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CALL FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

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REGISTERING AS A VOTER IS THE FIRST PRACTICAL STEP TO SHOW ONE'S SUPPORT TOWARDS THE EXPANDED DISTRICT BOARDS AND A MORE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IN HONG KONG, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF SHAM SHUI PO, MISS REBECCA KO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE DISTRICT'S PRELIMINARY SINGING CONTEST, SHE REFERRED TO THE RECENT DECISION TO FURTHER DEVELOP LOCAL ADMINISTRATION IN WHICH DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD HAVE MORE ELECTED MEMBERS AND A WIDER MANAGEMENT ROLE AFTER NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

+THE WIDENING OF THE SCOPE OF THE BOARDS WILL ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WORK AND MORE MEMBERS' VIEWS COULD BE HEARD,+ SHE SAID.

REFERRING TO SHAM SHUI PO WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICTS, WITH 500 000 RESIDENTS, SHE SAID THE DISTRICT HAD HAD VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL AND TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, AND WAS FACED WITH AN ACUTE SHORTAGE OF PUBLIC FACILITIES AND AMENITIES.

+1981 SAW THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISTRICT BOARD HERE. SINCE THEN, THROUGH ITS CLOSE COOPERATION WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE BOARD IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, AND THE PROVISION OF CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES,+ SHE SAID.

+SUCH ACHIEVEMENTS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ATTAINED WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT OF OUR RESIDENTS WHOSE CONCERN AND ADVICE PLAY A KEY ROLE.

+YOUR ACTIVE RESPONSE TO THE CALL FOR REGISTRATION AND VOTING FOR NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL, ON THE ONE HAND, MEAN EXERCISING YOUR CIVIL RIGHT AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, MANIFEST YOUR FAITH AND SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR HONG KONG.+

TWELVE AMATEUR SINGERS PERFORMED IN TONIGHT'S GATHERING, WHICH ALSO FEATURED A MAGIC SHOW AND MODERN DANCES.

THE WINNER WILL REPRESENT SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT IN A SEMI-FINAL TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 11 AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SHAM SHUI PO ARTS ASSOCIATION, MR KWOK CHEONG, WAS ALSO PRESENT AT TONIGHT'S CONTEST WHICH WAS ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED.

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URBCO WORKING WELL WITH DISTRICT BOARDS
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THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CONSULTATIVE PROCESS WITH DISTRICT BOARDS HAS BEEN WORKING VERY WELL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF COUNCIL PROJECTS IN URBAN AREAS, MR AUGUSTINE CHUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL'S CAPITAL WORKS SELECT COMMITTEE, SAID TODAY.

+THROUGH INFORMATION FROM THE DISTRICT BOARDS, WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS ABOUT THE NEEDS OF SPECIFIC DISTRICTS AND THE TYPES OF FACILITIES BEST SUITED FOR DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENTS,+ HE SAID.

MR CHUNG'S COMMENTS CAME DURING A SITE VISIT TO FOUR URBAN COUNCIL PROJECT SITES ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE PARTY, INCLUDING URBAN COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, AND OTHER COUNCILLORS, VISITED THE NAM LONG SHAN COOKED-FOOD CENTRE PROJECT AT ABERDEEN, THE SITE OF A TWO-PHASE PARK PROJECT AT WAH FU ESTATE, THE NEW WESTERN COMPLEX IN QUEEN'S ROAD AND THE LOCKHART ROAD COMPLEX IN WAN CHAI.

ONE EXAMPLE OF THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE URBAN COUNCIL AND DISTRICT BOARDS WAS TODAY'S OUTCOME OF A PROPOSAL FOR A SOCCER PITCH AT THE PLAYGROUND PROJECT IN WAH FU ESTATE, MR CHUNG SAID.

+FROM OUR SITE VISIT TODAY WE DISCOVERED THAT THE AREA IS JUST NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO BUILD EVEN A MINI-SOCCER PITCH,+ HE ADDED.

+ONE OF OUR COUNCILLORS, WHO ALSO HAPPENS TO BE A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, CAME ON THE VISIT AND AGREED THAT A FREE-KICK AREA SHOULD BE BUILT INSTEAD.+

OF THE FOUR SITES INSPECTED TODAY, THE NEW WESTERN COMPLEX BEING BUILT AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF ABOUT \$170 MILLION, IS THE LARGEST PROJECT IN THE COUNCIL'S CURRENT DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

THE COMPLEX WILL HAVE MARKET STALLS, A COOKED-FOOD CENTRE, A DISTRICT LIBRARY, A DISTRICT CULTURAL CENTRE AND INDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES. IT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN LATE 1986.

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YOUTHS PRAISED FOR ANTI-DRUG WORK

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE TO THE RISK OF DRUG ABUSE, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER, SAID THIS EVENING (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP CLUBHOUSE.

MR MORTIMER PRAISED THE GOOD WORK OF THE YOUTH VOLUNTEERS.

+NOW, WE HAVE THE YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WHO USE THEIR SPARE TIME TO SPREAD THE ANTI-DRUG ABUSE MESSAGE TO THEIR PEERS.

+THEIR DEVOTION TO SERVICE AND HIGH STANDARD OF RESOURCEFULNESS AND INITIATIVE HAVE CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO THE SUCCESS OF MANY PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BOTH BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WAS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN, MR KARL STUMPF, WHO CALLED FOR MORE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

+DRUG TRAFFICKING AND DRUG ADDICTION CANNOT BE SUPPRESSED BY THE EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ALONE; FULL SUCCESS WILL ONLY COME THROUGH WIDESPREAD COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT,+ HE SAID.

MR STUMPF EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE LIONESSE CLUB OF MT. PHOENIX HONG KONG FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEERS' ANTI-DRUG ABUSE ACTIVITIES BY DONATING TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS THIS YEAR.

THE FUNCTION OF THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP IS TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY ACAN.

SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN SEPTEMBER, 1981, THE VOLUNTEER GROUP HAS TAKEN PART IN 90 ANTI-NARCOTICS EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS CONCERTS, SPORTS MEETS, SEMINARS, TRAINING CAMPS AND OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY ACAN.

THE GROUP HAS A MEMBERSHIP OF 50, HIGHLY MOTIVATED, ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG PEOPLE WHO COME FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE. THEY MAKE USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME IN THE EVENINGS OR DURING HOLIDAYS TO CARRY OUT THEIR WORK.

THE ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP CLUBHOUSE IS LOCATED AT BLOCK F, VICTORIA BARRACKS, QUEENSWAY, WAN CHAI.

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MORE REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN PLANNED
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THE YEAR 1984 COULD TURN OUT TO BE A KEY YEAR IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR VERY YOUNG HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (DEVELOPMENT), MRS ELIZABETH BOSHER WHEN SHE OPENED THE KWAI SHING CENTRE OF THE HEEP HONG SOCIETY FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

MRS BOSHER SAID THAT THE WORKING PARTY ON PRE-SCHOOL CARE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF DISABLED CHILDREN HAD PINPOINTED AREAS WHICH IT FELT TO BE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE NETWORK OF SERVICES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.

THE PARTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS, CONTAINED IN ITS RECENTLY PUBLISHED REPORT, HAD BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, SHE SAID.

+FIRST IS THE IMPORTANCE OF BEGINNING TRAINING OF THE DISABLED CHILD AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT NO TIME IS LOST DURING THE CRITICAL EARLY MONTHS OF DEVELOPMENT,+ SHE SAID.

UNTIL NOW, THERE HAS BEEN NO POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR INFANTS UNDER TWO.

AS A RESULT OF THE WORKING PARTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS, THE GOVERNMENT NOW PLANS TO MAKE AVAILABLE SERVICES TO DISABLED INFANTS, AND THEIR PARENTS, FROM BIRTH ONWARDS.

+EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES, DESIGNED TO ADVISE PARENTS ON HOW TO TRAIN THEIR OWN CHILDREN AT HOME WILL BE DEVELOPED THROUGH A NETWORK OF EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES.

+THESE CENTRES WILL BE RUN MAINLY BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND IN THE LONG TERM, IT IS INTENDED THAT THEY SHOULD BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY,+ MRS BOSHER SAID.

SECONDLY, THE WORKING PARTY HAS RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF ADEQUATE STAFFING OF SERVICES FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO DEVELOP NEW TRAINING COURSES SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR STAFF WORKING WITH PRE-SCHOOL DISABLED CHILDREN.

MRS BOSHER SAID THAT IN ADDITION, IT WAS INTENDED TO UPGRADE THE BASIC QUALIFICATION AND SALARIES OF CHILD CARE STAFF WORKING WITH DISABLED CHILDREN AND TO PROVIDE THEM WITH MORE HIGHLY SKILLED PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT IN SUCH AREAS AS PHYSIOTHERAPY, OCCUPATIONAL AND SPEECH THERAPY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES.

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+LAST, BUT NOT LEAST,+ SHE SAID, +THE WORKING PARTY RECOGNISED THE IMPORTANCE OF MEETING IN FULL THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN OF PRE-SCHOOL AGES FOR REHABILITATION SERVICES.+

AT PRESENT, THE GOVERNMENT SUBVENTS 275 PLACES IN EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIX, 420 PLACES IN SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES FOR THOSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWO AND SIX, AND 430 INTEGRATED PLACES IN ORDINARY CHILD CARE CENTRES.

MRS BOSHER SAID THAT OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED, IF RESOURCES PERMITTED, TO OPEN SIX ADDITIONAL EARLY EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTRES EACH YEAR.

IT WAS ALSO INTENDED TO PROVIDE AN AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE OF 180 PLACES A YEAR IN SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRES AND A FURTHER 180 PLACES A YEAR IN INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES IN ORDINARY CHILD CARE CENTRES AND KINDERGARTENS.

MRS BOSHER SAID THAT TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE WOULD REQUIRE CLOSE AND CONTINUING COOPERATION AMONG THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, OPERATORS OF CHILD CARE CENTRES AND KINDERGARTENS, AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

MRS BOSHER PAID TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE HEEP HONG SOCIETY, FOR THEIR ROLE IN PIONEERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR VERY YOUNG DISABLED CHILDREN.

THE KWAI SHING CENTRE IS THE THIRD SPECIAL CHILD CARE CENTRE TO BE OPERATED BY THE SOCIETY.

THE SOCIETY'S CENTRES NOW CATER FOR MORE THAN 370 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN BETWEEN BIRTH AND SIX YEARS OF AGE.

THE SOCIETY'S FIRST HELP OUTREACH PROGRAMME, NOW OPERATING FROM FOUR BASES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, WAS ONE OF THE FIRST EXPERIMENTAL EARLY-INTERVENTION PROJECTS FOR INFANTS IN HONG KONG.

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PUBLIC WARNED ABOUT SUMMER DISEASES

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) REMINDED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST CHOLERA AND OTHER GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES, SUCH AS TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY, DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT VIRAL HEPATITIS AND FOOD POISONING ARE ALSO COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE WARM WEATHER.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS THIS YEAR, FIVE PEOPLE HAD DIED OF VIRAL HEPATITIS.

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STATISTICS COMPILED BY THE DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT THE NUMBER OF REPORTED VIRAL GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES HAD BEEN INCREASING STEADILY OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

+FOR INSTANCE, 167 CASES OF VIRAL HEPATITIS WERE REPORTED IN APRIL, COMPARED WITH 92 CASES IN JANUARY, 96 IN FEBRUARY AND 148 IN MARCH,+ HE SAID.

+THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT OF CHOLERA CASES IN HONG KONG SINCE OCTOBER 1982, THE PUBLIC SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE DISEASE WHICH IS ENDEMIC IN SOUTHEAST ASIA,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MEANWHILE, ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE NOTIFIABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES HAVE REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL OVER THE PAST YEARS, THE DEPARTMENT IS CONTINUING WITH ITS HEALTH EDUCATION AND IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES.

HOWEVER, THE MOST RELIABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PREVENTION IS TO OBSERVE PERSONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AS MOST GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES ARE TRANSMITTED THROUGH CONTAMINATED FOOD AND DRINK, THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE SPECIALLY CAREFUL IN THEIR EATING HABITS, HE SAID.

ALL TYPES OF FOOD SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY COOKED AND SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNCOVERED IF IT IS NOT TAKEN IMMEDIATELY.

HE SAID THAT WATER DIRECTLY FROM THE MAINS IS PURE AND SAFE FOR DRINKING, BUT WATER FROM TANKS MAY BE CONTAMINATED AND SHOULD BE BOILED BEFORE CONSUMPTION.

+WATER FROM STREAMS AND WELLS IS ALSO NOT SUITABLE FOR DRINKING,+ HE ADDED.

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IMPROVED DESIGN FOR HOS BLOCKS * * * *

THE Y SHAPE HOUSING BLOCKS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT MAY SHING COURT IN SHATIN INCORPORATE THE LATEST SOLUTION TO MANY OF THE PROBLEMS OF HIGH RISE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT ARCHITECT MR JOHN NG DESIGNED THE BLOCKS TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING THIRTY YEARS OF HONG KONG PUBLIC HOUSING.

THE UNITS ARE DESIGNED TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM USE OF THE SPACE AVAILABLE, WHILE AVOIDING THE PROBLEM - COMMON TO BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC ESTATES - OF PEOPLE LOOKING STRAIGHT INTO EACH OTHER'S WINDOW. THE BLOCKS HAVE ALSO BEEN POSITIONED TO ENSURE THAT MOST RESIDENTS ENJOY AN UNINTERRUPTED VIEW. THE Y SHAPE PROVIDES THE UTMOST ECONOMY IN SPACE WASTED ON ACCESS AND UTILITIES.

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IT IS PARTICULARLY SUITED TO THE AIM OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS TO PROVIDE A LARGE NUMBER OF MEDIUM-SIZED FLATS, WHILE RETAINING A FEELING OF SPACIOUSNESS.

THE Y SHAPE ALSO PROVIDES IMPROVED VENTILATION, ALLOWS FOR WINDOWS IN EACH ROOM AND MORE NATURAL LIGHT IN THE FLAT.

EACH BLOCK HAS A CENTRAL LIFT LOBBY IN THE +CORE+ WHERE ELECTRICITY, SWITCH ROOMS AND OTHER SERVICES ARE LOCATED. A COMMUNAL SPACE HALF WAY ALONG EACH WING OF THE BLOCK AVOIDS THE PROBLEM OF LONG DARK CORRIDORS.

A GARDEN WITH PLAY EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED ON THE ROOF, AND THE BLOCKS' SHAPE ALSO ALLOW WIDER OPEN SPACES OUTDOORS.

MR NG SAID THIS DESIGN WAS UNUSUAL IN HONG KONG BECAUSE OF ITS EMPHASIS ON PROVIDING OPEN AREAS RATHER THAN FULLY-UTILIZING SPACE BY BUILDING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF FLATS.

EVERY FLAT HAS A FULLY TILED KITCHEN AND A BATHROOM. HOME OWNERS CAN PARTITION THE FLATS TO SUIT THEIR INDIVIDUAL NEEDS. LIVING ROOM WALLS ARE PLASTERED AND PAINTED, AND THERE ARE VINYL FLOOR TILES THROUGHOUT.

THE FLATS, FOR WHICH APPLICATIONS WILL BE INVITED SHORTLY, ARE PRICED FROM \$99 800 TO \$174 700, WITH SIZES RANGING FROM 50 TO 64.3 SQUARE METRES.

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SWIMMERS TOLD NOT TO RELY ON SWIMMING AIDS
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SWIMMERS AT BEACHES ARE BEING URGED TO BE CAREFUL AND NOT TO RELY ON SWIMMING AIDS.

THEY COULD EASILY LOSE SUCH AIDS AND ENDANGER THEIR LIVES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

+IMPROPER USE OF SNORKELS AND DIVING MASKS COULD ALSO BE DANGEROUS,+ HE STRESSED.

TWO YOUNG MEN LOST THEIR LIVES WHILE SWIMMING WITH GOGGLES BEYOND THE SAFETY BOUNDARY AT TUNG WAN BEACH ON CHEUNG CHAU RECENTLY.

+ONE IMPORTANT RULE IS TO KEEP WITHIN YOUR LIMITS AND TO SWIM WITHIN AREAS MARKED WITH BUOYS AT GAZETTED BEACHES WHERE LIFEGUARDS ARE PROVIDED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+ALWAYS TELL YOUR COMPANIONS WHERE YOU WILL BE SWIMMING SO THAT THEY CAN WATCH OUT FOR YOU,+ HE ADDED.

SWIMMERS SHOULD ALSO BE ON GUARD AGAINST STRONG WAVES AND CURRENTS WHICH COULD DRAG THEM AWAY FROM THE SHORE, HE WARNED.

CHILDREN SWIMMING AT BEACHES SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS, HE SAID.

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FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED ON RECLAIMED LAND
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MUCH-NEEDED FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE AREA OF SAM KA TSUEN VILLAGE, LEI YUE MUN, ON 1.6 HECTARES OF LAND TO BE RECLAIMED FROM THE NEARBY TYPHOON SHELTER.

THEY WILL INCLUDE A 170-METRE-LONG ROAD, A CAR AND LORRY PARK, A MARKET TO SERVE THE AREA AND A 150-METRE-LONG PROMENADE.

THE WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER STAGE IV OF THE SAM KA TSUEN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT A COST OF ABOUT \$15 MILLION, INCLUDING CLEARANCE EXPENSES.

IN STAGES I TO III, 16 HECTARES OF LAND HAVE BEEN RECLAIMED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PLAN AND SCHEME HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WHO HAD NO OBJECTION TO IT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START NEXT MAY AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MORE TREES NEEDED IN SHA TIN
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MORE TREES WERE NEEDED IN SHA TIN, AS MASSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN RECENT YEARS HAD CAUSED MANY CUT SLOPES AND BARREN SPOTS IN THE NEW TOWN, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG NEW TERRITORIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MR WAI HON-LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR WAI WAS SPEAKING AT THE END OF A TWO-HOUR VISIT TO SHA TIN TO SEE AMENITY PLOTS AND TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES THERE.

ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE TOUR WERE THE SUPERINTENDENT (HYGIENE) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR KWONG WEI-LIM, AND THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICER OF SHA TIN, MR NG YING-NEEN.

AMONG OTHER PLACES, THE PARTY VISITED THE AMENITY PLOT WHICH WON TWO CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THIS YEAR'S GARDEN COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND NTSD.

MR WAI LEARNED THAT NTSD ALONE PLANTED MORE THAN 120 000 TREES, SHRUBS AND OTHER PLANTS IN SHA TIN LAST YEAR.

ANOTHER 130 000 WILL BE PLANTED AT PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, AMENITY PLOTS AND ROADSIDES IN SHA TIN DURING THE CURRENT PLANTING SEASON.

THE PARTY LATER PROCEEDED TO UPPER SHING MUN RIVER TO SEE A CLEAN-UP OPERATION.

THEY ALSO INSPECTED CLEANSING FACILITIES IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

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ENTRIES INVITED FOR SEOUL ART EXHIBITION
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SCHOOL CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND 12 ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 26TH WORLD SCHOOL CHILDREN'S ART EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN SEOUL, KOREA, LATER THIS YEAR.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE YOOK YOUNG FOUNDATION OF KOREA, AIMS TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, STRENGTHEN FRIENDSHIP AND ENCOURAGE ART EDUCATION THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF CHILDREN'S ART.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH SCHOOLS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR SELECTION BY JULY 14. SELECTED ENTRIES WILL BE AWARDED MEDALS AND CERTIFICATES OF MERIT.

ENTRIES COULD BE ON ANY THEME BUT THEY SHOULD BE IN THE FORM OF DRAWING, PAINTING, PRINT OR ANY OTHER TWO DIMENSIONAL WORK. THE SIZE SHOULD NOT EXCEED 450 MM BY 550 MM.

THEY SHOULD BEAR THE NAME, AGE, SEX AND NATIONALITY OF THE PARTICIPANT, TOGETHER WITH THE NAME OF HIS SCHOOL AND THE THEME OF HIS ENTRY.

HEADS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE ENTRIES OF THEIR PUPILS TO THE INSPECTOR (ART), ART SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO THE ART SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT ON 5-621967.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN ABERDEEN
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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ABERDEEN FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 11) TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK.

THE MEASURES, WHICH WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ARE AS FOLLOWS :

- * CHENGTU ROAD BETWEEN WU PAK STREET AND WU NAM STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.
- * WU NAM STREET BETWEEN CHENGTU ROAD AND TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE CLOSED.
- * WU PAK STREET BETWEEN CHENGTU ROAD AND TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

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- * TUNG SING ROAD BETWEEN WU PAK STREET AND WU NAM STREET WILL BE REROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * WU PAK STREET BETWEEN ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD AND TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES.
- * THE BUS TERMINUS FOR CMB ROUTE 77 AT TUNG SING ROAD WILL BE RESITED TO SAI ON STREET.
- * THE TERMINUS FOR MAXICAB ROUTE 27 AT SAI ON STREET WILL BE RESITED TO ANOTHER LOCATION IN THE SAME STREET ON THE WEST OF TUNG SING ROAD.
- * MAXICABS ON ROUTE 5 BOUND FOR ABERDEEN WILL OPERATE VIA LOK YEUNG STREET AND CHENGTU ROAD INSTEAD OF WU PAK STREET.
- * THE TAXI STAND IN SAI ON STREET WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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WATER CUT IN REPULSE BAY, MID-LEVELS

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO 11-27 REPULSE BAY ROAD WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 12) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN MID-LEVELS WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM THE SAME DAY (TUESDAY) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES ALONG ROBINSON ROAD BETWEEN OAKLANDS AVENUE AND SEYMOUR ROAD, CONDUIT ROAD BETWEEN ROBINSON ROAD AND GLENEALY, CASTLE ROAD BETWEEN ROBINSON ROAD AND SEYMOUR ROAD, AND SEYMOUR ROAD. ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE SEYMOUR TERRACE.

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