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HK TO HOST INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE CONFERENCE
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HONG KONG WILL PLAY HOST TO MORE THAN 350 LEADING LANGUAGE EDUCATIONALISTS AND LINGUISTS FROM 26 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES WHO WILL ARRIVE HERE NEXT MONTH TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN DECEMBER 13 AND 15 AT THE NEW HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE IN WAN CHAI.

THE DELEGATES WILL EXPLORE TOPICS RELATED TO LANGUAGE TEACHING AND LEARNING IN DIFFERENT CULTURAL CONTEXTS.

"THE THEME OF THE CONFERENCE IS PARTICULARLY RELEVANT TO THE SITUATION IN HONG KONG WHERE STUDENTS ARE BEING EDUCATED TO BE PROFICIENT IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AS AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCIAL CENTRE," A SPOKESMAN FOR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THE CONFERENCE WILL IDENTIFY CONCEPTS OF LANGUAGE AND LANGUAGE LEARNING IN DIFFERENT SOCIETIES AND CULTURE AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR LANGUAGE EDUCATION.

"IT WILL DISCUSS, IN PARTICULAR, ISSUES RELATED TO TEACHER-CENTRED AND PUPIL-CENTRED APPROACHES TO LANGUAGE TEACHING IN DIFFERENT CULTURAL CONTEXTS. IT WILL ALSO EXPLORE LANGUAGE LEARNING AND TEACHING STYLES IN THEIR CULTURAL CONTEXTS AND HOW THEY MAY BE ADOPTED IN OTHER CULTURES.

"THE CONFERENCE WILL PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL EDUCATIONALISTS TO EXAMINE THE HONG KONG SITUATION THROUGH THE SHARING OF EXPERIENCE AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH THEIR INTERNATIONAL COUNTERPARTS IN DIFFERENT CULTURES," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE KEY-NOTE SPEAKERS IN ENGLISH WILL INCLUDE DR RICHARD ALLWRIGHT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LANCASTER, U.K.; PROFESSOR CHRISTOPHER CANDLIN OF APPLIED LINGUISTICS AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY, AUSTRALIA; DR ALAN MALEY, DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE BELL LANGUAGE FOUNDATION, AND DR VERNOR BICKLEY, DIRECTOR, INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION, HONG KONG.

ON THE CHINESE SIDE, THERE WILL BE DR KAI-CHEONG LEUNG, PROFESSOR AND CO-ORDINATOR (CHINESE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE, SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY, U.S.A.; PROFESSOR JI-PING LU, PROFESSOR OF THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT OF HEI LUNG KIANG UNIVERSITY, CHINA AND PROFESSOR SI-YI XU, HEAD OF THE CHINESE DEPARTMENT OF SIN KIANG UNIVERSITY, CHINA.

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OTHER INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED SCHOLARS WILL INCLUDE PROFESSOR JACK RICHARDS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, U.S.A; DR ROGER BOWERS OF THE BRITISH COUNCIL AND DR WILLIAM LITTLEWOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SWANSEA.

TO ENCOURAGE TEACHERS IN GOVERNMENT AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO REFUND PART OF THEIR REGISTRATION FEE.

REGISTRATION IS STILL OPEN AND THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED MAY TELEPHONE THE INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION ON 3-7719418 FOR FURTHER DETAILS OR ENROL IN PERSON AT THE INSTITUTE ON 21ST FLOOR, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE, 56 DUNDAS STREET, KOWLOON BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

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SAFE LOADING OF VEHICLES STRESSED

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THERE IS A NEED TO INSTILL PROPER AWARENESS IN THOSE WORKING IN THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY OF THE NEED TO LOAD THEIR VEHICLES CORRECTLY AND SAFELY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THIS WAS NECESSARY IN THE WAKE OF AN INCREASE IN ACCIDENTS INVOLVING GOODS VEHICLES AND IN THE NUMBER OF CASES OF OVERLOADING OF GOODS VEHICLES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SAFE LOADING OF VEHICLES EXHIBITION, MR SO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED AT THE IMPACT OF THE INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THE VEHICLE FLEET AS THERE WAS A SERIOUS EFFECT ON ROAD SAFETY AND ON HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE.

"WITH THE RAPID AND CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT HONG KONG HAS EXPERIENCED IN THE LAST DECADE, THE DEMAND ON GOODS VEHICLES HAS INCREASED VERY SIGNIFICANTLY," MR SO SAID.

"HONG KONG'S GOODS VEHICLE FLEET HAS NEARLY DOUBLED IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS.

"IN 1981, WE HAD A GOODS VEHICLE FLEET OF AROUND 52,000. AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, OUR TOTAL GOODS VEHICLE FLEET NUMBERS 102,000.

"THE GROWTH HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY DRAMATIC IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WHEN THERE WAS A 35 PER CENT INCREASE."

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AS A RESULT, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD DRAWN UP A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR THE LOADING OF GOODS VEHICLES TO GUIDE AND ADVISE MEMBERS OF THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY ON THE CORRECT AND SAFE PRACTICE TO ADOPT IN LOADING, MR SO SAID.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO ALL CONCERNED AS A REFERENCE DOCUMENT.

"I HOPE MEMBERS OF THE TRUCKING INDUSTRY WILL TAKE THE ADVICE AND GUIDANCE GIVEN IN THIS CODE SERIOUSLY IN THEIR EVERY DAY WORKING SO THAT ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAY PROTECTION COULD BE ACHIEVED," HE SAID.

AS A FURTHER ATTEMPT TO DEMONSTRATE VISIBLY THE CORRECT METHODS OF LOADING DIFFERENT KINDS OF LORRIES AND TRUCKS, MR SO SAID THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD ORGANISED THE SAFE LOADING OF VEHICLES EXHIBITION, WHICH WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND HELD IN HONG KONG.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE EXHIBITION HAD DIFFERENT STANDS TO EMPHASISE HOW DIFFERENT TYPES OF LOADS SHOULD BE SECURED ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF VEHICLES. IT ALSO EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR CORRECT MAINTENANCE OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF BRAKING SYSTEMS AND TYRES.

THERE WAS ALSO INFORMATION ABOUT TRAINING COURSES AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG TO ENHANCE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN THE PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF GOODS VEHICLES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION, THE POLICE WERE DEMONSTRATING THE USE OF PORTABLE WEIGHING DEVICES TO CHECK OVERLOADING.

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UNITED EFFORT IN INTEGRATING DISABLED PEOPLE

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THE SPIRIT OF REHABILITATION IS TO INTEGRATE THE DISABLED INTO THE COMMUNITY AND THIS REQUIRES A UNITED EFFORT BY ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE DISABLED AND THE NON-DISABLED.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1988 PHAB WALK ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE BODIED ASSOCIATION IN GALLIPOLI LINES, FANLING.

MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT THE NEEDS OF THE DISABLED WERE NOT ONLY CONFINED TO DIRECT INSTITUTIONALISED SERVICES, SUCH AS SPECIAL SCHOOLS, HOSTELS AND WORKSHOPS.

LIKE THEIR NON-DISABLED COUNTERPARTS, DISABLED PEOPLE NEEDED TO HAVE PROPER SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO HELP THEM SPEND THEIR LEISURE MEANINGFULLY, HE SAID.

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IN THE PROCESS, THEY COULD RELAX FROM THE PRESSURE OF WORK AND LIFE, DEVELOP THEIR INTERESTS IN GOOD HOBBIES, IMPROVE THEIR MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, AS WELL AS LEARN HOW TO INTERACT WITH OTHER PEOPLE, THEREBY EXTENDING THEIR SOCIAL CIRCLES, HE ADDED.

MR CHAU COMMENDED THE HONG KONG PHAB ASSOCIATION FOR WORKING ON THE BASIS OF THESE PRINCIPLES TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND THE NON-DISABLED THROUGH SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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FEWER ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SUMMER JOB WORKERS

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THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVING SUMMER JOB WORKERS SHOWED A SLIGHT DECREASE THIS YEAR.

DURING THE SUMMER VACATION, 35 YOUNG WORKERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 19 WERE INJURED WHILE AT WORK, COMPARED WITH 41 IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

A BREAKDOWN OF THIS YEAR'S STATISTICS SHOWED THAT 21 ACCIDENTS INVOLVED THE OPERATION OF MACHINERY AND THE REST WERE RELATED TO THE HANDLING OF HOT OR CORROSIVE SUBSTANCES, STEPPING ON OR STRIKING OBJECTS, HANDLING WITHOUT MACHINERY AND USE OF HAND TOOLS.

A 17-YEAR-OLD WORKER HAD FOUR OF HIS FINGERS CUT BY A PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINE, BUT THE OTHERS SUSTAINED ONLY MINOR INJURIES.

AS A RESULT, FIVE SUMMONSES WERE TAKEN OUT AGAINST THE EMPLOYERS FOR BREACHING VARIOUS PROVISIONS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE. THE CASES ARE NOW PENDING HEARING BY THE COURTS.

COMMENTING ON THE STATISTICS, THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID HE WAS DISAPPOINTED TO SEE THAT SO MANY EMPLOYERS STILL FOUND IT CONVENIENT TO DELEGATE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS WORK SUCH AS OPERATING MACHINERY TO NON-SKILLED WORKERS.

"OBVIOUSLY WE HAVE TO CONTINUE OUR PUBLICITY EFFORTS AS WELL AS TO STRENGTHEN OUR ENFORCEMENT ACTION NEXT YEAR," HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT BEFORE THE SUMMER VACATION STARTED THIS YEAR, FACTORY INSPECTORS HAD VISITED 41 SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO DELIVER TALKS ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TO OVER 100,000 STUDENTS.

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"PLANS ARE IN HAND TO INTENSIFY THIS PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMME BY CO-ORDINATING ACTION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS NEXT YEAR SO AS TO DRIVE HOME THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MESSAGE TO ALL SECONDARY STUDENTS.

"HOWEVER, IF SCHOOL AUTHORITIES INTEND TO INVITE FACTORY INSPECTORS TO CONDUCT TALKS TO THEIR STUDENTS, THEY ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO CONTACT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT 5-8523565," MR YIP SAID.

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CADET CORPS HELPS DEVELOP YOUTH: CS

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS HAS GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH AND IS NOW PLAYING A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE CORPS' 20TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE, SIR DAVID NOTED THAT ITS DUTIES INVOLVED ADVENTURE, DISCIPLINE, CIVIC FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONAL TASKS.

"THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE TRAINING YOU RECEIVE IS TO PREPARE YOU FOR ADULT LIFE SO THAT YOU CAN ADJUST TO THE IDEA OF GOING OUT TO WORK AND, WHEN YOU DO, TO STAND ON YOUR OWN FEET TO MEET THE CHALLENGE AHEAD," HE SAID.

"I HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TRAINING ON OFFER TO YOU IN THE MECHANICAL, ELECTRONIC, CARPENTRY AND PRINTING WORKSHOPS AND THAT YOUR PARENTS WILL GIVE YOU PLENTY OF ENCOURAGEMENT TO DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS."

THE CORPS WAS ALSO TRAINED IN A WIDE RANGE OF TASKS WHICH GREATLY ASSISTED THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY, SIR DAVID SAID.

"THEY INCLUDE CROWD CONTROL AT LARGE SCALE PUBLIC FUNCTIONS, COUNTRY PARK PATROLLING, ASSISTANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGNS, THE COMMUNITY CHEST, AT CHINESE FESTIVALS AND FIREWORKS DISPLAYS," HE SAID.

SIR DAVID CONGRATULATED THE 10 RECIPIENTS OF THE BEST CADET AWARDS FOR 1988, NOTING THE GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORTS THEY HAD GIVEN TO THE CORPS.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WERE PREPARED TO DEVOTE TIME AND EFFORTS TO THE AUXILIARY SERVICES, AND THE CAS CADET CORPS WAS PART OF THAT SYSTEM OF UNIQUE SERVICES.

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STARTED IN 1967 WITH JUST TWO UNITS AT WAN CHAI AND WONG TAI SIN WITH JUST 100 BOYS IN EACH, THE CAS CADET CORPS NOW HAD A STRENGTH OF OVER 3,000 AND OVER 1,000 WERE ON PARADE, SIR DAVID NOTED.

"WE RELY ON YOUNG PEOPLE SUCH AS YOU TO MAINTAIN THE GOOD IMAGE OF HONG KONG THROUGH THE 1990'S AND WAY AHEAD INTO THE 21ST CENTURY," HE ADDED.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO BE FIRE CONSCIOUS

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OCCUPANTS OF A BUILDING SHOULD BE VIGILANT AND FIRE CONSCIOUS AND RESPOND SWIFTLY TO A FIRE AS SOON AS IT IS DISCOVERED, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR LAM CHEK-YUEN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE 1988-89 FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, THE MAIN THEME OF WHICH IS "IF THERE IS A FIRE, SOUND THE ALARM".

THE CEREMONY WAS HELD AT EDINBURGH PLACE IN CENTRAL.

"ALTHOUGH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS EMBARKED ON A NUMBER OF MAJOR PROJECTS INCLUDING THE COMPUTERISATION OF ITS COMMUNICATIONS AND MOBILISING SYSTEMS TO SPEED UP THE ATTENDANCE OF FIRE APPLIANCES AT FIRE SCENES, ALL THESE EFFORTS WOULD BE RENDERED FUTILE IF RESIDENTS HAD FAILED TO SOUND THE ALARM QUICKLY," MR LAM SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT SINCE THE MAJORITY OF BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG WERE PROVIDED WITH A MANUAL FIRE ALARM SYSTEM AND SIMPLE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, OCCUPANTS SHOULD ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE OPERATION OF THESE INSTALLATIONS.

"THE ACTIONS UPON THE DISCOVERY OF AN OUTBREAK OF FIRE SHOULD INCLUDE RAISING THE ALARM TO ALERT OTHER PEOPLE AND REPORTING THE INCIDENT TO THE FIRE SERVICES BY DIALLING '999'," MR LAM SAID.

"WHEN THE SITUATION PERMITS, THE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IN THE BUILDING CAN ALSO BE USED TO TACKLE THE FIRE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF FIREMEN."

THE LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS WHO WERE TREATED TO AN INTERESTING DISPLAY OF FIRE FIGHTING ACTIVITIES.

TWO FIRE BOATS STAGED A WATER DISPLAY IN THE HARBOUR WHILE THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WAS IN PROGRESS.

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AFTER THE CEREMONY, THERE WAS A SPECTACULAR DEMONSTRATION BY FIREMEN ON THE USE OF FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS COMMONLY FOUND INSIDE BUILDINGS AND DEMONSTRATIONS OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE TECHNIQUES.

THE PUBLIC WAS ALSO INVITED TO LOOK OVER A LARGE-SCALE DISPLAY OF FIRE APPLIANCES, AMBULANCES, FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT AND DISPLAY PANELS WITH EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ON FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS.

THEY COULD ALSO BOARD A FIRE BOAT BERTHED AT QUEEN'S PIER TO SEE THE MODERN FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT ON BOARD.

VISITORS ALSO RECEIVED FIRE PREVENTION SOUVENIRS INCLUDING KEY RINGS, RULERS AND BALLPENS IMPRINTED WITH FIRE PRRVENTION MESSAGES.

THESE GIVEAWAY ITEMS WERE DONATED BY THE KWONG ON BANK IN SUPPORT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

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STEPPED UP ACTION AGAINST SHOP THEFT

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SINCE LAST YEAR, THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAS MADE ANTI-SHOP THEFT A MAJOR PUBLICITY THEME DIRECTED AT THE YOUNGER GENERATION, A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, MR JUSTEIN WONG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT AN "ANTI-SHOP THEFT CARNIVAL" HELD AT MORSE PARK IN WONG TAI SIN, MR WONG SAID THE COMMITTEE WAS CONCERNED WITH THE RISING NUMBER OF SHOP THEFTS.

THERE WERE 6,170 SUCH CASES IN 1986, AND THE NUMBER ROSE TO 7,077 CASES LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING A 14.7 PER CENT INCREASE.

"AS SHOP THEFT CASES ARE ON THE INCREASE, THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE HAS MADE THIS OFFENCE A MAJOR TARGET FOR STEPPED UP PUBLICITY SINCE 1987," HE NOTED.

MR WONG SAID THE ANTI-SHOP THEFT MESSAGE WAS CARRIED MAINLY BY AN "ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC INTEREST" ON TELEVISION AND BY DISTRIBUTION OF POSTERS.

"THE BASIC PUBLICITY STRATEGY IS TO STRESS THAT SHOP THEFT IS A SERIOUS CRIME THAT MIGHT RUIN A YOUNG PERSON'S FUTURE," HE ADDED.

MR WONG SAID THE SUCCESS OF PUBLICITY EFFORTS DEPENDED UPON THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN BY DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEES IN MAKING CORRESPONDING EFFORTS TO DRIVE THE MESSAGE HOME TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

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"I'M DELIGHTED THAT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND THE WONG TAI SIN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE HAVE ORGANISED THIS ANTI-SHOP THEFT CARNIVAL TO TIE IN WITH THE CENTRAL FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S PUBLICITY EFFORTS.

"THIS SORT OF ACTIVITY NOT ONLY HAS HAD THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION BY COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS IN WONG TAI SIN, BUT ALSO IS WELL RECEIVED BY YOUNG PEOPLE," HE SAID.

SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND FACTORY OWNERS AND SHOP-KEEPERS IN NGAU CHI WAN AND DIAMOND HILL, THE CARNIVAL FEATURED GAME STALLS, POLICE BAND PERFORMANCES, DRAMA, POLICE DOG SHOW, AN EXHIBITION AND SINGING.

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MOVE TO EASE DEBRIS DUMPING ON CHEUNG CHAU

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED A SITE ON CHEUNG CHAU FOR THE TEMPORARY STORAGE OF BUILDING DEBRIS BEFORE IT IS REMOVED FROM THE ISLAND BY BARGE.

IT IS HOPED THAT THIS MEASURE WILL CONTAIN THE PROBLEM OF DUMPING ON THE ISLAND.

THE PIECE OF LAND CHOSEN FOR THE SITE IS ADJACENT TO A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, TO THE SOUTH OF CHEUNG KWAI ESTATE.

CONTRACTORS SHOULD DUMP THEIR DEBRIS THERE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SAID.

"IT IS ILLEGAL TO DISPOSE OF DEBRIS ON GOVERNMENT LAND OUTSIDE THE DESIGNATED AREA AND SUCH ACTIVITY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ANY CONTRACTOR FOUND DUMPING MATERIAL ILLEGALLY ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE PROSECUTED, AND SO FAR TWO CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN CHARGED FOR THE OFFENCE," HE STRESSED.

IN RECENT YEARS, ILLEGAL DUMPING OF BUILDING DEBRIS HAS BECOME AN ACUTE PROBLEM IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AS A RESULT OF INCREASED BUILDING DEVELOPMENT AND THE ABSENCE OF AN APPROVED DUMPING GROUND.

THE PROBLEM IS PARTICULARLY SERIOUS ON CHEUNG CHAU WHERE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN THE MOST RAPID, ALTHOUGH PENG CHAU AND LAMMA HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS.

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THE MATTER WAS DISCUSSED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. MEMBERS AGREED TO A SOLUTION FOR CHEUNG CHAU IN THAT BUILDING DEBRIS COULD BE PLACED TEMPORARILY AT A SITE BEFORE BEING CARRIED BY BARGE TO PUBLIC DUMPS IN KOWLOON.

"MEETINGS WERE THEN HELD BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED WITH LOCAL CONTRACTORS IN THE PRESENCE OF RURAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BARGE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL CONTRACTORS ON CHEUNG CHAU ARE WELCOME TO USE THE FACILITY WHICH WILL BE RUN BY THE RURAL COMMITTEE ON A NON-PROFIT MAKING BASIS AND THE COST SHARED BY THE USERS.

"THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR CLOSELY THE OPERATION OF THE BARGE SERVICE FOR CHEUNG CHAU AND WILL CONSIDER VIABLE MEASURES FOR OTHER ISLANDS IN THE DISTRICT LATER."

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GUIDE TO ROCK AND SOIL DESCRIPTIONS PUBLISHED

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THE "GUIDE TO ROCK AND SOIL DESCRIPTIONS (GEOGUIDE 3)", WHICH IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF GEOGUIDES RELATING TO GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING IN HONG KONG, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE.

IT PRESENTS A RECOMMENDED STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF HONG KONG ROCKS AND SOILS FOR ENGINEERING PURPOSES, AND HAS BEEN PRODUCED AFTER WIDE CONSULTATION THROUGHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS OF THE INDUSTRY.

EMPHASIS HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE MANY ROCK AND SOIL TYPES THAT COULD BE ENCOUNTERED IN ENGINEERING WORKS IN HONG KONG.

"GEOGUIDE 3" IS INTENDED TO BE USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMPANION DOCUMENT, "GUIDE TO SITE INVESTIGATION (GEOGUIDE 2)" PUBLISHED LAST YEAR.

IT WILL BE INVALUABLE TO ENGINEERS, GEOLOGISTS AND ARCHITECTS INVOLVED WITH THE PLANNING, EXECUTION AND SUPERVISION OF SITE INVESTIGATIONS FOR ENGINEERING PROJECTS AND BUILDING WORKS, AND WILL ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND ACADEMICS.

THE HEAD OF THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, DR EDWARD BRAND, SAID ACCURATE AND DETAILED DESCRIPTIONS OF ROCKS AND SOILS WERE ESSENTIAL FOR HIGH QUALITY GROUND INVESTIGATIONS WHICH WERE FUNDAMENTAL TO SOUND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING PRACTICE.

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"CONSIDERABLE DEBATE HAS ALWAYS EXISTED OVER THE USE OF 'STANDARDISED' METHODS AND TERMINOLOGY FOR THE DESCRIPTION OF ROCKS AND SOILS," HE SAID.

"THE DESCRIPTIVE SCHEME RECOMMENDED IN THE GEOGUIDE IS ONE WHICH HAS BEEN DEVELOPED SPECIFICALLY FOR HONG KONG.

"HOWEVER, MANY DIFFERENT SCHEMES EXIST, AND IT IS RECOGNISED THAT THE PRACTITIONER MAY WISH TO USE ALTERNATIVE METHODS TO THOSE RECOMMENDED.

"WHATEVER SCHEME IS EMPLOYED, THE IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE IS THAT ALL DESCRIPTIVE TERMS SHOULD BE DEFINED CLEARLY AND USED CONSISTENTLY.

"THEREFORE, WHILE THE GEOGUIDE PRESENTS MUCH USEFUL GUIDANCE ON GOOD DESCRIPTIVE PRACTICE, ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT MANDATORY."

THE 189-PAGE "GEOGUIDE 3" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT $40 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

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TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR KWUN TONG

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THREE MAJOR TRAFFIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WERE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY IN KWUN TONG TO TIE IN WITH THE SCHEDULED OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING (EHC) IN SEPTEMBER, 1989, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR LAN, WHO VISITED KWUN TONG RECENTLY, SAID HE FULLY APPRECIATED THE FEELING AND ANXIETY OF RESIDENTS AND INDUSTRIALISTS IN THE DISTRICT WHO HAVE SHOWN GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE EXISTING TRAFFIC CONDITION AND A POSSIBLE FURTHER DETERIORATION OF THE CONDITION UPON THE SCHEDULED OPENING OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING NEXT YEAR.

HE ADDED THAT HE HAD CONSULTED THE TRANSPORT BRANCH WHICH HAS BEEN MADE FULLY AWARE OF THE CONCERN OF THE PEOPLE.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT, AS ADVISED BY THE TRANSPORT BRANCH, GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY UNDERTAKEN POSITIVE STEPS TOWARDS MAKING MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AREA.

NOTABLE AMONG THE PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS THE KWUN TONG BY-PASS, WHICH IS BEING CONSTRUCTED IN THREE PHASES FOR COMPLETION IN JULY 1991 BEFORE THE OPENING OF TATE'S CAIRN TUNNEL.

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PHASE I OF THE PROJECT, BETWEEN LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET, WAS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WOULD BE PARTLY OPEN TO TRAFFIC IN OCTOBER 1989, TO TIE IN WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING.

MR LAN SAID THE OTHER TWO PROJECTS WERE A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE AND KWUN TONG INDUSTRIAL AREA, AND THE RE-CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD BETWEEN PING SHEK ESTATE AND HOI YUEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WAS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE LOADING AND UNLOADING FACILITIES IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA.

"THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN AND THE OPENING OF THE EHC ARE EXPECTED TO GENERATE CONSIDERABLE THROUGH TRAFFIC THROUGH KWUN TONG.

"THE KWUN TONG BY-PASS IS DESIGNED TO TACKLE THIS PROBLEM. WHEN COMPLETED, IT WILL ATTRACT MOST OF THE THROUGH TRAFFIC WHICH WILL OTHERWISE PASS THROUGH THE KWUN TONG TOWN CENTRE, THUS SPARING MORE CAPACITY ON THE EXISTING ROAD NETWORK TO COPE WITH THE KWUN TONG LOCAL TRAFFIC," MR LAN NOTED.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI.

AT THE TOP OF THE KWUN TONG HIGH LEVEL RESERVOIR MR LAN WAS BRIEFED ON VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISTRICT, WHICH HAS A POPULATION OF SOME 678,000 PEOPLE.

MR LAN WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IMMEDIATELY BELOW THE RESERVOIR --- THE DEMOLITION OF A LARGE PORTION OF THE JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CHOI HA ESTATE.

ELEVEN BLOCKS OF THE JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE OLD GROUP 'B' ESTATES, WOULD BE DEMOLISHED IN EARLY 1990 TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CHOI HA ROAD SOUTHERN EXTENSION AND THE JORDAN VALLEY RECREATION GROUND.

AFFECTED RESIDENTS WOULD BE REHOUSED IN THE CHOI HA ESTATE WHICH IS BEING BUILT AT THE HILLSLOPE NEXT TO THE OLD JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE.

MR LAN SAID THE DEVELOPMENTS WOULD BE WELCOMED BY RESIDENTS AS THESE WOULD NOT ONLY IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS OF OLD HOUSING ESTATE RESIDENTS BUT ALSO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CONGESTION-RELIEVING CHOI HA ROAD.

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THE CHOI HA ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT, WHEN COMPLETED IN EARLY 1992, WILL LINK UP WITH CHOI WAN ROAD IN THE NORTH AND CHUN WAH ROAD IN THE SOUTH, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL ROUTE RUNNING PARALLEL TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD TO HELP RELIEVE CONGESTION THERE.

MR LAN WAS ALSO BRIEFED ABOUT THE JORDAN VALLEY LANDFILL WHICH NOW TAKES IN 680 TONNES OF REFUSE DAILY FROM KWUN TONG AND WONG TAI SIN DISTRICTS.

HE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE LANDFILL.

"I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE GRAVE CONCERN BY RESIDENTS OVER THE ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE CAUSED BY THE LANDFILL," HE SAID.

"THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL AS A RESULT OF JOINT EFFORTS BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR THE OPERATION OF THE LANDFILL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DISTRICT BOARD," HE ADDED.

AT LAM TIN, MR LAN WAS TOLD THAT A SITE IN TING ON STREET, TOGETHER WITH THE ONE AT THE JUNCTION OF HONG NING ROAD AND KUNG LOK ROAD AND A THIRD AT PIK WAN ROAD IN YAU TONG, HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS POSSIBLE SITES FOR THE PROVISION OF A HALF-WAY HOUSE FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS.

MR LAN LEARNT THAT CONSULTATION ON THE PROJECT WAS STILL UNDERWAY TO SEE WHETHER WHICH OF THE THREE SITES ARE ACCEPTABLE TO RESIDENTS IN THE VICINITY.

FROM THE ROOF OF A HIGH BLOCK AT HONG TIN COURT, MR LAN WAS BRIEFED ON THE THREE LARGE-SCALE TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE DISTRICT, NAMELY THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, THE KWUN TONG BY-PASS AND THE MTR LAM TIN STATION DEVELOPMENT.

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JUNK BAY ROAD WORKS TO BE DISCUSSED

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MEMBERS OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS NEW ROAD WORKS AT THE CENTRAL PART OF JUNK BAY AT A MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PROPOSED ROAD WORKS ARE PART OF THE ENGINEERING WORKS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

THEY ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE OR IMPROVE ACCESS TO NEW PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND OTHER FACILITIES IN THE AREA, AND TO PROVIDE ROAD SPACE FOR LAYING OF UTILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINS.

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MEANWHILE, MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE NEED FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS TO OPERATE ON SAI SHA ROAD WHICH PROVIDES A DIRECT ROAD LINK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND SAI KUNG DISTRICTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN. THE MEETING WILL START AT 10 AM.

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KWUN TONG RESIDENTS GET INTO FESTIVE SPIRIT

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NEARLY 1,000 KWUN TONG RESIDENTS ENTERED INTO THE SPIRIT OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88 WHEN THEY ATTENDED A MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA HELD AT THE SAU NGA ROAD PLAYGROUND THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

THE "MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA", FEATURING DRAGON AND LION DANCES, BRASS BAND PERFORMANCE AND A VARIETY SHOW PERFORMED BY TELEVISION ARTISTS, MARKED THE OPENING OF THE THREE-WEEK-LONG KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD HAD DEVOTED MUCH EFFORT TO PROVIDING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE 700,000 RESIDENTS AS WELL AS THE 170,000 PEOPLE WORKING IN THE DISTRICT.

HE SAID THE BOARD THIS YEAR HAD ALLOCATED $2 MILLION FOR VARIOUS CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL PROJECTS, OF WHICH THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT.

MR LAN NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL, WITH "KWUN TONG - OUR LOVELY HOME" AS ITS THEME, WOULD PROVIDE A WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMMES TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES, AND FROM DIFFERENT SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"THEY INCLUD CHINESE OPERA SONGS, A PICNIC AND DINNER FOR SENIOR RESIDENTS, PAINTING AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN, LUNCH-HOUR CONCERT FOR WORKERS, FILM SHOWS, FUN-DAYS, CARNIVALS AND VARIETY SHOWS, AS WELL AS AREA FESTIVALS IN SOME SUB-DISTRICTS," HE SAID.

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"THERE ARE NO LESS THAN 20 PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE ORGANISED WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY INTEGRATION AMONG RESIDENTS," HE NOTED.

ALSO ATTENDING THIS EVENING'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN CHUNG-CHU; VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MRS ELSIE TU; CHAIRMAN OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, MR LAM HANG-FAI; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR POON CHI-FAI; PRESIDENT OF THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88 ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR YU SUN-SAY; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MADAM YEUNG KAM-CHUN.

MR YU AND MADAM YEUNG THANKED ALL THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THE FESTIVAL AND SAID THEY HOPED THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS WOULD TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN THE EVENTS.

THE KWUN TONG FESTIVAL '88 IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE 15 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

ITS TOTAL EXPENDITURE IS ESTIMATED AT ABOUT $550,000, OF WHICH $250,000 IS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WITH THE BALANCE SPONSORED BY LOCAL PERSONALITIES.

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EXHIBITION ON ELDERLY HEALTH IN CHAI WAN

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A FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION ON HEALTH OF THE ELDERLY STARTS TODAY (SUNDAY) IN THE NEW JADE SHOPPING ARCADE AT CHAI WAN MTR STATION.

ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES WORKING GROUP OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT SUPPORTING THE FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY 1988 OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF TODAY'S EXHIBITION, THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, SAID THE EXHIBITION OUTLINED HEALTH PROBLEMS OF THE ELDERLY THROUGH EXHIBITION, VIDEO SHOW, FREE MEDICAL ADVICE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION PAMPHLETS.

"THE EXHIBITION DEPICTS THE CAUSES OF VARIOUS GERIATRIC DISEASES, WAYS TO DEVELOP GOOD HOBBIES AND EATING HABITS AND METHODS OF PREVENTION AND CURE OF SUCH DISEASES," HE CONTINUED.

MR SHUM SAID THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD ORGANISED MANY ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS IN THE DISTRICT THIS YEAR, SUCH AS VEGETARIAN FEASTS, PICNIC, BIRTHDAY PARTIES AND TELEMATCH GAMES.

"THE BOARD WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT THE MEDICAL SERVICES AND GREEN MINIBUS PREFERENTIAL SCHEMES FOR THE ELDERLY IN EASTERN DISTRICT.

"SENIOR CITIZENS AGED OVER 60 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE TWO SCHEMES," MR SHUM ADDED.

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REMINDER ON ENTRIES FOR NORTH FLOWER SHOW

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FLOWER LOVERS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE SECOND NORTH DISTRICT (1988) FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW HAVE BEEN REMINDED TO FORWARD THEIR ENTRIES WITHOUT DELAY.

"THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IN THE FLOWER COMPETITION SECTION IS DECEMBER 5," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SHOW SAID TODAY.

ENTRY FORMS, TOGETHER WITH DETAILS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS, CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE IN JOCKEY CLUB ROAD, FANLING.

THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED AT THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BRANCH OFFICE IN CHOI YUEN ESTATE, SHEUNG SHUI; AND AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES LOCATED AT SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI AND IN CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW, C/O 24 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE.

"THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FOR FIVE CATEGORIES OF FLOWERS AND PLANTS ON DISPLAY - POT PLANTS, MINIATURE POT PLANTS, AFRICAN VIOLETS, BONSAI-TYPE PLANTS, AND ORCHIDS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"CERTIFICATES AND CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO WINNERS IN EACH CATEGORY."

THE FLOWER, BIRD, INSECT AND FISH SHOW WILL BE STAGED AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND AND THE ADJACENT FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE FROM DECEMBER 23 TO 27.

IT IS SPONSORED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

A PRIVATE COLLECTION OF 50 BIRDS OF DIFFERENT SPECIES, AND SOME 20 ANTIQUE CAGES FOR BIRDS WILL ALSO BE ON DISPLAY.

THE INSECT SECTION WILL FEATURE A NUMBER OF FOREST INSECTS, PROVIDED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, AND BEES.

EIGHT TANKS OF VARIOUS SPECIES OF GOLDFISH WILL BE THE MAIN ATTRACTION IN THE FISH SECTION.

THE ADMISSION FEES FOR THE SHOW ARE $5 FOR ADULTS AND $2 FOR CHILDREN. HANDICAPPED AND ELDERLY VISITORS WHO WISH TO ATTEND ON A GROUP BASIS CAN APPLY TO THE SHOW'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR FREE ADMISSION.

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SHA TIN COMMUNITY DAY CAMP NEXT MONTH

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THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE IS ORGANISING A COMMUNITY DAY CAMP FOR SOME 250 COMMUNITY LEADERS IN WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP ON DECEMBER 11.

THE CAMP, WHICH IS FREE OF CHARGE, IS AIMED AT ENHANCING COMMUNICATION AMONG SHA TIN'S COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING BOTH OF THE DISTRICT AND THE GOVERNMENT.

PARTICIPANTS WILL COME FROM VARIOUS LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, VILLAGES, AREA COMMITTEES AND YIN NGAI SOCIETIES.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE TALKS, GAMES, DISCUSSIONS, TALENT SHOWS, FREE TIME AND A TOUR OF THE NEWLY OPENED SAI SHA ROAD.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND SHA TIN DB MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG, WILL TALK ABOUT THE ROLE OF DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MISS MARGARET FONG, WILL BRIEF PARTICIPANTS ON DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT.

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TREAT FOR STRING MUSIC LOVERS

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STRING MUSIC LOVERS WERE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC BY 500 YOUNG MUSICIANS AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE EVENT WAS ARRANGED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AS PART OF THE FIRST HONG KONG YOUTH STRING MUSIC FESTIVAL WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY.

THE AIM OF THE FESTIVAL IS TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN STRING MUSIC AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE, TO STRENGTHEN INTERFLOW AMONG SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS AND TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE AMONG YOUNG STRING PLAYERS.

A TOTAL OF 10 STRING ORCHESTRAS, COMPRISING SIX ORCHESTRAS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE AND FOUR SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS, TOOK TURNS TO PERFORM.

PIECES PRESENTED BY THE YOUNG MUSICIANS INCLUDED ROSSINI'S FIRST MOVEMENT FROM SONATA NO. 3 IN C MAJOR FOR STRINGS, FROST'S 'HALF AND HALF' AND HANDEL'S 'BOURREE FROM WATER MUSIC'.

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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MUSIC OFFICE, MISS LOLLY CHIU, PRESENTED SOUVENIR PENNANTS TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONCERT IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SUPPORT OF THE FESTIVAL.

"MUSIC IN ITS BEST FORM SHOULD BE A NON-VERBAL SELF-EXPRESSION OF LIFE EXPERIENCE.

"TEACHERS AND STUDENTS SHOULD THEREFORE TRY TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO READ, STUDY, REFLECT AND DISCUSS THE MUSIC SO THEY CAN UNDERSTAND AND EXPAND THE PHILOSOPHY AND FEELING IN THEIR MUSICAL EXPRESSION," MISS CHIU SAID.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO LEARN TO APPRECIATE HOW FINE MUSIC ENRICHES THOSE WHO STUDY IT AND THE SOCIETY THAT PRODUCES IT," SHE ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE WERE FULL OF PRAISE FOR THE PERFORMERS AND SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF STRING MUSIC AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION WAS MOST PROMISING.

TO ADD COLOUR TO THE CONCERT A CELLO AND PIANO RECITAL DEMONSTRATION WAS GIVEN BY MR FELIX SCHMIDT AND MS ANNETTE COLE AND A VIOLIN DEMONSTRATION WAS PRESENTED BY MR LU SIQING.

MR SCHMIDT HAS BEEN HAILED AS "ONE OF THE BEST CELLISTS IN THE WORLD TODAY" BY THE VIOLIN VIRTUOSO SIR YEHUDI MENUHIN.

MR LU SIQING, AGED 19, HAS WON THE FIRST PRIZE OF THE 1987 PAGANINI INTERNATIONAL VIOLIN COMPETITION IN ITALY.

APART FROM PERFORMANCES, MR SCHMIDT AND MR LU WILL ALSO CONDUCT MASTER CLASSES AT THE MUSIC CENTRES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND ON TUESDAY. FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-283257.

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CHILDREN'S CHOIR LOOKS FOR PIANIST

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THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF THE YAU MA TEI AND TSIM SHA TSUI CULTURE AND ARTS ASSOCIATION IS RECRUITING A PIANIST WHO WILL ALSO SERVE AS AN ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR FOR THE CHOIR'S JUNIOR GROUP MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN THREE AND FIVE YEARS OLD.

SPONSORED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, THE ASSOCIATION PROMOTES CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT AND ORGANISES VARIOUS CLASSES ON FINE ARTS.

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THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR WAS SET UP IN 1982 AND AT PRESENT HAS 120 MEMBERS. TRAINING CLASSES FOR THE CHOIR ARE HELD EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT THE HENRY G. LEONG YAU MA TEI COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 60 PUBLIC SQUARE STREET.

THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE JOB MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE AT 490 NATHAN ROAD. THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS NOVEMBER 30.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-323791, EXT. 301.

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CONVENTION AVENUE WESTBOUND TO OPEN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT CONVENTION AVENUE WESTBOUND BETWEEN FENWICK STREET AND FLEMING ROAD WILL BE OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM HUNG HING ROAD IN WAN CHAI NORTH TO CENTRAL CAN TRAVEL VIA CONVENTION AVENUE AND FENWICK PIER STREET FLYOVER TO JOIN HARCOURT ROAD.

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RE-ROUTEING OF TING ON STREET

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TING ON STREET IN KWUN TONG BETWEEN TING YIP STREET AND NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 23).

THE RE-ROUTEING WILL LAST FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO FACILITATE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

VEHICLES TRAVELLING FROM TING YIP STREET TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TING ON STREET SOUTHBOUND, KWUN TONG ROAD AND ELEGANCE ROAD.

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