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PUBLIC URGED TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN THE 1990 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME.

OMELCO MEMBER DR DANIEL TSE MADE THE PLEA WHILE HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE SCHEME AT HOI HA AU OF SAI KUNG WEST COUNTRY PARK THIS MORNING.

ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE, INCLUDING HIKERS, COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS, JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS AND BOY SCOUTS TURNED UP FOR THE CEREMONY.

"IT IS THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERYONE IN HONG KONG TO CONSERVE OUR COUNTRYSIDE," DR TSE STRESSED, ADDING THAT COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN TREE PLANTING WOULD HELP PEOPLE LEARN AND UNDERSTAND OUR DELICATE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT AS WELL AS REMIND THEM OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO KEEP IT CLEAN, GREEN AND HEALTHY.

"TREES ARE IMPORTANT TO OUR COMMUNITY. THEY BEAUTIFY OUR COUNTRYSIDE AND PROVIDE A SCENIC ENVIRONMENT FOR THOUSANDS OF HIKERS, PICNICKERS, MORNING WALKERS AND NATURALISTS TO ENJOY DURING THEIR WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS," DR TSE NOTED.

"TREES ARE ALSO ESSENTIAL IN STOPPING SOIL EROSION AND PROVIDING THE NATURAL HABITATS FOR A VARIETY OF OUR WILDLIFE," HE CONTINUED.

DR TSE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING HAD NOW BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT WITH SOME 20,000 PEOPLE PLANTING TREES IN VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS EVERY YEAR.

HE BELIEVED THAT WITH THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG HIKING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES GROUPS (FHKHOAG) FULLY BACKING THE SCHEME AND CO-ORGANISING THIS YEAR'S EVENT WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD), THE CONSERVATION MESSAGE WOULD BE DRIVEN HOME AMONGST THE MOST FREQUENT USERS OF OUR COUNTRYSIDE.

EARLIER IN HIS WELCOME SPEECH, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, POINTED OUT THAT 1990 MARKED THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE SCHEME.

"STARTING AS A MODEST EVENT IN THE 1950'S, THE SCHEME HAS BEEN GROWING WITH TIME AND HAS ATTRACTED ABOUT 20,000 PARTICIPANTS PLANTING SOME 26,000 TREES LAST YEAR.

"AS WE GO INTO THE 1990'S, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS SCHEME WILL CONTINUE TO BE POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL," DR LEE SAID.

HE THANKED THE CO-ORGANISER - THE FHKHOAG - FOR ITS PAST EFFORTS IN ASKING ITS MEMBERS TO OBSERVE THE COUNTRY CODE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES AIMED AT KEEPING OUR COUNTRYSIDE GREEN AND CLEAN.

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HE ALSO THANKED TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD (TVB), FOR ITS CONTINUING SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OVER THE YEARS IN PROMOTING THE SCHEME AND SPREADING THE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION MESSAGE.

SPEAKING IN ONE VOICE WITH DR TSE, DR LEE CALLED UPON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO COME FORWARD TO ANY ONE OF THE SIX DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BEFORE THE END OF APRIL TO PLANT HIS OR HER TREE.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S LAUNCHING CEREMONY WERE THE COUNTRY PARKS BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CARLOS CHEUNG; CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF FHKHOAG, MR LEE CHI-WAI AND MR LO TIN-HOI; TVB GENERAL MANAGER, MR KELLY CHENG; AND MISS HONG KONG, MISS MONICA CHAN.

ON THE SAME OCCASION, MR CARLOS CHEUNG PRESENTED PLAQUES TO 10 ENTHUSIASTIC HIKING GROUPS WHICH HAD JOINED THE COUNTRY PARKS "FOREST ADOPTION SCHEME" SINCE ITS INAUGURATION LAST YEAR AND HAD COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO PLANTING AND LOOKING AFTER THEIR "FOREST PLOTS" IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THESE PLAQUES WOULD BE PUT UP LATER AT THEIR "FOREST PLOTS" TO MARK THEIR EFFORT.

AFTER THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY, THE OFFICIATING PARTY FORMALLY STARTED THE 1990 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME BY LEADING ABOUT 100 OTHER GUESTS IN PLANTING THE FIRST TREES OF THE YEAR.

DR TSE ALSO UNVEILED A PLAQUE AT THE PLANTING SITE TO COMMEMORATE THIS YEAR'S EVENT.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO SEE HOW HIKERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN CO-OPERATED IN TURNING THE BARREN HOI HA AU SITE INTO A SLOPE COVERED WITH SEEDLINGS OF ACACIA CONFUSA AND TRISTANIA CONFERTA, COMMON TREE SPECIES USED IN AFFORESTATION.

THEY LEARNT THAT AFD'S TREE NURSERIES IN TAI TONG, YUEN LONG AND IN NAM SHAN, LANTAU PRODUCED SOME 800,000 SEEDLINGS ANNUALLY, ABOUT HALF OF WHICH WERE FOR USE IN COUNTRY PARKS.

ON ALL SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BETWEEN MARCH 5 AND APRIL 30, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VISITING ANY OF THE SIX DESIGNATED PLANTING SITES IN VARIOUS COUNTRY PARKS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH FREE TREE SEEDLINGS AND TOOLS FOR PLANTING WHILE AFD STAFF WILL BE ON HAND TO GIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

THE SIX SITES EARMARKED FOR THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES ARE LOCATED IN TAI MO SHAN, TAI MEI TUK, PAK TAM CHUNG, QUARRY BAY, MUI WO AND CLEAR WATER BAY RESPECTIVELY.

MEANWHILE, TREE PLANTING BY SCHOOLS AND ORGANISED GROUPS CAN BE ARRANGED BY COUNTRY PARKS STAFF BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND ON WEEKENDS THROUGHOUT MARCH AND APRIL WITH PRIOR BOOKINGS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE DIRECTED TO AFD'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON TEL. 7332121.

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MANY PARTICIPATE IN ROAD SAFETY CARNIVAL

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MORE THAN A THOUSAND RESIDENTS TOOK PART IN A CARNIVAL HELD AT THE CHATER ROAD PEDESTRIAN PRECINCT THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON TO MARK THE FINALE OF THIS YEAR'S CENTRAL AND WESTERN ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THEY HAD FUN IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WHILE BECOMING MORE AWARE OF ROAD SAFETY.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR AMBROSE LAU, WHO OFFICIATED AT THE CARNIVAL'S OPENING, SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN FINANCING A SERIES OF ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY EVENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

"IN ADDITION TO PUTTING UP BANNERS AT ACCIDENT BLACK SPOTS AND DISTRIBUTING PAMPHLETS TO RESIDENTS, WE HAVE ALSO PRINTED POSTERS AND HELD SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITIONS TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY.

"WE HOPE THESE MEASURES WOULD HELP REMIND RESIDENTS TO OBSERVE ROAD SAFETY RULES AT ALL TIMES AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS COULD BE REDUCED," HE ADDED.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, POINTED OUT THAT WITHOUT THE JOINT EFFORT OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE WORK OF THE TRAFFIC POLICE, THE DISTRICT'S ROAD SAFETY FUNCTIONS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HELD SUCCESSFULLY.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR NGAI WAI-MING; POLICE COMMANDERS OF THE CENTRAL AND THE WESTERN DISTRICTS, MR CHRIS GLOVER AND MR ROBERT TOAL; AND THE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER, TRAFFIC HONG KONG ISLAND, MR ALLAN GARROD.

THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE AND THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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DISTRICT BOARDS TO REFLECT VIEWS ON TRANSPORT MATTERS

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DISTRICT BOARDS, AS ADVISORY BODIES, WILL CONTINUE TO REFLECT PUBLIC VIEWS ON TRANSPORT PROBLEMS IN DISTRICTS AND ON THE OVERALL TRANSPORT POLICY FOR THE TERRITORY, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THESE VIEWS ARE VITAL TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION IN PLANNING FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS," HE SAID.

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MR LAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE MTR DISTRICT FUN ORIENTEERING RACE AT CHATER GARDEN.

"I HOPE TODAY'S CONTEST WOULD FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG DISTRICT BOARDS, THE COMMUNITY AND THE MTRC," HE SAID.

MR LAN POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG AS A MAJOR TRADING, FINANCIAL AND COMMUNICATION CENTRE IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION, WOULD PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN WORLDWIDE TRADE AND ECONOMY.

"THIS WILL HAVE TO DEPEND ON THE ABILITY TO BUILD AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT OVERALL TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

"THE GOVERNOR'S POLICY SPEECH LAST YEAR AND THE RECENT WHITE PAPER ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT HAVE UNVEILED THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF PORT FACILITIES AND A NEW AIRPORT, AS WELL AS A SERIES OF MAJOR PROGRAMMES ON ROAD WORKS AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES TO TIE IN WITH THESE PLANS.

"THESE UNDERLINE THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE TERRITORY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH," MR LAN ADDED.

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WORK TO PROCEED ON THREE PROJECTS

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AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT TWO SEWAGE TREATMENT PROJECTS AND A PROJECT FOR LAYING SUBMARINE GAS PIPELINES.

IN SHA TIN, THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN AUTHORISED TO CONSTRUCT A NEW PIPE BRIDGE ACROSS THE SHING MUN RIVER WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 0.41 HECTARE OF SEABED AT THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THIS IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING TWO SEWAGE EFFLUENT PIPES, OF 1.4-METRES DIAMETER, AND OTHER UTILITIES ACROSS THE SHING MUN RIVER.

THE WORK WILL BEGIN IN JUNE AND BE COMPLETED ABOUT AUGUST 1992.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO BEEN AUTHORISED TO CARRY OUT THE NORTH WEST KOWLOON SEWAGE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL REVISED SCHEME.

THIS INCLUDES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COASTAL SECTION OF EFFLUENT OUTFALL ALONG THE NORTH WEST COASTLINE OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND THE INSTALLATION OF MARINE SECTION OF EFFLUENT OUTFALL TO LINK WITH THE COASTAL SECTION.

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TEMPORARY WORKS ON THE RECLAMATION AND ALONG THE NORTH WEST COASTLINE AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND, AND DREDGING AND BACKFILLING OF THE SEABED ALSO FORM PART OF THE PROJECT.

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 43.2 HECTARES, INCLUDING THE WESTERN FORESHORE AT STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND THE SEABED BETWEEN THE WESTERN TIP OF STONECUTTERS ISLAND AND THE NORTHERN FAIRWAY.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN MID-1990 AND BE COMPLETED ABOUT THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

AUTHORISATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO GRANT A WAYLEAVE CONCERNING THE PROJECT TO LAY TWIN 600-MILLIMETRE-DIAMETER INTERMEDIATE PRESSURE SUBMARINE GAS PIPELINES ACROSS THE EASTERN HARBOUR.

DREDGING WILL BE CARRIED OUT OVER AN AREA OF ABOUT 2.8 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED BETWEEN THE QUARRY BAY AREA ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND CHA KWO LING IN KOWLOON.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREAS AFFECTED HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN NOTICES OF AUTHORISATION PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO CONSIDERS THAT HIS INTEREST, RIGHT OR EASEMENT IN OR OVER THE FORESHORE AND SEABED INVOLVED WILL BE INJURIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE ABOVE UNDERTAKINGS MAY DELIVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS A WRITTEN CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1 NEXT YEAR.

HE SHOULD STATE IN HIS SUBMISSION THE SUM OF MONEY WHICH HE IS WILLING TO ACCEPT IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF HIS CLAIM AND SHOULD SUBMIT SUCH PARTICULARS WHICH HE POSSESSES TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM.

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BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION TO PROMOTE A "GREEN PLANT PROJECT" IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

"THE DESIGN OF THE BADGE SHOULD CARRY THE THEMES OF CARING FOR PLANTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, AND BUILDING A 'GREEN' COMMUNITY," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

"THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE USE OF COLOUR AND MATERIALS FOR THE DESIGN," HE ADDED.

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THE COMPETITION IS DIVIDED INTO THREE SECTIONS - PRIMARY STUDENTS, SECONDARY STUDENTS AND OPEN. ENTRIES IN STUDENT SECTIONS ARE LIMITED TO STUDENTS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOLS.

IN EACH SECTION, THREE WINNERS WILL BE NAMED AND AWARDS MADE FOR OUTSTANDING ENTRIES.

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS IN EACH OF THE STUDENT SECTIONS WILL BE AWARDED TROPHIES AND BOOK COUPONS WHILE THOSE WHO SUBMIT OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WILL RECEIVE BOOK COUPONS.

IN ADDITION TO TROPHIES AND COUPONS, THE WINNERS IN THE OPEN SECTION WILL BE GIVEN DRAWING EQUIPMENT.

ENTRANTS MUST WRITE THEIR NAMES, SECTION ENTERED FOR, NAMES OF SCHOOLS, CLASS, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS ON THE BACK OF THEIR ENTRIES.

THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES AN ENTRANT MAY MAKE.

ENTRIES MUST REACH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, FOURTH FLOOR, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, KING FUK STREET, BEFORE MARCH 15.

PAMPHLETS ON THE COMPETITION ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3222261, EXT. 321.

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DISTRICT BOARD SUBSIDIES FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

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LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN EASTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO ORGANISE RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD SAID THE ACTIVITIES SHOULD AIM AT ENHANCING THE WELL-BEING OF PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN THE DISTRICT AND CULTIVATING RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.

SUBSIDIES WOULD BE GRANTED TO PROJECTS RANGING FROM CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, EXHIBITIONS, SEMINARS AND SURVEYS TO RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, AND TRAINING COURSES FOR VOLUNTARY WORKERS, HE SAID.

A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON MARCH 27 TO VET APPLICATIONS.

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APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS THREE SUB-OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, 880-886 KING'S ROAD, BEFORE MARCH 13.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5624453.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH SEWERAGE WORKS IN SHEK O, STANLEY AND REPULSE BAY AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE HONG KONG ISLAND SOUTH SEWERAGE MASTER PLAN.

IN SHEK O, CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT NEXT TO ROCKY BAY WILL ENTAIL THE BUILDING OF AN ACCESS ROAD TO THE PLANT, THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF A SECTION OF SHEK O ROAD AND THE PROVISION OF A TEMPORARY ROAD LINKING SHEK O ROAD WITH SHEK O HEADLAND TO ALLOW FOR TRAFFIC DIVERSION.

IN STANLEY AND REPULSE BAY, CONSTRUCTION OF GRAVITY FOUL SEWERS AND ASSOCIATED MANHOLES IN STANLEY MAIN STREET AND DEEP WATER BAY ROAD RESPECTIVELY WILL RESULT IN THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SECTIONS OF THESE TWO ROADS.

AT THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE WILL FOLLOW UP ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS, INCLUDING ROAD SAFETY AT THE JUNCTION OF REPULSE BAY ROAD AND ISLAND ROAD, PROBLEMS CONCERNING THE TAXI STAND IN NAM NING STREET, AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN SAI ON STREET AND CHENGTU ROAD.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE PROVISION OF A BUS BAY IN ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD AND FARES FOR THE DISTRICT'S BUS ROUTES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO REVIEW WORK

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THE CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD WILL REVIEW ITS WORK IN THE 1989-90 FINANCIAL YEAR AT A MEETING ON TUESDAY (MARCH 6).

IN ADDITION, MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER 12 APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR ORGANISING SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THEY WILL ALSO STUDY THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MARCH 6) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 34 CHAN MAN STREET, SAI KUNG TOWN.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM.

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DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS IN WONG TAI SIN ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE TO CARRY OUT DISTRICT-WIDE COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

"APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT. THEY WILL BE PROCESSED IN THREE PHASES AND THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE FIRST PHASE IS MARCH 28," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS AT A MEETING ON APRIL 10.

AREA COMMITTEES MAY BE INVITED TO GIVE COMMENTS AND ADVICE ON APPLICATIONS FROM ORGANISATIONS IN THEIR AREAS.

"THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE VETTED ACCORDING TO THE CRITERIA SET DOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE AMOUNT APPROVED FOR A PARTICULAR ORGANISATION WILL NOT EXCEED \$10,000 WITHIN A FINANCIAL YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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THE DEADLINES FOR THE OTHER PHASES ARE MAY 25 AND SEPTEMBER 22, AND THE COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS ON JUNE 12 AND OCTOBER 9.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT FUND APPLICATIONS FOR AREA-BASED ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD NOT BE SUBSIDISED BY ALLOCATIONS FOR AREA COMMITTEES, WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING ON OCTOBER 9.

"SUCH APPLICATIONS SHOULD REACH THE DB SECRETARIAT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 22.

"REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE APPLICANT ORGANISATIONS WOULD HAVE TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THEIR PROJECTS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

"A REPORT ON THE PROJECT SHOULD ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO THE DB SECRETARIAT WITHIN ONE MONTH AFTER THE PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED," HE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 3230387.

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