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SWD ATTACHES IMPORTANCE TO MEDIA REPORTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT (SWD) CLOSELY MONITORS PRESS REPORTS ON HARDSHIP CASES EVERYDAY.

A SWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THIS JOB IS DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT AND OFFICERS OF SERVICE UNITS.

THEY PAY ATTENTION TO REPORTS ON BOTH MAJOR AND MINOR HARDSHIP INCIDENTS.

"INFORMATION OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS UNIT BEGIN THEIR DAILY WORK BY GOING THROUGH MAJOR NEWSPAPERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNICATION NETWORK, THEY WILL PROMPTLY INFORM SUBJECT OFFICERS OF THE RELEVANT SUB-OFFICES IF FOLLOW-UP WORK IS REQUIRED.

OVER THE YEARS, THE SWD HAD COME TO THE RESCUE OF A BIG NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AFTER THEIR CASES WERE EXPOSED BY NEWSPAPERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DAILY NEWSPAPER SCANNING, COUPLED WITH THE WELL-ESTABLISHED SOCIAL WELFARE NETWORK, ENABLED SWD SOCIAL WORKERS TO RENDER TIMELY SERVICES TO THE NEEDY.

THE SWD HAS 34 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS AND 30 FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES STRATEGICALLY LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

"WHILE THE MAJORITY OF SWD SERVICE RECIPIENTS APPROACH THESE OFFICES FOR ASSISTANCE, SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICIALS ALSO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO LOCATE, APPROACH AND OUT-REACH THE NEEDY TO RENDER APPROPRIATE SERVICES," HE NOTED.

REFERRALS FROM THE PUBLIC AND MEDIA REPORTS ALSO RESULTED IN TIMELY PROVISION OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES TO THOSE WHO MIGHT NOT BE KNOWN TO THE SWD FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, HE ADDED.

THE DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION HANDLES AN AVERAGE OF 800 PRESS AND PUBLIC ENQUIRIES PER MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN COMMENDED THE MASS MEDIA AND THE CIVIC-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FOR REFERRING CASES WHICH THEY CONSIDER SWD ACTION OR ASSISTANCE MAY REQUIRE.

"WE HAVE BEEN ATTACHING GREAT IMPORTANCE TO MEDIA REPORTS AS IT ENABLES SWD SOCIAL WORKERS TO RENDER SERVICES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF TRAGEDIES AND DISASTERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

SWD, WITH AN ESTABLISHMENT OF 4,000 STAFF, COMPRISES SOCIAL WORKERS, SOCIAL SECURITY STAFF, INFORMATION OFFICERS, GENERAL GRADE AND SUPPORTING STAFF.

IT PROVIDES A TOTAL OF 64 TYPES OF SERVICES, INCLUDING FAMILY WELFARE, CHILD CARE, SOCIAL SECURITY AND REHABILITATION SERVICES.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SCHEME IN TAI PO

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PEOPLE WHO STUDY, LIVE OR WORK IN TAI PO ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SCHEME COMPRISING A COLOURING COMPETITION AND A QUIZ.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED BY THE 1991 WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY TAI PO DISTRICT WORKING GROUP AND SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, WITH AN AIM TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS IN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN THE DISTRICT.

THE COLOURING COMPETITION IS OPEN FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TAI PO WHILE THE QUIZ IS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT, AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE OF TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE WORKING GROUP AT ROOM 228 ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 1 TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO BY OCTOBER 25.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 657 7111 EXT 247.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION

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SUPPLY OF FRESH WATER TO SOME PREMISES IN TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 18) TO FACILITATE MAINS CONNECTION WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THE SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM MILESTONE 16-1/2 TO 19-1/2 INCLUDING TAI LAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTE, TAI LAM CHUNG TSUEN, WONG UK, WU UK, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL, SIU LAM HOSPITAL, SIU LAM PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE, LUEN ON SAN TSUEN, KIU ON TSUEN, SEAMAN'S TRAINING CENTRE, TAI LAM MARINE POLICE BASE, SIU LAM SAN TSUEN, LOK CHUI STREET, LOK YI STREET, LOK TO STREET, TSING TAI STREET, BEAULIEU, PEARL ISLAND, PEROWNE CAMP AND TSING YUNG STREET.

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DRAWING CONTEST FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN CHILDREN

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CHILDREN LIVING OR STUDYING IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE ANNUAL DRAWING CONTEST TO BE HELD AT THE ZOOLOGICAL AND BOTANICAL GARDEN NEXT MONTH (NOVEMBER).

NOTING THAT ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE WAS DRAWN TO LAST YEAR'S EVENT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REMINDED THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED TO APPLY BEFORE THE DEADLINE ON OCTOBER 24. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.

HE SAID THE COMPETITION, TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, IS DIVIDED INTO TWO SECTIONS. THE "JUNIOR SECTION" IS FOR CHILDREN AGED FOUR TO NINE. THE "SENIOR SECTION" IS FOR THOSE BETWEEN 10 AND 15.

PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT THEIR DRAWINGS ON THEMES RELATING TO NATURAL LANDSCAPE, THE PRESENT OR THE FUTURE OUTLOOK OF THE DISTRICT.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS IN BOTH SECTIONS WILL EACH BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES INCLUDING A TROPHY, A BOOK COUPON AND GIFTS WHILE OTHER OUTSTANDING ENTRANTS WILL ALSO RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT'S ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS, MID-LEVELS EAST AREA COMMITTEE AND YWCA, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM PENTEL (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL. FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE CALL 852 3485.

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