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HONG KONG STUDENTS IN UK URGED TO RETURN

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HONG KONG GRADUATES, POSTGRADUATES AND YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM WERE URGED TODAY (SATURDAY) TO RETURN AND TAKE PART IN THE EXCITING CHALLENGE OF BUILDING FOR THE TERRITORY'S FUTURE.

SPEAKING ON THE SECOND OF A THREE-DAY CONFERENCE, "HONG KONG IN TRANSITION", AT LONDON'S PRESTIGIOUS IMPERIAL COLLEGE, MR DAVID TSUI, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE, HIGHLIGHTED THE SCOPE AND OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE IN THE WIDE AND VARIED RANGE OF GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO THE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED.

HE TOLD DELEGATES AT THE CONFERENCE, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PROFESSIONAL AND POSTGRADUATE SOCIETY (UK), THAT THE TERRITORY WAS LOOKING FOR ITS OWN TALENTED YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TO PLAY A PART IN CHARTING THE COURSE OF ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

THE THEME OF MR TSUI'S TALK, "OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONALS AND GRADUATES IN HONG KONG", WAS ILLUSTRATED WITH A SLIDE PRESENTATION SHOWING THE MASSIVE DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE FROM THE NEW TOWNS, ACTIVITY IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, TO THE TERRITORY'S MOST AMBITIOUS PROJECTS - THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PLANS THAT WILL CHANGE THE FACE OF URBAN HONG KONG.

IN ALL THESE SPHERES, HE SAID, THERE WERE OPPORTUNITIES AND OPENINGS FOR THE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED. "WE REQUIRE EVEN MORE TALENT NOW THAN EVER BEFORE," HE SAID.

MR TSUI SPOKE IN SOME DETAIL ABOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS, OUTLINING THE RELATED SUPPORT STRUCTURE AND FACILITIES LIKE ROADS, RAIL, SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, AND PARKS THAT WERE REQUIRED TO MAKE THEM VIABLE AND WORKABLE ENTITIES.

"FOR ALL THESE GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROJECTS WE NEED THE SERVICES OF ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, DOCTORS, NURSES, SOCIAL WORKERS AND TEACHERS TO NAME BUT A FEW," HE SAID.

HE TOLD DELEGATES THAT HONG KONG WAS NOW IN THE THROES OF A NEW ERA OF DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION WITH THE PORT AND AIRPORT PROJECTS AND URBAN RECLAMATION WORK. ALL THIS LED TO A CONSTANT DEMAND FOR PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF DEVELOPMENT.

"HONG KONG IS A PARADISE FOR THE PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED WHOSE SKILLS AND EXPERTISE IS NEEDED TO TAKE US INTO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE," HE SAID.

FOLLOWING HIS TALK, MR TSUI CHAIRED A LIVELY PANEL DISCUSSION WHEN HE INTERVIEWED THE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE INCHCAPE GROUP, A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, AN ENGINEER, A POLICE SUPERINTENDENT ON SECONDMENT AND AN EDUCATION OFFICER AMONG OTHERS, ABOUT THEIR OWN CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND EXPERIENCE IN HONG KONG.

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DELEGATES AT TODAY'S SESSION ALSO SHOWED A KEEN INTEREST IN THE CAREERS EXHIBITION THAT WAS STAGED TO OUTLINE JOB PROSPECTS IN HONG KONG.

THE CONFERENCE WILL DRAW TO A CLOSE TOMORROW.

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APPLICATIONS FOR YOUTH PROJECT GRANTS INVITED

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LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS UNDER THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME" (OYS) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) TO CARRY OUT THEIR PLANNED COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

THE GROUPS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR PROJECT PROPOSALS THROUGH THE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH) OF THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE PROJECTS SHOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TO THE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, A SWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

THESE PROPOSALS MAY BE FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY SERVICES, COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, OR RURAL AREAS AND DEPRIVED AREA SERVICES.

"THE PROJECTS, IF APPROVED, WILL EACH BE GRANTED A SUBSIDY UP TO \$6,000. WITH THIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, THE GROUP WILL THEN BE ABLE TO MATERIALISE PROJECTS DESIGNED ON THEIR OWN," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED IN 1974 WITH AN AIM TO PROMOTE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTHS, TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO HELP DEVELOP A SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL HELP.

"THE OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR'S SCHEME ARE TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHOW CONCERN FOR THEIR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS, AS WELL AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SOCIAL NETWORK, AND TO PROMULGATE THE MESSAGE OF HOME SAFETY," HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM VARIOUS SWD'S YOUTH OFFICES.

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CARD OPERATED ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS IN TSUEN WAN INTRODUCED

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A NEW TYPE OF PARKING METER - CARD-OPERATED ELECTRONIC PARKING METER - WILL BE INTRODUCED IN LO TAK COURT, TSUEN WAN FROM MONDAY (APRIL 6) AS PART OF A GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENT TO ASSESS THE APPLICABILITY OF NEW ON-STREET PARKING DEVICES IN HONG KONG.

FIFTY OF THE 117 COIN-OPERATED METERS IN LO TAK COURT WILL BE CONVERTED TO THE CARD-OPERATED ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS FOR A ONE-YEAR TRIAL.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SATURDAY) SAID MOTORISTS HAVE TO OBTAIN A MAGNETIC CARD FROM THE NEARBY 7-ELEVEN STORE BEFORE UTILISING THE METERS.

THE MAGNETIC CARDS ARE VALUED AT \$200 EACH WHICH CARRIES 100 UNITS OF \$2 PER HALF-HOUR PARKING TIME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AFTER INSERTING THE CARD INTO THE METER, THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF UNITS WILL BE DEDUCTED AND THE CARD WILL BE RETURNED. THE METER THEN SHOWS THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR WHICH PARKING IS ALLOWED.

FULL INSTRUCTIONS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE CAN BE FOUND ON THE METERS.

APART FROM THE REVISED METHOD OF CREDITING PARKING TIME BY THE USE OF MAGNETIC CARDS AS AGAINST THE CONVENTIONAL USE OF \$2 COINS, CHARGES FOR PARKING WILL STILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY OTHER THAN SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR THESE METERS.

TWO OTHER TYPES OF PARKING TECHNOLOGY WILL BE TESTED IN WAN CHAI AND TSIM SHA TSUI IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SHA TIN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON MONDAY (APRIL 6) TO 7 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT FO TAN ROAD, SHAN MEI STREET AND SUI WO ROAD INCLUDING FO TAN VILLAGE.

MEANWHILE, FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 6) TO 5 PM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON TONG, LOK FU, WANG TAU HOM, KOWLOON CITY, TUNG TAU, WONG TAI SIN, CHUK YUEN, TSZ WAN SHAN, SAN PO KONG, HAMMER HILL, CHOI HUNG, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND THE AREA BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND PEACE AVENUE.

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