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SURVEY OFFICE CAN CONDUCT OWN OPINION SURVEY  
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THE SURVEY OFFICE WILL BE ABLE TO CONDUCT ITS OWN PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY ON THE GREEN PAPER ON POLITICAL REVIEW IF NECESSARY, THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SIR DAVID WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OFFICIATING AT A +CELEBRITY TREE PLANTING+ ACTIVITY AT HOI HA, SAI KUNG.

ASKED WHETHER THE SURVEY OFFICE WOULD LAUNCH A TERRITORY-WIDE SURVEY TO ASSESS THE OPINION OF THE SILENT MAJORITY ON THE GREEN PAPER, HE SAID THE TERMS OF THE OFFICE HAD BEEN VERY CAREFULLY DRAFTED SO THAT THEY GAVE IT VERY WIDE POWERS TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC OPINION WAS PROPERLY COLLECTED AND REPORTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

+AND IT DOES GIVE POWERS TO THE SURVEY OFFICE ITSELF TO CONDUCT ITS OWN PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY IF IT THINKS IT IS NECESSARY.

+SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE POWERS OF THE SURVEY OFFICE, I THINK YOU WILL FIND THEY ARE VERY WIDE INDEED,+ SIR DAVID SAID.

ASKED WHY IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TO ASSESS THE INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE SURVEY OFFICE, SIR DAVID SAID THAT IN THE COMING GREEN PAPER THERE WOULD BE A WIDE VARIETY OF QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED.

HE SAID: +THE MATTERS CONCERNED ARE QUITE COMPLICATED AND THE OPTIONS FOR CHANGE ARE ALSO QUITE COMPLICATED, SO WE NEED TO SEPARATE THE TWO ASPECTS TO THIS.

+FIRST OF ALL, THE SURVEY: WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING, THEN TO SORT OUT THEIR FEELINGS AND THEN TO FORM AN ASSESSMENT AND ULTIMATELY TO COME TO DECISIONS AS TO WHAT WE ARE TO DO.+

SIR DAVID SAID THIS WOULD NOT BE AS SIMPLE AS THE ASSESSMENT OFFICE OVER THE SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION WHICH HE SAID WAS +REALLY MORE COMPARABLE WITH A WHITE PAPER THAN WITH A GREEN PAPER+.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE MEETING BETWEEN THE BRITISH FOREIGN MINISTER SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND HIS CHINESE COUNTERPART MR WU XUEQIAN, SIR DAVID SAID IT WAS +A VERY GOOD THING+ THAT IT DID OCCUR FROM TIME TO TIME.

HE ADDED: +THE SUBJECT OF THEIR DISCUSSIONS OF COURSE CENTRES ON HONG KONG, BUT EXACTLY WHAT THEY TALK ABOUT IS ENTIRELY FOR THEM TO DECIDE.+

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SIR DAVID STARTS TREE PLANTING SCHEME

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AN ATMOSPHERE OF CELEBRITY PREVAILED AT THE SCENIC SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK TODAY (SUNDAY) AS MORE THAN 100 WELL-KNOWN PUBLIC FIGURES TOOK PART IN A MAJOR TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO START OFF THIS YEAR'S COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME.

LED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND LADY AKERS-JONES, THEY PLANTED THE FIRST TREES AT A PLANTING SITE AT HOI HA TO ENCOURAGE THE PUBLIC TO JOIN THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAMME STARTING NEXT SUNDAY.

AMONG THEM WERE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MRS ROSANNA TAM, DR DANIEL TSE, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, MR CHAN YING-LUN, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, MR PANG CHUN-HOI, MR ANDREW WONG, MR LAU WONG-FAT, MR SZETO WAH AND MR TAI CHIN-WAH.

THEY WERE JOINED BY A PARTY OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMEN, COMMUNITY LEADERS, POPULAR TV ARTISTES LED BY MR ROBERT CHAN, GENERAL MANAGER OF TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED, AND SOME 1 300 SCHOOL CHILDREN.

THE GOOD TURNOUT AND THE ENTHUSIASM ON DISPLAY WERE HAILED AS A FITTING TRIBUTE TO THE SCHEME WHICH CELEBRATES ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR, AND WAS DESCRIBED BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, AS A REFLECTION OF +THE GROWING PUBLIC CONCERN FOR CARING FOR OUR TREES AND COUNTRYSIDE+.

IN HIS ADDRESS AT THE OCCASION, DR LEE EXPRESSED HIS CONFIDENCE THAT WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL CONCERNED, THE TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY WOULD SOON BECOME AN ANNUAL AFFAIRS FOR THE COMMUNITY.

HE THANKED SIR DAVID FOR HIS KEEN SUPPORT AND INVALUABLE GUIDANCE OVER THE YEARS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK IN DEVELOPING HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS AND IN CONSERVING THE LOCAL NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

+WE OWE A GREAT DEAL TO YOU, SIR, FOR WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR SCENIC COUNTRY PARKS TODAY,+ DR LEE SAID.

THIS YEAR'S SCHEME HAS A NEW ATTRACTION AS EACH PARTICIPANT, AFTER PLANTING A TREE, WILL BE GIVEN A SEED PACKET AND A COLOURFUL LEAFLET SO THAT HE OR SHE CAN RAISE A SEEDLING AT HOME, FOR PLANTING IN THE 1988 PLANTING SEASON.

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THE MAIN THRUST OF THE SCHEME IS A SERIES OF TREE PLANTING DAYS ORGANISED FOR THE PUBLIC DURING THE COMING CHING MING FESTIVAL DAY AND EASTER HOLIDAY PERIOD AS WELL AS EVERY SUNDAY IN APRIL WHEN TREE SEEDLINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE FOR PLANTING BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4 PM DAILY IN DESIGNATED COUNTRY PARK PLANTING SITES.

THE SEVEN PLANTING SITES ARE AT TAI MO SHAN, BRIDE'S POOL, MUI WO, POKFULAM, QUARRY BAY, PAK TAM CHUNG AND CLEAR WATER BAY.

DR LEE URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN PLANTING TREES TO COME FORWARD ON THE SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AHEAD AND SET A RECORD HONG KONG TO BE PROUD OF.

APART FROM INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT'S CONSERVATION TRAINING AND EDUCATION UNIT AT 3-7332121 FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMME. SO FAR, BOOKINGS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM OVER 7 500 STUDENTS AND YOUTHS TO TAKE PART IN GROUPS.

THE 1987 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING SCHEME IS CO-ORGANISED BY TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED AND SPONSORED BY SWIRE BOTTLERS LIMITED.

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DISTRICT BOARD'S VIEWS ON TRAFFIC MATTERS HEEDED  
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VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE IN THE PAST YEAR HAD BEEN HEEDED BY THE AUTHORITIES, ACCORDING TO A REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IN 1986-87.

MANY OF THE COMMITTEE'S SUGGESTIONS WERE ACCEPTED AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, TRAFFIC FLOW AND TRANSPORT SERVICES IN CERTAIN AREAS HAD IMPROVED AS A RESULT.

TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN ABERDEEN TOWN CENTRE, THE COMMITTEE PROPOSED THAT THE NORTHERN SECTION OF NAM NING STREET SHOULD BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND. THIS WAS ADOPTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT AND IMPLEMENTED ON MARCH 20.

AT THE COMMITTEE'S REQUEST, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO RAISED THE SPEED LIMIT OF ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD TO 70 KILOMETRES TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY.

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IN WONG CHUK HANG, TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTION OF WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND HEUNG YIP ROAD HAD EASED FOLLOWING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WHICH INCLUDED THE INCREASE IN TRAFFIC LANES, AND THE PROVISION OF AN EFFECTIVE TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM AND SIGNALISED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS.

ON ROAD SAFETY, THE COMMITTEE SUGGESTED THAT THE HEIGHT OF CENTRAL DIVIDERS OF ABERDEEN PRAYA ROAD AND WONG CHUK HANG ROAD BE RAISED AS A LONG-TERM MEASURE TO DETER JAYWALKERS.

THE COMMITTEE ALSO MONITORED CLOSELY THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AND SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO COPE WITH THE DISTRICT'S GROWING NEEDS.

ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS, TWO NEW BUS ROUTES, THE CROSS HARBOUR ROUTE 107 AND THE HOLIDAY ROUTE 91A PLYING BETWEEN AP LEI CHAU ESTATE TO WAH FU, STARTED OPERATION LAST YEAR.

EIGHT OTHER ROUTES HAD NOW INCREASED THEIR SERVICES OR MADE DETOURS TO BETTER SERVE PASSENGERS PARTICULARLY DURING RUSH HOURS.

TO SERVE THE NEW LEI TUNG ESTATE ON AP LEI CHAU, TWO ROUTES LINKING THE ESTATE TO CENTRAL AND CAUSEWAY BAY RESPECTIVELY WILL COME INTO OPERATION LATER, IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING ROUTE TO ABERDEEN.

FOR AP LEI CHAU OLD TOWN, A NEW GREEN MINIBUS ROUTE TO WAN CHAI STARTED OPERATION LAST YEAR.

THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF ABERDEEN TUNNEL, THE DISTRICT'S MAJOR LINK WITH OTHER PARTS OF HONG KONG, ALSO DREW THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION. MEMBERS HAD EXPRESSED VIEWS ON THE NO-CHANGE TOLL COLLECTION SYSTEM AND THE EFFICIENCY OF ITS SERVICES. THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL ARRANGE A VISIT TO THE TUNNEL'S CONTROL ROOM ON TUESDAY (MARCH 31) TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT ITS ACTUAL OPERATION.

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MEMBERS NAMED TO FUND BOARD

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR HAS RE-APPOINTED LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY FUND BOARD.

OTHER MEMBERS RE-APPOINTED INCLUDE MR TAM YIU-CHUNG, MR WILLIAM TURNBULL, MR NICOLAS YEUNG, THE SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND MANPOWER, THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID AND THE REGISTRAR GENERAL.

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AT THE SAME TIME, THREE NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED ARE MR CHEUNG WOOD-LUN, MISS LEE FUNG-YING AND MR HO SAI-CHU.

ALL MEMBERS WILL SERVE ON THE BOARD FOR TWO YEARS BEGINNING FROM APRIL THIS YEAR.

THE FUND BOARD WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PROTECTION OF WAGES ON INSOLVENCY ORDINANCE IN APRIL 1985.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, EMPLOYEES WHO ARE OWED ARREARS OF WAGES BY INSOLVENT EMPLOYERS CAN APPLY FOR EX-GRATIA PAYMENT FROM THE FUND.

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NEW PARK FOR OLD CATTLE DEPOT IN KENNEDY TOWN  
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RESIDENTS OF KENNEDY TOWN WILL SOON HAVE A NEW PARK REMINISCENT OF AN OLD CATTLE DEPOT.

THE PARK IS CONSTRUCTED ON THE SITE OF A CATTLE QUARANTINE DEPOT AT SMITHFIELD BUILT IN 1894 AS PART OF THE KENNEDY TOWN SLAUGHTERHOUSE COMPLEX.

ABOUT 1 800 SQUARE METRES IN AREA, THE TEMPORARY PARK CONSISTS OF A SITTING-OUT AREA, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR CHILDREN AND A TERRACED PLATFORM DESIGNED FOR OUTDOOR PERFORMANCES.

TO ADD NOSTALGIC TINTS TO THE DESIGN, THE OLD CATTLE SHEDS HAVE BEEN PRESERVED AND CONVERTED INTO ARBOUR AND RAIN SHELTER AND THE WATER TROUGHS ARE BEING USED TO GROW PLANTS.

THE PROJECT IS THE DISTRICT BOARD'S LATEST EFFORTS IN PUTTING TEMPORARILY VACANT LAND TO COMMUNITY USE.

WHEN THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO CLOSE DOWN THE DEPOT LAST YEAR, THE SITE WAS DESIGNATED FOR PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT IN EARLY 1990'S.

THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD RESPONDED QUICKLY TO INITIATE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND BUILD A TEMPORARY PARK THERE.

THE PROJECT MANAGER AND THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT AND WORKS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MISS ESTHER CHAN SAID, '+WE JUST WANTED TO MAKE THE BEST OF IT DURING THE 'TRANSITION PERIOD'.+

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+WE'RE QUITE SURE RESIDENTS IN KENNEDY TOWN WILL WELCOME THE NEW PARK DESPITE ITS TEMPORARY NATURE AS THE DENSELY BUILT AREA LACKS OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,+ SHE ADDED.

THE BOARD SPENT \$200 000 TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT BY TENDERING IT OUT TO A PRIVATE CONTRACTOR.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, WORKS WERE COMPLETED WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.

A SPECTACULAR OPENING, FEATURING LION DANCE, PROCESSION, CHILDREN'S MURAL PAINTING, EXHIBITION ON THE DEPOT'S HISTORY, AND POTTED AND STALL GAMES WILL BE HELD AT THE PARK ON SATURDAY (APRIL 4) AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING GUESTS WILL INCLUDE CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL, MR GERRY FORSGATE, THE SECRETARY FOR LANDS AND WORKS, MR GRAHAM BARNES, DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY (HONG KONG AND KOWLOON), MR PAUL LEUNG, THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM KAM-KWONG, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, DR WANG GUNGWU AND THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, PROFESSOR K.C. LYE. THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR VINCENT KO AND SOME BOARD MEMBERS WILL ALSO ATTEND.

ON THE SAME DAY, A COMMUNITY DAY WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND NEARBY TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK AND THE CHILDREN'S DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE COMMUNITY DAY AT THE FORBES STREET PLAYGROUND AT 1.30 PM AND THE OPENING OF THE SMITHFIELD TEMPORARY PARK AT 2.20 PM ON SATURDAY.

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DANCE FESTIVAL WINNERS TAKE TO THE STAGE  
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WINNING TEAMS OF THE 23RD HONG KONG SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL WILL STAGE A SERIES OF WINNERS PERFORMANCES AT NINE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONIES STARTING NEXT SUNDAY (APRIL 5).

AMONG THE 157 WINNING TEAMS WHICH WILL SHOW THEIR SKILLS AT THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL AND SHA TIN TOWN HALL ARE THE OVERALL CHAMPION OF THE SECONDARY SECTION, THE SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE AND THE ST. PAUL'S CONVENT SCHOOL OF THE PRIMARY SECTION.

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OTHER WINNERS ARE THE OVERALL SECOND AND THIRD RUNNERS-UP OF THE SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SECTIONS -- S.K.H. BISHOP MOK SAU TSENG SECONDARY SCHOOL AND BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL, KIANGSU-CHEKIANG PRIMARY P.M. SCHOOL AND KA LING SCHOOL OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD P.M. PRIMARY SCHOOL RESPECTIVELY.

TWENTY-FIVE TEAMS WHO RECEIVED HONOUR AWARDS AND 129 HIGHLY COMMENDED DANCE TEAMS WILL ALSO BE PERFORMING, PRESENTING A SELECTION OF CHINESE, ORIENTAL, WESTERN AND CREATIVE DANCES.

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES FROM GUESTS OF HONOUR DURING EACH OF THE NINE PERFORMANCES STARTING 7.30 PM EVERY EVENING.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE PERFORMANCES IN THE CITY HALL CONCERT HALL BY THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF URBAN COUNCIL, MRS ELSIE TU, ON APRIL 5; THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR SO FAI-CHO, ON APRIL 6; LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBER, MRS ROSANNA TAM, ON APRIL 7; SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (DEVELOPMENT), MR ANDY LIANG, ON APRIL 8; THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR Y.T. LI, ON APRIL 10; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR CLIVE OXLEY, ON APRIL 11.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MISS LEUNG SING-TAK, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL ON APRIL 20, WHILE THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SERVICES, MR MICHAEL SUEN, AND THE CHAIRMAN OF SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHAN-LAM, WILL GIVE AWAY THE AWARDS AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL ON APRIL 24 AND 25 RESPECTIVELY.

TICKETS FOR THESE PERFORMANCES AT \$6, \$10 AND \$15 ARE AVAILABLE AT URBIX OUTLETS AT THE CITY HALL, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL, SHA TIN TOWN HALL, QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM, HONG KONG COLISEUM, SPACE MUSEUM AND TOM LEE MUSIC COMPANY.

THE 23RD SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN COUNCIL, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL. IT ATTRACTED 403 TEAMS FROM 263 SCHOOLS. A TOTAL OF 3 914 PERFORMERS TOOK PART IN THE DANCE FESTIVAL WHICH TOOK PLACE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

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MUSIC OFFICE TRAINEES STAGE A CONCERT  
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MORE THAN 200 TRAINEES OF THE MUSIC OFFICE PERFORMED AT A STUDENT CONCERT AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF CARITAS HOUSE IN CAINE ROAD TODAY (SUNDAY).

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF CULTURE AND ARTS (CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT), MR WU CHOR-NAM, OFFICIATED AT THE CONCERT AND PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO THE TRAINEES.

+OVER THE PAST TWO TO THREE YEARS, I HAVE BECOME MORE ACQUAINTED WITH THE MUSIC OFFICE'S MANY ACTIVITIES, AND EACH TIME I ATTEND A FUNCTION, BE IT THE CHINESE MUSIC FESTIVAL, THE BAND FESTIVAL OR AN ORCHESTRAL CONCERT, I HAVE BEEN MUCH IMPRESSED BY THE ENTHUSIASM AND ENERGY WITH WHICH THE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ENTERED INTO THEIR PERFORMANCES,+ MR WU SAID.

+IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE LEARNT MORE THAN JUST PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT,+ HE SAID.

+THEY HAVE ALSO LEARNT TO VALUE HIGHLY AN ACHIEVEMENT MADE THROUGH MUCH HARD WORK AND A KEEN SENSE OF COMMITMENT,+ HE ADDED.

HE CONGRATULATED THE INSTRUCTORS AND STAFF OF THE MUSIC OFFICE FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND WISHED THEM AND THE TRAINEES CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR, MRS DORIS HO, SAID THAT THE REGIONAL CONCERTS WERE IMPORTANT FOR TRAINEES AS THEY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF TO THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FELLOW TRAINEES THE PROGRESS THEY HAD MADE DURING THE PAST YEAR.

MRS HO THANKED SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, MUSIC TEACHERS AND PARENTS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN MAKING THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME A SUCCESS.

THE CONCERT FEATURED PERFORMANCES BY THE ISLAND YOUTH CHINESE ORCHESTRA, ISLAND YOUTH STRINGS AND THE ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHOIR.

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PLOTS OF GREEN FOR BUSY MONG KOK  
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FOUR BUSY AREAS IN MONG KOK HAVE BEEN FURNISHED WITH PLANTERS, ARBOURS AND BENCHES IN PROJECTS INITIATED BY THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

THESE INCLUDE NATHAN ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET, TIT SHU STREET AND PLAYING FIELD ROAD.

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AT A TOTAL COST OF \$275 000 ALLOCATED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE PROJECTS NOT ONLY MAKE UP FOR THE SHORTAGE OF AMENITY GROUNDS IN THE DISTRICT BUT ALSO HELP PREVENT ON-STREET HAWKING IN THE AREAS.

THE PROJECTS ARE PART OF AN ON-GOING PROGRAMME AIMED AT PROVIDING A MORE PLEASANT AND HEALTHY LIVING ENVIRONMENT FOR RESIDENTS OF THE HIGHLY DEVELOPED AREAS.

IN ADDITION, THREE WELCOME SIGNS HAVE ALSO BEEN PUT UP AT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT TO FOSTER A SENSE OF IDENTITY.

OVER THE YEARS, THE COMMITTEE HAS CARRIED OUT NUMEROUS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO PROVIDE FLOWER BEDS, PLANTERS AND BENCHES THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT.

THE COMMITTEE HAS ALSO ENDORSED PLANS TO PROVIDE AMENITY FACILITIES AT VARIOUS LOCATION INCLUDING WONG TAI STREET, CHERRY STREET, THE JUNCTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND YUEN PO STREET, AS WELL AS THE JUNCTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND NULLAH ROAD IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

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#### NEW MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS IN TAI PO

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TAI PO RESIDENTS WILL HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON DISTRICT MATTERS WITH THEIR DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS FROM APRIL.

IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING MEET-THE-PUBLIC SESSIONS BY APPOINTMENT, BOARD MEMBERS WILL MEET THE PUBLIC IN THE TAI PO COMMUNITY CENTRE IN HEUNG SZE WUI STREET ON FRIDAYS (EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS) STARTING FROM APRIL 3.

TWO MEMBERS WILL BE ON DUTY ON A ROTATION BASIS, FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM AT EACH SESSION.

THE NEW SYSTEM WOULD BE TRIED FOR THREE MONTHS AFTER WHICH THE VALUE AND THE NEED TO RETAIN IT WOULD BE REVIEWED, CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR STEPHEN WONG, SAID.

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PLANS TO IMPROVE TO KWA WAN SEWERAGE  
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ABOUT 850 METRES OF SEWERS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON, AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE SEWERAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR THE AREA.

THE SEWERS, RANGING FROM 450 MILLIMETRES TO 1 950 MILLIMETRES IN DIAMETER, WILL BE BUILT ALONG YUK YAT STREET AND BAILEY STREET AND IN THE TO KWA WAN RECLAMATION AREA.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL CHANNEL SEWAGE FROM TO KWA WAN DISTRICT TO THE SCREENING PLANT AT TO KWA WAN RECLAMATION WHICH IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED IN MIDD-1989.

THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE 15-MONTH PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY.

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PLAYGROUND FOR KWUN TONG  
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TWO ADJOINING SITES AT KUNG LOK ROAD IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO PLAYING AND SITTING-OUT AREAS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR KWUN TONG RESIDENTS.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$5.02 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT.

ONE OF THE SITES, WHICH IS CLOSE TO LOK WAH ESTATE, WILL BE TURNED INTO A CYCLING GROUND WITH ANCILLARY FACILITIES, INCLUDING A KIOSK AND TOILETS.

A REST GARDEN WITH CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND AND STROLLING PATHS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE OTHER SITE.

WORK ON THE TWO SITES, OCCUPYING A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 1.8 HECTARES, WILL START SOON AND TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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