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PLANS ANNOUNCED FOR A BRIGHTER CHRISTMAS
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COLOURFUL FESTIVE LIGHTINGS WILL BRIGHTEN UP URBAN TOWN CENTRES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS FOR THE COMING CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

IN ADDITION, A SERIES OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY VARIOUS DISTRICT BOARDS AND THE URBAN COUNCIL FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVALS.

DETAILS OF THE LIGHTING ARRANGEMENTS AND CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES WERE ANNOUNCED AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE WAS CHIEF TRANSPORT OFFICER, MRS DOROTHY CHAN, WHO GAVE DETAILS OF SPECIAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND OTHER TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED DEMAND DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.

MR LAM SAID TRADITIONAL LIGHTING DISPLAYS, JOINTLY FINANCED BY DISTRICT BOARDS AND COMMERCIAL FIRMS, WOULD BE PUT ON IN CENTRAL, EAST TSIM SHA TSUI, CHAI WAN, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN.

IN CENTRAL AND EAST TSIM SHA TSUI, THE DECORATION EXPENSES WILL BE COVERED ENTIRELY BY SHOP OWNERS AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS IN THE AREAS.

THE LIGHTING DISPLAYS IN CHAI WAN, TSUEN WAN AND SHA TIN - THE FIRST LARGE SCALE DISPLAYS EVER ORGANISED IN THESE DISTRICTS - WILL COST A TOTAL OF \$335 000 WHICH WILL BE MET BY THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARDS AND PRIVATE DONATIONS.

A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY FOR CENTRAL WILL TAKE PLACE THIS EVENING, FOLLOWED BY EAST TSIM SHA TSUI TOMORROW (THURSDAY) EVENING, CHAI WAN ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 18), SHA TIN ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 21) AND TSUEN WAN ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 22).

MR LAM ADDED THAT A PHASED SWITCH-OFF PROGRAMME OF LIGHTING HAD BEEN WORKED OUT FOR CENTRAL AND EAST TSIM SHA TSUI ON CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EVES, STARTING AT 1 AM AND ENDING AT 2.30 AM.

+THIS SHOULD ENABLE PEOPLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXTENDED PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES BY LEAVING THE MAJOR AREAS AT DIFFERENT TIMES,+ HE SAID.

THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CENTRAL AND WAN CHAI, HAVE ORGANISED A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMMES TO ENTERTAIN THE HOLIDAY CROWDS.

THESE INCLUDE DISCO NIGHTS, CARNIVALS, CONCERTS, SKATING SHOWS, CHRISTMAS CAROLS, VARIETY SHOWS, TELE MATCHES AND FILM SHOWS.

THE MAJOR +CITY+ ATTRACTION IS EXPECTED TO BE AT EAST TSIM SHA TSUI, WHERE THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT BOARD AND COMMERCIAL RADIO ARE PLANNING VARIETY SHOWS FEATURING TOP SHOW BUSINESS PERSONALITY FOR BOTH CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S EVES.

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BOTH SHOWS, EACH LASTING THREE HOURS, WILL START AT 9.30 PM AND ADMISSION WILL BE FREE.

IN WONG TAI SIN, A D.J. SHOW HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD ON CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE.

VARIOUS CHURCHES IN CHAI WAN WILL JOINTLY PRESENT CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE SITTING-OUT AREA OUTSIDE THE WAN TSUI COMMERCIAL COMPLEX FROM 7.30 PM TO 9 PM ON DECEMBER 24 AND 25.

FOR SHAU KEI WAN RESIDENTS, A SERIES OF FESTIVE PRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN LINED UP BY THE TAI KOO SHING MANAGEMENT AT THE CITY PLAZA.

ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS BEING ORGANISED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL IS A TWO-HOUR VARIETY SHOW AT MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, MONG KOK, STARTING AT 8 PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

MR LAM EMPHASISED THAT THE ACTIVITIES WOULD BE HELD AT DIFFERENT VENUES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS NEAR THEIR HOMES, INSTEAD OF HAVING TO TRAVEL TO OTHER DISTRICTS OR ONTO CENTRAL, WHERE THERE WILL BE NO ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES.

MR LAM SAID SPECIAL PEDESTRIAN SCHEMES AND ROAD CLOSURES WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN CERTAIN PARTS OF CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIODS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

MRS CHAN OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID EXTENDED SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, AND BUS, FERRY, TRAM, PEAK TRAM, MINI-BUS AND MAXI-CAB COMPANIES DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIODS FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PUBLIC.

SHE ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO USE PUBLIC TRANSPORTS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONGESTION ON THE ROADS.

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SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS OPENED

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THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WOULD ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT OF TOLO HARBOUR DID NOT SUFFER FROM THE URBAN GROWTH OF THE NEW TOWN, THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR H.M.G. FORSGATE, SAID TODAY.

IT WOULD ALSO MAKE THE HARBOUR SAFE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

MR FORSGATE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST STAGE OF HONG KONG'S LARGEST TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH WILL BE ABLE, INITIALLY, TO SERVE A POPULATION OF 230 000.

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WHEN FULLY COMPLETED, THE TREATMENT WORKS WOULD OCCUPY 31 HECTARES OF RECLAIMED LAND AND BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS OF THE PLANNED POPULATION OF 900 000 IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN, INCLUDING MA ON SHAN, HE SAID.

+BEING AN ENCLOSED AREA OF THE SEA, TOLO HARBOUR HAS LITTLE TIDAL MOVEMENTS AND ANY SEWAGE DISCHARGED INTO IT WOULD NOT BE SWEEPED AWAY BY THE TIDES EASILY, AS HAPPENS IN MANY OTHER PARTS OF HONG KONG, BUT WOULD TEND TO BUILD UP AND EVENTUALLY DESTROY THE EXISTING MARINE LIFE,+ MR FORSGATE SAID.

THE NEW TREATMENT WORKS WOULD TREAT THE SEWAGE SO THAT MORE THAN 90 PER CENT OF THE POLLUTANTS WERE REMOVED BEFORE THE EFFLUENT WAS DISCHARGED INTO THE HARBOUR, HE ADDED.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIRST STAGE COST \$365 MILLION, PARTLY FINANCED BY A \$60 MILLION LOAN FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

POWER FOR THE WORKS IS PROVIDED BY FOUR GENERATORS, TWO DIESEL ENGINES AND TWO DUAL FUEL ENGINES WHICH CAN RUN EITHER ON DIESEL OR METHANE PRODUCED FROM THE SLUDGE DIGESTION PLANT, MR FORSGATE SAID.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE METHANE WILL PROVIDE ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF THE ENERGY REQUIREMENT TO RUN THE PLANT,+ HE ADDED.

IN HIS WELCOMING SPEECH, THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT, MR F.E. SHORT, SAID THAT PLANNING OF THE WORKS BEGAN NEARLY 10 YEARS AGO, AND ALL THE AREA ON WHICH IT NOW STANDS WAS THEN STILL PART OF TOLO HARBOUR, AND THE FIRST HOUSING ESTATE IN SHA TIN HAD NOT STARTED.

+IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT TO SERVE THE INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AND THESE TEMPORARY WORKS HAVE SERVED THE TOWN WELL FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS,+ MR SHORT SAID.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE WORKS WOULD BE ABLE TO SERVE THE POPULATION OF SHA TIN UP TO 1985, WHEN THE SECOND STAGE WOULD BE OPERATIONAL, HE ADDED.

MR SHORT EXPLAINED THAT THE SEWAGE FROM THE NEW TOWN IS COLLECTED AND CONVEYED TO THE MAIN PUMPING STATION AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB'S RACE COURSE. IT IS THEN PUMPED IN TWIN 1.4-METRE DIAMETER PIPES TO THE WORKS.

+THE TREATMENT PROCESS INVOLVES SCREENING, DEGRITTING, PRIMARY SEDIMENTATION, AERATION AND THEN FINAL SEDIMENTATION BEFORE THE CLEAR EFFLUENT GRAVITATES INTO TOLO HARBOUR VIA TWIN 2.5-METRE DIAMETER PIPES LAID BENEATH THE SEABED,+ MR SHORT SAID.

THESE PROCESSES RELY ON MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT WHICH PERFORM SEMI-AUTOMATICALLY. THERE IS ALSO SOPHISTICATED MONITORING EQUIPMENT WHICH PROVIDES UP-TO-THE-MINUTE INFORMATION ON HOW THE VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PROCESS ARE PERFORMING.

+THIS WILL HELP ENSURE THAT THE WORKS OPERATE EFFICIENTLY AND WILL SAFEGUARD THE WATERS OF TOLO HARBOUR FROM POLLUTION,+ MR SHORT SAID.

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DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT TODAY RELEASED DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS, ANALYSED BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982. (STATISTICAL TABLE ATTACHED)

THIS SERIES IS DERIVED BY RE-GROUPING ALL SIX-DIGIT COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS UNDER THE PRESENT EXTERNAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH THESE COMMODITY ITEMS ARE NORMALLY PRODUCED.

SINCE ITS SCOPE IS CONFINED TO MERCHANDISE TRADE, TRANSACTIONS IN GOLD AND SPECIE ARE NOT INCLUDED.

THE CLASSIFICATION OF COMMODITY EXPORT ITEMS BY INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN IS STRUCTURED UPON THE UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STANDARD CLASSIFICATION OF ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (ISIC), AS DISTINCT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS STANDARD INTERNATIONAL TRADE CLASSIFICATION (SITC) WHICH IS ADOPTED IN THE REGULAR TRADE STATISTICS REPORTS.

WHEN INTERPRETING THESE RE-CLASSIFIED FIGURES, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE OVERALL EXPORT VALUE OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY REQUIRING SEVERAL INTERMEDIATE PROCESSING STAGES IS WHOLLY ALLOCATED TO THE INDUSTRY IN WHICH IT IS FINALLY PRODUCED, ALTHOUGH THE INDUSTRY IS NOT REALLY THE SOLE CONTRIBUTOR TO THE VALUE. BESIDES, THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN EXPORTED COMMODITY TO A PARTICULAR INDUSTRY DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF THE COMMODITY IS ACTUALLY PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS OF THAT INDUSTRY, SINCE SOME MAY BE SECONDARY PRODUCTS PRODUCED BY ESTABLISHMENTS CLASSIFIED UNDER OTHER INDUSTRIES.

IN TERMS OF THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS, THE SIX MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRY GROUPS WERE WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS, TEXTILES, PLASTIC PRODUCTS, PROFESSIONAL AND OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, AND METAL PRODUCTS.

THEY TOGETHER, ACCOUNTED FOR 86 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF MERCHANDISE DOMESTIC EXPORTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1982.

THE LARGEST INCREASES BY ABSOLUTE VALUE OVER THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1981 OCCURRED IN PLASTIC PRODUCTS (\$189 MILLION) AND WEARING APPAREL (\$125 MILLION).

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IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE LARGEST INCREASES WERE : ELECTRICITY (190 PER CENT), BEVERAGES (30 PER CENT), PETROLEUM AND COAL PRODUCTS (29 PER CENT), TOBACCO (15 PER CENT), AND NON-ELECTRICAL MACHINERY (13 PER CENT). ON THE OTHER HAND, DECREASES IN THE VALUE OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE RECORDED NOTABLY FOR TEXTILES (-\$281 MILLION), ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS (-\$185 MILLION), AND METAL PRODUCTS (-\$141 MILLION).

IN PERCENTAGE TERMS, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DECREASES WERE OBSERVED IN MINING AND QUARRYING (-92 PER CENT), RUBBER PRODUCTS (-44 PER CENT), NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS (-26 PER CENT), AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION (-24 PER CENT) AND FOOTWEAR (-21 PER CENT).

FURTHER DETAILS OF DOMESTIC EXPORT STATISTICS FOR MERCHANDISE RECLASSIFIED BY INDUSTRY ORIGIN MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH SECTION OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT (AT 3-7213066).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE STATISTICAL TABLE IS ATTACHED.

Value of domestic exports for merchandise,
reclassified by industrial origin for the 3rd quarter of 1981 and of 1982

(HK\$'000)

Industrial origin of the commodities exported	Merchandise domestic exports		
	3rd qtr. 1981	3rd qtr. 1982	% change
<u>Agricultural, Forestry and Fishing</u>			
Agricultural, livestock and poultry production	8 049	6 099	-24
Ocean and coastal fishing	34 063	28 244	-17
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	315	25	-92
<u>Manufacturing</u>			
Food	264 573	283 311	7
Beverages	8 862	11 487	30
Tobacco	31 231	35 939	15
Textiles (including knitting)	3 989 570	3 708 926	-7
wearing apparel, except footwear and knitwear	5 732 074	5 856 676	2
Leather and leather products	148 415	125 706	-15
Footwear	108 657	85 808	-21
Wood and cork products, furniture and fixtures	151 278	124 683	-18
Paper and paper products, printing and publishing	310 797	340 542	10
Chemicals and chemical products	224 624	246 965	10
Products of petroleum and coal	160	207	29
Rubber products	28 113	15 673	-44
Plastic products	2 139 049	2 327 957	9
Non-metallic mineral products	84 156	62 145	-26
Basic metals and fabricated metal products	1 165 256	1 024 424	-12
Machinery, except electrical	205 006	232 620	13
Electrical machinery and appliances (incl. electronics)	4 466 123	4 280 848	-4
Transport equipment	44 265	40 100	-9
Professional and optical equipment	2 193 795	2 188 864	*
Other manufacturing industries	999 340	1 348 498	35
<u>Electricity</u>	9 749	28 246	190
<u>Miscellaneous items</u> (e.g. small postal packages, developed photographic plates and film, antiques, and works of art)	137 167	193 345	41
Total	22 484 686	22 597 340	+1

Individual entries of a column may not add up exactly to the corresponding total due to rounding.

* a change of less than 0.5%

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EARLY CHRISTMAS FOR THE ELDERLY

CHRISTMAS CAME EARLY TO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AT TWO CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY IN WONG TAI STN TODAY, WHEN THEY RECEIVED GIFTS FROM VISITING DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THE VISIT WAS PART OF A TWO-DAY PROGRAMME OF CALLS TO FIVE INSTITUTIONS BEING MADE BY MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE BOARD HAD EARLIER ALLOCATED \$5 000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUCH THINGS AS CHOPSTICKS, BOWLS, CUPS, AND SWEETS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE OLD PEOPLE.

ACCOMPANIED BY ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEVEN FISHER, AND SOCIAL WORK OFFICER, MR HO SHUI-LAM, THE BOARD MEMBERS THIS MORNING CALLED AT THE TSZ ON SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY IN TSZ WAN SHAN, AND THE HO TUNG HOSTEL FOR THE ELDERLY IN FU SHAN ESTATE.

IN THE AFTERNOON, TOGETHER WITH ASSISTANT DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR BASIL LEUNG, THEY VISITED THE CHOI WAN SHELTERED WORKSHOP AND HOME IN CHOI WAN ESTATE.

THE CENTRE PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL AND SHELTERED WORK SERVICE FOR 146 DISABLED PEOPLE.

TOMORROW, THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT THE CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE FOR EX-DRUG ADDICTS AND METHADONE PATIENTS IN TUNG TAU ESTATE, AND THE TUNG TAU WORK ACTIVITY CENTRE WHICH OFFERS DAY CARE AND TRAINING FOR SOME 30 MENTALLY-HANDICAPPED ADULTS.

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THAI CORRECTIONAL CHIEF VISITS HK

THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THAILAND'S DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, MR DHAVEE CHOOSUP, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON FOR A FIVE-DAY VISIT, ACCOMPANIED BY FOUR SENIOR OFFICERS.

MR DHAVEE AND THE OFFICERS WILL ATTEND CEREMONIES MARKING THE FORMAL HANDING OVER OF THE NEWLY-BUILT TUNG TAU CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION TOMORROW AFTERNOON, AND WILL VISIT TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, STANLEY PRISON AND THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

THEY WILL ALSO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER.

THE VISITORS WILL RETURN TO THAILAND ON SUNDAY.

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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK HELPS STUDENTS

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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK HELPS STUDENTS RESOLVE THEIR ACADEMIC, SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS SO THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM STUDIES AND EDUCATION.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE, AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB HIOE TJO YEONG PRIMARY AND EVENING SCHOOL.

MR ALLEYNE SAID KNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTANDING, GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FROM THE FAMILY AND THE SCHOOL ARE ESSENTIAL TO HELP YOUNG STUDENTS GROW AND DEVELOP NORMALLY AND HEALTHILY.

THE ROLE OF THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, HE EXPLAINED, IS TO ENHANCE BETTER UNDERSTANDING, CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG THE STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, AND OTHERS THROUGH SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES.

+WHERE NECESSARY, COUNSELLING AND PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE ARE RENDERED TO NEEDY STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WOULD NOT FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS WHO WOULD BE +AMONGST THE FIRST TO DETECT A STUDENT'S PROBLEM AND TO REFER HIM FOR HELP.+

+THEIR CONCERN AND SUPPORT TO THE STUDENT WILL BE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THAT SHOWN BY THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OR THE STUDENT'S OWN FAMILY,+ HE SAID.

THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED IN 1974 AND IT NOW COVERS 467 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+IDEALLY, EVERY SCHOOL SHOULD HAVE ITS OWN SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER, BUT OWING TO LIMITED MANPOWER RESOURCES, A SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER NOW HAS TO SERVE FOUR SCHOOLS OR A STUDENT POPULATION OF ROUGHLY 4 000,+ HE SAID.

PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE SERVED BY STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS WHO ARE TEACHERS WITH SPECIAL TRAINING IN COUNSELLING TO HELP STUDENTS IN WAYS SIMILAR TO SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, MR ALLEYNE SAID.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 137 STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS UNDER THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SERVING ABOUT 452 000 STUDENTS IN 856 PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR ALLEYNE TOLD THEM TO SEE THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER IF THEY ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES.

YOUTH LEADERS TO GATHER AT BIG FORUM
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OVER 110 REPRESENTATIVES FROM ELEVEN DIFFERENT UNIFORMED YOUTH GROUPS REPRESENTING 50 000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG WILL MEET AT AN OPEN YOUTH FORUM ON DECEMBER 28 (TUESDAY) AT THE YMCA WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE.

ORGANISED BY THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS, THE FORUM AIMS AT OBTAINING:

A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF TODAY'S YOUTHS,
THEIR VIEWS ON THEIR CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES,
THEIR LIFE IN A CROWDED ENVIRONMENT, AND
HOW THEY SPEND THEIR LEISURE TIME.

IT IS FELT THAT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE PARTICIPANTS WILL HELP YOUTH LEADERS IN PLANNING ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTHS IN THE FUTURE, AS SOME 12.5 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION ARE IN THE 14 TO 19 YEARS AGE GROUP, A CAS SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THESE YOUTHS ARE A VERY IMPORTANT SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION AND THEIR INTERESTS, EDUCATION, RECREATION AND WELFARE ARE OF 'KEEN CONCERN TO ALL YOUTH WORKERS AND THE GOVERNMENT',+ HE ADDED.

TAKING PART IN THE FORUM WILL BE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG RED CROSS, ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (JUNIOR LEADERS), ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION, HONG KONG AIR CADET CORPS, HONG KONG SEA CADET CORPS, THE SCOUTS ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, HONG KONG GIRL GUIDES ASSOCIATION, ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE, POLICE CADET SCHOOL, HONG KONG COUNCIL OF BOYS BRIGADE AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS.

REPRESENTATIVES WILL ASSEMBLE ON DECEMBER 27 (MONDAY) AND STAY IN THE VILLAGE OVERNIGHT TO ENJOY ORGANISED SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND RECREATION BEFORE THE FORUM STARTS THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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FIELD STUDY DAY FOR GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS
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A GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY DAY WILL BE HELD NEXT MONTH FOR FORMS FOUR AND FIVE GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS.

THE FUNCTION, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 22, NEXT YEAR AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE AT PAK KONG, AIMS AT ACQUAINTING TEACHERS WITH FIELD TECHNIQUES RELATED TO GEOGRAPHIC EDUCATION IN UPPER SECONDARY FORMS.

IT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG GEOGRAPHICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE GEOGRAPHY SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE.

/SEVERAL GEOGRAPHY

SEVERAL GEOGRAPHY EXPERTS, INCLUDING DR VICTOR SIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; DR S.M. LI OF THE DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY, HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE; MR K.C. LAI OF THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND MR K.Y. TO OF TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS CHANG MING THIEN COLLEGE, WILL ADDRESS PARTICIPANTS AT THE CENTRE.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WHO WOULD LIKE THEIR GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS TO TAKE PART IN THE FIELD STUDY DAY SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS TO THE INSPECTOR, FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, PAK KONG, N.T. ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 20.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE FUNCTION IS 20 AND ACCEPTANCE WILL BE TREATED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. HOWEVER, PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE NOT YET PARTICIPATED IN ANY GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSES ORGANISED BY THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE.

ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE STUDY DAY MAY BE MADE AT THE FIELD STUDIES CENTRE AT 3-2814009.

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SPORTS CENTRE FOR TSUEN WAN RESIDENTS

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THROUGH THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S RESIDENTS ARE ENJOYING THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES OF A NEW SPORTS CENTRE IN MEI WAN STREET.

THE SPORTS CENTRE WAS BUILT WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE 400-SQUARE-METRE CENTRE WAS HANDED OVER TO THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE IN MAY THIS YEAR. SINCE THEN, THE SERVICE HAS BEEN PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH VARIOUS INTERESTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR RSS SAID TODAY, +THE CENTRE HAS A VOLLEYBALL COURT, TWO BADMINTON COURTS, THREE TABLE-TENNIS TABLES AND A FLOOR AREA FOR MARTIAL ARTS, YOGA AND DANCE TRAINING.+

+IT ALSO INCLUDES OFFICE ACCOMMODATION FOR TWO DISTRICT SPORTS ORGANISATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT THE FITNESS TRAINING COURSE USING A GYM MACHINE IS EXCEEDINGLY POPULAR AND THE MEI WAN STREET CENTRE HAS RECENTLY ACQUIRED THE GYM MACHINE THAT WAS FORMERLY UTILIZED AT THE HUNG HOM CARPARK SPORTS CENTRE,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE HUNG HOM CENTRE WAS CLOSED RECENTLY BECAUSE THE CARPARK SITE HAD TO BE RETURNED TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

+THE GYM MACHINE CAN BE USED FOR 16 KINDS OF EXERCISES TO HELP PEOPLE TONE UP MUSCLES OR LOSE A FEW EXTRA POUNDS,+ HE SAID.

+THE NEW VENUE WILL RUN ABOUT 30 FITNESS TRAINING COURSES IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.+

CLASSES WILL BE OFFERED FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM WITH EACH SESSION LASTING AN HOUR.

THOSE INTERESTED IN KEEPING FIT SHOULD CONTACT THE CENTRE AT 0-4982387.

TO MAXIMISE ITS USAGE, THE CENTRE MAY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FACTORIES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS FREE OF CHARGE WHEN THERE ARE NO ACTIVITIES IN PROGRESS,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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SHA TIN SITES FOR SHORT TERM TENANCIES

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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SHORT TERM TENANCIES OF TWO PIECES OF CROWN LAND IN TAI WAI, SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE SITES, COVERING ABOUT 1 067 SQUARE METRES AND 980 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY, ARE FOR OPEN STORAGE PURPOSE ONLY.

THE TENANCIES WILL BE FOR TWO YEARS INITIALLY AND QUARTERLY THEREAFTER.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS 12 NOON ON DECEMBER 31.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, SHA TIN, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD, SHA TIN; THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI PO AND SHAU KEI WAN
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PO HEUNG STREET NEAR THE ACCESS ROAD TO PAN CHUNG IN TAI PO WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.01 AM TO 6 AM ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 17) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM THAT DAY, EASTBOUND VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG SHAU KEI WAN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO HOI FOO STREET SOUTHBOUND. THIS IS TO ENABLE WORK ON RENEWAL OF THE TRAM TRACKS.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.

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SALT WATER CUT ON HK ISLAND
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR 48 HOURS FROM 10 AM ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 18) TO 10 AM ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 20) TO ENABLE REPAIR WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT ON THE SUPPLY SYSTEM.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE IN THE AREA STRETCHING FROM ICE HOUSE STREET TO SANDS STREET, AND WILL INCLUDE THOSE HOUSES IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, FIRST STREET, SECOND STREET, THIRD STREET, HIGH STREET, WATER STREET, ABERDEEN STREET, PEEL STREET, WYNDHAM STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD WEST.

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