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HANDICAPPED HELP GREEN WONG TAI SIN

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A GROUP OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING JOINED HANDS WITH RESIDENTS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS TO PLANT TREES IN WONG TAI SIN.

MEMBERS FROM A SHELTERED WORKSHOP IN CHUK YUEN ESTATE HELPED PLANT OVER 20 "SUNSHINE TREES" ON THE SLOPE AT THE JUNCTION OF CHUI CHUK STREET AND WING CHUK STREET.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND WITH THE SUPPORT OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED IN COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES AND INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

TODAY'S ACTIVITY WAS ONE OF THE MANY COMMUNITY TREE-PLANTING ACTIVITIES LAUNCHED UNDER THE BOARD'S GREEN PLANT PROJECT TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION.

MORE THAN 10,000 TREES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLANTED IN THE DISTRICT DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS.

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KEY-OPERATED ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS ON TRIAL

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KEY-OPERATED ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS WILL BE TESTED AT LO TAK COURT IN TSUEN WAN AS PART OF A GOVERNMENT EXPERIMENT TO ASSESS THE APPLICABILITY OF NEW ON-STREET PARKING DEVICES IN HONG KONG.

STARTING FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 13), 50 COIN-OPERATED METERS AT LO TAK COURT WILL BE CONVERTED TO KEY-OPERATED ELECTRONIC PARKING METERS FOR A THREE-MONTH TRIAL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

STORED-VALUE PARK KEYS VALUED AT EITHER \$200 OR \$50 EACH CAN BE PURCHASED FROM THE 7-ELEVEN STORE AT LO TAK COURT, HE SAID.

AN ADDITIONAL \$50 IS CHARGED AS DEPOSIT FOR A KEY, HE ADDED.

WHEN THE KEY IS INSERTED, \$2 WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DEBITED FROM IT AND THE DISPLAY WILL SHOW THE REMAINING VALUE OF THE KEY. THE METER THEN SHOWS THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR WHICH PARKING IS ALLOWED.

EACH KEY INSERTION BUYS 30 MINUTES PARKING TIME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INSTRUCTIONS ON THEIR USE ARE DISPLAYED ON THE METERS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

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ENTRANTS FOR CULTURAL COMPETITIONS PRAISED

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS WERE PRAISED TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR MAKING GOOD USE OF THEIR TIME TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND INTERESTS.

SPEAKING AT A PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE COMPETITION, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MISS CHRISTINE CHOW, SAID THE EXPERIENCE WOULD HELP THEIR CAREER DEVELOPMENTS.

SHE SAID ORGANISERS HAD BEEN INTRODUCING NEW CONTEST AREAS WHICH WERE IN LINE WITH THE PRESENT NEEDS OF SOCIETY.

SHE NOTED THAT APART FROM THE TRADITIONAL SUBJECTS OF CALLIGRAPHY, PAINTING, CHESS AND WRITING, YOUNGSTERS WERE ABLE TO TEST THEIR SKILLS IN TRANSLATION AND SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION.

"THIS HAS APPEALED TO THE NEED OF BILINGUALISM OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY," SHE SAID.

THE COMPETITIONS HAVE BEEN HELD FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS REACHED A RECORD THIS YEAR WITH MORE THAN 9,000 PEOPLE.

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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE FUND
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS

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	\$ MILLION

OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,900
REVERSAL OF LAF	+50
BALANCE AFTER REVERSAL OF LAF	1,950
NET INJECTION/WITHDRAWAL TODAY	NIL
EFFECT OF LAF TODAY	-940
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	1,010
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FIRST MAJOR BUILDING IN AIRPORT PROGRAMME NEAR COMPLETION
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THE FIRST MAJOR BUILDING ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AND IN THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME WILL BE COMPLETED THIS MONTH, ON TIME AND WITHIN BUDGET, FOLLOWING A TIGHT CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME.

THE HUGE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE MARKET OCCUPIES A SITE OF SOME 10 HECTARES. THE COMPLEX IS OVER 400 METRES LONG AND HAS A FLOOR AREA OF 70,000 SQUARE METRES.

"IT IS PROBABLY THE FASTEST BUILDING PROJECT EVER COMPLETED IN HONG KONG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THIS AND THE SHEER SIZE OF THE BUILDING THREW UP VARIOUS CHALLENGES AND INVOLVED THE USE OF MATERIALS IN VOLUMES RARELY SEEN."

WITH JUST 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT, THE CONTRACTOR EMPLOYED A DAILY AVERAGE OF 900 MEN ON SITE.

MORE THAN 1,600 PILES, DOWN TO A DEPTH OF 40 METRES, WERE NEEDED FOR THE COMPLEX.

TO PRODUCE THE LARGE VOLUME OF CONCRETE REQUIRED, BATCHING PLANTS WERE SET UP ON SITE. SOME 100,000 CUBIC METRES OF CONCRETE WERE USED, REPRESENTING 17,000 LORRYLOADS.

THE MARKET IS DESIGNED TO OPERATE ROUND-THE-CLOCK, EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

"SPECIAL CONSIDERATION HAD TO BE GIVEN TO THE DESIGN TO ENSURE HIGH STANDARDS OF HYGIENE AND THIS INCLUDED THE PROVISION OF A COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT DRAINAGE SYSTEM, INCORPORATING ALL THE LATEST STRINGENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS IN THE TREATMENT OF LIQUID AND SOLID WASTE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE BUILDING HAS ALSO BEEN DESIGNED TO MINIMISE THE MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY USAGE OF THE MARKET. MAXIMUM USE HAS BEEN MADE OF NATURAL LIGHTING AND VENTILATION, THEREBY FURTHER REDUCING RUNNING COSTS.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MARKET COMPLEX WAS PART OF AN URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMME TO HOUSE UNDER ONE ROOF WHOLESALE FACILITIES FOR A WIDE RANGE OF PRODUCE. THIS CONSISTS OF A FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION AUCTION FLOOR AND A TOTAL OF 321 STALLS FOR FRESH WATER AND MARINE FISH, VEGETABLE AND EGGS.

THE MARKET WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE MORE THAN 1,000 TONNES OF FRESH PRODUCE A DAY. THIS INCLUDES 100,000 FISH AND 3.7 MILLION EGGS.

"THAT IS EQUIVALENT TO ONE EGG FOR EVERY PERSON IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES," THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, "OR ENOUGH TO BAKE A CAKE FIVE TIMES THE SIZE OF THE SUPREME COURT BUILDING IN QUEENSWAY EVERY DAY."

/THE THROUGHPUT

THE THROUGHPUT OF THE MARKET WILL BE THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD IN TERMS OF VOLUME RELATIVE TO THE SIZE OF THE SITE.

THE MARKET WILL BE SERVED BY FIVE PIERS, EACH INSTALLED WITH PURPOSE-DESIGNED MECHANISED EQUIPMENT FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING PRODUCE.

IT HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO ALLOW EASY ACCESS BY LAND TRANSPORT AND HAS A PARKING AREA WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 700 LORRIES.

THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE MARKET, WHICH IS ONLY PHASE I OF THE EVENTUAL COMPLEX, WAS AWARDED TO YAU LEE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED IN APRIL 1992 AT A PRICE OF \$504 MILLION.

PHASE II IS BEING PLANNED. WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, THE MARKET WILL FORM AN INTEGRATED WHOLESALE FACILITY SERVING A POPULATION OF OVER FOUR MILLION IN KOWLOON, THE NEW TERRITORIES AND PART OF HONG KONG ISLAND UP TO THE YEAR 2011.

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REQUIREMENTS ON DIRECT ISSUE OF DRIVING LICENCES

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IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS TO SAFEGUARD THE DIRECT ISSUE OF HONG KONG FULL DRIVING LICENCES TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS WITHOUT TEST, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) CLARIFIED THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED.

ACCORDING TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, A HONG KONG RESIDENT MAY APPLY FOR THE DIRECT ISSUE OF A FULL HONG KONG DRIVING LICENCE IF HE IS IN POSSESSION OF A FOREIGN DRIVING LICENCE ISSUED BY A COMPETENT AUTHORITY SPECIFIED IN THE FOURTH SCHEDULE TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCE) REGULATIONS.

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 36 SUCH COUNTRIES/PLACES, INCLUDING THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

"IN APPLYING FOR A FULL LICENCE THROUGH DIRECT ISSUE, ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM AND PRODUCE THEIR FOREIGN DRIVING LICENCE FOR INSPECTION," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE FORM, TD63A, IS OBTAINABLE FREE-OF-CHARGE AT ALL TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES AND POST OFFICES.

"IN ADDITION, APPLICANTS HAVE TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE SHOWING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE FOREIGN LICENCE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO THEM ON A DATE DURING A PERIOD OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE OF NOT LESS THAN SIX MONTHS IN THE COUNTRY OF ISSUE," HE SAID.

"SO LONG, IN RESPECT OF LICENCES ISSUED IN CHINA, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ACCEPTED THE ENTRY AND DEPARTURE DATES SHOWN ON A PRC RE-ENTRY PERMIT OR PASSPORT AS PROOF OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE.

"HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE RECENT DISCOVERY ABOUT FORGED PRC DRIVING LICENCES AND PRC RE-ENTRY PERMITS BEING USED IN LICENCE APPLICATIONS, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS INTRODUCED NEW MEASURES IN PROCESSING APPLICATIONS."

APPLICANTS SUPPORTED BY CHINESE DRIVING LICENCES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AN ORIGINAL COPY OF THE STATEMENT OF TRAVEL RECORDS, OBTAINABLE FROM THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AT \$110 EACH, TO PROVE THEIR PERIOD OF CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE IN CHINA.

"IN ADDITION, THE AUTHENTICITY OF DRIVING LICENCES WILL BE CAREFULLY SCRUTINISED. THIS INCLUDES REFERRING THE LICENCES TO THE ORIGINAL PLACES OF ISSUE, WHERE NECESSARY. IN SUCH CASES, THE PROCESSING PERIODS OF APPLICATIONS MIGHT BE LENGTHENED," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

LAST YEAR, ABOUT 1,840 HONG KONG FULL DRIVING LICENCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO APPLICANTS ON THE STRENGTH OF PRC DRIVING LICENCES.

THE LICENSEES INCLUDE NEW IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO SETTLE IN HONG KONG, AND CHINESE DRIVERS ENGAGED IN CROSS-BORDER TRANSPORT SERVICES.

CONCERNING THE OPERATION MOUNTED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) ON AUGUST 25 IN RESPECT OF APPLICANTS WHO ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN A HONG KONG LICENCE BY UTTERING FORGED CHINESE DRIVING LICENCES AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT ALTHOUGH ICAC ENQUIRIES WERE STILL CONTINUING, THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT STAFF OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN INVOLVED.

AND ABSOLUTELY NO STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO ASSIST THE ICAC IN THE INVESTIGATIONS, HE SAID.

"IN FACT, IT WAS THE VIGILANT TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT STAFF WHO ALERTED THE AUTHORITIES OF THE PROBLEM THAT LED TO THE CRACKDOWN OF SYNDICATES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"ALL SIMILAR APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND APPROVED IN THE PAST TWO YEARS ARE BEING RE-EXAMINED, AND SUSPICIOUS CASES WILL BE INVESTIGATED. ALL LICENCES OBTAINED BY FRAUDULENT MEANS WILL, SUBJECT TO THE APPEALS PROCEDURE REQUIRED BY LAW, BE WITHDRAWN AND CANCELLED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SO FAR, 192 DRIVING LICENCES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED AND THE LICENSEES HAD BEEN INFORMED IN WRITING.

ACCORDING TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, CONVICTED OFFENDERS WHO USE FORGED DOCUMENTS WITH INTENT TO DECEIVE ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS.

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HK MAPPING BOOK WINS TOP UK AWARD

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THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE VOLUME OF HONG KONG MAPS EVER PUBLISHED, TRACING THE CHANGING FACE OF THE TERRITORY FROM ITS EARLIEST DAYS, HAS WON THE PRESTIGIOUS BRITISH CARTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S DESIGN AWARD 1993.

THE BOOK, MAPPING HONG KONG -- A HISTORICAL ATLAS, WAS A COMBINED EFFORT BY THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, WHO EDITED, DESIGNED AND PUBLISHED THE WORK, AND AUTHOR, MR HAL EMPSON, A FORMER SENIOR CARTOGRAPHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

IT WAS DESIGNED BY MISS LORRAINE CHOI HON-YU OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE AWARD WAS RECEIVED BY THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON, MR DAVID TSUI, DURING THE BRITISH CARTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY'S SYMPOSIUM DINNER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SWANSEA LAST NIGHT (SATURDAY).

IT IS GIVEN FOR THE MOST OUTSTANDING MAP, OR APPROVED CARTOGRAPHIC WORK, PRODUCED IN A SPECIFIED YEAR, WHICH DISPLAYS THE HIGHEST QUALITY OF DESIGN IN RELATION TO THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT IS INTENDED.

SINCE ITS PUBLICATION EARLIER THIS YEAR, MAPPING HONG KONG -- A HISTORICAL ATLAS HAS RECEIVED LAVISH PRAISE FROM BOOK REVIEWERS IN HONG KONG AND IN BRITAIN.

IT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS "STUNNING", "A CAPTIVATING PICTORIAL STUDY OF GEOGRAPHICAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY", AND "A MUST FOR HISTORIANS, GEOGRAPHERS, CARTOGRAPHERS, ACADEMICS AND ANYONE INTERESTED IN HONG KONG'S HISTORY AND GROWTH".

COMMENTING ON THE AWARD FROM HIS HOME IN FISHBOURNE, WEST SUSSEX, MR EMPSON SAID THE BRITISH CARTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY MUST HAVE BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO CARTOGRAPHERS FROM HONG KONG'S SURVEY AND MAPPING OFFICE GAINING AWARDS, WHICH STARTED DURING HIS TENURE, BUT HE HAD "NOT EXPECTED TO BE EVEN MORE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN GAINING ANOTHER ONE FOR HONG KONG."

"HAVING PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN THIS PRODUCT, I TOO AM VERY PROUD OF THE RECOGNITION RECEIVED," HE SAID.

"AFTER WORKING IN HONG KONG MAPPING FOR 22 YEARS, I HAD LITTLE TROUBLE WITH THE HISTORY FROM THE BRITISH POINT OF VIEW, BUT ONCE I DELVED INTO THE OLDER CHINESE AND PORTUGUESE PERSPECTIVES -- AND WAS POINTED IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION BY DR ELIZABETH SINN OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY -- I SOON REALISED THAT I HAD LITTLE IDEA OF THE IMMENSITY OF THE TASK."

A MAJOR PROBLEM WITH THE PROJECT HAD BEEN IN SELECTING WHICH MAPS TO LEAVE OUT, AS ENOUGH FASCINATING MATERIAL IS IN EXISTENCE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF SEVERAL ATLASES.

"THE PRE-1840 MATERIAL WAS SO MUCH MORE EXTENSIVE AND VARIED THAN HAD BEEN EXPECTED THAT IT BECAME RATHER A LABOUR OF LOVE TO TRACE AND COLLATE THE MANY VERSIONS," HE SAID.

THIS ENTAILED MANY SESSIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE BRITISH LIBRARY IN LONDON, EXTENDING OVER FOUR YEARS.

YET, MR EMPSON BELIEVES HE HAS ONLY SCRATCHED THE SURFACE OF THE TOPIC WITH THE 250-PAGE VOLUME, FEATURING NEARLY 170 FULL-PAGE, FULL-COLOUR ILLUSTRATIONS OF RARE AND UNUSUAL MAPS AND CHARTS.

"I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO RESEARCH FURTHER," HE SAID. "PERHAPS, IN COLLABORATION WITH A CHINESE CARTOGRAPHER, AS THE ABILITY TO READ CHARACTERS IS ESSENTIAL FOR FURTHER QUICK STUDY."

MAPPING HONG KONG, AT \$498, IS AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING; GIS PUBLICATIONS SALES SECTION, FRENCH MISSION BUILDING, 1 BATTERY PATH, CENTRAL; THE KOWLOON MAP SALES OFFICE, 382 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK, AND DISTRICT OFFICES.

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AIDS EXHIBITION BOARDS ON LOAN TO COMPANIES

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COMPANY EXECUTIVES MAY BORROW A SET OF COMPREHENSIVE EXHIBITION BOARDS FREE OF CHARGE TO PROMOTE AIDS EDUCATION AT WORKPLACES.

PRODUCED BY THE AIDS COUNSELLING AND HEALTH EDUCATION SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE EXHIBITION PANELS CONTAIN UPDATED INFORMATION ON AIDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS DESIGNED TO CLEAR MISCONCEPTIONS ON AIDS AND FOSTER A SYMPATHETIC AND CARING ATTITUDE FOR INFECTED PERSONS.

THE SPOKESMAN MAINTAINED THAT ABOUT 80 PER CENT OF THE REPORTED HIV-INFECTED POPULATION WERE PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 25 AND 55 WHO WERE AT WORK.

HE CALLED ON COMPANY EXECUTIVES, PARTICULARLY THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR PERSONNEL, MANAGEMENT, WELFARE AND TRAINING, TO FULLY UTILISE THE SET OF PANELS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR STAFF.

ANY COMPANY OR ORGANISATION INTERESTED TO BORROW THE 17-PIECE EXHIBITION SET, WITH EACH PIECE MEASURING 51 CENTIMETRES BY 76 CENTIMETRES, CAN CONTACT THE SERVICE ON 710 2924.

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THOUSANDS TAKE PART IN FORESTRY WORK CAMPS

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A TOTAL OF 2,370 YOUNG PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THIS SUMMER'S FORESTRY WORK CAMPS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

REVIEWING THE ANNUAL OUTDOOR PROGRAMME TODAY (SUNDAY), AN AFD SPOKESMAN SAID IT HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL WITH 136 WORK CAMPS (99 THREE-DAY AND 37 FIVE-DAY CAMPS) ORGANISED BETWEEN JULY 5 AND AUGUST 20.

LAST YEAR, THERE WERE ONLY 1,978 YOUNGSTERS JOINING 103 WORK CAMPS.

"THIS SHOWS THAT MORE AND MORE OF OUR YOUNGER GENERATION HAVE BEGUN TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN HELPING TO CONSERVE AND MANAGE OUR COUNTRYSIDE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

IN THE CAMPS, PARTICIPANTS PERFORMED DAILY FORESTRY WORK INCLUDING SITE CLEANSING AND MAINTENANCE, TREE PLANTING AND TENDING AS WELL AS PATH MENDING.

THEY ALSO TOOK AN ACTIVE PART IN ORGANISING EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES APART FROM PROPERLY USING FACILITIES IN COUNTRY PARKS.

THIS YEAR SOME 76 CAMPS FOR VARIOUS GROUPS WERE ARRANGED BY AFD, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE WHILE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ORGANISED 60 CAMPS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

CAMPING FACILITIES IN 17 COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ON LANTAU AND HONG KONG ISLAND WERE WIDELY USED BY THE CAMPERS.

THE SPOKESMAN THANKED RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN CO-ORGANISING THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE MUST BE PAID TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FOR GENEROUSLY DONATING DAILY ALLOWANCES TO CAMPERS, HE ADDED.

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NEW DISTRICT OFFICER FOR YUEN LONG

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MR ROBERT CHAN MING-KUI WILL TAKE UP THE POST OF THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG TOMORROW (MONDAY).

MR CHAN, AGED 47, JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1972 AND BECAME A SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1988.

HE HAS SERVED IN THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH.

HIS PREVIOUS POST WAS ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF TAI PO.

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PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

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THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH WILL CONDUCT A SERIES OF SEMINARS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO PREPARE RETIRING CIVIL SERVANTS TO ADAPT TO LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT.

THE SEMINARS, TWO IN CANTONESE AND ONE IN ENGLISH, ARE DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF DIFFERENT GROUPS OF OFFICERS.

EACH LASTING TWO DAYS, THE SEMINAR SERIES IS THE FOURTH OF ITS KIND ORGANISED BY THE BRANCH.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN INFORMATION AND ADVICE ON THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT OF RETIREMENT, HEALTH CARE AND NUTRITION, HOUSING, FINANCE, VOLUNTARY SERVICE, SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND OPEN LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES.

THE SEMINARS WILL ALSO HELP OFFICERS OVERCOME VARIOUS PROBLEMS AND DEVELOP A POSITIVE AND HEALTHY ATTITUDE TOWARDS RETIREMENT.

A TOTAL OF 1,070 RETIRING OFFICERS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE SEMINARS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, STAFF FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HAVE GIVEN ADVICE AND SUPPORT IN RUNNING THE PROGRAMME.

THE ENGLISH SEMINAR WILL BE HELD IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT CONFERENCE HALL WHILE THE CHINESE SEMINARS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SAI WAN HO CIVIC CENTRE.

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FRESH WATER CUTS IN CENTRAL AND SHAM SHUI PO
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OWING TO WASTE DETECTION WORK ON WATER MAINS, FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN CENTRAL AND SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE AFFECTED NEXT WEEK.

IN CENTRAL, WATER SUPPLY WILL GO OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY. IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE WATER CUT WILL LAST FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND ALL THE PREMISES AT PIER ROAD, MAN YEE LANE, ODD NUMBERS OF 67-85 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 19-181 AND 54-78 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, 13-90 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, 3 DOUGLAS STREET, 2A-4 AND 11-31A POTTINGER STREET, 2-16 QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, 17-19 JUBILEE STREET AND 48-52 GILMAN STREET.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE AFFECTED AREAS INCLUDE ALL THE PREMISES BOUNDED BY PO ON ROAD, CHEUNG FAT STREET, CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CHEUNG WAH STREET.

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