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NARCOTICS REPORT FOR 1980 PUBLISHED
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THE OUTSTANDING ADVANCES MADE IN ALL ANTI-NARCOTICS PROGRAMMES OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS ARE REVIEWED IN THE HONG KONG NARCOTICS REPORT 1980 PUBLISHED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS.

THE REPORT CONTAINS AN EXTRA CHAPTER ON +A DECADE OF ACHIEVEMENT 1971 - 1980+, OUTLINING THE REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS THAT HAVE ATTRACTED WORLD-WIDE ATTENTION AND RECOGNITION.

SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS SAID IN HIS FOREWORD TO THE REPORT: +AS A RESULT OF THE FOUNDATIONS LAID IN 1971/72, WHICH LED TO A CO-ORDINATED ATTACK ON THE PROBLEM, AND THE ACCELERATING DEVELOPMENT OF ALL MAJOR PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS, WE HAVE AN UNRIVALLED DATA BASE, ON WHICH REALISTIC ANTI-NARCOTICS POLICIES CAN BE FORMULATED.+

HE SAID 1980 ITSELF WAS A YEAR IN WHICH PREVIOUS ADVANCES IN ALL FIELDS WERE CONSOLIDATED, AND IN WHICH +WE CONTINUED TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS, IN HIGH STREET DRUG PRICES, OF THE DROUGHT WHICH HAS AFFECTED THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.+

THE REPORT ALSO REVEALED THAT THE NUMBERS IN THE OUT-PATIENT METHADONE CLINICS WERE MAINTAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL, AND THE VOLUNTARY IN-PATIENT PROGRAMME WAS WELL PATRONISED, WHILE THE NUMBERS OF CONFIRMED ADDICTS IN PRISONS PROPER, AS WELL AS IN THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES CONTINUED TO FALL.

ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE YEAR WAS THE SHARP DROP IN THE PERCENTAGE OF CONFIRMED ADDICTS IN THE PRISONS FROM 70 PER CENT OF TOTAL INMATES IN 1974 TO JUST UNDER 28 PER CENT IN 1980.

SIMILARLY, THE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE UNDER 21 IN THE DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES AND IN SHEK KWU CHAU CONTINUED TO DECLINE FOR THE 10TH SUCCESSIVE YEAR.

THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT THESE REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY A COMBINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ALLOCATION OF A HIGH PRIORITY AND ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH ONE OF ITS MOST SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEMS- INTEGRATED AND CO-ORDINATED PROGRAMMES COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM- HIGH-LEVEL INVOLVEMENT IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES- AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE DEDICATION, COMMITMENT AND DETERMINATION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE BOTH IN AND OUT OF UNIFORM, IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, AND AMONGST COMMUNITY LEADERS, THAT OUR OBJECTIVE OF A DRUG-FREE SOCIETY SHALL BE REALISED.

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HOWEVER, THE REPORT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE INFORMATION ARRIVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR OF PROSPECTS FOR A BUMPER HARVEST IN THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE, AND THE INDICATION FROM POLICE DATA THAT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WERE BEING USED AS DRUG COURIERS BY TRAFFICKERS.

+SUCH INFORMATION UNDERLINES THE NEED FOR A CONTINUING RENEWAL OF OUR ANTI-NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES IN ALL AREAS,+ SAID SIR ALBERT IN THE FOREWORD.

+IT ALSO REMINDS US THAT BOTH WE IN HONG KONG, AND IN THE WIDER INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, ARE STILL MAKING PAINFULLY SLOW AND INADEQUATE PROGRESS IN MEASURES TO DEPRIVE DRUG TRAFFICKERS OF THEIR ENORMOUS PROFITS, DERIVED FROM SO MUCH HUMAN MISERY AND EXPLOITATION,+ HE ADDED.

THE 165-PAGE REPORT GIVES A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE CHANGING CHARACTERISTICS OF HONG KONG'S NARCOTICS SCENE AS WELL AS ALL IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VARIOUS MAJOR ACTION PROGRAMMES BEING CARRIED OUT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ACAN SAID THE REPORT IS AN INFORMATIVE AND HIGHLY READABLE DOCUMENT FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE SERIOUS AND LONG-STANDING SOCIAL PROBLEMS OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKINGS AND ADDICTION IN HONG KONG.

IT IS PARTICULARLY RECOMMENDED TO TEACHERS, STUDENTS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND PEOPLE OF OTHER PROFESSIONS WHOSE WORK MAY BE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE NARCOTICS ISSUE.

OTHERS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED BUT WHO ARE ALSO INTERESTED IN HONG KONG'S EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH A LONG-STANDING PROBLEM WILL ALSO FIND THE REPORT OF GREAT INTEREST, HE ADDED.

THE REPORT'S ENGLISH AND CHINESE EDITIONS ARE PUBLISHED SEPARATELY. THE CHINESE EDITION IS BEING PREPARED AND WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

THE ENGLISH EDITION OF THE REPORT WILL BE ON SALE AT \$15 A COPY BEGINNING TODAY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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OUTPATIENT FACILITIES EXPANDED

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TAKING POSITIVE MEASURES TO EXPAND OUTPATIENT FACILITIES TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND BY RESIDENTS IN EAST KOWLOON.

FROM JANUARY 1, THE KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE WILL HAVE EXTRA DOCTOR SESSIONS FOR THE DAY, EVENING, AND SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS CLINICS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE POSTING OF ONE EXTRA DOCTOR AT THE CENTRE WILL GREATLY IMPROVE OUTPATIENT TREATMENT SERVICES THERE.

THE ADDITION BRINGS THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS FOR THE EVENING AND SUNDAY CLINICS TO FOUR AND THE DAY CLINIC TO FIVE, WHICH IS MORE THAN IN MOST OTHER CLINICS.

KWUN TONG HEALTH CENTRE IS A GOVERNMENT CLINIC WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF DOCTORS ATTENDING THE OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT AT ANY ONE TIME, HE SAID.

THE HEALTH CENTRE IS USUALLY WELL-ATTENDED AND THE INCREASE OF DOCTOR SESSIONS IS AN EFFECTIVE MEASURE TO MEET THE DEMAND IN THIS DENSELY-POPULATED AREA, HE SAID.

A NEW CLINIC AT NGAU TAU KOK WILL BE IN OPERATION EARLY NEXT YEAR TO EASE THE PRESSURE ON THE MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE REGION.

MEANWHILE, THE TUEN MUN EVENING CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS BEEN IN OPERATION SINCE NOVEMBER DEALING WITH AN AVERAGE OF 70 VISITS A DAY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE CLINIC, WITH A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 160 CONSULTATIONS PER SESSION, HAS NOT BEEN FULLY UTILISED BY THE RESIDENTS.

HE URGED TUEN MUN RESIDENTS TO MAKE USE OF THE EVENING SERVICES INSTEAD OF OVERLOADING THE DAY CLINIC.

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MAYOR OF GUANGZHOU CALLS ON GOVERNOR

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THE MAYOR OF GUANGZHOU, MR LIANG LINGGUANG PAID A COURTESY CALL ON THE GOVERNOR THIS AFTERNOON.

MR LIANG, WHO IS SPENDING A FEW DAYS IN HONG KONG ON RETURN FROM A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, WAS ACCOMPANIED, AMONG OTHERS, BY HIS WIFE, TWO VICE-MAYORS OF GUANGZHOU AND A DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF XINHUA NEWS AGENCY IN HONG KONG.

THEY DISCUSSED ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGDONG, PARTICULARLY GUANGZHOU, AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TWO CITIES.

THE GOVERNOR GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG INCLUDING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELDS OF HOUSING, NEW TOWNS AND COMMUNICATIONS. THE MAYOR BRIEFED THE GOVERNOR ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN GUANGZHOU.

MR LIANG AND HIS PARTY WILL ALSO BE VISITING KAI TAK AIRPORT, THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL AND HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN SHA TIN.

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CAMPAIGN TO TEACH RESIDENTS HYGIENE

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A MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE LAM TIN RESIDENTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE WILL BE LAUNCHED ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 30).

THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, LAM TIN ESTATE OFFICE OF HOUSING DEPARTMENT, LAM TIN (EAST) ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, LAM TIN AREA COMMITTEE AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF LAM TIN ESTATE. IT IS AIMED AT IMPROVING CLEANLINESS AT HOME AND IN PUBLIC PLACES.

THE RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN THE AREA IN WHICH THEY LIVE WILL BE AROUSED THROUGH A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES AND COMPETITIONS.

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT LAM TIN SERVICE RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND ON WEDNESDAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EVENT TO BE HELD AT LAM TIN SERVICE RESERVOIR PLAYGROUND, TAK TIN STREET, LAM TIN, AT 7.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 30).

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MORE SITES FOR WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY

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THE WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY IS TO GET MORE URN SITES UNDER AN \$8-MILLION EXTENSION PLAN TO COPE WITH DEMAND.

WORK ON A 20 000 SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE WEST OF THE PUBLIC CEMETERY IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE HIGHWAYS DIVISION (NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, AND WILL TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE AND WILL PROVIDE 17 700 SITES FOR URN BURIAL, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT FORMED PART OF THE EXTENSION OF THE CEMETERY, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

ALL HUMAN REMAINS INTERRED IN A PUBLIC CEMETERY FOR MORE THAN SIX YEARS SHOULD BE EXHUMED AFTER EXPIRY OF AN EXHUMATION ORDER WHICH WILL BE ANNOUNCED ABOUT A WEEK BEFORE THE CHING MING FESTIVAL EVERY YEAR.

THE EXHUMED REMAINS CAN BE CREMATED OR REBURIED IN AN URN GRAVE IN WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY PERMANENTLY.

ALTHOUGH COFFIN BURIAL IS NOT PERMANENT, ANOTHER \$7-MILLION EXTENSION AT THE CEMETERY AIMED AT PROVIDING 6 700 COFFIN BURIAL PLACES IS ALSO UNDERWAY AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT SUMMER.

MEANWHILE, AN EXPLANATORY LEAFLET IN CHINESE ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A GRAVE SPACE AT THE WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY - THE ONLY PUBLIC CEMETERY THAT ACCOMMODATES COFFIN BURIAL - HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

IT EXPLAINS THE PROCEDURE FOR DEATH REGISTRATION, COFFIN AND URN BURIAL AT THE CEMETERY, CREMATION AT KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM AND DEPOSIT OF ASHES IN A NICHE IN KWAI CHUNG COLUMBARIUM THAT THE FAMILY OF A DECEASED PERSON TO FOLLOW.

COPIES OF THE LEAFLET ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN URBAN AREA, DISTRICT OFFICES AND URBAN SERVICES OFFICES THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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WATER FIGURES

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WATER STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 45.2 PER CENT OR 261.296 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THE STORAGE IS EQUIVALENT TO 213 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 311.210 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 53.9 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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BISHOP KWONG VISITS PENAL INSTITUTIONS
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THE BISHOP OF HONG KONG, THE RT REV PETER KWONG KONG-KIT, TODAY (MONDAY) VISITED LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE AND LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE, IN THE COURSE OF A SERIES OF VISITS TO GET TO KNOW THE WORK OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE PRISONS CHAPLAINS, FATHER STEPHEN EDMONDS AND REV CHUNG KA-LOK, BISHOP KWONG TOURED THE INSTITUTIONS, SAW THE VARIOUS FACILITIES PROVIDED INCLUDING ACCOMMODATION FOR INMATES, HOSPITALS, KITCHENS, CHAPELS AND WORKSHOPS. HE WAS ALSO BRIEFED BY THE SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE OF LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE, MR WONG WAH-CHIU, AND SUPERINTENDENT IN CHARGE OF LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE, MR LI TING-CHEUNG, ON THE VARIOUS PROGRAMMES PROVIDED.

LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE IS ONE OF THE FEW HIGH RISE PENAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE WORLD INSTALLED WITH MODERN ELECTRONIC SECURITY AIDS. LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE CATERS FOR BOYS AGED 14-17 AND ITS PROGRAMME, GEARED TO THE CORRECTION OF YOUNG OFFENDERS, CONSISTS OF HALF-DAY DEVOTED TO EDUCATION AND HALF-DAY TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE
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WORK ON THE TAI PO MARKET COMMUNITY CENTRE, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF HEUNG SZE WUI STREET AND PO HEUNG STREET, IS NOW MORE THAN HALF COMPLETE.

THE CENTRE WILL BE A SIX-STOREY BLOCK, COMPRISING A LIBRARY, A COFFEE BAR, A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY, GROUP ACTIVITY ROOMS, STUDY ROOMS, ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES AND A NURSERY WITH ROOF PLAY AREA.

IN ADDITION, A 500-SEAT HALL, COMPLETE WITH A STAGE, DRESSING ROOMS AND STORAGE AREA, WILL BE PROVIDED IN A BUILDING LINKED TO THE MAIN BLOCK. THERE WILL BE CHANGING ROOMS AND A COVERED PLAYGROUND ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE BUILDING. A BASKETBALL COURT WILL ALSO BE BUILT NEXT TO THE CHANGING ROOMS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE CENTRE, WHEN COMPLETED IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, WOULD HELP MEET THE NEEDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND WELFARE FACILITIES.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR FUN FOR TAI PO RESIDENTS

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THE START OF THE YEAR OF THE DOG WILL BE CELEBRATED IN TAI PO WITH AN 18-DAY PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT.

AN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, CHAIRED BY TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICKY LO, WAS FORMED IN OCTOBER TO DRAW UP THE PROGRAMME WHICH CONTAINS 15 EVENTS.

IN SUPPORT OF THE OCCASION, THE DISTRICT BOARD ALLOCATED \$200 000 TOWARDS THE COST, WHILE THE REMAINING \$100 000 WAS DONATED BY RESIDENTS.

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, RURAL AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AS WELL AS FISHERMEN, TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS, PLUS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE REPRESENTED ON THE COMMITTEE.

TWO SUB-COMMITTEES HEADED BY LOCAL LEADERS, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND MR YAU FOOK-PING, WERE ALSO SET UP.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (MONDAY), MR LO AND THE SUB-COMMITTEES' CHAIRMEN ANNOUNCED DETAILS OF THE CELEBRATIONS WHICH WILL OPEN ON JANUARY 22 WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT TAI PO SPORTSGROUND.

CHILDREN OF TAI YUEN ESTATE WILL HAVE A DAY'S FUN ON JANUARY 30 AT A FAIR COMPRISING GAMES STALLS, A MERRY-GO-ROUND AND SHOWS.

THERE WILL BE A PARTY FOR 660 LOCAL PEOPLE ALL AGED OVER 73 ON JANUARY 31, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE CHINESE CALENDAR IS YAN YAT - EVERYBODY'S BIRTHDAY.

A DISCO NIGHT WILL BE HELD AT TAI YUEN COMMUNITY HALL ON FEBRUARY 3 IN WHICH 80 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN A DANCING COMPETITION.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ATTEND A GALA FUN DAY ON FEBRUARY 6 AT TAI PO SPORTSGROUND.

OTHER EVENTS IN THE PROGRAMME INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION OF TAI PO HISTORY AT THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2 AND 8, COUPLET WRITING AND LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITIONS, A CLEAN-UP OPERATION, FOOTBALL MATCHES, A FILM SHOW AND A FOLK SONG CONTEST.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 8, THE FIRST FULL MOON OF THE LUNAR CALENDAR, WILL INCLUDE A LANTERN PARADE AND A VARIETY SHOW.

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RECREATIONAL GROUND
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A NEW RECREATIONAL GROUND WILL BE BUILT IN SAU MAU PING TO PROVIDE MUCH-NEEDED RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE RECREATIONAL GROUND, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 900 SQUARE METRES AT HIU KWONG STREET, WILL HAVE A BASKETBALL COURT AND A SITTING OUT AREA.

WORK WILL START IN FEBRUARY AND TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TELE-MATCH DESIGN CONTEST TO PROMOTE FAMILY LIFE
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A TELE-MATCH DESIGN COMPETITION HAS BEEN LAUNCHED TO DRIVE HOME THE NEED FOR HARMONIOUS AND CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND CARITAS.

IT IS THE SECOND MAJOR PUBLICITY EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE FIFTH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES. THE FIRST WAS A COLOURFUL YOUTH CARNIVAL AT THE OCEAN PARK IN SEPTEMBER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISERS SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE DESIGN COMPETITION WAS AIMED AT THE FAMILY AS A UNIT RATHER THAN INDIVIDUAL YOUNG PEOPLE.

+WE HOPE THAT THROUGH INVOLVING THE FAMILY AS A UNIT IN THE COMPETITION, WE WILL BE ABLE TO GET ACROSS A PROPER NOTION OF THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF FAMILY MEMBERS,+ HE SAID.

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IS +THE ADOLESCENT AND THE FAMILY.+

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+THROUGH THIS COMPETITION, WE WOULD LIKE FAMILY MEMBERS TO SEE THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION TO THE DEVELOPMENTS OF ADOLESCENTS SO THAT THE GENERATION GAP CAN BE NARROWED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE DESIGN COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS ACCORDING TO THE SIZE OF THE TARGET TEAMS.

IN ONE SECTION, GAMES WILL CATER FOR TEAMS COMPRISING FOUR PEOPLE FROM ONE FAMILY. IN ANOTHER SECTION, GAMES WILL CATER FOR TEAMS COMPRISING SIX PEOPLE FROM TWO FAMILIES. IN THE THIRD SECTION, THE TARGET TEAM WILL CONSIST OF 12 PEOPLE FROM NOT FEWER THAN THREE FAMILIES.

PARTICIPATING FAMILIES MUST HAVE MEMBERS FROM AT LEAST TWO GENERATIONS AND THEY MUST BE SPONSORED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS OR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

FIVE ENTRIES FROM EACH OF THE THREE SECTIONS WILL BE SHORT-LISTED FOR FINAL ADJUDICATION. THE SHORT-LISTED GROUP WILL BE REQUIRED TO PUT ON A DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR DESIGN EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR. SUBSIDIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PROPS.

TWO PRIZES AT THE VALUE OF \$500 EACH WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TWO WINNING DESIGNS IN EACH SECTION. THREE CONSOLATION PRIZES AT THE VALUE OF \$300 FOR EACH SECTION ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE REMAINING TEAMS SHORT-LISTED FOR FINAL ADJUDICATION.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE COMPETITION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM AND RETURNED TO COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OR CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRES. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO CARITAS HONG KONG, 5-242071, EXT. 252 OR 253, OR 5-762057.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JANUARY 18 NEXT YEAR.

APART FROM THE DESIGN COMPETITION, THERE ARE PLANS TO ORGANISE REGIONAL GAMES COMPETITIONS, USING THE WINNING ENTRIES IN THE DESIGN COMPETITION.

THESE COMPETITIONS WILL CULMINATE IN A LARGE-SCALE TERRITORY-WIDE FINAL TO BE HELD IN MAY.

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BLANKETS FOR TSUEN WAN OLD PEOPLE
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ABOUT 150 WOOLLEN BLANKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO TSUEN WAN'S OLD PEOPLE STARTING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE BLANKETS CAN BE COLLECTED AT FOUR LOCATIONS ON A FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THESE ARE: TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TSUEN KING BUILDING IN HOI PA STREET, KWAI CHUNG TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF KWAI KING BUILDING IN KWONG FAI CIRCUIT, TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AT MAIN STREET, TSING YI, AND THE WELFARE ASSOCIATION OF PAK TIN PA, FU YUNG SHAN AND KWONG PAN TIN VILLAGES IN PAK TIN PA.

THE BLANKETS HAVE BEEN DONATED BY THE TSUEN WAN CHIU CHOW WELFARE ASSOCIATION.

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+AIR DOME+ FOR FANLING SWIMMING POOL
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THE HEATED POOL IN FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC FROM FRIDAY (JANUARY 1) FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE.

A GENERAL OVERHAUL AS WELL AS WORK ON ERECTING A STRUCTURE TO SUPPORT AN INFLATABLE DOME MADE OF VINYL FOR THE HEATED POOL WILL BE CARRIED OUT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE WORK WILL PROVIDE A COVER FOR THE POPULAR SWIMMING VENUE DURING THE WINTER. WHILE THE WATER IN THE MAIN POOL IS KEPT WARM ENOUGH FOR SWIMMERS, THE COLD AIR TEMPERATURE HAS DETERRED MANY REGULAR SWIMMERS FROM USING THE POOL, IT WAS NOTED.

THE INFLATABLE DOME WILL THEREFORE BE RAISED IN THE WINTER MONTHS AND PUT AWAY IN SUMMER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

WORK WILL COST ABOUT \$1 MILLION, AND TAKE TWO MONTHS TO COMPLETE, BUT THE INFLATABLE DOME WILL NOT BE PUT UP UNTIL THE NEXT WINTER SEASON.

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FIRING PRACTICE WARNING
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL BE HELD IN THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 16 DAYS FROM JANUARY 4.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING PRACTICE TIMES.

THE TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JANUARY 4 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 5 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 5.30 PM
JANUARY 6 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 5.30 PM
JANUARY 7 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5.30 PM
JANUARY 8 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
JANUARY 11 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 12 (TUESDAY)	9 AM - 9 PM
JANUARY 13 (WEDNESDAY)	9 AM - 6 PM
JANUARY 14 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 15 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM
JANUARY 18 (MONDAY)	9 AM - 5.30 PM
JANUARY 19 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5.30 PM
JANUARY 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
JANUARY 21 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 11 PM
JANUARY 22 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
JANUARY 23 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 4.30 PM

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SALT WATER SUPPLY
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 31) TO FACILITATE MAINS WORKS.

THE AFFECTED AREAS ARE LAM TIN, KWUN TONG, SAU MAU PING, NGAU TAU KOK, JORDAN VALLEY AND NGAU CHI WAN.

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