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PUBLIC URGED TO HELP KEEP COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HAS STRENGTHENED ITS COUNTRY PARKS MANPOWER RESOURCES TO RID LITTER FROM HONG KONG'S SCENIC ATTRACTIONS AND HAS CALLED FOR A CONCERTED PUBLIC EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE PARKS REMAIN CLEAN AND TIDY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ALSO WARNED THAT LEGAL ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST PERSISTENT LITTERBUGS WHO IGNORE THE ADVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF.

HE POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR 107 PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED FOR LITTERING IN COUNTRY PARKS.

AT PRESENT MORE THAN 300 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMPRISING MANY RANKS ARE EMPOWERED TO ISSUE PROSECUTION NOTICES AGAINST OFFENDERS.

ANYONE CAUGHT LITTERING INSIDE A COUNTRY PARK IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION.

+WE FEEL THAT A GREAT DEAL OF PUBLIC EDUCATION HAS BEEN GIVEN IN THE PAST, AND THE TIME HAS COME FOR MORE VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

EVERY WEEKEND SINCE THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY THIS YEAR SPECIAL ANTI-LITTER TEAMS PATROL POPULAR PICNIC SPOTS ENDEAVOURING TO ENSURE THAT NOT A SHRED OF LITTER IS DISCARDED INDISCRIMINATELY BY PICNICKERS.

ATTENTION IS ALSO PAID TO THE OTHER AREAS.

LITTER, HE SAID, IS THE SECOND MOST IMPORTANT MANAGEMENT PROBLEM IN COUNTRY PARKS AFTER FIRE WITH ABOUT 3 000 TONNES OF LITTER COLLECTED BY THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

ABOUT 20 PER CENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S MANPOWER RESOURCES ARE DEPLOYED TO KEEP THE PARKS CLEAN AT A COST OF ABOUT \$3 MILLION YEARLY, HE SAID.

THE SYSTEM PROVIDES FOR ABOUT 5 000 LITTER BINS INSIDE THE PARKS WHERE LITTER IN POLYTHENE BAGS ARE CONVEYED TO COLLECTION POINTS BY AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT STAFF FOR DISPOSAL BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IN MORE REMOTE AREAS LITTER IS INCINERATED LOCALLY.

APART FROM LITTER BINS, TIMBER LITTER STOCKADES ARE ALSO PROVIDED IN SOME PARKS TO STEM THE PROBLEM OF LITTER OVERFLOWING THE BINS PROVIDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO COINCIDE WITH THE CURRENT CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN CLEANING WORK IN COUNTRY PARKS IS BEING STEPPED UP WITH MORE CASUAL WORKERS BEING EMPLOYED FOR SUCH WORK.

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WHILE THE PARK AREAS ARE BEING CLEANED REGULARLY, SPECIAL ATTENTION IS PAID TO SPOTS WHERE LITTER IS KNOWN TO BE A PERSISTENT PROBLEM.

IN ADDITION, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING ORGANISED HIKING GROUPS ARE RALLYING TO THE CALL BY THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN THIS WORK BY REMOVING LITTER FROM THE PARKS.

+UNLESS EVERYBODY DOES HIS BIT IN KEEPING THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN, THE COUNTRY PARKS WILL BECOME AN EYESORE RATHER THAN A TRANQUIL AND SCENIC PLACE TO RELAX IN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SHATIN DB LOGO IS SYMBOL OF PROGRESS * * * *

THE HUGE LOGO OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD ERECTED IN THE HEART OF THE NEW TOWN IS A SYMBOL OF PROGRESS.

IT SIGNIFIES NOT ONLY SHA TIN'S TRANSFORMATION FROM A RURAL DISTRICT INTO A MODERN NEW TOWN BUT ALSO SYMBOLISES THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THAT HAS GREATLY HELPED IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

STANDING FIVE METRES HIGH ON AN OPEN SPACE AT THE JUNCTION OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD, THE LOGO - IN THE FORM OF A SIX-SIDED CUBE - IS VISIBLE FROM A DISTANCE.

EACH SIDE OF THE CUBE CARRIES THE LOGO DESIGN IN GREEN COLOUR AND THE NAME OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD IS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE ON THE CIRCULAR CONCRETE STAND.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID: +THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING THE LOGO IS TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD WHICH WILL WORK TOWARDS THE BETTERMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS IN SHA TIN.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE NEW PATTERN OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AND SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES.+

THE LOGO WAS THE WINNING ENTRY OF AN OPEN DESIGN COMPETITION HELD IN 1978, AND IT HAS SINCE BEEN USED ON ALL DISTRICT BOARD STATIONERY AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

THE SAME LOGO DESIGN HAS BEEN LAID ON A PATH LEADING TO A CHINESE STYLE PAVILION NEAR THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

THE PAVILION, BUILT BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT A COST OF \$94 000, WAS OPENED LAST MONTH TO SERVE AS A RESTING PLACE FOR SHA TIN PICNICKERS AND NEARBY RESIDENTS.

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ROLE OF PARENTS STRESSED

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PARENTS PLAY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN BRINGING THEIR ADOLESCENT CHILDREN UP TO BECOME MATURE, CAPABLE AND RESPONSIBLE ADULTS, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE "PARENTS AND ADOLESCENTS" EXHIBITION AT THE NEW WORLD CENTRE, MR ALLEYNE SAID YOUNG PEOPLE WERE IN NEED OF SUPPORT, GUIDANCE AND ENCOURAGEMENT AS THEY PASSED THROUGH THE CRITICAL YEARS IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT.

+SOCIAL FACTORS LIKE EXISTENCE OF CONFLICTING SOCIAL VALUES, THE IMPACT OF MASS MEDIA, OUR CONGESTED LIVING ENVIRONMENT AND THE INCREASING COST OF LIVING HAVE PLACED STRAINS UPON THE FAMILIES OF OUR SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

+PARENTS, BECAUSE OF THEIR WORK AND OTHER PREOCCUPATIONS, MAY NEGLECT THE NEEDS OF THEIR ADOLESCENT CHILDREN OR FAIL TO UNDERSTAND HOW THEY GET ON AT SCHOOL AND WITH THEIR PEERS.+

THESE FACTORS, HE WARNED, COULD CAUSE PARENTS AND THEIR ADOLESCENT CHILDREN TO DRIFT APART FROM ONE ANOTHER ALMOST WITHOUT REALISING IT.

+UNFORTUNATELY THE WIDENING OF THE GENERATION GAP IS OFTEN DISCOVERED ONLY WHEN PROBLEMS ARISE, OR WORSE STILL WHEN RELATIONS HAVE DETERIORATED.+

MR ALLEYNE SUGGESTED THAT THE WAYS TO HELP BRIDGE THE GAP SHOULD BE TO DEVOTE MORE TIME FOR THE FAMILY TO BE TOGETHER, KNOW ABOUT THE GROWTH OF THE ADOLESCENT, AND GIVE GUIDANCE AND SHOW CONTINUAL CONCERN FOR EACH OTHER.

THE THEME OF THE EXHIBITION, HE NOTED, COINCIDED WITH THAT OF THE CURRENT FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS AIMED AT AROUSING THE AWARENESS OF THE PARENTS AND OFFERING THEM PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS IN GUIDING THEIR ADOLESCENT CHILDREN.

+THROUGH THE MEANS OF EDUCATION, AN EFFORT IS MADE TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR OWN GROWTH AND BEHAVIOUR, TO PLAY THEIR PART AND TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE HAPPINESS OF THEIR FAMILY,+ HE ADDED.

THE FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY AND THE HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 5 PM DAILY.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND SHAM SHUI PO
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE GENERAL TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG CHATHAM ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE INTRODUCED FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (APRIL 13).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (APRIL 9), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE SCHEME WAS DESIGNED TO CONSIDERABLY REDUCE BUS JOURNEY TIMES.

+FURTHERMORE, PEDESTRIAN SAFETY WILL ALSO BE ENHANCED, + HE ADDED.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS, THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH BETWEEN CHEONG WAN ROAD AND MODY ROAD AND THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CHEONG WAN ROAD BETWEEN SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE DESIGNATED AS URBAN CLEARWAYS.

WITHIN THE CLEARWAYS, ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FOLLOWING JUNCTIONS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM MAKING U-TURNS:

- * JUNCTION OF CHEONG WAN ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH FOR WESTBOUND TRAFFIC;
- * JUNCTION OF AUSTIN ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH FOR NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC; AND
- * JUNCTION OF CAMERON ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC.

IN ADDITION, THE BUS STOP AT CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH SERVING ROUTE NOS. 7A, 209, 211 AND 216 WILL BE CANCELLED TO ENABLE A BETTER TRAFFIC FLOW.

MEANWHILE, ALSO FROM 10 AM ON THAT DAY, A SECTION OF YU CHAU STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO BETWEEN PORTLAND STREET AND WONG CHUK STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY BETWEEN 7 AM AND 10 AM AND BETWEEN 4 PM AND 7 PM DAILY, WHEN ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

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WATERFALL PARK IN SHEK KIP MEI COMPLETED

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THE WATERFALL PARK WITHIN THE SEVEN-HECTARE SHEK KIP MEI PARK IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETED AND SHOULD BE READY BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

WORKERS OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE WHICH IS BUILDING THE PROJECT FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL, ARE NOW PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE PARK.

THE WATERFALL PARK, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.5 HECTARES, FEATURES A POOL WITH FOUNTAINS ON TWO LEVELS CONNECTED BY A WATERFALL, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG.

A PAVILION CURLS AROUND THE POOL AT THE HIGH LEVEL. THERE IS ALSO A SUNKEN PLAZA FOR INFORMAL GATHERINGS AND A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A FLOATING REFRESHMENT KIOSK ON THE POOL AT THE LOWER LEVEL.

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