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HONG KONG WELCOMES FORMER RESIDENTS

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HONG KONG "OPENS ITS ARMS" TO FORMER RESIDENTS RETURNING TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS GROWTH AND PROSPERITY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, RECENTLY TOLD A GROUP OF VISITORS FROM CANADA.

"AS AN INTERNATIONAL CITY, HONG KONG ALWAYS WELCOMES INVESTMENTS FROM OVERSEAS COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CANADA," HE SAID.

THE VISITORS - FORMER RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG - COME FROM THE TORONTO CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND ARE LEADING A TEAM FROM TORONTO TO TAKE PART FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES.

MR LAN URGED THEM TO BRING BACK TO CANADA THIS MESSAGE: "THE WORLD IS GETTING SMALLER AND WE LOOK TO OUR FRIENDS FROM OVERSEAS, SUCH AS CANADA, TO CONTINUE TO DO BUSINESS AND TO FURTHER EXTEND THE FRIENDSHIP WITH US, TO OUR MUTUAL GAIN".

"HONG KONG IS AS DYNAMIC AS EVER, AND HAS BECOME A REGIONAL HUB IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION FOR COMMERCE, FINANCE, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS.

"THAT IS WHY THE COMMERCIAL LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA ARE STRONG AND GROWING," HE NOTED.

IN RECENT YEARS, THE LINKS HAD BEEN FURTHER STRENGTHENED BY GROWING CANADIAN COMMERCIAL PRESENCE IN HONG KONG, MR LAN SAID.

CITING EXAMPLES, HE NOTED THAT THE CANADIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN HONG KONG IS THE BIGGEST ONE OUTSIDE CANADA, AND SOME 70 CANADIAN COMPANIES HAVE BRANCHES OR SUBSIDIARIES, AND ANOTHER 400 ARE REPRESENTED, IN HONG KONG.

"FURTHERMORE, SIX CANADIAN PROVINCES - ONTARIO, ALBERTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, MANITOBA, SASKATCHEWAN AND QUEBEC - HAVE SET UP COMMERCIAL OFFICES IN HONG KONG.

"AS A RESULT, TRADE AND SOCIAL LINKS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANADA ARE ALWAYS GROWING," HE ADDED.

TURNING TO FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS WHO HAD EMIGRATED TO CANADA, MR LAN SAID THEY WERE BECOMING THE MOST EFFECTIVE LINK FOR PROMOTING FRIENDSHIP, UNDERSTANDING AND CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO PLACES.

"HONG KONG ALSO WELCOMES OVERSEAS PARTICIPATION IN ITS PLANS TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY FROM THOSE FORMER LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE EMIGRATED ABROAD.

"A FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG HAS BEEN FIRMLY LAID DOWN, AND THE TASK IS TO MAKE SURE IT WORKS.

"WE WELCOME THOSE WHO ARE RETURNING TO TAKE PART IN OUR PLANS WHICH ENSURE THAT HONG KONG REMAINS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL CITIES IN EAST ASIA," MR LAN SAID.

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FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME POPULAR

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THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME HAS BECOME MORE POPULAR WITH 1,213 PEOPLE GIVEN FREE CONSULTATION IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

THE MAJORITY OF THE CASES WERE RELATED TO MATRIMONIAL, MONETARY, COMMERCIAL AND RENTAL MATTERS.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD, ABOUT 11,700 PEOPLE APPROACHED THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE SCHEME.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CNTA SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE NUMBER OF FREE CONSULTATION CASES REPRESENTED A 37 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE 885 CASES IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, BEING JOINTLY OPERATED BY THE CNTA AND THE LAW SOCIETY WITH GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION SINCE NOVEMBER 1978, BENEFITS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO CONSULT SOLICITORS OR BARRISTERS.

"ANYONE WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE SCHEME MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE CNTA'S 69 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED CONVENIENTLY THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"APPLICANTS WILL FIRST BE INTERVIEWED BY CNTA STAFF TO ASCERTAIN THEIR NEEDS. ARRANGEMENTS WILL THEN BE MADE FOR THEM TO SEE THE DUTY LAWYERS ATTENDING THE EIGHT EVENING BUREAUS AT DISTRICT OFFICES IN WAN CHAI, EASTERN, YAU TSIM, MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, KWUN TONG, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AN APPOINTMENT CAN USUALLY BE ARRANGED WITHIN 10 DAYS AT AN EVENING BUREAU OF THE APPLICANT'S CHOICE, HE ADDED.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS, 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ENQUIRIES IS 835 1501.

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DB SUBSIDIES FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN EASTERN

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD HAS SET ASIDE \$356,000 FOR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND RESIDENTS' BODIES TO ORGANISE COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID THE ACTIVITIES SHOULD AIM AT ENHANCING THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE AREA AND AT CULTIVATING A SENSE OF DISTRICT IDENTITY.

SUBSIDIES WILL BE GRANTED FOR PROJECTS RANGING FROM SURVEYS, EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES TO RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AND TRAINING COURSES FOR VOLUNTEERS.

A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON JUNE 29, AUGUST 1, SEPTEMBER 21, NOVEMBER 5 AND DECEMBER 14 TO VET APPLICATIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED ORGANISATIONS TO FILE APPLICATIONS TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO EACH MEETING, TO FACILITATE PROCESSING WORK.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES AND THE HENG FA CHUEN PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 562 4453.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS CONCESSIONARY FARES FOR ELDERLY

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO SEEK CONCESSIONARY FARES FOR THE DISTRICT'S ELDERLY PEOPLE USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE COMMUNITY BUILDING ISSUES RAISED AT A SEMINAR HELD EARLIER.

A NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE LATTER HALF OF THE MEETING, WHEN FUND APPLICATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED, WILL BE HELD IN CAMERA.

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LAYING OF NEW SUBMARINE PIPELINE IN TOLO HARBOUR

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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO LAY A SUBMARINE PIPELINE TO EXPORT FINAL EFFLUENT FROM THE TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS TO VICTORIA HARBOUR VIA SHA TIN.

THE LAYING WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 13.26 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TOLO HARBOUR.

THE WORK WILL INCLUDE DREDGING IN THE SEABED TO FORM THE TRENCH, LAYING THE PIPE AND SUBSEQUENT BACKFILLING.

ALSO, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO LAY UTILITY SERVICES WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 1,034.60 HECTARES AFFECTING 680 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN TAI A CHAU AND SHEK PIK, LANTAU ISLAND, FOR THE PROPOSED TAI A CHAU DETENTION CENTRE.

THESE SERVICES PROVIDE FOR ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLIES TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBMARINE SEWAGE OUTFALL.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HE HAS AN INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED MAY SUBMIT A WRITTEN OBJECTION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

THE NOTICE OF SUCH OBJECTION SHALL DESCRIBE THE INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT OF THE OBJECTOR AND THE MANNER IN WHICH HE ALLEGES HE WILL BE AFFECTED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOVERNMENT IS TO DREDGE WITHIN AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 139 HECTARES OF SEABED AT NORTH TATHONG CHANNEL AND AN AREA OF APPROXIMATELY 312 HECTARES OF SEABED AT MID TATHONG CHANNEL TO PROVIDE MATERIALS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND FUTURE RECLAMATIONS.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED HAVE ALSO BEEN DESCRIBED IN NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MAY 31, 1991.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.