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\$31 MILLION ALLOCATION FOR OUTREACHING SOCIAL SERVICES

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THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO ALLOCATE MORE THAN \$31 MILLION TO VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES FOR THE PROVISION OF OUTREACHING SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE HIN KENG CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE CUM EXTENSION OF OUTREACHING SOCIAL SERVICES MRS WONG SAID: "THERE ARE 20 OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORK TEAMS IN THE TERRITORY CURRENTLY AND THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO INCREASE TWO TEAMS IN EACH OF THE CURRENT AND FORTHCOMING FINANCIAL YEAR; MAKING A TOTAL OF 24 TEAMS.

"TO ENSURE QUALITY SERVICE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT AN OVERALL REVIEW LATER THIS YEAR."

SHE NOTED THAT OUTREACHING SOCIAL SERVICES WAS INTRODUCED IN 1979 AND THE SERVICES HAD BEEN DEVELOPING IN A STABLE MANNER THEREAFTER. SINCE THEN, SUCH SERVICES HAD BEEN PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY SERVICES THROUGH GOVERNMENT FUNDING AMOUNTING TO MORE THAN \$1 MILLION FOR EACH TEAM.

MRS WONG SAID: "OUTREACHING SOCIAL SERVICES IS A PREVENTIVE YOUTH SERVICE AND SOCIAL WORKERS OF THESE TEAMS HAVE TO TAKE THEIR INITIATIVE TO REACH OUT TO YOUTHS WHO ARE KNOWN TO FREQUENT THE STREETS, IN THE PLAYGROUND, GAME-CENTRES, BILLIARD ROOMS AND CAFETERIA.

"AFTER IDENTIFYING THE TARGET CLIENTS THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT, OUTREACHING SOCIAL WORKERS WILL PROVIDE COUNSELLING, GUIDANCE, AND OTHER FORMS OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EMOTIONAL, SOCIAL OR BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS.

"THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF PROPER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, YOUTHS WHO ARE VULNERABLE TO UNDESIRABLE INFLUENCES MAY GAIN SATISFACTORY PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT," MRS WONG SAID.

APART FROM THE PROVISION OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES, MRS WONG POINTED OUT THAT YOUTHS SERVICES COULD ALSO BE PROVIDED WITH DEVELOPMENTAL, CARING AND REMEDIAL ESSENCE.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES NOT ONLY PROVIDE RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, BUT ALSO HELP YOUTHS TO BE INVOLVED IN WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES INCLUDING THE SETTING UP OF INTEREST GROUPS, CLUB GROUPS, UNIFORMED YOUTH GROUPS, AWARD SCHEMES AND YOUTH COUNCILS, AND OTHER SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE PROVIDED TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUTHS.

/MRS WONG

MRS WONG SAID: "THERE IS A GREAT DEMAND FOR YOUTH SERVICES IN SHA TIN AS ONE-THIRD OF THE 510,000 POPULATION IN THE DISTRICT ARE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 24 AND THAT HALF OF THE TOTAL POPULATION ARE STAYING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO SET UP FIVE MORE CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR OF WHICH THREE WILL BE LOCATED IN COMMERCIAL COMPLEXES, IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING PROVISION OF 20."

MRS WONG PAID TRIBUTE TO THE YMCA FOR ITS PROVISION OF PIONEERING YOUTH SERVICES WHICH HAD DEVELOPED INTO VARIOUS SERVICES.

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40,000 BENEFIT FROM OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SCHEME
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MORE THAN 40,000 YOUTHS HAVE GAINED FROM THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME (OYS) OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OVER THE PAST 14 YEARS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, AT THE HONG KONG BEST OYS AWARD PRESENTATION HELD AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR LAW NOTED THAT THE OYS WAS NOW INTO ITS 15TH YEAR OF SERVICES, AND HAD CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY NOT ONLY TO THE PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTHS, BUT ALSO TO A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

"THE SCHEME PROVIDES A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SERVICES RANGING FROM VISITS TO THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, BROADENING EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE PROCESS OF WORK, CIVIC EDUCATION, RURAL SERVICES TO COMMUNITY SERVICES," HE SAID.

"THE SCHEME PROVIDES MANY GOOD OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTHS TO FULFIL THEIR IDEALS AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

MR LAW COMMENDED THE YOUTHS WHO HAD CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TO VARIOUS PROJECTS ORGANISED BY THE OYS SUCH AS THE 'INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR' AND 'INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS'.

THIS YEAR, THE OYS THEME IS 'HOME SAFETY FOR CHILDREN' AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO PROJECTS AIMED AT PROMOTING THIS THEME, HE SAID.

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"THE OYS OFFERS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTHS TO BROADEN THEIR SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, TO HAVE BETTER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ENABLE THEM TO ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY SATISFACTION FOR PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, WHICH ARE ALL ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS IN PREPARATION AS GOOD AND CONTRIBUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY," MR LAW SAID.

THE 1988-89 HONG KONG BEST OYS WAS AWARDED TO A YOUTH GROUP OF YMCA IN SAU MAU PING, KWUN TONG FOR ITS PROJECT IN SERVICES TO THE BLIND.

YOUTH GROUPS FROM 19 DISTRICTS ALSO TOOK PART IN A PANEL DISPLAY COMPETITION TO EXHIBIT THE PROJECTS THEY HAD DONE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, DR DANIEL TSE, WHO ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONY URGED VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE YOUTHS TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY WORK.

ON THE PART OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS AND THE MASS MEDIA DR TSE NOTED THAT THEIR FINANCIAL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT COULD ASSIST YOUTHS TO REALISE THEIR IDEALS.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE OYS OPERATED BY THE SWD HAD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW AND HOPED THAT OTHER ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED COULD FOLLOW SUIT.

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MIDDLE-AGED VOLUNTEERS ARE A TREASURE TO THE SOCIETY

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MIDDLE-AGED VOLUNTEERS COULD BE A TREASURES TO THE SOCIETY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE "WIDENING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE 50 PLUS" ORGANISED BY HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, MR CHUI POINTED OUT THAT THESE MIDDLE-AGED VOLUNTEERS COULD BECOME DYNAMIC HUMAN RESOURCES IF THEY ARE UNDER PROPER GUIDANCE.

HE SAID: "MIDDLE AGE, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS THE PRIME OF LIFE, IMPLIES THAT A PERSON MAY HAVE PROFOUND EXPERIENCE IN LIFE, ENERGETIC AND CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY.

"PEOPLE OFTEN ASSOCIATE VOLUNTEERS WITH YOUTHS IN THE OLD DAYS, BUT THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED AND IT IS NO LONGER A MONOPOLISED SERVICE AS MIDDLE-AGED VOLUNTEERS ARE PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE.

/ "VOLUNTEER SERVICES

"VOLUNTEER SERVICES ARE INDISPENSABLE COMMUNITY SERVICES AS THESE VOLUNTEERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED THEIR TIME, ENERGY, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS TO THE NEEDY."

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 15.5 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION WILL BE THE ELDERLY, AGED 60 AND ABOVE, BY THE 21ST CENTURY.

MR CHUI NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSTANTLY REVIEWING THE POLICY IN RELATION TO THE AGING POPULATION AND THEIR SOCIAL NEEDS.

"IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR PRINCIPLE TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY CARE AND PROVIDE VARIOUS SUPPORT TO THE ELDERLY SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO LIVE WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN HARMONY LIFE," HE SAID.

MR CHUI ALSO COMMENDED THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED FOR INTRODUCING THE PIONEER PROJECT AND POOLING RESOURCES FROM THE MIDDLE-AGED VOLUNTEERS SO THAT THEY COULD BE ABLE TO KEEP UP WITH SOCIETY.

THE "WIDENING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE 50 PLUS" WAS INTRODUCED BY THE SAGE LAST SEPTEMBER AND WAS WELL RECEIVED. THE CURRENT BATCH OF 60 VOLUNTEERS, AGED BETWEEN 50 AND 65, HAVE EACH COMPLETED THEIR 25 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES.

THESE VOLUNTEERS WERE GIVEN A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING BEFORE THEY RENDER THEIR SERVICES TO THE DISABLED CHILDREN AND THE ELDERLY.

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HONG KONG IS DOOR TO TRADE AND INVESTMENT
OPPORTUNITIES IN ASIA: SGD

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BUSINESS LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICS IN THE AMERICAN CITY OF JACKSON, CAPITOL OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, WERE YESTERDAY (APRIL 28) TOLD OF THE TREMENDOUS TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES THAT AWAITED THEM IN ASIA THROUGH HONG KONG'S GUARANTEED FUTURE AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADING ECONOMY.

IN A KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO THE LEADING EDGE SEMINAR IN THE CITY, SECRETARY FOR GENERAL DUTIES, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID THE SYSTEMS WHICH HAD PROVED TO BE A WORKING RECIPE FOR HONG KONG'S ASTONISHING SUCCESS STORY WOULD BE PRESERVED UNDER THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

THE SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE UNIVERSITIES CENTRE OF JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY WHICH REPRESENTS THE MAJOR INSTITUTES OF LEARNING IN THE STATE.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE JOINT DECLARATION WAS ALREADY WORKING WELL EIGHT YEARS BEFORE HONG KONG REVERTS TO CHINESE SOVEREIGNTY AND THE PROCESS TO IMPLEMENT SOME OF THE PROVISIONS HAD ALREADY STARTED.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT WAS THAT AFTER 1997 HONG KONG WOULD BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS AND PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN APPROPRIATE FIELDS WHICH HE TOLD THE AUDIENCE: "HAS A GREAT DEAL OF PRACTICAL IMPORTANCE FOR HONG KONG AS A MAJOR TRADING TERRITORY AND TO YOU AS INVESTORS OR TRADERS DOING BUSINESS WITH US."

AS A RESULT OF THIS PROCESS, HE POINTED OUT, HONG KONG HAD ALREADY BECOME AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTING PARTY TO THE GATT, THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL, THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT.

FURTHERMORE, HE ADDED, AGREEMENTS HAD BEEN REACHED ON HONG KONG'S INDEPENDENT PARTICIPATION IN A DOZEN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE PROVISIONS IN THE JOINT DECLARATION WOULD BE ENSHRINED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT IN A BASIC LAW, OR MINI-CONSTITUTION, FOR HONG KONG TO BE ENACTED IN EARLY 1990.

LOOKING TO THE YEARS AHEAD OF 1997 AND WHAT HONG KONG WOULD BE LIKE THEN, MR WIGGHAM SAID CONSTITUTIONALLY IT WOULD BE QUITE DIFFERENT.

"IT WILL BE A SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION OF CHINA INSTEAD OF A DEPENDENT TERRITORY OF THE UNITED KINGDOM. BUT NOT A LOT ELSE WILL CHANGE - AND IT IS CRITICAL THAT IT DOES NOT," HE STRESSED.

MR WIGGHAM POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG WOULD STILL HAVE ITS CAPITALIST FREE MARKET SYSTEM, WITH FULL AUTHORITY OVER ITS OWN FINANCIAL AND MONETARY POLICIES AND ITS OWN FREELY CONVERTIBLE CURRENCY WITH NO EXCHANGE CONTROLS.

"BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY," HE CONTINUED, "IT WOULD HAVE ITS OWN STABLE AND INDEPENDENT LEGAL SYSTEM BUILT AROUND THE BRITISH COMMON LAW TO ENSURE A CONTINUATION OF HONG KONG'S RELIABLE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT WHEREBY INVESTORS CAN ENTER INTO CONTRACTS AND OPERATE IN THE MARKETS WITHOUT FEAR OF ARBITRARY EXPROPRIATION OR POLITICAL MANIPULATION."

SUMMING UP, HE SAID THE JOINT DECLARATION AND THE CONFIDENCE WHICH IT HAD GENERATED IN HONG KONG'S FUTURE HAD PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR HIGH RATES OF GROWTH AND LONG-TERM INVESTMENT IN HONG KONG'S ECONOMY AND OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND.

MR WIGGHAM'S HOST IN JACKSON WAS THE DOYEN OF MISSISSIPPI'S PUBLIC LIFE, FORMER GOVERNOR, MR WILLIAM WINTER, WHO WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN OPENING MISSISSIPPI TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

MR WIGGHAM SAID HIS VISIT WAS TIMELY AS THE CURRENT GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI, MR GOVERNOR RAY MABUS, LEFT JACKSON YESTERDAY AT THE HEAD OF A HIGH LEVEL MISSISSIPPI BUSINESS MISSION TO ASIA. SEVERAL LEADING MEMBERS OF THE MISSION WOULD BE VISITING HONG KONG DURING THEIR ASIAN TRIP.

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COMMENTING ON THE BUSINESS MISSION, MR WIGGHAM SAID: "NOBODY WHO GOES TO HONG KONG CAN FAIL TO BE BUT IMPRESSED BY THE TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY AND SCOPE IN OUR DYNAMISM WHICH IS BEING INSURED FOR THE FUTURE BY THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION."

NEXT WEEK MR WIGGHAM WILL BE IN PENNSYLVANIA WHERE HE IS SCHEDULED TO GIVE SPEECHES TO THE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCILS IN BOTH PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA. A SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY LEADERS IN BOTH THESE CITIES HAS ALSO BEEN ARRANGED.

AFTER THAT MR WIGGHAM WILL FLY TO SAN FRANCISCO WHERE HE WILL HAVE ANOTHER ROUND OF PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND MEETINGS WITH KEY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, BUSINESS LEADERS AND ACADEMICS.

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SOCIAL DATA COLLECTED CONTAINED IN SPECIAL TOPICS REPORT

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SUPPLEMENTARY ENQUIRIES ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS ARE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY WHICH IS CONDUCTED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE AIM IS TO COLLECT SOCIAL DATA REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT FOR PLANNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIAL CONDITION OF SOCIETY.

THE JUST-PUBLISHED SPECIAL TOPICS REPORT NO. V COVERS SIX TOPICS BASED ON ENQUIRIES CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1987 TO JULY 1988.

THESE TOPICS ARE: CIGARETTE SMOKING PATTERN, PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, SICK LEAVE PATTERN OF EMPLOYEES, PARTICIPATION IN PART-TIME EDUCATION, USE OF TAXIS AND ATTENDING CULTURAL PERFORMANCES.

SOME FACTS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT SHOW THAT THE PROPORTION OF SMOKERS IN HONG KONG CONTINUED TO DECREASE.

ABOUT 17 PER CENT OF PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER IN 1988 WERE SMOKERS, COMPARED WITH 19 PER CENT IN 1984 AND 23 PER CENT IN AND 23 PER CENT IN 1982. THIRTY PER CENT OF MALES AND THREE PER CENT OF FEMALES WERE SMOKERS.

ON PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT, THE REPORT SHOWED THAT THERE WERE 53,800 PART-TIME JOB-HOLDERS IN HONG KONG IN 1988. MORE THAN HALF OF THEM WERE IN SERVICES INDUSTRIES AND OVER ONE-THIRD IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

AS FOR PART-TIME EDUCATION, A TOTAL OF 10,700 (OR 2.3 PER CENT) PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER ATTENDED PART-TIME COURSES IN 1988.

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LANGUAGE COURSES AND COURSES ON ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER VOCATIONAL STUDIES WERE THE MORE POPULAR FIELDS OF STUDY, ATTRACTING ONE-QUARTER AND MORE THAN ONE-FIFTH OF THE TOTAL PARTICIPANTS RESPECTIVELY.

THE REPORT CONTAINS MANY MORE FINDINGS AND DETAILED TABLES ON THE SUBJECTS SURVEYED.

THE SPECIAL TOPICS REPORT NO. V IS NOW ON SALE AT \$29 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, OR AT THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, WANCHAI TOWER I, 12 HARBOUR ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG.

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SURVEY ON NT TAXI OPERATION

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS CARRYING OUT A SURVEY ON THE OPERATIONS OF NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS AND IS CALLING FOR THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF NT TAXI OWNERS.

THE ANNUAL SURVEY WILL INCLUDE A QUESTIONNAIRE AND A METER READING EXERCISE.

A QUESTIONNAIRE HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO EVERY NT TAXI OWNER ENQUIRING DETAILS OF THEIR OPERATION.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID ALL THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED WOULD BE TREATED CONFIDENTIAL AND USED IN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS ONLY.

THE METER READING EXERCISE WILL BE CARRIED OUT NEXT MONTH.

TAXI DRIVERS ARE REQUESTED TO PRESENT ON TWO OCCASIONS THEIR TAXIS AT ANY ONE OF THE SIX METER READING CENTRES AT THEIR CONVENIENCE.

THE FIRST METER READING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM MAY 1 TO MAY 5 AND THE SECOND READING FROM MAY 8 TO MAY 12, FROM 9.30 AM TO 12.30 PM OR FROM 2 PM TO 4.30 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE WHOLE METER READING PROCESS WOULD BE VERY SIMPLE AND WOULD TAKE ONLY A FEW MINUTES.

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THE SIX METER READING CENTRES ARE LOCATED AT:

- * CARPARK OUTSIDE YUEN LONG STADIUM, YUEN LONG;
- * TAXI STAND AT TUEN MUN FERRY PIER INTERCHANGE, TUEN MUN;
- * TAXI STAND AT ON TING ESTATE, TUEN MUN;
- * TAXI STAND AT TAI YUEN ESTATE, TAI PO;
- * TAXI STAND AT FUK MAN ROAD, SAI KUNG; AND
- * TAXI STAND AT CHOI YUEN ROAD, SHEUNG SHUI.

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NEW WATERWORKS DEPOT ON LANTAU

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A NEW WATERWORKS CONSUMER SERVICES DEPOT WILL BE OPENED IN MUI WO FROM MONDAY (MAY 1) TO SERVE RESIDENTS ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE NEW DEPOT WILL BE LOCATED AT THE SILVERMINE BAY TREATMENT WORKS IN MUI WO AND WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 10 PM DAILY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

CONSUMERS AT MUI WO, PUI O, CHEUNG SHA, TONG FUK, SHUI HAU AND TAI O WHO WANT TO REQUEST FOR SERVICE REGARDING WATER MAINS BURSTS, WATER MAINS LEAKS, WEAK WATER PRESEURE OR TO MAKE ANY OTHER COMPLAINTS OF A TECHNICAL NATURE CAN EITHER CALL AT THE DEPOT IN PERSON OR TELEPHONE 5-9847575.

IN CONJUCTION WITH THE OPENING OF THE MUI WO DEPOT, THE WORKING HOURS OF THE EXISTING TAI O CONSUMER SERVICES DEPOT WILL BE SHORTENED FROM MONDAY.

THE NEW OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM DAILY. CONSUMERS AT TAI O REQUESTING SERVICES AFTER 5 PM MAY CONTACT THE MUI WO DEPOT.

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STANDING COMMITTEE VISITS POLICE

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MEMBERS OF THE RECENTLY FORMED STANDING COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINED SERVICES SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE VISITED THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE THIS MORNING (SATURDAY).

THE DELEGATION WAS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, MR JOHN SWAINE AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE, MR KEN WOODHOUSE. NINE OTHER STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO TOOK PART IN THE VISIT - MR MARTIN BARROW, MR PAUL CHENG, MR WILFRED CHAN SIU-YUEN, MR ANTHONY CHEUNG, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, MRS NELLIE K.M. FONG, MR ANTHONY NEOH, MR BRIAN RENWICK AND MR TANG KWAI-NANG. MR BARROW AND MR CHENG ARE THE CHAIRMEN OF THE POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE AND THE GENERAL DISCIPLINED SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE RESPECTIVELY.

THEY WERE RECEIVED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR RAYMOND ANNING, HIS THREE DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS, MR LI KWAN-HA, MR GEORGE HINDHAUGH AND MR JOHN THORPE, AND OTHER SENIOR STAFF OF THE FORCE.

THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE SHOWN ROUND THE POLMIL CONTROL CENTRE, THE ORGANISED AND SERIOUS CRIME GROUP AND THE NARCOTICS BUREAU. THEY WERE GIVEN PRESENTATIONS ON INTERNAL SECURITY AND ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURES, ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION, ASSUMPTION OF THE MILITARY ROLE ON THE BORDER, TRIADS, CRIME TRENDS, MAJOR CRIME INVESTIGATIONS AND ANTI-DRUG OPERATIONS.

MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE THEN HELD INFORMAL TALKS WITH THE COMMISSIONER AND CHIEFS OF STAFF OF THE FORCE, WHERE THEY EXCHANGED VIEWS ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES WHICH WERE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO THE FORCE AND ITS STAFF.

THE VISIT WAS THE SECOND OF A SERIES OF PLANNED FAMILIARISATION TOURS BY MEMBERS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE TO SEE THE WORK OF THE DISCIPLINED SERVICES.

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SPEEDPOST EXTENDS TO 143 MORE PLACES IN CHINA

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THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO CHINA WILL BE EXTENDED TO 143 MORE CITIES AND COUNTIES FROM MONDAY (MAY 1).

AT PRESENT, THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE TO 45 CITIES AND COUNTIES IN CHINA, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

CUSTOMERS REQUIRING DETAILS OF THE NEW SPEEDPOST NETWORK WITHIN CHINA OR OTHER SERVICE INFORMATION CAN CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-8683868 OR THE POST OFFICE ENQUIRY BUREAU ON 5-231071, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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PUBLIC EARTH DUMP AT HUNG HOM BAY

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A PUBLIC EARTH DUMP AT HUNG HOM BAY NEAR THE STAR FERRY PIER WILL BE OPENED FOR USE FROM MONDAY (MAY 1) TO THOSE POSSESSING A DUMPING PERMIT.

THE OPENING HOURS WILL BE FROM 8.30 AM TO 6 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE DUMP WILL BE CLOSED WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL NUMBER 8 OR ABOVE IS HOISTED.

DUMPING PERMITS CAN BE OBTAINED BY APPLYING TO THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

COPIES OF BOTH VALID VEHICLE LICENCE AND REGISTRATION RECORD SHOULD BE FORWARDED WITH EACH APPLICATION.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO OFFER ATTACHMENT PLACES TO TI STUDENTS

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THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL URGES EMPLOYERS IN INDUSTRY, COMMERCE AND SERVICE SECTORS TO OFFER ATTACHMENT PLACES FOR 3,000 TECHNICAL STUDENTS THIS SUMMER.

FULL-TIME TECHNICIAN STUDENTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL BE SENT TO GAIN WORKING EXPERIENCE IN ESTABLISHMENTS RELATED TO THEIR FIELDS OF STUDIES INCLUDING APPLIED SCIENCE, CLOTHING AND TEXTILES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, COMPUTING STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND PRINTING.

"PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE PLAYS A VITAL PART IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION. EXPOSURE TO INDUSTRIAL OR REAL-LIFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT WILL HELP STUDENTS TO APPLY WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

"EMPLOYERS WOULD ALSO BE BENEFITED IN THE LONG RUN BY RECRUITING THESE WELL-TRAINED STUDENTS," HE ADDED.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT OUTSTANDING STUDENTS, UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR STUDY, OFTEN GOT PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT FROM THE EMPLOYERS WHO HAD OFFERED THEM THE ATTACHMENT PLACES.

EMPLOYERS WHO ARE ABLE TO OFFER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO THE STUDENTS DURING MID-JULY TO MID-SEPTEMBER ARE URGED TO CONTACT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES DIRECTLY : MORRISON HILL (5-745321), KWAI CHUNG (0-4246221), KWUN TONG (3-7274331), HAKING WONG (3-615161), LEE WAI LEE (3-383611), TUEN MUN (0-4630066), SHA TIN (0-6066227) AND CHAI WAN (5-8971011).

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DISTRICT BOARD SUBSIDIES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD SAID THAT THESE PROJECTS SHOULD AIM AT ENHANCING THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY.

"SUBSIDIES WOULD BE GRANTED TO PROJECTS RANGING FROM SURVEYS, EXHIBITIONS, COMPETITIONS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED AND TRAINING COURSES FOR VOLUNTEERS," HE SAID.

A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, WILL HOLD MEETINGS ON JUNE 6, JULY 26, SEPTEMBER 1, OCTOBER 10 AND NOVEMBER 22 TO VET THESE APPLICATIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 5-630181.

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AMATEUR ARTISTS HELP REPAINT CHEUNG CHAU MURALS

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A GROUP OF YOUNG AMATEUR ARTISTS JOINED A TWO-DAY PROGRAMME WHICH STARTED THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING TO REPAINT THE MURALS AT THE TUNG WAH CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ON CHEUNG CHAU.

THE MURALS COVERING A SURFACE OF 60 SQUARE METRES OF THE WALLS SURROUNDING THE PLAYGROUND, WERE FIRST PAINTED ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO. THEY ARE PAINTINGS OF ROBOTS, CARTOONS AND TROPICAL PLANTS.

AS THERE ARE SIGNS OF FADING, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE RECENTLY INITIATED A PROJECT TO REPAINT THE MURALS.

A TOTAL OF 45 VOLUNTEERS, AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 25, FROM THE CHEUNG CHAU CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE RESPONDED TO THE REPAINTING PROJECT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE PROJECT IS AIMED AT CULTIVATING AMONG THE YOUTHS A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THEIR COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THE BEAUTIFICATION OF THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

"IT ALSO PROVIDES A CHANCE FOR THE YOUTHS TO SHOW OFF THEIR ARTISTIC TALENT," HE ADDED.

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NEW ARRANGEMENT OF MURRAY BARRACKS CARPARK

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THE MURRAY BARRACKS OPEN-AIR CARPARK IN GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL, WILL CEASE TO BE A GOVERNMENT CARPARK FROM ONE MINUTE PAST MIDNIGHT ON MONDAY (MAY 1), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HOWEVER, THE CARPARK WILL CONTINUE TO BE RUN BY A COMMERCIAL OPERATOR UNTIL POSSESSION IS GIVEN TO THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE BY THE END OF JULY.

MEANWHILE, THE PARKING CHARGES AT THIS CARPARK WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN TSUEN WAN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 1), THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF A SECTION OF SAI LAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN A POINT 120 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MEI WAN STREET AND A POINT 190 METRES EAST OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAY.

WITHIN THIS AREA, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES AND THOSE WITH PERMITS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS; OR LOADING OR UNLOADING GOODS.

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LANE CLOSURES IN FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) AND NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD NEXT MONTH.

THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND NEAR WO HOP SHEK INTERCHANGE WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY (MAY 1) TO WEDNESDAY (MAY 3).

THE OUTERMOST LANE OF TAI PO ROAD (FANLING) NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND NEAR KAI LENG ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED FROM MAY 8 TO 10.

THE OUTERMOST LANE OF NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD NORTHBOUND AND SOUTHBOUND NEAR SHEUNG SHUI ROUNDABOUT WILL BE CLOSED ON MAY 15 AND 16.

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TEMPORARY URBAN CLEARWAY ON CONDUIT ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MAY 1), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF CONDUIT ROAD IN CENTRAL BETWEEN HOUSE NUMBERS 2 AND 18 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY ROUND-THE-CLOCK.

THIS MEASURE WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS FOR WATER MAINLAYING WORKS.

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

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