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REPORT ON SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR DISABLED

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A REPORT EXAMINING THE ROLES AND OBJECTIVES OF HONG KONG'S SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR THE DISABLED WILL SHORTLY BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE REPORT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY A WORKING PARTY SET UP IN JUNE 1981 BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE WORKING PARTY CONDUCTED A DETAILED SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S 18 SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXPERIENCE OF SEVEN COUNTRIES IN THIS PROFESSIONAL FIELD.

ON THE BASIS OF THIS SURVEY, THE WORKING PARTY RECOMMENDS THE ACCELERATED PROVISION OF PLACES IN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FROM AN ADDITIONAL 300 PLACES A YEAR TO AN AVERAGE OF 550 PLACES ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT THIS PROVISION WILL ALMOST TREBLE THE PRESENT 1 654 PLACES OVER THE PERIOD, AND WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS SATISFYING THE THEORETICAL DEMAND OF 14 441 PLACES IN THE LONG TERM.

IT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT IN DUE COURSE, TWO NEW PILOT SHELTERED WORKSHOPS BE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TO CATER FOR CERTAIN DISABLED PERSONS.

THESE PERSONS, THOUGH UNABLE BY NATURE OF THEIR DISABILITY TO ENTER INTO OPEN EMPLOYMENT, ARE ABLE TO ATTAIN HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY IN THEIR WORK THAN NORMAL SHELTERED WORKSHOP WORKERS.

THESE PRODUCTION-ORIENTED WORKSHOPS, IT IS RECOMMENDED, WILL EXTEND INTO NEW AREAS OF WORK OF A MORE CHALLENGING AND REWARDING NATURE, MOVING AWAY FROM RELIANCE ON THE SIMPLE AND REPETITIVE SUB-ASSEMBLY WORK CARRIED OUT IN THE MAJORITY OF THE EXISTING 18 SHELTERED WORKSHOPS.

ACCORDING TO THE RECOMMENDATION, THE MORE CAPABLE DISABLED PEOPLE ARE TO BE CHANNELLED INTO OPEN EMPLOYMENT.

THIS WILL BE DONE THROUGH AN IMPROVED REFERRAL SYSTEM RECOMMENDED FOR USE BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SELECTIVE PLACEMENT SERVICE.

THOSE WHO HAVE NO CHANCE OF REACHING A PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY OF ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF AN ABLE-BODIED PERSON WILL BE GIVEN RETRAINING OR MORE SUITABLE SERVICES IN WORK ACTIVITY CENTRES OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

TO PROVIDE MORE APPROPRIATE REFERRALS, THE WORKING PARTY HAS DEVISED A MORE RATIONAL AND OBJECTIVE ASSESSMENT SYSTEM, DRAWING ON OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE.

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THE REPORT SUGGESTS THAT THE CAPACITY OF SHELTERED WORKSHOPS BE INCREASED TO BETWEEN 120 AND 160 WORKERS IN FUTURE AND WORKSHOPS BE LOCATED ON A DISTRICT BASIS TO SUIT LOCAL NEEDS.

TO REFLECT THE EMPLOYMENT ASPECT OF SHELTERED WORKSHOPS, THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT STAFFING STANDARDS BE IMPROVED BY PROVIDING EACH SHELTERED WORKSHOP WITH A MANAGER AND A SUPERVISOR WITH QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE IN AN INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL SETTING.

IT SAYS THAT THIS MOVE WILL ALLOW THE SOCIAL WORKER IN EACH WORKSHOP TO CONCENTRATE MORE ON MEETING THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE WORKERS THAN ON RUNNING THE WORKSHOP, AS HAS BEEN THE PREVIOUS PRACTICE.

THE REPORT NOTES THAT EVEN THOUGH 100 PER CENT OF THE PROFIT OF THE WORKSHOPS IS DISTRIBUTED TO THE WORKERS -- THE SALARIES OF THE SUPERVISORY STAFF BEING TAKEN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT -- WAGES IN SHELTERED WORKSHOPS WERE LIKELY TO REMAIN LOW.

THE REPORT CONTAINS NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE PAYMENT OF WORKERS, RECOMMENDING THAT THE DAILY INCENTIVE ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE BE RAISED FROM THE PRESENT \$5.50 TO \$7.50 A DAY, TO REFLECT THE INCREASE IN THE LIVING COST SINCE 1980.

COPIES OF THE REPORT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE EDUCATION AND MANPOWER BRANCH BY CALLING 5-95539.

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EASTERN DB BY-ELECTION ON THURSDAY  
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THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR H.T. LUI, TODAY APPEALED TO ALL THE 22 155 REGISTERED ELECTORS IN QUARRY BAY TO VOTE IN THE FIRST DISTRICT BOARD BY-ELECTION ON THURSDAY (MAY 12) TO SELECT A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THEIR CONSTITUENCY.

IN A LETTER TO THE VOTERS, MR LUI SAID THAT WHILE THE BY-ELECTION WOULD, BY ITS VERY NATURE, BE A SMALLER AFFAIR THAN THE LAST DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS, IT WAS NEVERTHELESS A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

+THE CANDIDATE TO BE ELECTED WILL BE YOUR SPOKESMAN ON THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WHO WILL BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE PROVISION AND ADEQUACY OF GOVERNMENT FACILITIES AND SERVICES IN QUARRY BAY TO THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,+ HE SAID.

+CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT HE REPRESENTS THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS IN QUARRY BAY AND THIS CAN ONLY BE ENSURED BY YOUR VOTING FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE ON POLLING DAY.+

/THE VACANCY .....

THE VACANCY ON THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WAS CREATED UPON THE ELECTION OF A MEMBER, MR KWAN LIM-HO, TO THE URBAN COUNCIL IN MARCH.

MR LUI SAID REGISTERED ELECTORS OF QUARRY BAY HAD DISPLAYED THEIR INTEREST IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BY THEIR EXCELLENT TURN-OUT AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

+TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED SUCCESS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, I APPEAL TO YOU TO VOTE AND LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE POLLING STATIONS ON THURSDAY,+ HE ADDED.

TWO POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPEN ON ELECTION DAY AT THE TAI KOO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE WOMEN'S CLUB COLLEGE FROM 7 AM TO 10 PM.

ELECTORS SHOULD VOTE AT THE POLLING STATION INDICATED ON THE POLL CARD SENT TO THEM FROM THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE.

ANYONE WHO HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED OR MISPLACED HIS POLL CARD MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 5-270369 OR 5-270380 TO FIND OUT THE LOCATION OF HIS POLLING STATION.

ELECTORS MUST BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARD FOR VOTING AND THEY CAN VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY.

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WARNING ON BOGUS LABOUR OFFICERS  
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) ADVISED EMPLOYERS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST PEOPLE SOLICITING MONEY BY IMPERSONATING OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID REPORTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED THAT A MAN CLAIMING TO BE AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN SOLICITING MONEY FROM FACTORY PROPRIETORS FOR ADVERTISEMENTS IN A PURPORTED DEPARTMENTAL PUBLICATION.

+NO OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN AUTHORISED TO SOLICIT OR ACCEPT MONEY FOR SUCH PURPOSE,+ HE STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT ALL SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE FREE, AND PAMPHLETS OR BOOKLETS ON LABOUR LEGISLATION PUBLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT ARE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE.

HE REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT ALL OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT CARRIED WITH THEM GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS AND WARRANTS BEARING THE PHOTOGRAPH AND NAME OF THE HOLDER.

MEMBERS OF THE FACTORY AND LABOUR INSPECTORATES ARE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES BY PRODUCING THEIR WARRANTS WHEN VISITING FACTORIES, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CHECK ON THE IDENTITY OF VISITORS CLAIMING TO BE OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THE NEAREST POLICE STATION IF THEY ARE IN DOUBT.

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ADVICE ON USE OF WELL AND STREAM WATER FOR DRINKING  
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HIKERS AND VILLAGERS IN REMOTE AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ADVISED THAT WELL AND STREAM WATER SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR DRINKING AFTER BOILING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED TODAY THAT UNBOILED WELL AND STREAM WATER MIGHT CONTAIN BACTERIA HARMFUL TO HEALTH.

HE SAID THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE NTSD AND VARIOUS DISTRICT URBAN SERVICES OFFICES ARE NOW JOINTLY MOUNTING A CAMPAIGN TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON WATER HYGIENE THROUGHOUT THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HEALTH INSPECTORS ARE VISITING THE VILLAGES AND ADVISING THEM NOT TO DRINK WATER OTHER THAN MAINS WATER.

DURING THE VISITS, INFORMATION LEAFLETS ON THE SAFE USE OF WELL AND STREAM WATER ARE ALSO DISTRIBUTED TO THE VILLAGERS.

TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC HEALTH, STAFF OF THE NTSD ARE CONSTANTLY CARRYING OUT CHLORINATION EXERCISE ON ALL WELLS USED BY VILLAGERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MEANWHILE, NOTICE BOARDS WARNING AGAINST THE DRINKING OF WELL WATER ARE ALSO ERECTED IN THE VICINITY OF SOME WELLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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600 FILMS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC  
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WOULD YOU LIKE TO WATCH SPLENDID BRITISH ROYAL WEDDINGS OR EXCITING UK SOCCER CUP FINALS AGAIN -- AT ANY TIME AND PLACE, AND AT NO COST?

YOU CAN, BECAUSE THESE AND MORE ARE AMONG THE SELECTION OF SOME 600 16MM COLOUR FILMS WHICH MAY BE BORROWED FREE OF CHARGE BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE FILM LIBRARY OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THE STOCK ALSO INCLUDES AMUSING, EDUCATIONAL AND DOCUMENTARY FILMS COVERING MANY TOPICS IN CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OTHER COUNTRIES.

SOME OF THESE FILMS SHOW REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENTS IN AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHERIES, INDUSTRY, EDUCATION, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

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OTHERS FEATURE SCENIC SPOTS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES OR EXAMINE PROBLEMS OF THE PRESENT-DAY WORLD.

THERE ARE ALSO FILMS PRESENTING DIFFERENT FACETS OF HONG KONG OR HIGHLIGHTING VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

TITLES AND SYNOPSES OF THESE FILMS WITH ENGLISH AND/OR CANTONESE COMMENTARY ARE LISTED IN THE FILM CATALOGUE '83, COPIES OF WHICH ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON REQUEST. THE CATALOGUE IS A REVISION OF THE 1980 EDITION.

THOSE WHO WISH TO BORROW THE FILMS SHOULD MAKE ADVANCE BOOKING WITH THE FILM LIBRARY, PROMOTIONS SUB-DIVISION, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, 13/F, UNITED CENTRE, QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-275115).

LAST YEAR, A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 160 FILMS WERE ON LOAN TO SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS, WITH 220 SHOWINGS DRAWING AN AUDIENCE OF OVER 10 000.

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ACCESS ROAD FOR TAI PO  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT AN ACCESS ROAD TO A PLATFORM TO BE FORMED IN A BORROW AREA SOUTH OF TUNG TSZ ROAD IN TAI PO.

THE EARTH FILLING MATERIALS TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE BORROW AREA WILL BE USED FOR RECLAMATION OF TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE STAGE III. THE PLATFORM WILL BE USED AS A VILLAGE EXTENSION AREA.

A NOTICE CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS MAY BE SEEN AT THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING MAIN ENTRANCE; THE TAI PO DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS BEFORE JULY 5.

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CHARITY WALK FOR SCHOOL  
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A SUM OF \$85 000 RAISED IN A RECENT CHARITY WALK WAS PRESENTED TO THE EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND TODAY (SUNDAY).

ABOUT 250 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN THE WALK AT THE POKFULAM COUNTRY PARK ON MARCH 13 TO RAISE FUNDS FOR REFURBISHING THE SCHOOL LIBRARY FACILITIES AND BUILDING A LAUNDRY DRYING GROUND AT THE INSTITUTE'S HOME FOR THE AGED.

THE WALKATHON WAS INITIATED BY THE POKFULAM AREA COMMITTEE AND WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND A NUMBER OF LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

AT A CEREMONY TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WALKATHON ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR PATRICK TSENG, PRESENTED A CHEQUE FOR THE AMOUNT TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE, MR K. MARSHALL.

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NEW ROADS IN YUEN LONG  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT NEW ROADS IN A NUMBER OF AREAS IN YUEN LONG.

THE PROPOSED WORKS FORM PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF YUEN LONG NEW TOWN, AND WHEN COMPLETED WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO AREAS BEING FORMED OR DEVELOPED.

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ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSALS MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION TO THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS NOT LATER THAN JULY 5.

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SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM IN INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT  
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THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL WILL SEND A TEAM TO TAKE PART IN THE 12TH ASIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT WHICH WILL BE HELD IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA, FROM MAY 20 TO 30.

IN ADDITION TO HONG KONG, SIX COUNTRIES WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE TOURNAMENT. THEY ARE SOUTH KOREA, BRUNEI, SINGAPORE, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA AND THAILAND. HONG KONG WAS THE THIRD RUNNER-UP LAST YEAR.

PRIOR TO THE TEAM'S DEPARTURE FOR SEOUL ON MAY 20, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WHO IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL, WILL PRESENT THE HONG KONG FLAG TO THE TEAM ON TUESDAY (MAY 10) AT 4 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 3/F, LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FLAG-PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

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KWAI FONG CAR PARK TO OPEN ON TUESDAY  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S EIGHT-STOREY CAR PARK NEXT TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION WILL BE OPENED ON TUESDAY (MAY 10).

AN OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 10 AM TO MARK THE OCCASION. AMONG THE OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL BE MR PETER LEEDS, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THE CAR PARK WILL BE IN USE FROM 11 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

ACCESS TO THE CAR PARK WILL BE VIA KWAI CHUNG ROAD, KWAI FU ROAD AND KWAI YI ROAD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWAI FONG CAR PARK AT KWAI YI ROAD AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 10).

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KOWLOON TONG

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IN FORCE IN KOWLOON TONG FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 10) WHEN DORSET CRESCENT REOPENS TO TRAFFIC AND SOMERSET ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD IS CLOSED FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS FOR WORK ON THE CORNWALL STREET/WATERLOO ROAD/JUNCTION ROAD INTERCHANGE.

THE ARRANGEMENTS WILL INCLUDE THE REINSTATEMENT TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND OF THE 80-METRE SECTION OF DORSET CRESCENT FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH WATERLOO ROAD, AND THE SWITCH TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC ON SOMERSET ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND DEVON ROAD.

THEY WILL LAST AS LONG AS THE JUNCTION IS CLOSED.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (MAY 10), KMB ROUTE 7 WILL RESUME ITS ORIGINAL ROUTING VIA WATERLOO ROAD AND TERMINATE AT DORSET CRESCENT.

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WATER CUT ON CHEUNG CHAU

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 AM TO 6 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 11) TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORK.