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COMMUNITY GROUPS START OFF TREE PLANTING SCHEME

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MORE THAN 1,500 LIONS CLUBS AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF HONG KONG GOT TOGETHER AT PAK TAM AU, SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING TO TURN A CHARRED HILL SLOPE INTO A PLANTATION AREA WELL COVERED WITH TREE SEEDLINGS.

THEY WERE THE TWO COMMUNITY GROUPS WHICH VOLUNTEERED THEIR SUPPORT AT THE LAUNCHING EVENT OF THE 1989 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE 32ND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

THEIR TURNOUT IN FORCE IMPRESSED THE MANY DISTINGUISHED GUESTS PRESENT AT THE OCCASION INCLUDING THE SENIOR LEGCO MEMBER, MR ALLEN LEE, WHO DESCRIBED IT AS "A GOOD EXAMPLE OF GROUP PARTICIPATION".

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE TWO GROUPS FOR THEIR VERY FINE EFFORTS, MR LEE SAID HE HOPED TO SEE MORE COMMUNITY GROUPS JOINING THIS YEAR'S TREE PLANTING SCHEME TO HELP SPREAD THE CONSERVATION MESSAGE.

ADDRESSING THE PARTICIPANTS AT A CEREMONY TO LAUNCH THE MONTH-LONG TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME, MR LEE SAID: "ALTHOUGH HONG KONG IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE WORLD'S BUSIEST CITIES, FAMOUS FOR ITS BUSTLING COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL CENTRES, ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF ITS LAND AREA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY PARKS TO PROVIDE A SCENIC BACKDROP TO OUR HIGHLY CONGESTED URBAN AREAS.

"IT IS A GREAT PITY THAT THE BEAUTY OF OUR COUNTRY PARKS IS BEDEVILLED EACH YEAR BY HILL FIRES DURING THE DRY SEASON."

MR LEE POINTED OUT THAT ALL HILL FIRES WERE CAUSED BY HUMAN NEGLIGENCE AND THEY COULD BE PREVENTED IF EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY SHOWED MORE RESPECT TO THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT BY HANDLING FIRE WITH CARE IN THE COUNTRY PARKS.

"MAY I THEREFORE REMIND MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT THEY HAVE A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP IN KEEPING OUR COUNTRYSIDE GREEN AND FREE FROM ANY FIRE DAMAGE," HE SAID.

MR LEE NOTED THAT TREE PLANTING WAS ESSENTIAL IN STOPPING SOIL EROSION, IN BEAUTIFYING THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT AND IN REPLENISHING THE STOCK OF TREES DAMAGED BY HILL FIRES.

"INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY IN TREE PLANTING HELPS PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION.

"I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UPON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SHOW THEIR CONCERN FOR OUR COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT BY TAKING PART IN THIS MEANINGFUL PROJECT," HE ADDED.

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ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY WERE THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR TONY BENNETT; THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AND DEPUTY DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, MR L.N. SHUN AND MR PAUL FAN; AND THE GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, MR KELLY CHENG.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR LEE, ACCOMPANIED BY MR BENNETT, LED THE GUEST PARTY AND THE VOLUNTEERS IN PLANTING THE FIRST TREES OF THE YEAR.

TODAY'S EVENT WAS CO-ORGANISED BY THE AFD AND THE LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303, HONG KONG AND MACAU, IN CONJUNCTION WITH TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED.

A SERIES OF TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH AND IN APRIL IN EIGHT DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES IN VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS.

TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FOR PLANTING BY INTERESTED PUBLIC AT THE EIGHT PLANTING SITES ON ANY SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY FROM MARCH 24 TO APRIL 30.

THE EIGHT SITES ARE TAI MO SHAN, TAI MEI TUK, MUI WO, POK FU LAM, QUARRY BAY, PAK TAM CHUNG, CLEAR WATER BAY AND TAI TONG.

PARK WARDENS WILL BE ON DUTY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM ON EVERY TREE PLANTING DAY TO PROVIDE TREE SEEDLINGS, TOOLS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

TO TIE IN WITH THE THEME OF "GROUP PARTICIPATION", TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOLS AND ORGANISED GROUPS WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED ON WEEKDAYS AND WEEKENDS DURING THE PERIOD.

INTERESTED SCHOOLS OR ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON 3-7332121 FOR ARRANGEMENTS.

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#### REHABUS SERVICE TO BE EXPANDED

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THE REHABUS SERVICE IS A SUCCESSFUL SPECIAL TRANSPORT SERVICE SPECIFICALLY AVAILABLE FOR THE DISABLED AND IT IS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AND EXPAND THE SERVICE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR JAMES SO, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION TO ANNOUNCE NEW REHABUS SERVICES, MR SO SAID THAT AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE OF GOVERNMENT'S TRANSPORT POLICY FOR THE DISABLED IS TO IMPROVE THE MOBILITY OF THE DISABLED SO AS TO HELP THEM INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY.

"THE REHABUS IS A SPECIAL MINIBUS SERVICE OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION, WITH SUBVENTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND OVERALL ASSISTANCE ON PLANNING AND OPERATIONAL ASPECTS TENDERED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

"IN 1989-90, A TOTAL OF \$2.9 MILLION HAS BEEN VOTED BY THE GOVERNMENT AS REHABUS SUBVENTION GRANTS."

MR SO NOTED THAT TWO KINDS OF BUS SERVICES ARE PROVIDED TO MEET DIFFERENT DEMANDS: THE SCHEDULED SERVICES AND DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES.

THE SCHEDULED SERVICES OPERATE ON FIXED ROUTES DURING THE PEAK PERIODS, AND ARE USED BY DISABLED PEOPLE TO ATTEND EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING AND EDUCATION.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE 26 REHABUS ROUTES SERVING VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON, SHA TIN, AND TSUEN WAN. TOGETHER THEY CARRY ABOUT 300 PASSENGERS PER DAY.

"IT IS OUR POLICY TO ENCOURAGE THE GRADUAL EXPANSION OF SCHEDULED REHABUS SERVICES TO THE NEW TOWNS.

"IN THE COMING YEAR, FOUR NEW ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO TAI PO, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND JUNK BAY," MR SO SAID.

ON DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES, MR SO SAID THAT THEY ARE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST BY DISABLED PEOPLE TO ATTEND SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

UP TO THE PRESENT, THESE SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ONLY DURING THE OFF-PEAK PERIODS USING VEHICLES WHICH ARE RELEASED FROM THE SCHEDULED ROUTES.

THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR REHABILITATION WILL NOW EXTEND THE DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES TO WHOLE DAY OPERATION.

"TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE REHABUS SERVICE, WE HAVE RECENTLY ENGAGED CONSULTANTS TO STUDY THE SERVICE'S FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

"THE CONSULTANTS HAVE BEEN ASKED, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, TO PRODUCE A ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR REHABUS SERVICES IN THE COMING FIVE YEARS, AND TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF USING COMPUTERS TO FACILITATE BOOKING AND SCHEDULING OF REHABUS SERVICES.

"THE STUDY WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR."

MR SO ALSO OUTLINED OTHER MEASURES WHICH WERE IMPLEMENTED IN RECENT YEARS TO FACILITATE THE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT BY THE DISABLED. THESE INCLUDED THE INSTALLATION OF LIFTS AND RAMPS AT RAILWAY STATIONS; THE PROVISION OF NON-SLIP FLOORS ON BUSES AND FERRY RAMPS, AND FARE CONCESSIONS ON SOME FERRY AND GREEN MINIBUS ROUTES.

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AS REGARDS SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO FACILITATE DISABLED PEOPLE TO OWN AND USE THEIR CARS, THESE INCLUDE EXEMPTION FROM DRIVING LICENCE FEES FOR DISABLED DRIVERS, EXEMPTION FROM VEHICLE LICENCE FEES FOR PRIVATE CARS WITH CYLINDER CAPACITY NOT EXCEEDING 1,500 ML, AND FROM FIRST REGISTRATION TAX FOR PRIVATE CARS OF C.I.F. VALUE NOT EXCEEDING \$30,000.

PARKING SPACES ARE RESERVED IN PUBLIC CARPARKS FOR DISABLED DRIVERS. IN ADDITION, IN 1988, A PILOT SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED UNDER WHICH SOME ONSTREET PARKING SPACES WERE DESIGNATED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF DISABLED DRIVERS.

THE RESULTS OF THIS PILOT SCHEME WILL SOON BE REVIEWED, AND SUBJECT TO THE FINDINGS, THE SCHEME MAY BE MADE A PERMANENT FEATURE AND EXTENDED TO OTHER AREAS.

FOR DISABLED PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND WHO DO NOT OWN CARS, CENTRE-BASED SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY REHABILITATION CENTRES SUCH AS SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, SO THAT THE DISABLED CAN ATTEND REHABILITATION SERVICES IN THESE PLACES.

"TO FURTHER IMPROVE TRANSPORT SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED, A WORKING GROUP ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR THE DISABLED HAS RECENTLY BEEN SET UP," MR SO SAID.

"IT WILL IDENTIFY EXISTING DEFICIENCIES AND RECOMMEND IMPROVEMENTS, WHERE POSSIBLE. THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE.

"THIS WORKING GROUP WILL SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE LATER THIS YEAR," MR SO ADDED.

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JOB BAZAAR TO NET MUCH-NEEDED TALENTS  
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JOB-SEEKERS WILL SOON HAVE A GOOD CHANCE TO UPDATE THEMSELVES ON THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND THE RECENT TREND IN THE LABOUR MARKET.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO HOLD ANOTHER JOB BAZAAR TO TAP POTENTIAL LABOUR RESOURCES AND HELP RAISE THE OVERALL LABOUR PARTICIPATION RATE IN THE TERRITORY.

IT IS ALSO THE FIRST COLLECTIVE RECRUITMENT DRIVE TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR, FOLLOWING THE SUCCESS OF THREE SIMILAR EXERCISES LAST YEAR.

/"THE BAZAAR .....

"THE BAZAAR, TO BE HELD AT THE CITYPLAZA IN TAIKOO SHING, IS AIMED AT HELPING EMPLOYERS TO PUBLICISE THEIR JOB VACANCIES AND ATTRACTING MORE JOB-SEEKERS TO TAKE UP EMPLOYMENT OR FINDING A MORE SUITABLE CAREER," THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION, MR JAMES YEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"IT PROVIDES IMMEDIATE, CORDIAL AND DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS, THEREBY REDUCING THEIR TIME NEEDED EITHER TO FILL VACANCIES OR TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT.

"BY APPEALING TO PEOPLE WHO SELDOM TAKE HEED OF RECRUITMENT MESSAGES, IT IS ALSO EXPECTED TO HELP EASE THE CURRENT LABOUR SHORTAGE," HE EXPLAINED.

THE THREE BAZAARS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR IN SHA TIN, TAIKOO SHING AND TSIM SHA TSUI RECEIVED OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM BOTH EMPLOYERS AND THE PUBLIC.

MORE THAN 50 ESTABLISHMENTS FROM A CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS TOOK PART IN THE EVENTS AND SUCCEEDED IN FILLING MANY OF THEIR VACANCIES.

"ACCORDING TO THEIR RECORDS, A TOTAL OF 400,000 LEAFLETS ON VACANCIES WERE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD, 37,000 EMPLOYMENT ENQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED, 2,400 INTERVIEWS MADE ON THE SPOT, AND ANOTHER 5,400 INTERVIEWS ARRANGED FOR JOB-SEEKERS SUBSEQUENTLY," MR YEUNG SAID.

"THESE VERY SATISFACTORY RESULTS CONFIRMED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUCH AN APPROACH TO STAFF RECRUITMENT."

THIS YEAR'S BAZAAR WILL BE HELD BETWEEN MAY 27 AND 30 AT THE CENTRAL WALKWAY OF THE CITYPLAZA, TAIKOO SHING, TO COINCIDE WITH THE CLOSE OF PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS.

FRESH SCHOOL-LEAVERS MAY ATTEND THE FUNCTION AND CONSIDER CHOOSING A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR INTERESTS AND TALENTS.

IF THEY SHOULD FIND A SUITABLE POSITION, THEY CAN PROCEED IMMEDIATELY WITH APPLICATION FORMALITIES RIGHT ON THE SPOT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ABOUT 24 ESTABLISHMENTS COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF TRADES WILL TAKE PART IN THE BAZAAR, WITH ONE TO TWO COMPANIES REPRESENTING EACH PARTICULAR TRADE OR INDUSTRY.

"AS THE BAZAAR IS LIKELY TO BE OVER-SUBSCRIBED BY EMPLOYERS FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, INTERESTED COMPANIES ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR ENROLMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

"THE BAZAAR PLACES WILL BE OFFERED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

"EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT MAY CONTACT THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON 5-8524157 FOR MORE INFORMATION," MR YEUNG ADDED.

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DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL PRAISED FOR ITS WORK

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THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR GREGORY LEUNG, TODAY (SUNDAY) PRAISED THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO PROMOTING RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

"THE COUNCIL HAS, SINCE ITS FORMATION, ACTIVELY ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS VARIOUS RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICT SPORTS FESTIVALS AND THE 1984 AND 1986 DISTRICT FESTIVALS," MR LEUNG SAID.

HE NOTED THAT THE COUNCIL IS ONE OF THE ORGANISERS OF THE 1989 WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL TO BE HELD LATER THIS YEAR.

"THESE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES HAD ENHANCED RESIDENTS' INTEREST AND STANDARD IN RECREATION AND SPORTS AS WELL AS THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING," MR LEUNG ADDED.

MR LEUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COUNCIL'S NEW CLUB HOUSE AT LUNG KUT HOUSE, LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

"WITH THE PROVISION OF THE NEW CLUB HOUSE, I BELIEVE THE COUNCIL CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A MORE PROMISING FUTURE IN ITS WORK," HE SAID.

THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS COUNCIL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1976. ITS MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO PROMOTE VARIOUS RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT BY ORGANISING THE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TYPES OF PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER GUESTS AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU, AND THE OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE COUNCIL.

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MA ON SHAN FESTIVAL TO PROMOTE SENSE OF BELONGING

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IN VIEW OF THE RAPID POPULATION GROWTH IN MA ON SHAN, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ORGANISED A MA ON SHAN FESTIVAL TO HELP FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG THE RESIDENTS THERE AND TO PROMOTE HEALTHY FAMILY LIFE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FESTIVAL THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, POINTED OUT THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FESTIVAL WERE DESIGNED FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS AS WELL AS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY TO TAKE PART.

A PAINTING COMPETITION ON THE THEME "MA ON SHAN IS MY HOME" HAD BEEN HELD AMONG THE FOUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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"ABOUT 300 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN A MARATHON RACE EARLIER THIS MORNING WHILE A CANTONESE OPERA NIGHT WILL BE STAGED AT THE HANG ON ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE TONIGHT TO ENTERTAIN THE ELDERLY," MR YUNG SAID.

"FURTHERMORE, A FAMILY DAY CAMP WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY (MARCH 26) AT THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH CAMP WHERE MEMBERS OF FAMILIES IN THE DISTRICT CAN SHARE A DAY OF FUN AND ENJOY A BARBECUE LUNCH," HE ADDED.

WINNERS OF THE PAINTING COMPETITION AND THE MARATHON RACE WERE AWARDED PRIZES AT TODAY'S CEREMONY.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY INCLUDED SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR LI PO-MING AND MR CHAN TO-YEUNG; AND THE DISTRICT'S SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MRS LESLIE HUNG.

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#### CIVIC EDUCATION CAMP IN NORTH DISTRICT

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A GROUP OF 20 STUDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT SPENT THEIR WEEKEND LEARNING MORE ABOUT CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT DURING A TWO-DAY CAMP WHICH ENDED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CAMP, HELD AT THE FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE AND HOSTEL, WAS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE NORTH DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

IT WAS CO-ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S FANLING ROTARY YOUTH CENTRE AND HOSTEL AND THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICE; THE NEW TERRITORIES EAST REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION; AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS CHEUNG WAH CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE.

"THE ORGANISERS HOPE THAT THE PARTICIPANTS, BESIDES SHARING THE FUN OF CAMPING, WILL HAVE BEEN MADE MORE AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION.

"IN ADDITION, WE HOPE THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF 'EDUCATION THROUGH RECREATION' HAS BEEN ACHIEVED," SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NORTH DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

ON THE FIRST DAY, THE PARTICIPANTS, ALL FORM THREE AND FOUR STUDENTS, WERE GIVEN A TALK ON CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR MAK HOI-WAH.

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ON THE SECOND DAY, THEY VISITED SHA TAU KOK TOWN, WITHIN THE FRONTIER CLOSED AREA, WHICH IS UNDERGOING A \$300 MILLION FACELIFT.

THEY SAW HOW A LOW-DENSITY SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP, COMPLETE WITH LOW-COST PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS, MODERN AMENITIES AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, IS TAKING SHAPE.

OTHER ACTIVITIES ON THE CAMP PROGRAMME INCLUDED EDUCATIONAL GAMES ORGANISED BY THE ICAC, A BARBECUE AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS.

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SHA TIN DB TO DISCUSS STANDING ORDERS  
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MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WILL SEEK TO CLARIFY THE INTERPRETATION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD STANDING ORDERS AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 21).

THEY WILL ALSO DISCUSS SOME PROPOSED ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES TO THE STANDING ORDERS.

A PAPER ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AS AT MARCH 3, 1989 WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING. MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE INVITED TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ESTIMATES FOR THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1989-90.

TWO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL MOVE A MOTION ON THE MONITORING OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

THEY WILL URGE THE GOVERNMENT TO SET UP A SPECIAL WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW THE CORPORATION'S HUGE PAYMENT TO ITS FORMER SENIOR OFFICERS AND THE COMPOSITION OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL RAISE A QUESTION REGARDING YELLOW SUBSTANCES FOUND IN TAP WATER IN SOME HOUSING ESTATES RECENTLY.

OTHER TOPICS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE PROPOSALS TO REMEDY UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT; APPLICATIONS FOR REGIONAL COUNCIL DISTRICT SUBSIDY; THE OUTCOME OF A REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVALS SUBSIDY SCHEME; AND A PROGRESS REPORT BY THE CONCERN GROUP ON WHITEHEAD DETENTION CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION ON TUESDAY (MARCH 21).

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SURVEY ON ROAD SAFETY FACILITIES  
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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A SURVEY REPORT ON THE VIEWS OF THE ELDERLY PEOPLE ON ROAD SAFETY FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS CHANGES TO TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SCIENCE MUSEUM SQUARE AND GRANVILLE ROAD, AND A PROPOSED GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE FROM KING'S PARK RISE TO TSIM SHA TSUI.

ANOTHER AGENDA ITEM IS THE PROFIT CONTROL SCHEME FOR FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME  
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THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE SCHEME AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE SECRETARY OF THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD, MR LEUNG YIU-HONG, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE SCHEME, WHICH WAS REVISED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, AND ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SCHEME ON THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO HEAR A REPORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF SERVICES IN KWUN TONG BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL BE ASKED TO ENDORSE A GRANT OF \$90,000 TO THE KWUN TONG MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR IMPLEMENTING A MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT IN JUNE AND JULY THIS YEAR.

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ALSO ON THE AGENDA ARE THE PROPOSED WORK PLAN FOR 1989-90 AND A PROGRESS REPORT ON PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS BEING MONITORED BY THE COMMITTEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

DANCING TEAMS TO SHOW WINNING STYLE

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THE NINETEEN WINNING TEAMS IN THE 18TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WILL PERFORM AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

THERE WILL BE A VARIETY OF CHOREOGRAPHY TO BE PERFORMED BY OUTSTANDING DANCERS SELECTED FROM THE 66 TEAMS COMPETING IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE CONTEST HELD IN JANUARY. THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE WESTERN, ORIENTAL, CLASSICAL AND MODERN DANCING.

TICKETS FOR THE SHOW, AT \$20, \$30 AND \$40, ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL URBAN OUTLETS.

THE 18TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE URBAN COUNCIL AND SPONSORSHIP FROM THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB.

POLICE FORCE MUSEUM TO CLOSE DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS

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THE POLICE FORCE MUSEUM AT 27 COOMBE ROAD, WAN CHAI, WILL BE CLOSED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BETWEEN MARCH 24 (FRIDAY) AND 27 (MONDAY) DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A POLICE SPOKEMAN SAID THAT THE MUSEUM HOUSED AN INTERESTING DISPLAY OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND MATERIALS ON THE HISTORY AND WORK OF THE POLICE FORCE.

/THE NORMAL .....

THE NORMAL OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM FROM WEDNESDAY TO SUNDAY AND 2 PM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON. THE MUSEUM IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS, TUESDAY MORNINGS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

ESTABLISHED IN 1976, THE MUSEUM WAS ORIGINALLY CONTAINED WITHIN THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND MOVED TO ITS PRESENT LOCATION AT THE FORMER WAN CHAI GAP POLICE STATION LAST DECEMBER.

COVERING A TOTAL AREA OF 560 SQUARE METRES, IT IS NOW DIVIDED INTO FOUR GALLERIES - THE ORIENTATION GALLERY, THE NARCOTICS GALLERY, THE TRIAD SOCIETIES GALLERY AND THE CURRENT GALLERY.

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CSD RECEIVES GRANT FOR SETTING UP LANGUAGE LAB  
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB HAS RECENTLY GRANTED \$137,000 TO THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR SETTING UP A LANGUAGE LABORATORY TO FURTHER ENHANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS.

THE LANGUAGE LABORATORY, WITH A CAPACITY FOR 24 STUDENTS, WILL BE SET UP IN PIK UK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (PUCI) WHICH HAS A CERTIFIED ACCOMMODATION FOR 385 YOUNG INMATES.

AT PRESENT, ALL YOUNG INMATES IN THE TRAINING CENTRES, INCLUDING PUCI, ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO A HALF-DAY GENERAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT LANGUAGE TRAINING, IN PARTICULAR THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR SUBJECTS.

THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR CHAN WA-SHEK, EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE JOCKEY CLUB FOR ITS GENEROUS SUPPORT.

"THE SETTING UP OF A LANGUAGE LABORATORY WOULD NOT ONLY ENHANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES, BUT WOULD ALSO HELP YOUNG OFFENDERS TO IMPROVE THEIR ENGLISH SPEAKING STANDARD," HE SAID.

MR CHAN SAID WITH BETTER TRAINING IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, A YOUNG OFFENDER MAY BE ABLE TO STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT AFTER DISCHARGE.

"MORE IMPORTANT, HIGHER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AS WELL AS STABLE EMPLOYMENT CAN BE HELPFUL IN PREVENTING DISCHARGED YOUNG OFFENDERS FROM GOING ASTRAY AGAIN," HE ADDED.

APART FROM NORMAL TRAINING SESSIONS, THE LANGUAGE LABORATORY WILL ALSO BE OPEN TO INMATES AFTER SCHOOL AND ON HOLIDAYS, SO THAT THOSE HARD WORKING ONES WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR SPARE TIME.

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YOUTH GROUPS INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON YOUTH GROUPS PLANNING INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME" (OYS).

APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TOGETHER WITH DETAILS OF THE PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) BEFORE MAY 10.

PROJECTS AIMING AT PROMOTING HOME SAFETY WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THESE PROJECTS IN A BID TO MINIMISE ACCIDENTS IN HOMES," HE SAID.

"AT THE SAME TIME, YOUTH GROUPS MAY ALSO ORGANISE PROJECTS ON THE THEME OF 'ACTUALISE THEIR IDEALS AND SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY', AND THE MAXIMUM SUBSIDY FOR AN APPROVED PROJECT IS \$4,500."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE OYS, FIRST LAUNCHED IN 1974, WERE TO PROMOTE THE PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH; ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES; AND DEVELOP THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL HELP.

"THROUGH WORKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL, THE OYS OFFERS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BROADEN THEIR SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, BETTER UNDERSTAND THE COMMUNITY, AND ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY SATISFACTION FOR PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT," HE SAID.

EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25, AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, A YOUTH AGENCY, OR AN INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION.

GROUPS WITHOUT SPONSORS MAY ALSO APPLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) OF THEIR DISTRICT.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, EACH DISTRICT WILL SELECT THE MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT TO COMPETE FOR THE "HONG KONG BEST OYS AWARD".

THE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA WILL INCLUDE THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, EXTENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS, FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT, AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE VARIOUS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

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NEW ROAD IN TAI PO COMPLETED

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A NEW ROAD HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN TAI PO NEW TOWN BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S NEW TERRITORIES/NORTHEAST DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

KNOWN AS YUEN SHIN ROAD, IT CONNECTS TING KOK ROAD TO TOLO HIGHWAY, PROVIDING A SHORTER ROUTE FOR VEHICLES PROCEEDING TO THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE AND FOR AREAS TO THE EAST OF TAI PO. IT WILL ALSO RELIEVE THE TRAFFIC LOAD ON NAM WAN ROAD.

YUEN SHIN ROAD IS A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY, AND IS 1.3 KILOMETRES LONG. A SECTION OF ABOUT 91 METRES IS SUPPORTED ON BRIDGE OVER LAM TSUEN RIVER. CYCLE TRACK AND FOOTPATH ARE ALSO PROVIDED.

CONSTRUCTION, WHICH BEGAN IN JUNE 1986, COST \$55 MILLION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF YUEN SHIN ROAD TO BE HELD AT 11 AM ON MARCH 22 (WEDNESDAY), AT THE BRIDGE DECK OF THE ROAD.

OFFICIATING WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT, DR NIP KAM-FAN.

A COACH (AM 5895) WILL LEAVE HANKOW ROAD NEXT TO THE YMCA IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 9.45 AM TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SITE, AND WILL RETURN TO TSIM SHA TSUI AFTERWARDS.

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CONSTRUCTION OF A JETTY AUTHORISED

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO RECLAIM LAND AND CONSTRUCT A JETTY AT YUNG LONG, TUEN MUN.

THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN ABOUT 2.31 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED SITUATED AT YUNG LONG.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA AFFECTED WAS DESCRIBED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKING MAY SEND A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS ON OR BEFORE MARCH 16, 1990.

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