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INDUSTRIAL NOISE IMPACT UNDER STUDY  
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THE IMPACT OF INDUSTRIAL NOISE ON LOCAL FACTORY WORKERS WILL BE STUDIED LATER THIS YEAR, KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SIX-MONTH +AURAL HEALTH SCHEME IN KWUN TONG+, MR MAK SAID: +AS THE SCHEME WILL PROVIDE FREE AUDIO TESTS TO WORKERS, THE RESULTS WILL BE USEFUL DATA ON THE IMPACT OF INDUSTRIAL NOISE ON THEIR HEARING.

+THE TEST RESULTS AND RELEVANT INFORMATION WILL BE SENT TO THE CENTRE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC FOR ANALYSIS WHEN THE SCHEME ENDS IN SEPTEMBER.+

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF, THE DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE, THE SCHEME ALSO PROVIDES AUDIOMETRIC SCREENING SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE SENT TO ALL LOCAL FACTORIES AND ELDERLY INSTITUTIONS AND A MOBILE AUDIOMETRIC SCREENING VAN WILL BE IN SERVICE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE VAN WILL ALSO BE STATIONED, EVERY THURSDAY FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, OUTSIDE THE TSUEN YIP STREET PLAYGROUND TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS.

+I HOPE WORKERS AND THE ELDERLY, THE TWO GROUPS MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO HEARING IMPAIRMENT, WILL MAKE FULL USE OF THE SERVICE, AND CHECK THEIR HEARING BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE,+ MR MAK CONTINUED.

THE SCHEME WILL ALSO INCLUDE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS A TOURING EXHIBITION, A BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION, A SONG AND LYRIC WRITING CONTEST, AND A FUN DAY TO ENHANCE RESIDENTS' CONCERN FOR AURAL HEALTH.

ANOTHER OFFICIATING GUEST, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDUSTRIAL AREA COMMITTEE, MR PETER LOO, WAS THE FIRST TO RECEIVE THE HEARING TEST OF THE SCHEME.

MR LOO, WHO IS 79-YEAR-OLD, HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS.

AMONG THE FIRST TO TEST THEIR HEARING ALSO WERE 20 WORKERS AND 10 SENIOR RESIDENTS FROM LOCAL FACTORIES AND AN ELDERLY HOSTEL.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF, MR SIMON LEE; THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, MR LI WAH-MING.

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EMPLOYMENT OF MENTALLY DISABLED URGED  
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ALTHOUGH MANY PEOPLE HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THE WORKING ABILITIES OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED, EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT THEY ARE A SOURCE OF RELIABLE WORKERS, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE, MR JOHN SUNG, SAID THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WORKERS WERE, IN MOST CASES, +LOYAL, DILIGENT, FRIENDLY AND CO-OPERATIVE+.

+ALTHOUGH THE IMPAIRMENT OF THEIR INTELLECTUAL ABILITIES CANNOT BE CURED, THEIR DEGREES ARE VARIED AND CAN BE REDUCED BY APPROPRIATE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND GUIDANCE,+ HE TOLD A SEMINAR ON +EMPLOYMENT OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED+ ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

MR SUNG SAID THAT SINCE THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE BEGAN WORK FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN AUGUST 1984, A TOTAL OF 188 MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS HAD REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.

OF THESE, 111 HAD BEEN PLACED IN EMPLOYMENT WHILE NINE OFFERS OF EMPLOYMENT WERE DECLINED BY JOB-SEEKERS, MAINLY FOR LACK OF CONFIDENCE, HE SAID.

MR SUNG SAID WHILE MOST OF THEM WERE EMPLOYED IN THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, SOME WERE ALSO ENGAGED IN THE SERVICE SECTOR AND BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+NO MARKED DIFFERENCE IS FOUND BETWEEN THE WAGE LEVEL OFFERED TO MENTALLY HANDICAPPED JOB-SEEKERS AND THAT OF INDUSTRY'S AVERAGE FOR THE NORMAL WORKERS,+ HE ADDED.

MR SUNG SAID PLACEMENT OFFICERS ASSISTING MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CLIENTS OFTEN HAD TO ASSESS THEIR ABILITIES BY QUESTIONING, OBSERVING AND WITH THE USE OF ASSESSMENT TOOLS BEFORE A PLACEMENT PLAN COULD BE DRAWN UP.

THEY WERE THEN GIVEN BRIEFINGS ON JOB MARKET AND MOCK INTERVIEWS TO PREPARE THEM FOR OPEN EMPLOYMENT. +MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN INTERVIEW PERFORMANCE AND SELF-CONFIDENCE ARE OBSERVED IN CLIENTS WHO HAVE UNDERGONE A GUIDANCE PROGRAMME,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT EVERY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CANDIDATE WAS ACCOMPANIED TO SELECTION INTERVIEWS BY A PLACEMENT OFFICER WHO, BESIDES PLAYING A SUPPORTIVE ROLE, HAD A CHANCE TO IDENTIFY THE CLIENT'S STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS IN AN ACTUAL INTERVIEW.

ONCE A CANDIDATE WAS EMPLOYED, THE OFFICER WOULD CONDUCT A FOLLOW-UP SERVICE FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS AFTER PLACEMENT.

/+SOME MENTALLY .....

+SOME MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CLIENTS HAVE A TENDENCY TO DEPEND HEAVILY ON OTHERS AND WOULD BECOME EASILY DISTRESSED,+ MR SUNG SAID. +A PLACEMENT OFFICER'S VISIT AT THE PLACE OF WORK GIVE THEM SUPPORT.+

ON THE EMPLOYERS' SIDE, HE SAID, THE MAJORITY WERE SCEPTICAL ABOUT THE WORKING ABILITIES OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED AND WERE RESERVED ABOUT THEIR PRODUCTIVITY.

EXCEPT FOR A SMALL PROPORTION, MOST VACANCIES WERE CANVASSED FROM EMPLOYERS AS A RESULT OF PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS OF THE PLACEMENT OFFICERS.

+IT IS TRUE THAT EMPLOYING THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IS NOT CHARITY,+ MR SUNG SAID. +WHAT THEY NEED IS A FAIR CHANCE.+

MR SUNG URGED EMPLOYERS WHO HAD OPENINGS THAT MIGHT BE SUITABLE FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED TO CONTACT THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE AT 5-296672 OR 0-4988444.

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FIRST TEACHERS CENTRE TO BE SET UP  
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THE FIRST TEACHERS CENTRE WILL BE SET UP EARLY NEXT YEAR TO PROVIDE A VENUE FOR TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR MICHAEL LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION OF THE SECOND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE UNION OF HEADS OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF HONG KONG, MR LEUNG SAID THE CENTRE TO BE LOCATED AT PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, WOULD ALSO PROVIDE TEACHING AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL REFERENCE MATERIALS TO TEACHERS.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TEACHERS' CENTRE WOULD GIVE IMPETUS TO FURTHER IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF PRIMARY EDUCATION, HE ADDED.

MR LEUNG NOTED THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD ALREADY IMPLEMENTED A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AND ALLOCATED SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PRIMARY EDUCATION.

CITING THE CLASS LIBRARY SCHEME AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THE SCHEME WAS FULLY IMPLEMENTED AT ALL LEVELS OF PUBLIC SECTOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR. IT AIMED AT ENHANCING CHILDREN'S READING ABILITY AND TO ENABLE THEM TO ACQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE OUTSIDE TEXTBOOKS.

REMEDIAL TEACHING WAS PROVIDED AT PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO ENABLE PUPILS TO CATCH UP WITH THOSE SUBJECTS WHICH THEY FAILED TO PERFORM WELL, HE CONTINUED.

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IN ADDITION, PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN REDUCING THE SIZE OF A PRIMARY CLASS TO 40 PUPILS. TEACHERS COULD THUS DEVOTE MORE TIME TO INDIVIDUAL PUPILS.

THE ACTIVITY APPROACH IN TEACHING HAD PROVED TO BE POPULAR, AND WOULD BE EXTENDED, MR LEUNG SAID.

ON THE TEACHING OF PUTONGHUA IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, MR LEUNG SAID THE DEPARTMENT WOULD INCLUDE PUTONGHUA AS AN OPTIONAL SUBJECT IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULAR IN SEPTEMBER.

HE ALSO GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT NEW PRIMARY SCHOOLS WOULD BE BUILT TO KEEP PACE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW TOWNS AND INDIVIDUAL DISTRICTS AFTER THE TARGETS SET TO PROVIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES WERE FULLY MET.

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CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH CONTINUING EDUCATION  
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CONTINUING EDUCATION HAS A DIRECT BEARING UPON CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE TWO TYPES OF EDUCATION AIMED AT EFFECTING LIFE-LONG CHANGES IN ATTITUDE AND BEHAVIOUR IN THE LEARNERS' PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNITY, THE SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT), MR JOHN WINFIELD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, MR WINFIELD SAID THE ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN MAKING COMMENDABLE EFFORTS FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS TO EFFECT SUCH CHANGES.

+THESE CENTRES HAVE NOW BECOME NOT MERELY VENUES FOR SKILL ORIENTATED EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO NURTURING GROUNDS FOR CIVIC AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP,+ MR WINFIELD SAID.

THERE WAS A MIXTURE OF ADULT AND CIVIC EDUCATION IN THESE CENTRES DUE IN THE LARGE MEASURE TO THE COURSES OF TRAINING WHICH WERE PROVIDED EACH YEAR FOR ALL VOLUNTARY HELPERS AND ASSISTANT ORGANISERS.

MR WINFIELD POINTED OUT THAT AN INCREASING NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAD RESPONDED TO THE CALL FOR MORE CIVIC EDUCATION TO BE PROVIDED FOR ADULTS SINCE THE PUBLICATION OF THE 1984 WHITE PAPER ON THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

IN THE CURRENT YEAR, 26 VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE ORGANISING ADULT EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN WHICH THERE WAS A STRONG CIVIC EDUCATION ELEMENT, HE SAID.

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+THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS THESE ACTIVITIES BY MEANS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ADULT EDUCATION SUBVENTION SCHEME,+ HE ADDED.

NOTING THE TASK OF MOTIVATING ADULTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AREA OF ADULT EDUCATION WAS A CHALLENGE, MR WINFIELD SAID IT WAS DEFINITELY MORE SO WITH CIVIC EDUCATION.

TO MEET THE CHALLENGE AND TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH CONTINUING EDUCATION, HE SAID MUCH INGENUITY, ENERGY AND DEDICATION WAS REQUIRED OF ALL PROGRAMME PLANNERS AND FIELD WORKERS.

ABOUT 1 100 TEACHING STAFF, FIELD WORKERS, ORGANISERS AND VOLUNTARY HELPERS OF ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ATTENDED TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY, PANEL DISCUSSION AND COURSE SEMINARS.

ALSO TAKING PART AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER EDUCATION), MR ROBERT LO.

THE SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (FURTHER EDUCATION), MR MAN TZE-FONG, TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT CERTIFICATES OF LONG SERVICE TO 120 TEACHING STAFF AND FIELD WORKERS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR 10 TO 30 YEARS OF VALUABLE SERVICE TO ADULT EDUCATION.

THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE ON THE THEME OF 'CIVIC EDUCATION THROUGH CONTINUING EDUCATION' WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW AT THE SCHOOL HALL OF THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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TAP SHEK KOK SEABED LEASED TO POWER STATIONS  
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TWO SUBMERGED COOLING WATER OUTFALLS FOR THE CASTLE PEAK A AND B POWER STATIONS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON AREAS TO BE LEASED ON THE FORESHORE AND SEABED AT TAP SHEK KOK IN TUEN MUN.

FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO LEASE TWO AREAS, ONE OF 4 100 SQUARE METRES AND THE OTHER OF 3 800 SQUARE METRES, TO THE KOWLOON ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED IS DESCRIBED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED LEASE SHOULD WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR OF LANDS BY MAY 20.

THE PLAN CAN BE SEEN AT THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, SURVEY DIVISION, FIFTH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG AND AT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER SHING MUN RIVER

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-SPAN PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE OVER THE SHING MUN RIVER AND A FOOTBRIDGE LINKING SHA TIN NEW TOWN PLAZA AND SHA TIN CULTURAL COMPLEX.

LANDSCAPING OF OPEN SPACE NEAR TSANG TAI UK, AROUND THE SHA TIN CULTURAL COMPLEX AND NEARBY AREAS TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED FOOTPATH, CYCLETRACK AND DRAINAGE WORKS ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE SCHEME WHICH IS PART OF THE CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

CONSTRUCTION OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICULAR ACCESS AND CAR PARKS IN THE VILLAGE RESITE AREAS OF SHA TIN WAI AND FUI YIU HA ARE ALSO INVOLVED.

WORK ON THE PACKAGE OF PROJECTS IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR PLEASURE HIRE BOATS

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROVISION OF PLEASURE BOATS FOR HIRE AT THE SHING MUN RIVER IN SHA TIN.

THE BOAT KIOSK IS INSIDE THE SHING MUN RIVER PROMENADE REST GARDENS WHICH HAVE BECOME A MAJOR LEISURE SPOT FOR RESIDENTS SINCE ITS OPENING LAST YEAR.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER WILL BE REQUIRED BY CONTRACT TO PROVIDE 50 TO 70 BOATS FROM JULY 1 THIS YEAR FOR TWO YEARS.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSD'S SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE ON LEVEL 4, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PUT IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE RSD HEADQUARTERS, THIRD FLOOR, SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, BEFORE 9 AM ON APRIL 18.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 0-6065720.

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REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT QUIZ WINNERS ANNOUNCED  
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THE ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU AREA HAS COME FIRST IN A QUIZ ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE TO ENHANCE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

THE COMPETITION WAS OPEN TO ALL 168 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE SIX AREAS OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT. BESIDE ENCOURAGING RESIDENT BODIES TO GIVE MORE THOUGHT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, THE QUIZ ALSO SERVED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD RECEIVED ENCOURAGING RESPONSE FROM MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, AND THE ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU AREA, WHICH WILL BE AWARDED THE AREA TROPHY FOR ATTAINING THE HIGHEST AVERAGE SCORE.

TEN MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WITH HIGH SCORES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED MEDALS AND STATIONARY COUPONS. THESE ARE THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES OF WAH CHING HOUSE IN WAH FU ESTATE, LEI FUK HOUSE IN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE, BLOCKS 5 AND 9 OF WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE, BLOCKS 1, 5 AND 11 OF TIN WAN ESTATE, BLOCKS 1 AND 3 OF SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE AND KONG HING COURT OF ABERDEEN CENTRE.

A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 4.30 PM AT THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SEMINAR IN THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES HALL, FIFTH FLOOR, ABERDEEN MARKET COMPLEX.

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HORTICULTURE LESSON FOR YOUNGSTERS  
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ABOUT 20 ENVIRONMENT-CONSCIOUS YOUNGSTERS LEARNED A USEFUL LESSON IN HORTICULTURE TODAY (SATURDAY) DURING A VISIT TO A NURSERY AT TSO KUNG TAM IN TSUEN WAN.

THE VISIT, ORGANISED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS AIMED AT PROVIDING THE YOUNGER GENERATION WITH BASIC KNOWLEDGE IN HORTICULTURE AS WELL AS AT AROUSING THEIR INTEREST IN CARING FOR PLANTS.

THE YOUNGSTERS CAME FROM THE LEI MUK SHUE CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE. THEY WERE SHOWN VARIOUS ASPECTS OF GROWING PLANTS, INCLUDING SEED SOWING, FERTILISING, WATERING, PRUNING AND CUTTING.

THEY WERE ALSO TOLD THAT THE NURSERY LAST YEAR PRODUCED MORE THAN 100 000 SEEDLINGS OF TREES, SHRUBS, PALMS, BAMBOOS, CREEPERS AND GROUND COVER WHICH WERE EVENTUALLY PLANTED THROUGHOUT THE THE NON-URBAN AREAS TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT.

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VISITING SERVICE FOR NEW I.D. CARDS  
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A SPECIAL VISITING SERVICE TO ASSIST IN THE APPLICATION OF NEW I.D. CARDS WILL BE PROVIDED ON CHEUNG CHAU, LAMMA ISLANDS, AND IN MUI WO, TAI O AND SAI KUNG FROM MONDAY (MARCH 24) TO APRIL 12.

THIS WILL BE THE SIXTH ROUND OF VISITING SERVICE INTRODUCED SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE REPLACEMENT I.D. CARD SCHEME TO FACILITATE THOSE WHO WORK OR LIVE IN THESE AREAS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID, +VISITING TEAMS WILL HANDLE APPLICATIONS FROM WOMEN BORN BETWEEN 1935 AND 1938.+

HE ALSO URGED THOSE WHO HAD MISSED THEIR TURNS IN PREVIOUS PHASES TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR THE NEW I.D. CARD.

THE VISITING SERVICE WILL OPERATE MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS, FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM AND 2 PM TO 4 PM, ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

MARCH 24 - APRIL 4

MUI WO COMMUNITY AFFAIRS  
BRANCH OFFICE  
GRAND VIEW MANSION,  
GROUND FLOOR, SHOP D,  
SOUTH LANTAU ROAD, MUI WO.

CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE  
2, CHURCH ROAD,  
CHEUNG CHAU.

MARCH 24 - APRIL 12

SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE  
SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICE  
GROUND FLOOR, SAI KUNG.

APRIL 7 - APRIL 12

NORTH LAMMA RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE  
YUNG SHU WAN MAIN STREET,  
NORTH LAMMA.

TAI O RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE  
29 MARKET STREET, TAI O.

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### AN AIR OF ROMANCE FOR THE ELDERLY

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ABOUT 100 ELDERLY COUPLES FROM WAN CHAI SPENT A MEMORABLE AND HAPPY DAY (SATURDAY) AT THE +VALENTINE'S DAY FOR THE ELDERLY+ HELD AT LINGNAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, NOTED THAT THE EVENT WAS BOTH ROMANTIC AND INNOVATIVE.

+IT WOULD BE REFRESHING FOR SENIOR COUPLES TO RECALL SWEET MEMORIES OF FALLING IN LOVE AND TO CHERISH SUCH FEELINGS THROUGH A LIFETIME,+ HE SAID.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONCERN FOR THE AGED WORKING GROUP OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, MS ANNA TANG, SAID THE AIM OF TODAY'S FUNCTION WAS TO PROMOTE HAPPINESS AMONG ELDERLY COUPLES AND SHE ALSO CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHOW RESPECT TO OLDER FOLK.

THE PROGRAMME CENTRED ON THE THEME OF LOVE AND ROMANCE. THERE WERE VARIOUS GAMES STALLS AND THE COUPLES ALSO ENJOYED DANCING AND SINGING, AND THE EVENT CLOSED WITH A +CANDLE-LIGHT+ DINNER AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT.

THIS EVENT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE.

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### PASSING-OUT PARADE FOR 168 RECRUITS

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THIRTY-FIVE ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 133 IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WHO HAD COMPLETED INDUCTION TRAINING TOOK PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY AT THE AUXILIARY POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN KOWLOON BAY, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR J.M. MURPHIE, TOLD THE NEW RECRUITS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SERVICE AND REMINDED THEM OF THEIR OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

HE SAID THE IMMIGRATION SERVICE WAS FOUNDED IN 1961 AND HAD ESTABLISHED TRADITIONS AND BUILT UP A REPUTATION FOR DEDICATION AND EFFICIENCY.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME, ORGANISED BY THE TRAINING SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT, COVERED IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PHYSICAL EXERCISE.

AT TODAY'S CEREMONY, BEST RECRUIT SHIELDS WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO AN OFFICER FROM EACH OF THE NINE SQUADS ON PARADE.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR SWD DISTRICT OFFICE  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, TOGETHER WITH FOUR SERVICE UNITS, WILL MOVE TO NEW OFFICES AT SHOP NO.3, JUNIPER MANSIONS, WHAMPOA GARDEN, GROUND FLOOR, PHASE 1, HUNG HOM, TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE FOUR SERVICE UNITS ARE THE TO KWA WAN FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE, THE TO KWA WAN SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT, THE KOWLOON CITY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE AND THE KOWLOON CITY REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY OFFICE.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE NEW OFFICES ARE:

SWD KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE:	3-650183
TO KWA WAN FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE:	3-650404
TO KWA WAN SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT:	3-650163
KOWLOON CITY YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE:	3-650431
KOWLOON CITY REHABILITATION AND ELDERLY OFFICE:	3-650511

THE NEW OFFICES WILL BE OPERATIONAL AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY (MARCH 24).

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ROAD CLOSED, RESTRICTED ZONE LIFTED  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TSUEN WAN ROAD, BETWEEN KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT AND THE ROUNDABOUT IN TEXACO ROAD, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 25) TO 5.30 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGN.

THE SAME MEASURE WILL BE REPEATED FROM MARCH 26 TO 5.30 AM THE NEXT DAY.

TRAFFIC ON TSUEN WAN ROAD FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE DIVERTED TO KWAI TSING ROUNDABOUT, HING FONG ROAD, KWAI FUK ROAD, TEXACO ROAD AND THE ROUNDABOUT BENEATH TSUEN WAN ROAD BEFORE REJOINING TSUEN WAN ROAD.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING 7 AM TO 7 PM RESTRICTED ZONE ON THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF HONG NING ROAD IN KWUN TONG, FROM A POINT ABOUT 160 METRES NORTH OF THE NORTHERN JUNCTION WITH KUNG LOK ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 410 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION, WILL BE LIFTED FROM 10 AM ON MARCH 25.

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CLOSURE OF IEC SLIP ROADS

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TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS, THE FOLLOWING SLIP ROADS OF THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC:

- \* THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR TO CHAI WAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 10.45 AM AND 4 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 25). EASTBOUND VEHICLES HEADING FOR CHAI WAN WILL BE DIVERTED TO THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO SHAU KEI WAN, NAM ON LANE, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND CHAI WAN ROAD.
- \* THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM CHAI WAN ROAD TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 26). WESTBOUND VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL VIA CHAI WAN ROAD, ALDRICH STREET, PO MAN STREET, MONG LUNG STREET AND THE UNNAMED LINK ROADS LEADING TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.
- \* FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 27), THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM SHAU KEI WAN TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL BE CLOSED. WESTBOUND VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR WILL HAVE TO USE SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, TAI HONG STREET AND THE SLIP ROAD LEADING FROM SAI WAN HO TO THE ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 25) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY TAI HO ROAD, SHA TSUI ROAD, LUEN YAN STREET AND YEUNG UK ROAD, INCLUDING SAI LAU STREET, SAN TSUEN STREET, HO PUI STREET, WO TIK STREET, TAI UK STREET, CHUEN LUNG STREET, YI PEI SQUARE, CHUNG ON STREET, SAM PEI SQUARE AND HAM TIN STREET.

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