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DRAFT WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN PUBLISHED

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED THE PUBLICATION TODAY (THURSDAY) OF A DRAFT WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR HONG KONG AND INVITED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PLANS FOR WASTE DISPOSAL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON, THE ACTING DEPUTY SECRETARY (ENVIRONMENT) FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR ANTHONY COOPER, SAID THE DRAFT PLAN COMPREHENSIVELY EXPLAINED EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTES.

HE OUTLINED THE GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE ADEQUACY OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH THE STRUCTURED DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

"THE DRAFT PLAN DETAILS DEVELOPMENTS THAT WILL ENSURE THAT THE 30,000 TONNES OF SOLID AND SEMI-SOLID WASTES THAT WE PREDICT WILL BE GENERATED DAILY IN THE YEAR 2001 WILL BE DISPOSED OF IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE AND COST EFFECTIVE MANNER," MR COOPER SAID.

THE DRAFT PLAN, WHICH HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE, HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE ALSO BEEN BRIEFED ON THE DRAFT PLAN, AND HAVE BEEN INVITED TO FORWARD THEIR VIEWS DURING THE CONSULTATION PERIOD.

FOLLOWING THE PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION, THE DRAFT PLAN WILL BE REVISED IN THE LIGHT OF COMMENTS RECEIVED BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

MR COOPER SAID THAT UNDER THE NEW WASTE DISPOSAL STRATEGY, THREE VERY LARGE LANDFILLS ARE BEING DEVELOPED IN REMOTER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

REFUSE COLLECTION VEHICLES WILL DELIVER WASTE TO A NETWORK OF REFUSE TRANSFER STATIONS WHERE IT WILL BE COMPACTED FOR BULK SHIPMENT TO THE LANDFILL SITES.

THESE FACILITIES WILL OPERATE TO THE HIGHEST WORLDWIDE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS, AND WILL ENABLE THE ENVIRONMENTALLY UNACCEPTABLE URBAN INCINERATORS TO BE PHASED OUT.

"THE GOVERNMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER CLOSELY TO ENSURE THAT ALL THE PROCESSES IN THE WASTE DISPOSAL CHAIN, FROM INITIAL COLLECTION TO THE POINT OF FINAL DISPOSAL, ARE PERFORMED TO THE HIGHEST PRACTICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS," MR COOPER STRESSED.

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A NUMBER OF WASTE CONSOLIDATION AND COMPOSTING PLANTS ARE PLANNED FOR VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO TREAT LIVESTOCK WASTE. A CENTRALISED INCINERATION FACILITY IS PLANNED WHICH WILL DISPOSE OF ANIMAL CARCASSES, AS WELL AS DIFFICULT WASTES AND CLINICAL WASTES.

"A CHEMICAL WASTE TREATMENT CENTRE WILL BE BUILT ON SOUTH TSING YI. THIS WILL TREAT MOST OF THE 100,000 TONNES OF CHEMICAL WASTE PRODUCED EACH YEAR.

"A COMPLEMENTARY SET OF CHEMICAL WASTE REGULATIONS, DESIGNED TO CONTROL THIS PROBLEM, IS BEING DRAFTED," HE SAID.

THE DRAFT PLAN INCLUDES PROPOSALS FOR A LICENSING SYSTEM AND A SCHEME OF CONTROL FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF DIFFICULT AND CHEMICAL WASTES.

"THE LICENSING SYSTEM IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT ALL MAJOR TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES ARE OPERATED IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MANNER," MR COOPER EXPLAINED.

THE DOCUMENT OUTLINES A STRATEGY FOR PROMOTING WASTE MINIMISATION AND RESOURCE RECOVERY. THIS INCLUDES THE ROLE THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS TO PLAY, THE BENEFITS OF CONSTRUCTIVE CHARGING POLICIES AND THE NEED FOR MORE EFFECTIVE LEGISLATIVE CONTROLS.

COPIES OF THE DRAFT PLAN WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, AND THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

THEY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 28TH FLOOR, SOUTHORN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG, AND ITS BRANCH OFFICE AT 11TH FLOOR, EMPIRE CENTRE, 68 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON.

UNDER SECTION 4 OF THE WASTE DISPOSAL ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WISHING TO COMMENT ON THE DRAFT PLAN SHOULD DO SO IN WRITING WITHIN 45 DAYS OF ITS PUBLICATION.

"WE WELCOME ANY COMMENTS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY HAVE REGARDING THE DRAFT PLAN. THESE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BY SEPTEMBER 18, 1989, WHEN THE CONSULTATION PERIOD ENDS," MR COOPER SAID.

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## APPROVAL GIVEN TO IMPORT 2,323 SKILLED WORKERS

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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT APPROVAL HAD BEEN GIVEN TO IMPORT 2,323 SKILLED WORKERS FROM OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

ANNOUNCING THE RESULTS, THE DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD TSANG, WHO HEADS THE GOVERNMENT STEERING GROUP ON IMPORTATION OF SKILLED LABOUR, SAID THAT AMONG THE 2,323 WORKERS APPROVED, 846 WILL GO TO CONSTRUCTION WORK SITES, 401 TO MACHINE SHOPS AND 299 TO THE ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

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"OF THE 2,323 PROPOSED FOR IMPORTATION TO HONG KONG BY EMPLOYERS, AOBUT THREE QUARTERS ARE LIKELY TO COME FROM CHINA. OTHER MAJOR SOURCES INCLUDE THE PHILIPPINES AND THAILAND," HE ADDED.

"EMPLOYERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULT OF THEIR APPLICATION BY AUGUST 15. THOSE WHO DO NOT RECEIVE A REPLY BY THEN SHOULD CONTACT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT," MR TSANG SAID.

"EMPLOYERS WHOSE APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL WILL BE GIVEN TWO MONTHS TO RECRUIT WORKERS AND TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR VISAS. STANDARD CONTRACTS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FREE AT THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE USED," HE SAID.

MR TSANG STRESSED THAT ENTRY VISAS FOR SKILLED WORKERS WOULD ONLY BE GRANTED ON THE BASIS OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS NOT EXCEEDING TWO YEARS, AND THAT RENEWAL OF CONTRACTS WOULD NOT NORMALLY BE APPROVED.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE STEERING GROUP HAD VETTED ALL APPLICATIONS STRICTLY AGAINST THE PUBLISHED CRITERIA. THOSE APPLICATIONS WHICH WERE NOT APPROVED HAD FAILED TO MEET THE CRITERIA LAID DOWN.

"THEY COULD NOT BE APPROVED BECAUSE ACCORDING TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE EMPLOYERS THE JOBS TO BE PERFORMED ARE SEMI-SKILLED OR UNSKILLED; EMPLOYERS ARE UNWILLING TO PAY MARKET WAGES; OR THE PROPOSED NUMBER OF IMPORTED WORKERS EXCEEDS 20 PER CENT OF A COMPANY'S LOCAL LABOUR FORCE AT THE SAME SKILL."

THE STEERING GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME AND ITS EFFECT ON THE ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY.

"THE GROUP WILL REVIEW THE SCHEME LATER THIS YEAR IN THE LIGHT OF THE TAKE-UP RATE OF THE QUOTA APPROVED AND THE ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION AT THAT TIME," MR TSANG SAID.

"THE PRESENT SCHEME OF IMPORTATION OF LABOUR AIMS AT GETTING SKILLED LABOUR AT SUPERVISOR, TECHNICIAN AND CRAFTSMAN LEVELS.

"THERE ARE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS ALLOWING IMPORTATION OF WORKERS POSSESSING HIGHER SKILLS SUCH AS TECHNOLOGISTS AND PROFESSIONALS.

"THESE ARRANGEMENTS WILL CONTINUE UNDER CURRENT POLICY AND THE NUMBERS TO BE ADMITTED AT THE TECHNOLOGIST OR PROFESSIONAL LEVEL ARE NOT RESTRICTED," MR TSANG CONCLUDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR TSANG WILL BRIEF MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ON THE RESULTS OF THE SCHEME TO ALLOW THE IMPORTATION OF SKILLED LABOUR AT 4 PM TODAY (THURSDAY) IN ROOM 442, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

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## Importation of Skilled Labour

## Breakdown of Applications by Industries

| Industry | No. of workers proposed to be Imported | Number not Approved | Number Approved |
|---|---|---|---|
| Construction | 2602 | 1756 | 846 |
| Machine Shop | 751 | 350 | 401 |
| Electrical & Electronics | 677 | 378 | 299 |
| Hotel, Catering, Tourist | 1459 | 1240 | 219 |
| Automobile | 263 | 49 | 214 |
| Printing | 159 | 88 | 71 |
| Jewellery | 222 | 171 | 51 |
| Clothing | 921 | 877 | 44 |
| Wholesale, Retail, Import & Export | 351 | 309 | 42 |
| Plastics | 117 | 82 | 35 |
| Transport | 40 | 14 | 26 |
| Furniture | 28 | 12 | 16 |
| Textile | 189 | 177 | 12 |
| Shipbuilding & repairing | 155 | 152 | 3 |
| Footwear | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Banking | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Insurance | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Others | 536 | 494 | 42 |
| | 8479 | 6156 | 2323 |

/UNSUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS.....

Unsuccessful Applications

| Unsuccessful Application | No. of Workers Involved |
|---|---|
| Filling unskilled or semi-skilled jobs | 3292 |
| Employers refusing to offer market wage | 1163 |
| Numbers imported in excess of 20% local workers of the same skill in the company | 1543 |
| Applications withdrawn | 158 |
| Total | 6156 |

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TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR OPERATORS OF STEEL FISHING VESSELS

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING FISHERMEN TO ENROL IN THE FIRST TRAINING COURSE DESIGNED TO QUALIFY FISHERMEN FOR SEA-GOING OPERATION ON NEWLY INTRODUCED STEEL-HULL FISHING VESSELS.

THE COURSE, THE "SEA-GOING ENDORSEMENT COURSE FOR FISHING VESSEL MASTER", IS ONE OF THE TWO TRAINING PROGRAMMES FORMULATED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE LOCAL FISHING FLEET.

HOLDERS OF LOCAL "FISHING VESSEL MASTER CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY", WITH SIX MONTHS' SEA-GOING EXPERIENCE, ARE ELIGIBLE TO ENROL, ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

ENROLMENT CAN BE MADE EITHER BY TELEPHONING THE DEPARTMENT'S CAPTURE FISHERIES DIVISION ON 5-520171, EXT. 25, OR BY CONTACTING ANY LIAISON OFFICE OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION.

ANNOUNCING THIS AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (THURSDAY), THE DEPARTMENT'S FISHERIES OFFICER (FISHERIES TECHNOLOGY), MR JOSEPH SHAM, SAID THE MASTER COURSE, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, WOULD PROVIDE 250 HOURS OF SPECIALISED TRAINING FOR A MAXIMUM OF 20 QUALIFIED FISHERMEN OVER A PERIOD OF 10 WEEKS.

"THE COURSE WILL BE RUN BY THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND WILL COVER SUCH ASPECTS AS NAVIGATION, THE USE OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, SEAMANSHIP, VESSEL MANOEUVRING, AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES." HE SAID.

THE SECOND COURSE, THE "SEA-GOING ENDORSEMENT COURSE FOR FISHING VESSEL ENGINEER", WILL BE HELD SOME TIME IN OCTOBER FOR FISHERMEN HOLDING A LOCAL "FISHING VESSEL ENGINEER CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY", WITH SOME SEA-GOING EXPERIENCE.

THE ENGINEER COURSE WILL LAST FOR 125 HOURS OVER A FIVE-WEEK PERIOD AND COVER VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MARINE ENGINEERING KNOWLEDGE, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SAFETY PRACTICES AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES.

MR SHAM SAID: "BOTH COURSES ARE PRACTICAL-ORIENTED AND ARE SPECIFICALLY DEVELOPED TO SUIT THE NEED AND CAPACITY OF LOCAL FISHERMEN WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE NECESSARY LEVEL OF REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE.

"THE COURSES WILL PROVIDE TRAINEES WITH FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE USE OF SUCH MODERN NAVIGATIONAL AND FISHING EQUIPMENT AS RADAR, SATELLITE NAVIGATOR, ECHO SOUNDER AND WEATHER FACSIMILE.

"IN ADDITION, ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE FOR TRAINEES TO ACQUIRE PRACTICAL TRAINING AT THE SEAMEN'S TRAINING CENTRE ON EMERGENCY HANDLING INCLUDING FIRE-FIGHTING, LIFE-SAVING, FIRST AID AND SURVIVAL AT SEA."

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A SURVEYOR OF SHIPS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR T.C. YEUNG, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE, SAID HIS DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT OVER THESE TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND WOULD KEEP THE PROGRESS OF THE COURSES UNDER REGULAR REVIEW.

HE SAID THE PROGRESS OF THE TRAINEES WOULD BE ASSESSED THROUGH REGULAR APPRAISALS AND A TEST AT THE END OF THE COURSE.

ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WOULD ENDORSE THE TRAINEES' QUALIFICATIONS FOR SEA-GOING OPERATION ON A STEEL-HULL FISHING VESSEL WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION, HE ADDED.

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SDA VISITS YUEN LONG

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, VISITED YUEN LONG DISTRICT THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING FOR AN UPDATE ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR ADOLF HSU, AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROBIN IP, MR LIAO FIRST TOURED WING PING TSUEN IN SAN TIN TO VIEW TAI FU TAI -- ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST ATTRACTIVE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG.

REPORTED TO BE BUILT IN 1865, THE STRUCTURE IS A RICHLY EMBELLISHED RESIDENCE SITUATED ON SPACIOUS GROUND, WITH A LARGE OPEN SPACE IN FRONT AND A LYCHEE GARDEN AT THE BACK.

SINCE THE GAZETTING OF TAI FU TAI AS A HISTORICAL BUILDING IN JULY 1987, MAJOR WORKS HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO SAVE IT FROM DILAPIDATION AND TO RESTORE IT TO ITS ORIGINAL SPLENDOUR.

THE WORKS, CARRIED OUT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS OFFICE, WERE COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

MR LIAO THEN WENT TO LOK MA CHAU FOR A LOOK AT THE VEHICULAR BORDER LINK PROJECT.

STAGE I OF THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF A DUAL TWO-LANE HIGHWAY, A TWO-LANE CONCRETE BRIDGE OVER SHENZHEN RIVER, AN INTERCHANGE WITH THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, AND BORDER CONTROL FACILITIES FOR DUAL EIGHT-LANES OF TRAFFIC.

CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE I BEGAN IN DECEMBER 1985 AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AND PUT INTO OPERATION LATER THIS YEAR.

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HIS NEXT STOP WAS THE WANG CHAU SERVICE RESERVOIR, FOR A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS IN TIN SHUI WAI.

LAND FORMATION WORKS FOR THE FUTURE NEW TOWN STARTED IN NOVEMBER 1987. TIN SHUI WAI WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE A POPULATION IN EXCESS OF 140,000 WITH THE FIRST INTAKE PLANNED FOR LATE 1991 OR EARLY 1992.

THE FINAL STOP FOR MR LIAO WAS KIU TAU WAI, A LOW-LYING VILLAGE AROUND TIN SHUI WAI, WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE VILLAGE FLOOD PROTECTION SCHEMES.

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CONTINUING IMPORTANT ROLE AHEAD FOR KAIFONGS

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LOCAL KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN HONG KONG'S OVERALL FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS AND PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE 1990'S, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING.

ADDRESSING A SEMINAR FOR OVER 200 LEADERS FROM KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS IN THE URBAN AREA AT THE NORTH POINT KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, MR LAN CALLED ON THE ASSOCIATIONS TO KEEP PACE WITH RAPID CHANGES IN THE TERRITORY AND TO FACE UP TO THE CHALLENGES THAT LAY AHEAD.

"LIKE THE REST OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT MARCHES FORWARD, AND IS WORKING TOWARDS REAL OPEN GOVERNMENT, PLACING GREAT EMPHASIS ON WIDER CONSULTATION WITH VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY WHEN NEW POLICIES ARE INTRODUCED.

"I AM CERTAIN THAT IN TAKING A LEADING ROLE IN HONG KONG SOCIETY, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS HAVE BEEN ADAPTING TO CHANGES AND TO THE NEW CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD IN THE 90'S," HE SAID.

COMMENTING THAT THE TERRITORY WOULD UNDERGO MAJOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CHANGES IN THE 1990'S, MR LAN SAID KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD CONSIDER STRENGTHENING THEIR INTERNAL ORGANISATION AND REDEFINING THEIR SCOPE OF WORK.

"WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE DIRECT ELECTIONS TO LEGCO IN 1991 AND RECENTLY THERE ARE ALSO SUGGESTIONS THAT THE NUMBER OF DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS SHOULD BE INCREASED IN 1991," HE SAID.

FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS TO LEGCO AND DISTRICT BOARDS IN 1991, HE SAID KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS COULD MOTIVATE RESIDENTS TO GO TO THE POLLS, AND TO ASSIST THEM IN GAINING A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ELECTIONS AS WELL AS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLATFORMS OF CANDIDATES.

MR LAN SAID IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SERVICES THERE WAS AN "UNLIMITED SCOPE" FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION FOR KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS.

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"IN A FAST-DEVELOPING HONG KONG AND IN THE FACE OF AN INCREASING POPULATION, THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES REQUIRES DIVERSIFICATION AND AN INNOVATIVE APPROACH," HE SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT BESIDES THE TRADITIONAL SERVICES, THE PUBLIC'S NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY WERE INCREASING, AND NEW SERVICES SUCH AS STUDY ROOMS, COUNSELLING FOR FAMILIES AND THE ELDERLY, DAY NURSERIES AND SPECIAL MEDICAL SERVICES, AND SO ON WERE CONSTANTLY IN DEMAND.

"THESE NEW SERVICES WOULD MAKE THE OVERALL PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES MORE BALANCED AND COMPLETE. OBVIOUSLY, THE GOVERNMENT CANNOT PROVIDE EVERYTHING.

"I HAVE NO DOUBT YOU WILL. WITH YOUR SUSTAINED ENTHUSIASM TOWARDS COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, CONTINUE TO EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF SERVICES TO CATER FOR THE NEED OF THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

EARLIER, MR LAN PRAISED KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS FOR ASSUMING AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE SINCE THE EARLY POST-WAR YEARS.

THE ASSOCIATIONS, HE NOTED, WERE PIONEERS IN EMERGENCY RELIEF WORK IN THE 1950'S AND HAD EVOLVED INTO DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN COMMUNITY BUILDING, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS IN BUILDING A MORE COHESIVE SOCIETY BY FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

THEY HAD ALSO MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

AMONG THE KAIFONG LEADERS, 52 ARE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS (BOTH ELECTED AND APPOINTED), 193 ARE AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MANY ARE SITTING ON VARIOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS.

"KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS HAVE FURTHER ASSISTED THE GOVERNMENT IN ITS PUBLIC CONSULTATION WORK BY COLLECTING AND REFLECTING RESIDENTS' VIEWS TO THE AUTHORITIES," MR LAN SAID.

AFTER MR LAN'S ADDRESS, FOUR KAIFONG LEADERS, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, MISS ANITA CHAN, MR NG DOR-TAI AND MR HUI YIN-YING, REVIEWED THE WORK OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, AND SPOKE ON THEIR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE KAIFONG LEADERS THEN DISCUSSED MAJOR ISSUES OF COMMON INTEREST.

THE SEMINAR REPRESENTED A FURTHER EFFORT BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS, FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF A SERIES OF SIMILAR FUNCTIONS HELD FOR AREA COMMITTEES.

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## CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AT SAI KUNG BEACHES

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TWO CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AIMED AT PROMOTING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS WILL BE HELD AT LITTLE PALM AND A KUNG WAN BEACHES IN SAI KUNG ON MONDAY (AUGUST 7).

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE START OF THE OPERATIONS WILL BE HELD AT LITTLE PALM BEACH AT 10 AM.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR HO KOON-SHUN; CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN WORKING GROUP, MR EDWARD PONG; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LISA CHAN; AND THE DISTRICT HYGIENE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LAM CHI-CHUNG.

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE BEGONIA BOY'S HOME WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION OF CLEAN-UP WORK AFTER THE CEREMONY.

THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL LATER GO TO A KUNG WAN BEACH WHERE ANOTHER CLEAN-UP OPERATION WILL BEGIN AT 1.45 PM.

THE OPERATIONS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY TO START THE CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AT SAI KUNG BEACHES TO BE HELD AT LITTLE PALM BEACH AT 10 AM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 7).

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## BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS INSPECT IMPROVEMENT WORKS

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MEMBERS OF THE TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE (IBMCC) INSPECTED THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO ONE OF THE TARGET BUILDINGS IN TSUEN WAN TODAY (THURSDAY).

A TOTAL OF SIX INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN TARGETTED BY THE TSUEN WAN IBMCC AS THE FIRST BATCH OF BUILDINGS FOR IMPROVEMENT.

THE COMMITTEE WAS SET UP EARLIER THIS YEAR TO CO-ORDINATE INTER-DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE MANAGEMENT STANDARDS OF THESE BUILDINGS AND THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF NEARBY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.

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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, WHO HEADS THE IBMCC, SAID THE COMMITTEE HAD VISITED ALL THE TARGET BUILDINGS IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

"SO FAR, THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING AS GRADUAL IMPROVEMENT CAN BE OBSERVED IN THESE BUILDINGS," HE SAID, "IT IS HOPED THAT THE OWNERS WILL KEEP UP THEIR GOOD WORK IN EFFECTING IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS."

MR SHIU ADDED THAT SELECTION OF THE SECOND BATCH OF TARGET INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS WAS NOW UNDERWAY.

TAKING PART IN TODAY'S VISIT WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, BUILDINGS AND LANDS, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES, REGIONAL SERVICES, LABOUR, AND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

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## APPLICATION PERIOD FOR SPORTS AID EXTENDED

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THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE SPORTS AID FOUNDATION OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT (CRS) FOR TRAINING AND COMPETITIONS TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN OCTOBER 1989 AND MARCH 1990 HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY ONE MONTH TO THE END OF THIS MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CRS SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

"THE PURPOSE OF EXTENDING THE APPLICATION PERIOD IS TO MAKE ALLOWANCE FOR ATHLETES AND GOVERNING BODIES OF SPORT WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE NEW APPLICATION PROCEDURE WHICH CAME INTO FORCE IN JUNE AND TO ACCOMMODATE APPLICATIONS FROM PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN AWAY DURING THE SUMMER VACATION," HE EXPLAINED.

"WHEN SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS, APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO ATTACH A PROJECTED SIX-MONTH TRAINING OR COMPETITION PROGRAMME TOGETHER WITH ITS OBJECTIVE.

"AD HOC APPLICATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL EVENTS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED, BUT APPLICATIONS CONCERNING EVENTS TO BE HELD IN LATER PERIODS MAY BE ACCEPTED IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR."

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE COUNCIL'S SECRETARIAT ON TEL. 5-8660834.

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GRADING OF BEACH WATER QUALITY
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT (EPD) TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF ALL BATHING BEACHES IN HONG KONG.

AN EPD SPOKESMAN SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRADING SYSTEM IS TO INFORM SWIMMERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC ABOUT THE STATE OF BACTERIAL POLLUTION AT VARIOUS BEACHES.

THE GRADING WILL BE ANNOUNCED BIWEEKLY DURING THE BATHING SEASON, TO COINCIDE WITH THE FREQUENCY AT WHICH BEACH WATERS ARE USUALLY SAMPLED.

THE GRADING IS BASED ON THE MOST RECENT BACTERIA DATA OBTAINED BY THE EPD IN ITS ROUTINE MONITORING PROGRAMME.

THIS YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GRADING ALSO INCLUDES AN ESTIMATE OF THE RISK OF SUFFERING SOME MINOR SKIN OR GASTROINTESTINAL COMPLAINTS AS A RESULT OF SWIMMING AT A BEACH WHICH HAS SOME DEGREE OF POLLUTION.

THE ESTIMATE IS BASED ON A VERY LARGE BODY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION GATHERED IN HONG KONG DURING RECENT BATHING SEASONS.

THE GRADING OF SOME BEACHES MAY VARY DURING THE SUMMER. THIS REPRESENTS A NATURAL FLUCTUATION IN THE BACTERIAL QUALITY OF BATHING WATERS IN MOST CASES, AS RAIN AND TIDES BRING MORE OR LESS POLLUTION TO THE BEACHES.

BATHING WATERS COMMONLY BECOME WORSE DUE TO HEAVY USAGE DURING THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, THE GRADES GIVE A GOOD GENERAL PICTURE OF THE WATER QUALITY AT BATHING BEACHES AT THE TIME OF REPORTING AND FORM THE BEST AVAILABLE FORECAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE SYSTEM FOR GRADING BEACH WATER QUALITY IS AS FOLLOWS:

"A" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS GOOD. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 100 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN SEVEN CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"B" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS ACCEPTABLE. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS LESS THAN 1,000 PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS LESS THAN 18 CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

"C" GRADE INDICATES THAT THE WATER QUALITY IS POOR. THE MEAN E.COLI COUNT IS 1,000 OR MORE PER 100 MILLILITRES AT EACH BEACH SO GRADED, AND THE EXPECTED HEALTH RISK IS 18 OR MORE CASES OF MINOR ILLNESS PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

THE DECISION WHETHER OR NOT TO CLOSE A BEACH TO SWIMMERS IS BASED ON A JUDGEMENT OF WHAT DEGREE OF POLLUTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

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NORMALLY, A RECOMMENDATION ON CLOSURE WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED BY THE URBAN OR REGIONAL COUNCIL IF A "C" GRADING OCCURRED REPEATEDLY, SO THAT THE AVERAGE HEALTH RISK OVER THE BATHING SEASON EXCEEDED 15 CASES PER 1,000 SWIMMERS.

SIMILARLY, A RECOMMENDATION TO RE-OPEN A CLOSED BEACH WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF A "B" GRADE OR BETTER WERE CONSISTENTLY OBTAINED.

AT PRESENT, SIX BATHING BEACHES HAVE BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING PURPOSE, BASED ON THE WATER QUALITY DURING PAST SEASONS.

THESE BEACHES ARE ANGLERS', CASTLE PEAK, SILVERMINE BAY, OLD CAFETERIA, ROCKY BAY AND TING KAU. THEY ARE POLLUTED BY FAECAL WASTES AND FAIL TO ACHIEVE CONSISTENTLY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND HONG KONG STANDARDS. THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED NOT TO SWIM IN THESE SIX BEACHES. THEY ARE IDENTIFIED BY AN "X" IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE.

THE GRADES ON THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF VARIOUS BEACHES IN HONG KONG AS AT TODAY AND TWO WEEKS AGO ARE LISTED BELOW:

| BEACH | LAST GRADING (AS AT 20.7.89) | PRESENT GRADING (AS AT 3.8.89) |
|---|---|---|
| HONG KONG SOUTH | | |
| BIG WAVE BAY | B | A |
| CHUNG HOM KOK | A | A |
| DEEP WATER BAY | A | A |
| HAIRPIN | B | A |
| MIDDLE BAY | A | A |
| REPULSE BAY | A | B |
| SHEK O | B | A |
| SOUTH BAY | A | A |
| ST STEPHEN'S | A | A |
| TURTLE COVE | A | A |
| STANLEY MAIN | B | A |
| ROCKY BAY | X | X |
| TO TEI WAN* | A | A |

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| **ISLANDS DISTRICT** | | |
| CHEUNG SHA UPPER | A | A |
| CHEUNG SHA LOWER | B | B |
| DISCOVERY BAY* | A | A |
| HUNG SHING YEH | A | A |
| KWUN YAM WAN | A | A |
| TONG FUK | A | A |
| LO SO SHING | A | A |
| PUI O | A | A |
| SILVERMINE BAY | X | X |
| TUNG WAN, CHEUNG CHAU | A | A |
| TUNG O* | A | A |
| **SAI KUNG DISTRICT** | | |
| CAMPERS | A | A |
| CLEAR WATER BAY 1ST BEACH | B | B |
| CLEAR WATER BAY 2ND BEACH | A | A |
| HAP MUN BAY | A | A |
| KIU TSUI | A | A |
| PAK SHA CHAU | A | A |
| SILVERSTRAND | B | B |
| TRIO (HEBEHAVEN) | B | A |
| **TSUEN WAN DISTRICT** | | |
| ANGLERS' | X | X |
| APPROACH | B | B |
| CASAM | B | B |
| GEMINI | A | A |

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| HOI MEI WAN | B | B |
| LIDO | A | A |
| TING KAU | X | X |
| TUNG WAN, MA WAN | A | A |

TUEN MUN DISTRICT

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|---|---|---|
| OLD CAFETERIA | X | X |
| NEW CAFETERIA | B | B |
| CASTLE PEAK | X | X |
| KADOORIE BEACH | B | B |
| BUTTERFLY | B | B |

NOTE: "X" THE BEACH HAS BEEN DECLARED UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING
* NON-GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE FOLLOWING BEACHES HAVE CHANGED GRADING ON THIS OCCASION:

BIG WAVE BAY, HAIRPIN, SHEK O, STANLEY MAIN AND TRIO (HEBEHAVEN), FROM "B" TO "A", REPULSE BAY, FROM "A" TO "B".

THE CHANGES ARE WITHIN THE NORMAL RANGE OF FLUCTUATION OF THE BACTERIAL WATER QUALITY OF THESE BEACHES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT DR CATHERINE LAM, ACTING PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER POLICY) OF EPD, ON 5-8351234.

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## ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TAI PO TO BE CLOSED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS SEEKING TO CLOSE CERTAIN ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES SO THAT THEY CAN BE DEMOLISHED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR TO THE PUBLIC.

THEY ARE AT FLAT D, 27TH FLOOR, 6-16 TUNG CHEONG STREET AND AT FLAT D, 21ST FLOOR, 10-22 TAI KWONG LANE.

/THE CLOSURES .....

THE CLOSURES FORM PARTS OF TWO SEPARATE EXERCISES TO ENFORCE ORDERS ISSUED UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE DEMOLITION OF THE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES.

THESE ORDERS WERE ISSUED IN RESPECT OF THE TWO ILLEGAL STRUCTURES IN JUNE AND IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR RESPECTIVELY.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COURT ON OCTOBER 5 THIS YEAR WERE POSTED ON CONSPICUOUS PARTS OF THE STRUCTURES TODAY (THURSDAY).

IT IS EXPECTED THAT DEMOLITION WILL START ONCE THE CLOSURE ORDERS ARE OBTAINED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WONG CHUK HANG AND KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 5), THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHUM WAN PIER DRIVE IN WONG CHUK HANG FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SHUM WAN ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 80 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

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

MEANWHILE, FROM 6 AM ON SATURDAY, THE CUL-DE-SAC AT THE EASTERN END OF SIN FAT ROAD IN CHA KWO LING, KWUN TONG, WILL BE EXTENDED EASTWARD FOR ABOUT 15 METRES TO FACILITATE THE TURNAROUND MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHAU KEI WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD WIDENING WORKS, SAI WAN HO STREET BETWEEN HOI NING STREET AND HOLY CROSS PATH IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE CLOSED FROM SATURDAY (AUGUST 5) BETWEEN 10.30 AM AND 3.30 PM DAILY FOR FIVE DAYS.

DURING THE CLOSURES, MOTORISTS ON SAI WAN HO STREET HEADING WEST MAY TRAVEL VIA HOI NING STREET, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND HOLY CROSS PATH.

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