PLACES TO CONTACT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE, SHE ADDED.

THE NEW OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAM OFFICE, LOCATED AT HUNG HOM ESTATE, TAI WAN SHAN, HAS BEEN SET UP WITH A GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND.

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RECLAMATION PROJECT FOR JUNK BAY  
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THE JUNK BAY NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 13 HECTARES OF LAND AT SIU CHIK SHA TO PROVIDE SITES FOR A SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE PROJECT FORMS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

THE PROJECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1 400-METRE ROAD TO LINK HANG HAU ROAD NEAR HONG KONG OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE COMPANY LTD TO SIU CHIK SHA.

THE NEW ROAD WILL GIVE ACCESS TO THE PROPOSED SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AND TO THE FUTURE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THE RECLAIMED LAND.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION RELOCATED  
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THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT HAS MOVED FROM NEW MERCURY HOUSE TO HARBOUR CENTRE.

FROM MONDAY (JUNE 27), THE NEW ADDRESS OF THE DIVISION IS:

HARBOUR CENTRE, 10TH FLOOR,  
25 HARBOUR ROAD,  
HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO 5-270369 OR 5-270380.

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SCOUT SERVICE PRAISED  
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THE SPIRIT OF SCOUT SERVICE WAS AN INDISPENSABLE ELEMENT IN IMPROVING SOCIETY, THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STUART HARBINSON, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

+BESIDES, THE SCOUTS' EFFORT IN THE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS SHOULD NOT BE NEGLECTED; THEY EXTEND THEIR INDIVIDUALITIES INTO GROUP SOCIAL SERVICES AND ASSIST IN THE RUNNING OF COMMUNAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

MR HARBINSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AT THE FUNG KAI PRIMARY SCHOOL.

HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE 16 SCOUT GROUPS AND 19 SCOUT TROUPES WITH MORE THAN 700 MEMBERS IN THE DISTRICT, AND THAT SCOUTS DEVELOPMENT WAS STILL EXPANDING, EVEN INTO SCHOOLS AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+EVERY YEAR, THE ASSOCIATION HOLDS HEALTHY ACTIVITIES SUCH AS EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS, VISITS, TRAINING COURSES AND COMPETITIONS.

+THESE ACTIVITIES PROMOTE AND ENHANCE THE YOUNGSTERS' GROUP LIVES, SELF-RELIANCE AND INDEPENDENCE IN WORK,+ HE SAID.

MR HARBINSON STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD FULLY SUPPORT THE SCOUT DEVELOPMENT AND ENCOURAGE THE ASSOCIATION TO CONTINUE RECRUITING NEW BLOOD AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, ABOUT 500 LOCAL CHILDREN WERE TREATED TO GAMES AT THE SCHOOL.

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JUNIOR POLICE CALL'S PUBLIC ROLE STRESSED  
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JUNIOR POLICE CALL HAD BROUGHT YOUNG PEOPLE CLOSER TO THE POLICE, AFFORDED THEM AN IDENTITY IN THE COMMUNITY AND MOTIVATED THEM TO MAKE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY, SAID NEW TERRITORIES REGIONAL COMMANDER, MR MICHAEL ILLINGWORTH TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW TSUEN WAN JPC CLUBHOUSE AT SHEK TSUI HOUSE, SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE, MR ILLINGWORTH SAID, "JPC COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SPEEDING UP THE PROCESS WHEREBY PEOPLE MOVING TO NEW HOUSING ESTATES COULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER AND BECOME FRIENDS AND THROUGH THOSE FRIENDSHIPS AND MUTUAL INTERESTS HELP TO ESTABLISH A GENUINE COMMUNITY SPIRIT."

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HE WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT JPC MEMBERS IN TSUEN WAN COULD HAVE A NEW AND MODERN CLUBHOUSE TO CATER FOR HOLDING VARIOUS SPORTING, RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR ITS 17 000 OVER MEMBERS.

MR ILLINGWORTH URGED PARENTS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO JOIN JPC SO THAT THEY COULD "ENJOY THE MANY INTERESTS AND BENEFITS IT HAS TO OFFER".

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE FUNCTION WERE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, POLICE PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH, MR DREW RENNIE; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR DAVID GALLOWAY; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG; TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MESSRS CHAN PO-FONG AND CHAN LAU-FONG; SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE HOUSING MANAGER, MR LEE KING-CHI; CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN YUEN INSTITUTE, MR TONG KWOK-WAH AND SIX UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THEY TOURED THE NEW CLUBHOUSE ACCOMPANIED BY THE TSUEN WAN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR YEUNG YUK-TONG.

FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE AIR-CONDITIONED 186-SQAURE-METRE PREMISES INCLUDE A CLUB HALL, A GAMES ROOM, A LECTURE HALL, A LIBRARY, TWO SHOWER AND CHANGING ROOMS AND A PANTRY.

THE CLUBHOUSE IS ONLY A TWO MINUTES' WALK TO THE NEAREST BUS STOP.

MR YEUNG SAID, "THE CLUB IS OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 10 PM EXCEPT SUNDAYS.

"HOWEVER, AT THE MOMENT, WE ARE CONSIDERING OPENING IT ON SUNDAYS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR MEMBERS."

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SWIMMERS AT BEACHES SHOULD TAKE PRECAUTIONS  
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BEACHGOERS ARE BEING STRONGLY URGED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS WHEN THEY ENTER THE WATER FOR A SWIM.

THEY SHOULD SWIM WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THEIR ABILITY AND SHOULD NOT RELY ON SWIMMING AIDS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

NOTING THAT THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL ACCIDENTS RECENTLY AT NON-GAZETTED BEACHES, HE TOLD THEM TO SWIM WITHIN THE SAFE AREAS CLEARLY MARKED WITH BUOY LINES AT GAZETTED PUBLIC BEACHES.

THERE ARE 27 GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON OUTLYING ISLANDS WHERE LIFEGUARDS ARE ON DUTY FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

SWIMMING OUTSIDE THE SAFETY AREAS COULD BE DANGEROUS EVEN FOR EXPERIENCED SWIMMERS BECAUSE OF STRONG WAVES AND TIDES, THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

+BATHERS SHOULD NOT SWIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER A HEAVY MEAL OR WHEN THEY ARE HUNGRY OR TIRED. ALSO, THEY SHOULD NOT DRINK ALCOHOL BEFORE SWIMMING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS SHOULD STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN AT ALL TIMES IF THEIR CHILDREN COULD NOT SWIM, HE STRESSED.

BATHERS WERE ALSO REMINDED THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO MAKE BARBECUE FIRES OR TO ERECT TENTS AT GAZETTED BEACHES.

MEANWHILE, BEACHGOERS WERE AGAIN WARNED THAT THE WATER AT BUTTERFLY BEACH AND CASTLE PEAK BEACH IN TUEN MUN AND ANGLER'S BEACH IN TSUEN WAN IS POLLUTED AND UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING.

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HOLIDAY PARKING CHARGES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT PARKING CHARGES AT ABOUT 350 METERED SPACES IN WAN CHAI, CAUSEWAY BAY AND HAPPY VALLEY WILL BE EXTENDED TO SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM TOMORROW (JUNE 26).

THE CHARGES WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE ON WEEKDAYS BUT THE OPERATING HOURS WILL BE FROM 10 AM TO 10 PM.

THESE PARKING METERS, WHICH HAVE POSTS PAINTED VIOLET AT THE TOP, WILL BE ON LOCKHART ROAD, JAFFE ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, TUNG LO WAN ROAD, SING WOO ROAD, YUK SAU STREET, YUEN YUEN STREET, MIN FAT STREET AND VICTORIA CAR PARK.

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KWUN TONG ACCIDENT 'UPWARD TREND ARRESTED'

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THE UPWARD TREND OF ROAD CASUALTIES IN KWUN TONG APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED, THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, KWUN TONG, MR BRIAN WIGLEY SAID THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT THE MAIN SQUARE OF TELFORD GARDENS, MR WIGLEY REVEALED THAT IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, 10 PEOPLE DIED AND 121 WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED IN 540 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON THE ROADS OF KWUN TONG.

THIS COMPARES WITH 28 DEATHS AND 414 SERIOUS INJURIES IN THE DISTRICT IN 1981 AND 32 FATALITIES AND 406 SERIOUS INJURIES LAST YEAR.

'WHILST THIS DOWNWARD TREND IS ENCOURAGING, IT WOULD BE BOTH DANGEROUS AND WRONG TO BE COMPLACENT FOR I'M SURE THAT WE WOULD ALL AGREE THAT THE CASUALTY FIGURES ARE STILL TOO HIGH,' MR WIGLEY POINTED OUT.

MR WIGLEY ADDED THAT IT WAS REASSURING TO NOTE THAT THE SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE DIRECTED AT THOSE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CONSIDERED MOST VULNERABLE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

THIS IS BECAUSE DESPITE IMPROVED ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION, YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 20 YEARS OLD STILL SUFFER WITH 15 KILLED AND 450 SERIOUSLY INJURED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF 1983.

'AS WOULD BE EXPECTED THE MAJORITY OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVE THOSE TWO CATEGORIES OF CITIZENS AGED BETWEEN 20 AND 30 AND BETWEEN 30 AND 60 WHO ACCOUNTED FOR 35 FATAL AND 1 200 SERIOUS ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG DURING THE SAME PERIOD,' HE POINTED OUT.

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FOR THIS REASON, MR WIGLEY STRESSED THAT IT WAS IMPERATIVE TO REACH THOSE SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION VULNERABLE TO THE TRAGEDY OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WHETHER THEY BE PEDESTRIANS, PASSENGERS OR DRIVERS AND IMPLANT IN THEIR MINDS THE VERY REAL NEED FOR CARE AND SAFETY.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, KWUN TONG, MR KEVIN MAK, DISCLOSED THAT THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD PLANS TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC SITUATION AND ROAD SAFETY MEASURES IN THE AREA BY INTRODUCING MORE SAFETY RAILINGS AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.

ON THIS HAPPY NOTE, THE ENTERTAINMENT AND THE FUN STARTED. A LION DANCE WAS PERFORMED BY THE KWUN TONG JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS TO KICK OFF THE FIVE WEEKS LONG CAMPAIGN. PERFORMANCES WERE ALSO GIVEN BY THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHOIR, THE HONG KONG CYCLIST ASSOCIATION, A POLICE DOG SHOW AND SINGING BY TV ARTISTES.

A MINIATURE ROAD SAFETY TOWN TO EDUCATE CHILDREN ON ROAD SAFETY RULES AND CODES AND A SEAT BELT CATAPULT DEMONSTRATION WERE ALSO STAGED.

CAPTAIN SAFETY, A CHARACTER CREATED FOR THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN, WAS PRESENT TO DISTRIBUTE PAMPHLETS.

INCLUDED IN THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE VISITS TO THE SAU MAU PING ROAD SAFETY TOWN, PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST AND QUIZZES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS.

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#### ROADS TO BE CLOSED \* \* \*

A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS IN KWUN TONG WILL BE CLOSED FROM MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY (JUNE 26) TO 5.45 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WORK ON THE SOUTHERN ELEVATED ROAD.

THESE SECTIONS ARE THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WAI YIP STREET BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KOWLOON BAY TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA, A SECTION OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF WAI YIP STREET NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD, AND THE ACCESS ROAD ITSELF.

THE MEASURE WILL BE REPEATED ON MONDAY (JUNE 27) NIGHT.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES FROM SIU YIP STREET WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND BUT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING LEFT AT THE SAME JUNCTION.

TRAFFIC HEADING FOR TELFORD GARDENS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KWUN TONG ROAD, HONG TAK ROAD AND TAI YIP STREET.

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WATER CUT IN TAI PO

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TAI PO WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 AM TO 5.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 28) FOR MAINS CONNECTION.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD FROM TUNG CHEONG STREET TO ST CHRISTOPHER'S HOME.

THEY INCLUDE THE TAI PO POLICE STATION, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT EXTENSION OFFICE, ISLAND HOUSE, KWONG FUK ESTATE, THE TAI PO NEW RAILWAY STATION, WONG YI AU, MEI WOUN SAN TSUEN, TAI PO KAU, RURAL LODGE AND TAI PO KAU SAN WAI.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 29).

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE PRACTICE TIME IS FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM.

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