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+LDC BEST ANSWER TO URBAN RENEWAL PROBLEMS+
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THE PROPOSED LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (LDC) WAS THE BEST SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS OF URBAN RENEWAL WHICH IN RECENT YEARS HAD SLOWED DOWN BY AN ANNUAL RATE OF 10 PER CENT.

THIS WAS THE VIEW EXPRESSED TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR JOHN TODD, AT A SEMINAR ON +URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE COMMUNITY+ ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

MR TODD SAID THE MAIN CRITERION BEHIND THE LDC WAS THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD BE THE MAIN DRIVING FORCE BEHIND REDEVELOPMENT.

HOWEVER, PRIVATE DEVELOPERS FACED SEVERAL PROBLEMS IN URBAN RENEWAL SCHEMES. THESE INCLUDED THE HIGH COST OF SITES IN URBAN AREAS, THE DIFFICULTY IN ASSEMBLING LARGE SITES BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PROPERTY OWNERS INVOLVED, RESISTANCE TO SITE PURCHASE BY THE OWNERS AND THE NEED TO REHOUSE PEOPLE LIVING ON SITES TO BE REDEVELOPED.

THESE DIFFICULTIES LED TO +PENCIL DEVELOPMENT+ IN TOWN CENTRES, THAT IS HIGH DENSITY DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL SITES BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

THEY ALSO LED TO A LACK OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES ON THE SITES BECAUSE THESE WERE NOT PROFITABLE TO THE DEVELOPERS.

MR TODD TOLD THE SEMINAR THAT THE LDC WOULD PERFORM THE ROLE OF A DEVELOPMENT AGENCY AS A BUSINESS CONCERN. AS A STATUTORY BODY WITH AN UNOFFICIAL CHAIRMAN AND A MAJORITY OF UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ON THE BOARD, IT WOULD BE SIMILAR IN STRUCTURE TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION AND THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID: +THE MAIN FUNCTIONS OF THE CORPORATION WOULD BE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SELECTION OF SUITABLE AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND THE PRODUCTION OF PLANS FOR THESE AREAS.+

IT WOULD ACQUIRE LAND OR PROPERTY THROUGH NEGOTIATION WITH THE OWNERS AND IF NECESSARY SEEK GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IN RESUMING PROPERTY.

ONCE A DEVELOPMENT PLAN HAD BEEN AGREED AND THE PROPERTY ACQUIRED, THE LDC WOULD SET UP A SUBSIDIARY COMPANY TO DEVELOP THE AREAS. THIS COMPANY WOULD RAISE ITS OWN FINANCE FROM PRIVATE SOURCES, UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT AND DISPOSE OF THE PROPERTY ONCE IT WAS DEVELOPED.

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WHEN THE SITE UNDER DEVELOPMENT WAS BEING CLEARED, THE LDC WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REHOUSING AND RESETTLING THOSE AFFECTED BY THE SCHEME.

MR TODD SAID THE LDC WOULD NOT BE A LARGE ORGANISATION BUT WOULD HAVE A SMALL PERMANENT STAFF. IT WOULD HAVE A DEVELOPMENT SECTION, WORKING MAINLY THROUGH CONSULTANTS, A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SECTION AND A REHOUSING SECTION.

HE POINTED OUT THAT SO FAR AS INITIAL PLANNING WAS CONCERNED THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVING DEVELOPMENT SITES AND ENSURING THAT SCHEMES WERE WELL DESIGNED WOULD CONTINUE TO REST WITH THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD.

THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT AREAS WOULD BE PUBLISHED UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE AND THE PUBLIC WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THESE PROPOSALS.

MR TODD TOLD THE SEMINAR THAT OWNERS OF PROPERTY TO BE RESUMED WOULD HAVE A CHOICE OF SELLING THEIR PROPERTY OUTRIGHT OR SURRENDERING IT FOR SHARES IN THE SUBSIDIARY COMPANY UNDERTAKING DEVELOPMENT.

IF THEY TOOK THE LATTER CHOICE, THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE PREFERENTIAL RIGHTS TO BUY FLATS IN THE NEW DEVELOPMENT.

THE AIM IN REHOUSING WOULD BE TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION IN THE SAME AREA AS THE REDEVELOPMENT.

MR TODD SAID: +THESE PROVISIONS WOULD, I BELIEVE, MEET THE NEED TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF THE OWNERS AND THE TENANTS AND ALLOW FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNING PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITY NEEDS WERE NOT OVERLOOKED.+

HE CONTINUED: +TO ESTABLISH THE LDC ON A SOUND FINANCIAL BASIS, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY INITIALLY FOR THE CORPORATION TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS WHICH WERE POTENTIALLY PROFITABLE.

+HOWEVER, IN THE LONGER TERM PROFITS MADE BY THE LDC WOULD BE USED TO FUND PROJECTS WHICH WERE NON-PROFITABLE BUT DESIRABLE IN TERMS OF URBAN REDEVELOPMENT.+

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HONG KONG TRADE POTENTIAL STRESSED

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THE POTENTIAL FOR THE EXPANSION OF EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY EXPORTS TO HONG KONG AND THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY THE TERRITORY'S OPEN ECONOMY WERE STRESSED ON THURSDAY (JUNE 27) WHEN MR DEREK JONES, MINISTER FOR HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE EEC AND MEMBER STATES, AT THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS MET MR JEAN-THOMAS NORDMANN WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT.

MR NORDMANN, WHO IS AT PRESENT DRAFTING A REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT, BELONGS TO THE LIBERAL GROUP OF THE EEC PARLIAMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE FRENCH RADICAL PARTY.

DURING THE MEETING, MR JONES EXPLAINED HONG KONG'S FREE ECONOMY AND ITS ABSENCE OF IMPORT BARRIERS AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TRADE.

COMMENTING ON THE VISIT, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD SAID: +IT WAS IMPRESSED ON MR NORDMANN THAT THERE WAS GREAT POTENTIAL FOR THE EEC NATIONS TO INCREASE THEIR EXPORTS TO HONG KONG. THERE IS PARTICULAR OPPORTUNITY FOR FRENCH CONCERNS AND, OF COURSE, THE TERRITORY IS A VALUABLE BASE FOR TRADE WITH CHINA.

+IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG MUST EXPORT TO PAY FOR THE IMPORTS IT NEEDS AND THAT THE TERRITORY USUALLY RUNS A VISIBLE TRADE DEFICIT.+

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NEW SOCIAL FACTS FROM FIGURES

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LESS THAN ONE PER CENT OF CHINESE-SPEAKING PEOPLE IN HONG KONG BETWEEN THE AGES OF 15 AND 29 ARE ILLITERATE, MORE RESIDENTS RETURN WITH DEGREES AND DIPLOMAS FROM CANADA THAN FROM ANY OTHER OUTSIDE PLACE, AND LESS PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 15 ARE SMOKING THESE DAYS.

THESE ARE SOME OF THE DATA COLLECTED ON VARIOUS SOCIAL TOPICS BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE ON-GOING GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY, AND PRESENTED IN A JUST-PUBLISHED SPECIAL TOPICS REPORT III NOW ON SALE.

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THE ENQUIRY ON ILLITERACY WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE LAST QUARTER OF 1984. IT SHOWED THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ILLITERATE PERSONS WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABOUT 459 000, REPRESENTING 12 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER.

THE SURVEY SHOWED ALSO THAT THE ILLITERACY RATE WAS HIGHER AMONG THE OLDER PEOPLE, AND FAR GREATER AMONG WOMEN THAN MEN -- IN THE RATIO OF FIVE TO ONE. IN THE 50 TO 59-YEAR-OLD GROUP, ILLITERACY AMONG MEN WAS ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT AND AMONG WOMEN ABOUT 42 PER CENT.

AND FROM THE AGE OF 60 AND ABOVE, THE ILLITERACY RATE AMONG MEN WAS 15 PER CENT AND AMONG WOMEN 65 PER CENT.

GEOGRAPHICALLY, THE NEW TERRITORIES HAD THE HIGHEST ILLITERACY RATE OF ABOUT 13 PER CENT, AND AS FAR AS WORKERS IN GENERAL WERE CONCERNED, THE HIGHEST RATE OF ILLITERACY WAS AMONG AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND FISHERMEN.

HIGHER EDUCATION

AS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ATTAINED OUTSIDE HONG KONG BY LOCAL RESIDENTS, A SURVEY CARRIED OUT BETWEEN APRIL AND JUNE LAST YEAR SHOWED A TOTAL OF 50 000 -- OR 1.4 PER CENT -- RESIDENTS AGED 18 AND OVER WHO HAD UNDERGONE SOME FORMAL EDUCATION PREVIOUSLY IN HONG KONG WERE ESTIMATED TO HAVE RETURNED AFTER RECEIVING HIGHER EDUCATION.

OVER ONE-QUARTER OF THESE RESIDENTS OBTAINED THEIR QUALIFICATIONS IN CANADA, ABOUT ONE-FIFTH EACH FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES, AND ABOUT ONE-EIGHTH EACH FROM CHINA AND TAIWAN.

AMONG ALL PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL WORKERS IN HONG KONG, ABOUT 15 PER CENT OF THEM WERE THOSE RESIDENTS WHO HAD RETURNED AFTER RECEIVING HIGHER EDUCATION ABROAD. THESE PERSONS ALSO ACCOUNTED FOR SOME NINE PER CENT OF ALL ADMINISTRATIVE AND MANAGERIAL WORKERS IN HONG KONG.

SMOKING PATTERNS

THE ENQUIRY INTO SMOKING PATTERNS, CARRIED OUT IN JULY 1984, WAS THE THIRD SUCH STUDY UNDERTAKEN.

FROM THE SURVEY, IT WAS ASCERTAINED THAT LESS THAN ONE IN EVERY FIVE PERSONS AGED 15 AND OVER IN HONG KONG WAS A DAILY CIGARETTE SMOKER.

THIS COMPARES WITH THE RATIOS OF ONE IN EVERY FIVE IN 1983, AND ALMOST ONE IN EVERY FOUR IN 1982.

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SMOKERS WAS 744 000.

SOME OF THE OTHER DATA OBTAINED FROM THE SURVEY SHOWED THE FOLLOWING:

- * SOME 101 200 HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG WERE REPORTED TO HAVE PRIVATE CARS AVAILABLE, WHICH COULD BE USED BY THE HOUSEHOLDS AT ANY TIME DURING THE TWO WEEK REFERENCE PERIOD BEFORE ENUMERATION (DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1984) REGARDLESS OF OWNERSHIP.
- * ONE-SEVENTH OF EMPLOYEES IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY WERE OFFERED PAID OVERTIME WORK, WITH 96 PER CENT OF THEM ACCEPTING THE OFFER, WORKING AN AVERAGE OF 14.5 HOURS OVERTIME EACH A MONTH.

ABOUT 60 PER CENT OF THESE PEOPLE DID SO TO EARN MORE MONEY, 23 PER CENT DID SO TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH EMPLOYERS AND 17 PER CENT CLAIMED THAT OVERTIME WORK WAS MANDATORY.

THE DATA ON VARIOUS SOCIAL TOPICS COLLECTED ARE REQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR PLANNING THE PROVISION OF SERVICES AND FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF SOCIETY.

THE SPECIAL TOPICS REPORT III IS NOW ON SALE AT \$12 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, OR AT THE PUBLICATIONS SALES COUNTER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 317 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

IT CONTAINS MANY MORE FINDINGS AND DETAILED TABLES ON THE SUBJECTS SURVEYED.

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LATE APPLICATIONS
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UP TO 11 AM TODAY, 9 195 LATE APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AS ELECTORS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. AS A RESULT OF THE EARLIER REGISTRATION EXERCISE, 34 531 ELECTORS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL REGISTER PUBLISHED ON JUNE 21.

A STATISTICAL BREAKDOWN IS AS FOLLOWS:

	ESTIMATED SIZE OF ELECTORATE ----- (REVISED)	NUMBER OF ELECTORS ON PROVISIONAL REGISTER -----	LATE APPLICATIONS -----
<u>ELECTORAL COLLEGE</u>	434	428	5
<u>FUNCTIONAL CONSTITUENCIES</u>			
COMMERCIAL I	2 347	681	574
COMMERCIAL II	5 512	1 730	998
INDUSTRIAL I	772	364	100
INDUSTRIAL II	2 267	913	275
FINANCIAL	141	119	10
LABOUR	393	285	13
SOCIAL SERVICES	155	129	18
MEDICAL	4 548	2 109	699
LEGAL	1 511	727	219
TEACHING	49 047	25 337	5 696
ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURAL, SURVEYING AND PLANNING	2 890	1 709	588
<u>TOTAL</u>	70 017	34 531	9 195

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PRAISED FOR WORK
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THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS PRAISED RECENTLY FOR ITS +PROFESSIONALISM+ BY THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL, SIR SHRIDATH RAMPHAL.

FEW COUNTRIES, IF ANY, COULD MATCH HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF CORRECTIONS, SIR SHRIDATH SAID, IN A LETTER REPRODUCED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S LATEST ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED TODAY.

SIR SHRIDATH ALSO SAID THAT DELEGATES ATTENDING THE FIRST MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS HELD HERE IN MARCH HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSED WITH THE HIGH MORALE AND PROFESSIONALISM OF HONG KONG'S CORRECTIONAL SERVICES.

THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMISSIONER, MR THOMAS GARNER, WHO WILL BE RETIRING NEXT MONTH AFTER 38 YEARS' SERVICE, IN HIS FOREWORD TO THE ANNUAL REPORT, SAID THAT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES RANKED HIGH IN ITS FIELD OF WORK ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS.

THE REPORT STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRISONERS +AS ONE OF THE WAYS IN WHICH MEANING COULD BE GIVEN TO THEIR LIVES+.

EDUCATION HAD A POSITIVE EFFECT IN REDUCING RECIDIVISM, AND THE DEPARTMENT ENSURED THAT ALL MEN AND WOMEN SERVING SENTENCES HAD ACCESS TO EDUCATION FACILITIES.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR
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MORE THAN 100 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS CORPORATIONS IN THE JORDAN ROAD AREA WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT EXCHANGING VIEWS AMONG MAC'S, OC'S AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROBLEMS.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS REPRESENTED AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDE THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU, THE ICAC AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM IN YAU MA TEI WILL ALSO ATTEND THE SEMINAR, WHICH IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE JORDAN AREA COMMITTEE AND THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE.

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MONG KOK PLANS SURVEY ON PORNOGRAPHY
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A SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT NEXT WEEK TO FIND OUT THE EFFECTS OF PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICATIONS ON YOUNG PEOPLE IN MONG KOK DISTRICT.

YOUTHS UNDER 19 WHO ARE STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT WILL BE SELECTED TO COMPLETE A COMPREHENSIVE QUESTIONNAIRE ON TOPICS, RANGING FROM THEIR READING HABITS AND ATTITUDE TOWARDS OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AS TO THEIR SEX KNOWLEDGE.

ADULTS WHO HAVE CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOUNG PEOPLE WILL ALSO BE ASKED FOR THEIR OPINIONS ON THE INUNDATION OF SUCH PUBLICATIONS.

THE SURVEY, FUNDED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, IS CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS. MEMBERS OF THE GROUP INCLUDE DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+MORE THAN 1 500 RESPONDENTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED TO OBTAIN RELIABLE DATA FOR THE SURVEY,+ THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR CHAN LAI-SAND SAID.

+PROPOSALS ON MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONSIDERATION AS SOON AS RESULTS ARE TABULATED,+ HE ADDED.

THE SURVEY IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF AUGUST.

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NEW CENTRE FOR TUEN MUN YOUTHS
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YOUTH CENTRES PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO FACE THE INEVITABLE PRESSURES AND TEMPTATIONS ARISING FROM TODAY'S FAST-PACED, COMPETITIVE AND COSMOPOLITAN SOCIETY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS' BUTTERFLY YOUTH CENTRE IN TUEN MUN, SHE SAID THAT OVER 35 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION IN TUEN MUN WERE UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE, AND YOUTH CENTRES WERE A MUCH NEEDED FACILITY.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THROUGH THE BONDS OF COMMON INTERESTS OR ACTIVITIES, YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE ENCOURAGED TO FORM NEW CONTACTS AND FRIENDSHIPS, TO EXCHANGE VIEW-POINTS AND EXPERIENCES AND TO LEARN TO UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES AND THEIR PERSONAL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES,+ SHE SAID.

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TO ATTRACT YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUTH CENTRES MUST BE PHYSICALLY ATTRACTIVE AND +FUN+ TO BE IN, AND THE PROGRAMMES PROVIDED MUST BE IMAGINATIVE, WELL-ORGANISED AND GEARED TO MEET THE SOCIAL WORK OBJECTIVES WHICH WERE THE MAIN RATIONALE FOR THE PROVISION OF YOUTH CENTRES.

MRS CHAN SAID THE BUTTERFLY YOUTH CENTRE WAS A +TESTAMENT TO THE CONTINUING COMMITMENT OF THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS TO EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES, AND TO DEVELOP NEW APPROACHES IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE+.

SHE ALSO CONGRATULATED THE FEDERATION ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY, AND THANKED ALL THOSE CONNECTED WITH ITS WORK FOR THEIR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS.

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'WARD OFFICES SERVE UNDER-PRIVILEGED AND UNDER-DOG'
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SINCE 1965 THE URBAN COUNCIL'S WARD OFFICES HAVE HELPED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REDRESS THEIR GRIEVANCES, THEREBY FILLING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN TAKING UP A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES ON BEHALF OF THE UNDER-PRIVILEGED AND THE UNDER-DOG. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, SAID THIS TODAY WHEN PERFORMING THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW WARD OFFICE OF LONG-SERVING COUNCILLOR MISS CECILIA YEUNG, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF NO 97, FUNG TAK ROAD, FUNG WONG SUN TSUEN IN WONG TAI SIN.

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YOUTHS IN FUN, GAMES FESTIVAL
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SATURDAY) IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND FUN, AS PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED YOUTHS COMPETED IN A SPECIAL FESTIVAL AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN POKFULAM.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF TODAY'S FESTIVAL WAS TWO TELEMATCH GAMES -- ONE HELD ON LAND AND THE OTHER IN WATER -- IN WHICH BOTH PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED AND ABLE-BODIED YOUTHS TOOK PART.

OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SYP INCLUDED AN ORIENTAL DANCE PERFORMANCE BY STUDENTS OF THE KIANGSU AND CHEKIANG COLLEGE, A BAND PERFORMANCE AND A DISPLAY ON THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME EVENTS.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LUI HAU-TUEN SAID THIS YEAR'S SYP WAS PLANNED IN LINE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR'S THEME OF 'PARTICIPATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND PEACE'.

+YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT SHOULD SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL BY ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME,+ MR LUI SAID.

+THIS YEAR, ABOUT 180 EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANISED FOR BOTH INDOOR AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

ABOUT \$180 000 FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB FUND HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO EASTERN DISTRICT FOR THIS YEAR'S SYP, OF WHICH \$140 000 HAD BEEN EARMARKED FOR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

A LEAFLET ON THE VARIOUS EVENTS IN THE EASTERN SYP HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD, MR SHUM CHOI-SANG, ALSO OFFICIATED AT TODAY'S CEREMONIES.

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SINGING CONTEST FOR YOUTHS

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE BEING INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A SINGING CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

THE CONTEST, ONE OF MANY EVENTS IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME LAUNCHED YESTERDAY (FRIDAY), AIMS AT PROMOTING MUSIC ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

ANYONE WHO LIVES, WORKS OR STUDIES IN TAI PO CAN ENTER THE CONTEST WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS - FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 13, AND YOUTHS BETWEEN 14 AND 25.

PARTICIPANTS CAN CHOOSE TO ENTER AS SOLOISTS OR IN GROUPS.

APPLICATION FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TAI PO LION'S CLUB YOUTH CENTRE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS BRANCH OFFICES. THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS JULY 15 (MONDAY).

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SPEEDPOST GOES TO CYPRUS
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SPEEDPOST SERVICE WILL BE EXTENDED TO CYPRUS FROM MONDAY (JULY 1), BRINGING TO 32 THE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES IN THE SPEEDPOST NETWORK SERVED FROM HONG KONG.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SPEEDPOST ITEMS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE FOLLOWING PLACES IN CYPRUS: NICOSIA, LARNACA, LIMASSOL, PAPHOS AND FAMAGUSTA.

+ITEMS POSTED IN HONG KONG WILL BE DELIVERED TO ADDRESSEES IN CYPRUS ON THE SECOND WORKING DAY,+ HE SAID.

+CONTRACT+ AND +ON DEMAND+ SERVICES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE.

THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT PER ITEM IS 20 KILOGRAMMES AND THE POSTAGE RATES ARE:

ITEMS WEIGHING UNDER 250 G : \$70

ITEMS WEIGHING BETWEEN 250 G AND 500 G: \$80

EACH SUBSEQUENT ADDITIONAL 500 G : \$20

+CUSTOMERS REQUIRING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE SHOULD CONTACT THE POSTAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES ON 5-2671108,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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STUDENTS' WORKS FOR SHOW
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A SIX-DAY EXHIBITION OF WINNING ENTRIES OF A RECENT COMMERCE PROJECTS COMPETITION AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD FROM MONDAY TO SATURDAY (JULY 1 TO 6), AT THE COLLEGE HALL OF THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE ANNEX AT VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, 25-27, WOOD ROAD, 2ND FLOOR, WAN CHAI.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE WORKS OF SOME 150 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE FORM OF MODELS, PHOTOGRAPHS AND DRAWINGS ENTERED FOR THE COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS PROJECTS COMPETITION HELD EARLY THIS YEAR.

THE SHOW IS ORGANISED BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE (COMMERCE SUBJECTS SECTION) AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND SPONSORED BY THE CHINESE GOLD AND SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM TO 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9 AM TO 11.45 AM ON SATURDAY, AND THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME.

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SCHOOL BEING BUILT
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THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT THE TAI WAI PLAYGROUND IN SHA TIN WILL BE CLOSED FROM MONDAY (JULY 1) FOR WORK TO START ON CONSTRUCTION OF A PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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POOL OPENING EARLIER
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THREE PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL COMPLEXES IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WILL OPEN HALF AN HOUR EARLIER AT 6.30 AM FROM JULY 1 (MONDAY) UNTIL THE END OF AUGUST.

THEY ARE THE KWAI SHING SWIMMING POOL, NORTH KWAI CHUNG JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL AND SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL.

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TENDERS SOUGHT FOR DUCT WORK
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THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DUCT NETWORK FOR THE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE NETWORK, RUNNING FROM CAUSEWAY BAY TO SHAU KEI WAN, WILL CARRY CABLES LINKING TRAFFIC CONTROL EQUIPMENT TO A CONTROL CENTRE IN CENTRAL. THE CENTRE WILL COORDINATE AND MONITOR ALL TRAFFIC-SIGNAL-CONTROLLED INTERSECTIONS IN THE SYSTEM.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN SEPTEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS MUST REACH THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BY NOON ON JULY 19.

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TO KWA WAN TRAFFIC CHANGE
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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TO KWA WAN FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY (JULY 2 TO 5), BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM, TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS:

- * ON TUESDAY (JULY 2) SUNG WONG TOI ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND THE AIRPORT TUNNEL EXIT, AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND MOK CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND MA TAU KOK ROAD.
- * ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 3), KOWLOON CITY ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND MOK CHEONG STREET WILL BE CLOSED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KOWLOON CITY ROAD AND MA TAU KOK ROAD.
- * ON THURSDAY (JULY 4), KOWLOON CITY ROAD SOUTHBOUND AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SUNG WONG TOI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA SUNG WONG TOI ROAD AND TAM KUNG ROAD.
- * ON FRIDAY (JULY 5), TO KWA WAN ROAD NORTHBOUND BETWEEN MA TAU KOK ROAD AND SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD WESTBOUND BETWEEN TO KWA WAN ROAD AND KOWLOON CITY ROAD, AND THE SLIP ROAD LINKING EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND SUNG WONG TOI ROAD WILL BE CLOSED. TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TO KWA WAN ROAD AND MA TAU KOK ROAD.

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ROAD TO REOPEN IN SHEUNG WAN
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KO SHING STREET BETWEEN LI SHING STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST IN SHEUNG WAN WILL BE REOPENED TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JULY 1), FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF ROAD WORK.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE TEMPORARY ROAD LINKING LI SHING STREET WITH DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, EAST OF KO SHING STREET, WILL BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 11 DAYS IN JULY.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JULY 2 (TUESDAY)	6 PM - 11.30 PM
JULY 3 (WEDNESDAY)	4.30 AM - 11 PM
JULY 4 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 4 PM
JULY 8 (MONDAY)	8.30 AM - 1 PM
JULY 9 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 10 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 11 (THURSDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 12 (FRIDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 23 (TUESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 24 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM
JULY 31 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 AM - 5 PM

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