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PROJECT TO TACKLE POLLUTION OF NULLAHS

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A \$135 MILLION PROJECT THAT SEEKS TO TACKLE POLLUTION OF THE NULLAHS IN YUEN LONG HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR WONG CHI-YIN, SAID LIVESTOCKS WASTE WAS BEING DUMPED INTO THE WATERCOURSES IN THE CATCHMENT AREAS TO THE SOUTH OF YUEN LONG.

THIS HAS SERIOUSLY POLLUTED THE FOUR NULLAHS IN THE TOWN, HE SAID.

THE NULLAHS ARE SUBJECT TO TIDAL INFLUENCE FROM THE SEA AND THE POLLUTED WATER MOVES BACK AND FORTH IN THE NULLAHS.

"THIS CREATES BAD SMELL AND AN UNHYGIENIC CONDITION AFFECTING THE TOWN. THE SITUATION IS MORE SERIOUS IN DRY SEASON."

UNDER THE PROJECT, AN INFLATABLE DAM HAS BEEN INSTALLED ACROSS THE MAIN NULLAH AT THE DOWNSTREAM END OF YUEN LONG TOWN NEAR CHUNG HAU TSUEN AT WANG CHAU TO EXCLUDE POLLUTED TIDAL WATER.

OTHER WORKS INCLUDE A 700-METRE CONCRETE LINING IN THE NULLAH AND A PUMPING STATION.

THERE IS ALSO A SERIES OF "LOW FLOW CHANNELS" OF FIVE KILOMETRES WHICH ENABLE POLLUTED LOW FLOWS TO MOVE QUICKLY FROM UPSTREAM TO THE INFLATABLE DAM.

AT THE DAM, A PUMPING STATION REMOVES THE FLOW TO DOWNSTREAM OF THE DAM. THIS KEEPS THE NULLAHS IN THE POPULATED AREAS DRY.

THE PUMPING STATION HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO BE CAPABLE OF DELIVERING LOW FLOWS ONLY WITH A DISCHARGE CAPACITY OF 4.2 CUBIC METRES PER SECOND.

DURING THE "HIGH FLOW PERIOD" WHEN HEAVY RAIN IS FALLING, THE DAM WILL DEFLATE AUTOMATICALLY FOR FLOODS TO PASS THROUGH.

THE DAM HAS A CREST LEVEL OF 3.2 M PD (PRINCIPAL DATUM) WHEN INFLATED.

IT NORMALLY REMAINS INFLATED BUT WILL AUTOMATICALLY DEFLATE WHEN THE UPSTREAM WATER LEVEL IS HIGHER THAN 2.0 M PD AND ABOVE THE DOWNSTREAM WATER LEVEL, OR WHEN THE UPSTREAM WATER LEVEL IS HIGHER THAN 2.5 M PD IRRESPECTIVE OF THE DOWNSTREAM WATER LEVEL.

THE DAM WILL AUTOMATICALLY INFLATE AGAIN WHEN THE WATER LEVEL DROPS BELOW 1.0 M PD. DEFLATION WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN EIGHT MINUTES WHILE INFLATION WITHIN 20 MINUTES.

MR WONG SAID THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROJECT WOULD DEPEND ON PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE WORKS.

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THE "LOW FLOW CHANNELS" MUST BE CLEARED REGULARLY, AND THE RUBBISH AND DEBRIS LEFT ON THE NULLAH BEDS AFTER FLOODING MUST BE REMOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HE SAID.

TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE VEHICLES' ACCESS TO THE NULLAH BEDS, TWO RAMPS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED ON THE WESTERN BANK OF THE MAIN NULLAH, ONE NEAR THE INFLATABLE DAM AND THE OTHER NEAR THE YUEN LONG NORTHERN BYPASS.

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SIGNS GUIDE DEPARTING AIR PASSENGERS

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS PUTTING ON TRIAL A SIX-MONTH SCHEME TO ERECT SIGNS TO GUIDE PASSENGERS ARRIVING AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT'S DEPARTURES HALL BY CAR TO LOCATE THE CHECK-IN COUNTERS.

STARTING FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY), A NEW SET OF SIGNS SHOWING THE NAMES OF AIRLINES AND THEIR RESPECTIVE CHECK-IN COUNTER REFERENCE LETTERS WILL BE UNVEILED ALONG THE MAIN APPROACH UP-RAMP TO THE DEPARTURES HALL.

WHEN PASSENGERS ON CARS OR TAXIS COMING UP THE ELEVATED ROAD FROM OLYMPIA AVENUE FOR THE DEPARTURES HALL, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THE SET OF SIGNS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE BASIC CONCEPT OF THE SCHEME WAS TO GUIDE DEPARTING PASSENGERS IN DECIDING IN ADVANCE WHERE THEY SHOULD PULL UP THEIR CARS NEAREST TO THEIR CHECK-IN ISLANDS.

FOR THAT REASON, TRIANGULAR-SHAPED SIGNS WITH BIG LETTERS OF THE ISLANDS FROM A TO M (EXCEPT I) HAVE ALSO BEEN ERECTED ON THE CANOPY OF THE DEPARTURES FRONTAGE.

INITIALLY, 10 OF THE 46 SERVING AIRLINES HAVE BEEN CHOSEN FOR INCLUSION IN THE SCHEME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE 10 AIRLINES TOGETHER HAD ALREADY BEEN SERVING ABOUT 82 PER CENT OF THE PASSENGERS ORIGINATING FROM HONG KONG EVERY YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN CALLED ON DEPARTING PASSENGERS TO VOICE THEIR VIEWS ON THE SCHEME TO HELP THE DEPARTMENT MONITOR ITS EFFECTIVENESS.

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LEAFLETS HELP PARENTS COMMUNICATE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED ONE MILLION LEAFLETS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PARENTS TO HELP THEM COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

THE LEAFLET WAS PRODUCED IN RESPONSE TO CONCERN ON THE APPARENT BREAKDOWN OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN AS REFLECTED IN A GROWING NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN DISTRESS.

"THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF LEAFLETS FOR PARENTS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE NEW LEAFLET -- ENTITLED "HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR CHILD", IS AIMED AT ENHANCING PARENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR CHILDREN'S NEEDS AND HELPING THEM SPOT THE SIGNS OF CHILDREN IN TROUBLE.

IT ALSO CONTAINS ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE STUDENT GUIDANCE SERVICE, CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE, SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AND A NUMBER OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS WHICH HELP PARENTS DEAL WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S PROBLEMS.

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FOUR MEMBERS JOIN CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPOINTED FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

THEY ARE MR PETER LAM YUK-WAH, MRS JUSTINA LEUNG NGAI MOU-YIN, MR TAI HAY-LAP AND MR YIP WAH.

MR PETER LAM, DIRECTOR OF A VIDEO PUBLISHING COMPANY, HAS WORKED FOR A NUMBER OF MEDIA ORGANISATIONS IN THE PAST.

HE IS ALSO AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG MOTION PICTURES INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION.

MRS JUSTINA LEUNG, A SOCIAL WORKER BY PROFESSION, IS THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG. SHE HAS SERVED ON THE BOARDS OF MANY SOCIAL SERVICE GROUPS SINCE 1988.

MR TAI HAY-LAP IS THE PRINCIPAL OF YAN OI TONG TIN KA PING SECONDARY SCHOOL. HE HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE SINCE 1989.

MR YIP WAH, A RETIRED SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE PAST DECADE. HE IS CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD AND A MEMBER OF THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE.

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE NEW APPOINTEES WILL SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR TWO YEARS STARTING FROM THIS MONTH.

AT PRESENT, THE COMMITTEE HAS FIVE SUB-COMMITTEES TO WORK ON THE 1993/94 THEMES - RULE OF LAW AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

AMONG THEM, THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SUB-COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION SCHEME UNDER WHICH SUBSIDIES ARE GRANTED TO DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS FOR MOUNTING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS.

THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION ON THE RULE OF LAW, AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IDENTIFYING AND PROMOTING KEY CONCEPTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SUBJECTS.

THERE ARE ALSO THE RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH PLANS, EXECUTES AND ANALYSES SURVEYS AND STUDIES INITIATED BY THE MAIN COMMITTEE, AND THE PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH DEVISES PROMOTIONAL STRATEGIES FOR THE WHOLE COMMITTEE.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION IN JULY AND A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS AND PILOT TESTS ON NEW TEACHING KITS.

THE COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY DR DANIEL TSE CHI-WAI. OTHER MEMBERS ARE MR CHAN CHUN-FAT, MR CHAN KAR-LOK, MR JOHANNES CHAN MAN-MUN, MRS CHAN FOK PO-CHUN, MR CHAN WING-TAI, MR CHENG KAI-NAM, MR RAYMOND CHOW WAI-KAM, DR JOHN HO DIT-SANG, MISS JUNIA HO SUK-YIN, MR LAI CHI-TONG, DR LO CHI-KIN, MR WILLIAM TSUI HING-CHUEN AND MR JUSTEIN WONG CHUN.

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#### SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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A SEMINAR ON PROPER BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI ON MAY 15 FROM 2 PM TO 5.30 PM.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE SEMINAR IS TARGETED AT OWNERS CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS COMMITTEES, BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS AND FLAT OWNERS.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THOSE INTERESTED TO ENROL EARLY, AS ADMISSION IS FREE AND FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ALL DISTRICT OFFICES. THE DEADLINE IS APRIL 23.

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SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL, MR MA HO-FAI; A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT, MR FAN SAI-YEE; A SENIOR HOUSING MANAGER OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT; MR JOSEPH LEE; A SENIOR OFFICER FROM THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MR LESTER LEUNG; AND A CHAIRMAN OF AN OWNERS COMMITTEE, MR PAUL LEUNG.

TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE TENDERING PROCEDURES AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT; THE ROLES OF HOUSING MANAGERS, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND COMMITTEES; AND DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN OPEN DISCUSSION TO BE CHAIRED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTE OF HOUSING'S PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE, MR MINGO KWAN.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 835 1496 AND 835 1497.

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