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HANOVER FAIR WAS SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF WORKING TOGETHER: GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT HIS VISIT TO THE HANOVER FAIR WAS A VERY STRIKING EXAMPLE OF WHAT HONG KONG CAN DO IN THE WAY OF ELECTRONIC TECHNOLOGY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS RETURN FROM VISITS TO TWO GERMAN CITIES AND THE NETHERLANDS, SIR DAVID SAID: "THIS WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST FAIRS IN THE WORLD AND IT WAS A SPLENDID EXAMPLE OF HONG KONG WORKING TOGETHER, BOTH THE GOVERNMENT, TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR."

"A VERY IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE IN THE DISPLAY OF WHAT HONG KONG IS CAPABLE OF ACHIEVING," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNOR SAID THE NOTABLE IMPRESSION HE HAD BOTH IN GERMANY AND IN THE NETHERLANDS, WAS THE GREAT INTEREST THERE IS IN HONG KONG.

"A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO HEAR ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HONG KONG; A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY FOR ANY PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE; AND A GREAT NEED, AS I SEE IT, FOR US TO EXPLAIN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HONG KONG SO THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN THAT INTEREST IN HONG KONG, NOT JUST AN ORDINARY INTEREST, BUT CAN MAINTAIN INVESTMENT AND TRADING WITH HONG KONG, BOTH OF WHICH ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR US," SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED IF THERE WAS MUCH INTEREST FROM EUROPEAN COMPANIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AIRPORT PROJECT, SIR DAVID SAID: "IT WAS A MUCH MORE GENERAL INTEREST THAN THAT REALLY, BECAUSE I WASN'T TALKING SIMPLY ABOUT THE AIRPORT; THAT WAS ONE OF MANY THINGS THAT I MENTIONED, BUT I WAS REALLY DEALING WITH THAT IN THE CONTEXT OF AN ECONOMY WHICH IS VERY LIVELY; WHICH IS DOING WELL COMPARED WITH WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE REST OF THE WORLD, AND IN WHICH I WANTED PEOPLE TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES."

ASKED ABOUT THE PROPOSED VISIT TO HONG KONG BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR DOUGLAS HURD, THE GOVERNOR SAID: "MR HURD'S PLANS, THE MOST UP-TO-DATE THAT I HAD ON THAT, WAS THAT HE DOES INDEED WANT TO COME HERE AND HOPES TO COME HERE NEXT MONTH BUT THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO CHINA HASN'T YET BEEN FIXED."

"ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF AND WHEN HE DOES GO TO CHINA; THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT HE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS, I THINK THE AIRPORT WOULD BE AMONGST THEM," HE SAID.

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN AGREEMENT WITH CHINA; A POSITIVE CONCLUSION TO THE DISCUSSIONS WE'VE BEEN HAVING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, I THINK THAT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE WHOLE AIRPORT PROJECT," SIR DAVID SAID.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY WILSON WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD; THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, LADY DUNN; AND THE ACTING SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR STEPHEN CHEONG.

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS CONTINUED TO DROP

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THE NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES IN 1990 CONTINUED TO DECREASE.

A TOTAL OF 319 PERSONS WERE KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 5.6 PER CENT AND SERIOUS CASUALTIES DECREASED BY 544 OR 12.4 PER CENT TO 3,926 LAST YEAR.

THIS IS THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR THAT TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CASUALTIES ARE ON THE DECREASE.

A TOTAL OF 14,989 ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN 1990 REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 5.8 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH 1989. CASUALTIES FELL BY 5.7 PER CENT TO 20,048.

HOWEVER, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR TRAFFIC, MR PEDRO CHING SAID THAT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR COMPLACENCY AS PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ALMOST EVERY DAY.

MR CHING STRESSED THAT CONTINUED EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HOLD THE FIGURES AT THE PRESENT LEVEL.

ACCORDING TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT STATISTICS, PEDESTRIANS REMAIN MOST AT RISK IN FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS, ACCOUNTING FOR 71.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL FATALITIES.

THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORY FACTORS CONSIDERED TO HAVE CAUSED TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ARE IN SEQUENCE 'PEDESTRIAN NEGLIGENCE', 'DRIVING TOO FAST HAVING REGARD TO CONDITIONS' AND 'FOLLOW TOO CLOSELY'.

"ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGNS WILL CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED AT HIGH RISK GROUPS SUCH AS PEDESTRIANS, PARTICULARLY THE ELDERLY," HE SAID.

"AT THE SAME TIME, ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS WILL BE STEPPED UP AGAINST OFFENCES KNOWN TO CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO INJURY ACCIDENTS."

"EXTRA ATTENTION MUST BE PAID TO POOR DRIVING BEHAVIOUR, PARTICULARLY DRIVERS OF PRIVATE CARS AND GOODS VEHICLES BECAUSE ANY REDUCTION IN THEIR ACCIDENT INVOLVEMENT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON INJURY FIGURE," HE SAID.

MR CHING SAID THAT ALTHOUGH A LOT HAS YET TO BE DONE IN PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY, THE OVERALL DECREASE IN BOTH ACCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES IN 1990 WAS HEARTENING IN THE LIGHT OF AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PER CENT OF OVERALL LICENSED VEHICLES WHEN COMPARED WITH 1989.

HE SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF GOODS VEHICLES INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS DROPPED BY 11.8 PER CENT TO 6,255 WHILE PRIVATE CARS SLIGHTLY INCREASED BY 0.7 PER CENT TO 6,262.

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PROSECUTION AGAINST SPEEDING OFFENCES INCREASED BY 6.1 PER CENT TO 142,564 WHILE PROSECUTION AGAINST GOODS VEHICLES FOR OVERLOADING INCREASED BY 52.5 PER CENT TO 33,340 DURING 1990.

MR CHING POINTED OUT THAT THE POLICE HAVE STRENGTHENED ITS SPEEDING DETECTION AND WEIGH-CHECKING CAPACITY BY ACQUIRING MORE ADVANCED EQUIPMENT TO MEET INCREASING OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND UPGRADE ENFORCEMENT LEVELS.

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UNSCHEDULED WORK FOR WOMEN PROHIBITED
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS AGAINST ENGAGING WOMEN WORKING OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.

"THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN WORKERS IN INDUSTRY FIXED BY THE EMPLOYER AND SET OUT IN A PRESCRIBED NOTICE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS), MR TSANG KIN-WOO, SAID.

HE SAID IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS FOR AN EMPLOYER TO CHANGE THE PRESCRIBED WORKING HOURS WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BEFORE HAND.

"ALSO THE EMPLOYER SHOULD PUT UP IN HIS WORKPLACE A NOTICE OF PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF WORK CONTAINING DETAILS OF CHANGES 48 HOURS BEFORE THEY TAKE EFFECT," HE SAID.

MR TSANG NOTED THAT TWO MANUFACTURERS HAD RECENTLY BEEN GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT.

AN ELECTRONIC WATCH FACTORY, ASIA COMMERCIAL COMPANY LTD, AND THE TOPPAN PRINTING COMPANY (HK) LTD WERE FOUND DURING INSPECTIONS TO HAVE EMPLOYED 46 AND 48 WOMEN RESPECTIVELY OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

THEY WERE EACH GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 BY THE WESTERN AND EASTERN MAGISTRACIES LAST MONTH.

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CONSUMERS URGED TO COMPLAIN ON WEIGHING AND MEASURING MALPRACTICES
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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS REMINDED CONSUMERS TO MAKE USE OF THE COMPLAINTS HOTLINE FOR REPORTING MALPRACTICES CONCERNING INACCURATE WEIGHING AND MEASURING INSTRUMENTS.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO MAKE COMPLAINTS IN RESPECT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MAY CONTACT THE TRADING STANDARDS INVESTIGATION BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT ON TEL. 714 6146.

COMPLAINTS MAY ALSO BE REPORTED TO THE DUTY OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 852 3185 AFTER OFFICE HOURS, OR TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

THE PRINCIPAL TRADE CONTROLS OFFICER OF THE BUREAU, MR ANDREW WONG, SAID CONSUMERS HAD BECOME AWARE OF THEIR RIGHTS AND WERE MORE WILLING TO LODGE THEIR COMPLAINTS ABOUT WEIGHTS AND MEASURES MALPRACTICES.

"A TOTAL OF 375 COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC SINCE THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1989.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS SO FAR SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED 58 TRADERS UNDER THE ORDINANCE AND THE TOTAL FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURT AMOUNTED TO \$140,050," HE SAID.

APART FROM ACTING ON COMPLAINTS, BUREAU OFFICERS ALSO CONDUCTED SPOT CHECKS AT VARIOUS RETAIL OUTLETS AND STALLS.

"WE CONDUCTED 62 SPOT CHECKS IN THE FIRST TWO MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMPARED TO 279 LAST YEAR AND 70 IN 1989," MR WONG SAID.

A SEAFOOD RETAILER, A FRUIT RETAILER, A KIOSK OWNER AND A RESTAURANT OPERATOR WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$10,000 IN FOUR RECENT CASES AFTER TESTS BY THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY HAD SHOWN THAT THE READINGS OF THEIR WEIGHING INSTRUMENTS WERE FROM 10.31 TO 18.75 PER CENT IN EXCESS OF THE ACTUAL WEIGHTS.

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TREE PLANTING HELPS CONSERVE COUNTRYSIDE
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INVOLVING THE PUBLIC PHYSICALLY IN TREE PLANTING IS SURELY AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO HELP SPREAD THE CONSERVATION MESSAGE AND THE PUBLIC WOULD NO DOUBT FIND THEIR EXPERIENCE REWARDING.

THIS WAS STATED BY EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR WANG GUNGWU, THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING WHEN OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1991 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME AT TSIU HANG SPECIAL AREA, SAI KUNG.

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THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD), LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD.

MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING LIONS MEMBERS, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS, JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS, STUDENTS FROM SEVEN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND TVB ARTISTES TURNED UP FOR THE CEREMONY.

DR WANG NOTED THAT THE SCHEME HAD NOW BECOME AN IMPORTANT ANNUAL EVENT AND ATTRACTED ABOUT 20,000 PARTICIPANTS EACH YEAR.

"THIS GREATLY HELPS FOSTER PUBLIC CONCERN ON THE CARE OF TREES AND COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION," HE SAID.

"TREES ARE AMONG THE FEW VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCES IN HONG KONG. THEY PROVIDE THE MUCH NEEDED FRESH AIR AND HELP BEAUTIFY OUR ENVIRONMENT. THEY STOP SOIL EROSION AND SILTATION OF STREAMS AND RESERVOIRS, AND REHABILITATE AREAS DAMAGED BY FIRE OR DISTURBED BY DEVELOPMENT.

"TREES ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING THE REQUIRED HABITAT FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF WILDLIFE IN THE TERRITORY," HE CONTINUED.

HOWEVER, HE SAID IT WAS A GREAT PITY THAT THERE WERE STILL QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF TREES DAMAGED BY HILL FIRE EVERY YEAR.

"ALL HILL FIRES ARE CAUSED BY HUMAN NEGLIGENCE AND THEY CAN BE PREVENTED IF THE PUBLIC REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF TREES AND TAKE CONCERTED EFFORTS IN THEIR CONSERVATION," HE STRESSED.

DR WANG COMMENDED THE LIONS CLUBS FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, INCLUDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LIONS NATURE EDUCATION CENTRE AND THE SPONSORSHIP OF THIS YEAR'S TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES.

EARLIER IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID 400,000 TREES WERE PLANTED BY THE AFD IN COUNTRY PARKS UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S AFFORESTATION PROGRAMME.

COMMON TREE SPECIES USED IN AFFORESTATION INCLUDE ACACIA AND BRISBANE BOX.

"IN RECENT YEARS, OUR TREE NURSERIES HAVE INCREASED THE PRODUCTION OF SEEDLINGS OF NATIVE PLANT SPECIES SUCH AS FISSA CHESTNUT, SWEET GUM AND MACHILUS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE DIVERSITY OF LOCAL FLORA AND ENRICH OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT," HE SAID.

HE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO COME FORWARD TO THE DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BEFORE THE END OF APRIL TO PLANT TREES IN COUNTRY PARKS WITH THEIR OWN HANDS.

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OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S LAUNCHING CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, MR TAM WING-KUN; THE THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE LIONS CLUBS, MR JAMES COFFEY; COUNTRY PARKS BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CARLOS CHEUNG; TVB'S ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER, MR S.Y. HO; MISS HONG KONG TITLE WINNERS AND THE PRINCIPAL EDUCATION OFFICER (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT, MR YANG YAU-WAI.

DURING THE CEREMONY, THE OFFICIATING PARTY UNVEILED A COMMEMORATIVE PLAGUE AND PLANTED THE FIRST TREES OF THE YEAR.

ON ALL SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FROM TOMORROW UNTIL THE END OF APRIL, SEVEN DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES IN COUNTRY PARKS AT TAI MO SHAN, TAI TONG, POK FU LAM, MUI WO, PAK TAM AU, TAI MEI TUK AND CLEAR WATER BAY WILL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC PLANTING.

COUNTRY PARKS STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY AT THE ABOVE SITES TO PROVIDE TREE SEEDLINGS, TOOLS AND TECHNICAL ADVICE TO THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO PLANT THEIR TREES.

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS HAD ALSO BEEN MADE FOR STUDENTS AND YOUTH GROUPS TO TAKE PART IN THE PLANTING SCHEME ON WEEKDAYS AND SATURDAYS. INTERESTED SCHOOLS OR ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO CALL AFD'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION SECTION ON TEL. 733 2121 TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TSEUNG KWAN O WATER WORKS

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION AND THE LAYING OF PUMPING MAINS IN TSEUNG KWAN O.

THE CONTRACT INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUMPING STATION WITH A CAPACITY OF 20,000 CUBIC METRES PER DAY AND THE LAYING OF 3,400 METRES OF WATER MAINS WITH DIAMETER OF 450 MILLIMETRES.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY AND TAKES ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONTRACT IS THE FIRST OF FOUR CONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED FOR THE PROJECT "IMPROVEMENT OF TSEUNG KWAN O HINTERLAND (SOUTH) WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM".

SUPPLY WILL BE PROVIDED IN 1992 TO MEET THE WATER DEMAND OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND TSEUNG KWAN OHINTERLAND SOUTH AREA.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 12.

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APPLY NOW FOR YOUTH PROJECT GRANTS

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LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS ARE NOW INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME" (OYS) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT THEIR PLANNED PROJECTS.

THE PROJECTS SHOULD BE INNOVATIVE AND CARRY ENRICHED CONTENTS. THEY MAY BE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS, RURAL AREAS AND DEPRIVED AREA SERVICE, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS, REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY SERVICE OR COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

EACH OF THE APPROVED PROJECTS WILL BE GRANTED A SUBSIDY UP TO \$6,000.

THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE OYS, MISS CHUNG WOON-CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1974 WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE; ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY; AND HELPING TO DEVELOP THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL HELP.

"YOUTH GROUPS WHICH WISH TO APPLY MAY SUBMIT THEIR PROJECT PROPOSALS THROUGH THE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH) OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BY APRIL 30 THIS YEAR," SHE SAID.

"EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 13 AND 25, AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY, OR AN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION.

"GROUPS WITHOUT SPONSORS MAY ALSO APPLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SWO (YOUTH) OF THEIR DISTRICT," SHE ADDED.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, EACH DISTRICT WILL SELECT ITS MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT, WHICH WILL OBTAIN A DISTRICT BEST OYS AWARD, TO COMPETE FOR THE H.K. BEST OYS AWARD.

SHE NOTED THAT THE PROJECTS WILL BE ASSESSED BASED ON THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT, THE EXTENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS, OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM VARIOUS YOUTH OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION

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SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER TO SOME AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 19) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE WHOLE OF SO KON PO AND SOME PREMISES IN TAI HANG, JARDINE'S LOOKOUT AND HAPPY VALLEY WHICH ARE MAINLY BOUNDED BY BROADWOOD ROAD, BLUE POOL ROAD, HAWTHORN ROAD, TAI HANG ROAD, PERKINS ROAD, LAI TAK TSUEN ROAD. IT ALSO AFFECTS PREMISES IN TAI HANG DRIVE, CHUN FAI ROAD, FUK KWAN AVENUE, LI KWAN AVENUE AND LAI TAK TSUEN.

MEANWHILE, SUPPLY OF FLUSHING WATER TO SOME AREAS IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 AM TO 10 PM ON THE SAME DAY FOR MAINTENANCE WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT SAN PO KONG, NGAU CHI WAN, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY, KOWLOON BAY, KWUN TONG, LAM TIN AND SAU MAU PING INCLUDING CHOI HUNG ESTATE, CHOI WAN ESTATE, PING SHEK ESTATE, SHUN LEE ESTATE, SHUN TIN ESTATE, SHUN ON ESTATE, SHUN CHI COURT AND SHUN LEE TSUEN TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

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COURSE FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO TEACH IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

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GRADUATES OF POLYTECHNICS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WITH AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF WORKING EXPERIENCE ARE BEING INVITED TO ATTEND A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE TO BECOME QUALIFIED TO TEACH IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

THE COURSE BEGINS THIS SEPTEMBER.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE A HIGHER DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL/ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING BY THE POLYTECHNICS OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR AN EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS OF RELEVANT POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE AND A GOOD STANDARD OF BOTH WRITTEN AND SPOKEN ENGLISH AND CHINESE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID STUDENTS WOULD HAVE TO PAY A \$3,300 FEE PAYABLE IN 10 INSTALMENTS.

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"BUT INDUCEMENT GRANTS FOR STUDENTS WITH APPROPRIATE RELEVANT POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE WILL BE PAID AT A MINIMUM OF \$4,730 A MONTH FOR THOSE WITH TWO YEARS OF WORKING EXPERIENCE AND FOR THOSE WITH FIVE OR MORE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE, \$7,390 A MONTH," HE SAID.

THESE GRANTS, HE SAID, WOULD BE REPAYABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT IF A RECIPIENT DID NOT TAKE UP A FULL-TIME TEACHING POST FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

GRADUATES MAY APPLY FOR CERTIFICATED MASTER POSTS IN PREVOCAIONAL SCHOOLS WITH A STARTING SALARY OF \$9,490 AND A MAXIMUM OF \$15,325, BUT INCREMENTAL CREDITS MAY BE GIVEN FOR RELEVANT POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE IN EXCESS OF THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED.

APPLICATION FORMS, TO BE SUBMITTED BEFORE APRIL 10, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IN QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

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