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HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PROBATIONERS SUCCESSFULLY REHABILITATED  
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A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PROBATIONERS AND INMATES OF CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE CARE AND SUPERVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ARE SUCCESSFULLY REHABILITATED.

THIS WAS REVEALED IN A RECENT REPORT ON RECIDIVISM OF PROBATIONERS AND INMATES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS COMPILED BY THE RESEARCH AND EVALUATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE REPORT, BASED ON A SAMPLE STUDY OF 453 PROBATIONERS AND INMATES, SHOWED THAT ONLY ABOUT 64 PEOPLE OR 14 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL TURNED BACK TO CRIME AFTER COMPLETING THEIR PROBATION OR DISCHARGE.

A SUCCESSFUL CASE IS DEFINED IN THE REPORT AS ONE IN WHICH A PROBATIONER DOES NOT FALL BACK TO CRIME ONE YEAR AFTER THE PROBATION PERIOD OR, FOR AN INMATE, ONE YEAR AFTER HIS DISCHARGE FROM AN INSTITUTION.

THE STUDY ALSO LOOKED INTO THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE OFFENDERS' PERSONAL AND FAMILY BACKGROUND AND THEIR RELAPSE TO CRIME.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, OFFENDERS WITH LOWER EDUCATION STANDARD ARE MORE LIABLE TO RELAPSE TO CRIME.

IT SHOWED NONE OF THE PROBATIONERS WITH FORM 4 - 6 EDUCATION WAS RE-CONVICTED WHILE 14.8 PER CENT OF THOSE WITH PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION WENT BACK TO CRIME.

THE REPORT SAID EMPLOYMENT IS ANOTHER IMPORTANT FACTOR AFFECTING RECIDIVISM. IT POINTED OUT THAT PROBATIONERS AND INMATES WITH JOB STABILITY, PLEASURE OF WORK AND GOOD REASONS TO CHANGE JOBS ON THEIR OWN ACCORD ARE LESS LIKELY TO RELAPSE THAN THOSE WITHOUT.

FOR EXAMPLE, RECIDIVISM RATE AMONG THOSE WHO LIKE THEIR JOBS IS 9.2 PER CENT AS AGAINST 16 PER CENT AMONG THOSE WHO DO NOT, AND 20.5 PER CENT AMONG STEADY WORKERS COMPARED TO 24.5 PER CENT OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

DRUG ADDICTION AND TRIAD ASSOCIATION ALSO HAVE STRONG BEARING ON RECIDIVISM.

THE STUDY FOUND THAT DRUG ADDICTS WITH TRIAD ASSOCIATION HAVE A RELAPSE RATE OF 38.1 PER CENT AS COMPARED TO 6.9 PER CENT AMONG THOSE WHO ARE NOT UNDER THIS INFLUENCE.

MOREOVER, RECIDIVISM RATE IS HIGHER AMONG OFFENDERS WITH PREVIOUS CONVICTION.

FOR THOSE WITH FIRST CONVICTION, THE RATE IS 11.8 PER CENT AS AGAINST 28.6 PER CENT OF THOSE WITH TWO PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS.

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ON THE PROBATIONERS' AND INMATES' FAMILY BACKGROUND, THE REPORT LINKED RE-CONVICTION WITH THE SIZE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN.

IT POINTED OUT THOSE FROM LARGE FAMILIES ARE LESS LIKELY TO GO BACK TO CRIME. RECIDIVISM RATES OF THOSE WITH A FAMILY OF THREE IS 30.8 PER CENT- OF FOUR 20.5 PER CENT- OF SEVEN 15.3 PER CENT AND OF NINE 14 PER CENT.

THE REPORT STRESSED THAT PROBATIONERS AND INMATES WHO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR PARENTS AND WHO GET ADEQUATE ATTENTION ARE LESS VULNERABLE TO FALL BACK TO CRIME.

SIMILARLY, THOSE WHO HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH PROBATION OFFICERS HAVE A BETTER SUCCESS RATE.

THE REPORT CONCLUDED THAT +REASONABLE+ PARENTAL CONTROL OVER CHILDREN IS FAR BETTER THAN LOOSE OR STRICT DISCIPLINE.

COMMENTING ON THE 85.9 PER CENT SUCCESS RATE, MR. CARLOS LEUNG, DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (YAU MA TEI-MONG KOK), SAID IT WAS INDEED VERY ENCOURAGING BUT CERTAINLY +THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY ON THE PART OF PROBATION OFFICERS.+

+PUTTING YOUNG AND MINOR OFFENDERS ON PROBATION IS IN LINE WITH THE CURRENT PRACTICE OF REHABILITATING OFFENDERS.

+THIS METHOD IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BECAUSE IT IS MORE ECONOMICAL THAN INSTITUTIONAL CARE AND FURTHERMORE, PROBATIONERS DO NOT HAVE TO BEAR THE PRISON STIGMA,+ HE ADDED.

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LICENCES FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS AND PROCESSIONS

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A LEAFLET ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A LICENCE TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING OR PROCESSION HAS JUST BEEN PUBLISHED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE LEAFLET -- IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH -- SAYS THAT ANYONE CAN HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING OR PUBLIC PROCESSION SO LONG AS IT IS HELD IN A SAFE AND ORDERLY MANNER AND WITHOUT EXCESSIVELY INCONVENIENCING OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE HAS TO BE MADE AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS IN ADVANCE, WITH THE SYSTEM OF LICENSING HAVING BEEN SET UP BY LAW TO ENSURE SAFE AND ORDERLY CONDITIONS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LICENSING OFFICE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS IN ARSENAL STREET, WAN CHAI, AND AT ALL POLICE STATIONS. LICENCES ARE NORMALLY ISSUED AT THE LICENSING OFFICE, OR SENT TO APPLICANTS BY REGISTERED POST, AND THERE IS NO FEE FOR THE LICENCE.

THE EXPLANATORY LEAFLET CAN BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND FROM DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES- THE MARKETING OFFICE OF G.I.S. ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL- AND THE LICENSING OFFICE AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

THE LEAFLET OUTLINES CONDITIONS AND PROCEDURES WHEN APPLYING FOR A LICENCE AND IT ALSO DRAWS ATTENTION TO SIX PLACES WHICH HAVE BEEN SELECTED AS 'APPROVED VENUES' FOR PUBLIC MEETINGS. THIS MEANS THAT THEY ARE ESPECIALLY SUITABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF BOTH THE APPLICANT AND THE AUTHORITIES.

THE PLACES ARE:

- \* THE KNOLL IN VICTORIA PARK,
- \* KOWLOON PARK,
- \* THE CENTRE OF THE RACE-COURSE IN HAPPY VALLEY,
- \* THE GOVERNMENT STADIUM,
- \* KOWLOON TSAI PARK, AND
- \* THE THREE GRASS FOOTBALL PITCHES IN VICTORIA PARK.

THE LEAFLET SAYS THAT THE POLICE HAVE THE POWER TO REFUSE AN APPLICATION, BUT ADDS THAT IN PRACTICE THIS HAPPENS VERY RARELY.

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**SURVEY OF INSTRUCTORS BEGINS TOMORROW**

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THE COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTOR TRAINING OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WILL CONDUCT A THIRD SURVEY TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO DETERMINE THE NEEDS FOR INSTRUCTORS IN INDUSTRIES, EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND TO UP-DATE THE INFORMATION COLLECTED IN A SIMILAR SURVEY TWO YEARS AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE 16-DAY SURVEY WILL COVER ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FROM THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES, EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, AIMED AT ASCERTAINING, AMONG OTHER MATTERS, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- \* THE EXISTING NUMBER OF INSTRUCTORS EMPLOYED,
- \* THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND
- \* A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTORS IN THE TWO YEARS FOLLOWING THE SURVEY.

EXPLANATORY LETTERS TOGETHER WITH QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS TWO WEEKS AGO PRIOR TO THE START OF THE FIELD WORK.

DURING THE FIELD WORK, SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICERS WILL VISIT THE INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO ANSWER QUERIES, ASSIST IN THE COMPLETION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IF NECESSARY AND COLLECT COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE REQUESTED TO RETURN COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE BEFORE JULY 31.

THE INFORMATION REQUIRED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

THE COMMITTEE URGES EMPLOYERS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WHICH WILL ENABLE IT TO DRAW UP RECOMMENDATIONS ON TRAINING OF INSTRUCTORS TO INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT.

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PUPILS' WORK IN CHINESE READING SCHEME ON DISPLAY

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AN EXHIBITION OF PUPILS' WORK AND MATERIAL USED IN A CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING SCHEME WILL BE HELD FROM JULY 18 TO 20 AT THE SHENG KUANG HUI TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL IN WAN CHAI.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE FIVE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME.

THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS ARE BELILIOUS PUBLIC SCHOOL, CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL, HEEP YUNN SCHOOL, NAM WAH MIDDLE SCHOOL AND SHENG KUANG HUI TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL.

DR. HO KAM-FAI, UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT NOON ON JULY 18 (WEDNESDAY).

THE EXHIBITION WILL THEN BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON THAT DAY FROM 2.30 P.M. TO 4.30 P.M. - AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M. ON JULY 19 AND 20.

THE AIMS OF THE EXHIBITION ARE TO INTRODUCE THE WORKS OF THE PUPILS AND MATERIALS USED IN THE CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING SCHEME - TO HELP TEACHERS OF CHINESE LANGUAGE GUIDE THEIR PUPILS IN ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE SCHEME - TO CULTIVATE IN PUPILS THE INTEREST AND HABIT OF READING CHINESE BOOKS, NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES - AND TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THE PUBLIC TO THE IMPORTANCE OF READING IN ORDER TO RAISE THE PUPILS' STANDARD OF CHINESE.

ITEMS ON DISPLAY WILL INCLUDE PUPILS' WORK AND MATERIALS USED IN THE SCHEME, BOOKS AND MAGAZINES SUITABLE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS, PHOTOGRAPHS OF ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE SCHEME, PROJECTS AND THE BEST WORKS OF A BOOK COVER DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION, THE URBAN COUNCIL LIBRARIES AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC LIBRARIES WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE EXHIBITION TO DISPLAY MATERIALS AND RESOURCES RELATED TO SUPPLEMENTARY READING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EXHIBITION IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING SCHEME IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO BE HELD FROM JULY 18 TO 20 AT THE SHENG KUANG HUI TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

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ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF SAI LAU KOK FLATS  
ARE NOW EITHER FULLY OR PARTIALLY EMPTY

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ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE DOMESTIC FLATS IN THE SEVEN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AT SAI LAU KOK, TSUEN WAN, WHICH ARE TO BE CLEARED AT THE END OF THE MONTH FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, HAVE ALREADY BEEN FULLY OR PARTIALLY VACATED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT 83 OF THE 339 FLATS IN THE BUILDINGS WERE NOW EMPTY. HE SAID ANOTHER 51 WERE PARTIALLY VACATED AS FAMILIES WERE PACKING UP TO LEAVE TO TAKE UP OFFERS OF EITHER PUBLIC HOUSING OR MOVING INTO NEW FLATS THEY HAVE BOUGHT WITH GOVERNMENT'S ASSISTANCE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT OF THE 438 FAMILIES IN THE SEVEN BUILDINGS WHO HAVE ACCEPTED PUBLIC HOUSING, MOSTLY IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT, ABOUT 200 HAVE ALREADY MOVED OUT.

+THIS MOVING OUT PROCESS HAS PICKED UP MOMENTUM IN THE LAST WEEK OR SO AND WILL CONTINUE AT AN ACCELERATED RATE NOW THAT CROWN LAND NOTICES ARE TO BE POSTED TOMORROW (MONDAY) GIVING TWO WEEKS' FINAL NOTICE TO MOVE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT MOST RESIDENTS WOULD BE MOVING AWAY AS THERE WOULD BE A GREAT DEAL OF DISRUPTION AND INCONVENIENCE AROUND THE BUILDINGS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

+A MAJOR MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY ENGINEERING CONTRACT WILL BE STARTING ADJACENT TO SAI LAU KOK THIS WEEK AND I AM AFRAID THERE WILL BE A LOT OF NOISE, DUST AND DISTURBANCES,+ HE SAID.

+THE CONTRACTORS WILL ALSO START BUILDING A FENCE AROUND THE BUILDINGS IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR DEMOLITION AND, AS THE OCCUPANTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADVISED, WATER AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLIES WILL HAVE TO BE CUT OFF ONCE THE NOTICE EXPIRES.

+THE GOVERNMENT REGRETS THE INCONVENIENCE THAT THESE MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN IN ORDER TO MEET THE COMMITMENTS OF THE MTR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALL THE FULLY AND PARTIALLY VACATED PREMISES AT SAI LAU KOK HAD ALREADY BEEN SECURELY CHAINED TO PREVENT PEOPLE ATTEMPTING TO MOVE INTO THE FLATS IN AN EFFORT TO +CASH-IN+ ON THE CLEARANCE.

+QUITE A FEW IMPOSTERS WERE WEEDED OUT OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS AND WE WISH TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE JUMPS THE QUEUE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING OR COLLECT AN ALLOWANCE TO WHICH HE IS NOT ENTITLED,+ HE ADDED.

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WATER CUT  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE MID-LEVELS WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY (JULY 17) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ROSMEAD ROAD, WATFORD ROAD, GUILDFORD ROAD, COOMBE ROAD, MIDDLE GAP ROAD, MT. CAMERON ROAD, 21, 22, 26, 27, 29, 30, 33-36, 38, 40, 44, 46 AND 50 MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, 52, 54 AND 56 PEAK ROAD AND 1-3 BARKER ROAD.

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