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JOINT UK/HK GOVERNMENT FUNDING SCHEME FOR STUDENTS

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THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH TODAY (SUNDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE JOINT FUNDING SCHEME FOR THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR WILL BE OPEN TO APPLICATION FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: "THE SCHEME IS JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG AND UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENTS TO HELP NEEDY HONG KONG STUDENTS MEET THE HIGH TUITION FEES CHARGED ON OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

"IT IS OPEN TO HONG KONG STUDENTS PURSUING FULL-TIME FIRST DEGREE OR HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES AT UNIVERSITIES, POLYTECHNICS AND MAINTAINED COLLEGES IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, SUBJECT TO THEIR HAVING RESIDED CONTINUOUSLY OR BEEN DOMICILED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST SEVEN YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO COURSE COMMENCEMENT.

"THE SCHEME IS MEANS-TESTED AND THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF ASSISTANCE IS THE DIFFERENCE OF TUITION FEES PAYABLE BY AN OVERSEAS STUDENT AND A BRITISH HOME STUDENT STUDYING THE SAME COURSE.

"FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS, BUT IF THE TOTAL REQUIREMENT EXCEEDS THE JOINT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS, THEN EACH SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT'S SHARE OF GRANT WOULD BE PROPORTIONATELY REDUCED, WITH THE BALANCE MADE UP BY AN INTEREST-FREE LOAN SOLELY FINANCED BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT."

FOR THE 1989-90 ACADEMIC YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AT QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOW BLOCK, GROUND FLOOR, 66 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING WITH THEM DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE OF THEIR HAVING BEEN ACCEPTED BY AN INSTITUTION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR ONE OF THE COURSES COVERED BY THE SCHEME (PROOF OF CONDITIONAL OFFER WILL BE ACCEPTABLE).

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO 5-8672741.

"STUDENTS ALREADY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS DIRECT FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS, OR FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE AT 6 GRAFTON STREET, LONDON W1X 3LB, ENGLAND (TELEPHONE NUMBER 01-499-9821)," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

/"COMPLETED APPLICATION

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"COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY HAND TO THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION FOR ON-COURSE STUDENTS IS JULY 1 AND THAT FOR NEW STUDENTS IS OCTOBER 2 THIS YEAR.

"TO MEET THE DEADLINE, ON-COURSE STUDENTS (THAT IS, THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY STARTED THEIR FIRST DEGREE OR HIGHER NATIONAL DIPLOMA COURSES IN UK) SHOULD NOT WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF THEIR ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS, BUT SHOULD APPLY FIRST ON THE STRENGTH OF AN ENDORSEMENT BY THEIR INSTITUTIONS THAT THEY WILL BE PROMOTED TO A HIGHER YEAR OF STUDIES IN 1989-90, SUBJECT TO SATISFACTORY EXAMINATION RESULTS.

"LIKEWISE, NEW STUDENTS INTENDING TO START THEIR COURSES IN 1989-90 SHOULD APPLY ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED ADMISSION BY AN INSTITUTION EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THE UNIVERSITIES CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ADMISSION (UCCA) OR POLYTECHNICS CENTRAL ADMISSIONS SYSTEM (PCAS), EVEN IF IT IS ONLY A CONDITIONAL OFFER."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINES SPECIFIED ABOVE BUT ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 1989 MIGHT BE ACCEPTED BUT WOULD BE PROCESSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTEREST-FREE LOANS ONLY.

"THESE WILL BE OFFERED SOLELY BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND SUBJECT TO THE SAME MEANS-TESTING CRITERIA," HE SAID.

"AS THE AMOUNT OF GRANT PAYABLE IN EACH CASE CAN ONLY BE DETERMINED AFTER ALL APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND PROCESSED, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT PAYMENT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CAN BE MADE BEFORE TERM COMMENCEMENT.

"STUDENTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO EXAMINE DISCREETLY THEIR OWN MEANS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO STUDY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND TO BE PREPARED TO PAY THE FULL TUITION FEES IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHILE AWAITING THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

"AFTER SUBMISSION OF HIS APPLICATION, EACH APPLICANT AND/OR AN ADULT MEMBER OF HIS HOUSEHOLD WHO KNOWS THE FAMILY'S CIRCUMSTANCES (PREFERABLY THE PERSON WHO DECLARES HIS APPLICATION) WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND AN INTERVIEW AT THE STUDENT FINANCE SECTION, EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TO CLARIFY THE VARIOUS PARTICULARS REPORTED IN THE APPLICATION."

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT INCORRECT OR INACCURATE INFORMATION WOULD NOT ONLY LEAD TO REJECTION OF AN APPLICATION BUT MAY ALSO GIVE RISE TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DECLARANT.

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EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS TO LIVESTOCK FARMERS TO BE SPEEDED UP

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LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN THE PRESENT CONTROL AREAS WHO HAVE ALREADY CEASED OPERATION FOR SOME TIME WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES WITHIN A FEW DAYS AFTER A PROPOSED NEW PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT IS IMPLEMENTED, ACCORDING TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LIVESTOCK WASTE DISPOSAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MR LEO KWAN, SAID THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE COMING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25).

MR KWAN SAID THE ADMINISTRATION HAD RECENTLY REVIEWED THE PAYMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES, FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS BY LIVESTOCK FARMERS IN CONTROL AREAS ABOUT DELAYS IN THE PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES TO FARMERS WHO HAD CEASED BUSINESS UNDER THE LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL SCHEME.

UNDER THE EXISTING PROCEDURE, LAND STATUS CHECKS ARE CARRIED OUT BEFORE PAYMENTS ARE MADE. OWING TO STAFF CONSTRAINTS, THERE HAVE BEEN DELAYS IN COMPLETING LAND STATUS CHECKS, WHICH IN TURN DELAYS THE PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES.

UNDER THE PROPOSED PROCEDURE, LAND STATUS CHECKS AND PAYMENT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES WILL BE CARRIED OUT SEPARATELY.

ACCORDING TO AN EPD SPOKESMAN, UPON CESSATION OF BUSINESS, FARMERS CAN BE PAID THE FULL AMOUNT OF EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES BETWEEN EIGHT TO 11 WEEKS IN THE NORMAL CASE, WITHOUT REGARD TO LAND STATUS AND WITHOUT HAVING TO WAIT FOR LAND STATUS CHECK.

THE NEW PROCEDURE WILL NOT CHANGE THE EXISTING POLICY THAT STRUCTURES ON GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE DEMOLISHED AFTER EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES ARE PAID. DEMOLITION WILL BE CARRIED OUT ONCE LAND STATUS CHECKS ARE COMPLETED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THOSE LIVESTOCK FARMERS WHO HAD NOT YET BEEN PAID AN OUTSTANDING 25 PER CENT OF THE EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES WOULD ALSO BE PAID SOON AFTER THE NEW PROCEDURE WAS ADOPTED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY APRIL 25 IN THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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1,720 ARRESTED IN 4,781 PAIDS IN MARCH
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SUSTAINED POLICE ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE ACTIVITIES LED TO THE ARREST OF 1,720 PEOPLE IN 4,781 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY LAST MONTH.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE MONTH, 259 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 971 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 1,093 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 3,461 RAIDS IN KOWLOON, AND 342 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 311 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS ALSO CARRIED OUT 38 OPERATIONS AND ARRESTED 26 PEOPLE.

IN THEIR ONGOING ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, POLICE ARRESTED 840 PEOPLE IN 1,104 RAIDS LAST MONTH. THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 11.64 KILOGRAMS OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 250 GRAMS OF NO. 4 HEROIN, 1 KILOGRAM OF OPIUM AND 60 GRAMS OF CANNABIS.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE ARRESTED 741 PEOPLE IN 139 RAIDS, SEIZING TABLE MONEY AMOUNTING TO \$194,000 AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$1.4 MILLION.

POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT 3,538 OPERATIONS AGAINST VICE ESTABLISHMENTS IN MARCH, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 139 PEOPLE AND THE SEIZURE OF 234 OBJECTIONABLE MAGAZINES AND 196 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES.

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HOME-BASED TEACHING PACKAGE FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
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A TEACHING KIT ON HOME-BASED TRAINING FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL HANDICAP HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, JOINTLY WITH ACADEMICS AND EXPERTS FROM THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE SECTOR.

THE HOME-BASED TEACHING PACKAGE (HBTP) IS THE FIRST EVER PRODUCED FOR THE TRAINING OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS IN THE TERRITORY.

IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO FILL A TEMPORARY TRAINING NEED CAUSED BY A SHORTFALL IN POST-SCHOOL PLACEMENTS AND IS LARGELY AIMED AT PEOPLE WITH MODERATE MENTAL HANDICAP.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT THREE HOME-BASED TEAMS, EACH SERVING 80 CLIENTS, OPERATED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, DESCRIBED THE HBTP AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS BETTER COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

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SHE SAID IN THE FOREWORD OF THE TEACHING KIT: "GIVEN APPROPRIATE TRAINING, PATIENCE AND TIME, MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS CAN BE ASSISTED TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL TO THE FULLEST EXTENT TO ENABLE THEM TO LIVE AS INDEPENDENTLY AS THEIR DISABILITIES PERMIT.

"WITH ADEQUATE ENCOURAGEMENT AND RECOGNITION FROM PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, PERSONS WITH MENTAL HANDICAP MAY HAVE THE CHANCE TO EMERGE FROM THE PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT AND LIVE AS NORMAL PERSONS IN A SOCIETY THAT ACCEPTS THEM AS THEY ARE AND TO SHARE WITH ALL OF US A MEANINGFUL AND ENJOYABLE LIFE."

MRS WONG SAID THE HBTP WOULD NOT ONLY ASSIST TRAINED AND NON-TRAINED PERSONNEL TO PLAN AND PROVIDE EFFECTIVE INDIVIDUAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND RELATED ASSESSMENTS, BUT WOULD ALSO HELP TO INVOLVE PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS IN SUCH TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND ASSESSMENTS SO THAT WHATEVER IMPROVEMENT ACHIEVED BY THE TRAINEES COULD BE SHARED BY ALL CONCERNED, TEACHERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ALIKE.

MEANWHILE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON HOME-BASED TRAINING PROGRAMME, MISS ESTHER HO, SAID THE HBTP WAS ONE OF THE INTERIM SERVICES AVAILABLE TO THOSE PERSONS WITH MENTAL HANDICAP AWAITING PLACEMENTS FOR DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES AND SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

IT WAS ENDORSED BY THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE LAST YEAR.

THE FIVE-PART TEACHING PACKAGE IS WRITTEN IN SIMPLE TERMS FOR THE INTEREST OF HOME-BASED TEAM STAFF, AND PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

IT COMPRISES A MANUAL ON HOW TO DESIGN TRAINING PROGRAMMES ACCORDING TO INDIVIDUAL NEEDS, TRAINING TECHNIQUE, DOMESTIC AND COMMUNITY LIVING SKILLS, SOCIAL/INTERPERSONAL AND RECREATIONAL SKILLS, GUIDELINES FOR WORKING WITH PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT AND EVALUATION.

MISS HO HOPED THAT THIS COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE WOULD SERVE AS USEFUL GUIDELINES AND ENABLE THE STAFF OF THE HOME-BASED TEAMS TO CARRY OUT EFFECTIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE BENEFIT OF PERSONS WITH MENTAL HANDICAP.

COPIES OF THE HBTP ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED TO RELATED STAFF IN THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOPS WILL BE ORGANISED FOR HOME-BASED TEAM STAFF LATER THIS MONTH.

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MENTAL PATIENTS NEED FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT
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THE CONCERN AND SUPPORT FROM FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY IS VITAL TO THE REHABILITATION OF MENTAL PATIENTS, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CARNIVAL AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT UNCOMMON FOR PEOPLE TO BE FACING STRESS, EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS, OR EVEN TO BECOME MENTALLY UNBALANCED.

HE SAID MENTAL ILLNESS WAS CURABLE. HOWEVER, APART FROM MEDICAL TREATMENT, MENTAL PATIENTS ALSO REQUIRED THE CONCERN AND ASSISTANCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY.

MR LAW URGED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO SHOW SYMPATHY AND ACCEPT MENTAL PATIENTS, SO THAT THEY COULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE COMMUNITY.

HE ALSO REMINDED RESIDENTS THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN SOUND MENTAL HEALTH, THEY MUST SEEK TO REDUCE STRESS.

FINALLY, MR LAW COMMENDED THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY EDUCATION ON MENTAL HEALTH FOR ITS EFFORTS IN PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION.

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TRAINING FACILITIES TO BE HOUSED UNDER ONE ROOF
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WITH THE COMPLETION OF A 19-STOREY BUILDING NEXT YEAR, THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND ITS TRAINING FACILITIES NOW ACCOMMODATED IN RENTED PREMISES WILL BE HOUSED UNDER ONE ROOF.

THE \$138 MILLION VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TOWER NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION WOULD BECOME A LANDMARK IN THE CENTRE OF WAN CHAI, A VTC SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT WILL HAVE A FLOOR AREA OF 15,000 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 10,000 SQUARE METRES WILL BE FOR OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

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"THE LOWER SEVEN FLOORS OF THE BUILDING WILL BECOME PART OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, OFFERING MUCH IMPROVED TEACHING FACILITIES AND STUDENT AMENITIES TO THE INSTITUTE.

"THE REMAINING UPPER FLOORS WILL HOUSE THE COUNCIL'S HEADQUARTERS, THE BANKING TRAINING CENTRE, THE ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING TRAINING CENTRE, THE INSURANCE TRAINING CENTRE, THE MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT CENTRE OF HONG KONG AND A NEW WHOLESALE/RETAIL, IMPORT/EXPORT TRAINING CENTRE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25) TO MARK THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING. THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, MR RON BRIDGE, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VTC, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE VTC TOWER AT 25-27 WOOD ROAD, WAN CHAI WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11.30 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25). PLEASE USE THE ENTRANCE OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 6 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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VIEWS SOUGHT ON DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT GUIDELINES

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A CONSULTATIVE PAPER HAS BEEN PUBLISHED TO SOLICIT PUBLIC VIEWS ON PROPOSALS TO REMEDY "UNFAIR" PROVISIONS IN DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT (DMC'S) OF PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ENTERED INTO BEFORE DECEMBER 1987.

COPIES IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE ARE FREELY AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE CONSULTATION PERIOD HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MAY 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE PROPOSALS WERE MADE FOLLOWING DETAILED DELIBERATIONS BY A GOVERNMENT WORKING GROUP IN APRIL 1987 TO EXAMINE WAYS TO RECTIFY DEFICIENCIES IN DMC'S.

THE GROUP FOUND THAT CERTAIN EXISTING DMC'S CONTAINED PROVISIONS UNFAIR TO SMALL FLAT OWNERS AND RECOMMENDED THAT OWNERS CURRENTLY BOUND BY THESE PROVISIONS SHOULD BE GRANTED RELIEF, HE ADDED.

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HE EXPLAINED THAT A DMC IS PREPARED BY SOLICITORS APPOINTED BY THE DEVELOPER AND ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE DEVELOPER AND THE FIRST PURCHASER.

ASSIGNMENT OF THE UNITS IN THE DEVELOPMENT TO SUBSEQUENT PURCHASERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE BENEFIT AND BURDEN OF THE DMC. FOR THIS REASON, THE PURCHASER HAS NO REAL FREEDOM TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE DEED.

"THIS SITUATION CAN BE OPEN TO ABUSE BY SOME DEVELOPERS WISHING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE PROVISIONS OF THE DEED UNFAIRLY FAVOURING THEM AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PURCHASERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION HAD LED TO THE INTRODUCTION ON DECEMBER 1, 1987 OF SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE DRAFTING OF NEW DMC'S.

THE GUIDELINES WERE DRAWN UP BY THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LAW SOCIETY AND THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THESE WERE AIMED AT STRIKING A FAIR BALANCE BETWEEN THE RIGHTS OF DEVELOPERS AND THOSE OF THE PURCHASERS.

AS FROM DECEMBER 1, 1987, SOLICITORS HAVE HAD TO FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES IN DRAWING UP NEW DMC'S.

AS FOR DMC'S ENTERED INTO BEFORE THAT DATE, THE WORKING GROUP HAS SUGGESTED THAT OWNERS OF ALL RESIDENTIAL FLATS CURRENTLY BOUND BY UNFAIR AND OPPRESSIVE CLAUSES BE GRANTED RELIEF THROUGH THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION CONTAINING A CODE OF FAIR CLAUSES MODELLED ON THE EXISTING GUIDELINES.

THE PROPOSED CODE PROVIDES FOR, AMONG OTHER THINGS, A PROCEDURE FOR THE TERMINATION OF A MANAGER'S SERVICE AFTER TWO YEARS FROM THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE ENABLING LEGISLATION, A FAIR WAY OF SHARING MANAGEMENT EXPENSES, THE KEEPING OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS AND PREPARATION OF ANNUAL BUDGETS BY THE MANAGER, A DETAILED INTERPRETATION AS WELL AS THE USE OF COMMON PARTS.

"THE LEGISLATION WOULD PROVIDE THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT EXISTING DMC PROVISIONS CONTRAVENE THE CODE, THEY WILL BE SUPERSEDED, AND THAT TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY OMIT OBLIGATIONS SPELT OUT IN THE CODE, THEY ARE TO BE SUPPLEMENTED ACCORDINGLY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE WORKING GROUP DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS WOULD CONSTITUTE AN UNJUSTIFIABLE INTERFERENCE WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF ANY REAL FREEDOM TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THE DMC'S IN THE FIRST INSTANCE," HE SAID.

FOR THE SAME REASON, THE WORKING GROUP DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THIS PROPOSED RELIEF WOULD GIVE RISE TO ANY JUSTIFIABLE CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION, HE ADDED.

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THE WORKING GROUP CONSIDERS THAT A MAJOR DEFICIENCY IN SOME EXISTING DMC'S IS THAT DEVELOPERS OFTEN RESERVE EXCESSIVE RIGHTS FOR THEMSELVES. THESE INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO USE COMMON AREAS AND THE POWER TO APPOINT MANAGERS OF THE BUILDING.

OTHER MAJOR DEFICIENCIES INCLUDE UNFAIR RECOVERY OF EXPENSES AND MANAGERS BEING GIVEN OVERWHELMING POWERS.

THE CONSULTATIVE PAPER GIVES THE BACKGROUND TO THE ISSUE AND DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS.

THE VIEWS OF THE NEWLY FORMED ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, DISTRICT BOARDS AND OTHER INTERESTED BODIES SUCH AS THE LEGAL PROFESSIONS, PROFESSIONAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT INSTITUTES, THE REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS' ASSOCIATIONS ARE BEING SOUGHT.

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YUEN LONG CELEBRATES TIN HAU FESTIVAL

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COLOURFUL CELEBRATIONS, HIGHLIGHTED BY A GRAND PROCESSION, WILL BE HELD IN YUEN LONG ON FRIDAY (APRIL 28) TO MARK THE TIN HAU SEA GODDESS FESTIVAL.

THE ANNUAL PROCESSION, FIRST HELD IN 1963, IS ORGANISED BY THE SHAP PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE AND ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE FROM 16 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WILL TAKE PART.

THE PROCESSION WILL COMPRISE DRAGONS, LIONS, UNICORNS, FLOATS, CHIU CHOW GONGS AND DRUMS, AND CHINESE FOLK DANCES. A NEW ADDITION TO THIS YEAR'S PARADE IS A TRADITIONAL CHINESE PAPER CRAFT IN THE SHAPE OF A FISH HEAD.

THE PROCESSION WILL SET OFF FROM THE OLD BUS TERMINUS AT FUNG KAM STREET IN YUEN LONG TOWN EAST AT 10.30 AM. IT WILL WIND ALONG HOP YICK, TAI TONG, KAU YUK AND TAI YUK ROADS BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE YUEN LONG STADIUM FOR A FINALE.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, WILL BE THE GUEST OF HONOUR TO OFFICIATE AT THE FINAL CELEBRATIONS TO BE HELD IN THE YUEN LONG STADIUM AT 11 AM.

THE CEREMONIES AND PERFORMANCES IN THE STADIUM WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE 1 PM.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE FESTIVAL, A TRADITIONAL "FA PAU" LOTTERY WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT TAI SHU HA, SHAP PAK HEUNG, AT 2.30 PM.

/THE YUEN

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBIN IP, WILL PERFORM A PRESS-BUTTON CEREMONY TO IGNITE A "MINI-FIREWORKS" DISPLAY BY THE QUEEN'S GURHKA ENGINEERS.

THE FESTIVAL HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO BOAT PEOPLE WHO PRAY TO THE SEA GODDESS FOR FAIR WEATHER AND GOOD TIDINGS ALL YEAR ROUND.

IT IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS FOR YUEN LONG PEOPLE, DATING BACK TO THE 17TH CENTURY WHEN THE DISTRICT WAS A COASTAL FISHING VILLAGE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL PROCESSION WHICH BEGINS AT 10.30 AM IN YUEN LONG ON FRIDAY (APRIL 28).

PRESS BADGES FOR THE EVENT ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE NEWS AND PUBLICITY DIVISION OF THE CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 12TH FLOOR, WORLD SHIPPING CENTRE, 7 CANTON ROAD, HARBOUR CITY, TSIM SHA TSUI.

PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH ORGANISATION IS ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE BADGE.

TWO GOVERNMENT VANS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9 AM ON FRIDAY TO TAKE PRESS MEMBERS TO YUEN LONG. SEATS WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

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SPECIAL FERRY SERVICES FOR TIN HAU WORSHIPPERS

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MORE THAN 60,000 WORSHIPPERS AND SIGHTSEERS ARE EXPECTED TO FLOCK TO THE TIN HAU TEMPLE AT JOSS HOUSE BAY, SAI KUNG, ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY (APRIL 27 AND 28) TO CELEBRATE THE ANNUAL TIN HAU (SEA GODDESS) FESTIVAL.

IN VIEW OF THE ANTICIPATED LARGE CROWD, A SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN URGED WORSHIPPERS TO MAKE GOOD USE OF SEA TRANSPORT.

HE SAID THE PARKING SPACES OUTSIDE THE CLEAR WATER BAY GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB WILL BE RESERVED FOR GOVERNMENT VEHICLES. WORSHIPPERS SHOULD MAKE USE OF FERRY SERVICES TO GO TO THE TIN HAU TEMPLE.

THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY WILL ARRANGE SPECIAL SERVICES BETWEEN NORTH POINT FERRY PIER AND JOSS HOUSE BAY.

THE FIRST FERRY WILL LEAVE NORTH POINT AT 10.30 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 27) AND THE LAST FERRY FROM JOSS HOUSE BAY WILL LEAVE AT 4 PM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 28). THE FREQUENCY OF THE SERVICES WILL RANGE FROM 45 MINUTES TO ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED WORSHIPPERS THAT THEY SHOULD TAKE SPECIAL CARE TO REDUCE FIRE RISKS.

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THE BURNING OF PAPER OFFERINGS AND BRINGING MORE THAN THREE BURNING JOSS STICKS INTO THE TEMPLE WILL BE PROHIBITED. HOWEVER, SUFFICIENT INCINERATORS WILL BE PROVIDED OUTSIDE THE TEMPLE TO HOLD BURNING PAPER AND JOSS STICKS.

THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL ARRANGE FOR GRASS-CUTTING IN THE AREA TO MINIMISE FIRE RISKS NEAR THE FERRY PIER AND THE ROUTES TO THE TEMPLE.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO PROVIDE LITTER BINS FOR THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE AND INCENSE ASH AT APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS. TEMPORARY LATRINES WILL ALSO BE SET UP.

ADEQUATE POLICE AND MEDICAL FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SCENE. SUPPLEMENTARY AMBULANCE SERVICES WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE SAI KUNG FIRE STATION.

THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO ADVISED NOT TO USE LOUDHAILERS OR BROADCAST TAPES WITHIN THE TEMPLE AREA.

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SEMINAR ON LIBERALISATION OF VR CENTRE

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A SEMINAR WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 26) ON THE LIBERALISATION OF THE SHAM SHUI PO VIETNAMESE REFUGEES CLOSED CENTRE.

THE EVENT, BEGINNING AT 8 PM AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

ATTENDING THE SEMINAR WILL BE THREE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS OF A WORKING GROUP ON THE ISSUE AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SECURITY BRANCH, CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, POLICE, UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND THREE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PROVIDING SERVICES AT THE CENTRE.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO ALL OWNERS CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DISTRICT, INVITING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR.

THIS IS THE SECOND SEMINAR ON THE SUBJECT ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP. THE FIRST ONE WAS HELD IN FEBRUARY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 26) AT THE SHEK KIP MEI COMMUNITY HALL, BLOCK 42, SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE.

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RESITING OF NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL ON DB AGENDA

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MEMBERS OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF RESITING NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL TO THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25).

CONDUCTING THE BRIEFING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE, MR J.H. BAMFORTH; THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HOSPITAL, DR RAYMOND CHEN CHUNG-I; AND THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER (NEW TERRITORIES EAST) OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, DR LEUNG NIM-NO.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA NEAR WANG FUK COURT OF KWONG FUK ESTATE FOR ACCOMMODATING RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY CLEARANCES.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINTS, MR ARTHUR GARCIA, WILL EXPLAIN THE WORK OF HIS OFFICE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PROVISIONAL ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AND THE WORK PLAN OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION'S NEW TERRITORIES EAST REGIONAL OFFICE FOR 1989-90.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DB SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152 KWONG FUK ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS EXPENDITURES

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THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE FOR 1989-90 AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25).

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED \$3.43 MILLION TO THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD FOR IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1989-90.

THE FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL APPORTION THE FUNDS AMONG THE SIX COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO AREA COMMITTEES IN 1989-90 AND THE REVISED GUIDELINES ON THE USE OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE STATEMENTS OF EXPENDITURE OF THE COMMITTEE AND SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S FINANCE AND GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ALLOCATION OF DB FUNDS

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MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED BUDGET OF FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE BOARD.

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1989-90, A TOTAL OF \$100,000 DB FUNDS IS ALLOCATED TO THE COMMITTEE, REPRESENTING A 33 PER CENT INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

IT IS PROPOSED THAT PART OF THE SUM BE SET ASIDE FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO ORGANISE SOCIAL SERVICES PROJECTS AND THE REMAINDER BE USED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS FOR YOUTHS, ELDERLY PEOPLE AND FACTORY WORKERS, AS WELL AS A SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD SCHEME.

IN ADDITION, THE MEETING WILL CONSIDER A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM LOCAL BODIES FOR PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AND FACTORY WORKERS.

OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS INCLUDE A PAPER ON THE SOCIAL SERVICES ISSUES RAISED AT A RECENT "SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETS AREA COMMITTEES" SEMINAR AND A REPORT OF A SURVEY ON LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF YOUTHS IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE, NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 2.30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DISCUSSIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS FROM LOCAL BODIES AT THE LATTER HALF OF THE MEETING, ARE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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ROLE OF MAC'S EMPHASISED

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THE DISTRICT OFFICE ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE ROLE OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S) WHICH SERVE AS A VITAL LINK BETWEEN THE OFFICE AND RESIDENTS, THE ACTING NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TIM MILNES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR MILNES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TIN CHEUNG HOUSE MAC OFFICE PREMISES IN TING PING ESATE, SHEUNG SHUI.

"APART FROM FOSTERING A SENSE OF NEIGHBOURLINESS, MAC'S HAVE DONE WELL IN IMPROVING THE SECURITY, CLEANLINESS AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR BUIDLINGS.

"THEY ARE ALSO INSTRUMENTAL IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST TO RESIDENTS AND ARE AN IMPORTANT CHANNEL FOR TAPPING PUBLIC VIEWS NOT ONLY ON LOCAL ISSUES BUT ALSO ON GOVERNMENT POLICIES," HE SAID.

MR MILNES ADDED THAT THE DISTRICT OFFICE WOULD CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN THE FORMATION OF NEW MAC'S IN TIN PING ESTATE PHASE II AND TAI PING ESTATE IN SHEUNG SHUI, AND IN WAH MING ESTATE, FANLING.

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MORE STAFF RELATIONS COURSES IN THE PIPELINE

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL OFFER MORE COURSES ON STAFF RELATIONS MANAGEMENT IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AS PART OF ITS CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO PROMOTE HARMONIOUS LABOUR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS.

THE COURSES ARE INTENDED FOR JUNIOR AND MIDDLE-LEVEL SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS, PERSONNEL OFFICERS, OFFICERS OF TRADE UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATIONS, AND EMPLOYERS OF SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES.

SIMILAR COURSES WERE ORGANISED FOR MORE THAN 200 SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS LAST YEAR, AND THOSE SCHEDULED UNTIL MAY THIS YEAR HAVE ALSO BEEN FULLY ENROLLED.

"IN VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE, WE HAVE DECIDED TO OPEN FIVE MORE CLASSES BETWEEN JUNE AND AUGUST," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THE COURSES WILL FOCUS ON PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT AND HUMAN RELATIONS KNOWLEDGE RELATING TO THE ROLE OF SUPERVISORS.

"TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION, LEADERSHIP TRAINING, MOTIVATION AND MORALE, DISCIPLINE AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT, GRIEVANCE AND COMPLAINT HANDLING AND CASE STUDY."

THE THREE-DAY COURSES WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CANTONESE, AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

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APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AND AN ENROLMENT FEE OF \$140 WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH COURSE.

ENROLMENT LEAFLETS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523511.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY IN TSING FUNG STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF TSING FUNG STREET IN NORTH POINT FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ELECTRIC ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 50 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS FOR ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SHUN TAI ROAD, CHAI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT SHUN TAI ROAD IN CHAI WAN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC INTERMITTENTLY FROM ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT TO 5 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 25) TO FACILITATE FLYOVER WORKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, SHUN TAI ROAD WILL BE OPENED AT 15-MINUTE INTERVALS, BUT WILL BE OPENED IMMEDIATELY FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES.

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YOUTHS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN ACAN VOLUNTEER GROUP

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ENTHUSIASTIC AND RESOURCEFUL YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO JOIN IN AND HELP FIGHT THE DRUG PROBLEM IN HONG KONG ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR THE ACAN VOLUNTEER GROUP BEFORE THE CLOSING DATE ON FRIDAY (APRIL 28).

THE RECRUITMENT IS AIMED AT RECRUITING YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 28, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE GROUP OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS IS LOOKING FOR SUITABLE AND MOTIVATED PEOPLE WITH THE MINIMUM EDUCATION STANDARD OF FORM 5.

HE SAID THE FUNCTIONS OF THE GROUP WERE TO INITIATE AND LAUNCH VARIOUS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROJECTS AS WELL AS TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING CAMPAIGNS ORGANISED BY ACAN.

"SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1981, THE VOLUNTEER GROUP HAS FULFILLED THE OBJECTIVES IN TRAINING AND ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE AND DIRECT PARTICIPATION ON THE ANTI-NARCOTICS FRONT.

"THROUGH THEIR PARTICIPATION IN ACAN'S COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES AND SELF-INITIATED PROJECTS, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS A WORTHY SOCIAL CAUSE IN SPREADING THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE PROJECTS SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED BY THE GROUP IN 1988-89 INCLUDED A JOINT SCHOOL ANTI-DRUG EXHIBITION AND A RUN-THE-STAIRS RACE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES; THE OFFICES OF THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE, GROUND FLOOR, 10 SAI YUEN LANE, SAI YING PUN OR AT ROOM 409 OF TUNG PING BUILDING, 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, MONG KOK; OR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ON THE 23RD FLOOR OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 66 QUEENSWAY.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS, APPLICANTS CAN CONTACT THE DIVISION ON 5-8672762.

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