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HK DELEGATION OFF TO YOKOHAMA FOR AIDS CONFERENCE

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A HONG KONG DELEGATION, LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, HAS LEFT FOR YOKOHAMA TODAY (SATURDAY) TO ATTEND THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS.

OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE THE SECRETARY FOR HEATH AND WELFARE (DESIGNATE), MRS KATHERINE FOK, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR MARGARET CHAN, AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS ON AIDS.

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN AUGUST 7 AND 12, IS THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AIDS. IT IS BEING HELD IN ASIA FOR THE FIRST TIME.

CO-SPONSORED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL AIDS SOCIETY, THE EVENT WILL BE ATTENDED BY ABOUT 10,000 POLICY MAKERS, MEDICAL AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, SOCIAL WORKERS, EDUCATIONALISTS AND SCHOLARS FROM COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"HONG KONG HAS ASSEMBLED THE LARGEST DELEGATION EVER TO THE CONFERENCE, WITH MORE THAN 30 MEMBERS COMING FROM MANY SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY," MRS WONG SAID.

"THE SIZE OF THE DELEGATION REFLECTS THE EVER INCREASING CONCERN AND IMPORTANCE THE COMMUNITY ATTACHES TO THE FIGHT AGAINST AIDS," SHE ADDED.

MRS WONG BELIEVED THAT THE TERRITORY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE CONFERENCE AS THE DELEGATION COMPRISED PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND VIEWPOINTS, AND FROM BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN PARTNERSHIP TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF AIDS.

HONG KONG DELEGATES WILL MAKE A TOTAL OF 14 PRESENTATIONS DURING THE CONFERENCE AND MRS WONG WILL ADDRESS THE CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 10 (WEDNESDAY).

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE HONG KONG AIDS FOUNDATION WILL EACH SET UP AN EXHIBITION BOOTH IN YOKOHAMA, WHILE THE HONG KONG AIDS MEMORIAL QUILT PROJECT WILL STAGE A QUILT DISPLAY.

THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON AUGUST 13 (SATURDAY).

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WATER TO BE DISCHARGED FROM SHENZHEN RESERVOIR

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HONG KONG HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE SHENZHEN AUTHORITY THAT WATER WOULD BE DISCHARGED FROM THE SHENZHEN RESERVOIR FROM ABOUT 7.50 PM TODAY (SATURDAY).

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LUCKY VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS SALE BY AUCTION

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ONE HUNDRED VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS WERE PUT UP FOR AUCTION TODAY (SATURDAY) FOR A TOTAL OF \$4,468,000 WHICH WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES AFTER DEDUCTION OF EXPENSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE RECITAL HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION MARK 61 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$1,200,000.

ANOTHER REGISTRATION MARK FY1 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$430,000, WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 EACH FOR GA8577, GA6029, EF4445, FN6873 AND GA6074.

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S MORNING SESSION AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
BB926	18,000	GA189	26,000	GA501	9,000	GA683	28,000
BK321	32,000	GA7890	6,000	GA889	42,000	FZ560	6,000
*FC121	15,000	*GA818	34,000	*FC33	106,000	*CY6	160,000
GA1081	3,000	BB650	15,000	GA182	20,000	GB148	28,000
GA3339	16,000	GA3228	32,000	GA288	58,000	GA884	10,000
GA662	20,000	ER228	70,000	EW1288	28,000	GA2808	18,000
BW730	14,000	GA479	8,000	GA669	26,000	GA9910	4,000
*GB36	60,000	*175	140,000	*FY28	90,000	*EZ6000	28,000
GA1963	7,000	FB1009	11,000	GA8838	28,000	GA6811	8,000
GA2398	6,000	GA9303	3,000	GA6881	5,000	GA8577	1,000
AT1880	19,000	GA1993	3,000	*AH2002	33,000	GA307	8,000
GA1833	15,000	GA1778	15,000	GA8768	10,000	*CC9900	46,000
GA8738	5,000	DL7787	5,000				

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF TODAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION AUCTION:

	\$		\$		\$		\$
GA119	25,000	GA163	75,000	GA2923	5,000	GA908	48,000
GA321	26,000	GA298	35,000	FN560	5,000	GA518	6,000
*DD9900	70,000	*FH363	33,000	*GA88	339,000	*61	1,200,000
GA4401	2,000	GA2328	23,000	AA380	80,000	GA1819	6,000
GA6003	4,000	GA981	10,000	GA388	66,000	GB923	5,000
GB168	120,000	EM228	70,000	GB129	28,000	BC8280	3,000
GA2028	15,000	CU867	5,000	GA1997	30,000	GA3669	3,000
*FC23	56,000	*FY25	32,000	*FY1	430,000	*GA8118	100,000
AD1812	11,000	GA1880	6,000	GA1328	22,000	GA7776	6,000
GA6029	1,000	GA1229	4,000	EF4445	1,000	GA3817	6,000
FX132	12,000	AU725	8,000	*DN2112	8,000	GA6880	7,000
AL9954	3,000	GA1098	5,000	GB1031	WITHDRAWN	*GB8787	12,000
FN6873	1,000	GA6074	1,000				

THERE WAS NO BIDDER FOR GB1031. IT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT.

* SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK (NOT TRANSFERABLE)

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SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 234TH AND 235TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$335,560,905.

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HONG KONG MONETARY AUTHORITY
MONEY MARKET OPERATIONS
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	\$ MILLION	TIME (HOURS)	CUMULATIVE CHANGE (\$ MILLION)
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OPENING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,382	0930	+20
CLOSING BALANCE IN THE ACCOUNT	2,222	1000	+20
CHANGE ATTRIBUTABLE TO :		1100	+20
MONEY MARKET ACTIVITY	+20	1200	+20
LAF TODAY	-180	1500	
LAF RATE 2.50 BID/4.50 OFFER		TWI 122.9 *-0.2*	6.8.94

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HK DELEGATION ON AIDS WELCOMED IN JAPAN

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THE HONG KONG DELEGATION TO THE 10TH INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE, LED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, WAS WARMLY WELCOMED AT ITS OPENING CEREMONY IN YOKOHAMA TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY THE CROWN PRINCE AND THE CROWN PRINCESS OF JAPAN, AS WELL AS BY MORE THAN 12,000 DELEGATES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, MR TOMIICHI MURAYAMA, SAID AIDS WAS GOING TO BE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN ASIA.

"WE CANNOT EXPECT MIRACLES TO HAPPEN SO THE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO ARE TO SEEK A RESOLUTION THROUGH HOPE AND UNDERSTANDING, TO ADOPT A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH AND TO REMOVE FEAR AND DISCRIMINATION," MR MURAYAMA SAID.

AT THE RECEPTION OF THE OPENING CEREMONY, MRS ELIZABETH WONG EXCHANGED VIEWS ON WAYS TO COMBAT AIDS WITH THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, DR HIROSHI NAKAJIMA.

MRS WONG ALSO SPOKE TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE FOR THE CONFERENCE, MR YUICHI SHIOKAWA AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS.

LATER SHE DISCUSSED WITH THE HEAD OF THE AIDS UNIT AT THE WORLD BANK, DR MICHAEL PORTER, THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF AIDS ON SOCIETY. SHE WILL HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH DR PORTER ON POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE THREAT OF AIDS IN THE REGION.

MEANWHILE, A BOOTH SET UP BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AT THE CONFERENCE ON HONG KONG EFFORTS IN COMBATTING AIDS HAS ALREADY RECEIVED WIDE ACCLAIM, ALTHOUGH THE EXHIBITION IS YET TO BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (MONDAY).

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MORE SUPPORT FOR YOUTH CALLED

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PARENTS, TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS SHOULD WORK HAND IN HAND TO HELP STUDENTS FACE THEIR STRESSES AND ANXIETIES WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION ARE RELEASED ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 9).

THIS REMARK WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH, MR ERIC LI, THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TO INTRODUCE A REPORT OF A STUDY ON THE SUPPORTIVE SYSTEM FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, MR LI SAID APPRECIATION SHOULD BE GIVEN FOR THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE YOUNGSTERS EVEN THOUGH THE RESULTS MIGHT NOT BE AS SATISFACTORY AS ONE HOPES OR EXPECTS.

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HE URGED SCHOOL TEACHERS AND CAREER MASTERS TO ADVISE THE FIFTH-FORMERS AND THEIR PARENTS OF THE POSSIBLE OPTIONS FOR STUDY AND WORK.

MOREOVER, SOCIAL WORKERS COULD PROVIDE COUNSELLING SERVICE TO THOSE STUDENTS IN DISTRESS, HE SAID.

MR LI ALSO URGED THE TEENAGERS TO SEEK ADVICE FROM THEIR PARENTS AND TEACHERS, WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM PROPER COUNSEL AND SUPPORT.

"SINCE PEER GROUP IS AN IMPORTANT SUPPORTIVE AGENT, AS THE STUDY HAS FOUND, YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE THEIR CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS WHO ARE IN NEED OF SUPPORT TO TURN TO THEIR TEACHERS OR SOCIAL WORKERS FOR ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE," HE ADDED.

REGARDING THE RECENTLY-COMPLETED STUDY ON THE SUPPORTIVE SYSTEM FOR YOUTH, THE WORKING GROUP CONVENOR, MR PAUL CHAN, SAID IT AIMED TO EXPLORE THE NATURE OF PROBLEMS THAT YOUNG PEOPLE GENERALLY ENCOUNTER, THEIR PATTERN OF SEEKING HELP FROM OTHERS, THE MAJOR SOURCES OF SUPPORT AND THEIR EXPECTATION OF VARIOUS SUPPORTIVE SYSTEMS.

THE SURVEY INVOLVED SMALL GROUP INTERVIEWS WITH SECONDARY ONE TO SEVEN STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN 11 AND 22, WITH A TOTAL OF 1,625 VALID QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED.

INITIAL FINDINGS SHOWED THAT OVER 60 PER CENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE SOMETIMES OR ALWAYS WORRIED ABOUT THEIR ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OR FUTURE PROSPECTS.

AMONG ALL SITUATIONS STUDIED, YOUNG PEOPLE FOUND MOST STRESSFUL WHEN THEY WERE REJECTED BY THEIR PEERS OR WHEN THEIR PARENTS HAD RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS.

AS TO THE TENDENCY OF SEEKING HELP, THE SURVEY INDICATED THAT TEENAGERS USUALLY TURNED TO PEERS AS THE MAJOR SOURCE OF SUPPORT WHEN THEY CAME ACROSS STRESSFUL SITUATIONS.

THIS WAS MOST OBVIOUS WHEN THE YOUNGSTERS FELT EMOTIONALLY UNSTABLE OR EXPERIENCE BREAK-UP.

IT IS NOTEWORTHY THAT A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION (20 PER CENT TO 50 PER CENT) OF THE YOUNGSTERS FELT THAT EITHER NOBODY OR ONLY THEMSELVES COULD BE OF HELP. THE PERCENTAGE WAS THE HIGHEST IN RELATION TO FAMILY AND SEX ISSUES.

NEVERTHELESS, THE STUDY REFLECTED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE DID HAVE EXPECTATION ON PARENTS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, GUIDANCE AND REINFORCEMENT.

THEREFORE, THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT THE ROLE OF PARENTS, IN PARTICULAR THAT OF THE FATHER, BE ENHANCED AS A SUPPORTIVE AGENT, MR CHAN SAID.

"AS FAR AS PARENTS ARE CONCERNED, THEY SHOULD BE MORE OPEN, LIBERAL AND UNDERSTANDING TO MAKE THEMSELVES MORE ACCESSIBLE TO THEIR CHILDREN.

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"MOREOVER, PARENTS AND TEACHERS SHOULD SHOW MORE CONCERN FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND GIVE MORE RECOGNITION TO THEIR EFFORTS AS THE LEVEL OF THEIR SUPPORT IN THESE TWO AREAS FALL SHORT OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S EXPECTATION," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN ALSO SAID THE WORKING GROUP AND THE RESEARCHER WOULD UNDERTAKE MORE IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF THE FINDINGS, INCLUDING HOLDING FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND A SEMINAR ON THE DETAILED FINDINGS.

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FIRST SPANS ERECTED FOR ELEVATED EXPRESSWAY SECTION

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CONSTRUCTION OF THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY, AN AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) PROJECT, HAS MOVED STEADILY AHEAD WITH TWO SPANS OF THE EXPRESSWAY'S ELEVATED NORTHERN SECTION BEING PLACED INTO POSITION.

THE 4.2-KILOMETRE EXPRESSWAY WILL RUN FROM THE WESTERN HARBOUR CROSSING TOLL PLAZA TO MEI FOO.

COMPLETION OF THE FIRST TWO SPANS ON THE NORTHERN ELEVATED SECTION MARKS A SIGNIFICANT STAGE IN THE PROJECT.

BOTH SPANS ARE 37 METRES LONG, EACH COMPRISING 12 PRECAST CONCRETE SEGMENTS.

THEY WERE PLACED IN POSITION BY A RELATIVELY NEW METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION, THE BALANCED CANTILEVER METHOD, USING PRECAST CONCRETE SEGMENTS.

IN THIS METHOD, THE SEGMENTS, EACH WEIGHING BETWEEN 60 AND 80 TONNES, ARE LIFTED BY CRANES, AND THEN MANOEUVRED INTO POSITION ON A VIADUCT PIER.

IN ALL, THERE WILL BE ABOUT 2,300 PRECAST SEGMENTS ON THE 2.7-KILOMETRE VIADUCT SECTION AND ITS ASSOCIATED RAMPS.

LAST MONTH, THE FIRST SPAN OF THE ROUTE 3 RAMBLER CHANNEL BRIDGE WAS PLACED INTO POSITION BY USING A SIMILAR BALANCED CANTILEVER TECHNIQUE.

THE EXPRESSWAY, A 4.2-KILOMETRE DUAL THREE-LANE HIGHWAY, IS BEING BUILT ON THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION AS PART OF THE ROAD NETWORK WHICH WILL CONNECT THE NEW AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK AND TUNG CHUNG NEW TOWN TO THE URBAN AREAS.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXPRESSWAY IS DIVIDED INTO TWO MAIN CONTRACTS, NORTH AND SOUTH. THE NORTH SECTION IS BEING BUILT BY KUMAGAI-MAEDA-CRABC JOINT VENTURE WHILE THE SOUTH SECTION IS BEING BUILT BY AOKI CORPORATION.

WORK STARTED IN AUGUST LAST YEAR AND BOTH SECTIONS ARE TARGETTED FOR COMPLETION IN LATE 1996.

THE EXPRESSWAY WILL FORM PART OF ROUTE 3, WHICH WILL RUN FROM HONG KONG ISLAND THROUGH THE NORTHWEST NEW TERRITORIES.

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ED OFFERS CAREERS ADVICE FOR S5 STUDENTS

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ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ON FURTHER STUDIES AND CAREERS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SECONDARY 5 SCHOOL LEAVERS AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS EDUCATION CENTRE IN ROOM 206, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 30 LUEN WAN STREET, MONG KOK FROM TUESDAY (AUGUST 9) TO FRIDAY (AUGUST 12).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT OFFICERS WOULD BE ON DUTY DURING THESE FOUR DAYS FROM 8.45 AM TO 5.30 PM TO ANSWER STUDENTS' ENQUIRIES.

IN EXPECTATION OF AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUNG VISITORS WHO WOULD HAVE RECEIVED THE RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION ON TUESDAY MORNING, THE CENTRE WILL OPERATE DURING LUNCH HOUR.

STUDENTS CAN GET MATERIALS ON OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDIES AND TRAINING, AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS PROFESSIONS.

EXCEPT THESE FOUR DAYS, THE CENTRE WILL RESUME ITS NORMAL OFFICE HOURS FROM 8.45 AM TO 12.45 PM AND 2.15 PM TO 4.45 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS, AND 9.15 AM TO 11.45 AM ON SATURDAYS.

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BEWARE OF TRICKSTERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) TODAY (SUNDAY) WARNED WELFARE RECIPIENTS TO WATCH OUT FOR TRICKSTERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REITERATED THAT NO MONEY WOULD BE DEMANDED FROM SWD STAFF IN ORDER TO PROCESS ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS TO THE NEEDY.

"IT HAD BEEN FOUND THAT ELDERLY CUSTOMERS RECEIVING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT COULD EASILY FALL PREY TO IMPOSTERS CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OR VOLUNTEERS.

"IT HAD BEEN REPORTED THAT THEY GAINED ACCESS INTO THE FLAT OF THE ELDERLY AND ROBBED THEM OF THEIR LIFE-SAVINGS.

"WE URGE THEM TO BE ON GUARD AND BE WARY OF TRICKSTERS. THEY SHOULD CHECK FOR THE DEPARTMENTAL IDENTITY CARDS OF VISITORS WHO CLAIMED TO BE SWD STAFF," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE REITERATED THAT THE SERVICES IN MAKING ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS WERE ENTIRELY FREE OF CHARGE AND ANY DEMANDS FOR MONEY FROM PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE SWD STAFF SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE NEAREST SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT OR THE POLICE FOR INVESTIGATION.

POSTERS ADVISING WELFARE RECIPIENTS TO BE BEWARE OF TRICKSTERS HAVE BEEN POSTED AT THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS.

"THE PUBLIC CAN CALL THE NEAREST SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT OR THE SWD HOTLINE 343 2255 WHEN IN DOUBT," HE SAID.

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47 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 47 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN APRIL THIS YEAR.

OF THE PLANS, NINE ARE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 14 FOR KOWLOON AND 24 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDE 16 FOR APARTMENT AND APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, 17 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND SEVEN FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

IN THE SAME MONTH, CONSENT WAS GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 37 BUILDING PROJECTS, WHICH INVOLVE 97,259.8 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 99,879.9 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN THE MONTH TOTALLED ABOUT \$887 MILLION.

OF THE BUILDINGS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN THE MONTH, USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES ARE 32,841.4 SQUARE METRES AND 70,658.5 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 25 OCCUPATION PERMITS - EIGHT FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE FOR KOWLOON AND 12 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 26 DEMOLITION CONSENTS INVOLVING 73 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 530 COMPLAINTS OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,578 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 310 REMOVAL ORDERS ON THE UNAUTHORISED WORKS.

THE DEPARTMENT'S DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION ALSO INSPECTED 850 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED NINE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE COURT.

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ELECTORS URGED TO VOTE IN DB ELECTIONS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON ELECTORS TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIC RIGHTS BY CASTING THEIR VOTES IN THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS ON SEPTEMBER 18.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A WALKATHON ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG SPORTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION IN SAI KUNG, MR WONG STRESSED THAT THE FORTHCOMING ELECTIONS WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT IN THE HISTORY OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS.

"THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THAT ALL DISTRICT BOARD SEATS WOULD BE ELECTED, AND CANDIDATES WILL BE COMPETING FOR A RECORD NUMBER OF 346 SEATS IN THE 18 DISTRICT BOARDS," HE SAID.

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HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE ELECTION ACTIVITIES.

HE SAID: "MUTUAL AIDS COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS SHOULD ALLOW CANDIDATES TO PUBLICISE THEIR ELECTION PLATFORMS IN THEIR HOUSING ESTATES AND BUILDINGS."

MR WONG ALSO APPEALED TO THE GROUPS OF FIRST-TIME VOTERS AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 21 TO TURN OUT IN FULL FORCE ON THE POLLING DAY.

HE REITERATED THAT DISTRICT BOARDS PERFORMED A MAJOR FUNCTION IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF HONG KONG AND HAD PROVED VERY EFFECTIVE IN IMPROVING ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES, AS WELL AS REFLECTING RESIDENTS' VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT ON A RANGE OF ISSUES.

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AFD SUBSIDIES FOR SECONDARY STUDIES

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CHILDREN OF FARMING AND FISHING FAMILIES IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO COMPLETE THEIR SECONDARY EDUCATION ARE REMINDED TO APPLY EARLY FOR THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICATIONS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS WILL CLOSE ON AUGUST 17 (WEDNESDAY).

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S HEADQUARTERS ON THE 12TH FLOOR OF CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AND FROM VARIOUS DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES LIAISON OFFICES.

APPLICANTS MUST BE STUDENTS IN FORMS 4 TO 7 AND THE AWARDS CAN BE TENABLE AT ANY SECONDARY SCHOOL IN HONG KONG.

SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS WHO HAVE ACHIEVED A STANDARD OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"STUDENTS MAY ALSO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO COVER TUITION FEES AND PURCHASE OF BOOKS. SUCH SUBMISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED ON A FINANCIAL-NEED BASIS," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPLICATION PROCEDURES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AND MARINE FISH SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TEL 733 2249.

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SYP "DISTRICT FUN DAY" AT KOWLOON PARK

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THE "DISTRICT FUN DAY" ORGANISED BY THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME COMMITTEE WAS A CENTRE OF ATTRACTION AT THE PIAZZA OF KOWLOON PARK TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING PART IN THE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES HAD BRIGHTENED UP THE PIAZZA IN THE MISERABLE WEATHER.

IN ADDITION TO MARCHING BAND AND LION DANCE, THE "YOUTH VANGUARDS" OF THE HONG KONG SPORTS DEVELOPMENT BOARD ALSO GAVE A DEMONSTRATION OF A VARIETY OF SPORTS GAMES.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE 19 CHAIRMEN REPRESENTING THE DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEES VISITED THE SYP ACTIVITIES AT TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE HONG KONG PLAZA OF WHAMPOA GARDEN IN KOWLOON.

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