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DB DELEGATION LEAVES FOR THAILAND AND SINGAPORE

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A WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD DELEGATION DEPARTED TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR THAILAND AND SINGAPORE ON A SEVEN-DAY STUDY VISIT.

THE 10-MEMBER DELEGATION WILL FIRST VISIT THAILAND AND STAY THERE UNTIL WEDNESDAY (JULY 18).

DURING THEIR STAY, MEMBERS WILL MEET OFFICIALS FROM THE THAI EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, THE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE AND BANGKOK'S METROPOLITAN ADMINISTRATION.

IN SINGAPORE, THEY WILL VISIT THE ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT, THE MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE GREENERY PROJECTS IN THE ISLAND REPUBLIC BY OFFICIALS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.

LED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, THE DELEGATION COMPRISES SEVEN OTHER DB MEMBERS. THEY ARE MR ARTHUR CHAM, MR RAYMOND CHOW, MR WARREN CHOW, MR CHUNG YEE-ON, MS JACQUILINE HA, MR LEE LAU-SHEK AND MR NORMAN LO.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, AND A DISTRICT SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER ARE ACCOMPANYING THE GROUP.

THE DELEGATION IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (JULY 21).

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WONG TAI SIN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME STARTS

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IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S AIM TO PROVIDE EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THEREFORE, A GREAT VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP A GOOD PHYSIQUE AND PLEASANT PERSONALITY," HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1990 WONG TAI SIN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) AT THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE, MR LAU SAID THE SYP WAS A COMMUNITY BUILDING EXERCISE TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT TO ENJOY A HEALTHY AND RELAXING SUMMER HOLIDAY.

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"THROUGH TAKING PART IN VARIOUS RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, THEY CAN LEARN ABOUT THE DUTIES OF A GOOD CITIZEN AND PUT INTO PRACTICE THE SYP THEME OF 'SHARE THE FUN, SERVE THE COMMUNITY'," HE SAID.

MR LAU SAID THE WONG TAI SIN SYP'S SLOGAN -- "I LOVE SUNSHINE, I LOVE VIGOUR" -- AIMED TO ENCOURAGE YOUNGSTERS TO TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES AND MAKE USE OF THE LONG HOLIDAY TO ENRICH AND ENJOY THEMSELVES.

ON THE SUBJECT OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES, MR LAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SOON LAUNCH A VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN TO PREPARE FOR THE DISTRICT BOARDS, MUNICIPAL COUNCILS AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS NEXT YEAR.

"THE COMMUNITY ORGANISERS OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONDUCT DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS IN THE DISTRICT IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP," HE SAID.

UNDER THIS YEAR'S SYP, MORE THAN 600 RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY 41 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE HELD IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THESE INCLUDE CAMPS, PICNICS, LIFE EXPERIENCING SCHEMES, INTEREST CLASSES, TRAINING COURSES, SEMINARS, EXHIBITIONS AND CARNIVALS.

AN AMOUNT OF ABOUT \$600,000 FOR THE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD.

ALSO PRESENT AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON), MR LOK MAN-PAN; REGIONAL LEISURE MANAGER (KOWLOON EAST), MR CHAN WING-FONG; CHIEF HOUSING MANAGER (ISLAND AND KOWLOON CENTRAL), MR CHOY KI-WONG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHOI LUK-SING.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, THE AUDIENCE WAS TREATED TO A LION DANCE, MAGIC SHOW, AND SINGING AND BRASS BAND PERFORMANCES.

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OVERTIME WORK FOR WOMEN MUST BE REPORTED

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FACTORY PROPRIETORS ARE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED THAT THEY MUST REPORT TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ANY INTENDED CHANGE IN THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT OF THEIR FEMALE WORKERS, OTHERWISE THEY MAY BE PROSECUTED.

ACCORDING TO THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, NO CHANGE SHOULD BE MADE IN THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT OR INTERVALS FOR MEALS OR REST FOR WOMEN EMPLOYED IN AN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKING UNLESS THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN DULY NOTIFIED IN WRITING.

"A NOTICE OF PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF WORK CONTAINING DETAILS OF SUCH CHANGE SHOULD ALSO BE POSTED IN THE WORKPLACE 48 HOURS BEFORE THE CHANGE TAKES EFFECT," THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS), MR TSANG KIN-WOO, EXPLAINED.

MR TSANG NOTED THAT TWO MANUFACTURERS WERE RECENTLY FINED HEAVILY BY THE COURT FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT.

THE WINNERTEX FASHION LIMITED AND HERMES TEXTILE INDUSTRY (HK) LIMITED WERE FOUND DURING INSPECTIONS TO HAVE EMPLOYED 30 AND 15 WOMEN RESPECTIVELY OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT AND HAD NOT SUBMITTED OVERTIME REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT.

"THE FORMER WAS SENTENCED THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 BY A KWUN TONG MAGISTRATE, WHILE THE LATTER WAS FINED \$9,000 BY A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE," MR TSANG SAID.

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR FIVE REGIONS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SERIES OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN FIVE REGIONS TO AROUSE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERN ABOUT SOCIETY AND TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMUNITY.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALEXANDER FUNG, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) WHEN ADDRESSING THE OPENING OF A SEMINAR TO MARK THE START OF THE PROGRAMMES.

HE NOTED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE FACING MORE CHALLENGES AS HONG KONG UNDERWENT RAPID CHANGES IN THE 90'S.

"IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A STRONG SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE TERRITORY'S PROSPERITY AND STABILITY," HE SAID.

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MR FUNG APPEALED TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO PUT INTO PRACTICE WHAT THEY HAD LEARNED ABOUT CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

MORE THAN 100 YOUNGSTERS ATTENDED TODAY'S SEMINAR, WHICH INCLUDED TALKS ON CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AND YOUNGSTERS IN THE 90'S BY A LECTURER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, MR TSANG WING-KWONG, AND BY A CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR CHENG KAI-NAM.

THE OTHER REGIONAL PROGRAMMES, COVERING THE TOPICS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S ROLES IN MEETING NEW CHALLENGES AND THE WORK OF VOLUNTEERS, WILL BE HELD IN AUGUST AND OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

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LONGER NURSERY OPENING HOURS BEING CONSIDERED

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE OPENING HOURS OF DAY NURSERIES TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS OF PARENTS, THE ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR CARLOS LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE FOURTH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE ALICE LAN AND VERA SHEN EDUCATION FUND DELIA PEI NURSERY IN SHA TIN, MR LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT CHILDREN'S PRE-SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT HAD AN IMPORTANT EFFECT ON THEIR FUTURE PROGRESS.

"THAT IS WHY THE DEPARTMENT AND ORGANISATIONS ENGAGED IN CHILD CARE SERVICES HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD IN PROMOTING PRE-SCHOOL SERVICE FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION," HE SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE IS A TOTAL OF 18,937 PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SIX AT THE EXISTING 173 REGISTERED SUBVENTED DAY NURSERIES TERRITORY-WIDE. THEIR OPENING HOURS ARE FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM DAILY.

MR LEUNG SAID HE HOPED THESE NURSERIES COULD BE MORE FLEXIBLE IN COPING WITH THE PARENTS' NEEDS.

"IN THIS RESPECT, WE ARE NOW WORKING WITH THE SUBVENTED NURSERIES TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THEIR OPENING HOURS," HE ADDED.

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PROPRIETORS ALERTED ON IMPOSTERS

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED COMPANY PROPRIETORS TO BE WATCHFUL FOR PEOPLE IMPERSONATING AS OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A NUMBER OF COMPANIES HAD RECENTLY BEEN APPROACHED BY PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE LABOUR OFFICERS AND ASKING FOR PARTICULARS OF THE COMPANIES.

HE EXPLAINED THAT DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS WHEN MAKING ENQUIRIES WOULD ALWAYS PROVIDE THEIR NAMES AND THE DIVISIONS THEY WERE WORKING IN.

"OFFICERS CONDUCTING SITE INSPECTIONS ARE ALSO INSTRUCTED TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANT CARDS," HE ADDED.

"IF PROPRIETORS HAVE ANY DOUBT ABOUT THE CALLER'S IDENTITY, THEY SHOULD ASK FOR HIS CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES.

"THEY COULD ALSO CHECK WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT OR REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION," HE SAID.

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REVIEW OF DESIGN METHODS FOR EXCAVATIONS PUBLISHED

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THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE HAS PUBLISHED A TECHNICAL DOCUMENT ENTITLED "REVIEW OF DESIGN METHODS FOR EXCAVATIONS".

THIS PUBLICATION PRESENTS THE RESULTS OF A REVIEW CARRIED OUT BY THE OFFICE ON THE DESIGN OF EXCAVATION SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND IN THE PREDICTION OF GROUND MOVEMENT AROUND EXCAVATIONS.

THE ACTING HEAD OF THE OFFICE, MR JOHN MASSEY, SAID IN THE LAST DECADE, THERE HAD BEEN A RAPID INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CIVIL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING WORKS IN HONG KONG WHICH REQUIRED THE CONSTRUCTION OF DEEP EXCAVATIONS.

"IN RESPONSE, THE OFFICE HAS BEGUN WORK SEVERAL YEARS AGO ON THE REVIEW OF LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE ON THE SUBJECT OF EXCAVATIONS," HE SAID.

THE AIM OF THE REVIEW IS TO FACILITATE THE USE OF MODERN METHODS AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE DESIGN OF EXCAVATION SUPPORT SYSTEMS.

IT IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION SALES OUTLETS AT A COST OF \$30. USERS OF THE PUBLICATION ARE INVITED TO COMMENT ON ITS CONTENTS.

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REFUSE COLLECTION POINT FOR NORTH POINT

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A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL BE BUILT IN NORTH POINT FOLLOWING THE AWARD OF A \$2.36 MILLION CONTRACT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

OCCUPYING A 540-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT MARBLE ROAD, 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 WILL START LATER THIS MONTH AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN MAY NEXT YEAR.

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REFUSE TRANSFER STATION ON DB COMMITTEE AGENDA

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THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REFUSE TRANSFER STATION IN CHAI WAN AT ITS MEETING ON TUESDAY (JULY 17).

THE STATION WILL HANDLE 1,200 TONNES OF WASTES ON HONG KONG ISLAND PER DAY. IT IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO OPERATION BY THE END OF 1992.

ALSO, MEMBERS WILL SUGGEST WAYS TO PROMOTE GREATER USE OF RECYCLED PAPER AND THE COLLECTION OF WASTE PAPER FOR RECYCLING.

IN ADDITION, THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE PROBLEMS AT THE NORTH POINT TRAM TERMINUS, THE CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTER AND PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN CHAI WAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (JULY 17) IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (JULY 17), THE SECTION OF HIU KWONG STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH SAU MING ROAD TO A POINT ABOUT 120 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION IN KWUN TONG WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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