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AIDS MAY CAUSE SOCIAL PROBLEMS TO HK  
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AIDS CAN BRING ABOUT SERIOUS SOCIAL PROBLEMS TO HONG KONG, IF THE LOCAL SITUATION RUNS OUT OF CONTROL.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE CONVENOR OF THE WORKING GROUP ON YOUTH UNDER THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS, REV. ALFRED J. DEIGNAN.

HE WAS OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE TWO-DAY AIDS EDUCATION CAMP ON YOUTH IN SAI KUNG.

REV. DEIGNAN STRESSED THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF A CURE OF EFFECTIVE VACCINE FOR THE DISEASE, EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ON THE ISSUE STILL REMAINED THE ONLY EFFECTIVE MEASURE TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM.

TO THIS END, HE ADDED, JOINT EFFORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT ARE VERY IMPORTANT.

HE SAID THAT A SURVEY CARRIED OUT LAST YEAR SHOWED THAT THE HEALTH MESSAGE ON AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNODEFICIENCY SYNDROME) HAS BEEN SUCCESSFULLY CONVEYED TO PARTICIPANTS IN EDUCATION CAMP.

"THE AIDS MESSAGE IS PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL TO YOUNG MEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WITHOUT RELIGION.

"THROUGH EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMP, THEY HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE RISK OF HIV (HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS) INFECTION AND ITS RELATION TO SEXUAL PRACTICES," HE CONTINUED.

"THE CAMP ALSO HELPS THEM TO FOSTER A SYMPATHETIC AND SUPPORTIVE ATTITUDE AMONG THE COMMUNITY TOWARDS AIDS PATIENTS AND CARRIERS."

REVIEWING THE WORLDWIDE AIDS SITUATION, REV. DEIGNAN CAUTIONED THAT BY THE END OF THE DECADE, IT IS ESTIMATED THERE WILL BE 10 MILLION AIDS PATIENTS AND AN ADDITIONAL 40 MILLION INFECTED WITH HIV.

THE TWO-DAY AIDS EDUCATION CAMP FOR YOUTH HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY ON AIDS FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

THIS YEAR, THE CAMP BEARING THE THEME "SHARING THE CHALLENGE" DREW MORE THAN 200 YOUTHS, AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 30.

REV. DEIGNAN CALLED ON THOSE WHO TOOK PART IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES IN THE CAMP, TO DISSEMINATE THE KNOWLEDGE THEY HAD LEARNT IN THE PAST TWO DAYS.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMP, HELD AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, INCLUDED TALKS ON AIDS, DRAMA, SLOGAN AND LYRIC COMPETITIONS.

THE PRINCIPAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, DR. P.Y. LAM, PRESENTED PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE COMPETITIONS.

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INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY CELEBRATED

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THE SUCCESS OF CREDIT UNIONS IN HONG KONG IS THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE CONTINUING BELIEF, PRACTICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF CO-OPERATION AND THE VISION OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE HELPED TO CREATE THEM, THE REGISTRAR OF CREDIT UNIONS, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER PARTY TO CELEBRATE THE 1991 INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY, DR LEE, WHO IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, SAID HE WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE GROWTH OF THE CREDIT UNIONS GENERALLY AND THE WAY IN WHICH THEY HAD RESPONDED TO THEIR MEMBERS' NEEDS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, THEY HAVE INCUBATED PRINCIPLES OF THRIFT, SELF-RELIANCE, DEMOCRACY, SOCIAL CONCERN, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILL," HE CONTINUED.

THE THEME CHOSEN BY THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CREDIT UNIONS, FOR THIS YEAR'S CELEBRATION IS: "CREDIT UNIONS: PASSPORTS TO OPPORTUNITY".

DR LEE SAID: "THE OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY CREDIT UNIONS ARE TWO-FOLD.

"ON THE ONE HAND, CREDIT UNIONS PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO SAVE, TO BORROW AT FAIR INTEREST RATES AND THE CHANCE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES THROUGH CO-OPERATION WITH OTHERS."

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID MEMBERS WERE OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DEMOCRATIC CONTROL AND MEMBER OWNERSHIP; TO VOLUNTEER THEIR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT; TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO ELECT THEIR OWN LEADERS; AND FOR OPEN AND VOLUNTARY MEMBERSHIP REGARDLESS OF RACE, SEX, CREED, SOCIAL STANDING OR POLITICAL AFFILIATION.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE CREDIT UNIONS ARE 'PASSPORT' BY WHICH MEMBERS ARE PROVIDED WITH THESE OPPORTUNITIES," HE SAID.

DR LEE NOTED THAT THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG HAD BORNE FRUIT SINCE ITS INTRODUCTION IN THE MID 1960'S.

ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, 37 CREDIT UNIONS WERE REGISTERED SOON AFTER THE CREDIT UNION ORDINANCE CAME INTO EFFECT IN 1970. MEMBERSHIP AT MARCH 31, 1971 WAS LESS THAN 5,500 AND THE TOTAL SAVINGS WERE \$860,000.

"TWENTY YEARS LATER, ON MARCH 31, 1991, THERE WERE 66 REGISTERED CREDIT UNIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP AND SAVINGS OF 38,000 AND \$217 MILLION RESPECTIVELY, DEMONSTRATING A VERY HEALTHY GROWTH OF THE MOVEMENT," HE SAID.

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DR LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE ~~AVERAGE~~ SAVINGS PER MEMBER TODAY WERE 36 TIMES GREATER THAN THOSE OF 20 YEARS AGO.

"SUCH GROWTH IS STILL VERY SIGNIFICANT EVEN AFTER TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DEPRECIATION OF THE VALUE OF THE DOLLAR," HE SAID.

LATER, DR LEE PRESENTED OUTSTANDING SERVICE CERTIFICATES AND LONG SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO LEADERS NOMINATED BY THEIR CREDIT UNIONS FOR THEIR VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MOVEMENT.

"SUCH PEOPLE SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO ALL OF US WHO SHOULD STRIVE TO SERVE OUR CREDIT UNIONS UNSELFISHLY IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT HUMAN, SOCIAL AND COMMON GOOD FOR ALL," HE SAID.

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SPECIAL COURSE FOR PEOPLE IN LIVESTOCK TRADE  
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A SPECIAL COURSE HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR PEOPLE IN THE LIVESTOCK TRADE AND OTHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE HUSBANDRY TECHNIQUES OF PIG AND POULTRY.

THE COURSE - NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF PIG AND POULTRY AND FEED FORMULATION - WILL SPREAD OVER SIX SESSIONS STARTING FROM NOVEMBER 5.

THE COURSE SEEKS TO EXPLAIN IN SIMPLE TERMS THE DIGESTIVE SYSTEMS OF PIG AND POULTRY AS WELL AS THE PRINCIPLE OF ASSIMILATION OF NUTRIENTS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE COURSE WILL ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO KNOW ABOUT VARIOUS TYPES OF NUTRIENTS, THE NUTRITIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF PIG AND POULTRY, THE CALCULATION AND APPLICATION OF FEED FORMULATION AND THE EXAMINATION OF THE QUALITY OF RAW MATERIALS OF THE FEED.

THE COURSE FEE IS \$280. PEOPLE WHO ENROL IN THIS COURSE CAN APPLY FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE FEE FROM THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SCHOLARSHIP FUND BY CONTACTING THE SECRETARY OF THE FUND ON TEL 733 2249.

THE COURSE WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S EXTENSION OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES EVERY TUESDAY FROM 6 PM TO 7.30 PM.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA MURAL STUDIES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON TEL 547 2225 OR 859 2791.

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EMPLOYERS PROSECUTED DURING MACHINE SAFETY CAMPAIGN

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS TAKEN OUT PROSECUTION AGAINST 624 INDUSTRIAL PROPRIETORS DURING A RECENT MACHINE SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOR FAILURE TO RENDER THEIR MACHINES SAFE FOR USE BY WORKERS.

THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS AN 89 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE 330 PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS AND RELATED REGULATIONS TAKEN OUT DURING A SIMILAR CAMPAIGN LAST YEAR.

"THE INCREASE WAS DUE MAINLY TO NEGLIGENCE OF EMPLOYERS IN THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF SAFETY GUARDS ON MACHINES AS WELL AS INSUFFICIENT SUPERVISION IN THEIR OPERATION," THE ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR KAN HON-SANG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR KAN NOTED THAT 197 OF THE PROSECUTIONS RELATED TO INEFFECTIVE GUARDING OF POWER PRESSES, WHILE OTHERS INVOLVED PLASTIC INJECTION MOULDING MACHINES, CIRCULAR SAWS, PRINTING MACHINES AND GENERAL ENGINEERING MACHINES.

"THE THREE-MONTH CAMPAIGN, WHICH ENDED IN AUGUST, WAS PART OF OUR ONGOING EFFORT IN PROMOTING MACHINE SAFETY," HE SAID, ADDING THAT 2,504 ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THE USE OF MACHINERY WERE RECORDED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN, FACTORY INSPECTORS VISITED 15,460 FACTORIES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES TO EXPLAIN TO BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES WAYS TO KEEP THEIR MACHINES SAFE, AND DISTRIBUTED SOME 17,600 SAFETY LEAFLETS, BOOKLETS AND POSTERS.

"OUR INSPECTORS ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO IMPRESS ON THE EMPLOYERS THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER MAINTENANCE OF MACHINERY AND SAFETY TRAINING FOR MACHINE OPERATORS," MR KAN ADDED.

HE URGED EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO STRICTLY COMPLY WITH THE MACHINE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE LAW AND TO CO-OPERATE CLOSELY IN ENSURING SAFETY AT WORK.

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CLOSED CIRCUIT TV SYSTEM FOR AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED AN \$8.1 MILLION CIVIL WORKS CONTRACT TO SET UP THE HONG KONG AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS IN LATE NEXT YEAR, THE TELEVISION SYSTEM WILL FACILITATE AREA TRAFFIC CONTROL BY PROVIDING VISUAL SURVEILLANCE OF TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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"PROMPT RESPONSE TO CONGESTION SITUATIONS CAN BE MADE, THUS IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW AND OPTIMISING UTILISATION OF LIMITED ROAD CAPACITY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE CIVIL WORKS WILL COMPRISE THE PUTTING UP OF 29 STEEL HIGH MASTS AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS OF THE STREET NETWORK ALONG THE NORTHERN SHORE OF HONG KONG ISLAND.

THIS WILL PAVE THE WAY FOR A COMPLEMENTARY ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL WORKS PROJECT COVERING THE SUBSEQUENT INSTALLATION OF CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS ON TOP OF THE MASTS AND ASSOCIATED CABLE NETWORK, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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#### YAU TSIM BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGN STARTS

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MORE THAN 120 OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS CORPORATIONS (OC'S) AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S), AS WELL AS RESIDENTS ATTENDED A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN A TSIM SHA TSUI HOTEL TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SEMINAR, WHICH FOCUSED ON THE COMMON PROBLEMS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS, MARKED THE OPENING OF THE 1991-92 YAU TSIM BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROMOTION CAMPAIGN.

SPONSORED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, THE CAMPAIGN WAS ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS AND THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM.

SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN, THE YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG, SAID THE CAMPAIGN AIMED AT PROMOTING THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD BUILDING MANAGEMENT AMONG RESIDENTS.

IN ADDITION TO THE SEMINAR, SHE SAID, A SERIES OF TRAINING COURSES AND A VISIT WOULD BE HELD DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

"TWO TRAINING COURSES WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 30 AND NOVEMBER 7 FOR OFFICE-BEARERS OF OC'S AND MAC'S.

"BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LEGAL SECTOR WILL TALK ON THE FINANCIAL BUDGETING FOR EFFECTIVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, AS WELL AS THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF BUILDINGS.

"A VISIT TO THE CHUN MAN COURT HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME ESTATE HAS BEEN SET FOR NOVEMBER 9," MISS TANG ADDED.

AN EXHIBITION ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS WAS ALSO HELD AT THE VENUE OF THE SEMINAR TODAY.

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SOCIAL SERVICE AWARDS FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT VOLUNTEERS

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VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S SOUTHERN DISTRICT SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE AWARD SCHEME, HELD IN THE EIGHTH YEAR RUNNING, IS AIMED AT GIVING DUE RECOGNITION TO VOLUNTEERS WHO HAD MADE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID IT WAS ALSO HOPED THAT THE SCHEME WOULD ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO BECOME VOLUNTEERS.

THE SCHEME IS DIVIDED INTO SIX SECTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUPS.

THE INDIVIDUAL SECTIONS COVER CHILDREN, YOUTH, WORKING PEOPLE, NON-WORKING RESIDENTS AND ELDERLY CITIZENS.

THE GROUP SECTION IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOINED HANDS TO OFFER GROUP VOLUNTARY SERVICE.

THE NOMINEES, WHO MUST EITHER LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT, MUST HAVE PROVIDED SERVICES TO LOCAL PEOPLE LIKE THE ELDERLY, THE DISABLED, THE HANDICAPPED, YOUTH AND CHILDREN.

THOSE WHO HAVE OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO SUCH ORGANISATIONS AS MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE.

THREE NOMINEES WILL BE CHOSEN FROM EACH OF THE SIX SECTIONS BY AN ADJUDICATING PANEL FOR COMMENDATION. THEY WILL EACH BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND A BOOK COUPON. OTHER NOMINEES WILL ALSO RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S SOCIAL SERVICES AND AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, MISS KAREN CHEUNG, AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

COMPLETED FORMS, PREFERABLY ACCOMPANIED WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION TO FACILITATE ADJUDICATION, SHOULD BE RETURNED BEFORE THE DEADLINE ON NOVEMBER 30.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT DETAILS OF THE AWARD SCHEME CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 554 0271.

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ISLANDS WELCOME SIGN DESIGN CONTEST

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ENTRIES ARE BEING INVITED FOR A "WELCOME SIGN" DESIGN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE.

THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE PUT UP AT EIGHT CONSPICUOUS SPOTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG PEOPLE. ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE ON 20TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, AND ITS SUB-OFFICES AT 22 SAN HING STREET, CHEUNG CHAU AND 2 NGAN KWONG WAN ROAD, MUI WO.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS TOGETHER WITH THE DESIGNS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE OR ITS SUB-OFFICES IN PERSON OR BY POST BY NOVEMBER 30.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE DESIGN SHOULD REFLECT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT WHICH COMPRISES THE ISLANDS OF LANTAU, CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU AND LAMMA.

"DETAILS SUCH AS THE SIZE, COLOUR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR THE WELCOME SIGN SHOULD BE MARKED ON THE DRAFT DESIGN AND ITS CONSTRUCTION COST SHOULD NOT EXCEED \$50,000 EACH," HE SAID.

"EACH PERSON CAN SUBMIT NO MORE THAN THREE ENTRIES. THE LIST OF FINALISTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY END OF DECEMBER AFTER A PRELIMINARY SCREENING," HE SAID.

"THE FINALISTS WILL HAVE TO SUBMIT MODELS OF THEIR DESIGNS AND THE WINNING ENTRY WILL BE SELECTED BY EARLY MARCH," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE A \$10,000 GIFT COUPON, WHILE THE DESIGNERS OF FOUR OTHER OUTSTANDING ENTRIES WILL EACH RECEIVE GIFT COUPONS OF \$2,000. CONSOLATION PRIZES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO THE ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT ON TEL. 852 4325.

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