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EPCOM WELCOMES INITIATIVES IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

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NEW INITIATIVES IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, IN PARTICULAR A PROPOSAL BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO INTRODUCE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES INTO THE SECONDARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM, WERE WELCOMED BY MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM) TODAY (MONDAY).

AT THEIR MEETING TODAY, MEMBERS ALSO EXPRESSED CONTINUED CONCERN ABOUT ASBESTOS HAZARDS IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

THEY ASKED THAT FURTHER STUDIES BE CARRIED OUT ON THE USES OF ASBESTOS IN HONG KONG AND THAT PUBLIC AWARENESS MEASURES SHOULD EMPHASISE THE PROPER USE OF ASBESTOS PRODUCTS.

MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE PROGRESS IN ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SINCE THE EPCOM WORKING GROUP REPORTED ITS RECOMMENDATIONS IN JULY 1986, AND NOTED THAT SEVERAL OF THEIR PROPOSALS HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

MEMBERS FELT THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES COMPONENT OF EXISTING COURSES IN THE TERTIARY SECTOR SHOULD BE INCREASED, NOT ONLY IN SUCH SUBJECTS AS SCIENCE, BUT ALSO IN NON-SCIENCE SUBJECTS LIKE BUSINESS STUDIES AND LAW. A SIMILAR PRINCIPLE COULD ALSO BE APPLIED IN SECONDARY LEVEL SYLLABI.

THEY WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH THE OUTLINE SYLLABUS FOR AN OPTIONAL O-LEVEL SUBJECT IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PRODUCED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MEMBERS FELT THAT WITH CAREFUL DEVELOPMENT THIS WOULD BE A VALUABLE TOOL TO EDUCATE THE YOUNGER GENERATION ON THE NEED TO CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT.

MEMBERS POINTED OUT THAT ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT AT ALL LEVELS IN ORDER TO BE EFFECTIVE. THEY NOTED THAT THIS WAS BEGINNING TO HAPPEN AND CONSIDERED THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED) 1988 TO BE A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR.

MEMBERS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE EFFORTS MADE BY THE MEDIA TO PROMOTE THE WED.

THE IMPORT STATISTICS FOR ASBESTOS OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS WERE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING.

MEMBERS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE AMOUNT STILL BEING IMPORTED INTO THE TERRITORY AND SUGGESTED THAT FURTHER STUDIES ON THE USE OF ASBESTOS-CONTAINING PRODUCTS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT.

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JLG EXPERT MEETING ON RETURN OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS

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AN EXPERT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND BRITISH SIDES OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND WEDNESDAY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS CONCERNING THE FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RETURN OF FUGITIVE OFFENDERS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

THE BRITISH SIDE WILL BE LED BY SOLICITOR GENERAL, MR FRANK STOCK, WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY OTHER EXPERTS FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE CHINESE TEAM WILL BE LED BY CHINESE REPRESENTATIVE, MR WANG JIAJI, WHO WILL BE ASSISTED BY OTHER EXPERTS FROM THE CHINESE SIDE.

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GOVT OFFERS HELP TO OWNERS OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING FLATS

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AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MRS SUSAN MAK, WILL ATTEND THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO EXPLAIN TO MEMBERS ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO OWNERS OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING FLATS IN THE DISTRICT.

SHE WILL STATE THE NUMBER OF CASES OF FLAT OWNERS SEEKING HELP FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DIFFICULTIES THE OFFICE ENCOUNTERED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD AND AN APPLICATION FROM THE DB'S WORKING GROUP ON THE BASIC LAW FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE A FORUM.

MEANWHILE, A PAPER ON LAND RESUMPTION, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF WORK, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PROGRAMMES OF WORK AND ACTIVITIES IN TUEN MUN, AND REPORTS OF VARIOUS DB COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS WILL BE TABLED AT THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR, GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NO. 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 AM.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURE

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVIORS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 42.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 249.829 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVIORS CONTAINED 442.409 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 75.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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SEMINARS FOR MATHEMATICS PANEL CHAIRMEN

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SIXTY SECONDARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEACHERS WILL ATTEND THE FIRST OF FOUR IDENTICAL HALF-DAY SEMINARS, BEING HELD BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE TEACHERS ARE CHAIRMEN OF MATHEMATICS PANELS IN THEIR SCHOOLS.

THE SEMINARS AIM TO ACQUAINT TEACHERS WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN TEACHING MATHEMATICS, PANEL CO-ORDINATION, ORGANISATION OF ACTIVITIES, AND THE SELECTION AND USE OF RESOURCES.

TALKS WILL BE GIVEN ON THE ROLE OF A PANEL CHAIRMAN AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MATHEMATICS TEACHING, SCHEME OF WORK, RESOURCES AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, ASSIGNMENTS, TESTS AND EXAMINATIONS.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR DAVID LAN, WILL ADDRESS THE TEACHERS, AND WILL ALSO MEET MEMBERS OF A HONG KONG STUDENT MATHEMATICS TEAM WHICH RECENTLY WON AWARDS IN AN INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER MR LAN'S SPEECH AND MEETING WITH THE MATHEMATICS TEAM AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, AT 4 PM TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

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CFPA INVITES APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

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REGISTERED NON-PROFIT MAKING CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS AND ARTISTES ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR GRANTS UNDER THE GRANT APPLICATION SCHEME OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS (CFPA).

THERE ARE TWO CATEGORIES OF GRANTS - THE PROJECT (AND OTHER) GRANTS AND THE GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS.

A COUNCIL SPOKESMAN SAID ABOUT \$1.8 MILLION HAD BEEN ALLOCATED FOR DISBURSEMENT UNDER THE PROJECT (AND OTHER) GRANTS CATEGORY THIS FINANCIAL YEAR. SO FAR, RESPONSE TO THIS CATEGORY HAD BEEN ENTHUSIASTIC.

"TO DATE, MORE THAN 30 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS AND ARTISTES. AMONG THEM, 15 LOCAL ARTS GROUPS AND ONE ARTS SUPPORT GROUP HAVE BEEN AWARDED GRANTS TOTTALLING \$1,131,360," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THESE GRANTS WOULD HELP TO COVER THE COSTS OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS OR PERFORMANCES TO BE ORGANISED WITHIN THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

"FOR EXAMPLE, THE HONG KONG FESTIVAL FRINGE LIMITED HAS BEEN AWARDED AN OTHER GRANT AND A PROJECT GRANT TO ENABLE IT TO ORGANISE THE FRINGE '89 AND THE ART FAIR '89," HE SAID.

"FURTHER APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT (AND OTHER) GRANTS FOR ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE MARCH 31 NEXT YEAR ARE INVITED.

"APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE ANY TIME IN THE YEAR AND WILL BE ASSESSED AT MEETINGS TO BE HELD EVERY TWO MONTHS. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH."

"AS TO THE GENERAL SUPPORT GRANTS (GSG)," THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED, "THE CFPA IS NOW ALSO INVITING LOCAL PERFORMING ARTS GROUPS TO APPLY FOR THE GSG FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS SEPTEMBER 15 THIS YEAR."

HE SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANTS WAS TO SUBSIDISE THE GRANTEE'S ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS.

"REGISTERED BONA FIDE BODIES WHICH ARE EITHER CHARITIES OR HAVE CLEARLY STATED THEIR NON-PROFIT MAKING STATUS IN THEIR CONSTITUTIONS CAN APPLY.

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"ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY TYPE OF GRANT FROM THE CFPA ARE UNLIKELY TO BE AWARDED THE GSG," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE GSG AND THE PROJECT (AND OTHER) GRANTS SHOULD BE MADE ON RELEVANT APPLICATION FORMS WHICH ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE CFPA SECRETARIAT ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF HARBOUR CENTRE, 25 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-735878, 5-735045 AND 5-735569.

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LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION IN KWUN TONG

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RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG WITH ARTISTIC AND CREATIVE FLAIR ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A LANTERN DESIGN COMPETITION.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE DISTRICT'S CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

"THE COMPETITION IS AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE FORTHCOMING MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL AND RESIDENTS' INTEREST IN TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS - ONE FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS AND THE OTHER FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS AND OTHERS.

"THERE ARE NO RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE USE OF MATERIALS BUT THE ENTRIES SHOULD NOT EXCEED ONE METRE IN ANY DIMENSION NOR SHOULD THEY CARRY ANY COMMERCIAL SLOGANS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315 EXT. 411.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES IS SEPTEMBER 20. THE LANTERNS WITH ENTRY LABELS AFFIXED TO THEM SHOULD BE DELIVERED THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICES BUILDING IN TUNG YAN STREET.

WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT A MID-AUTUMN CARNIVAL TO BE HELD AT THE HONG NING ROAD PLAYGROUND ON SEPTEMBER 24.

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COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR VISITS TOY FACTORY

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, VISITED A TOY-MAKING FACTORY IN TSUEN WAN THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE ZYLL ENTERPRISE LTD, HE WAS BRIEFED BY THE COMPANY'S PRODUCTION MANAGER, MR NGO CHEUK-FUNG, AND THE MANAGER, MR LI SHOU-TUN.

MR HAMMOND WAS THEN SHOWN AROUND THE FACTORY PREMISES WHERE SOME 80 WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED.

THE COMPANY MANUFACTURES DIE-CAST METAL TOYS, SUCH AS CARS, AEROPLANES, AND BICYCLES, FOR EXPORT TO THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE AND AUSTRALIA.

MR HAMMOND SAID HE WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT THE COMPANY MAINTAINED HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONS AND HAD A GOOD RECORD OF SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, MR HAMMOND HAD A GENERAL ROUND-UP DISCUSSION WITH THE MANAGEMENT.

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ROAD CLOSURES IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TWO ROAD SECTIONS IN TUEN MUN AREA 44 WILL BE CLOSED PERMANENTLY FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 25).

THE TWO ROAD SECTIONS ARE THE EXISTING DEAD-END ROAD 44B AND THE NORTH-EASTERN SECTION OF ROAD 44E FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD 44C TO THE VEHICULAR ENTRANCE OF THE CASTLE PEAK DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE CASTLE PEAK DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION WILL HAVE TO USE THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF ROAD 44E.

IN ADDITION, THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD FROM SIU LAM INTERCHANGE TO WONG CHU ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY ON AUGUST 24 (WEDNESDAY) AND 25.

THE MEASURE WILL FACILITATE THE REPAIR OF A TRAFFIC GANTRY SIGN. MOTORISTS ON TUEN MUN ROAD NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR TUEN MUN WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN YUEN LONG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 24) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR WATER WORKS.

AREAS WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED ARE MAI PO SAN TSUEN, MAI PO LO WAI, TAM KONG CHAU, MAI PO LUNG, SHEK WU WAI, YAN SHAU WAI, TUNG CHAN WAI, WING PING TSUEN, FAN TJN TSUEN, SAN LUNG TSUEN, TSING LUNG TSUEN, ON LUNG TSUEN AND CASINO LINES.

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