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STUDY OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF INDUSTRY, MR ALEX PURVES SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO FACILITATE THE DIVERSIFICATION PROCESS BY UNDERTAKING CERTAIN OF THE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD NOT REASONABLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR ON ITS OWN.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE BRITISH STANDARDS INSTITUTE SEMINAR ON ELECTRICAL PRODUCT CERTIFICATION IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, MR PURVES DISCLOSED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY WOULD SHORTLY COMMISSION A CONSULTANCY TO STUDY HONG KONG'S NEEDS IN THE FIELD OF QUALITY CERTIFICATION SERVICES TO DETERMINE WHETHER A SYSTEM OF ACCREDITATION OF TESTING LABORATORIES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG AND, IF SO, HOW THIS SHOULD BE ACHIEVED.

+THE OBJECT OF THE EXERCISE IS TO ENSURE THAT LABORATORIES IN HONG KONG ARE COMPETENT TO UNDERTAKE VARIOUS TYPES OF TESTS REQUIRED BY INDUSTRY, AND THAT THE TEST CERTIFICATES THEY ISSUE WILL BE ACCEPTED INTERNATIONALLY.

+THE CONSULTANCY WILL COVER A WIDE RANGE OF MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN HONG KONG INCLUDING THE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

MR PURVES SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN THE PROCESS OF ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS STANDARDS MEASUREMENT AND CALIBRATION LABORATORY WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY.

+THE HEAD OF THE CALIBRATION LABORATORY IS CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING A PROGRAMME OF ATTACHMENTS TO VARIOUS UK STANDARDS BODIES AND TESTING LABORATORIES AND, UPON HIS RETURN TO HONG KONG IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR WILL REVIEW SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE LABORATORY AND CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE NEEDS FOR CALIBRATION FACILITIES IN OTHER FIELD OF MEASUREMENTS, INCLUDING MECHANICAL MEASUREMENTS OF ACOUSTIC NOISE, THERMOMETRY AND IONIZING RADIATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, MR PURVES STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ENTER INTO THESE NEW ACTIVITIES WITHOUT THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF BODIES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE SAID: +WE ARE UNIQUE, IN HONG KONG, IN PURSUING OUR INDUSTRIAL POLICIES JOINTLY IN THIS WAY. IF I MAY SAY SO, IT HAS ADVANTAGES, FOR BOTH SIDES IN THAT WE CAN MORE READILY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHERS PROBLEMS FOR BOTH SIDES IN THAT WE CAN MORE READILY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHERS PROBLEMS AND, IN A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL CO-OPERATION, DEVISE APPROPRIATE SOLUTIONS TO THEM.

+THIS PRAGMATIC APPROACH CLEARLY HAS BEEN OF BENEFIT IN THE PAST, AND I AM CONFIDENT IT WILL REMAIN SO INTO THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.+

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TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF FAULTY CONSUMER ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS POWERED BY MAINS SUPPLY BEING EXPORTED, THE TICD HAD ESTABLISHED AN EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL SCHEME FOR THESE GOODS, MR PURVES SAID.

+CENTRAL TO THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THIS SCHEME, HOWEVER, ARE TWO THINGS. FIRST, AN AWARENESS BY HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS OF, AND, SECONDLY, THE AVAILABILITY OF TESTING SERVICES FOR THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED FOR THE SCHEME.

+SINCE THESE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS CLOSELY FOLLOW RELATED BSI STANDARDS, IT IS ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE THAT HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS SHOULD WIDEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THEM BY MEANS OF THIS SEMINAR,+ CONCLUDED MR PURVES.

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SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD INAUGURATED

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THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE THIRD ONE FORMED IN THE URBAN AREA, WAS INAUGURATED TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT ITS FIRST MEETING THIS AFTERNOON, THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, STRESSED THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS ARE NOT A COSMETIC, BUT ARE AIMED AT ENABLING GREATER PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.

THE BOARD COMPRISES 25 MEMBERS -- SEVEN EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS, TWO URBAN COUNCILLORS AND 16 APPOINTED UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS, COMING FROM A WIDE CROSS-SECTION OF SOCIETY.

DURING THE MEETING, THE BOARD APPOINTED THREE COMMITTEES: ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND COMMUNITY BUILDING. IT ALSO DISCUSSED PLANS FOR THE USE OF THE \$500 000 BUDGET AS WELL AS RELATIONS WITH OTHER LOCAL BODIES.

AS PART OF ITS OTHER ACTIVITIES, THE BOARD ALSO DECIDED TO ORGANISE A LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY PROJECT IN THE FORM OF A FESTIVAL TO BE HELD BETWEEN NOVEMBER 21 AND DECEMBER 20. THE PROJECT WILL BE THE LARGEST COMMUNITY-BUILDING PROGRAMME EVER LAUNCHED IN THE DISTRICT AND WILL INCLUDE A SERIES OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES TO CATER TO THE TASTES OF ALL SECTORS OF THE COMMUNITY, FROM THE ABLE-BODIED TO THE HANDICAPPED, FROM THE YOUNG TO THE ELDERLY AND FROM STUDENTS TO INDUSTRIAL WORKERS.

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WIDER USE OF CHINESE IN GOVERNMENT GAZETTE
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THE MAIN SECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE WILL BE FULLY BILINGUAL FROM TOMORROW (FRIDAY), WITH THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS IN SEPARATE PARTS BUT BOUND TOGETHER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE WIDER USE OF CHINESE IN THE GAZETTE HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY THE INTRODUCTION OF COMPUTER TYPESETTING IN THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

PUBLISHED WEEKLY, THE GAZETTE PROVIDES INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS, NEW AND AMENDED LEGISLATION AND TENDERS.

APART FROM THE MAIN GAZETTE, THERE ARE ALSO UP TO SIX LEGAL AND SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS, INCLUDING ONE FOR PUBLIC NOTICES. THE SUPPLEMENTS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE SAME FORMAT AS BEFORE.

THE COMPLETE SET WILL BE SOLD AT THE SAME PRICE OF \$18 AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

THE GAZETTE IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON SUBSCRIPTION AT \$960 A YEAR (JANUARY TO DECEMBER) FROM THE PUBLICATIONS UNIT AT SECOND FLOOR, BASKERVILLE HOUSE, 22 ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG, AND THIS PRICE INCLUDES ALL EXTRAORDINARY ISSUES OF THE GAZETTE.

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OFFICERS FOR TSUEN WAN SPORTS ASSOCIATION SWORN IN

THE FOURTH-TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION WERE SWORN IN TODAY (THURSDAY).

TWENTY-ONE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WERE PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY, OFFICIATED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

ALL THE MEMBERS, INCLUDING THE CHAIRMAN, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, AND THREE VICE-CHAIRMEN, WERE APPOINTED FOR TWO YEARS.

THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, DR JAMES HAYES, WHO IS THE ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT, CALLED ON MEMBERS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SPORTING ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

BESIDES ORGANISING ACTIVITIES, HE SAID, THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD ALSO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO PLACES LACKING SPORTING OR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

AT PRESENT THE ASSOCIATION HAS 38 AFFILIATED MEMBERS COMPRISING RURAL COMMITTEES AND WELFARE, TRADE AND SPORTING ORGANISATIONS.

ALL ITS ACTIVITIES ARE BEING FINANCED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WHICH HAS ALLOCATED \$160 000 TO THE ASSOCIATION THIS YEAR.

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INDIAN COMMUNITY PRAISED FOR HELP TO EDUCATION

THE INDIAN COMMUNITY WERE PRAISED TODAY FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO EDUCATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WHEN HE OPENED THE NEW SCHOOL HALL AT THE SIR ELLIS KADOORIE SCHOOL AT SOOKUNPOO.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR HAYE SAID: +THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT THE HONG KONG INDIAN WOMEN'S CLUB HAS HELPED THIS SCHOOL SO HANDSOMELY.+

A PREVIOUS DONATION FOR THE BUILDING OF THE SCHOOL SCIENCE LABORATORY AMOUNTED TO \$230 000.

THE GENEROSITY OF THE INDIAN COMMUNITY IN THE SPHERE OF EDUCATION HAD BEEN AN ABIDING FEATURE OF THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF HONG KONG, MR HAYE SAID.

+IT IS NOT COMMONLY KNOWN THAT AN INDIAN FORCED A SLUGGISH GOVERNMENT AND A RELUCTANT BUSINESS COMMUNITY TO COME UP WITH FUNDS TO MATCH THE CONTRIBUTION HE STOOD READY TO MAKE TO HIGHER EDUCATION. THAT MAN WAS SIR HORMUSJEE MODY AND TO HIM MUST GO CREDIT FOR A MAJOR ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG IN 1911,+ MR HAYE SAID.

OTHER INDIAN NAMES ASSOCIATED WITH EDUCATION WERE OF COURSE THOSE OF MR BELILIOS, THE FIRST INDIAN MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, AND THE RUTTONJEES.

NOTING THE STEADY GROWTH OF THE SCHOOL FROM 1960, MR HAYE ANNOUNCED THAT FURTHER EXPANSION WAS PLANNED WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE AN ADDITION OF SEVEN CLASSROOMS, FOUR SPECIAL ROOMS AND OTHER ANCILLARY FACILITIES. THE MODERN LABORATORY AND NOW THE HANDSOMELY CONVERTED SCHOOL HALL WOULD PLACE THE SCHOOL AMONG THE BEST IN HONG KONG.

+IT MUST BE VERY GRATIFYING FOR THE HONG KONG INDIAN WOMEN'S CLUB TO PLAY SUCH A LEADING ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF THIS SCHOOL,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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OPERATORS NEEDED FOR PEAK MAXICAB ROUTES
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM REGISTERED PUBLIC LIGHT BUS OWNERS TO OPERATE A PACKAGE OF THREE EXISTING PEAK MAXICAB ROUTES ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM DECEMBER.

THESE THREE ROUTES ARE FROM CENTRAL (HMS TAMAR) TO THE PEAK (UPPER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS), A CIRCULAR ROUTE FROM CENTRAL (HMS TAMAR) TO OLD PEAK ROAD AND FROM CENTRAL (HMS TAMAR) TO PO SHAN ROAD.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE ON SPECIAL FORMS OBTAINABLE ON REQUEST FROM THE OFFICES OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE AND HIU KWONG STREET, OR FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BY REGISTERED POST TO REACH THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AT GUARDIAN HOUSE, SIXTH FLOOR, 32 OI KWAN ROAD, HONG KONG, BY 5 PM ON NOVEMBER 5 (THURSDAY).

+LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED,+ HE SAID.

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EMPLOYERS URGED NOT TO OBSTRUCT INSPECTORS
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EMPLOYERS WERE URGED TODAY (THURSDAY) TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH LABOUR DEPARTMENT INSPECTORS VISITING THEIR PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT.

THE REMINDER WAS ISSUED BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A GARMENT FACTORY PROPRIETOR WAS FINED \$2 000 FOR OBSTRUCTING A LABOUR INSPECTOR IN THE EXECUTION OF HIS DUTIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WHEN THE INSPECTOR CALLED AT THE FACTORY FOR A ROUTINE VISIT SHORTLY BEFORE 7 PM ON MARCH 13, HE WAS AT FIRST REFUSED ENTRY. THE INSPECTOR WAS ONLY ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PREMISES AFTER A FEW MINUTES' DELAY. HOWEVER, DURING THE DELAY, THE INSPECTOR HEARD THE SOUND OF SEWING MACHINES IN OPERATION AND SOMEONE CALLING TO WORKERS TO DISPERSE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID LABOUR INSPECTORS WERE AUTHORISED BY LAW TO ENTER PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT, SUCH AS FACTORIES, OFFICES AND SHOPS, TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES. SUCH AN AUTHORISATION IS STATED IN THEIR WARRANT CARDS.

AN OBSTRUCTION OFFENCE CARRIES A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

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ANTI-SMOKING DISPLAY

VISITORS TO THE KAIFONG FESTIVAL EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN KOWLOON PARK TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AND SATURDAY WILL SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF SMOKING ON HEALTH.

ON DISPLAY IN ONE OF THE STANDS WILL BE VISUAL AIDS SHOWING HOW SMOKING AFFECTS THE HUMAN LUNG.

THE ANTI-SMOKING DISPLAY IS BEING MOUNTED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS TO MARK THIS YEAR'S KAIFONG FESTIVAL.

OTHER EXHIBITS INCLUDE STATIC ILLUSTRATIONS AND SLIDES EXPLAINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HEALTH AND DISEASES BROUGHT ABOUT BY SMOKING.

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PWD MEN FOR UK TRAINING COURSE

SIX PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OFFICERS LEFT TODAY FOR BRITAIN TO ATTEND TRAINING COURSES ON THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE SIX, ALL FROM THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, WILL BE AWAY FOR SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS.

THEY WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE THAMES WATER ADVISORY SERVICE AND WILL ATTEND TECHNICAL COURSES, VISIT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS AND INSPECT MANUFACTURING PREMISES TO STUDY THE LATEST SEWAGE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY.

THEY ARE: MR YIP MOON-TONG, ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER- MR LEE WAI-KING AND MR LEE SHEE, MECHANICAL INSPECTORS- MR TSUI WAI-LUN AND MR LAM HO-KAI, ASSISTANT MECHANICAL INSPECTORS, AND MR WU SIU-BUN, ASSISTANT ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MEN WOULD RECEIVE TRAINING APPROPRIATE TO DEVELOPMENTS AT SHA TIN, WHERE ONE OF THE BIGGEST SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IS BEING BUILT.

WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, THE PLANT - EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION EARLY NEXT YEAR - WILL BE ABLE TO TREAT DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENT FOR A POPULATION OF ABOUT 550 000.

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