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A NON-SMOKING GENERATION FOR HONG KONG

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THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED TO WORK HARD TOWARDS THE GOAL OF PRODUCING IN HONG KONG A NON-SMOKING GENERATION - A GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL GROW UP UNDERSTANDING THE DANGERS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING AND COMMITTED TO A SMOKE-FREE LIFE.

SPEAKING AT THE ANTI-SMOKING MASS RALLY IN VICTORIA PARK THIS AFTERNOON, DR HARRY FANG, UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AIMS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN.

HE SAID, +SMOKING HAS BEEN REFERRED TO AS THE GREATEST SINGLE AVOIDABLE CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE COMMUNITY.+

IN 1982, CIGARETTE SMOKING WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR 1 766 LUNG CANCER DEATHS, 143 BRONCHITIS DEATHS AND 566 DEATHS FROM ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE. THE TOTAL FIGURE OF 2 475 DEATHS IS MORE THAN FIVE TIMES THE NUMBER OF DEATHS FROM TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS IN THE YEAR.

+THERE IS NO LONGER ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF CIGARETTE SMOKING,+ DR FANG SAID. +BUT THERE IS ALSO THE COST TO THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF LOST PRODUCTIVITY FROM SMOKING RELATED DISEASES, AND THE COST OF ACCIDENTS AND FIRES CAUSED BY SMOKING.+

HE STRESSED THAT THE TASK NOW WAS HOW TO SPREAD THE MESSAGES THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY; TO ENCOURAGE SMOKERS TO STOP SMOKING BOTH FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR OWN HEALTH AND THE HEALTH OF THOSE AROUND THEM; TO RECOGNISE THAT NON-SMOKERS HAVE A RIGHT TO A SMOKE-FREE ATMOSPHERE AT HOME, IN PUBLIC PLACES AND ALSO AT WORK.

+MOST IMPORTANTLY,+ HE SAID, +WE MUST AIM TO PREVENT OUR CHILDREN FROM STARTING TO SMOKE. WE CAN BEST DO THIS BY SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR THEM TO FOLLOW AND THIS IS SOMETHING I URGE ALL PARENTS TO DO.+

HE CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH ON THE FOLLOWING NOTE:

+LET US GET THE SMOKE OUT OUR LUNGS, OUT OF OUR EYES AND OUT OF OUR LIVES. AND LET US MAKE HONG KONG A HEALTHIER PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE.+

ELABORATING ON THE HEALTH HAZARDS OF SMOKING, DR RUDY KHOO, MEMBER OF THE ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CANCER EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ANTI-CANCER SOCIETY EMPHASISED THAT SMOKING DEFINITELY AFFECTS A PERSON'S LIFE SPAN.

HE POINTED OUT THAT ACCORDING TO A STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES, THE AVERAGE LIFE SPAN OF A 25-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO SMOKES TWO PACKETS OF CIGARETTES PER DAY WOULD BE 8.3 YEARS SHORTER THAN A NON-SMOKER OF THE SAME AGE.

+SMOKING IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF LUNG CANCER,+ DR KHOO ADDED.

/DEATHS CAUSED

DEATHS CAUSED BY LUNG CANCER CONSTITUTED 7.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS IN 1982. SMOKING CAN ALSO CAUSE CANCERS IN THE MOUTH, THE THROAT, THE OESOPHAGUS, THE ANUS, AND THE PANCREAS.

IN ADDITION, DR KHOO POINTED OUT THAT SMOKERS ARE MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER FROM AND DIE OF STOMACH ULCER, THE REASON BEING STOMACH ULCERS IN SMOKERS ARE RELATIVELY HARD TO CURE. AND WOMEN SMOKERS WHO TAKE CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE BLOOD CLOT IN THE VEINS.

HOWEVER, DR KHOO POINTED OUT THAT IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO STOP SMOKING, BECAUSE +THE EARLIER A SMOKER GIVES UP SMOKING, THE GREATER IS THE REDUCTION OF HIS RISK OF HAVING THESE DISEASES.+

SMOKING DOES NOT ONLY AFFECT THE SMOKER HIMSELF, BUT MAY HAVE HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE NEXT GENERATION. TO PROVE HIS POINT, DR KHOO SAID, +A CHILD WHOSE MOTHER SMOKES DURING PREGNANCY WILL BE SMALLER THAN OTHER BABIES AT BIRTH. EVEN AT THE AGE OF SEVEN, HIS PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL ADAPTABILITY WILL BE SLOWER.+

THE MASS RALLY ORGANISED BY THE ANTI-SMOKING PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PUBLICITY DRIVE WAS ATTENDED BY MANY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DOCTORS AND NURSES, PERSONALITIES FROM THE ENTERTAINMENT FIELD, DISTRICT LEADERS AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS. IT ALSO ATTRACTED THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS, MANY OF WHOM TURNED UP WITH ANTI-SMOKING PLACARDS DESIGNED BY THEMSELVES AND TOOK PART IN A MASS WALK IN SUPPORT OF THE WORTHY CAUSE.

THE PLACARD DESIGN COMPETITION RECEIVED GOOD RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC. OUT OF SOME 100 ENTRIES, THREE BEST ONES WERE SELECTED BY A PANEL OF JUDGES HEADED BY MR HENRY CHING, SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE. THE WINNERS EACH RECEIVED A PRIZE VALUED BETWEEN \$500 AND \$2 000 IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION.

TROPHIES WERE ALSO PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF THE INTER-TEAM PLACARD COMPETITION, AND GAME STALLS DESIGN COMPETITION.

IN ADDITION, PRIZES WERE AWARDED TO WINNERS OF THE ANTI-SMOKING SLOGAN COMPETITION RUN BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

VISITORS TO THE RALLY HAD AN ENJOYABLE TIME WATCHING STAGE PERFORMANCES BY WELL-KNOWN SINGERS AND TV ARTISTES, FOLLOWED BY MAGIC AND ACROBATIC SHOWS. THEY ALSO HAD A CHANCE TO TRY OUT 20 DIFFERENT STALL GAMES, ALL OF WHICH WERE DESIGNED TO CONVEY THE ANTI-SMOKING MESSAGE.

THE HEALTH ADVICE CENTRE PUT UP BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE QUIT-SMOKING VAN MANNED BY THE ADVENTIST HOSPITAL PROVED EXTREMELY POPULAR, ESPECIALLY AMONG PEOPLE WHO WISHED TO GIVE UP SMOKING.

THE EVENT CAME TO A CLOSE AT 5 PM. IT WAS RECORDED BY RTHK AND WILL BE BROADCAST ON RADIO 11 BETWEEN 12 NOON AND 1 PM ON AUGUST 21.

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GROWING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN POLICE NOTED

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ON AN AVERAGE DAY IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, THE POLICE DEALT WITH 1 735 REQUESTS FOR VARIOUS FORMS OF ASSISTANCE.

AND, OUT OF THIS TOTAL, 1 270 REQUESTS WERE FOR ASSISTANCE IN MATTERS NOT RELATING TO CRIME AT ALL.

THESE INCLUDED THE MORE ROUTINE CASES LIKE SETTling DISPUTES, HANDLING FOUND PROPERTY AND NUISANCE COMPLAINTS, ATTENDING TO ACCIDENT VICTIMS, LOOKING AFTER LOST CHILDREN AND TACKLING OTHER DAY-TO-DAY PROBLEMS WHICH INDIVIDUALS COULD NOT SOLVE THEMSELVES.

THEY ALSO INCLUDED THE MORE UNUSUAL AND OFF-BEAT CASES LIKE CATCHING SNAKES AND STRAY DOGS, SEARCHING FOR LOST HIKERS AND SAILORS AND ROUNDING UP A BULL WHICH HAD GONE ON A RAMPAGE IN BUSY STREETS.

"A TOTAL OF 229 852 SUCH REQUESTS WERE DEALT WITH BY THE POLICE IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1983, REPRESENTING SOME THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR POLICE ASSISTANCE," A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"WE FIND THIS A VERY ENCOURAGING TREND BECAUSE IT CLEARLY SHOWS THAT PEOPLE ARE MUCH MORE READY TO TURN TO THE POLICE FOR HELP WHEN FACED WITH DIFFICULTIES.

"THIS MUST INDICATE INCREASING CONFIDENCE AND BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE FORCE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APART FROM REQUESTS FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE, POLICE RECEIVED ANOTHER 39 497 CALLS FOR HELP IN CRIME-RELATED MATTERS AND A FURTHER 44 641 CALLS REPORTING MISCELLANEOUS AND MINOR NARCOTICS OFFENCES DURING THE PERIOD.

A SIGNIFICANT TREND THAT EMERGED IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1983 WAS THAT PATROLLING POLICEMEN WERE BEING APPROACHED BY MORE AND MORE PEOPLE.

BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE THIS YEAR, 17 089 PEOPLE APPROACHED POLICEMEN ON THE BEAT FOR VARIOUS KINDS OF HELP, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 31 PER CENT OVER THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1982.

"THESE FIGURES ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGING BECAUSE THEY REFLECT GROWING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN OUR MEN ON THE BEAT.

"THEY ALSO SHOW THAT INDIVIDUAL POLICE OFFICERS ARE BECOMING MORE AND MORE APPROACHABLE AND DEMONSTRATES THE VALUE OF MAINTAINING A STRONG POLICE PRESENCE IN THE STREETS," HE ADDED.

THE FACT THAT INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS ARE DEALING WITH THESE REQUESTS PROMPTLY, HAS REFLECTED FAVOURABLY ON THE EFFICIENCY OF THE FORCE AND HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TOWARDS IMPROVING THE RAPPORT BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE.

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BUT, BY FAR, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE -- ABOUT 41 PER CENT OF A TOTAL OF 313 990 -- WERE MADE IN PERSON AT POLICE STATIONS.

NEXT CAME THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS MADE BY TELEPHONE -- 91 385 CALLS OR 29 PER CENT. OF THESE, 68 061 OR SOME 75 PER CENT WERE MADE TO THE 999 CONTROL CENTRES.

"IT IS OBVIOUS THAT MORE PEOPLE REALISE THAT THIS IS THE MOST DIRECT AND THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET HELP FROM THE POLICE," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

REPORT CENTRES CONTINUED TO BE HIGHLY UTILISED, WITH 75 358 REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. THIS REPRESENTED 24 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL.

IN THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD, 197 REQUESTS WERE RECEIVED BY MARINE POLICE LAUNCHES ON PATROL.

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VIEWS SOUGHT ON PAID SICK LEAVE PROPOSALS * * * *

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS INVITING VIEWS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON THE BILL WHICH SEEKS TO INCREASE THE RATE OF PAID SICK LEAVE FOR ALL MANUAL WORKERS AND NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND EMPLOYEES' UNIONS, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS MAY FORWARD THEIR VIEWS OR COMMENTS IN WRITING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS IN HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10, 1983.

A SUMMARY OF THE REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE UMELCO OFFICE.

THE BILL PROPOSES TO INCREASE THE RATE OF PAID SICK LEAVE FROM ONE DAY PER MONTH TO TWO DAYS PER MONTH IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS EMPLOYMENT AND TO FOUR DAYS A MONTH THEREAFTER, AND TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PAID SICK LEAVE DAYS THAT MAY BE ACCUMULATED FROM 36 DAYS TO 120 DAYS. HOWEVER, AN EMPLOYEE MAY ONLY TAKE UP TO 90 DAYS OF PAID SICK LEAVE DURING ANY ONE SICKNESS IF HE DOES NOT REQUIRE HOSPITALISATION, AND UP TO 120 DAYS IF HOSPITALISATION IS REQUIRED.

THE BILL ALSO PROPOSES TO PROHIBIT THE TERMINATION OF SERVICE OF AN EMPLOYEE DURING ANY PERIOD OF PAID SICK LEAVE, UNLESS HIS EMPLOYER PAYS WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE, AN ADDITIONAL SUM EQUAL TO SEVEN DAYS' WAGES AND THE FULL SICKNESS ALLOWANCE TO WHICH HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED DURING HIS SICKNESS.

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MORE FOOD MARKETS FOR NT RESIDENTS

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A PERMANENT COOKED FOOD MARKET IN TUEN MUN HAS JUST BEEN COMPLETED AND TWO SUCH MARKETS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN KWAI CHUNG TO PROVIDE MORE EATING PLACES FOR RESIDENTS AND FACTORY WORKERS THERE.

THE MARKET IN TUEN MUN, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN THIS NEW TOWN, WILL HAVE 16 COOKED FOOD STALLS AND TWO FRUIT STALLS.

FINISHING TOUCHES ARE BEING PUT TO THIS MODERN, PAVILION-STYLED MARKET AND THE STALLS WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC BIDDING AT A DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE MARKET, WHICH WILL BE MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WILL HAVE A COMMUNAL VENTILATION AND GREASE FILTERING SYSTEM. PARTITION WALLS AND THE FLOORS OF THE STALLS ARE PAVED WITH MOSAIC TILES FOR EASY CLEANING.

THE MARKET WILL HAVE A SITTING-OUT AREA WITH ARBOURS, FLOWER BEDS AND BENCHES.

THE TWO MARKETS IN KWAI CHUNG, LOCATED AT TAI YUEN STREET AND WO YI HOP ROAD, WILL HAVE A TOTAL OF 22 COOKED FOOD AND FOUR FRUIT STALLS EACH.

MEANWHILE, A TEMPORARY MARKET WITH 24 COOKED FOOD STALLS IS BEING CONSTRUCTED AT TAK WAH STREET IN TSUEN WAN.

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APPEAL TO VOTERS IN WAN CHAI WEST

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THE 10 946 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE WAN CHAI WEST CONSTITUENCY WERE URGED TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS AND VOTE IN WEDNESDAY'S (AUGUST 17) DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS LOLLY CHIU, TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO ELECTORS TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF THEIR CHOICE SO THAT THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROVISION AND ADEQUACY OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT COULD BE CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FOUR CANDIDATES CONTESTING IN THE BY-ELECTION ARE MR CHUNG YEE-ON, MR CHAN PAK-CHEUNG, MR SZETO CHIK AND MR KWONG HON-WAH.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE WILL FILL THE SEAT MADE VACANT FOLLOWING THE RECENT DEATH OF AN ELECTED MEMBER, MR NG SAI-YING.

+THE SUCCESS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION IN WAN CHAI WEST DEPENDS ON THE ELECTION OF A CANDIDATE WHO REPRESENTS THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS IN THE CONSTITUENCY,+ SHE SAID.

TWO POLLING STATIONS, ONE AT THE HONG KONG METHODIST CHURCH, 36 HENNESSY ROAD, AND THE OTHER AT ST. GLORIA COLLEGE, 9-15 SHIP STREET, WILL BE OPEN FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM.

ELECTORS MUST VOTE AT THE POLLING STATIONS INDICATED ON THE POLL CARDS SENT TO THEM BY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

THEY MUST ALSO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS FOR VOTING AND MAY VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY.

ANYONE WHO HAS ENQUIRIES ABOUT HIS POLL CARD OR THE LOCATION OF HIS POLLING STATION MAY CONTACT THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL DIVISION AT 5-270380 OR 5-270369.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR ROAD WORKS

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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS IN TONG YAN SAN TSUEN, YUEN LONG, TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA.

THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE WIDENING, REALIGNING, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EXISTING ROADS OR TRACKS IN THE AREA TO PROVIDE TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAYS WITH FOOTPATHS.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMPLETELY NEW SEWAGE SYSTEM AND A RAIN WATER DRAINAGE SYSTEM. IN FUTURE, ALL EXISTING BUILDINGS AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE CONNECTED TO THESE SYSTEMS.

IN ADDITION, LANDSCAPING WORK AND FOOTPATHS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TRADITIONAL BURIAL GROUND OF +MA FUNG LING+ TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR GRAVE WORSHIPPERS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN OCTOBER AND TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITIONS TO BE HELD

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TWO LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITIONS ARE BEING ORGANISED FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON CITY.

A GIANT LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION IS BEING HELD FOR THE STUDENTS, TO STIMULATE THEIR INTEREST IN THE TRADITIONS OF THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND TO ENCOURAGE TEAM WORK.

STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED SHOULD SUBMIT THE DESIGN SKETCHES AND WORK PROPOSALS TO THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD BEFORE AUGUST 20. THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE THREE DIMENSIONS OF THE LANTERN SHOULD NOT EXCEED FOUR METRES.

FIFTEEN OF THE BEST ENTRIES WILL BE SELECTED AND GIVEN REIMBURSEMENT GRANTS TO BUILD THEIR LANTERNS.

A SMALL LANTERN DESIGN CONTEST WILL BE OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT. THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 5.

ENQUIRIES ON THE TWO COMPETITIONS CAN BE MADE TO MISS PATRICIA AU AT 3-7110171.

PARTICIPANTS IN BOTH COMPETITIONS SHOULD BRING THEIR WORK TO THE DISTRICT'S LANTERN CARNIVAL AT KO SHAN ROAD PARK ON SEPTEMBER 22 FOR JUDGING.

THE WINNERS OF THE TWO COMPETITIONS WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION AND BOOK COUPONS.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD AT A COST OF \$20 000, THE COMPETITIONS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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CLEAN-UP OPERATION HELD IN KU HANG VILLAGE

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A CLEAN-UP OPERATION WAS HELD THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING, IN KU HANG VILLAGE IN TSUEN WAN.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE VILLAGERS, THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE OPERATION WAS TO AROUSE VILLAGERS' CONCERN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO EXERCISE SELF-DISCIPLINE AND TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT.

THERE ARE ABOUT 1 100 PEOPLE LIVING IN SOME 200 SQUATTER HUTS IN THE VILLAGE.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY BEFORE THE OPERATION, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR CHEUNG SAU-CHING, SAID STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE HAD PAID NUMEROUS VISITS TO KU HANG VILLAGE TO FIND OUT THE PROBLEMS OF THE VILLAGERS.

+THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD SET UP A PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE AT SHEK WAI KOK ESTATE IN MAY THIS YEAR TO IMPROVE SERVICES TO RESIDENTS IN THE ESTATE AND NEARBY KU HANG VILLAGE,+ HE SAID.

+COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM THE RESIDENTS ARE BEING REFERRED TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED FOR NECESSARY ACTION,+ DR CHEUNG ADDED.

AT THE CEREMONY, DR CHEUNG ALSO PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF A COLOURING AND A CROSS-WORD PUZZLE COMPETITIONS HELD EARLIER FOR THE VILLAGERS.

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BOARD TO DISCUSS POSTER CONTEST

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DETAILS OF A +DISTRICT BOARD REHABILITATION POSTER COMPETITION+ - A TERRITORY-WIDE CONTEST TO PUBLICISE REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED - WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 16).

THE COMPETITION IS INITIATED BY THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH WHICH IS INVITING EACH DISTRICT BOARD TO ORGANISE THE CONTEST.

THIS YEAR, THE COMMITTEE HAS CHOSEN +FRIENDSHIP - A WAY TO INTEGRATION+ AS ITS THEME.

THROUGH THE COMPETITION, IT IS HOPED THAT THE SPECIAL NEEDS AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE HANDICAPPED WOULD BE BORNE IN MIND BY THE DISTRICT BOARDS WHEN CONSIDERING MATTERS FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SETTING.

AT TUESDAY'S MEETING, BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON TAXI OPERATIONS IN THE RURAL AND URBAN AREAS, SUCH AS FARES AND EXISTING LEGISLATION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE A BRIEFING ON THE REPORT +A PERSPECTIVE ON EDUCATION IN HONG KONG+ AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 16) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE AT KWONG FUK ROAD. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 AM FOR TAI PO.

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SITTING-OUT AREA FOR HOUSING ESTATE

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A SITTING-OUT AREA WILL SOON BE BUILT IN SAM SHING HUI, TUEN MUN, TO CATER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE GROWING POPULATION AT SAM SHING ESTATE.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE SITTING-OUT AREA WILL MEASURE ABOUT 3 000 SQUARE METRES. FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED INCLUDE FLOWER BEDS, BENCHES AND ARBOURS.

A MEMORIAL PLAQUE WILL ALSO BE AFFIXED TO A 'FUNG SHUI' ROCK OUTCROP AT THE LOCATION WHICH HAS BEEN RETAINED TO MARK THE ORIGINAL SHORELINE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BEFORE RECLAMATION.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN OCTOBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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PRAT AVENUE SECTION TO BE CLOSED

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THE SECTION OF PRAT AVENUE, BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH, AND A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE WEST OF THAT JUNCTION, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 2 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 16) FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS TO FACILITATE THE REPAIR OF A DAMAGED SEWAGE DRAIN.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROAD CLOSURE, TRAFFIC ON PRAT AVENUE FROM HOUSE NO. 1 TO 36, WILL BE TEMPORARILY RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO TWO-WAY FOR LOCAL ACCESS.

TRAFFIC ON SOUTHBOUND CARNARVON ROAD HEADING FOR CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH VIA PRAT AVENUE WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE CARNARVON ROAD, CORNWALL AVENUE AND MODY ROAD.

AND TRAFFIC ON EASTBOUND HUMPHREYS AVENUE OR ON NORTHBOUND HART AVENUE HEADING FOR CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE DIVERTED TO USE CARNARVON ROAD AND GRANVILLE ROAD.

PARKING SPACES ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF PRAT AVENUE WILL BE SUSPENDED TO FACILITATE TWO-WAY TRAFFIC CIRCULATION.

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WATER MAINS WORK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN SAI WAN HO WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 17) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY TAI CHEONG STREET, THE SEA FRONT, SUN SING STREET AND SAI WAN HO STREET, INCLUDING O PUI LUNG VILLAGE, SHING ON VILLAGE, WANG HANG TUNG VILLAGE, WANG HANG SAI VILLAGE, HOLY CROSS PATH VILLAGE, MA SHAN VILLAGE AND NAM ON FONG VILLAGE.

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