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EXPANSION OF SERVICES FOR THE AGED TO COPE WITH COMMUNITY NEEDS
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ADDITIONAL PLACES IN CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND IN HOMES FOR THE AGED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY FOR THESE SERVICES IN FULL BEFORE THE END OF THE DECADE.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR M.D. CARTLAND, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MRS LEUNG KWAI YEE LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE ELDERLY ON TSING YI.

HE NOTED THAT IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, THE NUMBER OF CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES HAD INCREASED BY 125 PER CENT AND MEAL PLACES BY NEARLY 50 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, AN EVEN MORE RAPID EXPANSION OF THESE SERVICES WAS NEEDED, MR CARTLAND SAID, ADDING THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE A CONCERTED EFFORT FROM BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS.

"ALTHOUGH THE PROVISION OF CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES AND MEAL PLACES IN BOTH SUBVENTED AND NON-PROFIT-MAKING HOMES HAS BEEN GROWING RAPIDLY IN RECENT YEARS, THERE ARE STILL LONG WAITING LISTS OF NEARLY 9,000 FOR ADMISSION TO CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES AND JUST OVER 4,000 TO HOMES FOR THE AGED," HE SAID.

IN VIEW OF THE ACUTE SHORTFALL, MR CARTLAND SAID VARIOUS MEASURES HAD BEEN AND WERE BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT WITH A VIEW TO SPEEDING UP THE PROVISION OF THESE SERVICES.

"SUCH MEASURES INCLUDE THE 'BOUGHT PLACE' SCHEME IN PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY, ENCOURAGEMENT OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS TO SET UP SELF-FINANCING HOMES, AND THE CONVERSION OF SOME EXISTING SELF-CARE PLACES IN ELDERLY HOSTELS, WHICH HAVE BEEN IN COMPARATIVELY LOW DEMAND, INTO MEAL AND CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES," HE SAID.

NOTING THAT THE HOME OPENED TODAY WAS A COMBINED ONE WITH A CAPACITY OF 80 MEAL AND 45 CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES, MR CARTLAND SAID THE PROVISION OF DIFFERENT BUT RELATED SERVICES UNDER THE SAME ROOF WAS A HIGHLY DESIRABLE WAY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ELDERLY RESIDENTS.

"FOR THESE REASONS, IT HAS NOW BECOME A GUIDING PRINCIPLE TO ENCOURAGE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE A CONTINUUM OF SERVICE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE HOMES WHEN CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT," HE SAID.

THE PRINCIPLE WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING SOME CARE PLACES IN SELF-CARE HOSTELS, SOME CARE-AND-ATTENTION PLACES IN HOMES FOR THE AGED AND SOME INFIRMARY PLACES IN CARE-AND-ATTENTION HOMES, HE EXPLAINED.

THE DIRECTOR PAID TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MRS LEUNG KWAI YEE, MOTHER OF URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN DR RONALD LEUNG, WHO HAD GENEROUSLY CONTRIBUTED \$1.5 MILLION TOWARDS THE CAPITAL COSTS OF THE HOME.

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EARLIER, DR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE HONG KONG LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE HAD BEEN RUNNING MORE THAN 20 SERVICE UNITS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

"THE OPENING OF THE MRS LEUNG KWAI YEE LUTHERAN HOME FOR THE ELDERLY, THE FIRST HOME FOR THE AGED OPERATED BY THE ORGANISATION, INDICATES THAT ITS SERVICES HAVE BECOME MORE COMPREHENSIVE," DR LEUNG SAID.

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INAUGURATION OF HK COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE
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THE HONG KONG COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE (HKCCM) MUST ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS AND DEVELOP WORKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH ITS FELLOW COLLEGES, FACULTIES, POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES AND SERVICE INSTITUTIONS BOTH ABROAD AND LOCALLY, IF IT IS TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE HKCCM, DR S.H. LEE, AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE COLLEGE HELD AT THE SHERATON HOTEL TODAY (SATURDAY).

DR LEE SAID COMMUNITY MEDICINE HAS A VERY LONG HISTORY.

"IN THE EARLY DAYS, POOR HEALTH AND SICKNESS WERE OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH POOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS," HE SAID.

"LATER ON, WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES THROUGH IMMUNISATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS, THE DISCIPLINE OF PUBLIC HEALTH WAS WIDENED IN SCOPE AND IN COMPLEXITY.

TODAY, COMMUNITY MEDICINE COVERS A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES.

THEY INCLUDE HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING, FAMILY HEALTH, SCHOOL HEALTH, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH, DRUG ADDICTION, EPIDEMIOLOGY, FOOD HYGIENE, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES.

DR LEE SAID THE REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE (PHC) RECOMMENDED THAT SUPPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MORE LOCAL TRAINING IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE AS DOCTORS SPECIALLY TRAINED IN THIS FIELD ARE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHC SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THE REPORT OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WORKING PARTY ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (KNOWN AS THE HALNAN'S REPORT) STATED THAT: "THE PRESENT STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN HONG KONG SPEAKS FOR ITSELF, IT IS AS GOOD AS ALMOST ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD."

THE REPORT ALSO NOTED THAT WELL EDUCATED AND TRAINED COMMUNITY MEDICINE SPECIALISTS OR "MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH" WILL CONTINUE TO BE NEEDED AT ALL LEVELS, WITH ADEQUATE STAFF AND SUPPORT.

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DR LEE SAID THE HKCCM IS FORMED WITH THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE TO DEVELOP, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FUTURE ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, TRAINING AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE AS A SPECIALTY IN HONG KONG.

THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE HKCCM ARE:

- * TO ADVANCE THE ART AND SCIENCE OF THE PRACTICE OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE;
- * TO ELEVATE THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE; AND
- * TO PROMOTE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION AND MEDICAL RESEARCH IN COMMUNITY MEDICINE.

THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY 150 GUESTS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, DR C.H. LEONG AND PROFESSOR FELICE LIEH-MAK; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ACADEMY OF MEDICINE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE, PROFESSOR DAVID TODD; AND FIVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AUSTRALIA AND SINGAPORE.

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, U.K.; ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEON OF GLASGOW, ROYAL AUSTRALASIA COLLEGE OF OCCUPATIONAL MEDICINE, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE AND THE CHINESE ASSOCIATION OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE WERE DELIVERED.

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PUBLIC SHOULD MONITOR PERFORMANCES OF ELECTED MEMBERS

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IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MONITOR THE WORK OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND DISTRICT BOARDS.

IN ORDER TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN THIS REGARD, THE MEDIA, TOGETHER WITH LOCAL CONCERN GROUPS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS CAN HELP BY PUTTING UP TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION.

THIS WAS STATED BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR CHENG KAI-NAM, WHEN HE ADDRESSED A SEMINAR ON "HOW TO MONITOR THE WORK PERFORMANCES OF ELECTED MEMBERS" THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

MR CHENG SAID THE COMMITTEE'S PRIMARY OBJECTIVES THIS YEAR WERE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ELECTIONS AND TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

"THE SUCCESS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEM WILL LARGELY DEPEND ON THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED TO SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF REPRESENTING THE PUBLIC AND ON THEIR DETERMINATION TO WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF HONG KONG.

"THIS MAKES THE MONITORING OF THE ELECTED MEMBERS' PERFORMANCES AN IMPORTANT TASK," HE SAID.

MR CHENG ALSO URGED THOSE PARTICIPATING TO SPREAD THIS MESSAGE.

JOINING THE GROUP DISCUSSIONS AND THE OPEN FORUM TODAY WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION BODIES, VOLUNTARY GROUPS AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS.

THE SEMINAR CENTRED ON THE MONITORING ROLE OF THE MEDIA, ACADEMICS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, DR DANIEL TSE, PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THE GUESTS BEFORE THE SEMINAR ENDED.

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'BACK-GARDEN' OF HONG KONG

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SAI KUNG IS FAMOUS FOR ITS GREENERY AND WHITE LONG BEACHES AND HAS BEEN REGARDED AS THE "BACK-GARDEN" OF HONG KONG, THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PARRISH NG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF AN EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE TOURISM IN SAI KUNG, MR NG SAID SAI KUNG WAS INDEED AN IDEAL VENUE FOR PICNICKING AND WATER SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

APART FROM THE EIGHT BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND THE THREE COUNTRY PARKS, THERE WERE MANY OTHER ATTRACTIVE AND IDYLIC FEATURES SUCH AS THE HISTORIC TIN HAU TEMPLE (ALSO KNOWN AS TAI MIU), THE ANCIENT STONE-CRAVING IN TUNG LUNG CHAU, AND THE NEWLY OPENED NATURAL EDUCATION CENTRE IN CHIU HANG.

"ALL OF THESE UNIQUE FEATURES OF THE DISTRICT ATTRACT THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF VISITORS EACH YEAR," HE SAID.

MR NG POINTED OUT THAT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD HAD COMMISSIONED A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP TO FURTHER PROMOTE AND DEVELOP TOURIST INDUSTRY IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID THE WORKING GROUP IS TO LAUNCH A LARGE-SCALE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

"I HOPE THIS EXHIBITION WILL HELP TO ATTRACT MORE AND MORE LOCAL AND FOREIGN VISITORS TO COME TO THE EMBRACES OF THE GREENERY DISTRICT," HE SAID.

MR NG ALSO COMMENDED THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION FOR ITS TREMENDOUS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING TOURISM IN HONG KONG.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE EXHIBITION FOCUSED NOT ONLY ON SAI KUNG'S ATTRACTIVE TOURIST SPOTS, BUT IT ALSO GAVE A BRIEF ACCOUNT ON THE DISTRICT'S HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL FEATURES.

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THE EXHIBITION ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF TOURISM AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG.

THE EXHIBITION, STAGED AT THE WATERFRONT OF SAI KUNG TOWN, WILL LAST UNTIL TOMORROW. ON NOVEMBER 9 AND 10, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL IN TSUI LAM ESTATE.

OTHER GUESTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WILLIAM WAN; CONVENER OF THE DB WORKING GROUP ON TOURISM, MR HO KWUN SHUN; AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, MR EUGENE SULLIVAN.

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KWUN TONG TO HOST FIGHT CRIME DAY CAMP

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ABOUT 200 AREA COMMITTEE AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN KWUN TONG WILL TAKE PART IN A FIGHT CRIME DAY CAMP TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE LEI YUE MUN HOLIDAY PARK.

ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), THE CAMP AIMS AT ENHANCING THE MEMBERS' KNOWLEDGE IN CRIME PREVENTION AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO JOIN THE CRUSADE AGAINST CRIME.

A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR JUSTIEN WONG, AND AN OFFICER FROM THE POLICE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU WILL GIVE TALKS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CRIME PREVENTION.

POPULAR LOCAL MOVIE STAR, MR DANNY LEE, WILL BE APPOINTED BY THE DFCC AS A FIGHT CRIME STAR IN A CEREMONY.

APART FROM RECEIVING FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES, THE PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO ENJOY THE VARIOUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE PARK.

ASSISTANT KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS WONG CHIU-YING, AND KWUN TONG DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR CHEUNG SING-KUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE DAY CAMP'S OPENING.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME DAY CAMP WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 10.45 AM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE LEI YUE MUN HOLIDAY PARK, CHAI WAN ROAD.

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CLOSURE OF QUEEN'S PIER NORTHEASTERN LANDING STEPS TOMORROW

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT THE NORTHEASTERN SET OF LANDING STEPS AT QUEEN'S PIER WOULD BE CLOSED FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO FACILITATE THE LAUNCHING OF THE ANNUAL FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

SMALL CRAFT OWNERS AND OPERATORS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE REMAINING THREE SETS OF LANDING STEPS AT QUEEN'S PIER DURING THE PERIOD.

THEY ARE ALSO ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF ALTERNATIVE EMBARKATION AND DISEMBARKATION POINTS INCLUDING THE WAN CHAI LANDING STEPS IN FENWICK STREET AND FLEMING ROAD AND THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT URGED OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL CRAFT USING LANDING STEPS TO EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE AND BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER BOAT-USERS. THEY SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO MARINE SAFETY AT ALL TIMES.

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NEW GMB ROUTES IN KWAI TSING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TWO NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 4) TO CATER FOR THE TRAVEL DEMAND GENERATED FROM TSING YI.

THE NEW GMB ROUTE 401 WILL SERVE BETWEEN TSING YI AND SHEK YAM AND AN ALL NIGHT NEW GMB ROUTE 402S WILL SERVE BETWEEN TSING YI AND TSUEN WAN.

THE OPERATING HOURS FOR ROUTE 401 WILL BE FROM 6.30 AM TO 10 PM. THE FARE WILL BE \$3.50 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

THE OPERATING HOURS FOR ROUTE 402S WILL BE FROM 11.30 PM TO 6 AM. THE FARE WILL RANGE FROM \$3 - \$4 PER SINGLE JOURNEY.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION IN KOWLOON
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SUPPLY OF SALT WATER TO CERTAIN AREAS IN EAST AND SOUTH KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 4) TO 5 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE REPAIR WORKS TO MAINS.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, TUNG TAU, WONG TAI SIN, LOK FU, KOWLOON CITY, KOWLOON TONG, WANG TAU HOM, CHUK YUEN, TSZ WAN SHAN, SAN PO KONG, CHOI HUNG, HAMMER HILL AND INCLUDING HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AND, THE AREA BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND PEACE AVENUE.

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CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT ON	1.11.91	500
EFFECT OF FORWARDS TO BE SETTLED ON	2.11.91	NEUTRAL
EFFECT OF OPERATIONS THIS MORNING		NEUTRAL

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