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CONSULTANTS TO BE ENGAGED ON TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO ENGAGE INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS TO STUDY TELECOMMUNICATION DEVELOPMENT AND CABLE TELEVISION IN HONG KONG.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THE DECISION FOR A FULL CONSULTANCY STUDY WAS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AFTER IT CONSIDERED THE IMPLICATIONS OF SETTING UP A SECOND PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK.

"IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT A CABLE TELEVISION NETWORK WOULD ALSO BE CAPABLE OF CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATION APPLICATIONS, ANY DECISION TO PROVIDE A SEPARATE NETWORK IS A COMPLEX MATTER WITH FAR REACHING RAMIFICATIONS.

"IT IS NECESSARY THAT FULL AND CAREFUL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ALL RELEVANT FACTORS. THESE INCLUDE HONG KONG'S NEED FOR AN EFFICIENT AND COST-EFFECTIVE TELECOMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE, THE BENEFITS OF COMPETITION, POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON CONSUMERS AND DISRUPTION TO THE PUBLIC," HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS CRUCIAL TO ENSURE THAT THE TERRITORY WOULD HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND THE ENGAGEMENT OF CONSULTANTS WOULD GIVE TECHNICAL ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT ON THE ISSUES INVOLVED. CONSULTANTS WOULD ALSO BE BENEFICIAL IN GIVING AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SUBMISSIONS OF THE INTERESTED PARTIES.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE SAID THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND INFORMATION BRANCH WOULD CONTINUE TO LOOK INTO THE BROADCASTING POLICY AREAS RELATED TO CABLE TELEVISION SUCH AS PROGRAMME QUALITY AND FEES AND CHARGES.

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IMPROVEMENTS IN RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES PROPOSED

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THE EXISTING RANGE OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES IS BROADLY SATISFACTORY BUT THE DEPTH AND QUALITY OF SERVICES SHOULD BE IMPROVED, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP ON DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES RELEASED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY IMPROVING STAFF QUALITY THROUGH MORE INTENSIVE TRAINING AND REDUCING CASELOADS TO MANAGEABLE LEVELS BY QUICKLY WORKING TOWARDS A MORE SATISFACTORY STAFFING LEVEL FOR FRONT-LINE RESIDENTIAL WORKERS.

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THE WORKING GROUP WAS SET UP BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN LATE 1985 TO ADVISE ON THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES AND RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE FAMILY.

LED BY MR LACHLAN MACQUARRIE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIED SOCIAL STUDIES AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP COMPRISED SOCIAL WORKERS INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF CHILD CARE SERVICES, PROFESSIONALS IN RELATED DISCIPLINES SUCH AS PAEDIATRICS AND PSYCHIATRY AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

IN ITS REPORT, THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT AGENCIES OPERATING RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS SHOULD, IN CONCERT WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, REVIEW THEIR ADMISSION CRITERIA WITH A VIEW TO ENSURING THAT NO CHILD IS DENIED ACCESS TO THE SERVICES WHICH WOULD BEST SUIT HIS NEEDS. IT ALSO OBSERVES THAT HEAVY WORKLOADS, HIGH STAFF TURNOVER, FREQUENT STAFF POSTINGS AND LACK OF SPECIALISATION ARE CONTRIBUTING TO CO-ORDINATION PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE REFERRING ORGANISATION RESPONSIBLE FOR WORK WITH THE FAMILY AND THE SERVICE ORGANISATION CARING FOR THE CHILD.

"WHILE GENERALISATION IS DESIRABLE AT RECRUITMENT LEVELS FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT REASONS, THERE SHOULD BE A TREND TOWARDS SPECIALISATION AT SUPERVISORY LEVELS WHERE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO RECOGNISE AND HANDLE DIFFICULT CASES IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT," IT NOTES.

AS REGARDS THE PRINCIPLES WHICH SHOULD SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF SUPPORT SERVICES TO THE FAMILY AND RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICES, THE WORKING GROUP NOTES THAT THE FIRST OBJECTIVE IS TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE AND DESIRABLE FOR THE CHILD TO REMAIN WITH HIS OWN FAMILY.

THE SECOND PRINCIPLE IS THAT A FAMILY SETTING MEETS THE NEEDS OF A CHILD IN CARE BETTER THAN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING AND PARTICULARLY SO FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN.

IT ALSO OBSERVES THAT IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING, SMALLER RESIDENTIAL UNITS ARE PREFERABLE TO LARGER ONES; AND A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME OF PLANNING AND REGULAR ASSESSMENT FOR THE FAMILY AND THE CHILD IS ESSENTIAL FROM PRE-PLACEMENT TO AFTERCARE.

OTHER CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ARE SUMMARISED AS FOLLOWS:

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FAMILY SUPPORT  
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- \* CASELOADS IN THE FAMILY CASEWORK SERVICE SHOULD BE REDUCED TO THE TARGET LEVEL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE AND THERE SHOULD BE GREATER EMPHASIS ON TRAINING IN CRISIS INTERVENTION.
- \* AS AN ADDITIONAL MEANS OF REDUCING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN TAKEN INTO RESIDENTIAL CARE, THE HOME HELP SERVICE SHOULD BE DEVELOPED FURTHER TO ASSIST A PARENT CARING FOR CHILDREN ALONE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD.
- \* EXPANSION OF DAY CARE SERVICES FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN AREAS WHERE THERE IS A SHORTAGE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

FOSTER CARE  
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- \* FOSTER CARE IS PREFERABLE TO INSTITUTIONAL CARE AS A PLACEMENT CHOICE FOR MOST CHILDREN REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL CARE, INCLUDING MILDLY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. HOWEVER, AS THE EXISTING SERVICE IS NOT FULLY UTILISED AND THE INCIDENCE OF BREAKDOWNS IS ABOUT 20 PER CENT, EXPANSION OF THE FOSTER CARE SERVICE OR MOVEMENT AWAY FROM INSTITUTIONAL CARE TOWARDS FOSTER CARE MUST BE WELL PLANNED, GRADUAL AND CLOSELY SUPERVISED. WITH THIS IN MIND, RECRUITMENT OF FOSTER PARENTS SHOULD BE INCREASED GRADUALLY.
- \* THE FOCUS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ON EXPANDING THE SERVICE FOR NORMAL AND MILDLY MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

SMALL GROUP HOMES  
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- \* SMALL GROUP HOMES MEET THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE ABOVE THE AGE OF FOUR AND REQUIRE AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF CARE OUTSIDE THEIR OWN FAMILY MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS. THE NUMBER OF THESE HOMES SHOULD BE INCREASED TO CATER FOR CHILDREN REQUIRING RESIDENTIAL CARE MAINLY FOR SOCIAL OR FAMILY REASONS.
- \* AGENCIES OPERATING RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP SMALL GROUP HOMES AS SATELLITES TO THE PARENT INSTITUTION TO FACILITATE THE GRADUAL MOVEMENT OF CHILDREN FROM CARE IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING TO CARE IN A FAMILY SETTING.

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CHILDREN NEEDING TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL CARE

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- \* INSTITUTIONS PROVIDING PLACES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF CARE FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS DO NOT MEET THE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS OF A YOUNG CHILD AS WELL AS FOSTER CARE AND SMALL GROUP HOMES.
- \* ADDITIONAL RESOURCES SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO AFTERCARE, WHICH SHOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISCHARGING INSTITUTION FOR UP TO THREE MONTHS AFTER WHICH THE FAMILY SERVICE CENTRE SHOULD TAKE OVER.

CHILDREN NEEDING RESIDENTIAL CARE BECAUSE OF SOCIAL FAMILY PROBLEMS

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- \* CHILDREN WHO REQUIRE LONGER TERM CARE FOR SOCIAL OR FAMILY REASONS BUT WHO DO NOT REQUIRE THE TREATMENT FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN AN INSTITUTION SHOULD PREFERABLY BE PLACED ELSEWHERE, SUCH AS IN FOSTER HOMES OR SMALL GROUP HOMES.

CHILDREN NEEDING RESIDENTIAL CARE BECAUSE OF BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS

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- \* RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS ADMIT A WIDE RANGE OF CHILDREN AND DO NOT, ON THE WHOLE, MEET THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN WHO NEED SUCH CARE AND FACILITIES.
- \* PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH MILD BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS IN FOSTER CARE OR SMALL GROUP HOME CARE SHOULD BE TRIED EXPERIMENTALLY WITH A VIEW TO THESE FORMS OF CARE GRADUALLY BECOMING AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF CARE FOR SUCH CHILDREN.
- \* RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS SHOULD CATER MOSTLY FOR CHILDREN WITH SEVERE BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS AND HAVE ACCESS TO MORE SUPPORT FROM CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGISTS, PSYCHIATRISTS AND OTHER SPECIALISTS TO ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE MORE EFFECTIVELY THE INDIVIDUAL TREATMENT THESE CHILDREN REQUIRE.
- \* RESIDENTIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOURAL PROBLEMS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES AND BE SUBVENTED ACCORDINGLY, WITH MANAGEMENT OF THE SCHOOL SECTIONS REMAINING UNDER THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.
- \* ALTHOUGH THERE IS A HALF-WAY HOUSE SERVICE FOR OLDER BOYS DISCHARGED FROM INSTITUTIONS WHO MAY HAVE NO IMMEDIATE FAMILY TO WHOM THEY CAN RETURN, THERE IS NO EQUIVALENT SERVICE FOR OLDER GIRLS. THE EXISTING GIRLS' HOSTELS AND SMALL GROUP HOMES CAN SERVE THIS PURPOSE.

PLACEMENT PLANNING AND TEAMWORK  
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- \* EVERY CHILD ADMITTED TO RESIDENTIAL CARE SHOULD HAVE A PLACEMENT PLAN DEVELOPED TO MEET HIS PARTICULAR NEEDS AND THIS SHOULD BE REVIEWED REGULARLY.
  
- \* THE CONCEPT OF A CENTRAL CO-ORDINATING AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AS A MEANS TO IMPROVING TEAMWORK AT FRONT-LINE LEVEL, ADVISING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIALIST SERVICES AND PROVIDING A SOURCE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE TO ASSIST FIELD WORKERS WITH ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL OF DIFFICULT CASES SHOULD BE FURTHER EXAMINED WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTING MACHINERY TO ACHIEVING THESE OBJECTIVES.
  
- \* AS A GENERAL RULE, THE SAME CASEWORKER, USUALLY THE REFERRING SOCIAL WORKER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OR THE VOLUNTARY AGENCY, SHOULD LOOK AFTER BOTH FAMILY AND CHILD.

STAFF TRAINING  
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- \* FRONT-LINE WORKERS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS ALIKE, INCLUDING THOSE IN RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE INSTITUTIONS, SHOULD BE BETTER TRAINED TO HANDLE DIFFICULT CASES SO THAT THEY KNOW WHEN AND HOW TO SEEK ADVICE FROM OTHER PROFESSIONAL SOURCES.

THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDS THAT FURTHER RESEARCH SHOULD BE CONDUCTED INTO WHY CHILDREN NEED RESIDENTIAL CARE, WHAT EFFECTS TIME IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE HAVE ON CHILDREN AND WHAT MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO GET THEM BACK INTO FAMILY CARE.

IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE ACCEPTED, THE WORKING GROUP PROPOSES THAT A STEERING GROUP COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR SHOULD BE FORMED TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

THE GROUP'S REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JULY 13 (MONDAY).

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LEGO TO SCRUTINISE LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY

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SIXTEEN MEMBERS WILL SPEAK DURING AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE ON "LONG TERM HOUSING STRATEGY" IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL ANSWER THE POINTS RAISED. 10 BILLS AND EIGHT QUESTIONS ARE AMONG OTHER MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.

THREE BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE: HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH BILL 1987, BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, PRISONERS (RELEASE UNDER SUPERVISION) BILL 1987.

SEVEN BILLS ARE DUE FOR COMMITTEE STAGE AND THIRD READING. THEY ARE: BROADCASTING AUTHORITY BILL 1987, PREVENTION OF BRIBERY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, SUPREME COURT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987, WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL 1987 AND EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1987.

DURING THE MEETING, THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR DAVID JEAFFRESON, WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON "VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG".

IN ADDITION, SEVEN MOTIONS WILL BE MOVED INCLUDING A MEMBER'S MOTION BY MR MARTIN LEE ON THE FILM CENSORSHIP REGULATIONS 1987.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT NORTH DISTRICT

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL VISIT NORTH DISTRICT ON THURSDAY (JULY 9) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT AND CHARACTERISTICS IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, DR JAMES HAYES AND DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MATTHEW CHEUNG, THE GOVERNOR WILL VISIT THE LIU MAN SHEK TONG, SHEUNG SHUI VILLAGE AND SHEK WU HUI IN SHEUNG SHUI.

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HE WILL ALSO VISIT THE FANLING GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE CHEUNG WAH PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE BEFORE ATTENDING A RECEPTION WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AT THE CHEUNG WAH SPORTS CENTRE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO NORTH DISTRICT ON THURSDAY. GOVERNMENT VEHICLES WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 1.30 PM SHARP.

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CHIEF SECRETARY TO OPEN COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE  
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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, MR DAVID FORD, WILL OPEN THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE - THE THIRD PURPOSE-BUILT VISITOR CENTRE IN HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS SYSTEM - ON THURSDAY (JULY 9).

JOINING MR FORD AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI; AND THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE.

THE CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VISIT TO THE NEARBY SHING MUN ARBORETUM, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WHERE OVER 1,900 TREE AND SHRUB SPECIMENS, INCLUDING LOCAL RARE AND PROTECTED PLANTS, CAN BE FOUND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE CEREMONY AND THE VISIT.

TRANSPORT FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL LEAVE AFD HEADQUARTERS, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON AT 1.45 PM.

AS PUBLIC VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE IS RESTRICTED, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO ARRANGE FOR THEIR OWN TRANSPORT SHOULD CONTACT THE AFD INFORMATION UNIT AT 3-7332176 BEFORE 5 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) FOR THE NECESSARY PERMITS. LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

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\$9.4 MILLION SOUND SYSTEM FOR CULTURAL CENTRE

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THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TSIM SHA TSUI IS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH THE MOST SOPHISTICATED SOUND AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM EVER INSTALLED IN A LOCAL TOWN HALL OR CIVIC CENTRE.

A CONTRACT WORTH \$9.4 MILLION WAS SIGNED RECENTLY BETWEEN THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND PHILIPS HONG KONG LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE SYSTEM. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START LATER THIS MONTH AND BE COMPLETED NEXT MAY.

PROJECT ENGINEER FOR EMSD, MR DEREK LEE, SAID THE DEPARTMENT WILL SUPERVISE INSTALLATION OF THE SYSTEM IN THE CENTRE'S GRAND THEATRE, CONCERT HALL AND STUDIO THEATRE.

"THE SOUND SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE SUITABLY AMPLIFIED SPEECH AND MUSIC FOR THE BENEFIT OF AUDIENCES DURING LIVE PERFORMANCES.

"OTHER SYSTEM FACILITIES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE THE CAPABILITIES TO PLAYBACK PROGRAMME MATERIAL FROM DISCS OR TAPES, TO RECORD EVENTS FOR ARCHIVAL PURPOSES, TO DUB FROM DISC TO TAPE AND FROM TAPE TO TAPE, TO PERMIT OPERATORS AND ARTISTS TO COMMUNICATE AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE MEANS FOR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION," MR LEE SAID.

THE CENTRE ITSELF, WHICH WILL BE OPERATED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL COST AN ESTIMATED \$513 MILLION UPON COMPLETION IN LATE 1988.

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JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF COLLEGES OF EDUCATION

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A TOTAL OF 1,016 GRADUATES OF THE GRANTHAM, NORTHCOTE AND SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE THEIR TEACHER CERTIFICATES AT A JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY AT THE SHATIN TOWN HALL ON THURSDAY (JULY 9) AFTERNOON.

AMONG THE GRADUATES, 365 HAVE COMPLETED THE FULL-TIME TWO-YEAR COURSE, 479 COMPLETED THE FULL-TIME THREE-YEAR COURSE AND 88 COMPLETED THE ADVANCED COURSE OF TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, 12 HAVE COMPLETED THE FULL-TIME ONE-YEAR COURSE, 43 COMPLETED THE FULL-TIME THREE-YEAR COURSE AND 29 COMPLETED THE ADVANCED COURSE OF TEACHER EDUCATION IN THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, WILL ADDRESS THE GRADUATES WHILE MRS CHAN WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES AT THE CEREMONY.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, WILL CHAIR THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT SHATIN TOWN HALL, SHATIN, ON THURSDAY (JULY 9) AT 3.30 PM.

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COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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A CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON PROPOSED MEASURES TO IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF PRIVATE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING ON THURSDAY (JULY 9).

PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR FRANKIE LUI, WILL BRIEF MEMBERS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS (OWNERS INCORPORATION) ORDINANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NEW DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT.

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE URBAN COUNCIL'S FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME FOR THE DISTRICT AND CONSIDER VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO REVIEW DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR PART OF KENNEDY TOWN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON THURSDAY (JULY 9) AT THE DISTRICT BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM, 14/F., HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

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CONNAUGHT ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS  
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A ROAD WORKS SCHEME TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE RECENTLY.

THE WORKS WILL INVOLVE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY, REALIGNMENT OF THE EXISTING EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY AND CONVERSION OF IT TO WESTBOUND.

HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT ENGINEER, MR G.S. BELL, SAID THE PROJECT WOULD LINK UP THE RUMSEY STREET FLYOVER WITH CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AT WILMER STREET. IT WOULD ENABLE EAST-WEST, TWO-WAY VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FLOW ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

OTHER IMPORTANT ANCILLARY WORKS UNDER THE SCHEME WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FOOTWAYS AND ENLARGEMENT OF EXISTING FOOTWAYS, PROVISION OF CENTRAL DIVIDERS AND SEGREGATION ISLANDS, AND PROVISION OF A SIDE ROAD FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC SOUTH OF CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST.

ANY PERSON WHO WISHES TO OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WORKS SHOULD WRITE TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1.

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SURVEY ON RECREATION NEEDS  
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MEMBERS OF THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE SURVEY FINDINGS ON RESIDENTS' DEMAND FOR ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT AT A MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE REPORT, SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, COVERS VIEWS AND OPINIONS FROM RESIDENTS ON RECREATION, CULTURAL AND SPORTS CLASSES HELD IN THE FOUR COMMUNITY HALLS AND CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE AN INFORMATION PAPER ON ANTI-CORRUPTION AND LIAISON ACTIVITIES OF THE ICAC OFFICE IN TUEN MUN.

APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS TO HOLD ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, THIRD FLOOR, TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 1 TUEN HI ROAD, TUEN MUN.

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SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE TO MEET

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THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE WILL MEET TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDS BY COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FOR HOLDING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FROM OCTOBER TO DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS A PROGRESS REPORT ON DISTRICT BOARD SPONSORED SOCIAL SERVICES ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 3 PM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, TAI KIU GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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DONATION TO SWD PROGRAMMES

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED A DONATION OF \$80,000 FROM THE HONG KONG SHUMEI CHURCH OF DIVINE GUIDANCE.

THE DONATION WILL BE USED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRALISED YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BE LAUNCHED IN AUGUST WHEN SOME 960 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WILL VISIT MORE THAN 5,400 SINGLETON ELDERLY IN THE TERRITORY TO BRING THEM THE MESSAGE OF CONCERN AND RESPECT. THE MONEY WILL ALSO BE USED FOR PROGRAMMES FOR STREET SLEEPERS BY THE SWD'S REGIONAL OUTREACHING TEAMS IN THE COMING MONTHS.

AT THE CHEQUE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR ALFRED CHUI, EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT IN WELFARE SERVICES AND PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ORGANISATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION.

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CERTIFICATE COURSES ON LABOUR RELATIONS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL JOIN HANDS WITH THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES IN ORGANISING A CERTIFICATE COURSE ON LABOUR RELATIONS AND LABOUR LEGISLATION NEXT MONTH.

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT SIMILAR COURSES ARE ORGANISED BY THE TWO ORGANISATIONS TO PROMOTE LABOUR RELATIONS AND FACILITATE UNDERSTANDING OF LABOUR LEGISLATION AMONG EMPLOYERS AND MANAGEMENT OR SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

THE COURSE WILL COMPRISE NINE EVENING SESSIONS. TOPICS TO BE COVERED INCLUDE LAW OF CONTRACT, EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE, LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG, CONCILIATION AND DISPUTE HANDLING, WORK OF THE LABOUR TRIBUNAL, EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATIONS, AND GRIEVANCES AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES.

ENROLMENT FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, 4TH FLOOR, HANKOW CENTRE, KOWLOON AND AT THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, 12TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, CENTRAL.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES AT 3-7230818, EXT. 38.

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DTC LICENCES REVOKED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED THAT THE REGISTRATIONS OF LLOYDS ASIA LIMITED AND NATIONAL MUTUAL RBC (ASIA) LIMITED AS DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES HAVE BEEN REVOKED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT THEIR REQUESTS UNDER SECTION 31(2) OF THE BANKING ORDINANCE 1986.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES IN NORTH POINT

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ALL VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE SECTION OF KING'S ROAD EASTBOUND BETWEEN NORTH POINT ROAD AND SHU KUK STREET, WHILE THE SECTION OF NORTH POINT ROAD BETWEEN KING'S ROAD AND JAVA ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEEDING 11 METRES IN LENGTH FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 10).

THE MEASURES WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT FIVE DAYS FOR ROAD WORKS.

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