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IMPORTANCE OF VOLUNTARY SOCIAL SERVICES STRESSED

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES TODAY (TUESDAY) PRAISED VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE DIRECTORS OF PO LEUNG KUK, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, MANNED BY WELL MOTIVATED, CIVIC-MINDED AND EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEERS AND WELL QUALIFIED SOCIAL WORKERS HAD WORKED JOINTLY IN CONSULTATION AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT FOR MANY YEARS.

+WHILE THE GOVERNMENT TODAY ACCEPTS THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG, THE NEED FOR A VIGOROUS AND PROGRESSIVE VOLUNTARY SECTOR HERE HAS, HOWEVER, NOT DIMINISHED,+ HE SAID.

+INDEED, THERE ARE VERY GOOD REASONS WHY HONG KONG SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE STRENGTH OF THIS VOLUNTARY EFFORT.+

MR. AKERS-JONES POINTED OUT THAT THE HISTORY OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG REFLECTED A CONTINUING EFFORT TO PIONEER AND EXPERIMENT AND, ON THIS REMARKABLE RECORD, WOULD LIE THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENT IN SOCIAL SERVICES.

THE KUK, HE SAID, STARTED IN 1878 TO PROTECT THE YOUNG AND SUPPORT THE INNOCENT AND HAD, IN ITS FIRST 100 YEARS OF ITS HISTORY, DEVELOPED FROM ITS LIMITED INITIAL ROLE INTO A SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANISATION STRETCHING OUT IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED TO SEE THE KUK WAS EXTENDING ITS SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THIS IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE BECAUSE THE NEW TERRITORIES IS GOING THROUGH A PHASE OF RAPID AND SIGNIFICANT TRANSFORMATION WHEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF NEW RESIDENTS WILL BE MOVING INTO THE NEW TOWNS AND FIND THEMSELVES IN NEW ENVIRONMENT AND UNFAMILIAR NEIGHBOURHOODS,+ HE SAID.

+THE PROCESS OF ADJUSTMENT FOR THESE NEW RESIDENTS WILL NOT BE AN EASY ONE AND THEY WILL NEED ALL THE HELP THAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND VOLUNTARY BODIES CAN GIVE TO BUILD NEW HOMES IN NEW COMMUNITIES,+ MR. AKERS-JONES ADDED.

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REINFORCED POST-RELEASE PROGRAMME URGED
FOR PERSISTENT RECIDIVISTS

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A REINFORCED POST-RELEASE PROGRAMME SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO HELP CRIMINAL RECIDIVISTS LEAD NORMAL LIVES, ACCORDING TO A REPORT PRODUCED BY THE RESEARCH SECTION OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

THE 35-PAGE REPORT CONTAINS THE FINDINGS OF A RANDOM SURVEY OF 126 PRISONERS CARRIED OUT TO ESTABLISH THE TYPICAL PROFILE OF A PERSISTENT RECIDIVIST.

THE REPORT ADDS THAT PROGRAMMES FOR THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF PERSISTENT RECIDIVISTS SHOULD INCLUDE TRAINING IN SOCIAL SKILLS, EXTRACTION FROM TRIAD INFLUENCES, DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT AND THE RESTRUCTURING OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN RECIDIVISTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

SIXTY-FIVE OF THE 126 PRISONERS SURVEYED WERE DEFINED AS PERSISTENT RECIDIVISTS HAVING SERVED TWO OR MORE SHORT-TERM SENTENCES FOR CRIMINAL OFFENCES.

THE RECIDIVISTS HAD AN AVERAGE OF 17.8 PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS EACH AND HAD SERVED ON AVERAGE 13 PRISON SENTENCES EACH.

THE TIME LAPSE BETWEEN DISCHARGE FROM PRISON AND SUBSEQUENT RE-ADMISSION INTO PRISON WAS BETWEEN FIVE AND 15 MONTHS.

EIGHTY PER CENT OF THE RECIDIVISTS WERE DRUG ADDICTS WITH AN AVERAGE LENGTH OF ADDICTION OF 12 YEARS.

OVER 93 PER CENT OF RECIDIVISTS WERE FOUND TO HAVE HAD ASSOCIATIONS WITH TRIAD OR OTHER CRIMINAL ELEMENTS.

SAYS THE REPORT: +AN EXAMINATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE PERSISTENT RECIDIVIST SHOWS THAT THREE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY AT THE SAME TIME IN HIS LIFE: HIS ADDICTION TO NARCOTICS, HIS COMMENCEMENT IN HIS CRIMINAL CAREER AND HIS INVOLVEMENT WITH TRIAD GANG ACTIVITIES.+

THE REPORT GOES ON : +THE PERSISTENT RECIDIVIST CAN BE DESCRIBED AS A MALADJUSTED INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNSOPHISTICATED IN HIS SOCIAL SKILLS AND IS UNABLE TO HANDLE REAL SITUATIONS RATIONALLY.+

+FROM THE DATA GATHERED IT APPEARED THAT MOST OF THE PERSISTENT RECIDIVISTS WERE PETTY OFFENDERS WHO SIMPLY WOULD NOT CONFORM TO THE LAW POSSIBLY BECAUSE THEY VIEWED CRIME AS A WAY OF MAKING A LIVING AND ALSO PERHAPS BECAUSE THEY WERE NARCOTICS ADDICTS.+

THE SURVEY FOUND THAT THE QUALITY OF THE RECIDIVISTS' FAMILY LIFE IS POOR AND WHAT LITTLE FAMILY COHESION THERE IS IS CONSTANTLY DISRUPTED BY THE RECIDIVISTS' REPEATED RETURNS TO PRISON.

THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT A REINFORCED POST-RELEASE PROGRAMME SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE RE-INTEGRATION OF RECIDIVISTS INTO SOCIETY.

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SUCCESS IN CLAMPING DOWN ON TRAVEL DOCUMENT FORGERY ACTIVITIES

THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S SUCCESS IN CLAMPING DOWN ON TRAVEL DOCUMENT FORGERY ACTIVITIES IS REFLECTED BY THE ARRAY OF FORGERY EQUIPMENT SEIZED AND NOW ON DISPLAY IN THE STRONG ROOM OF ITS INVESTIGATION DIVISION.

THE EQUIPMENT, WHICH ONCE MEANT MILLIONS OF DOLLAR TO RACKETEERS BEFORE THEY WERE CAUGHT AND PUT BEHIND BARS, INCLUDE VARIOUS KINDS OF IMPLEMENTS, SEALS AND PRINTING BLOCKS USED TO FORGE PASSPORTS OF MANY COUNTRIES AS WELL AS HONG KONG'S CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY AND RE-ENTRY PERMITS.

ALSO ON DISPLAY IS A VARIETY OF FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ONCE USED BY PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO GET INTO OR OUT OF HONG KONG.

THE STRONG ROOM ALSO SERVES AS A TEACHING SCHOOL FOR ALL IMMIGRATION OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY NEW RECRUITS, TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

IT IS ALSO VISITED BY OVERSEAS IMMIGRATION AGENTS AS WELL AS LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL CRIME INVESTIGATION.

+MANY OF THESE FORGED DOCUMENTS WERE PRODUCED BY SUBSTITUTING THE PHOTOGRAPH IN AN AUTHENTIC DOCUMENT ISSUED BY IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES AND ENDORSING THE PHOTOGRAPH WITH FAKE SEAL MARKS,+ THE HEAD OF THE DIVISION, MR. DAVID MILLS SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+SOME OF THESE PAPERS HAVE THE PARTICULARS CHANGED TO ANSWER THE DESCRIPTION OF THE HOLDER BY REPLACING A FEW PAGES. THE MOST DARING KIND IS THE SO CALLED 'HOME-MADE' PASSPORT WHICH IS A COMPLETE FAKE DOCUMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR. MILLS NOTED THAT THE COST OF OBTAINING A FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENT RANGED FROM A FEW THOUSAND DOLLARS TO \$20,000 DEPENDING ON BARGAINING BETWEEN THE RACKETEER AND THE PROSPECTIVE BUYER.

+SOME OF THESE FAKE DOCUMENTS ARE WELL MADE AND VERY CLOSE TO THE GENUINE ONES BUT CAN HARDLY ESCAPE THE SHARP EYES OF OUR TRAINED IMMIGRATION OFFICERS,+ MR. MILLS SAID.

APART FROM FORGED DOCUMENTS SEIZED AT IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS, OFFICERS OF THE INVESTIGATION DIVISION ALSO CARRIED OUT RAIDS ON FORGERY RINGS.

THE BIGGEST SEIZURE WAS MADE IN 1976 IN WHICH ABOUT 4,000 SETS OF FAKE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WERE DISCOVERED.

THE SECOND BIGGEST HAUL WAS MADE IN JULY 1977 IN WHICH OVER 300 FORGED RE-ENTRY PERMITS WERE SEIZED. THREE WOMEN AND A 15-YEAR-OLD BOY WERE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE SEIZURE.

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178,951 SPENT LUNAR NEW YEAR IN MACAU AND ABROAD

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A RECORD NUMBER OF PEOPLE TRAVELLED TO MACAU AND ABROAD TO SPEND THEIR LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

DURING THE EIGHT-DAY PERIOD FROM JANUARY 27 (LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE) TO FEBRUARY 3, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT RECORDED 178,951 DEPARTURES COMPARED WITH 147,885 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

OF THE 178,951 DEPARTURES, 100,701 WERE MACAU-BOUND AND 78,250 TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES.

ON JANUARY 29 ALONE (THE SECOND DAY OF THE YEAR OF THE GOAT), 14,481 LOCAL RESIDENTS LEFT FOR MACAU BY FERRY, HYDROFOIL AND JETFOIL.

KAI TAK AIRPORT ALSO REPORTED 16,989 DEPARTURES ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

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FIRE PREVENTION COURSE FOR HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS

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FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION COURSES FOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TWO SEPARATE ONE-DAY COURSES FOR HOSPITAL SECRETARY GRADE OFFICERS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY AND AGAIN ON FEBRUARY 22 AT THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU HEADQUARTERS IN ASIAN HOUSE, HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE PURPOSE WAS TO BRIEF HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS ON THEIR ROLE IN FIRE PREVENTION AND IN CASE OF A FIRE BREAKING OUT.

+IF THE COURSE IS SUCCESSFUL IT WILL BE EXTENDED TO STAFF OF PRIVATE HOSPITALS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MR. B.G. FENDER, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER (PREVENTION), WILL OPEN THE SEMINAR, FOLLOWED BY LECTURES AND TALKS BY MR. C.G. PULLINGER, DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS- MR. JOSEPH LAW, HOSPITAL FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER AND MR. AUYEUNG SHIU-SHING, FIRE SERVICES PUBLICITY OFFICER.

MR. PULLINGER WILL BRIEF THE ADMINISTRATORS ON THE TYPES, REQUIREMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT.

MR. LAW WILL SPEAK ON FIRE HAZARDS, RISK AREAS, BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION AND USE AND STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS.

MR. AUYEUNG WILL DISCUSS THE APPOINTMENT OF DUTY FIRE SAFETY OFFICERS, THE PREPARATION OF FIRE ORDERS AND INSTRUCTIONS, AND THE ORGANISATION OF FIRE SQUADS, FIRE DRILLS AND LECTURES.

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ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTIONS
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THE MONG KOK AND WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT OFFICES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WILL HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTIONS FOR MORE THAN 1,000 GUESTS.

THE RECEPTIONS ARE BEING HELD IN APPRECIATION FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND CO-OPERATION WITH THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES DURING THE PAST YEAR.

MR. LAM KAM-KWONG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN) AND MISS REGINA LAU, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (MONG KOK) WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE GUESTS.

THEY INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, CLANSMAN ASSOCIATIONS, CITY DISTRICT, MUTUAL AID AND AREA COMMITTEES, SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, PROMINENT RESIDENTS AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SPRING RECEPTIONS OF THE WONG TAI SIN AND MONG KOK CITY DISTRICT OFFICES WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). THE FORMER WILL HOLD ITS FUNCTION FROM 3.30 P.M. AT ITS PREMISES AT THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AND THE LATTER FROM 4 P.M. AT THE INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT, 612 NATHAN ROAD. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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