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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO REGISTER AS VOTERS

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT HE WOULD DO EVERYTHING HE COULD TO ENCOURAGE MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AND MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TURN OUT TO VOTE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A GALA SHOW TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION, SIR DAVID SAID THAT HE HOPED THE YOUNGER GROUP, THE 21 TO 25-YEAR-OLD GROUP WHO HAD NOT RESPONDED TOO WELL IN PREVIOUS CAMPAIGNS, WOULD BE INSPIRED BY WHAT THEY HAD SEEN TODAY AND ON TELEVISION.

"THEY DO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND THEY HAVE THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE FOR THEIR OWN PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO BE LOOKING AFTER THEIR OWN AFFAIRS," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN WAS GOING QUITE WELL SO FAR WITH 60,000 PEOPLE REGISTERED SINCE IT STARTED, ABOUT 30 PER CENT MORE THAN IT WAS IN THE SAME PERIOD FOR THE LAST CAMPAIGN IN 1987.

"BUT IT IS STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH. WE WANT MORE PEOPLE TO REGISTER AND OF COURSE MORE PEOPLE TO TURN OUT.

"THIS IS THE GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR PEOPLE TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST AND THEIR CONCERN FOR THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL GET A BETTER RESPONSE AS THE DAYS GO BY," HE SAID.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON A CLAIM THAT THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES HAD NOT BEEN GIVEN ENOUGH INFORMATION ON THE NEW AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT WE WERE PROVIDING INFORMATION AS IT BECAME AVAILABLE.

"CLEARLY AS FAR AS THE FINANCES ARE CONCERNED, THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS AND I THINK THAT WAS THE REFERENCE WHICH WAS MADE, THAT WILL BECOME MORE AVAILABLE OVER THE PERIOD OF THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AS THE DETAILS OF FINANCIAL STUDIES BECOME AVAILABLE.

"WE HAVE ONLY RECENTLY APPOINTED THE FINANCIAL ADVISERS FOR THE AIRPORT AND THE OVERALL PROJECT ITSELF. THEY WILL BE PROVIDING US WITH ADVICE ON THE PROJECT AND THAT WILL BE AVAILABLE MORE PUBLICLY AS WELL. CLEARLY WE WILL BE WANTING TO PROVIDE THAT SORT OF INFORMATION TO THE CHINESE SIDE ALSO.

"I THINK AS THE MONTHS GO BY MORE INFORMATION WILL BECOME AVAILABLE AND THAT SHOULD SATISFY ALL THE REQUESTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE OF US."

COMMENTING ON A RECENT COURT JUDGMENT ALLOWING A CHILD OF AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT TO REMAIN IN HONG KONG, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IT WAS A PARTICULAR CASE AND HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD OPEN A FLOODGATE.

"THE TIME SCALE INVOLVED IN THAT CASE WAS VERY TIGHT AND I THINK THAT HAS MADE A PRECEDENCE FOR THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF CASE," HE ADDED.

GALA SHOW PROMOTES VOTER REGISTRATION

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID FORD, AND A HOST OF SUPERSTARS TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO REGISTER AS VOTERS AT A GALA SHOW HELD AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE.

ORGANISED BY THE STEERING GROUP FOR VOTER REGISTRATION PUBLICITY WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE GALA SHOW IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN.

JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE FOUR LOCAL TELEVISION AND RADIO STATIONS, THE SHOW STARTED OFF WITH THE CAMPAIGN THEME SONG SUNG BY SUPERSTAR MR JACKY CHAN AND THE BROADCASTING CHOIR COMPRISING AS MANY AS 40 ARTISTES AND DISC JOCKEYS.

THE ACTING GOVERNOR OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING BY PRESSING A BUTTON TO RAISE THE CAMPAIGN LOGO "VOTE 91".

VOTER REGISTRATION APPEALS WERE MADE DURING THE SHOW BY SUPERSTARS INCLUDING MR DANNY CHAN, MISS CHERRIE CHUNG AND MISS DODO CHENG.

THERE WERE ALSO A VARIETY OF PERFORMANCES AIMED AT DRIVING HOME THE VOTER REGISTRATION MESSAGE AND AT THE SAME TIME, PUBLICISING THE 1991 ELECTION DATES.

ALSO ATTENDING THE GALA WERE THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING GROUP, MR DARWIN CHEN; MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS, AND THE DISTRICT BOARDS; AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE STEERING GROUP SAID 1991 WOULD BE A MILESTONE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG.

"IN ADDITION TO THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS IN MARCH AND THE MUNICIPAL COUNCILS ELECTIONS IN MAY, WE WILL HAVE THE FIRST DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER," HE SAID.

"A PERSON MUST FIRST BE REGISTERED ON THE ELECTORAL ROLL BEFORE HE CAN TAKE PART IN THE COMING ELECTIONS EITHER AS A VOTER OR A CANDIDATE," HE ADDED.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION PERIOD WILL RUN UNTIL OCTOBER 1. ANY PERSON AGED OVER 21 BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, WHO HAS ORDINARILY RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS OR IS A HONG KONG PERMANENT RESIDENT, IS ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES, POST OFFICES, HOUSING ESTATE OFFICES, CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTRES, AND LEADING BANKS.

THE VOTER REGISTRATION GALA WAS BROADCAST LIVE ON COMMERCIAL RADIO AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND WILL BE SCREENED DURING PRIME TIME ON ATV-HOME TONIGHT AND ON TVB-JADE ON SEPTEMBER 2.

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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO BE RESPONSIBLE TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENT

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THE SECRETARY FOR PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND LANDS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENT AS THE FATE OF THE WORLD WILL BE IN THEIR HANDS.

MR BARNES WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS SCHEME EXHIBITION WHICH DISPLAYED THE WORK OF 20 SCHOOLS ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

MR BARNES SAID: "EVERY INDIVIDUAL AFFECTS HIS OR HER ENVIRONMENT FOR BETTER OR WORSE WHETHER HE LIKES IT OR NOT.

"WHETHER WE ACT AS INDIVIDUALS, OR AS PART OF AN ORGANISATION OR INDUSTRY, EACH OF US CAN CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER ENVIRONMENT AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE LEGACY WE LEAVE TO FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL MEAN THE WORLD WILL BE LESS POLLUTED THAN IT IS NOW."

THE AWARDS SCHEME, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS, IS AIMED AT CULTIVATING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS THE ENVIRONMENT.

MR BARNES SAID THE SCHEME WAS ALSO A GOOD EXAMPLE SHOWING THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THE AWARDS SCHEME IS CO-SPONSORED BY SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST AND DUTY FREE SHOPPERS HONG KONG LTD.

THE EXHIBITION SHOWED A HIGH LEVEL OF INTEREST AND COMMITMENT OF THE STUDENTS.

THE EXHIBITS WERE MADE UP OF SURVEYS, GRAPHICS, MODELS, GAMES, SLIDES AND VIDEO PRESENTATIONS AND DEMONSTRATED THE POSITIVE WAYS OF DEALING WITH EVERYDAY ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES SUCH AS HOUSEHOLD AND DOMESTIC WASTE, RECYCLING AND CONSERVATION.

ST STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE WITH THE THEME OF PAPER RECYCLING WAS VOTED THE BEST AMONG ALL ENTRIES TO THE CONTEST.

ST FRANCIS' CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND KING'S COLLEGE WERE THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP IN THE COMPETITION RESPECTIVELY.

THE TOP THREE SCHOOLS WERE EACH AWARDED A COMPUTER, DONATED BY GILMAN BUSINESS SYSTEMS, AND A TROPHY. THE STUDENTS OF THE WINNING SCHOOLS ALSO RECEIVED BOOK COUPONS TOTTALLING \$36,000 AND OTHER PRIZES.

THE COMPETITION JUDGES INCLUDED THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR ROBERT LAW; ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR S.M. TSUI; PROF BRIAN MORTON OF ZOOLOGY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; MR PHILLIP CRAWLEY OF SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST; AND MR ROGER THOMAS OF DUTY FREE SHOPPERS HONG KONG LTD.

THE EXHIBITION, ON LEVEL 2, CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING WILL LAST UNTIL MONDAY (AUGUST 27). THE VENUE WAS PROVIDED FREE-OF-CHARGE BY THE CITYPLAZA.

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NEW SWEEPERS TO ENHANCE STREET CLEANSING

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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL IMPROVE ITS CLEANSING SERVICES ON FAST-TRAFFIC ROADS AND FLYOVERS BY REPLACING ITS EXISTING MECHANICAL SWEEPER FLEET WITH MODERNISED VEHICLES.

MORE AREAS WILL ALSO BE INCORPORATED IN THIS SERVICE WITH THE ADDITION OF THREE NEW CLEANSING ROUTES WHEN THE COMPLETE FLEET SWINGS INTO FULL OPERATION BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

"IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE EFFICIENCY OF ROAD SWEEPING OPERATIONS IN THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BUY 20 NEW MECHANICAL SWEEPERS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING FLEET," THE DEPARTMENT'S TRANSPORT MANAGER, MR IAN MACDONALD, SAID.

"AT PRESENT, WE ARE OPERATING A FLEET OF 18 MECHANICAL SWEEPERS, 16 OF WHICH ARE ALREADY TOO OLD TO PERFORM CLEANSING DUTIES EFFECTIVELY.

"MOREOVER, WE INTEND TO WIDEN OUR SERVICE BY ADDING THREE NEW ROUTES AND THE PROCUREMENT OF THE NEW VEHICLES IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY.

"AT PRESENT, WE HAVE 13 ROUTES COVERING THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AREA," HE SAID.

THE 20 NEW SWEEPERS ARE PURCHASED FOLLOWING A ONE-MONTH TEST ON THE NEW MODEL AT SHA TIN IN OCTOBER 1988 DURING WHICH ITS MANOEUVRABILITY WAS FOUND TO BE SATISFACTORY AND COULD MEET THE DEPARTMENT'S REQUIREMENTS.

"TWO OF THESE NEW SWEEPERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN DELIVERED TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND ARE ALREADY IN SERVICE IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT," MR MACDONALD SAID.

SHA TIN AND TAI PO WILL BE THE NEXT TWO DISTRICTS TO HAVE THE NEW SWEEPERS IN OPERATION WHEN A BATCH OF FIVE ARRIVES BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

MR MACDONALD SAID THE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY ADOPTED IN THE NEW SWEEPERS WOULD DEFINITELY IMPROVE CLEANSING SERVICES.

"COSTING AROUND \$700,000 EACH, THE SWEEPER HAS A LARGER COMPARTMENT CAPABLE OF HANDLING FOUR TONNES OF SAND AND GRIT TO BE PICKED UP ALONG THE ROAD WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION BY MEANS OF QUIET NOZZLES GIVING HIGH SUCTION PERFORMANCE," HE SAID.

OTHER FEATURES INCLUDE TWO REMOVABLE FILTER SCREENS HINGED TO SWING DOWN FOR EASY CLEANING AT THE COMPARTMENT, AND TWO HYDRAULIC CHANNEL BRUSHES WITH AN EXTENDED ARM TO AVOID TYRE SCUFFING DURING CORNERING. ANOTHER FEATURE IS THE WIDE SWEEP BRUSH WHICH COVERS A LARGER SERVICE AREA.

THE THREE NEW ROUTES WILL COVER AREAS IN SHA TIN, TSEUNG KWAN O, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, TAI PO AND NORTH DISTRICT, MR MACDONALD ADDED.

POLICE INSPECTOR RECRUITS PERFORM COMMUNITY SERVICE

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THE LIONS MORNINGHILL SCHOOL IN HAPPY VALLEY WAS YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) GIVEN A FACELIFT BY NINE PUBLIC SPIRITED INSPECTOR RECRUITS FROM THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL.

FOLLOWING A TWO-DAY RENOVATION EXERCISE, THE CORRIDORS INSIDE THE SCHOOL, WHICH WAS CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER VACATION, SHONE AGAIN AFTER BEING GIVEN MULTIPLE PAINTINGS.

THIS COMMUNITY SERVICE EXERCISE FORMS PART OF THE TRAINING COURSE FOR INSPECTOR RECRUITS AT THE PTS.

AIMED AT PROVIDING A HELPING HAND TO CHARITABLE AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, THE PAINTING EXERCISE ALSO SERVED TO CULTIVATE A TEAM BUILDING SPIRIT AMONG THE TRAINEE INSPECTORS AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.

THE LIONS MORNINGHILL SCHOOL, A GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED ORGANISATION, PROVIDES EDUCATION FOR 200 MILDLY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN RANGING FROM SIX TO 16 YEARS OF AGE.

PROCEEDS OF THIS YEAR'S BEATING RETREAT CEREMONY, A HISTORICAL AND STIRRING MILITARY-STYLE SPECTACULAR ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, WILL GO TO THE LIONS MORNINGHILL SCHOOL FOR CHARITY PURPOSE.

TWO PUBLIC PERFORMANCES WILL BE STAGED AT THE PTS ON NOVEMBER 10 AND 11.

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KARAOKE NIGHT MARKS CLOSING OF SUMMER ACTIVITIES

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SOME 1,200 MONG KOK RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A KARAOKE NIGHT TO MARK THE CLOSING OF THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME AT THE MACPHERSON INDOOR STADIUM IN SAI YEE STREET TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING.

FOR THOSE PARTICIPANTS INTERESTED IN SINGING, THEY ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS.

A MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR YIM KWOK-ON, AND ASSISTANT DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (YAU TSIM/MONG KOK), MR CHAN CHAP-YUN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY.

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SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SOME 121 ACTIVITIES HAD BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL BODIES DURING THE SEVEN-WEEK YOUTH PROGRAMME.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 7.30 PM AT MACPHERSON INDOOR STADIUM, SAI YEE STREET.

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IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT POLICE DOG UNIT HEADQUARTERS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ALTERATION AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT PING SHAN POLICE DOG UNIT HEADQUARTERS IN PING SHAN, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE WORKS INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF A PLUMBING AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM, THE BUILDING OF A KITCHEN AND PAINTING WORK FOR THE OFFICES.

THE EXISTING WOODEN TOILET, CHANGING ROOMS, LECTURE ROOMS AND DOG KENNELS WILL BE REPLACED BY CONCRETE STRUCTURES.

WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN FEBRUARY 1992.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON SEPTEMBER 14.

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TEMPORARY PARTIAL LANE CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS, THE TRAFFIC LANES OF THE KOWLOON BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR HOI MEI BEACH WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM 9.30 PM ON MONDAY (AUGUST 27) TO 6 AM ON SEPTEMBER 4.

TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9.30 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY, WHILE ONLY ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE CLOSURE PERIOD.

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