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SECOND PHASE OF NEW ID CARD SCHEME STARTS TOMORROW

MEN BORN IN 1963 WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THAT IT WAS THEIR TURN TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NEW ID CARD ISSUE SCHEME COVERING 20-YEAR-OLD MALES WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND END ON JULY 9.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT 61 000 MEN IN THIS AGE GROUP WILL APPLY FOR NEW ID CARDS DURING THE FIVE-WEEK PERIOD.

+THOSE WHO FAIL TO DO SO WILL BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTIONS AND HEAVY FINES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

+APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING ALONG THEIR OLD CARDS AND VISIT ANY OF THE EIGHT NEW ID CARD ISSUE OFFICES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

+THESE OFFICES WILL OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE BUSY IN THE DAYTIME DURING WEEKDAYS CAN GO THERE IN THE EVENING OR AT WEEKENDS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE PROCESSING OF AN APPLICATION WILL TAKE ONLY HALF AN HOUR AND APPLICANTS WILL BE ASKED TO RETURN AFTER 18 WORKING DAYS TO COLLECT THEIR NEW CARDS AND SURRENDER THEIR OLD ONES.

+THOSE WHO WILL BE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIOD MUST APPLY FOR NEW CARDS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REITERATED THAT DURING THE NEW ID CARD ISSUE PERIOD, THERE WILL BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS IN HONG KONG.

+THOSE WHO ARE HERE ILLEGALLY WILL BE SENT BACK,+ HE SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NEW ID CARD ISSUE SCHEME MAY BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 5-7956066 (CHINESE) OR 5-7909393 (ENGLISH).

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\$1.5 MILLION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD HAS APPROVED \$1.5 MILLION FOR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT THIS YEAR.

THE SUM IS MORE THAN HALF OF THE TOTAL OF \$2.9 MILLION ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE BOARD FOR VARIOUS LOCAL PROJECTS.

THE REMAINING \$1.4 MILLION WILL BE USED FOR OTHER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS, SUCH AS CULTURAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

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OF THE \$1.5 MILLION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORK, WHICH REPRESENTS A 15 PER CENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR'S SPENDING, \$800 000 WILL BE USED FOR REPLACING EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES AT 18 VILLAGE PLAYGROUNDS.

RENOVATION WORK ON THESE FACILITIES HAD ALREADY STARTED AND WOULD BE COMPLETED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS WOULD BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS AT SANG SANG TSUEN, SHA CHAU LEI, YEUNG UK TSUEN AND FAN TIN TSUEN, COSTING \$450 000, HE ADDED.

THE REMAINING \$250 000 WOULD BE USED TO IMPROVE EXISTING DISTRICT BOARD SITTING-OUT AREAS IN AND OUTSIDE YUEN LONG TOWN, HE SAID.

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COMPUTER FOR TRACKING DOWN HABITUAL LITTERBUGS

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LITTERBUGS HAD BETTER WATCH OUT AS THE COMPUTER WILL SEEK OUT HABITUAL OFFENDERS WHO WILL BE DEALT WITH STERNLY.

SINCE THE COMPUTERISATION OF LITTERING OFFENCE RECORDS IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 400 HABITUAL OFFENDERS HAVE BEEN TRACKED DOWN, SAID THE STAFF OFFICER (CLEANSING) OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR KONG BOK-YIN.

+ABOUT 55 000 CASES WERE BROUGHT BEFORE THE ANTI-LITTER COURTS LAST YEAR, RESULTING IN MORE THAN \$6.4 MILLION IN FINES,+ HE ADDED.

ANTI-LITTER COURTS NOW DEAL WITH AN AVERAGE OF 4 600 CASES A MONTH.

BEFORE THE USE OF A COMPUTER, HE SAID, IT WAS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE REPEAT OFFENDERS AS RECORDS WERE KEPT MANUALLY, WITH THE RESULT THAT ALMOST ALL LITTERBUGS WERE TREATED AS FIRST OFFENDERS.

+HOWEVER, LITTER OFFENCE RECORDS ARE NOW STORED IN A COMPUTER AND, AT THE PUSH OF THE BUTTON, PARTICULARS OF AN OFFENDER CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE COURT BEFORE EACH HEARING,+ MR KONG SAID.

+IN FACT, THE COMPUTER HAS IN ITS RECORD THE NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMMITTED LITTERING AS MANY AS FIVE TIMES,+ HE SAID.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR LITTERING IS A FINE OF \$5 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT HEAVIER FINES WILL MAKE PEOPLE THINK TWICE BEFORE COMMITTING ANY LITTERING OFFENCE.

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RESIDENTS CHANNEL VIEWS TO DB MEMBERS
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ABOUT 140 REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS WERE DEALT WITH BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS LAST YEAR THROUGH THE MEET-THE-PUBLIC SCHEME.

ABOUT HALF OF THE REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS CONCERNED HOUSING WHILE THE OTHERS WERE ON TRAFFIC, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, SOCIAL SERVICES, HAWKERS, AND LAW AND ORDER.

UNDER THE SCHEME, BOARD MEMBERS TAKE TURNS TO MEET RESIDENTS, GIVE THEM ADVICE AND, IF NECESSARY, REFER CASES TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED OR THE BOARD FOR ACTION.

+THROUGH THE EFFORT OF THE BOARD AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, MANY REQUESTS WERE MET,+ THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR K.C. KWONG, SAID.

+BUT FOR SOME CASES WHICH CANNOT BE HANDLED BECAUSE OF DEPARTMENTAL POLICIES, BOARD MEMBERS WILL EXPLAIN SUCH POLICIES TO THE RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID.

ON EVERY TUESDAY BETWEEN 3 PM AND 5 PM AND ON EVERY FRIDAY BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM, THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET THE PUBLIC AT THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT MEI FUNG COURT IN ABERDEEN CENTRE.

ON EVERY TUESDAY BETWEEN 8 PM AND 9 PM, THE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE WAH FU SUB-OFFICE AT WAH CHING HOUSE, WAH FU ESTATE, AND THE STANLEY SUB-OFFICE AT NO.88, STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

RESIDENTS WHO WANT TO CHANNEL THEIR VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENTAL, TRAFFIC, SOCIAL OR OTHER PROBLEMS OR WHO WISH TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM BOARD MEMBERS MAY EITHER CONTACT THE THREE OFFICES IN PERSON OR MAKE APPOINTMENT AT 5-524429.

THOSE WHO LIVE IN REMOTE AREAS OR ARE TOO BUSY TO MEET THE BOARD MEMBERS MAY MAKE USE OF THE POSTGRAMMES - MY SUGGESTION TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD.

THESE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT 43 GOVERNMENT OFFICES, BANKS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, RESTAURANTS, SUPERMARKETS AND DEPARTMENT STORES IN THE DISTRICT.

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REMINDER ON FLOATING HOLIDAYS
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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT IF THEY HAD NOT ALREADY FIXED THE DATES OF THE TWO FLOATING HOLIDAYS FOR THIS YEAR AND THEIR EMPLOYEES HAD NOT REQUESTED THAT THESE HOLIDAYS BE ADDED TO THEIR PAID ANNUAL LEAVE, THEY SHOULD GIVE EMPLOYEES THE FIRST FLOATING HOLIDAY ON MONDAY, JUNE 13, THE MONDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SECOND SATURDAY IN JUNE.

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IN THIS CASE, THE SECOND FLOATING HOLIDAY SHALL FALL ON MONDAY, AUGUST 29, THE LAST MONDAY IN AUGUST.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYERS HAVE TO FIX THE TWO FLOATING HOLIDAYS AND NOTIFY EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED AT A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BEFORE THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS EMPLOYED LOCALLY OR FROM OVERSEAS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, INCLUDING WAGES AND ALLOWANCES BUT EXCLUDING OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY.

WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH THE EMPLOYER AND THE EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: 3-205638 FOR KOWLOON EAST, 3-201652 FOR KOWLOON WEST, 3-319454 FOR KOWLOON SOUTH, 3-898520 FOR KWUN TONG, 0-4980208 FOR TSUEN WAN, 0-6577111, EXT. 114 FOR TAI PO, 0-818443 FOR TUEN MUN, 5-268671 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) AND 5-282523 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S REPORT

A PRESS CONFERENCE TO RELEASE THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION'S REPORT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS WILL BE HELD AT 3.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 7) IN THE GIS THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

THE CONFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR JOHN GRIFFITHS, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION AND MR HU FA-KUANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS SUB-COMMITTEE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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GOOD WORK BY MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES

MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AS GRASS-ROOT LEVEL ORGANISATIONS IN THE COMMUNITY, HAD EFFECTIVELY REFLECTED PUBLIC OPINION TO THE GOVERNMENT, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK, SAID TODAY.

IN SO DOING, THE MACS HAD HELPED CULTIVATE BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND CONFIDENCE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

HE WAS ADDRESSING SOME 3 000 PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN A CARNIVAL AT THE MORSE PARK TO LAUNCH THE +WONG TAI SIN WEST SUB-DISTRICTS MAC FORTNIGHT+.

+APART FROM ENTHUSIASTICALLY PROMOTING SPORTS, RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, THESE COMMITTEES ALSO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECTS INVOLVING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, LAW AND ORDER, AND CLEAN-UP PROGRAMMES.

+FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE MACS HAVE NOW ASSUMED AN EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN THAT THEY ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH AREA COMMITTEES, THE DISTRICT BOARDS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,+ HE SAID.

THE MAC FORTNIGHT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE AREA COMMITTEES OF TUNG TAU, LOK FU AND WANG TAU HOM, IS AIMED AT PUBLICISING THE IMPORTANCE OF MACS IN THE WORK OF COMMUNITY BUILDING AS WELL AS HELPING TO FOSTER BETTER CO-OPERATION AMONG THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, ACS AND MACS.

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THE FORTNIGHT WILL ALSO FEATURE EXHIBITIONS ON THE WORK OF MACS AND A JOINT-AREA MAC SEMINAR TO BE HELD IN THE WEST SUB-DISTRICTS.

BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE CARNIVAL, MR CHOK PERFORMED AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR A LION WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY A LION DANCE, A CHINESE FOLK DANCE AND A SCHOOL BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR PEDRE CHING; THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL WONG; AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

AT TODAY'S CARNIVAL, RESIDENTS ENJOYED THEMSELVES AND WON MANY ATTRACTIVE SOUVENIRS AT THE 25 GAME STALLS.

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PERENNIAL BATTLE AGAINST RIVER POLLUTION * * * *

REMOVING REFUSE FROM RIVERS AND STREAMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FORMS PART OF THE DAILY CLEANSING OPERATION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

+THOUGH THE WORK IS LITTLE PUBLICISED, IT HELPS REDUCE THE RISK OF FLOODING IN AREAS WHERE STREAMS AND RIVERS ARE CHOKED WITH REFUSE AND WEEDS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS 13 SIX-MAN TEAMS IN THE TWO DISTRICTS TO CARRY OUT THE DAILY OPERATION.

+BUT NO SOONER HAS REFUSE BEEN REMOVED THAN MORE IS BEING DUMPED INTO RIVERS AND STREAMS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FOR EXAMPLE, SOLID AGRICULTURAL WASTE IS HOSED DIRECTLY INTO THEM, AND THE SILT AND SOLID DEPOSITS ACCUMULATED OVER THE YEARS ARE NOW A MAJOR CAUSE OF FLOODING IN LOW LYING AREAS.

+THE PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED BY THE THOUGHTLESS DUMPING OF DOMESTIC RUBBISH INTO SLOWING-MOVING STREAMS,+ HE SAID.

HE CALLED ON THE PUBLIC FOR CO-OPERATION WITHOUT WHICH THE POLLUTION PROBLEM COULD NOT BE ELIMINATED.

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PROJECT TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A CIVIL ENGINEERING PROJECT FOR SHEUNG SHUI TREATMENT WORKS STAGE I, AT ORE HILL, SHEUNG SHUI.

WATER SUPPLY TO NORTHEASTERN NEW TERRITORIES IS AT PRESENT PROVIDED FROM THE TREATMENT WORKS AT TAI PO TAU.

DUE TO ON-GOING AND PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, DEMAND FOR WATER SUPPLY IS INCREASING.

THE NEW SCHEME AT SHEUNG SHUI WILL AUGMENT THE EXISTING SUPPLY SYSTEM TO MEET THIS GROWING DEMAND.

THE SCHEME COMPRISES THE TREATMENT WORKS AT ORE HILL, A SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TABLE HILL, SHEUNG SHUI, A PUMPING STATION AND ASSOCIATED WATER MAINS.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE TREATMENT WORKS WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 100 000 CUBIC METRES DAILY.

EXTENSION CAN BE MADE TO INCREASE THE ULTIMATE CAPACITY TO 240 000 CUBIC METRES DAILY.

TREATED WATER FROM THE WORKS WILL BE PUMPED TO THE PROPOSED SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TABLE HILL AS WELL AS TO THE EXISTING SERVICE RESERVOIR AT TONG HANG.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 24 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES COURSES

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MORE THAN \$370 000 WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND INTEREST-FREE LOANS THROUGH TWO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE FUNDS ARE THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND THE MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 393 CANTON ROAD IN KOWLOON. APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON JULY 8.

THE AWARDS ARE TENABLE AT A UNIVERSITY IN HONG KONG, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, OR AN ACCEPTABLE OVERSEAS INSTITUTION.

CANDIDATES SHOULD BE HONG KONG RESIDENTS, PREFERABLY UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE AND GENERALLY STUDENTS WHO MAY BE EXPECTED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO EITHER AGRICULTURAL OR FISHERIES INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG ON QUALIFICATION.

/THESE STUDENTS

THESE STUDENTS SHOULD NORMALLY STUDY COURSES WHICH MAY INCLUDE AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY SCIENCES, BOTANY, ZOOLOGY OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCES RELEVANT TO AGRICULTURE.

ALTERNATIVELY, THEY MAY STUDY SUCH SUBJECTS AS FISHERY BIOLOGY, MARINE BIOLOGY, FOOD TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT OR ADMINISTRATIVE STUDIES, MARINE ENGINEERING, NAVAL ARCHITECTURE OR ANY APPLIED SCIENCES CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT TO MARINE FISHERIES.

THE APPLICATIONS ARE ALSO OPEN TO PEOPLE WHO ARE EMPLOYED IN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AS WELL AS IN MARKETING INDUSTRIES, AND TO THEIR FAMILIES AND DEPENDENTS WHO WISH TO PURSUE FURTHER EDUCATION OR TRAINING IN ANY SUBJECT APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEE OF THE FUNDS.

SINCE THE TWO FUNDS WERE ESTABLISHED IN 1978, MORE THAN \$870 000 HAVE BEEN PAID TO STUDENTS TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR STUDIES.

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ADDITIONAL STOREYS FOR REHABILITATION CENTRE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED PLANS TO BUILD AN ADDITIONAL THREE STOREYS FOR THE MACLEHOSE MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT SANDY BAY.

THE DECISION TO EXPAND THE 150-BED REHABILITATION CENTRE HAS BEEN MADE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION THAT MORE SPACE WILL BE REQUIRED TO MEET FUTURE DEMANDS FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES.

THE TOTAL COST FOR THE PROJECT WILL BE IN THE REGION OF \$66 MILLION.

THE EXTRA FLOORS WILL PROVIDE SPACE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 50 BEDS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED WHEN THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL EXTENSION PROJECT IS COMPLETED IN 1987/88, AS THE CENTRE WILL ACCEPT ADULT PATIENTS PRIMARILY FROM THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE EXPANSION WILL ALSO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPACE FOR TRAINING FACILITIES FOR AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES IN TWO PARAMEDICAL GRADES (PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS) AS WELL AS ADDITIONAL MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF QUARTERS.

THE INTENTION IS TO PROVIDE THESE EXTRA STOREYS WITH STRUCTURAL AND EXTERNAL FINISHES ONLY.

THE FITTING-OUT AND EQUIPPING OF THE PREMISES WILL BE ASSESSED NEARER THE TIME WHEN THE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WILL BE REQUIRED.

/A SPOKESMAN

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THE DECISION TO APPROVE PLANS FOR THE ADDITIONAL THREE STOREYS WAS MADE BECAUSE IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICABLE AND COST-EFFECTIVE FOR THE EXTRA FLOORS TO BE COMPLETED AT THE SAME TIME AS THE REST OF THE CENTRE BY THE SAME CONTRACTOR.

IF THE EXTENSION WERE TO BE CARRIED OUT AT A LATER DATE IT WOULD CAUSE DISRUPTIONS TO THE CENTRE'S OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES, HE ADDED.

+ON COMPLETION NEXT YEAR, THE MACLEHOSE MEDICAL REHABILITATION CENTRE WILL PROVIDE VALUABLE SERVICES TO DISABLED PEOPLE WHO REQUIRE INTENSIVE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION.

+IT WILL ALSO SERVE AS A CLINICAL TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AS WELL AS PROVIDE TRAINING FACILITIES FOR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS AND OTHER PARAMEDICAL STAFF FROM THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CENTRE WILL HAVE A +REHABUS DEPOT+ -- THE FIRST OF ITS KIND WHICH WILL PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICING OF THE SOCIETY'S BUSES FOR HANDICAPPED PEOPLE.

IT WILL ALSO BE EQUIPPED WITH MANY UP-TO-DATE FACILITIES AND SERVICES DESIGNED TO HELP DISABLED PEOPLE RECOVER AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND TO ENABLE THEM TO BE REINTEGRATED INTO SOCIETY.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING HANDICAPPED PUPILS

A TOTAL OF 10 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO OUTSTANDING HANDICAPPED STUDENTS DURING THE 1983/84 SCHOOL YEAR.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS, EACH OF WHICH WILL AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$800, ARE DONATED BY THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG TO HANDICAPPED STUDENTS AS RECOGNITION OF THEIR PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE AWARD IS TO MAKE HANDICAPPED PUPILS REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION AND TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES AND POTENTIALS SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY AND SHARE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES.

NOMINEES FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS SHOULD PREFERABLY BE OVER 11 YEARS OF AGE BY SEPTEMBER 1, 1983, HONG KONG CITIZENS WHO HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND HANDICAPPED PUPILS IN SPECIAL OR ORDINARY SCHOOLS WHO HAVE COMPLETED ONE ACADEMIC YEAR IN THOSE SCHOOLS.

IN RESPONSE TO THE THEME +FRIENDSHIP - A WAY TO INTEGRATION+ CHOSEN BY THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN REHABILITATION THIS YEAR, DUE CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO PUPILS WHO HAVE RENDERED SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC AND HAVE INITIATED ATTEMPTS TOWARDS INTEGRATED ACTIVITIES WITH THE ABLE-BODIED.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY A SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE ISLAND JAYCEES, THE SHELL COMPANY OF HONG KONG LIMITED AND THE HONG KONG SPECIAL SCHOOLS COUNCIL.

NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SHELL/JAYCEES SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE AT THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 6 PERTH STREET, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON, BY JUNE 30.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE MADE TO THE CENTRE ON 3-7120432 OR 3-7600539.

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**MORE VACANCIES NOTIFIED BY EMPLOYERS
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THE NUMBER OF JOB VACANCIES NOTIFIED BY EMPLOYERS TO THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (LES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH (MAY) INCREASED BY 80 PER CENT OVER APRIL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A TOTAL OF 12 551 VACANCIES WERE NOTIFIED TO THE LES LAST MONTH, COMPARED WITH 6 974 VACANCIES IN APRIL.

THE MAY FIGURE ALSO REPRESENTED A 63 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE 7 688 VACANCIES IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

+MORE THAN ONE THIRD OF THE MAY FIGURE ARE SUMMER JOB VACANCIES, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF WHICH CAME FROM THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY,+ HE ADDED.

AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASE IN VACANCIES, THE LES ALSO RECORDED A 44 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL JOB PLACEMENTS LAST MONTH, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THAT MONTH, PLACEMENTS TOTALLED 3 477, COMPARED WITH 2 414 IN APRIL AND 3 156 IN MAY LAST YEAR.

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TAI PO AND KWAI CHUNG TO HOLD TREE PLANTING DAYS
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TWO MORE DISTRICTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- TAI PO AND KWAI CHUNG -- WILL HOLD THEIR TREE PLANTING DAYS ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 8).

THE TWO PLANTING DAYS ARE BEING ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS PART OF A SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, SOME 120 STUDENTS AND MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL PLANT 100 YOUNG EVERGREEN TREES AROUND THE PLOVER COVE ROAD MINI-SOCCER PITCH.

THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR PONG KIN-HONG, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG HON-KAU, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE EVENT WILL BE THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TAI PO, MR CHAN CHUN-YUEN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHEUNG WAI-LAM, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LAM PAK-PING.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE ROADSIDE OF KWAI SHING CIRCUIT NEXT TO KWAI SHING EAST ESTATE.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, ABOUT 100 EVERGREEN TREES WILL BE PLANTED BY ABOUT 100 SCHOOL CHILDREN AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

PRESIDING OVER THE TREE PLANTING CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR NGAI YAU-KEI, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF KWAI CHUNG, MR CHAN TAI-YIU.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TWO TREE PLANTING DAYS.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY WILL BE HELD AT THE PLOVER COVE ROAD MINI-SOCCER PITCH IN TAI PO AT 10.30 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 8).

THE KWAI CHUNG DISTRICT TREE PLANTING DAY WILL BE HELD ON THE ROADSIDE OF KWAI SHING CIRCUIT NEXT TO BLOCK 17, KWAI SHING EAST ESTATE, KWAI CHUNG, AT 3.30 PM THE SAME DAY.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON JUNE 13, THE MONDAY FOLLOWING THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY, THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

ON THAT DAY, 35 POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI, TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON.

THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY (JUNE 11) AND ON TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL (JUNE 15).

ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THESE TWO DAYS.

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