



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BILL PROPOSING ANONYMITY FOR RAPE VICTIMS GAZETTED TODAY

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CRIMES ORDINANCE UNDER WHICH COMPLAINANTS IN RAPE CASES WOULD NOT BE NAMED IN WRITTEN PUBLICATIONS OR BROADCASTS ABOUT RAPE TRIALS, EXCEPT IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES, ARE CONTAINED IN A BILL PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED ~~IN~~ THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY, ALSO CONTAINS A CLAUSE DEFINING RAPE OFFENCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT, IN THE NEW SECTION PROVIDING THAT COMPLAINANTS SHOULD BE ANONYMOUS, A DEFENDANT COULD APPLY TO A JUDGE FOR THE RESTRICTIONS TO BE LIFTED, BUT PERMISSION WOULD ONLY BE GIVEN IF THE JUDGE WAS SATISFIED THAT THE PARTICULARS NEEDED TO BE MADE PUBLIC IN ORDER TO TRACE WITNESSES FOR THE DEFENCE AND THAT, OTHERWISE, THE DEFENCE WOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY PREJUDICED.

HE SAID THERE WAS ALSO POWER IN THIS SECTION TO REMOVE OR RELAX THE RESTRICTIONS IF THEY IMPOSED A SUBSTANTIAL AND UNREASONABLE LIMITATION ON REPORTING THE TRIAL, CONTRARY TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES PENALTIES OF \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS FOR THOSE WHO BREACH THE SECTION DEALING WITH ANONYMITY OF COMPLAINANTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE LAW OF HONG KONG REGARDING RAPE WAS IDENTICAL TO ENGLISH LAW BEFORE THE PASSING OF THE SEXUAL OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) ACT 1976. HE SAID THAT AN ADVISORY GROUP ON THE LAW OF RAPE IN BRITAIN HAD RECOMMENDED THAT:

- * THE DEFINITION OF RAPE SHOULD BE SET OUT IN STATUTORY FORM=
- * THE LAW SHOULD DECLARE THAT THE ISSUE WHICH THE JURY HAD TO CONSIDER WAS WHETHER THE ACCUSED AT THE TIME WHEN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE TOOK PLACE BELIEVED THAT THE WOMAN WAS CONSENTING=
- * THE PREVIOUS SEXUAL HISTORY OF THE COMPLAINANT WITH MEN OTHER THAN THE ACCUSED SHOULD BE INADMISSIBLE= AND
- * COMPLAINANTS WHO ALLEGED RAPE SHOULD REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE ACCEPTED AND ENACTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC SUPPORT IN HONG KONG FOR LEGISLATION SIMILAR TO THAT PASSED IN BRITAIN TWO YEARS AGO. HE SAID IT WAS FELT THAT MANY OF THE FINDINGS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP IN BRITAIN CONCERNING THE PREVIOUS SEXUAL HISTORY OF A COMPLAINANT AND HER ANONYMITY WERE RELEVANT TO HONG KONG.

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THE GOVERNMENT BELIEVED THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF RAPE VICTIMS DID NOT REPORT ATTACKS ON THEM BECAUSE OF THE DISTRESS THIS MIGHT CAUSE THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES AND ALSO THROUGH A FEAR OF DISGRACE.

+HAVING REGARD TO THESE FACTORS AND PUBLIC CONCERN REGARDING THE PRESENT LACK OF ANONYMITY OF VICTIMS, THERE IS A STRONG CASE FOR CHANGING HONG KONG LAW ALONG THE LINES OF THE 1976 ENGLISH ACT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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OPEN HUNTING ON WILD PIG
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WILD PIG CAN NOW BE HUNTED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT IS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

PREVIOUSLY, THE HUNTING OF WILD PIG (SCIENTIFICALLY KNOWN AS SUS SCROFA) WAS PROHIBITED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 1 AND SEPTEMBER 30 UNDER THE WILD ANIMALS PROTECTION ORDINANCE.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR. MARTIN LEWIS SAID TODAY THERE HAD BEEN MORE THAN 50 COMPLAINTS FROM FARMERS SINCE OCTOBER 1 CONCERNING DAMAGE TO CROPS CAUSED BY THE WILD PIGS. MOST OF THESE COMPLAINTS CAME FROM THE PLOVER COVE-SHA TAU KOK AREA. NO COMPENSATION IS AWARDED TO FARMERS FOR SUCH CROP DAMAGE WHICH HAS BEEN ASSESSED AT \$85,000.

+WE CAN NO LONGER IGNORE THE COMPLAINTS OF FARMERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE AT THE SUBSISTENCE LEVEL. THEY DO NOT SEE THE ATTRACTIONS OF PROTECTING AN ANIMAL WHICH MANY WOULD CONSIDER AS VERMIN.

+THERE IS VERY LITTLE CHANCE OF THE ANIMAL BECOMING EXTINCT. THEY ARE EXTREMELY CUNNING, NOCTURNAL IN HABIT AND USE THE STEEP TERRAIN AND THICK BUSH EXCEEDINGLY SKILFULLY. THEY ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO SHOOT IN LARGE NUMBERS.

+NEVER-THE-LESS, WE ARE INTENDING TO CAPTURE A SOW AND SOME PIGLETS AND BREED THEM IN CAPTIVITY AT ONE OF OUR FARMS,+ SAID MR. LEWIS.

HE ADDED THAT TO ASSIST FARMERS IN THE LAI CHI WO AREA, SKILLED POLICE AND ARMY MARKSMEN WILL BE DEPLOYED TO SHOOT WILD PIGS IN THE AREA ON TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM APRIL 19 TO MAY 25.

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TENDER FORMS FOR 300 TAXI LICENCES AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TENDER FORMS FOR 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM APRIL 7.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED ONLY IN PERSON FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE IN PUI CHING ROAD, HO MAN TIN.

THE 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES ARE BEING OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC BY SEALED TENDER IN THE FORM OF A PREMIUM IN RESPECT OF ONE OR MORE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXIS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A TENDERER MAY SUBMIT ONE TENDER FORM FOR ONE OR MORE LICENCES, BUT NOT EXCEEDING 300.

HE MAY ALSO SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE TENDER FORM, BUT IF A TENDER FOR MORE THAN ONE LICENCE IS SUBMITTED, ONLY ONE FIXED PREMIUM SHOULD BE OFFERED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "IF THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE LICENCES IS LESS THAN THE NUMBER REQUIRED BY A TENDERER, THEN A SMALLER NUMBER OF LICENCES MAY BE ALLOCATED TO HIM AS APPROPRIATE."

HE SAID THAT A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE IF THE UNIT PREMIA OFFERED ARE IDENTICAL.

COMPLETE TENDER FORMS IN DUPLICATE TOGETHER WITH THE ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE ENTRANCE HALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 20, 1978.

LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TAXI LICENCES WOULD BE ISSUED TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS AT THE RATE OF 100 PER MONTH STARTING FROM MAY, WITH THE HIGHEST TENDERS RECEIVING PRIORITY.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS LIKELY THAT FURTHER SIMILAR CALLS TO TENDER WOULD BE MADE ABOUT EVERY FOUR MONTHS.

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MORE RECLAIMED LAND FOR WESTERN DISTRICT
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ANOTHER 18 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED LAND WILL BE ADDED TO THE WESTERN WATERFRONT UNDER THE SECOND STAGE OF THE WESTERN RECLAMATION.

THIS WILL BRING TO 28 HECTARES THE TOTAL AREA TO BE RECLAIMED IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

MR. HOWARD CHAMBERLAIN, P.W.D.'S CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT PRIOR TO THE SECOND STAGE RECLAMATION, A SEAWALL WOULD HAVE FIRST TO BE BUILT.

WORK ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE SEAWALL WILL BEGIN IN MAY AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEAWALL ITSELF.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN EMPHASISED THAT THE FOUNDATION WORK COULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT BLOCKING MARINE ACCESS TO THE EXISTING SEA FRONTAGE AS THERE WOULD BE AN ADEQUATE DEPTH OF WATER OVER THE FOUNDATIONS FOR THE TYPE OF VESSEL AT PRESENT USING THE PIERS IN THE AREA.

+WHEN THE SEAWALL IS COMPLETED, IT WILL PROVIDE FOR THE RECLAMATION OF ABOUT 18 HECTARES OF LAND OFF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST BETWEEN SUTHERLAND STREET AND WATER STREET WITH A SEA FRONTAGE OF ABOUT 900 METRES,+ HE SAID.

+THE USE OF THE LAND TO BE FORMED HAS NOT YET BEEN PLANNED BUT A SECTION OF IT IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR THE WIDENING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.+

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF WESTERN RECLAMATION, WHICH CONSISTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL AND RECLAMATION WORK AND ASSOCIATE DRAINAGE WORK, IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY.

THE WORK ON THE SEAWALL IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN SAID THAT WESTERN RECLAMATION STAGE ONE WOULD, ON COMPLETION, PROVIDE 10 HECTARES OF LAND FOR A CARGO-HANDLING AREA, THE WIDENING OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE POK FU LAM/CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST LINK ROAD AND THE REPROVISIONING OF THE KENNEDY TOWN WHOLESALE MARKET.

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WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT MOVES TO CAUSEWAY BAY
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THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE FROM THE HEART OF BUSY CAUSEWAY BAY ON APRIL 3.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL OCCUPY THE 10TH TO 13TH FLOORS OF THE LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD. IT COVERS A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF ABOUT 60,000 SQ. FT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOTE THAT FROM APRIL 3, GENERAL ENQUIRIES AND THOSE RELATED TO WATER ACCOUNT MATTERS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE CONSUMER ENQUIRY COUNTER ON THE 11TH FLOOR OR DIAL 5-798844, 5-797744 AND 5-797265.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER, MR. T.H. TOMLINSON, SAID THE REASON FOR THE MOVE WAS TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF BOTH THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND OTHER P.W.D. OFFICES REMAINING AT MURRAY BUILDING.

+THE MOVE PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE FACILITIES, ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THIS BEING A SPECIALLY DESIGNED CONSUMER RECEPTION AREA ON THE 11TH FLOOR WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE THEIR ENQUIRIES DEALT WITH EXPEDITIOUSLY AND IN A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT+, HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION, WHICH IS DESIGNED ON AN OPEN PLAN BASIS, IS QUITE ROOMY AND COMFORTABLE AND WILL UNDOUBTEDLY IMPROVE THE EFFICIENCY OF THOSE SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT WHICH, PRIOR TO THE MOVE, SUFFERED VERY CRAMPED CONDITIONS.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO STUDY IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES IN EUROPE
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THREE SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL LEAVE FOR EUROPE NEXT WEEK TO STUDY IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS.

THE THREE OFFICERS -- MR. WANG TSI, MR. TANG CHIU-SHING AND MR. YEUNG CHUN-KWONG -- WILL JOIN ANOTHER OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR. CHAN CHING-BOR, WHO IS ALREADY IN EUROPE.

IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE FOUR OFFICERS WILL VISIT BRANCHES OF THE HOME OFFICE CONCERNED WITH IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY MATTERS, AS WELL AS LONDON AIRPORT, AND IMMIGRATION OFFICES AT DOVER, FOLKSTONE, SOUTHAMPTON AND MANCHESTER.

THEY WILL ALSO ATTEND A SHORT MANAGEMENT COURSE AT STRATHCLYDE UNIVERSITY

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AT A BRIEFING BEFORE THE DEPARTURE OF THE THREE OFFICERS, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR. RON BRIDGE, SAID HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OFFICERS OF HIS DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND ALSO LEARNING FROM THE EXPERIENCE OF THE IMMIGRATION SERVICES OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

MR. BRIDGE SAID HE HOPED ANOTHER FOUR OFFICERS WOULD BE GOING TO EUROPE FOR TRAINING LATER THIS YEAR.

FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE

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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH EXPERIENCE IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND CATERING ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, 1978 AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR MATURE STUDENTS WITH SOME YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN HOTEL-KEEPING AND CATERING WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION AND IN PASSING ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ON THIS COURSE AT A MINIMUM OF \$1,300 PER MONTH UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,990 PER MONTH, CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICANTS MUST BE HOLDERS OF ORDINARY NATIONAL DIPLOMA (UK) IN HOTEL AND CATERING OPERATIONS OR EQUIVALENT WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE RELATED FIELDS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ALL COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE BY APRIL 13, 1978.

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BRITISH EXPERT TO SERVE AS CONSULTANT ON WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
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A BRITISH EXPERT IN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LEGISLATION WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO SERVE AS CONSULTANT TO THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

HE IS MR. C.A. HOWARD-LUCK, WHO HAS ~~MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE~~ IN WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LEGISLATION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN BRITAIN. MR. HOWARD-LUCK WILL BE HERE FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS ON ASSIGNMENT UNDER THE COMMONWEALTH FUND FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION.

IN BRITAIN HE IS HEAD OF THE CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT OF STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SCOTLAND. HE HAS ADVISED BOTH THE JAMAICA AND FIJI GOVERNMENTS ON LOCAL LAWS AFFECTING CONSUMERS.

HE WAS PREVIOUSLY THE CHIEF TRADING STANDARDS OFFICER IN THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER, RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAINING STANDARDS OFFICERS, AND ACTED AS AN ADVISER ON CONSUMER PROTECTION LEGISLATION AND RELATED MATTERS.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SHOW
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THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION VARIETY SHOW WHICH WAS POSTPONED LAST EASTER FRIDAY DUE TO RAIN WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (APRIL 2) AT THE OCEAN PARK FROM 10.30 A.M. TO NOON.

TWO OTHER FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SHOWS HELD AT THE LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK AND THE VICTORIA PARK ON MARCH 25 AND 26 RESPECTIVELY HAD ATTRACTED LARGE HOLIDAY CROWDS AND PROVED TO BE A SUCCESS.

PROGRAMMES FOR THE SUNDAY SHOW WILL INCLUDE A SHORT DRAMA, A FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION QUIZ AND SONGS.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUERIES ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND TO DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF A BOOKLET CONTAINING INFORMATION ON VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND S.W.D. OFFICES OFFERING SUCH SERVICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION SHOW ON SUNDAY (APRIL 2) AT 10.30 A.M. AT THE OCEAN PARK.

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CYC MEMBERS TO VISIT CHILDREN OF PO LEUNG KUK
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MORE THAN 30 COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS FROM THE PO KOK GIRLS' VOCATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL VISIT PO LEUNG KUK TOMORROW (SATURDAY) TO CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S DAY WITH THE ORPHANS.

DURING THE VISIT, THEY WILL DISTRIBUTE PRESENTS TO THE CHILDREN THERE. THE PRESENTS ARE DONATED BY THE MEMBERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING THE C.Y.C. ACTIVITIES, SAID THE VISIT WAS PLANNED AND ORGANISED BY THE STUDENTS THEMSELVES AS PART OF THEIR COMMUNITY SERVICE.

+WE HOPE THE C.Y.C. GROUPS OF THE PO KOK GIRLS' VOCATIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHER C.Y.C. GROUPS IN INITIATING COMMUNITY PROJECTS ON THEIR OWN,+ HE SAID.

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