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SAFETY GUIDELINES ON USE OF OXYGEN FOR HOSPITALS
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A SET OF GUIDELINES ON THE SUPPLY AND USE OF OXYGEN IN HOSPITALS AND CLINICS HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

THE PRINTED GUIDELINES ARE BEING SENT OUT TODAY (SATURDAY) TO ALL HOSPITALS, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT, SUBVENTED AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS.

THE AIM OF PRODUCING THIS SET OF GUIDELINES IS TO ADVISE MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS TO ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF OXYGEN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE GUIDELINES ARE OF ADVISORY NATURE LISTING OUT CERTAIN MEASURES FOR HOSPITALS AND CLINICS TO FOLLOW TO ENSURE THE SAFE USE OF OXYGEN.

"THEY ARE BY NO MEANS COMPREHENSIVE OR EXHAUSTIVE AND COULD BE MODIFIED TO SUIT INDIVIDUAL INSTITUTION'S OPERATIONAL NEEDS," HE EXPLAINED.

UNDER THE GUIDELINES, HOSPITAL MANAGERMENTS ARE ADVISED, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO ENSURE THAT OXYGEN PIPING SYSTEMS ARE PROPERLY DESIGNED AND THAT THEY FUNCTION PROPERLY.

THEY ARE ALSO ADVISED TO CHECK INDIVIDUAL OXYGEN TANKS AND CYLINDERS FOR IDENTITY OF GAS.

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF OXYGEN SUPPLY FAILURE ALARMS IN OPERATING THEATRES AND ANAESTHETISING LOCATIONS TO MONITOR OXYGEN SUPPLY PRESSURES.

ATTACHED TO THE GUIDELINES ARE EXTRACTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF PIPED SYSTEMS CONTAINED IN THE HEALTH TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM 22 ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY IN LONDON.

COPIES OF THE GUIDELINES ARE ALSO SENT TO FOUR MAJOR MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS, NAMELY THE HONG KONG MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG BRANCH), HONG KONG COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND THE FEDERATION OF MEDICAL SOCIETIES OF HONG KONG.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED MEDICAL BODIES AT THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 10TH FLOOR, SUNNING PLAZA, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

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MANPOWER SURVEY TO INCLUDE WASTAGE, RETENTION SITUATION

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MANPOWER WASTAGE AND THE RETENTION SITUATION OF WELFARE WORKERS WILL BE AMONG THE NEW ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FORTHCOMING WELFARE MANPOWER SURVEY WHICH WILL BE COMMENCED AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR STEPHEN LAW, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON THE CAREER PROSPECTS OF WELFARE WORKERS, MR LAW NOTED THAT OF THE 1,834 INCUMBENT WELFARE WORKERS, 134 WERE HOLDING SENIOR WELFARE WORKER POSTS.

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WELFARE GROUP OF OMELCO, HAD DECIDED TO INCLUDE NEW QUESTIONNAIRES IN THE SURVEY TO IDENTIFY WHETHER THERE WERE WASTAGE AND RETENTION PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE RANK.

"THESE QUESTIONNAIRES WILL BE SENT TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND THE RELEVANT DATA SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF MAY.

"IT IS HOPED THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THE WASTAGE AND RETENTION SITUATION BY THEN.

"IF THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT IS FOUND TO BE A MAJOR CAUSE FOR STAFF WASTAGE, INCREMENTAL CREDITS FOR WELFARE WORKERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNMENT POLICY WILL BE CONSIDERED," HE SAID.

MR LAW EXPLAINED THAT INCREMENTAL CREDITS WERE EXTENDED TO ASSISTANT SOCIAL WORK OFFICER AND SOCIAL WORK ASSISTANT GRADES AS THESE GRADES REQUIRED THE OFFICERS TO HAVE SPECIALISED TRAINING IN SOCIAL WORK, AND WERE FACED WITH STAFF RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROBLEMS.

"UNDER THE CURRENT CIVIL SERVICE RECRUITMENT POLICY, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT GROUNDS TO PROVIDE INCREMENTAL CREDITS TO WELFARE WORKERS UPON APPOINTMENT AS WE DO NOT HAVE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROBLEMS OVER THE PAST FOUR-AND-A-HALF YEARS.

"AS FOR THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, THERE WAS NO DIFFICULTIES OVER RECRUITMENT OF SUCH RANK. THE RETENTION SITUATION, WHICH WE HAVE INSUFFICIENT DATA, IS THEREFORE THE ONLY AREA THAT WE SHOULD EXPLORE," HE SAID.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS OF THE WELFARE WORKER RANK ONLY REQUIRE THE APPLICANTS TO HAVE COMPLETED FORM 5 AND BE OVER 21 YEARS OF AGE. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IS NOT A PREREQUISITE.

/MR LAW

MR LAW POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT START RECRUITING ITS FIRST BATCH OF WELFARE WORKERS UNTIL JULY 1984, AND ONLY 31 OF THE DEPARTMENT'S 144 WELFARE WORKERS HAD OVER FOUR YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

AS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE WAS NEEDED BEFORE A WELFARE WORKER COULD BE PROMOTED TO THE SENIOR WELFARE WORKER RANK, ALL THE SENIOR POSTS FOR THIS RANK AT THE MOMENT WERE IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, HE SAID.

"THE DEPARTMENT IS NOW REVIEWING ITS ESTABLISHMENT TO SEE IF SENIOR WELFARE WORKER POSTS COULD BE CREATED TO PROVIDE PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES FOR WELFARE WORKERS WHO WILL SOON HAVE FIVE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE DEPARTMENT," MR LAW SAID.

THE WELFARE WORKER RANK HAS BEEN EXPANDING RAPIDLY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AND IT CURRENTLY COVERS A WIDE SPECTRUM OF SERVICES INVOLVING SERVICE UNITS SUCH AS COMMUNITY CENTRES, SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES, HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY AND FOR CHILDREN.

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SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS SOLD BY AUCTION

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TWENTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$9,948,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 7 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$4,800,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER, 66, WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$2,100,000, WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$28,000 FOR CG6789.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AUCTION :

	\$		\$		\$		\$
BM9	41,000	CG6789	28,000	7	4,800,000	CD777	100,000
378	155,000	AR3	155,000	XX89	56,000	BM525	35,000
HK3333	190,000	BC99	55,000	AC323	56,000	CC8888	560,000
AS18	100,000	133	500,000	HK9808	155,000	HK5	440,000
66	2,100,000	EA1	160,000	BD1	200,000	AC8338	62,000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WERE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 134TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR CHARITY REALISED SO FAR TO \$79,088,032.

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DRS TO ATTEND MANAGEMENT COURSE IN THE U.S.
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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR PAUL LEUNG, WILL LEAVE FOR THE UNITED STATES SHORTLY TO ATTEND A MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

THE THREE-MONTH PROGRAMME, TO BEGIN ON FEBRUARY 1, IS AIMED AT FURTHER DEVELOPING THE MANAGEMENT SKILLS AND BROADENING THE PERSPECTIVE OF SENIOR EXECUTIVES.

MR LEUNG, WHO IS SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT, WILL BE THE SOLE PARTICIPANT FROM HONG KONG.

DURING MR LEUNG'S ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG, SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG, WILL ACT AS DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

SHAM SHUI PO ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS JENNY CHOK, WILL ACT IN MR GREGORY LEUNG'S PLACE.

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TAXI FARES TO RISE TOMORROW
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URBAN AND NEW TERRITORIES TAXI FARES WILL GO UP FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY), THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY.

FOR URBAN TAXIS, THE OLD FARES AND NEW FARES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	OLD FARES	NEW FARES
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FIRST TWO KILOMETRES	\$5.50	\$6.50
EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.25 KILOMETRE	\$0.70	\$0.80
WAITING TIME	\$0.70 (FOR EVERY 1.5 MINUTES)	\$0.80 (EVERY MINUTE)

/FOR NEW TERRITORIES

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FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS, THE OLD AND NEW FARES ARE:

	OLD FARES -----	NEW FARES -----
FIRST TWO KILOMETRES	\$4.50	\$5.50
EVERY SUBSEQUENT 0.25 KILOMETRE	\$0.90 (EVERY SUB- SEQUENT 0.4 KILOMETRE)	\$0.70 (EVERY SUB- SEQUENT 0.25 KILOMETRE)
WAITING TIME	\$0.90 (EVERY TWO MINUTES)	\$0.70 (EVERY MINUTE)

TAXI CONVERSION TABLES SHOWING THE NEW FARE SCALES AS AGAINST THE FARE SHOWN ON THE TAXI METER WILL BE DISPLAYED INSIDE THE TAXIS BEFORE THE TAXI METERS ARE RECALIBRATED.

THE CONVERSION TABLES HAVE REFLECTED THE NEW FARES FOR THE DISTANCE TRAVELLED, BUT CANNOT FULLY REFLECT THE INCREASE IN WAITING TIME CHARGES BECAUSE THE ACTUAL WAITING TIME FOR EACH JOURNEY CANNOT BE MEASURED BEFOREHAND. THEREFORE THE FULL NEW WAITING TIME CHARGES CAN ONLY BE EFFECTED AFTER A TAXI METER HAS BEEN RECALIBRATED.

UNTIL THE TAXI METERS ARE RECALIBRATED, PASSENGERS SHOULD PAY THE NEW RATES SHOWN ON THE CONVERSION TABLES.

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GRAND OPENING FOR SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL

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ABOUT 1,000 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT TOOK PART IN THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL AND A "THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD-FEAST" TODAY (SATURDAY).

THEY FORMED THE FIRST GROUP OF RESIDENTS TO BE ENTERTAINED IN THE FESTIVAL.

ANOTHER GROUP OF ELDERLY PEOPLE WILL ENJOY A SIMILAR FEAST TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SAID THE FESTIVAL PROGRAMME WAS DESIGNED TO FOSTER THE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT, AND ALSO TO SHOW RESPECT AND CONCERN FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE.

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OTHER FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE INCLUDE VARIETY SHOWS, MEDICAL CHECK-UPS AND VISITS.

ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE FOR COUPONS FOR THE "SAI KUNG DISTRICT SPECICAL OFFER SCHEME FOR THE ELDERLY" TO BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE "THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD-FEASTS".

THESE COUPONS WILL ENABLE THE ELDERLY TO BUY GOODS AT CHEAPER PRICES AT 17 COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SCHEME WILL BE IN OPERATION BETWEEN MARCH 1 AND 15.

IN GENERAL, A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR THE FESTIVAL SO THAT RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES MAY CELEBRATE A MORE COLOURFUL AND FESTIVE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA, NEW YEAR SOCCER TOURNAMENT, NEW YEAR MARATHON, VARIETY SHOWS, CHILDREN'S SPORTS DAY AND A DISCO NIGHT.

ADMISSION TO THE ACTIVITIES, EXCEPT THE DISCO NIGHT, WILL BE FREE.

THE COST FOR THE FESTIVAL IS ABOUT \$370,000, OF WHICH \$210,000 COMES FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REMAINDER FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL PEOPLE.

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ACTIVITY GUIDELINES FOR DAY NURSERIES EXPLAINED

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ABOUT 250 CHILD CARE CENTRE OPERATORS AND WORKERS ATTENDED A BRIEFING SESSION TODAY (SATURDAY) ON THE CONTENT AND APPLICATION OF THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED ACTIVITY GUIDELINES ON DAY NURSERIES.

THE SESSION WAS ORGANISED BY THE JOINT SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT/HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE WORKING GROUP TO DEVELOP ACTIVITY GUIDELINES FOR DAY NURSERIES.

THIS COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENT, THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR AND THE TEACHING INSTITUTES.

THE GUIDELINES ARE INTENDED TO SERVE AS A REFERENCE FOR DAY NURSERIES ON THE CONTENT AND THE TECHNIQUES OF TRAINING THEY PROVIDE SO AS TO BETTER MEET THE DEVELOPMENTAL NEEDS OF PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN.

/THEY OUTLINE

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THEY OUTLINE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE VARIOUS STAGES IN A CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT, THE OBJECTIVES OF CHILD CARE PROGRAMMES AND CURRICULUMS, AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE PLANNED AND DEvised.

RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ALSO MADE ON THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD BE ORGANISED TO DEVELOP THE APTITUDES OF A CHILD AND HOW DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES COULD BE CORRELATED.

COPIES OF THE GUIDELINES WERE SENT TO CHILD CARE CENTRES AND RELEVANT BODIES LAST MONTH.

THE FEEDBACK WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN FUTURE REVISIONS OF THE GUIDELINES.

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ANTI-TRIAD VARIETY SHOW IN SHA TIN TOMORROW

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SHA TIN RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A COLOURFUL AND EDUCATIONAL ANTI-TRIAD VARIETY SHOW TO BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN AREA, NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN.

THE FUNCTION WILL FEATURE KARATE DEMONSTRATION BY A JAPANESE MARTIAL ART GROUP; FOLK DANCE BY THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE; CHINESE MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION CHINESE ORCHESTRA; VIOLIN BAND BY MEI LAM PRIMARY SCHOOL; AND FOLK SONGS BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

THE OCCASION WILL ALSO BE TAKEN TO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE SLOGAN, ESSAY, QUIZ AND COLOURING COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

OFFICIATING AT THE FUNCTION WILL BE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN SZE-BUN; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PETER HALLIDAY; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND SHA TIN DB MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ANTI-TRIAD VARIETY SHOW AND FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BEGIN AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE MUSIC FOUNTAIN AREA, LEVEL 3, NEW TOWN PLAZA, SHA TIN.

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DISABLED URGED TO REGISTER NEEDS FOR SERVICE

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PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME AND PERSONNEL WORKING WITH SUCH CHILDREN SHOULD APPROACH THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICES UNITS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR REGISTRATION SHOULD THEY REQUIRE ANY PRE-SCHOOL SERVICES.

THE ADVICE WAS MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (SATURDAY).

SHE ALSO ADVISED PARENTS WITH INFANTS TO MAKE USE OF THE MATERNAL AND CHILD CARE CENTRES AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OBSERVATION SCHEME OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SO THAT ANY DEFECTS THERE MIGHT BE COULD BE DETECTED AND IDENTIFIED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

MRS WONG NOTED THAT IN THE PAST, THERE HAD BEEN TOO LITTLE KNOWLEDGE AND TOO MUCH NEGATIVE INFORMATION ON DOWN'S SYNDROME AND PEOPLE WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME.

ADDRESSING A WORKSHOP ON DOWN'S SYNDROME AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC THIS MORNING, MRS WONG SAID THAT CHILDREN WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME NEEDED TO BE BROUGHT UP WITH AFFECTION, ATTENTION AND PATIENCE.

"GIVEN EARLY STIMULATION AND PROPER TRAINING, PEOPLE WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF ATTAINING A PERFORMANCE LEVEL OF AN AVERAGE PERSON IN DAILY LIVING AND CAN MANAGE TO LEAD AN INDEPENDENT LIFE IN THE COMMUNITY."

MRS WONG STATED THAT STARTING FROM THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR, IMPROVEMENT OF UP TO 40 PER CENT IN STAFFING WOULD BE INTRODUCED TO DAY ACTIVITY CENTRES IN PHASES AND THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FROM OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS, PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AND CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS.

"THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS TO ENSURE THAT PERSONS WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME OR OTHER DISABILITIES CAN BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN TO MASTER SELF-CARE, DAILY LIVING AND COMMUNITY LIVING SKILLS, AND TO DEVELOP INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIP AND ACCEPTABLE WORK HABITS," SHE EXPLAINED.

IN ADDITION TO TRAINING, SHE SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN A STEP FORWARD IN TRYING TO EXPLORE NEW EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED, ESPECIALLY FOR PERSONS WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOCK ON THE DOORS OF THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS FOR MORE JOBS IN THE OPEN MARKET.

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"I HOPE THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS WILL GIVE THEIR SUPPORT. WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO LET THE COMMUNITY KNOW OF THE POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES OF PEOPLE WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME," MRS WONG ADDED.

TURNING TO DISABLED CHILDREN IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS, MRS WONG SAID THAT THEY WERE GIVEN THE SAME ATTENTION.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT EARLY IN 1988, A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW SPECIAL SCHOOL CURRICULA AND ADMISSION CRITERIA TO POST-SCHOOL INSTITUTIONS HAD BEEN FORMED UNDER THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE'S EDUCATION AND PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE.

"WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR, AND EXPERTS IN EDUCATION, IT IS EXPECTED THAT MORE FUNCTIONAL ELEMENTS WOULD BE RECOMMENDED FOR THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME," SHE ADDED.

ON THE SUBJECT OF ACCOMMODATION, MRS WONG STRESSED THIS WAS THE ULTIMATE FACTOR THAT WOULD HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE LIFE OF THE DISABLED. THE EXISTING SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDED COMPASSIONATE REHOUSING AND HOSTELS FOR THE MODERATELY AND SEVERELY HANDICAPPED.

SHE SAID THAT TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE SERVICE, TWO NEW RESIDENTIAL SERVICES IN THE FORM OF SUPPORTED HOUSING AND SUPPORTED HOSTEL FOR SMALL GROUP LIVING WERE PROPOSED.

"I WOULD LIKE TO URGE PARENTS AND FAMILIES WITH DISABLED PERSONS TO MAKE THEIR NEEDS KNOWN AND REGISTER WITH THE CENTRAL REFERRAL SYSTEM FOR DISABLED ADULTS THROUGH THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICES UNITS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

"THEIR REGISTRATION WOULD HELP US IN THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES," SHE CONCLUDED.

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MORE DEMAND FOR YOUTH FACILITIES IN SHA TIN

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THERE IS AN URGENT DEMAND FOR YOUTH SERVICES, PARTICULARLY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES, IN SHA TIN WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 24 MADE UP ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF ITS 500,000 POPULATION.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HANG ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRE OF THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES IN SHA TIN.

/MRS WONG

MRS WONG NOTED THAT CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES PROVIDED ANOTHER PLACE OF LEARNING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL AND THE FAMILY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS HELPED YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME, DEVELOP HOBBIES AND SOCIAL SKILLS, GROOM THEIR POTENTIALS AND LEADERSHIP AS WELL AS ENHANCE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF AND CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY, MRS WONG SAID.

FURTHERMORE, THROUGH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, THESE CENTRES ALSO HELPED TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS. THIS WOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR RELATIONSHIP AND HELP PROMOTE A HARMONIOUS FAMILY LIFE, SHE SAID.

"THERE ARE AT PRESENT 18 SUCH CENTRES IN SHA TIN AND AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN CENTRES WILL BE SET UP IN BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT IN 1989-90," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG COMMENDED THE HONG KONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES FOR PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1978. THESE INCLUDE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES, SMALL GROUP HOMES, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND CHILDREN AND YOUTH CENTRES.

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CURTAIN RISES ON DANCE CONTEST

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A TWO-DAY OPEN DANCE CONTEST FEATURING A RICH VARIETY OF CHOREOGRAPHY WAS LAUNCHED THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING WITH COMPETITIONS IN THE CHINESE DANCE SECTION.

THE CONTEST, HELD IN ITS 18TH YEAR, IS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION. IT IS CO-ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORED BY THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE NING PO NO. 2 COLLEGE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN, SAID THE EVENT NOT ONLY HELPED FOSTER A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BELONGING BUT ALSO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS.

MR WAN PRAISED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, PARTICULARLY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, FOR SUCCESSFULLY STAGING THE EVENT.

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HE SAID THE DISTRICT-BASED ASSOCIATION SHOULD TAKE PRIDE IN ITS SUCCESS IN PRESENTING A TERRITORY-WIDE CONTEST FOR 18 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 77 TEAMS HAVE JOINED THE CONTEST WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND OPEN SECTIONS.

AFTER TONIGHT'S OPENING, COMPETITIONS WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 10 AM TO 10.30 PM AT THE SAME VENUE.

PRIZE-PRESENTATION AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCES WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL IN APRIL.

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CONTEMPORARY CHINESE PAINTING EXHIBITION IN MONG KOK

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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD WILL FOR THE FIRST TIME HOLD AN EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY CHINESE PAINTINGS FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO THURSDAY (JANUARY 26), AT THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL.

THE WORKS OF 44 ARTISTS FROM HONG KONG, CHINA AND TAIWAN WILL BE SHOWN IN THE EXHIBITION WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN MONG KOK.

IN ORDER TO COMMEMORATE THE EVENT, A SOUVENIR ALBUM OF THE PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY WILL BE PUBLISHED, AND DISTRIBUTED AT THE VENUE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE OPEN FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL, 627-641 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY CHINESE PAINTINGS TO BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AT GRAND TOWER HOTEL, 627-641 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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'ART MARKET' IN SHAM SHUI PO TOMORROW

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SHAM SHUI PO RESIDENTS WILL BE TREATED TO A VARIETY OF ENTERTAINING ACTIVITIES IN AN "ART MARKET" TO BE HELD AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION AS PART OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FESTIVAL, THE EVENT AIMS AT PROMOTING RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN APPRECIATING ART PROGRAMMES.

THE DISTRICT BOARD-SPONSORED "ART MARKET" WILL COMPRISE A MIXTURE OF TRADITIONAL AND MODERN ART PERFORMANCES.

APART FROM CHINESE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AND CANTONESE OPERA SINGING, THERE WILL BE SOCIAL DANCES SUCH AS RUMBA, JIVE AND CHA-CHA, EASTERN AND BRITISH FOLK DANCES, AND MIME SHOWS.

CLOWN SHOWS WILL BE STAGED FOR CHILDREN.

TO ADD COLOUR TO THE EVENT, THERE WILL ALSO BE DEMONSTRATIONS IN MAKING PAPER DOLLS AND POTTERY AND IN DRAWING CARTOONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE "ART MARKET" WILL BE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG; LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR FAN KAM-PING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHOI WAN-HOO.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHAM SHUI PO "ART MARKET" WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3.15 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24), FENWICK STREET IN WAN CHAI BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR LAYING OF WATERMAINS.

VEHICLES ON HENNESSY ROAD EASTBOUND HEADING FOR LOCKHART ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LUARD ROAD.

CMB BUS ROUTES 1M, 10A, 20, 21, 22, 70, 70M, 81M, 720, 721, 722, 781, AIRBUS ROUTE A2 AND CROSS-HARBOUR BUS ROUTES 104 AND 105 WILL ALSO BE DIVERTED VIA LUARD ROAD.

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ANTI-RAT CAMPAIGN BEING HELD BEFORE LUNAR NEW YEAR

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TO TIE IN WITH THE ANNUAL YEAR-END CLEAN-UP BEFORE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, A TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-RAT EDUCATION CAMPAIGN IS BEING HELD TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF RAT PREVENTION.

ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES BRANCH AND SPONSORED BY THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, THE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RAT PREVENTION AND HENCE LESSEN THE THREAT OF RAT-BORNE DISEASES.

"RATS ARE CARRIERS OF DISEASES LIKE PLAGUE, TYPHUS, AND FOOD POISONING," A HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

"THEY ARE ALSO A NUISANCE AND CAUSE PHYSICAL DAMAGES AND FINANCIAL LOSSES TO HUMAN PROPERTIES.

"THEY MAY EVEN BITE ELECTRIC WIRES, THUS POSING FIRE HAZARDS," HE NOTED.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE WAYS TO PREVENT RATE INFESTATION, SUCH AS NOT TO LET RATS HAVE FOOD; NOT TO LET RATS HAVE A HOME; AND NOT TO LET RATS ENTER YOUR HOME.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND ADVISORY LETTERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO BUILDING MANAGEMENT OFFICES, FOOD PREMISES AND MARKETS TO CALL FOR POSITIVE RAT-PREVENTIVE MEASURES.

"IF RESIDENTS REQUIRE ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE ON RODENT CONTROL, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE STAFF OF THE PEST CONTROL UNITS OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES (ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE) OF THE URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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