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THOROUGH CONSULTATION ESSENTIAL ON FILM CENSORSHIP BILL

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CONSULTATION ON THE BILL ON FILM CENSORSHIP MUST BE THOROUGH AND THERE MUST BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE CRITICISMS AND SUGGESTIONS PROPERLY, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE TOPPING-OUT CEREMONY OF THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION SPORTS COMPLEX AT SO KON PO, HE SAID: +BUT WHETHER AT THIS STAGE ONE MONTH OR TWO MONTHS OR THREE MONTHS IS REQUIRED, I THINK WE SHOULD WAIT AND SEE.+

HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANT THING WAS THAT PEOPLE SHOULD GET HOLD OF THE BILL AND STUDY IT THOROUGHLY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

ASKED WHY IT WAS NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO ASSESS PUBLIC VIEWS COLLECTED BY THE SURVEY OFFICE, SIR DAVID SAID THE GREEN PAPER ON POLITICAL REVIEW WAS QUITE A LONG AND COMPLICATED PAPER AND HAD GOT MANY QUESTIONS IN IT.

+THEREFORE WE NEED TO HAVE A SURVEY OF PUBLIC OPINIONS ON EACH OF THE VARIOUS QUESTIONS AND THEN ULTIMATELY THE DECISION AS TO WHAT TO DO HAS TO BE DECIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND, OF COURSE, IN CONSULTATION WITH HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO SPORTS, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A DECENT FOOTBALL PITCH IN KOWLOON FOR ITS TWO-AND-A-HALF MILLION PEOPLE.

+I THINK THERE ARE VERY CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHICH THE URBAN COUNCIL HAVE FOR IMPROVING THE MONG KOK STADIUM.+

UPGRADING THE MONG KOK STADIUM TO PROVIDE A GOOD PITCH +WAS NOT ASKING FOR TOO MUCH+, SIR DAVID SAID, ADDING THAT HE HOPED SOMEDAY TOO THE HONG KONG STADIUM WOULD ALSO BE IMPROVED.

HE FELT HONG KONG SHOULD BUILD UP A STRONG LOCAL TEAM OF FOOTBALLERS, AND THAT THERE WAS NEED TO TRAIN UP LOCAL FORWARDS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF OVERSEAS PLAYERS.

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TRAIN THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TO BE INDEPENDENT

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THE TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED SHOULD BE CAREFULLY TAILORED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH MAXIMUM SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AND EXHIBITION OF +A SELF-MADE TEACHING KIT COMPETITION AND PHOTO SHOOTING COMPETITION+ ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF WORKERS SERVING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

/SHE SAID

SHE SAID THAT OUR COMMUNITY WAS MAKING A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN THE CARE AND TRAINING OF THE MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

+THE COST OF THIS SERVICE TO OUR 4 000 SEVERE OR LOW-MODERATE GRADE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS CAN BE VERY HIGH.

+FOR INSTANCE, IT COSTS ABOUT \$50 000 A YEAR TO PROVIDE A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL IN THIS CATEGORY WITH RESIDENTIAL CARE AND WORK ACTIVITIES.

+TO GET THIS FIGURE INTO PERSPECTIVE, IT REPRESENTS ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT AS IT COSTS TO PROVIDE A UNIVERSITY STUDENT'S EDUCATION FOR A YEAR,+ SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, SHE NOTED THAT THERE WAS ONE BIG DIFFERENCE.

+THE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE IS BEING TRAINED TO BECOME A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.

+OUR ADULT MENTALLY HANDICAPPED ARE LIKELY TO NEED SOME FORM OF LIFE-TIME CARE AND SUPPORT, FINANCED FROM PUBLIC REVENUE, UNLESS OUR TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR THEM ARE CAREFULLY TAILORED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH MAXIMUM SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE,+ SHE SAID.

+THIS PROBLEM REPRESENTS A NEW CHALLENGE TO OUR SOCIAL WORK PROFESSION,+ SHE ADDED.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT AT PRESENT THERE WERE 21 WORK ACTIVITY CENTRES CATERING FOR 1 030 TRAINEES.

THE PLAN WAS TO ESTABLISH ANOTHER 18 CENTRES WITH AN ADDITIONAL 1 200 PLACES OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS, SHE SAID, ADDING THAT THE ESTIMATED TOTAL DEMAND FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR THIS GROUP WOULD REACH 1 000 PERSONS.

SHE STRESSED THAT THIS EXPENSIVE PROGRAMME HAD TO BE CAREFULLY ASSESSED AND MONITORED TO ATTAIN TWO OBJECTIVES.

+THE FIRST IS TO SEE THAT THE SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES INVESTED IN THE WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE IS USED TO THE BEST ADVANTAGE WHICH MEANS THAT IT HAS THE APPROPRIATE PROGRAMME AND A PROPERLY CONSTRUCTED SYLLABUS,+ SHE SAID.

SHE SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST STEP IN THAT DIRECTION MIGHT BE TO TRANSLATE OUR LOCAL EXPERIENCE AND CURRENT PRACTICES INTO A FORMAL TRAINING PACKAGE WHICH COVERED ALL ASPECTS OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS' WORK AND DAILY LIFE.

+JUST AS IMPORTANT IS THE OTHER OBJECTIVE: THAT THESE CENTRES ASSIST THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TO ACHIEVE THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE DEGREE OF INDEPENDENCE IN TERMS OF VOCATIONAL SKILLS AS WELL AS SELF-CARE AND SOCIAL RELATIONS,+ SHE SAID.

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+AND THE PROGRAMME MUST BE SUITED TO THE HONG KONG SITUATION,+ SHE ADDED.

MRS GOODSTADT SAID THAT SOCIAL WORKERS IN THIS FIELD MUST ALSO HAVE SOME BASIC QUALITIES BEFORE THESE OBJECTIVES COULD BE ATTAINED.

+FIRST, THEY MUST HAVE A FIRM CONVICTION IN REHABILITATION WORK AND BELIEVE THAT THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, EVEN OF THE MOST SEVERE GRADE, ARE CAPABLE OF BEING TRAINED AND THAT THE TRAINEES SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS LITTLE CHILDREN OR BABIES AND BE GIVEN PASSIVE CARE AND THUS DEPRIVING THEM OF DEVELOPING THEIR POTENTIAL,+ SHE SAID.

+SECOND, REHABILITATION WORKERS MUST HAVE DEDICATION AND IMAGINATION AND SHOULD NOT FOLLOW RIGIDLY A SET MODE OF TEACHING AND TRAINING THE HANDICAPPED.

+THE TRAINING SHOULD BE TAILORED TO THE APTITUDE AND RECEPTIVENESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL TRAINEE,+ SHE ADDED.

MRS GOODSTADT COMPLIMENTED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS DEDICATION TO SERVING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

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MORE APPEALS OVER DISABILITY ALLOWANCE
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THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD (SSAB) RECEIVED 132 APPEALS AGAINST THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION ON ELIGIBILITY AND PAYMENT OF SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN THE YEAR 1985-86, ACCORDING TO THE BOARD'S ANNUAL REPORT.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 63 APPEALS, OR 91.3 PER CENT AS COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING YEAR.

THE REPORT SHOWED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE APPEALS WERE RELATED TO DISABILITY ALLOWANCE, ACCOUNTING FOR 118 CASES OR ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL.

THE SSAB CHAIRMAN, MR CHIU CHUN-BONG, WHO HAS SERVED THE BOARD FOR FIVE YEARS, POINTED OUT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE APPEALS WERE AGAINST THE MEDICAL FINDINGS ON WHICH THE DECISION OF THE ELIGIBILITY OF AN APPELLANT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS WAS ORIGINALLY BASED.

IN PROCESSING THESE APPEALS, IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE APPELLANTS TO UNDERGO A MEDICAL RE-ASSESSMENT, HE SAID.

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THE APPEAL BOARD THEREFORE LIAISED CLOSELY WITH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO ENLIST ITS ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING MEDICAL BOARDS FOR MEDICAL RE-ASSESSMENT. DURING THE YEAR, 116 DISABILITY ALLOWANCE CASES AND TWO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE CASES WERE REFERRED TO SUCH BOARDS.

OF THESE 118 APPEALS REFERRED TO THE MEDICAL BOARDS FOR RE-ASSESSMENT, THE BOARDS CONFIRMED THE INITIAL MEDICAL FINDINGS IN 66 CASES AND VARIED THE DECISIONS IN 49 CASES, MR CHIU ADDED. THE REMAINING THREE CASES WERE WITHDRAWN.

THE OTHER APPEALS RECEIVED BY THE SOCIAL SECURITY APPEAL BOARD WERE CONNECTED WITH PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME.

NINETY-SEVEN APPEALS WERE HEARD DURING THE YEAR INCLUDING 14 BROUGHT FORWARD FROM THE PRECEDING YEAR.

THE BOARD CONFIRMED THE DECISIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN 55 CASES AND VARIED THEM IN 42 CASES.

THE HANDLING OF COMPLAINTS IN CONNECTION WITH SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICES CONTINUES TO BE AN IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE BOARD WHICH COMPRISES FOUR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THESE COMPLAINTS DID NOT NECESSARILY BECOME APPEALS BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS OF SOME OF THE COMPLAINANTS COULD BE SOLVED AFTER A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION BY THE STAFF OF THE BOARD OR THROUGH A REVIEW OF THE CASE BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE REPORT SAID.

DURING THE YEAR, THE BOARD RECEIVED 198 COMPLAINTS, AS AGAINST 161, IN THE PRECEDING YEAR. OF THESE, 94 WERE SETTLED BY THE STAFF OF THE BOARD, SIX WERE REFERRED TO THE APPROPRIATE OFFICES FOR ACTION AND 98 EVENTUALLY BECAME APPEALS.

THE BOARD ALSO MADE SOME SUGGESTIONS AIMED AT IMPROVING SOCIAL SECURITY SERVICES.

IT PROPOSED THAT FOR A CASE OF SELF-WITHDRAWAL WHERE A WRITTEN STATEMENT CANNOT BE OBTAINED FROM THE APPLICANT, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO SEND A WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO THE APPLICANT TO CONFIRM THE REASONS FOR CLOSING THE CASE, RATHER THAN RELYING ON VERBAL NOTIFICATION.

IT ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE SHOULD BE GIVEN A DISCRETIONARY POWER TO ENTERTAIN LATE APPLICATIONS FOR TAVA AFTER THE SIX-MONTH DEADLINE WHERE THERE ARE ACCEPTABLE REASONS FOR THE DELAY, SUCH AS ILLNESS OR DISABILITY.

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A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN WELCOMED THE SUGGESTIONS AND SAID THAT ACTION HAD ALREADY BEEN TAKEN REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF THE CLOSURE OF A CASE.

APPEALS CAN BE MADE AT THE OFFICE OF THE APPEAL BOARD ON THE SEVENTH FLOOR, PACIFIC HOUSE, 20-20B QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL; OR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON 14TH FLOOR, WORLD TRADE CENTRE, 280 GLOUCESTER ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY; OR THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SECTION AT 15 WATSON ROAD, FIRST FLOOR, VICTORIA CENTRE, CAUSEWAY BAY; OR AT ANY OF ITS SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS VICTIMS
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) APPROVED \$12 699 AS BURIAL AND INJURIES GRANTS FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) FUND TO THE FAMILY AFFECTED BY A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT ON MARCH 22, 1987.

A 39-YEAR-OLD ELECTRICAL TECHNICIAN WAS KILLED WHILE HIS WIFE, TWO CHILDREN AND MOTHER-IN-LAW WERE INJURED IN THE COLLISION BETWEEN A GOODS VAN AND A BUS ON CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

ANOTHER SUM OF OVER \$17 800 FROM THE FUND WAS ALSO APPROVED FOR NINE OF THE 17 PEOPLE INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT ON TAI PO ROAD OUTSIDE THE SHA TIN RACE COURSE ON THE SAME DAY, WHICH INVOLVED A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS.

OF THE OTHER EIGHT VICTIMS, SEVEN WERE NOT QUALIFIED FOR ASSISTANCE AS THEY HAD NOT ATTAINED THE MINIMUM THREE-DAY HOSPITALISATION REQUIREMENT WHILE ONE APPLICATION IS STILL BEING PROCESSED BY TAVA STAFF.

THE TAVA SCHEME PROVIDES QUICK FINANCIAL HELP TO TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDENTS, REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

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ENTHUSIASTIC START FOR TREE PLANTING SCHEME
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THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL SWING INTO FULL GEAR TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WHEN THE FIRST TREE PLANTING DAY IN THE YEAR TAKES PLACE AT SEVEN DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARK PLANTING SITES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN PLANTING TREES SHOULD GO TO THE PLANTING SITES AT TAI MO SHAN, BRIDE'S POOL, MUI WO, POKFULAM, QUARRY BAY, PAK TAM CHUNG AND CLEARWATER BAY WHERE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM TO PROVIDE FREE TREE SEEDLINGS AND ADVICE.

TREE PLANTING DAYS HAVE BEEN SCHEDULED FOR ALL SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN APRIL.

THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS), MR K.C. IU, SAID TODAY THIS YEAR'S TREE PLANTING SCHEME HAD MET WITH VERY ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FROM THE PUBLIC.

+BEFORE THE TREE PLANTING DAYS ACTUALLY START, WE HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED BOOKING FOR OVER 8 000 STUDENTS AND YOUTHS TO TAKE PART IN THE PROGRAMME IN GROUPS,+ HE SAID.

MR IU EXPECTED A GOOD TURNOUT AT THE TREE PLANTING DAYS AHEAD AS PEOPLE ARE BECOMING CONCERNED ABOUT THE LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT.

HE SAID THAT TO CELEBRATE ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, THE COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME OFFERED A NEW ATTRACTION TO THOSE INTERESTED IN RAISING THEIR OWN TREE SEEDLINGS.

+AFTER PLANTING A TREE, EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE GIVEN A SEED PACKET AND A COLOURFUL LEAFLET FOR RAISING A SEEDLING AT HOME, FOR PLANTING IN THE 1988 PLANTING SEASON.

+A HANDSOME SOUVENIR WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DOING SO,+ MR IU ADDED.

HE URGED ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT AT 3-7332121 FOR REGISTRATION.

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NEW PARK FOR KENNEDY TOWN OPENED
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THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK BUILT ON THE SITE OF AN OLD CATTLE DEPOT IN KENNEDY TOWN WAS OPENED THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON IN THE GAETIES OF THE CHILDREN'S DAY.

AT THE PARK, GUESTS WERE INVITED TO PUT THEIR SIGNATURES ON A COLOURFUL MURAL PAINTING BY PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS.

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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR GERRY FORSGATE, PERFORMED AN EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY FOR THE LION DANCE AS A CURTAIN-RAISER.

THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, THEN UNVEILED A MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PARK.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO SAID THE BOARD HAD BEEN MAKING STRENUOUS AND PERSISTENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+THE RE-LOCATION OF THE CATTLE DEPOT, WHICH HAS CAUSED ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES FOR A LONG TIME, AND THE BUILDING OF SUCH A NICE RESTING PLACE ARE VERY GOOD EXAMPLES,+ HE SAID.

+BY MAKING CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF TEMPORARILY VACANT LAND, THE BOARD HAS DEMONSTRATED INGENUITY AND IMAGINATION AND ABOVE ALL, GENUINE CONCERN FOR PEOPLE'S WELL-BEING,+ HE ADDED.

+BESIDES, IT REFLECTS THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD IS PLAYING AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE SCHEME,+ HE SAID.

+IN TERMS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING, THE PROJECT IS ALSO A MATTER OF SIGNIFICANCE AS IT INVOLVED STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

MR KO SAID THE FACT THAT THE WHOLE PROJECT WAS SUPERVISED BY A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER ALSO SHOWED THE BOARD'S SINCERITY AND DETERMINATION IN IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

+WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WORKS WERE COMPLETED WITHIN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME, IN FACT JUST A FEW MONTHS, AT A FAIRLY LOW COST OF \$200 000,+ HE SAID.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, DR WANG GUNGWU SAID THE PROJECT WAS VERY MEANINGFUL. HE SAID AS SOME ARCHITECTURE STUDENTS HAD VOLUNTEERED TO PREPARE THE LAY-OUT PLAN, IT ALSO SYMBOLISED THE JOINT EFFORTS OF +THE TOWN AND THE GOWN+ IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY.

DR WANG ENCOURAGED OTHER STUDENTS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY TO SHOW THEIR GRATEFULNESS TO SOCIETY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELIZABETH TSE, THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE OF HKU, PROFESSOR ERIC LYE AND THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE, MISS ESTHER CHAN.

ABOUT 1 800 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE PARK CONSISTS OF A SITTING-CUT AREA, WITH ARBOUR AND RAIN SHELTER CONVERTED FROM OLD CATTLE SHEDS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND A SPECIALLY DESIGNED PLATFORM FOR OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES.

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COMPUTER COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS

THE COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TEACHERS TO ATTEND A SERIES OF COURSES AND SEMINARS ON THE TEACHING OF COMPUTER STUDIES AND THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN SCHOOLS.

THREE IDENTICAL COURSES FOR COMPUTER TEACHERS ON LOGO PROGRAMMING WILL START IN APRIL 24. PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO TEACHERS PREPARING TO TEACH THE COMPUTER LITERACY SYLLABUS FOR FORMS 1 TO 3 PROPOSED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.

THESE COURSES ARE AIMED AT PROVIDING TEACHERS WITH KNOWLEDGE ON LOGO PROGRAMMING THROUGH TALKS, DISCUSSIONS AND PRACTICAL SESSIONS.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WITHOUT PRIOR KNOWLEDGE IN COMPUTER WILL ALSO HAVE THE CHANCE TO LEARN THIS SUBJECT IN FIVE IDENTICAL THREE-DAY SHORT COURSES ON COMPUTER AWARENESS BETWEEN MAY AND JUNE.

ONE OF THE COURSES IS SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHERS, THE SECOND FOR CULTURAL CRAFTS TEACHERS WHILE THE THIRD FOR MUSIC TEACHERS. THE REMAINING TWO COURSES WILL BE OFFERED TO TEACHERS OF OTHER SUBJECTS.

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, SIX IDENTICAL THREE-DAY COURSES ON COMPUTER AWARENESS WILL ALSO BE HELD BETWEEN MAY AND JUNE. ONE OF THE COURSES WILL BE OPEN TO CULTURAL CRAFTS TEACHERS AND ANOTHER FOR MUSIC TEACHERS. THE REMAINING FOUR COURSES ARE FOR TEACHERS OF OTHER SUBJECTS.

ALL SECONDARY AND PRIMARY TEACHERS ATTENDING THESE COURSES CAN GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE THROUGH THE USE OF FACILITIES AT THE CENTRE.

FOUR IDENTICAL HALF-DAY SEMINARS ON COMPUTER AWARENESS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN MAY AND JUNE.

AIMED TO AROUSE TEACHERS' AWARENESS IN THE USE OF COMPUTERS IN SCHOOLS, THE THEME OF THE SEMINARS WILL BE ON COMPUTERS IN EDUCATION. THERE WILL BE A FILM SHOW FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION ON A SELECTED THEME IN EACH SEMINAR.

SCHOOL HEADS WISHING TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE COURSES AND THE SEMINARS SHOULD FORWARD APPLICATIONS TO THE COMPUTER EDUCATION CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 19 HOK YUEN STREET, HUNG HOM, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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37 SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD
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THIRTY-SEVEN SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$643 000 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION HELD AT RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, 8TH FLOOR, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER CK9 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$70 000.

ANOTHER NUMBER CK33 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$63 000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1 000 FOR DL9633 AND DM7673.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

	\$		\$		\$
DL8168	2 000	AV2003	7 000	BB4428	6 000
DL1688	7 000	DL7351	2 000	DM918	7 000
CY9779	5 000	DM1011	5 000	HK1686	23 000
DM668	26 000	AB448	12 000	DM929	9 000
DM3328	14 000	DM288	25 000	DM8368	7 000
CK9	70 000	DL383	25 000	DL9638	2 000
DM1328	10 000	DM821	5 000	DM7673	1 000
AA1686	9 000	AT2003	3 000	3872	39 000
DM128	30 000	DM123	17 000	AA331	16 000
CK33	63 000	DL7834	WITHDRAWN	DL60	25 000
DM7808	4 000	DM168	46 000	BB322	30 000
DM2	60 000	AA4428	8 000	BP218	6 000
DL9633	1 000	DL393	16 000		

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 113TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$43 475 832.

THE SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBER DL7834 WAS WITHDRAWN.

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REGIONAL CUSTOMS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD
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THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE, MR PATRICK WILLIAMSON, LEFT HONG KONG YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) TO ATTEND THE REGIONAL INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IN AUSTRALIA.

THE FIVE-DAY REGIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT CANBERRA IS FOR THE REGIONS OF THE FAR EAST, SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, AUSTRALASIA AND THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

THE CONFERENCE WILL DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO CO-OPERATION WITHIN THE REGION AGAINST CUSTOMS FRAUDS AND ILLEGAL DRUG TRAFFICKING, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HARMONISED COMMODITIES DESCRIPTION AND CODING SYSTEM, FACILITATION OF PASSENGER PROCESSING AND THE ROLES OF CUSTOMS SERVICES AND THE CUSTOMS CO-OPERATION COUNCIL IN THE REGION.

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FOOTBRIDGE FOR TAI WO HAU ESTATE PROPOSED
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A FOOTBRIDGE ACROSS TAI WO HAU ROAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TAI WO HAU ESTATE IN TSUEN WAN HAS BEEN PROPOSED.

ABOUT 38 METRES LONG, THE 4.5-METRE WIDE FOOTBRIDGE WILL PROVIDE A COVERED PEDESTRIAN LINK BETWEEN TWO PARTS OF THE ESTATE.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, NORMAL PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ACCESS WILL BE MAINTAINED.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORK WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. WRITTEN OBJECTION SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY JUNE 2.

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ROAD CLOSED, RESTRICTED ZONE SET UP
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THE SLOW LANE ON THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD NEAR KAK TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM TUESDAY (APRIL 7) TO APRIL 24 BETWEEN 9 PM AND 6 AM (EXCEPT WEDNESDAYS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS).

THE MOVE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY, COX'S ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN AUSTIN ROAD AND TAK SHING STREET IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE DESIGNATED A RESTRICTED ZONE FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED AREA.

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JOINT COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS LIGHT RAIL PROPOSAL
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THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LRT SERVICE OF THE TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS WILL MEET AT 10.30 AM ON APRIL 8 (WEDNESDAY).

CHAired BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DB'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, MR WONG KIN-HONG, THE MEETING WILL DISCUSS KCRC'S RECENT PROPOSAL TO EXTEND ITS LRT SERVICE FROM YUEN LONG TO TAI PO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY (APRIL 8) AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE 3RD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD.

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CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE TEMPORARILY CLOSED
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE AT SAI YEE STREET IN MONG KOK WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM TUESDAY (APRIL 7) FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

DURING THE PERIOD, CONSUMERS COULD MAKE THEIR ENQUIRIES AT OTHER CENTRES LISTED AT THE BACK OF WATER BILLS.

PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS COULD ALSO BE MADE AT OTHER CENTRES OR BY POST.

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ROAD CLOSURE IN WAN CHAI
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TO FACILITATE RESURFACING WORKS IN FLEMING ROAD, WAN CHAI, THE SECTION OF FLEMING ROAD BETWEEN JAFFE ROAD AND INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 8 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON TUESDAY (APRIL 7), WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SECTION OF JAFFE ROAD BETWEEN O'BRIEN ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

VEHICLES ON FLEMING ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR INNER GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO JAFFE ROAD, O'BRIEN ROAD, LOCKHART ROAD AND STEWART ROAD.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 1987

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NEW NT EXPRESS BUS ROUTE INTRODUCED
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A NEW EXPRESS BUS ROUTE 73X PLYING BETWEEN FU SHIN IN TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN FERRY WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON TUESDAY (APRIL 7).

THE NEW SERVICE WILL OPERATE ALONG FU SHIN ESTATE ACCESS ROAD, TAI PO CENTRAL BUS TERMINUS, KWONG FUK ESTATE ACCESS ROAD, TAI PO ROAD, TOLO HIGHWAY, SHA TIN ROAD, LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TAI HO ROAD AND OTHER MAJOR ROADS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OPERATING FROM 5.40 AM TO 11.54 PM, THE SERVICE WILL RUN AT TEN TO 12-MINUTE FREQUENCY. THE FARE WILL BE \$3.60 FOR A SINGLE JOURNEY.

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RIGHT-TURN BAN IN WONG CHUK HANG
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NO VEHICLE ON WONG CHUK HANG ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT TO NAM LONG SHAN ROAD SOUTHBOUND FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 7) AND WEDNESDAY TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK.

AFFECTED VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO PROCEED VIA WONG CHUK HANG ROAD EASTBOUND, OCEANARIUM INTERCHANGE AND HEUNG YIP ROAD.

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