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FOSTER CARE PROVIDES LOVE FOR UNFORTUNATE CHILD

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR RESIDENTS LIVING IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING OR KOWLOON AREAS TO PROVIDE FOSTER CARE FOR A BABY BOY SO THAT HIS MOTHER COULD SPARE THE TIME TO LOOK AFTER HIS TWIN BROTHER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID FOSTERING FOR THE SIX-MONTH OLD TAI MING WOULD LAST FOR ONLY A YEAR.

"THE MOTHER WHOSE HUSBAND RAN AWAY BEFORE THE TWINS WERE BORN PLANS TO RAISE THE TWINS HERSELF. BUT THE LACK OF EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORT FROM HER FAMILY FORCED HER TO RESOLVE TO FOSTERING." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TO ALLOW THE MOTHER TO VISIT TAI MING, THE IDEAL FOSTER PARENTS SHOULD LIVE IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI TSING OR KOWLOON URBAN AREAS. INTERESTED PARTIES CAN CALL 5618504 OR 5618946 FOR DETAILS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FOSTERING AIMED AT PLACING A CHILD IN A STABLE FAMILY WITH PEOPLE WHO COULD ACT AS SATISFACTORY SUBSTITUTE PARENTS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD.

"THUS, FAMILY CARE COULD BE PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN WHOSE NATURAL PARENTS HAVE TO BE SEPARATED FROM THEM TEMPORARILY.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH FOSTERING, THE CHILD WOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY FAMILY LIFE, AND SHARE THE AFFECTIONS OF THE FOSTER PARENTS. A MONTHLY ALLOWANCE IS GRANTED TO FOSTER PARENTS AS AN INCENTIVE."

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FOSTER CHILDREN MIGHT MAKE GREAT DEMANDS ON ALL PARTIES CONCERNED BUT IT MIGHT BE THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH THESE CHILDREN COULD FIND THE AFFECTION AND HAPPINESS THEY NEEDED AT THE CRUCIAL STAGES OF THEIR LIVES.

HE URGED FAMILIES WHO WERE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF SIBLING GROUPS AND OLDER CHILDREN TO EXTEND THEIR LOVE TO THOSE UNFORTUNATE CHILDREN BY BECOMING FOSTER PARENTS.

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UK TUITION FEE REMISSION AWARDS

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RESEARCH STUDENTS ATTENDING UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM ARE NOW BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR PARTIAL REMISSION OF TUITION FEES.

ABOUT 850 OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARDS ARE NOW BEING OFFERED. EACH COVERING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TUITION FEE FOR A HOME (UK) POSTGRADUATE STUDENT AND THE "FULL COST" FEE CHARGEABLE TO AN OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENT.

"THE AWARDS ARE BEING OFFERED ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS TO OVERSEAS POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS OF OUTSTANDING MERIT AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE STUDENTS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, SHOULD BE:

- * GRADUATES OF A RECOGNISED UNIVERSITY OR STUDENTS EXPECTING TO GRADUATE BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1990.
- * ACCEPTED, OR CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED BY ONE OF THE PARTICIPATING ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE UK FOR ADMISSION IN THE 1990-91 ACADEMIC YEAR AS REGISTERED RESEARCH STUDENTS TO A FULL-TIME COURSE FOR A HIGHER DEGREE, OR MUST BE ALREADY REGISTERED AS FULL-TIME RESEARCH STUDENTS AT ONE OF THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.

"THE ONLY CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDS ARE OUTSTANDING MERIT AND RESEARCH POTENTIAL. OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS MEANS, NATIONALITY, PROPOSED FIELD AND INSTITUTION OF STUDY, WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT." THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE ADDED THAT SUBJECT TO THE SATISFACTORY PROGRESS OF THE AWARD HOLDER, AN AWARD WILL BE RENEWED FOR A SECOND OR THIRD YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE NORMAL OR REMAINING LENGTH OF THE RESEARCH COURSE BEING UNDERTAKEN.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ON THE OFFICIAL FORM OBTAINABLE FROM THE REGISTRAR OR SECRETARY OF ANY OF THE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED APPLICANTS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE OVERSEAS RESEARCH STUDENTS AWARD THROUGH ONLY ONE INSTITUTION.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATION BY THE REGISTRAR OR SECRETARY IS APRIL 30.

FURTHER INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AT THE LEE GARDENS, 33-37 HYSAN AVENUE, FIFTH FLOOR, ROOM 530, CAUSEWAY BAY, OR BY TELEPHONING 8392571.

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