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FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS MUST NOT BE RELAXED
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WHILE THE PROBLEM OF DRUG ABUSE IS BEING CONTAINED IN HONG KONG AS IT SPREADS WORLDWIDE, EFFORTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS SHOULD NOT BE RELAXED, MEMBER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), MR J.P. LEE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN, HE WARNED THAT AS LONG AS DRUG ABUSE REMAINED A PROBLEM IN HONG KONG, THE STRUGGLE WAS FAR FROM OVER AND A GREAT DEAL REMAINED TO BE DONE.

MR LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONCENTRATED EFFORTS OF ACAN ON PREVENTIVE EDUCATION REQUIRED THE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF THE PUBLIC.

+IN RECENT YEARS, MORE AND MORE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS HAVE COME FORTH WITH VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION BY SPREADING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE, HELPING REHABILITATED ADDICTS RE-INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY AND REPORTING DRUG PUSHERS.+

MR LEE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THE EFFORTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO TOOK PART IN TODAY'S EVENT AND THOSE WHO CAME TO CHEER THEM.

+YOUNG PEOPLE ARE THE BACKBONE OF SOCIETY AND WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE DRUG MENACE, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND THEY SHOULD REALISE THEIR OWN RESPONSIBILITIES TOWARD SOCIETY AND STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS.+

THE DISTRICT EVENT, IN THE FORM OF TELEMATCH GAMES, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACAN, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE.

TWELVE TEAMS FROM SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES COMPETED IN A SERIES OF GAMES DESIGNED WITH AN ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME.

IN A GAME FOR CELEBRITIES, POPULAR ARTISTES FROM TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED BEAT TEAMS FROM ASIA TELEVISION BROADCASTING LIMITED, HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING COMPANY LIMITED AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG TO CLINCH THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

TEAMS FROM ACAN YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP AND MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE TEAM WON IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR SECTIONS RESPECTIVELY.

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LATEST AIDS TEST FIGURES PUBLISHED

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A TOTAL OF 69 PERSONS IN HONG KONG WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO THE AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME) VIRUS DURING THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1985 TO SEPTEMBER 1986.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIDS WHEN IT RELEASED ITS LATEST STATISTICS ON THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME ON THE DISEASE.

UP TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1986, THE VIRUS UNIT OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAD CONDUCTED HUMAN IMMUNE DEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) TESTS FOR 30 012 PERSONS.

OF THE 69 PERSONS FOUND TO HAVE AIDS ANTIBODIES, 44 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, SIX WERE PATIENTS OF SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, TEN WERE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND NINE WERE PATIENTS AT GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS OR CLINICS. THE NINE ALSO INCLUDED THREE CONFIRMED AIDS PATIENTS WHO DIED IN 1985.

THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE ALSO REPORTED THREE AIDS POSITIVE TEST RESULTS FROM AMONG ITS DONORS DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

SINCE THE RED CROSS STARTED ITS MASS SCREENING PROGRAMME IN AUGUST 1985, A TOTAL OF 156 710 TESTS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT ON BLOOD DONORS.

THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, WHICH OFFICIALLY STARTED IN AUGUST 1985 WHEN AIDS TEST KITS WERE COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE HERE, WAS ONE OF THE MEASURES RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO CONTAIN THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, TESTS ARE CARRIED OUT ON CERTAIN HIGH RISKS GROUPS INCLUDING HAEMOPHILIACS WHO HAVE TO USE IMPORTED BLOOD PRODUCTS, ATTENDANCES AT SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS AND INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSERS.

THE LATEST FIGURES SHOW THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE INCIDENCE OF HIV POSITIVES AMONG CERTAIN HIGH RISK GROUPS OF PEOPLE AND BLOOD DONORS.

IT IS NOTED THAT MOST HIV POSITIVES ARE HAEMOPHILIACS. THE PERCENTAGE OF HAEMOPHILIACS FOUND POSITIVE WITH HIV (46 PER CENT) IS SIMILAR TO THAT OBSERVED IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE IMPORTED FACTOR VIII HAD BEEN USED BEFORE THE HIV TEST BECAME AVAILABLE. A SAFER HEAT-TREATED FACTOR VIII IS NOW BEING USED IN HONG KONG. THIS NEW PRODUCT WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF TRANSMISSION OF AIDS.

HOWEVER, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT A POSITIVE TEST ONLY INDICATED THAT THE PERSON HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS BUT THAT IT DID NOT INDICATE THAT THE PERSON WAS A CARRIER AND THAT HE OR SHE MIGHT DEVELOP AIDS.

+TO DETERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF A POSITIVE TEST, FURTHER MEDICAL EVALUATION WILL BE PROVIDED,+ HE ADDED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTINUE WITH ITS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME TO MONITOR THE AIDS SITUATION IN HONG KONG.

SINCE AIDS WAS FIRST REPORTED IN HONG KONG, THE DEPARTMENT HAD LAUNCHED A HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME ON THE DISEASE. THIS PROGRAMME INCLUDED SEMINARS AND TALKS FOR HEALTH PERSONNELS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, FREE DISTRIBUTION OF EIGHT TYPES OF LEAFLETS AND PUBLICITY THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA.

IN MARCH 1985, A HOTLINE SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED BY THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE DISEASE. TO DATE, A TOTAL OF 12 864 CALLS WERE RECEIVED.

IN NOVEMBER 1985, IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE COUNSELLING SERVICE ON AIDS, A SPECIAL COUNSELLING CLINIC WAS ESTABLISHED IN QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL. THIS CLINIC PROVIDED COUNSELLING FOR PEOPLE WHO FEARED THEY MIGHT HAVE CONTRACTED THE DISEASE AND ALSO FOR THOSE WHO HAD BEEN FOUND POSITIVE WITH HIV TEST.

THE CLINIC IS MANNED BY A SENIOR HEALTH NURSE AND A PHYSICIAN, AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-7102553. ALL INFORMATION IS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND CALLERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO GIVE THEIR NAMES. WHEN NECESSARY, BLOOD SCREENING TEST CAN BE CARRIED OUT FOR CALLERS IN THE CLINIC. SO FAR, A TOTAL OF 2 170 CALLS WERE RECEIVED AND 272 BLOOD TESTS WERE CONDUCTED FOR CALLERS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A LIST OF HIV TESTING RESULTS WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS NEWSROOM.

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LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IMPROVING IN KWUN TONG
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THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN KWUN TONG HAS BEEN IMPROVING OWING TO THE CO-OPERATION AND EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS, KWUN TONG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GARY YEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR IN THE DISTRICT, MR YEUNG CALLED ON PARTICIPANTS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR NEIGHBOURS TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO CRIME PREVENTION MEASURES.

HE SAID THE SEMINAR HAD PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBERS, AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE WAYS TO PREVENT AND COMBAT CRIME.

VIEWS COLLECTED AT THE SEMINAR WOULD BE PUT FORWARD TO THE GOVERNMENT.

THE FIGHT CRIME SEMINAR WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND INVOLVED CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE 14 AREA COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE KWUN TONG POLICE DIVISION, SAU MAU PING POLICE DIVISION AND CRIME PREVENTION BUREAU GAVE TALKS ON THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN KWUN TONG AND WAYS TO PREVENT CRIME.

THE TALKS WERE FOLLOWED BY A GROUP DISCUSSION ON TOPICS LIKE +JUVENILE DELINQUENCY+, +COMMUNITY AND CRIME PREVENTION+, +TRIAD SOCIETY AND TRIAD ACTIVITY+, AND +DRUG PROBLEM+.

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TSUEN WAN DB TO DISCUSS RENT SUBSIDY
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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS IN A MEETING ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 4) THE REPORTS ON SUBSIDY TO TENANTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND DOMESTIC RENT POLICY REVIEW.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF TSUEN WAN WEST AREAS WHICH INCLUDE TING KAU, SHAM TSENG AND TSING LUNG TAU.

THE PLANS SEEK TO MAINTAIN THE EXISTING LOW POPULATION DENSITY IN THESE AREAS AND RETAIN THE SEASHORE AREAS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSE.

AN EXPLANATORY PAPER ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON VILLAGE HOUSE SITES AT SAN TSUEN WILL BE TABLED FOR MEMBERS' CONSIDERATION.

THE PAPER PROPOSES TO RESERVE LAND FOR VILLAGE TYPE DEVELOPMENT WITH VEHICULAR ACCESS AND ALSO TO AVOID DESTRUCTION OF VEGETATION.

THE SUBJECT OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES TO HELP NEW IMMIGRANTS COPE WITH DAILY LIVES WILL ALSO BE RAISED.

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REPORTS ON THE WORK PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD WILL BE TABLED.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO HEAR A REPORT BY MR RICHARD LAI ON THE WORK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY IN THE MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, SECOND FLOOR, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

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+CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME ON AGAIN
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PARTICIPANTS IN THIS YEAR'S +CLEAN AND GREEN+ SCHEME HAVE THE CHANCE TO WIN VALUABLE PRIZES WHILE AT THE SAME TIME HELPING PRESERVE THE 21 COUNTRY PARKS.

FROM TODAY (SUNDAY), ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC AGED 12 AND OVER CAN ENROL IN THE SCHEME ORGANISED FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

A MAXIMUM OF 12 000 PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 500 PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE AWARDED FREE TICKETS TO A GRAND COUNTRYSIDE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME TO BE HELD AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

THE SCHEME, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF A CLEANER AND GREENER COUNTRYSIDE, IS HELD IN TWO STAGES AND WILL LAST UNTIL DECEMBER.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +PARTICIPANTS IN THE FIRST STAGE CAN QUALIFY THEMSELVES BY EITHER TAKING PART IN ANY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION VOLUNTARY SERVICES ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR COLLECTING A BAGFUL OF LITTER IN ANY COUNTRY PARK BEFORE DECEMBER 8.

+THEY WILL THEN BE ISSUED WITH A CLEAN AND GREEN HANDBOOK WHICH ENABLES THEM TO ENTER THE NEXT STAGE.+

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IN THE SECOND STAGE, HE SAID, PARTICIPANTS CAN ENROL IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOUR PROJECTS INCLUDING A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION, A CLOTH-BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION, A SLOGAN COMPETITION AND A CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE THEME OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION WAS RESTRICTED TO PREVENTION OF HILL FIRES, THE BEAUTY OF NATURAL VEGETATION OR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN COUNTRYSIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

+ALL ENTRIES MUST BE BLACK AND WHITE OR COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS IN 5R SIZE AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY NEGATIVES,+ HE SAID.

ENTRIES IN THE CLOTH-BADGE DESIGN COMPETITION MUST BE MOUNTED OR DRAWN ON A4 SIZE CARDBOARD AND SHOULD HIGHLIGHT THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF ANY OF THE FOUR SPECIFIED COUNTRY PARK AREAS - TAI MO SHAN COUNTRY PARK, TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK, LANTAU TRAIL OR HONG KONG TRAIL.

THE CLOTH-BADGE DESIGN IS RESTRICTED TO FIVE COLOURS, INCLUDING BLACK AND WHITE, AND THE SIZE SHOULD RANGE BETWEEN 30 AND 50 SQUARE CENTIMETRES IN ANY SHAPE.

ENTRIES IN THE SLOGAN COMPETITION MUST EITHER BE IN CHINESE OF NOT MORE THAN 16 WORDS OR IN ENGLISH OF NOT MORE THAN 12 WORDS, WRITTEN ON A4 SIZE PAPER. THEY SHOULD BE AN APPEAL FOR THE PROPER USE OR THE PROTECTION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE, OR IN PRAISE OF THE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT EVERY PARTICIPANT IN THE CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION WAS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A PUZZLE EITHER IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH AND PASTE IT ON A PIECE OF A4 SIZE PAPER.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED, TOGETHER WITH THE ENTRY STAMPS, NAMES AND ADDRESSES, TO THE RANGER SERVICE UNIT OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, 4-1/2 MILESTONE, TAI PO ROAD, KOWLOON, OR DELIVERED BY HAND TO ANY COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE BEFORE DECEMBER 12, HE ADDED.

THE 10 PARTICIPANTS WHO RECEIVE THE HIGHEST SCORES IN EACH COMPETITION, WILL RECEIVE VALUABLE PRIZES DONATED BY SWIRE BOTTLERS LIMITED, THE MOUNTAINEER AND TRAVEL SERVICES COMPANY AND THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF HIKERS.

THE +CLEAN AND GREEN '86+ SCHEME IS ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES WHICH DESIGNS ALL THE PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

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TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS OFF TO SPECTACULAR START

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MORE THAN 3 000 SPECTATORS AND PARTICIPANTS TOOK PART IN A SPECTACULAR SPORTS MEET, FEATURING A FIVE-KILOMETRE DISTANCE RUN, TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS AND FAMILY TELEMATCHES, AT THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND TODAY (SUNDAY) TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE MONTH-LONG TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS.

THE HIGHLIGHT WAS AN ALL-STAR TELEMATCH AND A 4 BY 100-METRE RELAY IN WHICH ARTISTES FROM ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED RAN AGAINST TEAMS FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE OF THE MINI-OLYMPICS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE SECRETARY FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, SAID THE MINI-OLYMPICS WAS ONE OF THE BIGGEST COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS HELD IN TUEN MUN THIS YEAR.

THE PROJECT WAS AIMED AT COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ENHANCING RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING TO TUEN MUN, WITH THE SPECIAL FEATURE THAT PARTICIPANTS TAKING PART IN THE VARIOUS COMPETITIONS CAME FROM RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS AND VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS, HE SAID.

MR CHUI NOTED THAT TUEN MUN HAD GROWN FROM A SMALL FISHING TOWN 10 YEARS AGO INTO A NEW TOWN WITH A POPULATION OF 300 000, AND A PROJECTED POPULATION OF ABOUT 500 000 IN THE 1990'S.

DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS, A WIDE-RANGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES WERE PROVIDED AT TUEN MUN FOR A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN. THESE INCLUDED SPORTS GROUNDS, A TOWN PARK AND A SWIMMING POOL.

THERE WERE MANY MORE PROJECTS IN THE PIPELINE INCLUDING THE TUEN MUN TOWN HALL, THE SECOND PHASE OF THE TOWN PARK, VARIOUS INDOOR SPORTS CENTRES, AND A BOTANICAL GARDEN, MR CHUI ADDED.

IN ADDITION, THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS DEVOTED MUCH EFFORTS IN ORGANISING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS. THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD SPENT OVER \$1 MILLION EACH YEAR TO SPONSOR VARIOUS CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, HE SAID.

THE OPENING CEREMONY BEGAN WITH A SERIES OF MINI-SOCCER, TABLE-TENNIS AND BADMINTON COMPETITIONS WITH 46 TEAMS REPRESENTING RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS FROM THE FOUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS IN THE DISTRICT TAKING PART.

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ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WERE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN SELBY, MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR LAU WONG-FAT CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR TANG TUNG-CHIU DISTRICT COMMANDER FOR POLICE, MR G.H. COX AND DISTRICT LEISURE MANAGER, MR JIMMY CHOW.

THE 1986 TUEN MUN MINI-OLYMPICS WAS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, AND ORGANISED BY A COMMITTEE COMPRISING STAFF FROM THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, TUEN MUN SPORTS ASSOCIATION, TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN THE DISTRICT.

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SAFETY AMBASSADOR NOMINATION STILL OPEN
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INDUSTRIAL WORKERS WISHING TO TAKE PART IN THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AMBASSADOR AWARD SCHEME ARE URGED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATIONS BEFORE THE END OF THIS MONTH.

ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND ACCIDENT PREVENTION (CISAP) AND RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE A VOLUNTARY SAFETY MOVEMENT IN THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR.

IT IS OPEN TO WORKERS AGED 18 AND OVER. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE NOMINATED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS OR THEIR RELATED WORKERS' OR TRADE UNIONS.

+SELECTION WILL BE BASED ON THE NOMINEE'S KNOWLEDGE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ADHERENCE TO HIS SAFETY KNOWLEDGE AND CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY DURING HIS EMPLOYMENT OR CAREERS,+ A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

+FINALISTS WILL BE INTERVIEWED BY A SELECTION COMMITTEE COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CISAP, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND RTHK.+

THE FIRST THREE WINNERS WILL EACH RECEIVE \$3 000 AND A FREE TRIP TO JAPAN WHERE THEY WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY MATTERS.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO 27 OTHER FINALISTS AND THE EMPLOYERS OF THE TOP TEN WINNERS.

NOMINATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION, RTHK, GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SINCE THE SCHEME WAS LAUNCHED ON SEPTEMBER 15 RESPONSE HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRY IS NOVEMBER 30.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL GETS UNDERWAY
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A 12-KILOMETRE MARATHON WAS HELD THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING IN TSUEN WAN TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE MONTH-LONG EIGHTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL.

THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, JOINED VARIOUS COMMUNITY LEADERS ON THE LAST SECTION OF THE MARATHON AND THEN OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL IN THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND.

THE DIGNITARIES WHO ACCOMPANIED MR LIAO ON THE LAST SECTION INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, MR CHEUNG YAN-LUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, MR CHAU HOW-CHEN, AND MEMBERS OF THE SPORTS FESTIVAL'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

RUNNERS IN THE MARATHON INCLUDED DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, CIVIC LEADERS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES. THE ROUTE TOOK THEM FROM SHAM TSANG TO CENTRAL TSUEN WAN.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, MR CHAN WAI-MAN, SAID THE ANNUAL SPORTS EVENT WAS A MAJOR FUNCTION NOT ONLY FOR PROMOTING SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO FOR FOSTERING RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING.

THE FESTIVAL INCLUDES COMPETITIONS IN FOOTBALL, GO-KARTING, TENNIS, ATHLETICS AND ARCHERY, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THERE ARE EVENTS SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR THE ELDERLY.

AMONG THE HIGHLIGHTS WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY VISITING CHINESE SPORTS TEAMS.

ALL PERFORMANCES ARE FREE. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE PREMISES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE COMPREHENSIVE SPORTS NURTURE SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL ALSO PERFORM IN THE FESTIVAL. OUTSTANDING PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SELECTED AT A LATER STAGE AS YOUTH AMBASSADORS TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT ON GOODWILL VISITS OVERSEAS.

THE FESTIVAL HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OPENING OF THE EIGHTH TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK LATER TODAY.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT ORGANISES DISTANCE RUN
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SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO TEST THEIR PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND DETERMINATION IN A LONG DISTANCE RUN ALONG ONE OF THE DISTRICT'S MOST SCENIC ROUTES DURING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

THE EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 30) FROM 10 AM TO NOON IN STANLEY. IT IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO PROMOTE SPORTS AND TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY SPIRIT. THE RACE IS DIVIDED INTO MAN AND WOMAN SECTIONS, AND IS OPEN TO SOUTHERN RESIDENTS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 45.

PARTICIPANTS WILL START OFF FROM STANLEY SPORTS GROUND, AND RUN VIA STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD, WONG MA KOK ROAD AND STANLEY FORT BEFORE RETURNING TO THE STARTING POINT. THE DISTANCE IS ABOUT NINE KILOMETRES.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST 10 FINISHERS IN EACH SECTION AND ALL PARTICIPANTS WHO FINISH THE RACE WILL RECEIVE A SOUVENIR.

REGULATIONS AND ENTRY FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT RECREATION, SPORTS AND AMENITIES OFFICE AND THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE IN ABERDEEN CENTRE, AS WELL AS FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S BRANCHES IN STANLEY AND WAH FU. DEADLINE FOR ENTRY IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE RACE CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S STANLEY BRANCH ON 5-8130305.

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VARIETY SHOW WITH A MESSAGE
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ABOUT 1 000 RESIDENTS OF NORTH DISTRICT WERE ENTERTAINED THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING TO A VARIETY SHOW IN WHICH THE EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON DETERRING PEOPLE FROM LETTING OBJECTS FALL FROM WINDOWS.

THE SHOW WAS HELD IN THE PLAYGROUND OF CHOI PO COURT, SHEUNG SHUI.

FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY SINGERS, MAGICIANS AND ACROBATS, IT WAS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS THE THEME OF +TO KNOW AND CARE FOR THE COMMUNITY+.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, NORTH, MR PETER TAM, URGED RESIDENTS TO PERFORM THEIR CIVIC DUTIES AND TO SET GOOD EXAMPLES BY NOT THROWING OBJECTS FROM WINDOWS.

THIS WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS SUCH AS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND HOME OWNERSHIP FLATS WHERE SUCH +MISBEHAVIOUR+ COULD CAUSE FATAL ACCIDENTS, HE SAID.

MR TAM ALSO URGED RESIDENTS TO REPORT SUCH INCIDENTS TO THE POLICE IF THEY WITNESSED THEM.

THE SHOW WAS ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN CHOI PO COURT AND CHOI YUEN ESTATE, AND THE RESIDENT WELFARE ASSOCIATION IN YUK PO COURT.

OTHER GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD, MR RAYMOND PANG; SHEUNG SHUI POLICE DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, MR NG HON-KWAN; CHAIRMAN OF THE SHEUNG SHUI RURAL COMMITTEE, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; AND HOUSING MANAGER OF CHOI YUEN ESTATE, MR CHIU PING-FAN.

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INFORMATION PAMPHLET ON URBAN COUNCIL
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DID YOU KNOW THAT DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR THE URBAN COUNCIL

. LOANED 7.2 MILLION BOOKS AND OTHER MATERIALS FROM ITS PUBLIC LIBRARIES?

. ATTRACTED 1 418 027 PEOPLE TO PERFORMANCES AT THE COLISEUM?

. PLANTED 21 878 TREES?

. SOLD 1 103 103 TICKETS THROUGH ITS COMPUTERISED URBOTIX OUTLETS?

. PROSECUTED 48 628 LITTERBUGS WHO WERE FINED A TOTAL OF \$8 425 811?

THESE AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT HOW OUR CITY IS MANAGED AND SERVICED ARE CONTAINED IN A HANDLY-SIZED PAMPHLET ENTITLED +1985/86 URBCO AND USD IN FIGURES+ WHICH HAS JUST BEEN PRODUCED.

/THE COMPREHENSIVE

THE COMPREHENSIVE PAMPHLET CONTAINS VITAL STATISTICS ON THE WIDE-RANGING FACILITIES AND WORK OF THE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, SUCH AS THEIR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND SPORT PROGRAMME, ORGANISING CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS AND MAINTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN HONG KONG.

BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE VERSIONS OF THE PAMPHLET ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATION CENTRES IN ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL CITY HALL LOW BLOCK KOWLOON CENTRAL LIBRARY IN PUI CHING ROAD, KOWLOON AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM MUSEUMS, LIBRARIES, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AS WELL AS DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE +1985/86 URBCO AND USD IN FIGURES+ ARE BOXED TODAY.

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STANLEY BRIDGE TO BE REPLACED
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO REPLACE A BRIDGE KNOWN AS BRIDGE H7 ON TAI TAM ROAD IN STANLEY.

A BOX CULVERT WILL BE BUILT TO REPLACE THE BRIDGE, WHICH WILL BE DEMOLISHED.

ABOUT 120 METRES OF APPROACH ROADS WILL BE REALIGNED AND RESURFACED WITH A 5.7-METRE TO 7.9-METRE-WIDE CARRIAGEWAY AND A TWO-METRE-WIDE FOOTWAY ON ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR ABOUT 90 METRES OF ITS LENGTH.

A RETAINING WALL AND FILL SLOPE WILL ALSO BE CONSTRUCTED.

TRAFFIC FLOW WILL BE MAINTAINED THROUGHOUT THE WORK.

THE EXISTING BRIDGE IS A PRE-WAR STRUCTURE AND IS DETERIORATING DESPITE MAINTENANCE.

A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED WORK HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST GAZETTE.

WRITTEN OBJECTIONS SHOULD REACH THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT BY DECEMBER 30.

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SEAWALL TO BE BUILT OFF PENG CHAU
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THE NEW TERRITORIES SOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR BUILDING A SEAWALL OFF PENG CHAU.

THE 60-METRE SEAWALL WILL ENABLE RECLAMATION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE ISLAND.

ON COMPLETION IN TWO YEARS, ABOUT 3 000 SQUARE METRES OF LAND WILL BE PROVIDED FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE, AN OPEN SPACE AND PUBLIC TOILETS.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUMBER OF ROADS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER.

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SHA TAU KOK ROAD TO BE WIDENED
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THE SHEK CHUNG AU SECTION OF SHA TAU KOK ROAD WILL BE WIDENED AND IMPROVED TO ENHANCE TRAFFIC FLOW NEAR THE BORDER.

OTHER WORK WILL INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS ON RECLAIMED LAND IN THE WESTERN PART OF SHA TAU KOK, THREE DISTRIBUTOR ROADS, A CAR-LORRY PARK, FOOTPATHS AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.

A TEMPORARY CAR PARK WILL BE BUILT TO REPLACE ON-STREET CAR PARKING BAYS ALONG SHA TAU KOK ROAD AFFECTED BY THE PROJECT.

MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO MINIMISE DISTURBANCE TO MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

TENDERS ARE NOW BEING INVITED BY THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY AND BE COMPLETED IN 15 MONTHS.

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CLOSURE OF EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH
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EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 3 PM TO 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (NOVEMBER 5) IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1986 CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

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