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MEASURES TAKEN TO IMPROVE EDUCATION QUALITY

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TAKING A SERIES OF SPECIFIC MEASURES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SCHOOLING IN HONG KONG, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR W K LAM, SAID.

THESE MEASURES FOLLOW THE NINE-YEAR FREE AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE PROVISION OF SUBSIDISED SCHOOL PLACES TO ALL WHO WISH TO PURSUE THEIR STUDIES FURTHER, HE ADDED.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS JOINT KINDERGARTENS GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM TODAY (MONDAY).

MR LAM SAID THE AIM WAS TO IMPROVE THE CURRICULUM AND ITS DELIVERY, PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE ABILITY SPECTRUM, FACILITATE THE CHOICE OF AN APPROPRIATE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION AND SET LEARNING TARGETS.

IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THROUGH ADDING STAFF AND REDUCING CLASS SIZES AND IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT WITHIN SCHOOLS, THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION TEACHERS CAN GIVE TO PUPILS WILL INCREASE.

ABOVE ALL, A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME IS IN PLACE TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TEACHERS THEMSELVES, THROUGH BETTER INITIAL PREPARATION, MORE FOCUSED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND A BETTER STRUCTURED CAREER PATH, MR LAM SAID.

"THESE QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS CHALLENGE NOT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS TO PLAN, FUND AND SUPPORT THE INITIATIVES, BUT ALSO SCHOOL OPERATORS, PRINCIPALS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS, WITHOUT WHOSE FORBEARANCE, PARTICIPATION AND CO-OPERATION THESE IMPROVEMENTS WILL DEFINITELY NOT BEAR FRUIT."

ON KINDERGARTENS, MR LAM SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT POLICY TO HELP NEEDY PARENTS TO PAY THE FEES, REIMBURSE RENT AND RATES FOR NON-PROFIT MAKING OPERATORS AND PROVIDE TRAINING AT NO COST TO THE TEACHERS.

GIVEN THE COMMUNITY'S WISH TO SEE MORE DONE FOR KINDERGARTENS, HE ADDED, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD KEEP AN OPEN MIND ON WHAT FURTHER MEASURES MIGHT BE INTRODUCED TO ADDRESS THE CURRENT CONCERN OVER TEACHER QUALITY.

THE TUNG WAH GROUP OPERATES 48 SCHOOLS OF ALL TYPES WITH AN ENROLMENT OF MORE THAN 30,000 PUPILS, OR 2.5 PER CENT OF THE STUDENT POPULATION IN HONG KONG.

TODAY'S CEREMONY SIGNIFIED THE GRADUATION OF A TOTAL OF 1,140 KINDERGARTEN PUPILS. MR LAM SAID THESE PUPILS WOULD ENTER PRIMARY SCHOOLS "WITH SMALLER CLASSES WHICH WILL BE BETTER MANNED BY INCREASINGLY MORE QUALIFIED TEACHERS".

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COMMUNITY CHEST - EVERYWHERE IN HK'S WELFARE CIRCLE

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OVER THE YEARS, THE COMMUNITY CHEST HAS ESTABLISHED A UNIQUE POSITION FOR ITSELF AT THE HEART OF HONG KONG'S WELFARE SYSTEM, MRS PATTEN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 24TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, MRS PATTEN SAID SHE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE CHEST'S CONSTANT SUPPORT TO A WIDE SPECTRUM OF AGENCIES AND SERVICES AND ITS FAR-SIGHTED FUNDING POLICY.

"I HAVE VISITED MANY WELFARE AGENCIES OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, AND ALMOST EVERYWHERE I TURN I SEE THE CHEST'S RED PAGODA - A FAMILIAR SYMBOL OF THE COMMUNITY'S SUPPORT."

HELP IS GIVEN OUT NOT ONLY TO THE LARGE AND WELL-ESTABLISHED AGENCIES, BUT ALSO TO SMALLER, LESS WELL-KNOWN AGENCIES, WHO DEPEND ON THE CHEST'S SUPPORT FOR THEIR SURVIVAL, SHE SAID.

MRS PATTEN WAS ALSO IMPRESSED BY THE CHEST'S EFFORTS IN PROMOTING THE INTEGRATION OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE INTO THE SOCIETY.

THE CHEST IS WILLING TO PROMOTE SERVICES WHICH MAY NOT BE FASHIONABLE BUT IS GIVING REAL HELP TO PEOPLE.

"IN THIS WAY, THE CHEST IS ACTUALLY SETTING AN EXAMPLE, AND STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY," MRS PATTEN ADDED.

"SO WE CAN TAKE PRIDE IN WHAT THE CHEST HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN ITS FIRST 24 YEARS," SHE SAID.

THE COMMUNITY CHEST WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN HELPING DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE. TO DO THAT, THE SUPPORT OF THE WHOLE COMMUNITY WILL BE NEEDED, SHE ADDED.

DURING THE YEAR, THE CHEST HAS ALLOCATED A TOTAL OF \$141 MILLION TO 126 AGENCIES, 17 PER CENT MORE THAN LAST YEAR.

IT HAS ALSO RAISED A TOTAL OF \$145 MILLION, \$13 MILLION MORE THAN LAST YEAR.

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THREE LOTS FOR SALE BY AUCTION

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THREE LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE IN A LAND AUCTION TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE FIRST LOT, LOCATED AT KAU TO, AREA 46, JUNCTION OF KAU TO SHAN ROAD AND MA LING PATH, SHA TIN, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 15,320 SQUARE METRES EARMARKED FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.

THE SECOND LOT IN AREA 11, AT THE JUNCTION OF ON SHUM STREET AND ON LAI STREET, SHA TIN, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 4,000 SQUARE METRES. IT IS INTENDED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN (EXCLUDING DANGEROUS GOODS GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING LOT IN TAK YIP STREET, TUNG TAU INDUSTRIAL AREA, YUEN LONG, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 3,030 SQUARE METRES FOR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCLUDING DANGEROUS GOODS).

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION.

A PRESS AREA WILL BE DESIGNATED. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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RESULTS OF ANTI-DRUG BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION RELEASED

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THE 'ANTI-DRUG BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION', ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND SPONSORED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ADMIRALTY, ENTERED ITS FINAL STAGE TODAY (MONDAY) WHEN THE JUDGING PANEL SELECTED THE CHAMPION, FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP AND 10 OUTSTANDING AWARDS FROM A LARGE BATCH OF ENTRIES.

ADJUDICATORS OF THE COMPETITION INCLUDE MISS MAUREEN TO, ACTING PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR SECURITY (NARCOTICS), MR PETER PUN, PRESIDENT ELECT OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ADMIRALTY; AND MR JOSEPH FUNG, LECTURER OF SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

THEY JUDGED THE ENTRIES ACCORDING TO THEIR MEANING, CREATIVITY AND VISUAL AESTHETICS.

THE WINNING DESIGN WILL BE USED TO PRODUCE A CIRCULAR ANTI-DRUG BADGE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE YOUNGSTERS.

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IT IS HOPED THAT THE ANTI-DRUG BADGE WILL HELP DISSEMINATE THE MESSAGE OF 'HEALTHY LIFE' TO THE YOUNGSTERS AND REMIND THEM TO SAY 'NO' TO DRUGS.

THE AWARD LIST IS AS FOLLOWS:

CHAMPION	-	LI KON-BOR
FIRST RUNNER-UP	-	LI KON-BOR
SECOND RUNNER-UP	-	TSE LAI-HON
OUTSTANDING AWARDS (IN RANDOM ORDER)		NG WAI-MAN LUK FUNG-SIN, SUSANNA YU YUEN-WAH, NEVILLE LI KON-BOR WONG PAK-YEUNG CHOW WINSON LAM MEE-YEE KUNG FAN-YUI WONG CHUN-WING LI KON-BOR

IN ADDITION TO A TROPHY, THE CHAMPION, FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF THE COMPETITION WILL EACH BE AWARDED A CASH PRIZE OF \$10,000, \$5,000 AND \$3,000 RESPECTIVELY. THE 10 OUTSTANDING AWARDS WILL EACH GET A \$300 BOOK COUPON.

THE PRIZES PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD AT 3.45 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 27) AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN ATRIUM OF NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN.

APART FROM VARIETIES OF ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION ITEMS, THE WINNING DESIGNS WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY FOR PUBLIC VIEWING AT THE "INTERNATIONAL ANTI-DRUG DAY EXHIBITION" HELD AT THE PLAZA FROM JUNE 26 TO 28.

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DESIGN COMPETITION FOR LOGO OF LORD WILSON HERITAGE TRUST
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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION "HERITAGE IN GRAPHICS" ORGANISED BY THE LORD WILSON HERITAGE TRUST.

THE TRUST WAS SET UP IN LATE 1992 WITH AIMS TO PRESERVE AND PROMOTE HONG KONG'S HERITAGE

IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THE FUNCTION WILL AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS NEW BODY FOR HERITAGE PRESERVATION.

THE COMPETITION IS A TERRITORY-WIDE EVENT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. PARTICIPANTS MAY SUBMIT ANY NUMBER OF ENTRIES.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE ARTWORK ON A4 SIZE PAPER, SUITABLE FOR USE ON LETTERHEADS, STATIONERY, BOARDING, TIES AND BADGES, AND SO ON. THERE SHOULD BE TWO VERSIONS OF DESIGN IN ALL ENTRIES, ONE IN BLACK AND WHITE AND THE OTHER IN COLOUR(S).

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED TOGETHER WITH COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS TO THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, 136 NATHAN ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON ON OR BEFORE JULY 31.

THE ENTRY FORM SHOULD BE PLACED IN A SEALED ENVELOPE STUCK TO THE BACK OF THE ENTRY.

THE COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED IN TWO STAGES.

FOR STAGE I, A PANEL COMPRISING THREE EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF DESIGN WILL SHORTLIST THE ENTRIES DOWN TO FIVE FINALISTS.

FOR STAGE II, A PANEL COMPRISING TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BOARD AND COUNCIL OF THE LORD WILSON HERITAGE TRUST PLUS THE CHAIRMAN OF STAGE I WILL SELECT A WINNER AMONG THE FIVE SHORTLISTED DESIGNS, WHICH MAY BE USED AS THE LOGO OF THE TRUST.

RESULTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN AUGUST.

THE WINNER OF THE COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE \$5,000 IN CASH AND A CERTIFICATE. THERE WILL ALSO BE FOUR MERIT PRIZES EACH WITH \$1,000 IN CASH AND A CERTIFICATE AS WELL.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, DISTRICT OFFICES, PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 721 2326.

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TTRA COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

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THE TARGETS AND TARGET-RELATED ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE WILL HOLD ITS SECOND MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY). AFTER THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR ANDREW SO KWOK-WING, WILL MEET THE MEDIA.

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ATTEND THE MEDIA SESSION ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION AT ROOM 1645, WU CHUNG HOUSE, 213 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, AT 4.30 PM TOMORROW.

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NO NOMINATION TODAY FOR LEGCO BY-ELECTION

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED NO NOMINATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BY-ELECTION IN RESPECT OF THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL ELECTORAL DIVISION TODAY (MONDAY).

ONLY ONE NOMINATION HAS SO FAR BEEN RECEIVED ON JUNE 16. THE NOMINATION IS FROM MR JAMES TIEN PEI-CHUN, 46, A MANAGING DIRECTOR.

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FROM JUNE 11 TO 25. THE BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON JULY 15 TO FILL THE VACANCY LEFT BY THE LATE STEPHEN CHEONG.

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WATER CUTS IN SAI KUNG AND HO MAN TIN

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SAI KUNG WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS.

ALL PREMISES AT MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG HOI PONG STREET, SAI KUNG CENTRE STREET AND SAI KUNG ROAD WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE WATER CUT.

MEANWHILE, SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN AND KING'S PARK WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM TOMORROW TO FACILITATE ANNUAL CLEANING OF THE SALT WATER RESERVOIR IN HO MAN TIN.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 69.1 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 404.731 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 433.240 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 73.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,795
REVERSAL OF LAF	+1,005
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	2,800
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	+2,250
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	5,050
LAF RATE 2.00 BID/4.00 OFFER	TWI 113.0 *+0.3* 21.6.93

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND

EF BILLS		EF NOTES/HONG KONG GOVERNMENT BONDS				
TERMS	YIELD	TERM	ISSUE	COUPON	PRICE	YIELD
1 WEEK	2.91 PCT	14 MONTHS	2408	4.375	100.42	4.04
1 MONTH	3.16 PCT	17 MONTHS	2411	4.625	100.50	4.30
3 MONTHS	3.22 PCT	20 MONTHS	2502	4.75	100.44	4.52
6 MONTHS	3.51 PCT	23 MONTHS	2505	3.75	98.36	4.71
12 MONTHS	3.86 PCT					

TOTAL TURNOVER OF BILLS AND BONDS - 34,942 MN

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