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QUEEN URGES YOUTH TO KNOW OTHERS
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THE QUEEN TODAY URGED YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH +TO GET TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND OTHER PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAVE DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING CULTURES+.

DELIVERING HER COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE, SHE SAID: +SUCH CONTACTS AMONG YOU, THE YOUTH OF THE COMMONWEALTH, ARE A VITAL ELEMENT IN CREATING UNDERSTANDING AND TOLERANCE BETWEEN DIFFERENT PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES.+

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE:

+IN THIS INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR I AM THINKING PARTICULARLY OF THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD WHO LIVE IN THE FORTY-NINE COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH. I HOPE THAT TODAY ESPECIALLY THEY WILL BE LEARNING MORE ABOUT THIS REMARKABLE ORGANISATION AND THE CONTRIBUTION IT CAN AND DOES MAKE. IT IS A PARTNERSHIP WHICH PROVIDES ALL OF ITS MEMBERS WITH THE REASSURANCE WHICH COMES FROM BELONGING TO A FAMILY; AND IT PROVIDES EVERY ONE OF THEM WITH HELP TOWARDS MEETING THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. IT IS FOUNDED ON A COMBINATION OF IDEALISM AND REALISM, ON A SPIRIT OF SERVICE AND ON PRACTICAL HELP.

+TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH I WOULD SAY THAT IT IS REWARDING TO GET TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND OTHER PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY HAVE DIFFERENT AND INTERESTING CULTURES. MODERN COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY PROVIDE MORE OPPORTUNITIES EACH YEAR WHICH WE SHOULD ALL SEIZE SO AS TO GET TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER, THUS HELPING TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS. SUCH CONTACTS AMONG YOU, THE YOUTH OF THE COMMONWEALTH, ARE A VITAL ELEMENT IN CREATING UNDERSTANDING AND TOLERANCE BETWEEN DIFFERENT PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES.

+IT IS YOU WHO HAVE THE IMAGINATION, THE ENERGY AND THE ENTHUSIASM TO SEEK OUT NEW AND PRACTICAL WAYS TO SHOW THAT WE CARE ABOUT OTHERS AND THEIR NEEDS. SHOW THAT SORT OF EXAMPLE AND YOU WILL DO MUCH TO ESTABLISH THE COMMONWEALTH AND ITS VALUES IN THE WORLD OF THE FUTURE -- YOUR WORLD.

+I SEND TO YOU AND TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH MY BEST WISHES FOR THAT FUTURE IN WHICH WE MUST ALL BELIEVE, SHARE AND SERVE.+

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NO RELAXATION IN ANTI-DRUG EFFORT -- LADY YOUDE
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ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF NEW DRUG ADDICTS IN HONG KONG WAS LESS IN 1984 THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, WE COULD NOT AFFORD TO RELAX OUR EFFORTS, LADY YOUDE SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

+IT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE THAT THE COMMUNITY IS MADE FULLY ALIVE TO THE DANGERS OF DRUGS,+ SHE SAID AT THE STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

ABOVE ALL, LADY YOUDE SAID, THE YOUNG MUST BE MADE TO REALISE WHAT A TERRIBLE FUTURE THEY WOULD BE FACING IF THEY GAVE IN TO ANY TEMPTATION TO START TAKING DRUGS.

+THIS IS THE MESSAGE WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PUT ACROSS IN THE STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT,+ SHE SAID.

+WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE HELP OF ALL THOSE WHO CARE FOR THE YOUNG IF WE ARE TO CONTINUE TO DRIVE THIS MESSAGE HOME TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND OUR DECLARED AIM OF ERADICATING DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG,+ SHE ADDED.

THE STUDENTS AGAINST DRUGS MOVEMENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THE COMMERCIAL RADIO, AIMED AT ENCOURAGING SCHOOL STUDENTS TO JOIN IN ACTIVITIES WHICH WOULD INCREASE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE.

SINCE THE LAUNCHING OF THE MOVEMENT LAST OCTOBER, 143 TEAMS FROM 84 SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE TAKEN PART IN A SERIES OF COMPETITIONS WITH AN ANTI-DRUG THEME. THE COMPETITIONS ARE DIVIDED INTO JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISIONS. THE WINNER OF EACH DIVISION WILL BE GIVEN A PERSONAL COMPUTER LASER 3000 DONATED BY VIDEO TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS LIMITED.

LADY YOUDE PRESENTED TROPHIES AND PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI'S COLLEGE IS THE WINNER OF THE SENIOR DIVISION AND PRECIOUS BLOOD GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL IS THE WINNER OF THE JUNIOR DIVISION.

ALSO PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S CEREMONY WERE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACAN, PROFESSOR GERALD CHAO; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACAN SUB-COMMITTEE ON PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, MR KARL STUMPF; THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON; THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER; THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG; AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING LIMITED, MR GEORGE HO.

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I.D. CARD SCHEME REACHES HALF-WAY MARK
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A TOTAL OF 935 700 WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1947 AND 1965 HAD OBTAINED THEIR NEW IDENTITY CARDS WHEN THE FIRST CYCLE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME FOR WOMEN ENDED YESTERDAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID, +THIS CYCLE WAS CARRIED OUT VERY SMOOTHLY, WITH FULL COOPERATION AND SUPPORT FROM THE TARGET GROUPS.

+ONLY ABOUT 17 700 WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS FAILED TO RESPOND TO OUR APPEAL.+

HE URGED THOSE PEOPLE TO COME FORWARD IMMEDIATELY, AS THEIR OLD CARDS WOULD SOON BE DECLARED INVALID.

ANYONE FOUND IN POSSESSION OF AN INVALID I.D. CARD WOULD BE LIABLE TO PROSECUTION, HE WARNED.

THOSE WHO WERE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THE SPECIFIED PERIODS SHOULD APPLY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.

SINCE THE START OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME IN MAY 1983, A TOTAL OF 2 002 700 NEW I.D. CARDS HAD BEEN ISSUED, OF WHICH 1 067 000 WERE FOR MEN BORN BETWEEN 1948 AND 1965.

+WE ARE NOW HALF WAY THROUGH THE SCHEME WITH TWO MORE CYCLES TO BE COMPLETED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SECOND CYCLE FOR MEN WHICH STARTS TOMORROW (MONDAY) WILL COVER MEN BORN IN 1947 OR BEFORE, AND THE FIRST GROUP TO BE CALLED FORTH ARE THOSE BORN IN 1945, 1946 AND 1947.

THEY SHOULD TAKE ALONG THEIR OLD I.D. CARDS TO ANY OF THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND APRIL 13. THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM, MONDAY TO SATURDAY.

THIS CYCLE IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY 1986 WHEN IT WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY THE SECOND CYCLE FOR WOMEN, WHICH WILL ALSO BE THE LAST CYCLE OF THE FOUR-YEAR SCHEME.

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LICENCES REQUIRED FOR COSMETICS AND BEVERAGES TRADE
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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF COSMETICS AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONCENTRATES THAT THE 14-DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR APPLYING FOR LICENCES FROM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD EXPIRE ON MARCH 14.

A CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICATIONS FOR LICENCES COULD BE MADE AT THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES OFFICE, 2 RUMSEY STREET, 10TH FLOOR, HONG KONG, OR AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

+ANY PERSON WHO IMPORTS OR MANUFACTURES SUCH GOODS WITHOUT OBTAINING A LICENCE BEFORE MARCH 14 WILL BE COMMITTING AN OFFENCE UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE,+ HE SAID.
+FOR THOSE KEEPING WAREHOUSES FOR THE STORAGE OF SUCH GOODS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO OBTAIN LICENCES FROM THE DEPARTMENT.+

THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED CIRCULAR LETTERS TO ALL KNOWN IMPORTERS AND MANUFACTURERS OF COSMETICS AND NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONCENTRATES, REMINDING THEM OF THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES ORDINANCE.

THOSE WHO ARE IN THESE LINES OF BUSINESS BUT DO NOT RECEIVE SUCH A CIRCULAR LETTER OR HAS ANY FURTHER QUERY SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-757265.

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URBCO TO MEET IN PUBLIC
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THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN EDINBURGH PLACE ON TUESDAY (MARCH 12).

DURING THE MEETING, THE COUNCIL'S ACTING CHAIRMAN, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, WILL MAKE TWO STATEMENTS. MRS ELSIE ELLIOTT, THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE WORKING PARTY TO REVIEW HAWKER AND RELATED POLICIES, WILL ALSO MAKE A STATEMENT TO CLARIFY THE ACTUAL POSITION CONCERNING THE WORK OF PARTY.

DR DENNY HUANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE, WILL MOVE A MOTION TO AMEND THE SWIMMING POOLS (AMENDMENT) BY-LAWS.

THERE WILL BE EIGHT QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS. MR SAMUEL WONG WILL ASK WHETHER THE HONG KONG COLISEUM IS SUITABLE FOR HOLDING LARGE-SCALE CONVENTIONS AND EXHIBITIONS. HE ALSO WANTS TO KNOW WHETHER THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM AND THE COLISEUM ARE PROPERLY AND PROFESSIONALLY MANAGED SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE FINANCIALLY A BURDEN TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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MR SHUM CHOI-SANG WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE COUNCIL'S PRESENT AND FUTURE PLANS ON THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN WAN CHAI AND EASTERN DISTRICTS.

MR STEPHEN LAU WISHES TO KNOW WHAT PLANS ARE IN HAND TO PROVIDE CULTURAL CENTRES IN UC MARKET COMPLEXES TO MEET DEMANDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS. HE FURTHER WANTS TO KNOW THE GUIDELINES FOR ENGAGING PERFORMING GROUPS AND ARTISTS FROM OVERSEAS.

NOTING THAT LAWN BOWLS HAS ACHIEVED AN OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR HONG KONG, MRS NELLIE FONG WILL ASK WHAT FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE HERE FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE UP THE SPORT.

ON NEWSPAPER HAWKER STALLS, MRS MARGARET LI WISHES TO FIND OUT IF THE COUNCIL WILL LOOK INTO THE SALE AND PLACING OF +ADULT+ PUBLICATIONS ON SUCH STALLS SO THAT THEY ARE LESS ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN. SHE WILL ALSO ENQUIRE ABOUT THE POSITION IN RESPECT OF THE FREQUENT ALIENATION OF COUNCIL CONTROLLED OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, MARCH 12.

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SEMINAR TO DISCUSS BUILDING MANAGEMENT
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ABOUT 200 REPRESENTATIVES FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT TOMORROW (MONDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT ENABLING PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

A GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, MR CHENG WAI-DART WILL SPEAK ON THE INSTALLATION OF IRON GATES, WHILE POLICE SENIOR INSPECTOR, MR IP CHUNG-NIN, AND SENIOR STATION OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR LEE CHUN-FAT WILL SPEAK ON BUILDING SECURITY AND FIRE PREVENTION IN MULTI-STOREYS BUILDING.

/AN ASSISTANT

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AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN NG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE SEMINAR AT THE NORTH POINT ESTATE ASSEMBLY HALL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT 7 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE NORTH POINT ESTATE ASSEMBLY HALL AT 31 SHU KUK STREET.

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CARNIVAL FOR CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS

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HUNDREDS OF CHEUNG CHAU RESIDENTS HAD AN ENTERTAINING AFTERNOON AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT NEW YEAR CARNIVAL HELD AT THE PAK TI RECREATION GROUND TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE FOUR-HOUR CARNIVAL INCLUDED SINGING AND DANCING PERFORMANCES BY STUDENTS IN THE DISTRICT AND STALL GAMES. LAI-SEE PACKETS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO ABOUT 600 ELDERLY PEOPLE AT THE CARNIVAL.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND CHEUNG CHAU RURAL LEADERS OFFICIATED AT A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY.

THE FUNCTION WAS SPONSORED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD AND WAS ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND OTHER LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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CHILDREN'S FUN FAIR

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MORE THAN 4 500 CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS ATTENDED THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S 23RD ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR CHILDREN'S FUN FAIR THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY HELD AT WAH YAN COLLEGE, KOWLOON.

HE WISHED ALL HIS STAFF AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

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ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDED A LION DANCE, BAND PERFORMANCES, ACROBATIC AND MAGIC SHOWS, SONGS AND DANCES.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE 'CANNON BALL EXPRESS' WAS THERE TO TAKE CHILDREN ROUND THE FUN FAIR GROUNDS.

THERE WERE 16 GAMES STALLS ORGANISED BY VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

EACH CHILD WAS GIVEN A GIFT PARCEL AND RED PACKET.

THE AFTERNOON FUN FAIR CONCLUDED WITH A RAFFLE DRAW.

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ZOO DRAWS LARGE CROWDS AT WEEKENDS

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DESPITE THE COOLER WINTER WEATHER THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS ARE STILL ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO THE GARDENS AT WEEKENDS FOR MANY REASONS. SOME, PARTICULARLY THE MIDDLE-AGED AND ELDERLY, JUST WANT TO HAVE A QUIET PLACE WHERE THEY CAN SIT AND CHAT SURROUNDED BY GREENERY.

OTHERS, ESPECIALLY YOUNGER VISITOR, ARE KEEN TO TRY OUT A NEW CAMERA AND TO ADD SHOTS OF FAMILY GROUPS, GIRLFRIENDS AND BOYFRIENDS TO THEIR PHOTO-ALBUMS.

AND THERE ARE THOSE WHO TAKE A KEEN INTEREST IN TREES, SHRUBS AND FLOWERS AND WHO COME TO THE GARDENS REGULARLY TO STROLL AROUND AND ENJOY THE EVER-CHANGING SHAPES AND COLOURS OF THE FLORAL SCENE.

YET THE BIGGEST SINGLE ATTRACTION, UNDOUBTEDLY, IS THE COLLECTION OF WILD ANIMALS AND BIRDS - A SOURCE OF ENDLESS FASCINATION FOR YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE.

THE ZOOLOGICAL SCENE TOO IS, LIKE THE PLANTS, A CONSTANTLY CHANGING ONE, AS NEW BIRDS AND BEASTS ARE ADDED TO THE COLLECTION AND AS EXISTING ANIMALS BREED AND HAVE THEIR OFFSPRING TO DISPLAY AS WELL AS THEMSELVES.

PERSUADING ANIMALS TO BREED IN CAPTIVITY IS NOT AN EASY BUSINESS, BUT THE ZOOLOGICAL STAFF IN THE GARDENS HAVE ACHIEVED MANY SUCCESSES THROUGH PATIENCE AND SKILL. IN FACT HONG KONG'S MINI-ZOO HAS NOW EARNED ITSELF A CONSIDERABLE REPUTATION FOR BREEDING FROM RARE AND ENDANGERED SPECIES.

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ONE OF THE BIGGEST CROWD-PULLERS IN RECENT WEEKS HAS BEEN THE YOUNG MALE BORNEAN ORANG-UTAN WHO WAS BORN LAST JULY 4 AND WHO, BECAUSE OF THE DATE, WAS GIVEN THE NAME +MERDEKA+ (THE MALAY WORD FOR INDEPENDENCE). HE IS NOW ABLE TO CLAMBER AROUND THE ORANG ENCLOSURE ON HIS OWN, BUT HIS MOTHER WHO IS STILL REARING HIM WITH GREAT AFFECTION AND PATIENCE, KEEPS A CLOSE EYE ON HIM.

OTHER MONKEYS AND APES HAVE ALSO BEEN PRODUCTIVE. YOUNG HAVE BEEN BORN THIS WINTER TO THE COMMON MARMOSETS, THE GOLDEN-HEADED LION TAMARINS, THE CELEBES BLACK APE AND THE RED-CHEEKED CRESTED GIBBON.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL SAID THAT THE BIRTHS OF THE LION TAMARIN AND GIBBON BABIES WERE PARTICULARLY WELCOME SINCE BOTH ANIMALS WERE EXTREMELY RARE.

AMONG OTHER NEWCOMERS WHICH ARE PROVING OF GREAT INTEREST TO VISITORS ARE A FINE MALE RED-CROWNED CRANE FROM THE PEKING ZOO AND A PAIR OF SHORT-BEAKED ECHIDNAS FROM THE ROYAL MELBOURNE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL SAID THE RED-CROWNED CRANE WAS RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE TO PROVIDE A MATE FOR THE FEMALE RECEIVED IN 1983 WHILE THE ECHIDNAS WERE GIVEN TO HONG KONG AS A GIFT.

+IN THE WILD, ECHIDNAS SUBSIST ENTIRELY ON ANTS AND OTHER INSECTS AND FOR THIS REASON THEY ARE ALSO KNOWN AS SPINY ANTEATERS,+ HE SAID.

+IN CAPTIVITY THEY THRIVE ON A 'SOUP' MADE FROM MANY DIFFERENT INGREDIENTS. THIS GIFT WAS IN APPRECIATION OF HELP GIVEN TO MELBOURNE BY THE HONG KONG ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDENS STAFF OVER MANY YEARS, IN ASSISTING THE TRANSHIPMENT OF ANIMALS THROUGH HONG KONG ON BEHALF OF THE MELBOURNE ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS.+

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1 216 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE

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WITH A COMBINED LENGTH OF SERVICE TOTALLING 1 216 YEARS BEHIND THEM, 56 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT RETIRED IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

IN THEIR LONG SERVICE WHICH AVERAGED 20 YEARS, THEY HAD WORKED IN ESTATES, TEMPORARY HOUSING AREAS AND SQUATTER CONTROL FORCE AS FOREMEN, WORKMEN, ARTISANS AND ESTATE CARETAKERS.

SOME OF THEM HAVE SEEN THROUGH THE DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME SINCE ITS BIRTH IN 1954 AFTER A BIG FIRE IN SHEK KIP MEI.

AMONG THEM WAS 55-YEAR-OLD MR SIU FOOK-CHUEN WHO RETIRED AS A FOREMAN OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S SQUATTER CONTROL FORCE.

+IT'S SIMPLY AMAZING THAT TODAY MORE THAN 2.35 MILLION PEOPLE ARE ALREADY LIVING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES,+ HE SAID.

MR SIU WAS AWARDED BEM IN 1979 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE PUBLIC.

+AS A SQUATTER CONTROL FOREMAN, MY JOB WAS TO CO-ORDINATE PATROL TEAMS GOING AROUND SQUATTER AREAS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL SQUATTING ACTIVITIES.

+I WAS SOMETIMES INVOLVED IN DEMOLITION WORKS OF DEVELOPMENT CLEARANCE AS WELL.

+TO HELP MAKE THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME A SUCCESS, I THINK IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT THE PROBLEM OF SQUATTERS IS CONTAINED AND DEALT WITH.+

OWING TO THE NATURE OF HIS JOB, MR SIU SAID HE HAD HAD A NUMBER OF +UNFRIENDLY OCCASIONS+ WHILST CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES.

+IT REQUIRES PATIENCE AND TACTS TO DEAL WITH THIS KIND OF SITUATION AND TO AVOID UNHAPPY INCIDENTS. WE DID JUST THAT AND THINGS EVENTUALLY WENT SMOOTHLY.+

MR SIU FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1951 AS A GANGER AND HAD BEEN WITH THE SQUATTER CONTROL FORCE FOR MOST OF HIS 33 YEARS' SERVICE. HE WAS PROMOTED TO FOREMAN IN 1963.

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BLOCK-BY-BLOCK CLEANUP STARTS
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THE URBAN COUNCIL IS CARRYING OUT AN INTENSIVE BLOCK-BY-BLOCK CLEAN-UP IN EIGHT URBAN DISTRICTS - CENTRAL, WESTERN, WAN CHAI, SOUTHERN, SHAM SHUI PO, YAU MA TEI, MONG KOK AND KOWLOON CITY.

EACH DISTRICT IS DIVIDED UP INTO SECTORS IN WHICH CLEANSING TEAMS WILL SPEND AT LEAST ONE FULL WORKING DAY.

THE NUMBER OF DAYS DEVOTED TO EACH DISTRICT WILL DEPEND ON ITS SIZE AND STATE OF CLEANLINESS.

FIFTY DAYS WILL BE SPENT, FOR INSTANCE, IN KOWLOON CITY, WHILE ONLY 16 WORKING DAYS WILL BE GIVEN TO YAU MA TEI AND SHAM SHUI PO.

TEMPORARY JUNK AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE CLEAN-UP.

RESIDENTS MAY CALL THE LITTER HOTLINE - 5-95555 OR THEIR LOCAL URBAN SERVICES OFFICE TO FIND OUT THE OPENING HOURS OF THE RCPS AND JCPS IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOODS.

THE BLITZ WILL BE COMPLETED IN ALL EIGHT DISTRICTS BY THE END OF APRIL.

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ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN SAI KUNG
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE IN THE SAI KUNG TOWN RECLAMATION AREAS.

THIS CONTRACT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUS, MAXICAB AND PLB TERMINUS TO REPLACE EXISTING FACILITIES, TOGETHER WITH THE EXTENSION OF A NEW ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE SAI KUNG SPORTS GROUND.

IN ADDITION, IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE TO THE EXISTING ROADS AND IN PARTICULAR TO THE JUNCTION OF PO TUNG ROAD AND THE NEW ROAD.

ANOTHER NEW ROAD WILL BE CONSTRUCTED RUNNING BETWEEN THE NEW SAI KUNG MARKET/BAZAAR AND HOUSES 94 TO 120 IN MAN NIN STREET, TO ENABLE MAN NIN STREET TO BECOME A CAR PARKING AND LOADING/UNLOADING AREA. THE ROAD WILL ALSO BE LANDSCAPED.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN MAY 1985 AND WILL TAKE 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE HIGHWAYS (NEW TERRITORIES) REGION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, WILL SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WORKS.

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MARKET STALLS FOR LEASE

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FORTY-SIX VACANT STALLS AT TAI KIU MARKET, KAM TIN MARKET, AND KIK YEUNG ROAD COOKED FOOD MARKET IN YUEN LONG WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION ON FRIDAY (MARCH 15).

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF PING SHAN RURAL COMMITTEE AT ON NING ROAD IN YUEN LONG AT 9.30 AM. THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTAL RANGES FROM \$500 TO \$4 200.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS CAN START THEIR BUSINESS ON APRIL 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE BID RENTAL ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

BIDDERS MUST BE AGED OVER 21 AND ARE REQUIRED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE AUCTION.

FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON TELEPHONE 0-753914.

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