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ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE TO SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES CONSULTATION

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INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL AND CONCERN GROUPS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS IN THE SOCIAL WORK SECTOR HAVE RESPONDED ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO THE CONSULTATION ON HONG KONG'S SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) WHILE SPEAKING AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONG KONG SOCIAL WORKERS' GENERAL UNION.

MRS WONG SAID A WORKING GROUP HAD BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR TO REVIEW HONG KONG'S SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND TO DRAFT A WHITE PAPER ON SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1990'S AND BEYOND.

"OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS OR SO, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACTIVELY INVITED THE PUBLIC TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE WELFARE SERVICES," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID THE COVERAGE OF WELFARE SERVICES, THE PROPORTION OF GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROVISION OF VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICES AGAINST CHANGING NEEDS WERE THE MAJOR CONCERNS OF THE VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY.

"IN HONG KONG, WELFARE SERVICES HAVE BEEN QUITE WELL-ESTABLISHED IN THE 1980'S," SHE SAID.

"THE VARIETY OF SERVICES RANGES FROM THOSE PROVIDED FOR THE MOST NEEDY TO THOSE TARGETTED AT IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE WITHOUT ANY SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS."

AS TO THE QUESTION OF A BIGGER SHARE OF WELFARE SERVICES IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, MRS WONG SAID IT DEPENDED ON THE DECISION ON THE PRIORITIES OF VARIOUS SOCIAL SERVICES AND FACILITIES IN THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

SHE SAID THE WORKING GROUP, OPERATING WITHIN THE CONSTRAINT OF KEEPING EXPENDITURE IN LINE WITH INCOME, WOULD EXAMINE THE FUNDS NEEDED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS SERVICES AND THEIR PRIORITIES IN THE COURSE OF DRAFTING THE WHITE PAPER.

"IN ANY EVENT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN THE FUTURE, WE HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO REVIEW THE EXISTING SERVICES TO SEE WHETHER RESOURCES HAVE BEEN PUT TO PROPER USE FOR THE BEST RESULTS."

AS FOR THE PROSPECTS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICES, MRS WONG SAID THESE WERE INTIMATELY RELATED TO POPULATION GROWTH AND SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

"TAKE THE ELDERLY POPULATION FOR INSTANCE: THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE OVER 60 YEARS OLD WILL INCREASE FROM THE PRESENT 12.6 PER CENT TO 15 PER CENT IN 1999," SHE SAID.

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ON THE ONE HAND, SHE ADDED, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD STEP UP CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS TYPES OF ELDERLY HOMES WHILE ON THE OTHER BAND, IT HAD DEVOTED MUCH EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF PRIVATE HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY IN A BID TO BRING DEMAND AND SUPPLY TO MORE OR LESS THE SAME LEVEL.

"IN SHORT, THE COMMUNITY'S INCREASING DEMAND FOR ELDERLY SERVICES WILL BE GIVEN DUE ATTENTION BY THE WORKING GROUP," SHE SAID.

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, MRS WONG SAID: "OUR SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES HAVE COME QUITE A LONG WAY TO WHERE THEY ARE NOW IN THE EARLY 1990'S.

"THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE TO THE WELFARE SERVICES SECTOR IN THE COMING DECADE WILL BE WHETHER IT COULD MAKE GOOD USE OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES SUCH AS ITS EXPERIENCE, MANPOWER AND FACILITIES TO ACHIEVE THE BEST POSSIBLE RESULTS."

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BILL OF RIGHTS ON DB AGENDA

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THE PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL AFFAIRS), MR FRANCIS HO, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD ON THE BILL OF RIGHTS AT THE BOARD'S MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 27).

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SPECIAL DUTIES DIVISION OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND A SENIOR TOWN PLANNER FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BRIEF THE MEMBERS ON DEMOLITION METHODS FOR THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY AND ON THE METROPLAN, RESPECTIVELY.

IN ADDITION, A CONSUMER COUNCIL MEMBER, MR ANTHONY YUEN, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON A REPORT ON A REVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CONSUMER COUNCIL.

THE BOARD WILL DISCUSS A MEMBER'S REQUEST FOR REVISION OF THE LAND USE AT DIAMOND HILL.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR PETER TSAO, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 27) IN THE FUNG MING HALL OF WONG TAI SIN TEMPLE. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL ON DB AGENDA

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THE INCREASE IN THE LION ROCK TUNNEL TOLL PROPOSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 27).

SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS WILL SUBMIT A PAPER SUGGESTING THAT THE PROPOSAL BE SHELVED PENDING A REVIEW OF THE OPERATION OF THE SHING MUN TUNNEL, WHICH IS TO OPEN NEXT MONTH.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS OMELCO'S STAND ON THE POLITICAL MODEL THAT THE BASIC LAW DRAFTING COMMITTEE HAS PROPOSED FOR THE FUTURE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REGION.

IN ADDITION, A MEMBER WILL ASK IF IT IS THE GOVERNMENT'S PRACTICE TO CONDUCT PROPER GEOLOGICAL PROSPECTING TO ENSURE THAT A PIECE OF LAND TO BE TENDERED IS SUITABLE FOR THE STATED PURPOSE.

ANOTHER QUESTION WILL CONCERN PREVENTING GANGS FROM CAUSING DISRUPTIONS WHEN BLOCKS OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS GO ON SALE.

IN VIEW OF RECENT ROBBERY AND INDECENT ASSAULT CASES THAT HAVE OCCURRED ON A PATH BETWEEN THE CHEK NAI PING AREA AND THE GROUNDS OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, MEASURES TO COMBAT SUCH CRIMES WILL BE DISCUSSED.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE NOMINATION OF FOUR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FOR APPOINTMENT AS CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 27) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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LOGO SELECTED FOR GREEN PLANT PROJECT
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A DESIGN SHOWING THE CARING OF PLANTS HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS THE LOGO OF A "GREEN PLANT" PROJECT, AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

THE DESIGN BY FONG YUEN-MAN, AGED 18, FROM CCC ROTARY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL WAS AMONG MORE THAN 220 ENTRIES IN A LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

THE COMPETITION WAS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY STUDENTS, SECONDARY STUDENTS AND OPEN SECTIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SELECTION WAS MADE BY A PANEL OF FIVE ADJUDICATORS COMPRISING A SENIOR LECTURER OF HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC'S SWIRE SCHOOL OF DESIGN, MR ANDY LAW; PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG CHILDREN ARTS ASSOCIATION, MR MICHAEL LAI; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SANDY CHAN; AND A SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE, MISS LAI YUEN-LING.

"SELECTION OF THE THREE WINNING AND A NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING ENTRIES FOR EACH SECTION HAS NOT BEEN EASY IN VIEW OF THE HIGH STANDARD OF THE DESIGNS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE ADJUDICATORS FINALLY SELECTED THE DESIGN BY FONG YUEN-MAN, WINNER OF THE SECONDARY STUDENTS SECTION, AS THE 'GREEN PLANT' PROJECT LOGO BECAUSE IT BEST CONVEYS THE THEME OF 'CARING FOR PLANTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND BUILDING A GREEN COMMUNITY'," HE ADDED.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH DURING A BASIC GARDENING SEMINAR AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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WORKING GROUP TO VISIT LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
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A WORKING GROUP ON VISITS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS HAS BEEN SET UP UNDER THE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD. ITS CONVENER IS MR EDWARD PONG.

THE WORKING GROUP'S OBJECTIVES ARE TO STRENGTHEN CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE DISTRICT BOARD AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THROUGH REGULAR VISITS AND TO ENABLE GROUP MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY SOCIAL AND WELFARE BODIES IN THE DISTRICT.

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IT ALSO HOPES TO PROMOTE THE IMAGE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

MEMBERS INCLUDE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MR GEORGE NG AND MR SING HON-KEUNG; THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE TSUI LAM SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY OF THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE AGED, MR CHAU YIN-MING; AND SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, MR LEE WING-WAI.

PLANS HAVE BEEN DRAWN UP FOR THE WORKING GROUP TO VISIT VARIOUS LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN SAI KUNG AND TSEUNG KWAN O IN THE AFTERNOONS OF APRIL 25, MAY 15 AND JUNE 7.

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WINNING DANCERS TO PERFORM AT CITY HALL

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WINNERS OF THE 19TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WILL PERFORM IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL ON APRIL 1 (SUNDAY).

SEVENTEEN TEAMS, SELECTED FROM THE 117 TEAMS IN THE TERRITORY-WIDE DANCE CONTEST HELD LAST MONTH, WILL PERFORM A VARIETY OF DANCES, INCLUDING WESTERN AND ORIENTAL, CLASSICAL AND MODERN. THEY WILL ALSO RECEIVE AWARDS AT A CEREMONY.

THE TWO-HOUR SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM. TICKETS AT \$30 EACH ARE NOW ON SALE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS.

THE ANNUAL EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE KWUN TONG ROTARY CLUB.

OFFICIATING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR FUNG KWOK-KEUNG; KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRIS WAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM HANG-FAI; AND A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR POON CHI-FAI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE 19TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AND WINNERS' PERFORMANCE TO BE HELD ON APRIL 1 (SUNDAY) IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL. THE SHOW WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 PM.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE

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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR TEAMS TO TAKE PART IN THE TAI PO DRAGON BOAT RACE ON MAY 28 TO CELEBRATE THE TUEN NG FESTIVAL.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD.

THE RACES WILL TAKE PLACE ALONG THE WATERFRONT OF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN THE MORNING OF MAY 28.

THEY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO MEN'S OPEN, WOMEN'S OPEN, MIXED INVITATION AND INDUSTRIAL CUP SECTIONS. EACH TEAM SHOULD CONSIST OF 27 MEMBERS, COMPRISING 24 PADDLERS, A DRUMMER, A GONG-BEATER AND A COXSWAIN.

COMPETING TEAMS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH DRAGON BOATS AND PADDLES. THEY WILL ALSO BE ALLOWED TIME FOR PRACTISING.

LETTERS WILL BE SENT TO VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS INVITING THEIR PARTICIPATION.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION'S LI FOOK LAM INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE AT ON CHEUNG ROAD, AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT TING KOK ROAD.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 12. TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 657 7111, EXT. 244.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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ORGANISATIONS AND YOUTH AGENCIES IN WONG TAI SIN ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR HOLDING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH THIS SUMMER.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE'S TSZ WAN SHAN SUB-OFFICE AT BLOCK THREE, TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE BEFORE APRIL 12.

"HOWEVER, AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, APPLICATIONS FROM AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROGRAMME WAS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING LOCAL ORGANISATIONS TO HOLD RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25.

"THE ACTIVITIES SHOULD FOCUS ON THE THEME 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY'.

"IT IS HOPED THAT YOUNGSTERS WILL SHARE THE FUN AND DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATING IN THE ACTIVITIES," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT LETTERS HAD BEEN SENT TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND YOUTH AGENCIES INVITING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMME.

A BRIEFING ON THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES WILL BE HELD AT ROOM 210 ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 28), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE BRIEFING.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 324 1872.

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LIGHTER SIDE TO POLICING VBP CENTRE

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THERE IS A LIGHTER, HUMANITARIAN SIDE TO POLICING A VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE DETENTION CENTRE.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ONLY READ ABOUT A CAMP WHEN THERE ARE SPORADIC DISTURBANCES AND FIGHTING BETWEEN RIVAL FACTIONS, THE POLICE SENIOR STAFF INSPECTOR (ADMINISTRATION) AT THE SHEK KONG DETENTION CENTRE, MR KENNY MAK SAID.

BUT THEY WILL FIND THE RUNDOWN OF EXTRA CHORES CARRIED OUT BY THE CAMP POLICE MIND-BOGGLING, HE SAID.

FROM PREGNANT WOMEN TO THOSE SEEKING MARRIAGE AND FROM CASUALTY EVACUATION CASES TO WELL-WISHERS VISITING SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS IN HOSPITALS - HUNDREDS OF VBP'S FLOW IN AND OUT THE CENTRE EACH WEEK UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYES OF ESCORTING POLICE OFFICERS.

ADDITIONAL TO THE PARAMOUNT TASK OF MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER, THESE SUPERVISED TRIPS ARE JUST SOME OF THE MANY EXTRA DUTIES THAT POLICE OFFICERS HAVE STRETCHED THEMSELVES TO UNDERTAKE IN A BID TO ALLEVIATE, ALBEIT marginally, THE TEDIOUS LIFE INSIDE THE CENTRE.

IN JANUARY ALONE, POLICE ESCORTED TRIPS IN AND OUT OF THE CAMP COVERED 6,117 KILOMETRES.

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"TWICE A WEEK WE ARRANGE TRANSPORT FOR COUPLES TO REGISTER AT THE YUEN LONG MARRIAGE REGISTRY. AND EVERY WEDNESDAY, WE FERRY AN AVERAGE ABOUT 30 PREGNANT WOMEN TO YAN OI POLYCLINIC FOR MATERNITY CHECKUPS," MR MAK EXPLAINED.

ALSO SINCE JANUARY, STAFF HAVE ARRANGED HOSPITAL VISITS THREE TIMES A WEEK FOR INMATES TO VISIT THEIR SICK FAMILY MEMBERS, RELATIVES OR FRIENDS BEING TREATED IN PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL IN KWAI CHUNG, RUTTONJEE SANATORIUM IN WAN CHAI AND GRANTHAM HOSPITAL IN ABERDEEN.

"THESE EXTRA ESCORT DUTIES, PLUS A WIDE RANGE OF OTHER NON-POLICE COMMITMENTS, ARE QUITE TIME-CONSUMING, BUT WE TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM AS FAR AS WE CAN," MR MAK SAID.

CAMP POLICEMEN HAVE ALSO BEEN PLAYING OTHER ROLES, SUCH AS POSTMEN AND "HEAD HUNTERS".

"THE MAIL SERVICE PROVIDED IN THE CAMP MEANS THAT WE HAVE TO PROCESS AND SORT THOUSANDS OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING LETTERS EACH MONTH. IT IS A FIVE-DAY-A-WEEK ROUTINE FOR US NOW," MR MAK WENT ON.

"IN FEBRUARY, THE CAMP STAFF HANDLED 7,900 OUTGOING AND 4,850 INCOMING LETTERS - SLIGHTLY DOWN OVERALL ON THE PREVIOUS MONTHS TOTALS OF 8,520 AND 5,040 RESPECTIVELY."

EVEN WITH THE HELP OF VIETNAMESE VOLUNTEERS, A HANDFUL OF POLICEMEN STILL HAVE TO BE DEPLOYED TO LOOK AFTER THE SORTING OUT PROCESS TO ENSURE ALL INCOMING LETTERS REACH THE HANDS OF THE ADDRESSEES.

"EVERY ADDRESSEE HAS TO BE IDENTIFIED AND AN APPOINTMENT IS MADE FOR HE OR SHE TO COME AND COLLECT THE MAIL FROM US," MR MAK POINTED OUT.

"WE SIMPLY CAN'T LEAVE IT TO THE VIETNAMESE VOLUNTEERS AS IT MIGHT ALLOW ROOM FOR MAIL RIGGING OR POSSIBLE THEFTS. WE HAVE TO BE ABSOLUTELY SURE.

"AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS, WE ALSO PLAY 'HEAD HUNTERS', SEEKING OUT THOSE NAMED BY OTHER VIETNAMESE, LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS, WHO BELIEVE EITHER A RELATIVE OR FRIEND IS BEING KEPT HERE," MR MAK SAID.

"IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE THE TIME NEEDED TO TRACE THEM FROM AMONG MORE THAN 7,000 PEOPLE ACCOMMODATED HERE," MR MAK REMARKED.

STAFF IDENTIFIED 60 "LOST" VIETNAMESE IN JANUARY AND 40 IN FEBRUARY.

ON TOP OF ALL THIS, THE MANAGEMENT HAS TO SPEND A SIZEABLE PORTION OF ITS MANPOWER AND TIME ARRANGING THE TRANSFER OF INMATES TO OTHER DETENTION CENTRES EITHER FOR VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION OR FOR SUCH REASONS AS REUNION WITH FAMILY MEMBERS AT OTHER CAMPS.

STATISTICS MAINTAINED BY THE CAMP MANAGEMENT SHOW THAT THERE WERE 243 TRANSFER OR REUNION CASES IN JANUARY AND 219 IN FEBRUARY.

MEANWHILE, AFTER BEING APPROACHED BY A CHURCH-BASED VOLUNTARY AGENCY FOR ASSISTANCE IN OPENING A KINDERGARTEN AND PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE CAMP, THE MANAGEMENT LOCATED A SITE CAMP FOR THE PROJECT. THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN OPERATING SINCE SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

AND IN JANUARY, A SMALL ZIPPER FACTORY WAS OPENED IN THE SAME AREA BY ANOTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCY. THIS PROVIDES NOMINAL EMPLOYMENT FOR ABOUT 80 INMATES.

"GIVEN THE FACT THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF ITEMS INSIDE THE SCHOOLS AND FACTORY, WE HAVE TO DEPLOY TWO POLICE CONSTABLES TO GUARD THE AREA ON A ROUND-THE-CLOCK BASIS TO PREVENT BURGLARY," MR MAK SAID.

"IN GENERAL, OUR RELATIONS WITH THE INMATES ARE QUITE CORDIAL."

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POLICE ARRESTED 1,157 PEOPLE IN 4,050 RAIDS IN FEBRUARY

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POLICE CONTINUED THEIR THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE ACTIVITIES LAST MONTH, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 1,157 PEOPLE IN 4,050 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE MONTH, 207 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 523 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 747 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 3,248 RAIDS IN KOWLOON AND 183 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 259 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS ARRESTED 20 PEOPLE IN 20 OPERATIONS.

IN THEIR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES, POLICE ARRESTED 114 PEOPLE IN 3,250 RAIDS AND SEIZED 2,268 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 114 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 546 PEOPLE, SEIZING \$155,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$3.8 MILLION.

POLICE ALSO CARRIED OUT 686 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 497 PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING IN FEBRUARY. THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 6.3 KILOGRAM OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 50 GRAMS OF NO. 4 HEROIN, 234 GRAMS OF OPIUM AND 32 GRAMS OF CANNABIS.

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NEW ACCESS ROADS PROPOSED FOR TAN KWAI TSUEN
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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD NEW ROADS, BRIDGES AND FOOTBRIDGES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO VILLAGES IN TAN KWAI TSUEN AREA IN YUEN LONG.

THE WORKS ARE RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT'S DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT A STREAM NEAR TAN KWAI TSUEN.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INCLUDE:

- CONSTRUCTION OF PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES, VEHICULAR/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES, TRACKS AND A MAINTENANCE ROAD WHICH WILL BE RESTRICTED TO MAINTENANCE VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS;
- CLOSURE AND DEMOLITION OF EXISTING PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES; AND
- ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL CAN BE SEEN ON THE NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED WORKS.

A COPY OF THE PLANS OF THE PROPOSED UNDERTAKINGS, SHOWING THE AREAS AND THE EXISTING ROADS TO BE AFFECTED, CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

- CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, MAIN ENTRANCE LOBBY, HONG KONG;
- YUEN LONG DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG; AND
- YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, YUEN LONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, EAST WING, SECOND FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BY MAY 8 THIS YEAR.

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FLUSHING WATER CUT IN TSUEN WAN
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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 27) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AT ON YAT STREET, TSUEN KING CIRCUIT, ON YUK ROAD, INCLUDING ALLWAY GARDENS, HONG KONG ADVENTIST HOSPITAL AND STAFF QUARTERS, YAN CHAI HOSPITAL LIM POR YEN SECONDARY SCHOOL AND KEI WAI PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR NORTH POINT

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IN MARBLE ROAD, NORTH POINT.

OCCUPYING A 540-SQUARE-METRE SITE, THE SINGLE-STOREY REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL ACCOMMODATE A CARBON FILTRATION SYSTEM TO PREVENT THE EMISSION OF FOUL SMELL.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE AN OFFICE, A PUMP ROOM AND STAFF CHANGING ROOMS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN APRIL NEXT YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 12.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN WONG TAI SIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 27), A SECTION OF TUNG FAT ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN BETWEEN TUNG KWONG ROAD AND A POINT ABOUT 15 METRES SOUTH OF TUNG TAI LANE WILL BE RE-ROUTED TEMPORARILY FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT 45 DAYS.

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORKS. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TEMPORARY LANE CLOSURE ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, ABOUT 450 METRES LONG OF TWO SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC LANES ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD, SOUTH OF HUNG MUI KUK ROAD INTERCHANGE, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 9 PM TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY ON MARCH 27, 28, 29 AND 30 (TUESDAY TO FRIDAY).

MOTORISTS ARE URGED TO DRIVE WITH CARE AND PATIENCE. APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AIDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO GUIDE THEM.

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