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BRIGADE CONTINUES TO PLAY VITAL ROLE

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THE ST JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE HAD SERVED THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG WITH GREAT DEDICATION, AND WOULD CONTINUE TO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE BRIGADE AT THE SOUTH CHINA ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION STADIUM, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT THE BRIGADE WAS PLANNING AN EXPANSION IN THE CADET PROGRAMME AND THEIR SHA TIN DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS.

THE BRIGADE WAS FOUNDED IN HONG KONG 71 YEARS AGO TO PROVIDE FREE FIRST AID AND RELATED SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, AND IT ALSO HAS A 24-HOUR ON CALL AMBULANCE SERVICE IN THE TERRITORY.

"MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE PLAY A VITAL PART IN MANY PUBLIC ACTIVITIES: THEY ARE ON DUTY AT BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS DURING THE LONG HOT SUMMER; AND THEY PROVIDE MEDICAL SERVICES AT SPORTS-MEETINGS, WALKATHONS AND MANY OTHER EVENTS," SIR DAVID NOTED.

"THERE ARE NOW 3,400 MEMBERS OF THE BRIGADE. LAST YEAR, THEY SPENT NEARLY 140,000 HOURS PROVIDING SERVICES, VOLUNTARILY, FOR THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG IN ADDITION TO THE TIME SPENT ON PARADES AND TRAINING.

"HONG KONG IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE SO MANY DEDICATED PEOPLE WILLING TO DEVOTE SO MUCH OF THEIR FREE TIME TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

POINTING OUT THAT HONG KONG WAS DEVELOPING AND CHANGING RAPIDLY, SIR DAVID STRESSED THAT WHATEVER THE CHANGES, THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE WORK FOR ST JOHN AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

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LESSONS MAY BE DRAWN FROM HK'S LOW BIRTH RATE

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LESSONS MIGHT BE DRAWN FROM HONG KONG'S EXPERIENCE IN BEING ABLE TO KEEP THE ANNUAL BIRTH RATE DOWN WITHOUT STRICT POPULATION POLICIES, LADY WILSON SAID AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ELEVENTH ASIAN AND OCEANIC CONGRESS OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY TODAY (SUNDAY).

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THE ANNUAL BIRTH RATE OF HONG KONG WAS KEPT DOWN TO 13 IN EVERY 1,000, WHILE PARTICIPANTS OF THE CONGRESS MIGHT HAVE COME FROM COUNTRIES WITH EXTREMELY HIGH POPULATION DENSITY WHERE THE NEED FOR POPULATION CONTROL WAS THE GREATEST.

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"WE BELIEVE IN BEHAVIOUR MODIFICATION THROUGH EDUCATION AND THE PROVISION OF A WIDE CHOICE OF CONTRACEPTIVES," SHE SAID.

WITH PARTICIPANTS COMING FROM COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS, DIVERSE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL BACKGROUNDS, AND VARYING HEALTH STANDARDS AND EXPECTATIONS, LADY WILSON SAID THE CONGRESS WAS THE RIGHT FORUM FOR DISCUSSIONS, EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND SHARING OF EXPERIENCE.

TURNING TO MATERNAL SERVICES, LADY WILSON NOTED THAT WITH MODERN OBSTETRIC PRACTICE, EVERY PREGNANCY WOULD BE EXPECTED TO RESULT IN THE DELIVERY OF A NORMAL AND HEALTHY BABY BY A HEALTHY MOTHER.

"THIS IS THE CASE IN PLACES LIKE HONG KONG WHERE THE PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE IS EIGHT IN EVERY 1,000, AND THE MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE IS FIVE IN EVERY 100,000," SHE SAID.

HOWEVER, THERE WERE VILLAGES IN THE ASIAN AND OCEANIC AREAS WHERE ONE OUT OF EVERY 200 MOTHERS DIED AS A RESULT OF CHILDBIRTH, AND NEWBORN BABIES DIED AS A RESULT OF NEONATAL TETANUS OR OTHER FORMS OF INFECTION.

REFERRING TO THE USE OF PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS TO IDENTIFY ABNORMAL FETUSES, LADY WILSON POINTED OUT THAT MEDICAL SCIENCE HAD PROGRESSED SO FAST THAT THE AIM OF PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS SHOULD BE TO IDENTIFY THE FETUSES THAT COULD BE GIVEN TREATMENT BEFORE BIRTH, OR TO ENSURE THAT PROPER PERINATAL MANAGEMENT COULD BE PLANNED WITH THE NEONATAL PAEDIATRICIAN BEFORE DELIVERY.

"IT IS INDEED HEARTENING TO NOTE THAT A WEALTH OF RESEARCH ON PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THIS AREA," SHE SAID

"CHILDLESS COUPLES ARE ALSO ABLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE IMMENSE AMOUNT OF RESEARCH GOING ON, BUT HERE, TOO, ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHIES DIFFER WIDELY," SHE SAID, ADDING THAT A COMMITTEE HAD JUST BEEN ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG TO LOOK INTO THESE ISSUES.

TURNING TO THE TREATMENT OF CANCER, LADY WILSON SAID WITH GYNAECOLOGISTS LEADING THE FIELD IN EARLY DETECTION OF CANCER BY THE USE OF "PAP SMEAR", POPULATION SCREENING PROGRAMMES HAD PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN DECREASING THE INCIDENT, AS WELL AS THE SEVERITY, OF CANCER OF THE CERVIX.

"SUCH SCREENING PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE INSTITUTED IN ALL COMMUNITIES IF RESOURCES SO PERMIT," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON ALSO PRAISED THE OBSTETRICIANS WHO HAD SHOWN THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ROUTE OF TRANSMISSION OF HEPATITIS B WAS FROM THE PREGNANT MOTHER TO THE NEWBORN BABY, AND THAT BABIES AT RISK COULD BE IDENTIFIED BY SCREENING THE MOTHERS SO THAT THE BABIES COULD BE PROTECTED BY IMMUNIZATION IMMEDIATELY AFTER BIRTH.

FINALLY, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH CARE FOR WOMEN, SHE SAID: "A HEALTHY MOTHER AND WIFE IS A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE WELL-BEING OF THE FAMILY, AND INDIRECTLY TO THE SOCIETY NOW AND IN THE GENERATIONS TO COME."

MARINE DEPARTMENT RE-ORGANISATION

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 25, 1987 APPROVED A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A NEW TECHNICAL POLICY DIVISION IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FURTHER TO THE INTRODUCTION OF AN AUTONOMOUS SHIPPING REGISTER FOR HONG KONG BY EARLY 1990'S IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION.

IN ORDER TO MEET WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ALSO APPROVED THAT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FOUR PREVIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BE RE-ORGANISED INTO THREE DIVISIONS - MARINE DISTRICTS DIVISION, PORT SERVICES DIVISION, SHIPPING DIVISION - AND A PLANNING BRANCH. THE CHANGES BECAME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 1, 1987.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR D.A. HALL, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT HONG KONG AT PRESENT WAS A BRITISH PORT OF REGISTRY WITH AN EXPANDING REGISTERED FLEET CURRENTLY OF SOME EIGHT MILLION GROSS REGISTERED TONS.

IN ITS ADMINISTRATION OF THIS FLEET THE MARINE DEPARTMENT RELIES ALMOST ENTIRELY ON THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE DETERMINATION OF SHIPPING POLICY IN RESPECT OF HONG KONG AND FOR THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS INCLUDING THOSE DRAWN UP BY THE INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANISATION. IN ADDITION THE UK PROVIDES FOR THE TRANSLATION OF SUCH POLICY INTO NEW LEGISLATION, PROCEDURES, INSTRUCTIONS TO SURVEYORS, NOTICES TO SHIPOWNERS, STANDARDS FOR EQUIPMENT APPROVAL AND VARIOUS OTHER TECHNICAL CONTROLS AND ARRANGEMENTS.

"HONG KONG HAS VERY LITTLE SHIPPING LEGISLATION OF ITS OWN," MR HALL SAID. "AT PRESENT WE RELY LARGELY ON THE EXTENSION OF UNITED KINGDOM LEGISLATION TO HONG KONG THROUGH ORDERS IN COUNCIL."

HOWEVER, IN PREPARATION FOR 1997 AND IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE JOINT DECLARATION, IT IS NECESSARY TO DEVELOP A SHIPPING REGISTER WHICH IS INDEPENDENT OF BRITISH LEGISLATION AND WHICH CAN CONTINUE TO OPERATE AFTER 1997.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, MR HALL SAID, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR HONG KONG TO DEVISE AND DEVELOP DETAILED POLICIES, STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES BASED ON THE AGREED GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF THE JOINT DECLARATION; CONSULT WITH THE LOCAL SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN RESPECT OF POLICIES; TRANSLATE THESE POLICIES, STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES INTO LEGISLATION; AND MODIFY THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION AND THE CONTROL OF THE REGISTERED FLEET IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. THE NEW TECHNICAL POLICY DIVISION WILL UNDERTAKE THESE FUNCTIONS AND ALSO RATIONALISE THE POLICY REGARDING CHINA COASTAL TRAFFIC AND THE SAFETY STANDARDS OF VESSELS LICENSED IN HONG KONG.

IN ADDITION TO THE NEW TECHNICAL POLICY DIVISION, THE EXISTING FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN REORGANISED INTO THREE DIVISIONS - MARINE DISTRICTS, PORT SERVICES, SHIPPING - AND A PLANNING BRANCH.

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THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE MARINE DISTRICTS DIVISION ARE TO REGULATE LOCAL CRAFT; MANAGE MINOR PORTS, TYPHOON SHELTERS AND PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS; CONTROL DWELLING BOATS; LIAISE WITH DISTRICT BOARDS ON LOCAL MARINE MATTERS; AND BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD.

THE PORT SERVICES DIVISION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE PORT AND ENSURING SAFE NAVIGATION WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS. THESE FUNCTIONS INCLUDE SHIPPING CONTROL, PORT COMMUNICATION, HARBOUR PATROL, HARBOUR CLEANSING, PREVENTING AND COMBAT OF OIL POLLUTION, HANDLING AND CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS, PROVISION OF AIDS TO NAVIGATION AND THE CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF MOORING BUOYS. IT WILL CO-ORDINATE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND MANAGE THE INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER FERRY TERMINALS SERVICING CHINA AND MACAU. THE DIVISION IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PLANNED VESSEL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND FOR ITS EFFICIENT OPERATION.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SHIPPING DIVISION INCLUDE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE EXISTING REGISTER (HONG KONG IS A BRITISH PORT OF REGISTRY) AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS ON VESSELS SO REGISTERED. THE DIVISION IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFETY STANDARDS OF LOCALLY LICENSED VESSELS AND FOR THE REGULATION OF SHIP BREAKING, SHIP REPAIR AND OPERATION OF CARGO VESSELS IN THE WATERS OF HONG KONG. THIS, INTER ALIA, INVOLVES THE SURVEY OF FOREIGN-GOING SHIPS AND LOCAL CRAFT. IT IS THE EXAMINING AUTHORITY FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF COMPETENCY OF SEAFARERS AND DEVELOPS, IMPLEMENTS AND ENFORCES LEGISLATION FOR THE RECRUITMENT AND ENGAGEMENT OF SEAFARERS. THE DIVISION IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN, PROCUREMENT AND SUPERVISION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT CRAFT.

THE PLANNING BRANCH IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MARINE AND ULTIMATELY TO THE DIRECTOR AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL STRATEGIC AND TECHNICAL PLANNING WITH REGARD TO PORT DEVELOPMENT AND FOR CO-ORDINATING THE PREPARATION OF TECHNICAL PAPERS FOR THE THREE PORT ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

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DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS PROMISING

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THE INCREASINGLY ACTIVE EXPRESSION OF VIEWS BY AREA COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS ON DISTRICT MATTERS IS A NATURAL AND PROMISING DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR T. H. CHAU, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

HE WAS ADDRESSING A SEMINAR ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AT TELFORD GARDENS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD.

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ON THE ROLE OF AREA COMMITTEES (AC'S), MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S) AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS (OC'S) IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE, MR CHAU SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUILDING-BASED RESIDENTS ORGANISATIONS - THE MAC'S AND OC'S - HAD GONE WELL BEYOND THEIR ORIGINAL SCOPE.

"NEVERTHELESS, THEY HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS AND HAVE KEPT UP WITH THEIR PRIMARY AIMS TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF FRIENDLINESS AMONG RESIDENTS AND TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT, SECURITY AND CLEANLINESS OF THEIR BUILDINGS," HE NOTED.

MR CHAU SAID IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO ASSIST THE FORMATION OF MAC'S AND OC'S, AND THAT THERE WERE RECENTLY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATIONS) ORDINANCE.

HE SAID THE AMENDMENTS SOUGHT TO PROVIDE FOR EASIER FORMATION OF OC'S AND IMPROVE THE GUIDELINES ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND MEETING PROCEDURES.

ON THE ROLE OF AC'S, MR CHAU SAID ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE HAD BEEN REVISED IN 1981, FOLLOWING A STUDY ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AC'S AND DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME.

"ACCORDING TO ITS REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE, AC'S ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVISING THE ADMINISTRATION ON THE WELL-BEING OF RESIDENTS AND WORKERS IN THE AREA, AS WELL AS PROVIDING A FORUM FOR THE DISCUSSION OF CURRENT AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT POLICY.

"THEREFORE AC'S PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION MACHINERY," HE NOTED.

MR CHAU SAID IN ADDITION TO ITS ADVISORY ROLE, AC'S WERE ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ORGANISING COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES TO HELP INSTIL A SENSE OF DISTRICT BELONGING AMONG RESIDENTS.

HE HOPED THAT BETTER COMMUNICATIONS COULD BE ACHIEVED AMONG DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS TO FURTHER IMPROVE RESIDENTS' WELL-BEING.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING OF THE SEMINAR, DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, SAID DISTRICT BODIES HAD A DEFINITE ROLE IN REFLECTING RESIDENTS' VIEWS AND IN FACILITATING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF GOVERNMENT POLICY.

HE NOTED THAT AT PRESENT THERE WERE 110 AREA COMMITTEES, OF WHICH 85 WERE IN THE URBAN AREA AND 25 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR LEUNG ADDED THAT MORE THAN 4,000 MAC'S AND 2,000 OC'S HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY, SERVING SOME 70 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S POPULATION.

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"I BELIEVE THAT GOOD COMMUNICATION AND BETTER LINK AMONG THESE DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS WILL BRING INTO FULL PLAY THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNCTIONS," HE SAID.

ABOUT 300 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS ATTENDED TODAY'S SEMINAR WHICH WAS HELD FOR THE THIRD YEAR TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKING RELATIONS AMONG LOCAL BODIES IN KWUN TONG.

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'CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY' MESSAGE CONVEYED TO RESIDENTS

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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT'S "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES CAME TO A CLOSE THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AMID GAETIES AND FESTIVITIES AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, SAID THE PROJECT HAD DRIVEN HOME THE "CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY" MESSAGE THROUGH 13 COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES FOR PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

OTHER GUESTS PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LIU LIT-FOR; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, MR YU SIU-TIN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS (DACA), MR WU CHOR-NAM; THE PROJECT'S CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR SAMMY POONE; AND THE 1987 MISS ASIA (HONG KONG REGION), MISS DOROTHY YAU.

THE LAST EVENT OF THE "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES WAS A FIVE-HOUR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES STAGED AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT AND CHATER GARDENS.

IN A JOINT EXHIBITION WITH ICAC AND THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, UNIFORMED MEMBERS OF FOUR DISCIPLINARY FORCES - THE POLICE, AND THE IMMIGRATION, THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, AND THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS - WERE ON HAND TO BRIEF VISITORS ON THEIR WORK AND SERVICES.

IN ADDITION, 700 CHILDREN TOOK PART IN A DRAWING COMPETITION HELD AT THE CHATER GARDENS. TWELVE BEST PICTURES WERE SELECTED FROM THE ENTRIES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF 100,000 COPIES OF CALENDERS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS LATER.

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AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES WERE BAND PERFORMANCES, TRICK CYCLING DEMONSTRATIONS, CHILDREN'S MUSICAL SHOW, AN ALL-STAR SHOW, GAME STALLS, PALMISTRY GAME, SINGING PERFORMANCES, AS WELL AS MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS.

THE "WE CARE" ACTIVITIES WERE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS, AND DCDA WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND URBAN COUNCIL.

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ACTIVITIES TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION

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A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED TO ALERT SQUATTERS IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND THE DANGER OF ILLEGAL TAPPING OF ELECTRICITY DURING THE DRY SEASON STARTED TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "FIRE PREVENTION AND COMBATING OF ILLEGAL TAPPING" CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S SQUATTER AREAS COMMITTEE, THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN, MRS LEE LO YUK-SIM, URGED RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES.

A SLOGAN COMPETITION, A DRAWING COMPETITION, A TOUR INCLUDING A VEGETARIAN LUNCH AND A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, FROM DECEMBER 6 TO JANUARY 7.

MEMBERS OF THE CAMPAIGN'S WORKING GROUP WILL CONDUCT HOUSEHOLD VISITS TO THE SQUATTER AREAS ON DECEMBER 13 AND JANUARY 3 RESPECTIVELY TO PUBLICISE THE ANTI-ILLEGAL TAPPING MESSAGE, MRS LEE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE SLOGAN COMPETITION AND THE DRAWING COMPETITION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ANY OF THE FOUR BRANCH OFFICES OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AT SAN PO KONG, LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE AND CHOI WAN ESTATE.

THE ENTRY DEADLINE FOR BOTH COMPETITIONS IS DECEMBER 14.

MRS LEE SAID A TOUR IS SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR THE ELDERLY ON DECEMBER 13. THERE WILL BE A FIRE PREVENTION SLIDE SHOW AND THE ELDERLY WILL PARTICIPATE IN A QUIZ COMPETITION BEFORE GOING ON A TOUR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HAVING A VEGETARIAN LUNCH THERE.

THE CLOSING EVENT OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A VARIETY SHOW TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 7 NEXT YEAR, SHE SAID.

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KOWLOON CITY FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL

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THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AND AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 13) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

SPONSORED BY THE KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG, THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

FREE TICKETS FOR GAMES STALLS AND LUCKY DRAW ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, HUNG HOM SUB-OFFICE AND HO MAN TIN SUB-OFFICE.

A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS INCLUDING 21 GAMES STALLS WITH THE THEME OF FIGHTING CRIME, SINGING, LUCKY DRAW, CRIME PREVENTION DRAMA, CHEERING TEAM, DANCING POP SONG REQUEST AND PERFORMANCES BY JUNIOR POLICE CALL ROTARY BAND.

A POLICE PATROL CAR, A MOBILE CRIME PREVENTION EXHIBITION AND A POLICE RECRUITMENT CENTRE WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE PLAYGROUND.

AT THE CEREMONY 20 LOCAL RESIDENTS AND EIGHT STUDENTS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH PRIZES AND SOUVENIRS IN FIGHTING CRIME. THEY ARE NOMINATED BY THE POLICE, AREA COMMITTEES AND SCHOOLS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MRS ROSANNA TAM; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR WONG SIK-KONG; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG; KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MRS WONG LEUNG KAM-SHAN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR CHENG WOO-YICK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL AND AWARD PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM ON SUNDAY (DECEMBER 13) AT THE ARGYLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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CONCERN OVER ILLEGAL HAWKING IN SHA TIN

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ILLEGAL HAWKING IN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES WILL BE A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 8) MORNING.

DB MEMBER MR KAN CHUNG-NIN WILL ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANY POSITIVE MEASURE TO CURB HAWKING ON FOOTBRIDGES OF PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TOWNS, PARTICULARLY SHA TIN.

ANOTHER DB MEMBER MR LAU KONG-WAH WILL ASK THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WHAT ARE THE REAL PROBLEMS IN TACKLING ILLEGAL HAWKERS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND THE EFFECT OF INSTALLING RAILINGS TO DETER ILLEGAL HAWKING.

MEANWHILE, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL PRESENT AN INFORMATION PAPER ON INSTALLATING FIRE SERVICES EQUIPMENT IN YUEN CHAU KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

A PAPER ON THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY'S PROJECT TO PROVIDE 400 KV OVERHEAD POWERLINES BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND LAI CHI KOK WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE RE-ALIGNMENT OF PAI TAU STREET FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PERMANENT REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBER; NAMING OF A CHINESE-STYLE PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER SHING MUN RIVER LINKING SHA KOK ESTATE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA WITH SHA TIN CENTRAL PARK AND NEW TOWN PLAZA; AND NAMING OF SIX BLOCKS IN KWONG YUEN ESTATE.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE FOUR MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS; APPLICATION FOR FUNDING A SEMINAR ON SHA TIN'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROSPECTS; REPORTS BY WORKING GROUPS AND ESTIMATES FOR MINOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN 1988/89.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 8) AT THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN.

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YOUTH STRING MUSIC WEEK ENDS

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A DEMONSTRATION CONCERT BY THE TREMPER GOLDEN STRINGS FROM AMERICA WAS WELL RECEIVED BY AN AUDIENCE OF 1,400 AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THE 29-MEMBER STRING GROUP PERFORMED RENDITIONS OF BOTH CLASSICAL AND POPULAR PIECES. THEY IMPRESSED THE AUDIENCE WITH THEIR "STROLLING STRING" TECHNIQUES, STAYING ADJACENT TO THE AUDIENCE AS THEY PERFORMED.

THE CONCERT WAS PART OF THE PROGRAMME FOR THE YOUTH STRING MUSIC WEEK ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO CELEBRATE ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

THE GOLDEN STRINGS HAS COME TO HONG KONG TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STRING WEEK AND WILL LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9.

FOUNDED IN 1972, THE GROUP WAS SET UP WITH THE AIM TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED MUSIC STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM A VARIETY OF POPULAR MUSIC GENERALLY INACCESSIBLE TO STRING PERFORMERS.

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE THIS MORNING, THE GROUP ATTENDED A LUNCH RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AT THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE WHERE THEY MET MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND STRING INSTRUCTORS FROM THE OFFICE.

THE YOUTH STRING MUSIC WEEK WILL CLOSE WITH A GALA CONCERT AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM TONIGHT AT 8 PM FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY BOTH THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE GOLDEN STRINGS.

THE YOUTH SYMPHONY WILL OPEN THE CONCERT WITH ROSSINI'S BARBER OF SEVILLE OVERTURE, FOLLOWED BY BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S SIMPLE SYMPHONY.

THE GOLDEN STRINGS WILL PLAY SHOWTIME SELECTIONS INCLUDING SUCH POPULAR PIECES AS "NEW YORK, NEW YORK", "THE GREATEST LOVE OF ALL" AND "SOMEWHERE IN TIME".

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FIRST MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS

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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE FIRST MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL.

THIS IS THE FIRST EVER ILLUMINATION DISPLAY SET UP IN MONG KOK TO TIE IN WITH THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN AND FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS BRENDA FUNG; COMMITTEE'S PRESIDENT, MR HO KWONG-HUNG AND HONORARY ADVISOR, MR KONG WING-ON, WILL HOST THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE FIRST MONG KOK DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND CHRISTMAS LIGHTINGS TO BE HELD AT 3 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT THE FUNCTION ROOM 'C', SIXTH FLOOR, GRAND TOWER HOTEL, 627 NATHAN ROAD.

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UC KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE URBAN COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DISCUSS THE OPERATION PROGRAMME AND PUBLICITY PLAN FOR THE 1988/89 TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

THE COMMITTEE WILL STUDY THE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN PARADE HELD ON NOVEMBER 15 AND VARIOUS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT ACTIVITIES.

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS WHETHER TO EXTEND THE SPONSORED LITTER BIN SCHEME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER TOMORROW'S MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM NO. 2, FOURTH FLOOR, URBAN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, EDINBURGH PLACE.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL TO CONCLUDE

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE NINTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10).

THE FESTIVAL, A MAJOR ANNUAL EVENT IN TSUEN WAN, STARTED IN EARLY NOVEMBER. IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, REGIONAL COUNCIL, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

A VISITING CHINESE MARTIAL ARTS TEAM WILL PERFORM AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN.

ANOTHER EVENT OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION SHOW BY ANOTHER VISITING CHINESE ACROBATIC AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTIC TEAM FROM THE GUANGDONG PROVINCE.

IT WILL START AT 8 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 8) IN THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK GAMES HALL AT HING FONG ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG.

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LONGEST BRIDGE LINKS TSING YI WITH TSUEN WAN

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TRANSPORT LINK BETWEEN TSING YI AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE VASTLY IMPROVED FROM FRIDAY (DECEMBER 11) WHEN A BRIDGE LINKING THE TWO DISTRICTS IS OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 5 PM.

BUILT AT A COST OF \$200 MILLION, THE BRIDGE WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10).

WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF 1,015 METRES, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE IS THE LONGEST BRIDGE IN HONG KONG. IT IS ALSO THE SECOND FIXED CROSSING TO THE FAST GROWING TSING YI ISLAND.

THE FIRST TSING YI BRIDGE, PROVIDING A ROAD LINK WITH KWAI CHUNG ACROSS SOUTHERN RAMBLER CHANNEL, WAS OPENED IN 1974.

PRELIMINARY STUDY FOR A SECOND BRIDGE ACROSS NORTHERN END OF RAMBLER CHANNEL WAS COMMISSIONED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1980.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS, CONTRACTED OUT BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WHICH ALSO MONITORED THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT, STARTED IN 1984.

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BUILT WITH 150,000 TONNES OF CONCRETE AND 12,000 TONNES OF STEEL REINFORCEMENTS, TSING TSUEN BRIDGE CONSISTS OF A 160-METRE MAIN SPAN AND TWO 90-METRE SIDE SPANS OVER THE RAMBLER CHANNEL.

THE WESTERN APPROACHES INCLUDE 12 SPANS OF ELEVATED ROAD CONNECTING ON TO THE TSING YI CIRCULAR ROAD NETWORK, WHILE THE EASTERN APPROACHES, MADE UP OF FOUR SPANS, JOIN ON TO THE TEXACO ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

THE MAIN SPAN PROVIDES A VERTICAL CLEARANCE OF 20 METRES ABOVE HIGH WATER PLUS HORIZONTAL WIDTH CLEARANCE OF 120 METRES FOR THE PASSAGE OF FERRIES AND SMALL VESSELS.

THE BRIDGE'S MAIN PIERS ARE SUPPORTED ON TWO-METRE DIAMETER BORED PILES SOCKETED INTO BEDROCK ABOUT 10 METRES BELOW SEABED. ROCK ISLANDS PROTECT THE PIERS FROM ACCIDENTAL DAMAGE BY TANKERS FROM THE NORTH SIDE.

THE BRIDGE IS CAPABLE OF CARRYING TRAFFIC FLOWS OF UP TO 100,000 VEHICLES A DAY OVER ITS TWO-LANE DUAL-CARRIAGEWAYS. ITS DESIGN SPEED IS 80-KILOMETRES PER HOUR.

THE TWO-METRE WIDE PEDESTRIAN FOOTPATHS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BRIDGE ALSO CARRY UTILITIES - SUCH AS GAS, ELECTRICITY AND TELEPHONE LINES - IN SERVICE BAYS UNDERNEATH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE TSING TSUEN BRIDGE OPENING CEREMONY AT 11 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 10). A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE THE MURRAY BUILDING CARPARK IN GARDEN ROAD AT 9.30 AM. YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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WATER CUT IN EAST KOWLOON AND YAU MA TEI
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (DECEMBER 9 AND 10) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

ON WEDNESDAY FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM , THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN NAM CHEONG STREET AND LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD.

ON THURSDAY FROM 9 AM TO MIDNIGHT, THE WATER CUT WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT HUNG HOM, TO KWA WAN, HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, TUNG TAU, WONG TAI SIN, LOK FU, JORDAN VALLEY, WANG TAU HOM, FU SHAN ESTATE, CHUK YUEN, KOWLOON TONG, FUNG WONG VILLAGE, TSZ WAN SHAN, DIAMOND HILL, KOWLOON HOSPITAL, NGAU CHI WAN, KOWLOON CITY, MA TAU WEI, MA TAU KOK AND KAI TAK.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF ON THURSDAY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE AT 1-40 PORTLAND STREET, 1-18 YUNNAM LANE, 326-342 SHANGHAI STREET, 495-523 NATHAN ROAD, 2-12 AND 26-30 WATERLOO ROAD, AND 5 AND 15-17 MAN MING LANE.

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