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VOTER REGISTRATION GETS 'ENCOURAGING' START  
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MORE THAN 5 000 ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS IN EASTERN HAVE RETURNED THEIR COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE DURING THE CURRENT DISTRICT'S VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE.

DESCRIBING THIS AS AN +ENCOURAGING START+, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN, CALLED ON OTHER ELIGIBLE VOTERS TO REGISTER AND VOTE FOR A COMPETENT DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER.

MR LUI WAS SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST, ORGANISED AS PART OF A TERRITORY-WIDE PUBLICITY DRIVE FOR THE FORTHCOMING VOTER REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

HE SAID THE SIX-WEEK REGISTRATION EXERCISE WOULD BEGIN ON AUGUST 15, BUT THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD BEGUN PAYING HOUSEHOLD VISITS A MONTH AGO TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SINCE ITS INCEPTION TWO YEARS AGO, THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAD CONTRIBUTED MUCH IN ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE RESIDENTS.

ON TRANSPORT, THERE WERE IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC ALONG KING'S ROAD AND THE PARTIAL OPENING OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

ON THE PROVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES, THERE WERE THE OPENING OF THE CHAI WAN EMERGENCY CENTRE AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT HOSPITAL.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDED IMPROVEMENTS TO SQUATTER VILLAGES IN THE DISTRICT, NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR HAWKERS' OPERATION, AND THE PROMOTION OF RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

MR LUI URGED RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND TO SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS.

+THE BEST WAY TO DO SO IS TO REGISTER AS A VOTER IN AUGUST, PARTICIPATE IN THE COMING ELECTIONS, AND ELECT YOUR IDEAL BOARD MEMBERS TO REFLECT THE WISHES AND STRIVE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS.+ HE SAID.

MR LUI ALSO REMINDED RESIDENTS THEY COULD ALWAYS VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON DISTRICT NEEDS AND ON THE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARD AND ITS COMMITTEES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

TONIGHT'S SINGING CONTEST WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPER LIMITED.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF PRAISED  
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THE CAREER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF IS A MOST ONEROUS, SELF-SACRIFICING AND DEMANDING ONE, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR ROBERT HOLMES, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

ADDRESSING A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 120 CORRECTIONAL SERVICES RECRUITS, MR HOLMES SAID THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THEY WOULD ENCOUNTER WERE LAW-BREAKERS PAYING THE JUDICIAL PENALTY.

+THERE ARE TIMES WHEN YOU WILL BE SEVERELY PROVOKED BY SUCH PEOPLE,+ HE SAID TO THE RECRUITS.

BUT HE URGED THEM NOT TO DESCEND TO THE WARDS' LEVEL BY REACTING TO SUCH PROVOCATIONS.

INSTEAD, THEY SHOULD RETAIN THEIR DIGNITY AND SELF-RESPECT IN THEIR CAREER, AND SHOW FEELING FOR THEIR WARDS, MR HOLMES SAID.

+TREAT (THE WARDS) WITH FIRMNESS AND EQUITABILITY AS EACH OCCASION DEMANDS,+ HE ADDED.

HE TOLD THE RECRUITS THAT SINCE THEY JOINED THE DEPARTMENT, THE LIFE-STYLE OF THEIR FAMILY WOULD ALSO CHANGE TO CONFORM WITH THE DISCIPLINE OF THEIR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, THEY WERE PART OF A SPECIAL SOCIETY OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD NURTURE AND PROTECT THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES IN TIME OF NEED AND EMERGENCY.

MR HOLMES POINTED OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO PRISONS, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ALSO OPERATED A DETENTION CENTRE, A PSYCHIATRIC UNIT, A DRUG ADDICTION CENTRE, TRAINING CENTRES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS AND CENTRES FOR REFUGEES.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE SUDDEN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES PLACED UPON THEM DURING THE EARLY MASS INFLUX OF REFUGEES FROM SOUTH EAST ASIA.

AS INSPECTING OFFICER AT THE PARADE, HELD AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, MR HOLMES ALSO PRESENTED SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST RECRUITS, MR WONG PIK-YI AND MR CHAN FAI-WONG.

DURING THE PARADE, MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES WERE PROVIDED BY THE CAPE COLLINSON MARCHING BAND AND THE TAI TAM GAP GIRLS PIPERS AND PRECISION MARCHING TEAM.

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A ROYAL MESSAGE FOR SIX GIRLS  
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THE SIX WINNERS OF THE 1983/84 HELP THE POLICE FIGHT YOUTH CRIME COMPETITION WERE SURPRISED BUT MORE THAN HAPPY TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE MESSAGE WAS PASSED ON TO THE SIX GIRLS BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR ROY HENRY, WHO WAS HOSTING A LUNCH FOR THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP OF THE COMPETITION.

THE MESSAGE READS, "AS HONORARY COMMANDANT-GENERAL OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE ALL OF YOU ON WINNING THE 1983/84 FIGHT YOUTH CRIME COMPETITION AND TO WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY AND INTERESTING TOUR OF HOLLAND AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. WELL DONE."

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO TOLD THE WINNERS THAT HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA WOULD HAVE BEEN DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE THEM DURING THEIR VISIT TO LONDON BUT SHE AND HER FAMILY WOULD BE AWAY A FEW DAYS BEFORE THEIR ARRIVAL THERE.

THE SIX GIRLS ARE MARIAN KOA (17), DAPHNE LO (17), BETTY LAW (16), CARMEN MAK (14), IRENE LEUNG (16) AND SABRINA SIN (17).

THEY WILL LEAVE NEXT WEDNESDAY (JULY 25) FOR A 22-DAY VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM. ESCORTING THEM ON THE TRIP WILL BE SUPERINTENDENT TSE CHAN-FAI AND WOMAN CHIEF INSPECTOR PATSY KWONG. THE SIX RUNNERS-UP WILL BE GOING TO THAILAND FOR A WEEK IN AUGUST.

GUESTS ATTENDING TODAY'S LUNCH INCLUDED MR CHARLES VAN STRATEN, DUTCH CONSUL-GENERAL; MR LARRY GEYSEL, GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES, WHICH IS SPONSORING THE COMPETITION.

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OFFICIALS SHOW SUPPORT FOR ANTI-LITTERING CAMPAIGN  
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STAFF OF THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR HENRY CHING, TODAY (SATURDAY) SHOWED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL'S BEACH CLEANING CAMPAIGN AT DEEPWATER BAY.

ABOUT 25 NORMALLY DESK-BOUND OFFICIALS WENT TO THE BEACH THIS MORNING TO COLLECT LITTER.

THEY WERE JOINED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR TONG KAM-BIU, WHO IS ALSO VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT RELATIONS SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL.

THE PARTY LEFT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES SHORTLY AFTER 9 AM AND WERE MET AT THE BEACH BY USD OFFICIALS WHO SUPPLIED THEM WITH SUCH EQUIPMENT AS GLOVES, BASKETS, BAGS AND POINTED-STICKS FOR PICKING UP LITTER.

BY HALF-PAST ELEVEN A LARGE QUANTITY OF REFUSE HAD BEEN COLLECTED AND THE BEACH WAS A MORE ATTRACTIVE PLACE.

EXPLAINING THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT, MR CHING SAID, +THE MESSAGE WE WANT TO GET ACROSS IS THAT ANYONE CAN PICK UP RUBBISH. IT IS QUITE EXTRAORDINARY THAT PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE RUBBISH, BUT DO NOTHING ABOUT IT THEMSELVES.

+IF THEY WOULD HELP JUST A BIT EITHER BY NOT THROWING THEIR RUBBISH ONTO THE BEACH OR BY HELPING OCCASIONALLY TO PICK UP LITTER AND PUT IT IN BINS -- EVERYBODY WOULD BENEFIT.

+THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD ARE TRYING TO INVOLVE THE COMMUNITY IN THIS PROBLEM AND WE HOPE THAT OUR SMALL CONTRIBUTION THIS MORNING WILL HELP TO PUBLICISE THEIR EFFORTS.+

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THOUSANDS OF PEST CONTROL INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT  
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THE MONTH OF JUNE WAS A BUSY TIME FOR STAFF OF THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT WHO CARRIED OUT THOUSANDS OF INSPECTIONS OF LIKELY BREEDING PLACES OF DISEASE-CARRYING INSECTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DURING THE HOT SUMMER MONTHS, CONTINUOUS EFFORTS WERE BEING MADE TO ENSURE THAT INSECTS WERE NOT ALLOWED TO BREED FREELY.

+AT PRESENT, THERE IS A MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PEST CONTROL IN FOOD PREMISES,+ HE SAID.

+THE ANNUAL FOOD HYGIENE CAMPAIGN IS ALSO FOCUSING ON FOOD BUSINESSES THROUGH A SERIES OF SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS.+

MEANWHILE, FIGURES FOR JUNE SHOW THAT A TOTAL OF 4 327 INSPECTIONS WERE CARRIED OUT ON CONSTRUCTION SITES AND IN OPEN SPACES, AND NEARLY 30 000 HOMES, MOSTLY IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, WERE INSPECTED BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO DEALT WITH 125 COMPLAINTS, FINDING AND DESTROYING 921 BREEDING PLACES, ISSUING 59 WARNING LETTERS AND TAKING OUT 77 SUMMONSES.

MORE THAN 2 000 RODENTS WERE FOUND TRAPPED IN DEVICES SET UP THROUGHOUT THE URBAN AREAS, AND A TOTAL OF 2 785 RATS WERE FOUND POISONED.

THE DEPARTMENT ALSO RECEIVED 228 COMPLAINTS ABOUT RODENTS AND CARRIED OUT 57 BLOCK DISINFESTATIONS AND 48 HOLE-BAITING TREATMENT EXERCISES.

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FIRST YIN NGAI SOCIETY IN CENTRAL  
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A NEW YIN NGAI SOCIETY WAS SET UP IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT TODAY (SATURDAY), BRINGING TO 22 THE NUMBER OF SUCH ORGANISATIONS FORMED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY SINCE 1981.

THE KWAN YICK YIN NGAI SOCIETY, WITH MORE THAN 40 MEMBERS, IS ALSO THE FIRST IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKING AT AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SAID THE AIM OF THE SOCIETIES WAS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR WOMEN AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS.

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+SINCE APRIL, THE SOCIETY'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN RECRUITING MEMBERS AND ORGANISING ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS HEALTH CONTESTS FOR CHILDREN AND CLASSES FOR INTEREST GROUPS.+

+THIS IS NO DOUBT AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT,+ MR LAM SAID.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE MEMBERS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC DUTIES AND TO SUPPORT THE COMING DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS BY REGISTERING THEMSELVES AS VOTERS.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN HAS ALREADY BEGUN AND WILL LAST UNTIL OCTOBER 1.

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KEEPING AP CHAU CLEAN  
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AP CHAU - A SMALL ISLAND IN THE NORTHEASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL SOON BE THE SEVENTH VILLAGE WITH A CONTRACTED-OUT CLEANSING SERVICE.

THE EIGHT-MONTH CONTRACT WILL COST \$20 000, A NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANSING OF VILLAGE ROADS, FOOTPATHS, PUBLIC AREAS AND TOILETS, FOR EMPTYING OF LITTER CONTAINERS, AND ALSO FOR KEEPING ALL BEACHES, STREAMS, NULLAHS AND OPEN DITCHES ON THE ISLAND FREE FROM REFUSE.

A CONTRACT FOR THE WORK WILL BE SIGNED ON TUESDAY (JULY 24), BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR DAVID WEEKS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONTRACT SIGNING AT THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 24).

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN ABERDEEN  
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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 23), ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD BETWEEN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND TSUNG MAN STREET WILL BE MADE AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE ROAD SECTION DURING THE RESTRICTED PERIODS.

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PEAK TRAM MAINTENANCE WORK  
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THE PEAK TRAM SERVICE WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 23) TO 7 AM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 25) FOR TRAMCAR MAINTENANCE WORK.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON THREE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE HOISTED.

THE PRACTICE WILL BE FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM ON MONDAY (JULY 23), AND FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (JULY 24) AND WEDNESDAY (JULY 25).

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