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## 22 UNOFFICIALS TO SPEAK ON BUDGET

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THE BUDGET DEBATE WILL RESUME IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 24) WHEN 11 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE BUDGET PROPOSALS. THE DEBATE WILL CONTINUE ON THURSDAY WITH 11 OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS SPEAKING.

WEDNESDAY'S SPEAKERS ARE THE HON ROGER LOBO, THE HON FRANCIS TIEN, REV THE HON JOYCE BENNETT, THE HON S.L. CHEN, THE HON LYDIA DUNN, REV THE HON PATRICK MCGOVERN, THE HON PETER C. WONG, THE HON WONG LAM, DR THE HON RAYSON HUANG, THE HON CHARLES YEUNG AND DR THE HON HO KAM-FAI.

THE OTHER 11 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WHO WILL SPEAK ON THURSDAY ARE DR THE HON HARRY FANG, THE HON ALLEN LEE, THE HON ANDREW SO, THE HON F.K. HU, THE HON WONG PO-YAN, THE HON WILLIAM BROWN, THE HON CHAN KAM-CHUEN, THE HON STEPHEN CHEONG, THE HON CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, THE HON SELINA CHOW AND THE HON MARIA TAM.

OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THE UNOFFICIALS ON APRIL 14 AND 15.

THE SITTINGS ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG ON RADIO 1 (CHINESE) AND RADIO 3 (ENGLISH) FROM 2.30 PM.

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## TRAINING OF COMMERCIAL MANPOWER

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EMPLOYERS AND TEACHING INSTITUTIONS SHOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE FACILITIES TO TRAIN ANNUALLY ABOUT 1 000 MANAGERS, 1 000 SUPERVISORS AND 7 000 CLERKS REQUIRED BY THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL AND IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES.

THIS IS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL AND IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES TRAINING BOARD OF THE FORMER HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IN ITS REPORT ON THE FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL AND IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES.

THE COUNCIL HAS NOW BEEN REPLACED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE REPORT, PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$20 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

THE CHINESE VERSION OF THE REPORT WILL BE PUBLISHED LATER.

/A SPOKESMAN .....

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE BOARD HAD STRESSED THAT ACADEMIC EDUCATIONS ALONE WOULD NOT RESULT IN THE COMPLETE MANAGER, SUPERVISOR, OR CLERK. EMPLOYERS MUST PROVIDE THE NECESSARY TRAINING FOR THEIR STAFF, EITHER INTERNALLY WITHIN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS OR BY SPONSORING THEM TO ATTEND EXTERNAL POST-EXPERIENCE COURSES.

THE BOARD FURTHER SUGGESTED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A CLOSER LINK BETWEEN THE WHOLESALE AND RETAIL AND IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES AND TEACHING INSTITUTIONS SO THAT EMPLOYERS COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DESIGN OF COURSE SYLLABUSES TO ENSURE THAT THEY WERE APPLICABLE TO THE REAL WORLD.

THIS WOULD ALSO BRING ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS TO GAIN PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE TRADES.

OTHER MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDED THE NEED FOR EMPLOYERS TO SET UP GROUP-TRAINING SCHEMES IN TRAINING CENTRES FOR SALES AND CLERICAL STAFF AND TO TRAIN TRAINING STAFF IN INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNIQUES, AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR HAVING PROPER JOB ANALYSIS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

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#### CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT REPORTED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (A) AND THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (B) FOR FEBRUARY 1982 WERE 127 AND 126 RESPECTIVELY.

COMPARED WITH THE PRECEDING MONTH, CPI (A) INCREASED BY TWO POINTS OR 1.6 PER CENT AND CPI (B) BY ONE POINT OR 0.8 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH THE SAME MONTH IN 1981, CPI (A) INCREASED BY 15 POINTS OR 13.4 PER CENT AND CPI (B) BY 14 POINTS OR 12.5 PER CENT.

DURING FEBRUARY, INCREASES IN FOOD PRICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF FRESH VEGETABLES AND MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS, WERE OFFSET TO SOME EXTENT BY A REDUCTION IN HAIRDRESSING CHARGES AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND BY LOWER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS.

THE CPI (A) AND CPI (B) ARE BASED ON THE EXPENDITURE PATTERNS OF 50 PER CENT AND 30 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY, OF URBAN HOUSEHOLDS IN HONG KONG, WHICH WERE DERIVED FROM THE 1979/80 HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY. AT THAT TIME, THE CPI (A) REFERRED TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$1 000 AND \$3 499 A MONTH AND THE CPI (B) TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$3 500 AND \$6 499 A MONTH.

THE INDEXES FOR FEBRUARY 1982 IN RESPECT OF THE NINE COMMODITY/SERVICE SECTIONS IN THE TWO CONSUMER PRICE INDEXES ARE GIVEN BELOW, TOGETHER WITH THOSE FOR JANUARY 1982 AND FEBRUARY 1981.

(OCTOBER 1979 TO SEPTEMBER 1980 AVERAGE = 100)

SECTION	CPI (A)			CPI (B)		
	FEB. 81	JAN. 82	FEB. 82	FEB.81	JAN. 82	FEB. 82
FOODSTUFFS	114	127	131	114	127	131
HOUSING	109	121	121	109	121	121
FUEL AND LIGHT	130	136	136	130	136	137
ALCOHOLIC DRINKS AND TOBACCO (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION)	111	123	123	110	122	122
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	109	123	122	109	123	122
DURABLE GOODS	104	108	108	104	109	110
MISCELLANEOUS GOODS	107	119	120	108	117	117
TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES	117	137	137	117	134	134
SERVICES	115	131	129	114	131	129
ALL ITEMS	112	125	127	112	125	126

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS INCREASED BY FOUR POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B). RISES WERE RECORDED IN THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH VEGETABLES, SALT-WATER FISH, FRESH FRUITS AND MEALS BOUGHT IN RESTAURANTS. THE EFFECT OF THE MOVEMENTS IN THE RETAIL PRICES OF OTHER FOOD ITEMS ON THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS WAS INSIGNIFICANT.

THE ONE-POINT INCREASE IN THE INDEX FOR MISCELLANEOUS GOODS IN CPI (A) WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO HIGHER PRICES FOR MEDICINES, TOYS AND HOBBIES.

THE INDEX FOR SERVICES DECLINED BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH CPI (A) AND CPI (B) AS A RESULT OF REDUCED CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING AFTER THE LUNAR NEW YEAR AND LOWER CHARGES FOR PACKAGE TOURS.

PRICE MOVEMENTS IN OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

DETAILS OF THESE PRICE MOVEMENTS ARE GIVEN IN THE +CONSUMER PRICE INDEX REPORT+ FOR FEBRUARY 1982, WHICH IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$3 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

CAS CADET CORPS SEEKS MORE YOUNG MEMBERS

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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES IS LOWERING ITS ENROLMENT AGE FROM 14 TO 12 SO THAT MORE YOUNGSTERS CAN JOIN AND MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR LEISURE HOURS.

FROM APRIL 1, ALL BOYS BETWEEN 12 AND 15 YEARS WHO HAVE THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WILL BE WELCOME TO JOIN THE CORPS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (MONDAY) A CAS SPOKESMAN SAID THAT GOVERNMENT HAD GIVEN APPROVAL FOR THE ENROLMENT OF 125 MORE CADETS, WHICH WILL RAISE ITS STRENGTH FROM THE EXISTING 2 400 MEMBERS TO 2 525.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS A GENUINE NEED FOR MORE ORGANISED ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG PEOPLE IN RESETTLEMENT AND LOW-COST HOUSING ESTATES AND SQUATTER AND CONGESTED TENEMENT AREAS.

THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT MORE YOUNGER PEOPLE WERE COMMITTING CRIMES AND THE CAS HOPED THAT BY REDUCING THE ENROLMENT AGE IT COULD GET MORE YOUTHS TO MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR FREE TIME. BY DOING SO, THE CAS WOULD AT THE SAME TIME BE HELPING TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THE CAS CADET CORPS AIMS TO HELP BOYS DEVELOP, MAKE THEM AWARE OF THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES, AND ENABLE THEM TO COMPETE MORE FAVOURABLY WITH OTHER YOUNGSTERS WHEN APPLYING TO JOIN THE DISCIPLINED AND UNIFORMED SERVICES. IT AIMS ALSO TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES SO THAT THEY MAKE BETTER USE OF THEIR SPARE TIME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THEY LEARN SUCH BASIC SKILLS AS CAMPING, ORIENTEERING, LIFE-SAVING, AND FIRST-AID, AND TAKE PART IN TREKKING, CANOEING, SKIN-DIVING, AND THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME.

FOR THE BIGGER BOYS, MORE ADVANCED COURSES ARE HELD IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, CANOE-MAKING, PHOTOGRAPHY, CYCLING, AND MOUNTAINEERING TECHNIQUE.

THEY PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, PERFORMING NON-HAZARDOUS DUTIES, INCLUDING CROWD CONTROL, FORESTRY PATROL, AND FIRE PREVENTION. IN ADDITION, THEY HELP IN CIVIC PROJECTS SUCH AS THE +CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN+, THE +ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE+, AND THE +WALK FOR A MILLION+.

CADETS ALSO ASSIST IN FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS, REGULARLY VISIT HOMES FOR THE AGED, AND ORGANISE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED.

+IN SHORT, A WIDE RANGE OF COURSES AND ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED FOR THE CADETS TO ENABLE THEM TO LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES AND BE OF ASSISTANCE TO OTHERS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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THE CAS WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED IN 1952 AS A DISCIPLINED, UNIFORMED, WELL-TRAINED AND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL VOLUNTARY BODY AND ITS CADET CORPS WAS FOUNDED IN 1968 WITH TWO UNITS OF 100 BOYS EACH AT WONG TAI SIN AND SHAU KEI WAN.

THE CORPS NOW HAS 23 UNITS. APART FROM THE TWO CENTRAL TRAINING UNITS FOR NEW RECRUITS, THERE ARE FIVE UNITS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 10 IN KOWLOON AND SIX IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CORPS' 20-HECTARE YUEN TUN CAMP-SITE, LOCATED ON A PLATEAU SOME 200 METRES ABOVE TSING LUNG TAU IN THE NEW TERRITORIES OVERLOOKS THE SCENIC LANDSCAPE OF NORTH LANTAU, MA WAN AND TSING YI ISLAND, AND IS A LONG-CHERISHED AREA FOR PHYSICAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

IT HAS A WATER SPORTS ACTIVITY CENTRE AT TAI TAN IN SAI KUNG WHICH HOLDS CANOEING, SAILING, LIFE-SAVING, AND SNORKELLING EXERCISES.

ENROLMENT FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, THE CAS HEADQUARTERS AT 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, OR THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE AT 204 ARGYLE STREET.

INTERESTED PERSONS CAN TELEPHONE 5-763236 EXTENSION 37 OR 38 DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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SOUTH BAY ROAD SITE UP FOR SALE

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A 10 380-SQUARE-METRE SITE OFF SOUTH BAY ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND SHOULD BE DEVELOPED BEFORE JUNE 30, 1986. THE BUILDING COVENANT IS \$60 MILLION.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDERS IS APRIL 30, 1982.

TENDER FORMS, WITH NOTICES AND CONDITIONS OF SALE, MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND FROM THE 10TH FLOOR OF KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD.

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CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE MOVING

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FROM MONDAY (MARCH 29), THE CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IN QUEENSWAY WILL BE LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI.

+ENTRANTS FROM CHINA WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR EXTENSIONS OF STAY, RE-ENTRY VISAS OR DOCUMENTS OF IDENTITY SHOULD GO TO THE CANTON ROAD OFFICE FROM THAT DAY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+PROCEDURES WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE IN QUEENSWAY. APPLICANTS SHOULD FIRST OBTAIN A NUMBER TAG INDICATING THE TIME TO HAND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS. THE TAGS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO APPLICANTS, STARTING FROM 7 AM, AT THE OPEN GROUND NEXT TO THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL HAVE 40 PROCESSING AND 11 SHROFF COUNTERS, SUFFICIENT TO DEAL WITH AN AVERAGE DAILY FLOW OF UP TO 4 000 PEOPLE.

THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE, QUEENSWAY BRANCH, WILL REMAIN AT BLOCK ''HH'' OF VICTORIA BARRACKS. THE OFFICE HANDLES APPLICATIONS FROM NEW LEGAL ARRIVALS FROM CHINA FOR REGISTRATION FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND APPLICATIONS FROM PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMANENT STAY BY THE CHINESE VISITORS OFFICE AND ARE REQUIRED TO CHANGE THE COLOUR OF THE OFFICIAL SEALS ON THEIR IDENTITY CARDS FROM GREEN TO BLACK.

PEOPLE WISHING TO MAKE ENQUIRIES CAN TELEPHONE 5-434711.

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TEMPORARY CURTAILMENT OF PEAK TRAM SERVICE

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PEAK TRAM SERVICES WILL BE CURTAILED ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT (MARCH 24) FOR THE INSPECTION OF THE HAULAGE GEAR.

THE LAST DEPARTURES FROM BOTH TERMINI WILL BE AT 9 PM.

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GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR MATRICULATION STUDENTS  
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NEEDY STUDENTS NOW STUDYING IN FORM 5, AND MIDDLE 5 AND FORM 6 CAN SOON APPLY FOR GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS FOR FULL-TIME MATRICULATION STUDIES IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE GRANTS AIM TO HELP NEEDY STUDENTS WHO WISH TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR ADVANCED OR HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATIONS STUDIES, AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR, 1 255 FORM 6 AND MIDDLE 6 AND FORM 7 STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS AMOUNTING TO \$1 MILLION, HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM JUNE 1 AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

FOR STUDENTS NOW STUDYING IN FORM 5 AND MIDDLE 5, THE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE SECRETARY, MAINTENANCE GRANTS COMMITTEE, NOT LATER THAN 10 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION RESULTS.

STUDENTS IN FORM 6 AND PROMOTING TO FORM 7 MUST RETURN THE APPLICATION FORMS THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS TO THE SECRETARY NOT LATER THAN JULY 24.

+GRANTS ARE AWARDED ON A YEARLY BASIS AND RENEWAL IS NOT AUTOMATIC. IF A RECIPIENT IN FORM 6 WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED FOR A GRANT ON PROMOTION TO FORM 7, HE MUST APPLY AGAIN,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

STUDENTS IN FORM 6 WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING GRANTS IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR GRANTS TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLETE THE ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION COURSE IN 1982/83, HE SAID.

GRANTS WILL BE PAID THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS AT THE END OF EACH MONTH IN ARREARS FOR 10 MONTHS IN THE YEAR, AND THERE WILL BE NO PAYMENT FOR JULY AND AUGUST. IN RECENT YEARS THE AMOUNT OF GRANT AWARDED HAD BEEN ABOUT \$500 A YEAR A STUDENT.

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WATER FIGURES  
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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 38.6 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 223.353 MILLION CUBIC METRES, EQUIVALENT TO 183 DAYS' CONSUMPTION.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 249.732 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 43.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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TELE-MATCH COMPETITIONS TO PROMOTE FAMILY HARMONY  
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REGIONAL TELE-MATCH GAMES COMPETITIONS TO PROMOTE FAMILY HARMONY WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH.

THE COMPETITIONS, WHICH FORM PART OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN, ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB AND CARITAS, A SWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

WONG TAI SIN WILL START OFF THE SERIES OF COMPETITIONS ON APRIL 4, KWUN TONG WILL FOLLOW ON APRIL 11, WEST KOWLOON REGION ON APRIL 17, NEW TERRITORIES REGION ON APRIL 20 AND HONG KONG REGION ON MAY 2.

FAMILIES ENTERING THE COMPETITIONS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS EARLY.

APPLICATION FORMS AND A BOOKLET CONTAINING PARTICULARS OF THE GAMES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ALL SWD COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES.

THERE WILL BE THREE SECTIONS IN EACH COMPETITION ACCORDING TO FAMILY SIZE. THE REGIONAL COMPETITIONS WILL CULMINATE IN A LARGE-SCALE TERRITORY-WIDE FINAL TO BE HELD IN MID-MAY.

THE SIX WINNING DESIGNS FROM AN EARLIER DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE USED IN THE COMING EVENTS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD  
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A SECTION OF THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD BETWEEN SHAM TSENG AND SIU LAM WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS DURING OFF-PEAK PERIODS FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 23) FOR THE REMOVAL OF A DAMAGED BRIDGE STRUCTURE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED AT SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD. POLICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ADVISED TO USE CASTLE PEAK ROAD AS TRAFFIC CONGESTION IS EXPECTED AT SHAM TSENG INTERCHANGE.

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NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY

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THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY HAS OPENED A NEW SERVICE POINT AT TUEN MUN SINCE LAST WEEK IN PLACE OF THE OLD STOP AT HO PONG ROAD.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY VISITS THE NEW POINT AT SAM SHING ESTATE EVERY ALTERNATE THURSDAY FROM 2.30 PM TO 6 PM.

AT PRESENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES MOBILE LIBRARY HAS A POOL STOCK OF 15 000 VOLUMES, OF WHICH ABOUT 11 000 VOLUMES ARE IN CHINESE. AS THE LIBRARY CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE SOME 4 000 VOLUMES AT ONE TIME, SUITABLE TITLES ARE SELECTED FROM THE BOOK POOL BEFORE IT SETS OFF TO A SERVICE POINT.

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE SERVICE IN MID JULY LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 54 000 VOLUMES OF BOOKS WERE BORROWED AND 109 000 VOLUMES WERE READ IN THE LIBRARY.

A TOTAL OF 4 303 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REGISTERED AS MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY. WITH THE OPENING OF THE NEW STOP AT SAM SHING ESTATE, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MORE PEOPLE WILL MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY ALSO SERVES AS A BOOKING OFFICE FOR PERFORMANCES TAKING PLACE AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND THE YUEN LONG LUT SAU HALL.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY STOPS AT SHA KOK ESTATE WEEKLY EVERY MONDAY; SHEK LEI ESTATE WEEKLY EVERY TUESDAY; LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE AND KWAI SHING EAST ESTATE ALTERNATELY EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY; YAU OI ESTATE FORTNIGHTLY EVERY THURSDAY, CHI LOK FA YUEN AND SAM SHING ESTATE FORTNIGHTLY EVERY OTHER THURSDAY; KAM TIN AND LUEN WOO MARKET ALTERNATELY EVERY OTHER FRIDAY; CHEUNG HONG ESTATE AND CHEUNG CHING ESTATE FORTNIGHTLY EVERY OTHER SATURDAY AS WELL AS MAN NIN ROAD FORTNIGHTLY EVERY OTHER SATURDAY.

THE MOBILE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DAILY FROM 1 PM TO 2 PM AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

IN ADDITION TO THE MOBILE LIBRARY, THE YUEN LONG LUT SAU HALL BOX OFFICE OPENS FROM 3.30 PM TO 8 PM DAILY TO SELL TICKETS FOR THE PROGRAMMES PRESENTED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES PRESENTATIONS OFFICE WHICH TAKE PLACE AT THIS HALL.

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