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BIG PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS CONTINUE

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THE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES ITS MASSIVE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR WITH STARTS TO BE MADE ON A NUMBER OF NEW MAJOR PROJECTS.

THE LARGEST PROJECT TO BE STARTED IS THE \$900-MILLION TUEN MUN REGIONAL HOSPITAL. THE 1 600-BED HOSPITAL WILL, ON COMPLETION, SERVE THE GROWING POPULATION IN THE NORTH-WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IT WILL CONSIST OF FOUR 10-STOREY WARD BLOCKS, ONE 10-STOREY OPERATION THEATRE BLOCK, A PATHOLOGY BUILDING, A NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS PLUS OTHER SUPPORTING FACILITIES.

PILING WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND WORK ON THE SUPERSTRUCTURE IS EXPECTED TO START BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND THE WHOLE PROJECT SHOULD BE READY BY 1987-88.

MEANWHILE, DETAIL DESIGN WORK FOR THE \$700-MILLION EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME OF THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL IS PROGRESSING WELL. SITE FORMATION WORK WILL COMMENCE BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

AMONG THE MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS TO BE STARTED LATER THIS YEAR WILL BE STAGE III OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR, ONE OF HONG KONG'S AMBITIOUS ROAD PROJECTS.

WORK ON STAGE I AND II OF THE PROJECT IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY. A SECTION OF IT, BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY AND TAIKOO SHING, IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC NEXT YEAR.

THE CORRIDOR, WHICH WILL RUN FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO CHAI WAN, SHOULD CONSIDERABLY IMPROVE THE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG THIS DENSELY POPULATED STRETCH OF THE TERRITORY.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, IMPROVEMENT WORK WILL START SOON ON A SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD, FROM FAN KAM ROAD TO LOK MA CHAU ON THE BORDER. THIS PROJECT WILL COST ABOUT \$170 MILLION.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE \$300-MILLION TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE, TOGETHER WITH ITS APPROACHES, IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE NEXT YEAR. IT WILL CONSIDERABLY INCREASE THE EXISTING TRAFFIC CAPACITY BETWEEN TSING YI AND TSUEN WAN, THE FACES OF WHICH ARE RAPIDLY CHANGING UNDER THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

IN SHA TIN, WORK WILL START ON A \$60-MILLION MAGISTRACY BUILDING, THE FIRST IN THE NEW TOWN.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THESE WERE ONLY SOME OF THE \$3.4 BILLION WORTH OF MAJOR NEW PROJECTS TO BE STARTED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

MAJOR WORKS, WHICH BEGAN BEFORE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, INCLUDE THE WAN CHAI GOVERNMENT COMPLEX. COSTING \$1.5 BILLION, IT WILL CONSIST OF SIX BUILDINGS - A DISTRICT COURT - MAGISTRACY BUILDING, TWO 47-STOREY OFFICE TOWERS, A SCIENCE BUILDING, A FIRE STATION AND A PUBLIC CARPARK.

BASEMENT AND FOUNDATION WORKS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENTIRE COMPLEX WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES.

WORK ON TWO MAJOR ROAD PROJECTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES - THE \$290-MILLION TSUEN WAN BYPASS STAGE TWO AND THE \$608-MILLION SHA TIN-TAI PO COASTAL ROAD - IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. THEY ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY IN 1985.

FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING PUT TO THE \$776 MILLION PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL, BUILDING WORKS WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE \$700-MILLION STAGE I OF A 12-YEAR CONSTRUCTION SCHEME TO HANDLE ADDITIONAL WATER FROM CHINA IS WELL IN ADVANCE AND WILL BE READY IN 1985.

WORK ON STAGE II OF THE SCHEME, COSTING \$725 MILLION, BEGAN EARLIER THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT FOUR YEARS TO COMPLETE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE THIS FINANCIAL YEAR ON THE NEW PROJECTS AND ON THOSE ALREADY UNDERWAY WOULD COME TO \$7.6 BILLION.

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REPORT ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO PUBLISHED

THE FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT ON +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+, COVERING THE PERIOD JANUARY TO MARCH 1983, HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

IT CONTAINS AN INTRODUCTION TO THE HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS SYSTEM, TERMS AND CLASSIFICATION, A BRIEF ANALYSIS OF THE PERFORMANCE IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, AND 14 STATISTICAL TABLES ON SHIPPING, PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS.

THE HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS SYSTEM WAS SET UP IN EARL 1983, BASED ON THE +UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR COLLECTING ECONOMIC STATISTICS OF SHIPPING+ RECOMMENDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC.

STATISTICS ARE COMPILED PRIMARILY FROM GENERAL DECLARATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY SHIP MASTERS OR SHIPPING AGENTS, AND FROM CARGO MANIFESTS SUPPLIED BY SHIPPING COMPANIES OR AGENTS TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BECAUSE OF RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS, A 20 PER CENT SAMPLE OF ALL CONSIGNMENTS LISTED IN THE MANIFESTS IS USED FOR COMPILING PORT AND CARGO STATISTICS. HOWEVER, THE SHIPPING STATISTICS COVER ALL OCEAN-GOING VESSELS ENTERING AND LEAVING HONG KONG, EXCLUDING YACHTS AND PLEASURE CRAFT, ON A FULL ENUMERATION BASIS.

THE REPORT CONTAINS SEVEN TABLES ON SHIPPING STATISTICS SUCH AS NUMBER OF SHIPS ENTERING/LEAVING HONG KONG, TONNAGE, CARGO LOADED/DISCHARGED AND NUMBER OF CONTAINERS (MEASURED IN TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT UNITS) LOADED/DISCHARGED, ANALYSED BY PORT, BY TYPE OF SHIPPING SERVICE, BY SHIP TYPE, BY FLAG, BY CAPACITY CLASS, AND BY LENGTH OF TIME IN PORT.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS STATISTICAL TABLES ON THE GROSS WEIGHT AND THE GROSS VOLUME OF CARGO LOADED/DISCHARGED BY PORT AND BY PRINCIPAL COMMODITY.

TWO TABLES ON TRANSHIPMENT CARGO STATISTICS, WHICH ARE SEPARATELY COMPILED IN THE SYSTEM, ARE ALSO PRESENTED IN THE REPORT.

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1983, 2 638 SHIPS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 16 154 THOUSAND NRT (NET REGISTERED TONNAGE) ARRIVED IN HONG KONG. OF THESE, 20 PER CENT SET OUT FROM JAPAN, 42 PER CENT WAS CONFERENCE LINERS, AND 31 PER CENT WAS OF PANAMANIAN FLAG.

SOME 16 PER CENT OF THE CARGO DISCHARGED IN HONG KONG WAS CARRIED BY SHIPS COMING FROM CHINA, 40 PER CENT WAS CARRIED BY TRAMPS, AND 27 PER CENT BY CONTAINER SHIPS.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, DEPARTING SHIPS NUMBERED 2 650 WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 16 082 THOUSAND NRT. OF THESE, 20 PER CENT LEFT FOR TAIWAN, CARRYING WITH THEM 19 PER CENT OF CARGO LOADED IN HONG KONG.

OVER 94 PER CENT OF CARGO LOADED IN HONG KONG WAS CARRIED BY LINERS, AND 67 PER CENT BY CONTAINER SHIPS.

ABOUT HALF OF THE DEPARTING VESSELS STAYED IN HONG KONG FOR LESS THAN 1-1/2 DAYS.

IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT, 90 PER CENT OF INWARD SEABORNE CARGO WAS SEABORNE IMPORTS, AND 10 PER CENT WAS FOR TRANSHIPMENT. FOR OUTWARD SHIPMENTS, THE PERCENTAGES WERE 59 PER CENT AND 41 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.

THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF LOADING FOR SEABORNE IMPORTS WERE JAPAN (17 PER CENT), CHINA (15 PER CENT) AND SINGAPORE (14 PER CENT), AND THE MAJOR COUNTRIES OF DISCHARGE FOR SEABORNE EXPORTS WERE U.S.A. (20 PER CENT), TAIWAN (15 PER CENT) AND INDONESIA (10 PER CENT).

TRANSHIPMENT CARGOES WERE MAINLY LOADED FROM CHINA AND U.S.A. FOR TRANSHIPMENT TO U.S.A., PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE.

THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED INTO HONG KONG BY SEA WERE PETROLEUM AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (25 PER CENT IN TERMS OF GROSS WEIGHT), MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURES OF METAL AND NON-METALLIC MINERALS (INCLUDING CEMENT AND CEMENT CLINKER) (16 PER CENT), AND COAL, COKE AND BRIQUETTES (15 PER CENT).

SEABORNE EXPORTS OF HONG KONG WERE MORE DIVERSIFIED, SUCH AS METALLIFEROUS ORES AND METAL SCRAP (5 PER CENT), CRUDE ANIMAL AND VEGETABLE MATERIALS (5 PER CENT), IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS (4 PER CENT), VEGETABLE AND FRUIT (4 PER CENT), TOYS (4 PER CENT) AND COTTON GARMENTS (4 PER CENT).

MORE DETAILS ARE CONTAINED IN THE +HONG KONG SHIPPING STATISTICS+ QUARTERLY REPORT FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 1983, WHICH ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$12 PER COPY.

TRAFFIC PLAN FOR LAW CONFERENCE
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FROM 8 AM TO 12.30 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19), THE FOLLOWING AREAS WILL BE CLOSED TO MOTOR VEHICLES TO FACILITATE THE OPENING OF THE 7TH COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE:

- 1) THE COACH PARKING AREA AND
- 2) THE GENERAL-PURPOSE LOADING/UNLOADING AREA SOUTH OF CHEONG WAN ROAD NORTH OF THE HONG KONG COLISEUM.

ONLY VEHICLES CARRYING DELEGATES AND OFFICIALS TO AND FROM THE CONFERENCE WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE AREAS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE METERED COACH PARKING SPACES AT THE NORTH SIDE OF THE HONG KONG COLISEUM WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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CYCLISTS ARE WARNED
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WRECKED BICYCLES ARE BEING DISPLAYED ON TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, TO REMIND CYCLISTS OF THE FRIGHTFUL EXPERIENCE OF ACCIDENTS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

THE EXHIBITION IS ONE OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD'S ROAD SAFETY DRIVE COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHENG CHUN-PING, POINTED OUT THAT ABOUT 90 CYCLISTS WERE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ALONG TING KOK ROAD LAST YEAR, RESULTING IN FOUR BEING KILLED AND 34 BEING SERIOUSLY INJURED.

+THIS ROAD IS A POPULAR SPOT FOR CYCLISTS, BUT BECAUSE OF THE BUSY TRAFFIC CYCLISTS SHOULD EXERCISE GREAT CARE AND ABIDE BY THE CYCLING SAFETY REGULATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+THIS IS WHY WE STAGE THE EXHIBITION OF WRECKED BICYCLES INVOLVED IN PREVIOUS ACCIDENTS ALONG TING KOK ROAD, TOGETHER WITH SOME WARNING SLOGANS.+

OTHER PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE SIGNBOARDS WITH CYCLING SAFETY REGULATIONS TO BE DISPLAYED AT BICYCLE HIRING STALLS, ROAD SAFETY CARTOON BILLBOARDS TO BE INSTALLED AT SHUEN WAN AND TAI MEI TUK, AND A MINI EXHIBITION OF CYCLING SAFETY AT TAI PO RAILWAY STATION.

MEANWHILE, THE POLICE WILL STEP UP PROSECUTIONS ON CYCLISTS WHO DISREGARD REGULATIONS.

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NEED FOR JOINT COMMUNITY EFFORT STRESSED

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THE JOINT EFFORT OF ALL INDIVIDUALS IS AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN THE SUCCESS OF COMMUNITY BUILDING, THE FORMER DISTRICT OFFICER (KWAI CHUNG), MR FRED TING, SAID TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY THE TSUEN WAN COMMUNITY TO BID HIM FAREWELL, HE SAID THAT THE VIEWPOINTS OF INDIVIDUALS IN ANY ORGANISATION MIGHT DIFFER, BUT LOOKING AT IT FROM A POSITIVE ANGLE, THESE DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS SHOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF STIMULATING AND COMPLEMENTING EACH OTHER.

+THE PROGRSS OF THE SOCIETY IS IN FACT BASED ON THESE DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS. BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT ALL INDIVIDUALS SHOULD AIM AT THE SAME TARGET AND POOL TOGETHER THEIR EFFORTS TO BUILD A BETTER FUTURE FOR THEIR FELLOW RESIDENTS,+ MR TING SAID.

+THERE IS ENOUGH ROOM FOR EVERYONE WHO WANTS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, AND IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE GOVERNMENT POLICY TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT KWAI CHUNG, OR THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN AS A WHOLE, WAS A COMPLICATED COMMUNITY WITH PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS, BUT THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE IN THEIR ROLE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK.

+IN A TOWN WITH 650 000 PEOPLE, THERE IS A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY BUILDING WORK WITH MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PROSPERITY OF A PLACE DOES NOT REST WITH A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL OR A FAMILY ALONE,+ HE ADDED.

THE DINNER WAS HELD ALSO IN HONOUR OF AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHOW HOW-CHEN, WHO WAS RECENTLY APPOINTED A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

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SPECIAL CLASS FOR ISLANDS DISTRICT STUDENTS

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SIXTEEN SPECIAL CLASS STUDENTS IN ISLANDS DISTRICT WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR PRIMARY SIX EDUCATION ARE NOW ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR STUDIES IN THE DISTRICT.

A SPECIAL FORM ONE CLASS WITH 20 PLACES HAS BEEN INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK SOUTHERN DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MUI WO ON LANTAO SINCE THE NEW ACADEMIC TERM BEGAN ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO.

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APART FROM PROVIDING REGULAR EDUCATION TO STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES, IT WILL ALSO MINIMISE THE INCONVENIENCES INVOLVED IN TRAVELLING LONG DISTANCES TO THE URBAN AREAS FOR CLASSES.

COMMENTING ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW CLASS, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, SAID THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH FOLLOWED UP A REQUEST MADE TO THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, DURING HIS VISIT TO LANTAO IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

STUDENTS IN THE NEW CLASS ARE BEING TAUGHT BASICALLY THE SAME SUBJECTS AS THOSE IN OTHER FORM ONE CLASSES, ALTHOUGH THE CURRICULUM HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY MODIFIED TO ASSIST WITH THEIR PROGRESS.

LESSONS ARE CONDUCTED IN GROUPS BY SPECIALLY TRAINED TEACHERS, WHILE EMPHASIS IS ALSO PLACED ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

+THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS NEW CLASS IS A GOOD ILLUSTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT PROVIDING MORE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT,+ MR YAP SAID.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND,+ HE ADDED.

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SEMINAR WILL DEAL WITH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION * * * *

A SEMINAR AND A CARNIVAL TO PUBLICISE THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WILL BE HELD IN KWUN TONG NEXT WEEK.

THE +POPULATION AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WEEK+, TO BE HELD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 19 AND 25, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE, THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (FPA), THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG (CMA), THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION AND THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) IN FOOK CHEONG FOOD CATERING CENTRE AT 63 HOI YUEN ROAD.

GUEST SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FPA, MRS PEGGY LAM; THE DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (KWUN TONG), MR K.K. CHENG; AND THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF CMA, MR J.P. LEE.

THEY WILL TALK ON THE ROLES PLAYED BY EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND FAMILY PLANNING IN HONG KONG.

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ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 25), A CARNIVAL FEATURING AN EXHIBITION ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, 10 GAME STALLS AND A VARIETY SHOW, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN 11 AM AND 5 PM AT THE MAIN SQUARE OF TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER:

- (A) THE +POPULATION AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WEEK+ SEMINAR AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) AT FOOK CHEONG FOOD CATERING CENTRE, TOP FLOOR, 63 HOI YUEN ROAD, KWUN TONG; AND
- (B) THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL AT 1.30 PM ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) AT THE MAIN SQUARE OF TELFORD GARDENS IN KOWLOON BAY.

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DB MEMBERS TO SEE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS
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A GROUP OF KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL INSPECT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND DISCUSS HOUSING MATTERS ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

THEY WILL FIRST VISIT THE 3.36-HECTARE SITE OF THE PROPOSED KOWLOON BAY RECREATION GROUND WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL BETWEEN KAI YIP ESTATE AND TELFORD GARDENS.

THE PARTY WILL THEN VISIT THE POUNDING AREA FOR ABANDONED VEHICLES IN KOWLOON BAY, AND TOUR KAI YIP ESTATE TO SEE A ROOF-TOP RECREATION GROUND AND OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES.

THEY WILL LATER ATTEND A SEMINAR WITH HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PUBLIC HOUSING MATTERS AT THE KAI YIP ESTATE COMMUNITY HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE VISIT. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE CAR COMPOUND OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE ON TUNG YAN STREET AT 11.45 AM ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

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BIG CHEUNG CHAU CLEAN UP STARTS

MORE THAN 250 CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS MOUNTED A MASSIVE OPERATION ON THE ISLAND TODAY TO REMOVE FALLEN TREES AND DEBRIS LEFT BY TYPHOON ELLEN.

THE CLEAN-UP WILL LAST TWO DAYS AND IS A JOINT EFFORT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIU KAI-HANG, MR FUNG TZE-KAN, AND MR WONG WAI-KWAN, AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS.

THE RESIDENTS, WHO INCLUDE MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATIONS AND YOUTH GROUPS ON THE ISLAND COLLECTED SOME 40 TONNES OF FALLEN TREES, BRANCHES, LEAVES AND OTHER GARBAGE AT OPEN SPACES AND STREET CORNERS TODAY.

THE VOLUNTEERS WERE HELPED BY NTSD CLEANSING STAFF.

ALSO TAKING PART IN TODAY'S CLEAN-UP WERE THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF ISLANDS, MR IP KI-TIT, AND THE DEPUTY URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF ISLANDS, MR MA KWONG-CHOI.

THE OPERATION IS EXPECTED TO REMOVE ABOUT 10 TONNES OF DEBRIS.

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YOUNG TALENT SOUGHT FOR OPERA

THE CHILDREN'S OPERA +CINDERELLA+ BY PETER MAXWELL DAVIES WILL BE JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE, RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG ARTS CENTRE ON JANUARY 3 AND 4, 1984 AS PART OF THE HONG KONG CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL.

SUPPORT WILL BE GIVEN BY A CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE.

CHILDREN, BETWEEN SEVEN AND 15 WHO CAN READ MUSIC, SHOULD NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN THE OPERA PERFORMANCE AS SOLOISTS OR CHOIR MEMBERS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY NOW BE OBTAINED FROM ALL MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE. APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND AN AUDITION WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE SINGING OF A SELF-CHOSEN MUSICAL PIECE IN ENGLISH AND SIGHT-SINGING. PIANO ACCOMPANIMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ANY OF THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26, 1983.

FOR ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT 3-7226240 OR 0-428127.

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NTSD THANKED FOR RIVER CLEAN-UP WORK
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RESIDENTS OF TWO SAI KUNG VILLAGES TODAY THANKED NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT CLEANSING WORKERS FOR THEIR TIMELY EFFORT IN CLEANING UP A STREAM COURSE BEFORE TYPHOON ELLEN STRUCK.

THE TAI CHUNG HAU TSUEN VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR YUNG TAK, EXPRESSED THANKS TO THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SAI KUNG, MR MA IU-KI IN A CALL AT HIS OFFICE THIS MORNING.

THE CLEAN-UP WAS CARRIED OUT EARLY THIS MONTH AND REMOVED A LARGE QUANTITY OF RIVER-BORNE REFUSE AND DISCARDED VEGETABLES THAT BLOCKED THE FLOW OF WATER AT A STREAM COURSE RUNNING THROUGH BOTH TAI CHUNG HAU TSUEN AND FUNG ON TSUEN.

+IF THE CLEARANCE HAD NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT, THE STORM WOULD HAVE CAUSED HAVOC IN BOTH VILLAGES,+ MR YUNG SAID AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICE OF SAI KUNG.

MR YUNG ALSO PRESENTED A BANNER TO MR MA ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGERS.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES SWIMMING GALA
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MORE THAN 200 STAFF MEMBERS FROM VARIOUS CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT INSTITUTIONS TOOK PART TODAY IN AN ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA HELD AT MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL IN WAN CHAI.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY INCLUDED A 25-METRE FREESTYLE RACE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, AS WELL AS INTER-INSTITUTIONAL AND INTER-DEPARTMENTAL RELAYS.

MR LI KWOK-WAI AND MR WONG KWOK-KEUNG OF STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE SHARED THE TITLE OF VICTOR LUDORUM WHILE THE VICTRESS LUDORUM WENT TO BOTH MISS KAM CHOW-WAN OF TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION AND MISS HO SIU-MAN OF STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE- SIX NEW RECORDS WERE SET.

MRS BEVERLEY GARNER, WIFE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, PRESENTED THE PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

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