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'YES' TO LIFE BUT 'NO' TO DRUGS  
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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD ALL SAY +YES+ TO LIFE BUT +NO+ TO DRUGS, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 1986-87 KWUN TONG DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS SOCCER TOURNAMENT FINAL AND PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR MORTIMER REMINDED YOUNG PEOPLE THAT THEY WOULD ENCOUNTER VARIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

+AND, AMONG THEM DRUGS MAY BE ONE+, HE SAID, NOTING THAT THE CAMPAIGN WAS AIMED AT AROUSING YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF DRUGS.

WHILE PAYING TRIBUTE TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSES AND SUPPORT TO THE CAMPAIGN, HE APPEALED FOR A CONCERTED EFFORT FROM THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE HONG KONG DRUG-FREE.

+ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT AND PRACTICAL PARTICIPATION FROM THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE FORM A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS,+ MR MORTIMER STRESSED.

THE TWO-MONTH-LONG KWUN TONG DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, LAUNCHED LAST DECEMBER, WAS JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

MR MORTIMER SAID THE SELECTION OF A SOCCER TOURNAMENT AS THE MAIN ACTIVITY OF THE CAMPAIGN GAVE YOUNG PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO SPREAD ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGES IN AN INFORMAL WAY AND IN RELAXING SURROUNDINGS.

+AND, I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY FOR YOU TO USE YOUR ENERGY,+ HE ADDED.

THROUGH A SERIES OF HARD AND CHALLENGING ROUNDS, LAM TIN (SOUTH) TEAM OUTPLAYED 13 OTHER TEAMS AND EMERGED AS THE CHAMPION.

MEANWHILE YAU TONG TEAM WERE THE FIRST RUNNER-UP AND THE SECOND RUNNER-UP WERE SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) TEAM.

BESIDE THE SOCCER COMPETITION, ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE AFTERNOON WAS PROVIDED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES BAND.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY'S EVENT WAS AN INVITATION MATCH BETWEEN THE WINNING TEAM AND THE CELEBRITY TEAM WHICH COMPRISED POPULAR SINGERS, TELEVISION AND MOVIE ARTISTES.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DFCC MR MAU KEI-ON, CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD MR LAM HANG-FAI, DISTRICT OFFICER (KWUN TONG), MR EDDY CHAN, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN MR LAM KIN-KWOK.

COMPUTER AID IN ASSESSING SOCIAL WORKER MANPOWER SITUATION  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS INSTALLED A COMPUTER AND IS SETTING UP, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, A +SOCIAL WORK PERSONNEL INFORMATION SYSTEM,+ THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ROSE GOODSTADT, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR AT THE CITY POLYTECHNIC ON THE MANPOWER SITUATION OF THE WELFARE FIELD, SHE SAID: +THE SYSTEM AIMS TO IMPROVE THE ASSESSMENT OF THE MANPOWER POLICY AND TO PRODUCE ACCURATE INFORMATION SPEEDILY SO THAT THE POLICY CAN BE MODIFIED TO MEET THE ACTUAL NEEDS.

+THIS COMPUTERISED SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO OPERATION EARLY NEXT YEAR.+

MRS GOODSTADT NOTED THAT IN 1987-88 THE NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORK DEGREE GRADUATES WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 162 WHILE THE NUMBER OF NEW POSTS, IN THE DEPARTMENT AND IN THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, WOULD TOTAL AROUND 200.

THERE WERE ALSO A NUMBER OF VACANCIES THAT HAD TO BE FILLED, SHE SAID.

+IN THE DEPARTMENT ALONE, THERE ARE ABOUT 100 NEW POSTS AND SOME 50 VACANCIES ARISING FROM RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION AT THE ASSISTANT SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (ASWO) GRADE THAT HAVE TO BE FILLED.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WILL BE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE SUPPLY AND THE DEMAND LEAVING MORE THAN 100 POSTS UNFILLED,+ SHE SAID.

+AS WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RECRUIT ENOUGH ASWO'S NEXT YEAR, WE MUST ADOPT SOME MAKESHIFT MEASURES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM SO AS NOT TO AFFECT THE SERVICES WE ARE PLANNING TO DEVELOP.

+WE ARE LEFT WITH NO CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE WITH THE PRACTICE WE IMPLEMENTED IN 1984 TO BRING DOWN THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES, WHICH IS TO RECRUIT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF NON-SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES TO FILL THESE ASWO POSTS.

+THESE NEW RECRUITS WILL BE ENROLLED IMMEDIATELY IN SPECIAL SOCIAL WORK COURSES ORGANISED FOR THEM BY THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THUS SAFEGUARDING THE QUALITY OF SERVICE,+ SHE SAID.

JUDGING FROM THE EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST TWO TO THREE YEARS, THIS MEASURE HAD PROVEN EFFECTIVE IN SOLVING THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE, SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, HAD AGREED THAT THIS FLEXIBLE MEASURE BE CONTINUED.

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+WE WILL CONSIDER ALL OTHER WAYS AND MEANS TO SOLVE THE SHORTAGE PROBLEM BUT THIS INTERIM MEASURE WILL NOT BE RESCINDED UNTIL A BALANCE IS STRUCK BETWEEN THE DEMAND AND THE SUPPLY,+ SHE SAID.

+AT THE SAME TIME, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO SOCIAL WORK GRADUATES WHEN RECRUITING ASWO'S,+ SHE STRESSED.

ANOTHER CONTINGENCY MEASURE WOULD BE TO SET UP ADDITIONAL SENIOR SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT (SSWA) POSTS TO ALLEVIATE THE ASWO SHORTAGE PROBLEM, AND AT THE SAME TIME, IMPROVE THE PROMOTION PROSPECTS OF THE SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT GRADE, MRS GOODSTADT SAID.

AS FOR THE SOCIAL WORK DIPLOMA-HOLDERS, SHE SAID THE VARIOUS COLLEGES WERE EXPECTED TO TURN OUT AROUND 240 GRADUATES IN 1987-88.

+THE NUMBER OF NEW POSTS AND VACANCIES WILL BE OVER 200, WITH 70-80 IN THE DEPARTMENT AND 150-160 IN THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

+EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES CAN BE DESCRIBED AS ADEQUATE FOR DIPLOMA-HOLDERS THIS YEAR,+ SHE SAID.

MRS GOODSTADT ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN WELFARE DEVELOPMENTS AND THE MANPOWER SITUATION, PRIORITIES IN APPORTIONING MANPOWER, STAFFING STRUCTURES FOR DIFFERENT SERVICES AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIAL WORKERS.

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SUPPORT NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES  
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A CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE WAS IMPORTANT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE MONG KOK SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FUN DAY, MRS FUNG SAID THE EFFECTIVE PROMOTION OF THE SCHEME DEPENDED VERY MUCH ON PEOPLE'S CONCERN ABOUT LOCAL AFFAIRS.

+AND IT IS IMPORTANT FOR RESIDENTS TO REFLECT THEIR VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT, SO THAT THEIR NEEDS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF DISTRICT MATTERS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS FUNG PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE MONG KOK SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM IN ORGANISING LOCAL ACTIVITIES TO STRENGTHEN CONTACTS WITH RESIDENTS.

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+BY ORGANISING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES, THE CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE IS PUT INTO PRACTICE,+ SHE SAID.

MRS FUNG ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HAD PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN LIAISING WITH OTHER LOCAL BODIES AND IN JOINING HANDS WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO STRIVE FOR BETTER WELFARE FOR THE PEOPLE.

SHE URGED THE SOUTH AREA RESIDENTS TO KEEP UP THEIR CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT, TO BEAR THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY AT HEART, AND TO GIVE MORE SUPPORT TO COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS.

THE FUN DAY WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

ABOUT 1 000 PEOPLE WERE THREATED TO A TWO-HOUR SHOW PRESENTED BY THE SOUTH AREA TAI CHI CLASS, SINGERS, ACROBATS AND MAGICIANS.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE FUNCTION INCLUDED AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR RONALD LEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE, MR IP CHI-HOI; AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI.

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MORE PEOPLE FIND JOBS THROUGH LES  
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THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PLACED MORE THAN 36 800 PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT LAST YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 15 PER CENT OVER 1985.

AND THE SERVICE WAS ALSO NOTIFIED OF 106 000 VACANCIES BY EMPLOYERS LOOKING FOR STAFF, A RISE OF ABOUT 46 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SERVICE, MR YEUNG CHI-KIN, SAID IT PROVIDED A FREE PLACEMENT SERVICE HELPING EMPLOYERS TO RECRUIT SUITABLE STAFF AND JOB-SEEKERS TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT.

HE EXPECTED THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES ABOUT WHICH THE DEPARTMENT WAS NOTIFIED WOULD INCREASE IN THE COMING MONTHS AS EMPLOYERS TENDED TO RECRUIT NEW EMPLOYEES AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE SERVICE OPERATES FROM 15 OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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JOB-SEEKERS CAN REGISTER WITH THE OFFICES NEAREST TO THEIR HOMES WHILE EMPLOYERS CAN CONTACT THE OFFICES BY TELEPHONE TO GIVE PARTICULARS OF VACANT POSTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

+VACANCIES ARE DISPLAYED AT ALL OFFICES OF THE LES WHERE JOB-SEEKERS CAN MAKE THEIR OWN PRELIMINARY SELECTIONS,+ MR YEUNG SAID.

+SUITABLE CANDIDATES WILL ALSO BE SELECTED FROM REGISTERED JOB-SEEKERS FOR INTRODUCTION TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS.

+BUT WHETHER THE EMPLOYER OFFERS EMPLOYMENT TO A CANDIDATE OR WHETHER THE CANDIDATE ACCEPTS THE OFFER IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY FOR BOTH PARTIES.+

LAST YEAR, THE MAJORITY OF THE JOBS HANDLED FELL INTO THREE MAIN OCCUPATION GROUPS: CLERICAL AND RELATED JOBS, SERVICE JOBS, AND PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT JOBS.

JOB-SEEKERS WHO POSSESS POST-SECONDARY OR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS MAY APPROACH THE DEPARTMENT'S HIGHER EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WHICH OPERATES FROM TWO OFFICES -- ONE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE OTHER IN KOWLOON.

MR YEUNG ADDED THAT TO FURTHER IMPROVE ITS SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC, THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE HAD RECENTLY INSTALLED A NEW FACSIMILE SYSTEM WHICH ENSURED THAT VACANCY NOTIFICATIONS WERE CIRCULATED QUICKLY TO SPEED UP THE PLACEMENT PROCESS.

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SUGGESTIONS TO DB GET QUICK ACTION  
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A NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS BY SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS ON A WIDE-RANGE OF DISTRICT MATTERS WERE PROMPTLY DEALT WITH BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

USING THE +MY SUGGESTION TO THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD+ POSTGRAMME SCHEME, CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS DREW THE BOARD'S ATTENTION TO VARIOUS PROBLEMS RANGING FROM SEWER BLOCKAGE, STRAY DOGS, DAMAGED AMENITY FACILITIES TO ILLEGAL PARKING.

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AFTER RECEIVING THE COMPLAINTS, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE CONDUCTED SITE VISITS AND LIAISED WITH RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS THE URBAN SERVICES, TRANSPORT AND AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS AND THE POLICE TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS. THE RESIDENTS WERE ALSO NOTIFIED OF THE PROGRESS OF ACTION TAKEN AND THE OUTCOME.

IN ABERDEEN, A YUE FAI COURT RESIDENTS POINTED OUT THAT THE SITTING-OUT AREA ALONG THE WATERFRONT NEAR THE SLIP ROAD OF THE ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD FLYOVER LACKED ROAD CROSSING FACILITIES.

TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT PUT UP TWO +PEDESTRIANS CROSSING AHEAD+ SIGNS FOR MOTORISTS.

AN AP LEI CHAU RESIDENT'S COMPLAINT OF A DEFECTIVE SWING IN A SITTING-OUT AREA NEAR THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE WAS PROMPTLY ACTED ON BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT ALSO TOOK ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST THE OPERATOR OF A STORE IN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD FOR CAUSING OBSTRUCTION.

IN OTHER CASES, RAILINGS WERE PLANTED NEAR THE ENTRANCE OF TIN WAN HILL VILLAGE I TO PREVENT ILLEGAL PARKING AFTER A RESIDENT POINTED OUT THAT LORRIES ILLEGALLY PARKED THERE BLOCKED STREET LIGHTS, AND COULD GIVE RISE TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES.

THE URBAN DRAINAGE DIVISION AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TOOK JOINT ACTION TO CLEAR REFUSE AND SILT CLOGGING A GULLY DRAIN IN WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, WHILE THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT OPERATIONS TO CATCH STRAY DOGS NEAR WAH LAM PATH, WAH FU ESTATE.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE POSTGRAMME SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1983 SO THAT RESIDENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN REMOTE AREAS, TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO THE BOARD MORE CONVENIENTLY.

THE NUMBER OF POSTGRAMMES RECEIVED BY THE BOARD BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1985 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 1986 ROSE BY 37 PER CENT TO 168 FROM 122 THE PREVIOUS YEAR AFTER 15 NEW DISTRIBUTION POINTS WERE ESTABLISHED FOR RESIDENTS TO OBTAIN THE POSTAGE FREE POSTGRAMMES.

THE 72 DISTRIBUTION POINTS INCLUDE THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES, POST-OFFICES, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, COMMUNITY HALLS, MAJOR BANKS, PETROL STATIONS AND VARIOUS KAIFONG AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION PREMISES.

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GOOD EMPLOYMENT PROFILE FOR 1980 TI GRADUATES  
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A RECENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT TECHNICIAN COURSE GRADUATES OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WERE EARNING AN AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME OF \$5 659 WITHIN SIX YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, REPRESENTING AN AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE OF 15.6 PER CENT IN REAL TERMS.

THE SURVEY, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND CONDUCTED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, WAS AIMED AT STUDYING THE EMPLOYMENT PROFILE OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS WHO GRADUATED IN 1980 FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

IT SHOWED THAT OF THE 1 767 GRADUATES, ONLY TWO PER CENT WERE UNEMPLOYED AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY, AND OVER 70 PER CENT HAD TAKEN UP PART-TIME STUDIES AFTER GRADUATION.

OF THE EMPLOYED GRADUATES, MOST OF THEM ARE WORKING IN THE MANUFACTURING, CONSTRUCTION AND COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES TRADES. MOST OF THEM (75 PER CENT) WERE SATISFIED WITH THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT, WORKING HOURS AND JOB NATURE OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEY, ABOUT 79 PER CENT OF THE EMPLOYED GRADUATES WERE HOLDING JOBS RELEVANT TO THE COURSES THEY STUDIED IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT MORE STUDIES OF THIS KIND IN THE FUTURE, A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE FINDINGS OF SUCH STUDIES ASSIST THE COUNCIL IN FORMULATING TECHNICAL EDUCATION PLANNING BY THROWING LIGHT ON THE CAREER DEVELOPMENT OF THE GRADUATES AND THE DEGREE OF THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY INDUSTRY ON A LONG-TERM BASIS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ALERT ELDERLY FOIL DECEPTION ATTEMPTS  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS AGAIN URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY RECIPIENTS OF WELFARE BENEFITS, TO BE ON THEIR GUARD AGAINST PEOPLE POSING AS STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWS A RECENT SPATE OF DECEPTION ATTEMPTS REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S FIELD UNITS IN TO KWA WAN, LAM TIN, WONG TAI SIN AND NGAU TAU KOK.

+IT IS GRATIFYING TO SEE THAT THE PROSPECTIVE VICTIMS, SIX ELDERLY RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANTS, WERE ALL ABLE TO FOIL SUCH ATTEMPTS,+ A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

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HE SAID THAT SPECIAL HAD BEEN MADE BY FIELD STAFF TO ADVISE CLIENTS TO BE ON THE ALERT AND WHEN THEY HAD ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF ANY VISITOR CLAIMING TO BE A DEPARTMENT STAFF MEMBER THEY SHOULD CHECK WITH THE FIELD UNIT IMMEDIATELY.

+OUR CLIENTS HAD TAKEN HEED OF THE ADVICE AND SUCCESSFULLY SCARED OFF THE IMPOSTOR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMON TACTIC OF THE IMPOSTORS WAS TO OFFER SPECIAL ASSISTANCE, SUCH AS REFERRAL FOR COMPANSSIONATE RE-HOUSING, ON THE PAYMENT OF A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOTED THAT OUR DEPARTMENT, IN OFFERING SERVICES, FOLLOWS WELL-DEFINED ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND ALL SERVICES ARE OFFERED FREE OF CHARGE,+ HE SAID.

IF WELFARE RECIPIENTS ARE IN DOUBT OF THE IDENTITY OF ANY VISITOR CLAIMING TO BE AN SWD STAFF MEMBER, THEY SHOULD CALL THE DISTRICT'S FIELD UNIT OR THE SWD HOTLINE -- 3-432255 -- IMMEDIATELY.

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TALENT QUEST TO PUT ACROSS 'FIGHT CRIME' MESSAGE  
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THE +FIGHT CRIME+ MESSAGE WILL BE CONVEYED IN VARIOUS PERFORMANCES AT A TALENT QUEST TO BE HELD NEXT SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 28).

PARTICIPANTS OF THE +FIGHT CRIME TALENT COMPETITION+ WILL GIVE SINGING AND DRAMA PERFORMANCES TO PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE.

WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

THE COMPETITION WILL START AT 7.30 PM AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF CARITAS, CAINE ROAD, CENTRAL. IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) AND THE COUNCIL OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT SCHOOL HEADS.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR THE SHOW CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523485.

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CLOSING OF WAN CHAI CHINESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

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WAN CHAI RESIDENTS APPRECIATED THE FINE WORKS OF MORE THAN 20 PAINTERS AND CALLIGRAPHISTS WHO DEMONSTRATED THEIR SKILLS AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE DISTRICT'S CHINESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE TODAY (SUNDAY).

THOSE ATTENDING ALSO SAW THE WINNERS OF THE OPEN CHINESE CHESS COMPETITION PLAY A FRIENDLY MATCH WITH EACH OTHER AND ENJOYED MUSIC PERFORMED BY A CHINESE ORCHESTRA.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID THE FESTIVAL HAD BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL IN PROMOTING CHINESE CULTURE IN THE DISTRICT AND HOPED THAT SIMILAR ACTIVITIES WOULD BE ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS IN THE FUTURE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MR LEE KON, SAID THAT THE FESTIVAL HAD PROVIDED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS AND HELPED CREATE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CARMAN CHIU.

THE WEEK-LONG CHINESE CULTURAL FESTIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE CULTURE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE AMATEUR CHINESE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE

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YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WITH INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE ARE INVITED TO ENROL IN A FULL-TIME ONE-YEAR TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COURSE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

THE COURSE IS INTENDED FOR MATURE STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN TAKING UP TEACHING AS A PROFESSION AND WHO HAVE ACQUIRED SOME YEARS OF INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OR TECHNICAL ENGINEERING.

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS A HIGHER DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR DIPLOMA IN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING OR MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, AWARDED BY POLYTECHNICS OR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION.

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INDUCEMENT GRANTS WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS DURING THEIR COURSE OF STUDY AT A MINIMUM OF \$1 650 PER MONTH UP TO A MAXIMUM OF \$2 500 PER MONTH, CALCULATED ACCORDING TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS OF RELEVANT POST-QUALIFICATION INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI. APPLICANTS MUST HAND IN THE COMPLETED FORMS TO THE COLLEGE BY MARCH 20.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS POWERLINE ALIGNMENT  
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THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 24), WILL DISCUSS THE ALIGNMENT OF A HIGH-VOLTAGE OVERHEAD CABLE TO BE INSTALLED IN THE DISTRICT.

THE 400-KILOWATT POWERLINE IS ONE OF TWO PROPOSED BY THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY LIMITED TO TRANSMIT ELECTRICITY FROM DAYA BAY TO THE NEW TERRITORIES BY EARLY 1990'S.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS AND REPORTS BY VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 152-172 KWONG FUK ROAD.

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WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT FUN FAIR

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ABOUT 2 000 CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS HAD AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES AT THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S 25TH ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CHILDREN'S PARTY TODAY (SUNDAY).

ORGANISED FOR CHILDREN OF WATERWORKS STAFF, THE PARTY WAS HELD AT WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED AT LION DANCE, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, SONGS AND DANCE, AND COMPETITIVE EVENTS.

FOURTEEN GAMES STALLS WERE ORGANISED BY VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MR TOMLINSON PRESENTED TROPHIES TO WINNERS OF THE GAMES STALLS COMPETITION.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR K.L. WONG, ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

EACH CHILD WAS GIVEN A GIFT PARCEL AND A RED PACKET.

THE AFTERNOON FUN FAIR CONCLUDED WITH A RAFFLE DRAW.

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CONTRACTS FOR TEMPORARY MARKET AWARDED

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TWO CONTRACTS AMOUNTING TO \$460 623 HAVE BEEN AWARDED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR BUILDING SERVICES WORK AT TAI KOK TSUI TEMPORARY MARKET.

ONE OF THE CONTRACTS IS FOR SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING ELECTRICAL FACILITIES, WHILE THE OTHER IS FOR SUPPLYING AND INSTALLING A MECHANICAL VENTILATION SYSTEM.

THE MARKET OCCUPIES A 6 700-SQUARE-METRE SITE BOUNDED BY TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, FUK TSUN STREET AND IVY STREET, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER.

FACILITIES WILL INCLUDE MEAT, FISH AND POULTRY STALLS, 195 MINI-STALLS AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES.

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DISCUSSION ON REVISED LAYOUT PLAN

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL MEET ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 24) TO DISCUSS A REVISED LAYOUT PLAN FOR JORDAN VALLEY NORTH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROPOSAL TO OPEN MEETINGS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS FROM CHAIRMEN OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS AND FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY IN THE THIRD FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

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TO KWA WAN WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TO KWA WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 25) FOR MAINS WORK.

PREMISES BOUNDED BY TO KWA WAN ROAD, MEI KING STREET, KWEI CHOW STREET AND LOK SHAN ROAD WILL BE AFFECTED.

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LEFT-TURN BAN TO CONTINUE

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THE EXISTING RESTRICTION ON LEFT-TURN MOVEMENT FROM BOUNDARY STREET EASTBOUND TO SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET NORTH WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR WHEN ROAD WORK IN THE AREA IS COMPLETED.

MOTORISTS WISHING TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE NORTHSIDE OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, NORTH OF BOUNDARY STREET SHOULD TRAVEL VAI TAI PO ROAD SOUTHBOUND AND POPLAR STREET.

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