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CALL FOR INVESTMENT IN HUMAN RESOURCES
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR E.P. HO TODAY (TUESDAY) STRESSED THAT MEDIUM TO LONG TERM INVESTMENT IN OUR HUMAN RESOURCES WAS ESSENTIAL TO ANY BREAKTHROUGH IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY.

+MANY OVERSEAS INDUSTRIAL INVESTORS CHOSE HONG KONG TO ESTABLISH THEIR OFFSHORE OPERATIONS BECAUSE THEY WERE ATTRACTED BY THE AVAILABILITY OF SKILLED WORKERS AND EFFICIENT LOCAL MANAGEMENT HERE. IN THE YEARS AHEAD, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO UPGRADE THE QUALITY NOT ONLY OF OUR CRAFTSMEN BUT OF ALL WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS — TECHNICIANS, ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND MANAGERS,+ SAID MR HO, ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES.

HE ENDORSED THE VIEW OF MR H.C. TANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION, THAT THOSE INDUSTRIES MOST ABLE TO PROFIT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC RECOVERY WERE THOSE WITH MOST TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITY.

+HOWEVER, INNOVATION DOES NOT COME BY ACCIDENT. WE NEED MEDIUM TO LONG TERM INVESTMENT BY INDUSTRY IN OUR HUMAN RESOURCES. THIS WILL, OF COURSE, REQUIRE A CHANGE IN THE ATTITUDE AND OUTLOOK OF MANY INDUSTRIALISTS IN HONG KONG WHO HAVE SO FAR, IN THEIR INVESTMENT PLANS, TENDED TO CONCENTRATE ON UPDATING PLANT AND EQUIPMENT.

+THE GOVERNMENT IS PLAYING ITS PART BY PROVIDING TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING. IN RECOGNITION OF THE GROWING NEED FOR PROFESSIONALS AT THE HIGHER LEVELS OF INDUSTRY, ALL BRANCHES OF ENGINEERING HAVE NOW BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PRIORITY SUBJECT AREAS WITHIN THE OVERALL INCREASE IN THE STUDENT INTAKE OF THE UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNIC,+ HE ADDED.

MR HO CALLED ON INDUSTRIALISTS TO CONSIDER SERIOUSLY PARTICIPATING IN THE ENGINEERING GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME — RECENTLY INTRODUCED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL — TO ENCOURAGE EMPLOYERS TO PROVIDE PRACTICAL TRAINING TO THEIR ENGINEER GRADUATES.

+UNDER THE SCHEME, A GRADUATE WILL BE TRAINED TO A STANDARD ACCEPTABLE FOR CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP OF THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS. A SUBSIDY, AMOUNTING TO \$1 500 PER MONTH AND FORMING PART OF HIS SALARY, WILL BE PAID THROUGH HIS EMPLOYER FOR THE FIRST 18 MONTHS OF HIS EMPLOYMENT. GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE FUNDS THROUGH THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL TO SPONSOR UP TO 550 ENGINEERS THIS YEAR,+ HE SAID.

IN THE FIELD OF MANAGEMENT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT, MR HO SAID THAT THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE A NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES AIMED AT RAISING THE QUALITY OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRIAL MANAGEMENT BOTH IN GENERAL AND IN SPECIFIC SECTORS OF INDUSTRY.

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+THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO STRENGTHENING THE INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FACILITIES AND TECHNICAL BACK-UP SERVICES WHICH ARE NEEDED BY HONG KONG IN HARNESSING NEW TECHNOLOGY. THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD HAS ENDORSED, OR IS CONSIDERING A NUMBER OF PROJECTS AIMED AT AIDING THE PROCESS OF DIVERSIFICATION AND ENTRY INTO AN ERA OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY. IT IS ENVISAGED THAT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROJECTS, HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY SHOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO COPE WITH THE NEW CHALLENGES WHICH LIE AHEAD,+ MR HO CONCLUDED.

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NEW APPROACH TO STATISTICS GATHERING

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A COMPUTERISED SYSTEM FOR COMPILING SHIPPING, PORTS AND CARGO STATISTICS IS NOW IN OPERATION, PROVIDING ADEQUATE DATA FOR PROPER PLANNING OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF PORT FACILITIES AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE SHIPPING BUSINESS.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR COLIN GREENFIELD.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF LION ROCK, MR GREENFIELD SAID THAT THIS WAS A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT, CONSIDERING THAT HONG KONG'S ASSET OTHER THAN ITS PEOPLE, IS ITS FINE HARBOUR AND THAT HONG KONG IS THE THIRD LARGEST CONTAINER PORT IN THE WORLD.

THE DATA GATHERED THROUGH THE SYSTEM WILL SHOW THE TYPE OF GOODS SHIPPED BY SEA, THEIR QUANTITY AND VOLUME, AND THEIR PORTS OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION.

+AT PRESENT, A 20 PER CENT SAMPLE OF CONSIGNMENTS IS TAKEN TO ARRIVE AT THE ESTIMATES, BUT DEPENDING UPON OTHER DEVELOPMENTS OCCURRING IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR OUR TRADE STATISTICS, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE 100 PER CENT COVERAGE IN TIME,+ MR GREENFIELD SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO REDESIGNING ITS PROGRAMME OF ECONOMIC SURVEYS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A SAVING OF 11 PER CENT OR \$8 MILLION OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS, MR GREENFIELD DISCLOSED.

THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR 10 YEARS AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS JUST COMPLETED COVERAGE OF ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY PLANNED FOR INCLUSION, HE SAID.

THE AIM OF THE SURVEYS IS TO ASCERTAIN THE STRUCTURE, OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS AND TRENDS OVER TIME OF HONG KONG'S VARIOUS ECONOMIC SECTORS, TOGETHER WITH THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

+UNDER THE PROGRAMME, WHAT WE CALL A 'BENCHMARK CENSUS' -- WITH A VERY DETAILED QUESTIONNAIRE AND LARGE SAMPLE SIZE -- WAS UNDERTAKEN IN EACH SECTOR ONCE EVERY FIVE YEARS WITH A SIMPLER SURVEY -- A SHORTER QUESTIONNAIRE AND SMALLER SAMPLE SIZE -- IN THE INTERVENING YEARS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

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AS A RESULT OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THUS GAINED, THE PROGRAMME SHOULD NOW BE MODIFIED, HE ADDED.

IN FUTURE, BENCHMARK CENSUSES WOULD NOT BE UNDERTAKEN WHILE THE SIMPLE ANNUAL SURVEY WOULD CONTINUE, WITH A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR TOPICS OF SPECIAL INTEREST FROM YEAR TO YEAR, HE EXPLAINED.

THE REDESIGNED PROGRAMME WOULD ALSO ACHIEVE A CORRESPONDING SAVING IN STAFF AND REDUCE THE REPORTING BURDEN ON BUSINESS RESPONDENTS, MR GREENFIELD POINTED OUT.

+THE NEW SYSTEM WILL COME INTO OPERATION NEXT YEAR, AND ONCE WE HAVE GAINED THE EXPERIENCE OF RUNNING THIS, ALONG WITH OTHER CONCURRENT DEVELOPMENTS, FURTHER SAVINGS MAY BE ACHIEVABLE IN, SAY, FIVE OR SIX YEARS' TIME,+ HE SAID.

MR GREENFIELD ALSO REPORTED A FURTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S ESTIMATES OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT.

TO DATE, THE BEST GDP ESTIMATES HAD BEEN FROM THE SO-CALLED +EXPENDITURE APPROACH+, SHOWING THE GDP BROKEN DOWN INTO ITS COMPONENTS BY PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT CONSUMPTION EXPENDITURE, CAPITAL FORMATION AND OTHER RELATED DATA, HE SAID.

AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO GDP ESTIMATES IS THROUGH THE +PRODUCTION APPROACH+, WHICH BASICALLY SUMS THE PROFITS OF BUSINESSES AND WAGES AND SALARIES, GIVING WHAT STATISTICIANS CALL +VALUE ADDED+.

MR GREENFIELD DISCLOSED THAT BY NEXT YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO RELEASE COMPLETE GDP ESTIMATES USING THE PRODUCTION APPROACH.

+THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS IS THAT WE WILL THEN HAVE REGULAR ESTIMATES SHOWING THE INDUSTRIAL ORIGIN OF THE GDP, AND HOW IT IS CHANGING, WHILE, IN ADDITION, WE WILL HAVE AN INDEPENDENT CHECK ON THE ESTIMATES PRODUCED THROUGH THE EXPENDITURE APPROACH.

+BECAUSE THE COMPILATION OF GDP ESTIMATES DRAWS ON DATA FROM A LARGE NUMBER OF SOURCES OF VARYING QUALITY, IT IS MOST DESIRABLE THAT AN INDEPENDENT CHECK SHOULD BE AVAILABLE,+ MR GREENFIELD SAID.

STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF STATISTICS, MR GREENFIELD SAID THEY ASSISTED THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS TO PLAN EFFICIENTLY FOR THE FUTURE AS WELL AS PROVIDED THE PUBLIC WITH THE INFORMATION NECESSARY TO ASSESS THE GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE.

+THEY ARE A CRUCIAL ELEMENT OF A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM,+ HE ADDED.

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CHECK ON DRAINAGE PROJECTS AGAINST FLOODING
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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, VISITED SEVERAL AREAS IN THE DISTRICT THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST FLOODING.

ACCOMPANIED BY AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR FRANKIE LUI, AND AN INSPECTOR OF WORKS, MR MOW CHUNG-WAI, MISS CHUNG FIRST WENT TO SHAM TSENG EAST VILLAGE TO SEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DRAINAGE CHANNEL AND A SLOPE STABILISATION PROJECT.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO SHAM TSENG SAN TSUEN TO LOOK AT THE REMOVAL OF DEBRIS FROM A STREAM COURSE, A REPAIR WORK ON A FOOTPATH AND A VAN TRACK, AS WELL AS A DRAINAGE PROJECT.

AT KAU WAH SAN TSUEN AND HOI PA VILLAGE, MISS CHUNG WAS SHOWN THE DESILTING WORK DONE LAST YEAR AND THE DRAINAGE WORK PROPOSED BY THE PROJECT MANAGER.

+WE WANT TO AVOID, AS FAR AS OUR RESOURCES PERMIT, A REPETITION OF THE VERY SEVERE FLOODING EXPERIENCED IN TSUEN WAN IN AUGUST LAST YEAR,+ MISS CHUNG SAID.

IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SPEND \$165 000 ON FOUR PROJECTS WHICH AIM AT ELIMINATING THE RISKS OF FLOODING. THEY ARE:

- * A STORM WATER CHANNEL AT SHAM TSENG EAST VILLAGE;
- * REPAIR WORK ON A VAN TRACK AND AN ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT SHAM TSENG SAN TSUEN;
- * FURTHER DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT AT TSING YI MAIN STREET ON TSING YI ISLAND; AND
- * DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT AT TSING YI NORTH.

IN ADDITION, THE PROJECT MANAGER HAS OBTAINED AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT A SIMILAR STORM WATER CHANNEL IN WO YI HOP ROAD AND TO IMPROVE AND WIDEN THE EXISTING KWAI CHUNG NULLAH. WORK IS EXPECTED TO START LATER THIS YEAR.

ENLARGEMENT OF THE TAI HO ROAD STORM WATER CULVERT NOW IN PROGRESS IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ALSO ASKED HIGHWAYS OFFICE (NT) TO REPAIR BROKEN BRIDGES, ROADS AND DANGEROUS SLOPES.

+IT IS HOPED THAT WHEN ALL THESE PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED, THE RISKS OF FLOODING CAN BE REDUCED TO THE MINIMUM,+ SHE ADDED.

**MORE ASK FOR +NO CONVICTION+ CERTIFICATE
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THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT IN REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATES OF NO CRIMINAL CONVICTION IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WHEN COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1982.

ADDRESSING THE LIONS CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DINNER MEETING THIS (TUESDAY) EVENING, THE SENIOR STAFF OFFICER OF THE IDENTIFICATION BUREAU, MR BRUCE FERGUSON, SAID THE POLICE PROCESSED 20 683 APPLICATIONS LAST YEAR.

"CERTIFICATES WERE GRANTED IN 20 111 CASES, REFUSED IN 477 CASES AND IN 95 CASES 'NO CONVICTION RECORDED' LETTERS WERE SENT," MR FERGUSON SAID.

THE CERTIFICATE WAS INTRODUCED IN 1978 AS A SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC BY WHICH PEOPLE WHO HAD APPLIED FOR A VISA TO GO TO OVERSEAS COUNTRIES COULD SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATION BY A LETTER FROM THE HONG KONG POLICE TO THE EFFECT THAT THEY HAD NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIMINAL OFFENCE.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE HIS FINGERPRINTS TAKEN AND HIS PERSONAL PARTICULARS ARE CHECKED AGAINST POLICE RECORDS. DEPENDING ON THE RESULT OF THIS CHECK, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LETTERS WILL BE ISSUED TO APPLICANTS :

- + CERTIFICATE ISSUED AS NO CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS HAVE BEEN TRACED IN HONG KONG
- + CERTIFICATE REFUSED AS CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS ARE RECORDED IN HONG KONG
- + A LETTER TO THE EFFECT THAT, WHILE NO CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS ARE RECORDED AGAINST THE APPLICANT, HE OR SHE WAS FOUND GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE BUT THE MAGISTRATE ORDERED THAT NO CONVICTION BE RECORDED. (THIS LETTER CONCLUDES WITH AN EXPLANATION REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH A MAGISTRATE MAY ORDER THAT A CONVICTION SHALL NOT BE RECORDED).

"AS EXPLAINED BRIEFLY IN THIS LETTER, AN ORDER THAT A CONVICTION SHALL NOT BE RECORDED IS MADE WHERE, ALTHOUGH THE CHARGE IS PROVED, OR ADMITTED, THERE ARE EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO THE OFFENCE OR THE OFFENDER SUCH AS TO RENDER IT UNFAIR TO BRAND THE OFFENDER, IN RELATION TO THE PARTICULAR OFFENCE, AS HAVING A CRIMINAL CONVICTION.

"THE GENERAL EFFECT OF SUCH AN ORDER IS THAT IN SUBSEQUENT COURT PROCEEDINGS THE MATTER MAY NOT BE REFERRED TO AS A CONVICTION.

"AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE, THE POLICE MAINTAIN A RECORD OF SUCH ORDERS SINCE IN SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THEY ARE NEEDED," MR FERGUSON SAID.

THE CORRECTNESS OF THE POLICE MAINTAINING RECORDS OF CASES OF THIS NATURE HAS BEEN RAISED IN LAW AND THE PRACTICE APPROVED BY THE COURT, HE ADDED.

ON WHETHER THE POLICE SHOULD REVEAL DETAILS OF CASES WHERE THE MAGISTRATE HAS ORDERED THAT NO CONVICTION BE RECORDED, MR FERGUSON SAID THE POLICE CONSIDERED IT THEIR DUTY TO PROVIDE THE CONSULATES CONCERNED WITH FACTUAL AND TRUTHFUL INFORMATION.

"THE IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES OF A RECIPIENT COUNTRY ARE ENTITLED TO BE FULLY AWARE OF THE BACKGROUND OF AN ASPIRING ENTRANT.

IF THE POLICE DID NOT GIVE FULL INFORMATION IT WOULD BE AN ATTEMPT TO DECEIVE THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, MR FERGUSON NOTED THAT, FROM HIS EXPERIENCE, THE ATTITUDE OF OVERSEAS GOVERNMENTS WHEN CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FROM PERSONS WHO HAD A CRIMINAL CONVICTION OR A "NO CONVICTION RECORDED" FINDING AGAINST THEM, WAS ONE OF UNDERSTANDING AND DECERNMENT.

"THESE AUTHORITIES ARE FULLY CAPABLE OF DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN SHOPLIFING AND ARMED ROBBERY AND OF CONSIDERING CONVICTIONS IN THEIR PROPER PERSPECTIVE.

"GIVEN FULLY TRUTHFUL AND FACTUAL INFORMATION THEY WILL CONSIDER EACH CASE ON ITS INDIVIDUAL MERITS AND WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES," HE ADDED.

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**NEED FOR SPORTS TRAINING STRESSED
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TRAINING AT GRASS-ROOTS LEVEL PROVIDED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (RSS) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS VITAL IF HONG KONG IS TO PRODUCE SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN WHO CAN COMPETE IN INTERNATIONAL EVENTS.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR RECREATION AND CULTURE, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM DURING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF SOUTH KOWLOON.

HE SAID PEOPLE CANNOT BE TRAINED FOR HIGHER LEVELS OF COMPETITIONS UNLESS THEY HAVE FIRST LEARNED THE BASICS.

+OUR FUTURE STARS HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE, AND ONLY BY PROVIDING TRAINING AND COACHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE CAN WE EXPECT TO PRODUCE TOP CLASS SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM EMPHASISING THE IMPORTANCE OF TRAINING AT ELEMENTARY LEVEL, MR WIGGHAM ALSO SPOKE ON THE ROLE OF THE RSS, WHICH IS INVOLVED IN TRAINING BEGINNERS IN A NUMBER OF SPORTS.

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HE SAID THE RSS IS DIVIDED INTO THREE PARTS : THE DISTRICT OPERATIONS SECTION, SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES SECTION AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SECTION.

THE DISTRICT OPERATIONS SECTION IS THE RSS'S BACKBONE BECAUSE IT CONTROLS 19 DISTRICT OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG PROMOTING SPORTS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

ITS CHIEF FUNCTIONS INCLUDE ORGANISING TRAINING COURSES IN VARIOUS SPORTS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICT, AND TRYING TO ASSESS AND MEET THE SPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

THE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES SECTION HAS SEPARATE TEAMS OF STAFF TO DEAL WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF LAND AND WATER SPORTS. ITS JOB IS TO GIVE SPECIALIST ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTRICTS.

IT IS ALSO THE +THINK-TANK+ OF THE RSS BECAUSE ONE OF ITS MAIN TASKS IS TO INTRODUCE NEW SPORTS TO HONG KONG.

THE THIRD SECTION IS THE FACILITIES MANAGEMENT SECTION. IT PLAYS A SUPPORTING ROLE TO THE WORK OF THE OTHER TWO SECTIONS BY PROVIDING, IN PART, VENUES AND FACILITIES REQUIRED FOR TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THE RSS DOES HAVE A NEED FOR ITS OWN SPECIALISED VENUES WHICH ARE OF THREE DIFFERENT TYPES, NAMELY, OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRES, WATER SPORTS CENTRES AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SPORTS TRAINING CENTRES.

HE SAID THAT OTHER FACILITIES BEING BUILT OR PLANNED FOR THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDE :

- * A PURPOSE-BUILT RECREATION AND SPORTS CENTRE AT TSO KUNG TAM IN TAI MO SHAN, CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING 300 PEOPLE OVERNIGHT, WITH EXCELLENT RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES; AND
- * THREE NEIGHBOURHOOD SPORTS CENTRES TO BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

+WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING THESE NEIGHBOURHOOD SPORTS TRAINING CENTRES IN ALL FUTURE HOUSING ESTATES, AS PART OF OUR RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES,+ MR WIGGHAM SAID.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OTHERS WOULD AGREE WITH HIM IN ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE WORK OF THE RSS WAS HAVING A MARKED IMPACT IN ENCOURAGING AND DEVELOPING GREATER INTEREST IN SPORTS IN HONG KONG.

+FOR THE FUTURE WE HOPE TO TAKE THIS FURTHER AND, IN ADDITION TO DEVELOPING BASIC SKILLS, TURN ALSO TO INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED SKILLS,+ HE SAID.

SCHOOL PRINCIPALS URGED TO SUPPORT FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN

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POLICE RESEARCH INDICATED THAT FAR TOO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICULARLY THE 16 TO 20 AGE GROUP WERE STILL BECOMING INVOLVED IN CRIME, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, MR PETER MOOR, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

SPEAKING AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY TO MARK THE INAUGURATION OF A NEW MOBILE FIGHT CRIME EXHIBITION CENTRE, HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS YEAR'S FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN WOULD ONCE AGAIN BE DIRECTED AT JUVENILE AND YOUTH.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE CAMPAIGN, THE MOBILE EXHIBITION CENTRE WOULD VISIT SECONDARY SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY ON A DAILY BASIS TO HELP DRIVE HOME FIGHT CRIME MESSAGES, SAID MR MOOR.

"THE NEW MOBILE EXHIBITION CENTRE IS A CUSTOM-BUILT UNIT AND ITS DISPLAY MATERIALS FEATURING ALL ASPECTS OF FIGHT CRIME, CRIME PREVENTION AND POLICE WORK IS TARGETTED SPECIFICALLY AT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE."

A POLICE OFFICER AND A SERGEANT MANNING THE VAN WOULD TALK TO THE STUDENTS ABOUT THE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES OF COMMITTING CRIME AND EXPLAIN TO THEM THE ROLE THEY COULD PLAY IN CURBING CRIME.

"IT IS HOPED THAT THIS NEW MOBILE EXHIBITION CENTRE WILL ALSO HELP MAINTAIN A MUCH CLOSER LINK BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, STUDENTS AND THE POLICE," HE STRESSED.

IN AN APPEAL TO ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN, MR MOOR ADVISED THEM TO REPORT TO THE POLICE ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES WITHIN THEIR SCHOOLS OR NEARBY AREAS AND TO DISCUSS WITH THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICERS OR THE POLICE SCHOOL LIAISON OFFICERS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS ON MATTERS IN RELATION TO LAW AND ORDER.

"WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF PROFESSIONALS FROM THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN AGAINST YOUTH CRIME," HE SAID.

MR MOOR ADDED THAT THE DOWNTURN IN JUVENILE CRIME HAD CONTINUED SO FAR THIS YEAR WITH A 15 PER CENT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF JUVENILES ARRESTED AND PROSECUTED IN THE FIRST QUARTER, COMPARED WITH THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

AFTER HIS SPEECH, MR MOOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION MR COLVYN HAYE CUT THE RIBBON TO MARK THE LAUNCHING OF THE EXHIBITION CENTRE.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CEREMONY AT THE ROSARYHILL SCHOOL WERE THREE MEMBERS OF 'STARS AGAINST CRIME' COMMITTEE, POPULAR TELEVISION ARTISTES MR LAM KA-WAH AND MISS LO MUN-YEE AND WELL-KNOWN FOOTBALL COACH, MR KWOK KA-MING.

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THEY INSPECTED DISPLAY MATERIAL ON THE EXHIBITION CENTRE AND TALKED TO THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, INSPECTOR YUEN CHUN-BIU.

MR YUEN WAS A MEMBER OF THE POLICE FOUR-MAN RECRUITMENT PUBLICITY TEAM TWO YEARS AGO AND HE BECAME A POPULAR FACE IN HONG KONG WHEN HE WAS THE STAR OF A POLICE RECRUITING TELEVISION COMMERCIAL, DEPICTING HIS SCHOLASTIC AND SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS.

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KWAI FONG CAR PARK OPENED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S FIRST MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WAS OPENED TODAY (MAY 10), PROVIDING MOTORISTS OF KWAI FONG WITH 580 OFF-STREET PARKING SPACES.

SITUATED AT KWAI YI ROAD NEXT TO THE KWAI FONG MTR STATION, THE EIGHT-STOREY CAR PARK IS EXPECTED TO PROVIDE +PARK AND RIDE+ ACCESS TO THE MTR BESIDES MEETING GENERAL PARKING NEEDS IN THE AREA.

THE CHARGES HAVE BEEN SET AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM UTILISATION: \$2 PER HOUR FROM 8 AM TO 6 PM AND \$1 AN HOUR FROM 6 PM TO 8 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE MONTHLY TICKET WILL BE AT \$400.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR PETER LEEDS, SAID THAT ALTHOUGH IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE MASS CARRIERS, THE DEPARTMENT HAD NOT IGNORED THE IMPORTANCE OF PRIVATE CARS IN HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM.

+THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS OFTEN ACCUSED OF BEING UNFAIR TO PRIVATE MOTORISTS AND OF HAVING A POLICY AIMED AT ELIMINATING THE PRIVATE CAR. THIS IS NOT TRUE,+ HE SAID.

+ON THE ROADS, PRIORITY MEASURES ARE INTRODUCED FOR BUSES BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM COULD DO WITHOUT PRIVATE CARS.

+PUBLIC TRANSPORT COULD NEVER COPE WITH EVERY INDIVIDUAL TRANSPORT DEMAND. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE ESSENTIAL JOURNEYS WHERE THE SPEED AND CONVENIENCE OF A PRIVATE CAR IS ESSENTIAL,+ MR LEEDS SAID.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT ABOUT 213 000 PRIVATE CARS REGISTERED IN HONG KONG. FOR SOME YEARS, THE PLANNING HAS BEEN BASED ON AN INCREASE OF FIVE PER CENT A YEAR.

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EXPLAINING THE REASONS BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF GIVING PRIORITY TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT, MR LEEDS SAID THAT IN A SITUATION WHERE THERE WERE SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROADS AND A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USING THEM IT WAS NECESSARY TO HAVE SOME FORM OF RATIONING SYSTEM TO ENSURE THAT ROAD CONGESTION DID NOT REACH THE LEVEL WHERE THE WHOLE SYSTEM WOULD COME TO A HALT.

+THERE ARE TIMES AND PLACES WHERE THIS HAPPENS AND THIS INDICATES THAT WITHOUT RESTRAINTS, CHRONIC CONGESTION COULD BECOME A PERMANENT FEATURE RATHER THAN A TEMPORARY NUISANCE,+ HE SAID.

MR LEEDS ALSO SAID THAT TO MAXIMISE ROAD CAPACITY FOR MOVING TRAFFIC, IT WAS ADVISABLE TO HAVE OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES.

THE KWAI FONG CAR PARK ALONG WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS ARE LIKELY TO BE TRANSFERRED TO PRIVATE MANAGEMENT BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

+PRIVATE ENTERPRISE SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO BUILD AND OPERATE OTHER OFF-STREET CAR PARKS.

+A NUMBER OF SITES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

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DISTRICT BOARDS CHECK ON STREET MANAGEMENT * * * *

THE MONITORING OF GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE IN STREET MANAGEMENT IS CONSIDERED BY BOTH THE YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARDS AS ONE OF THEIR PRIME TASKS, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

HE SAID THAT THE TWO DISTRICTS WERE BEING DIVIDED INTO A NUMBER OF STREET MANAGEMENT ZONES, AND THAT THE DISTRICT BOARDS ADVISED ON WHICH TARGET AREAS SHOULD BE CHOSEN FOR CONCENTRATED GOVERNMENT EFFORTS.

ACTION WITHIN EACH ZONE WOULD NORMALLY TAKE THREE TO SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE. SO FAR, THE EXERCISES HAD PROVED TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL AND ZONES COVERED EXPERIENCED A COMPLETE FACE-LIFT IN THEIR STREET CONDITIONS, HE ADDED.

MR WONG WAS SPEAKING ON THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT IN STREET MANAGEMENT, AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST.

+STREET MANAGEMENT ACTION IS TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS TO ENSURE THAT STREETS, PAVEMENTS AND REAR LANES ARE MAINTAINED TO THE REASONABLE STANDARD OF ALLOWING FREE MOVEMENT OF VEHICLES AND PEDESTRIANS AND THAT THE ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCES CAUSED BY ANY IRREGULAR ACTIVITIES ARE ABATED OR AT LEAST MINIMISED.

/+IT IS

+IT IS QUITE UNFORTUNATE THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD THINK THAT GOVERNMENT IS NOT TACKLING THE PROBLEM SERIOUSLY ENOUGH DESPITE THE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING MADE BY THE VARIOUS ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THIS FIELD,+ HE SAID.

MR WONG CITED SOME STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1982 AND FEBRUARY 1983 SHOWING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM AND THE ATTENTION GIVEN BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS:

- * A TOTAL OF 402 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES AND 187 CANOPIES WERE DEMOLISHED WHILE 32 WALL STALLS WERE EITHER DEMOLISHED OR TRIMMED DOWN TO THEIR APPROVED DIMENSIONS;
- * OF THE 4 400 HAWKERS OPERATING ILLEGALLY IN YAU MA TEI AND MONG KOK DAILY, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE HAD MADE 4 059 AND 9 256 ARRESTS RESPECTIVELY, OR AVERAGED 74 ARRESTS A DAY;
- * THE POLICE AND USD HAD ISSUED 2 451 AND 43 SUMMONS AGAINST OFFENCES COMMITTED BY LICENSED COOKED FOOD STALL OPERATORS;
- * THE POLICE AND USD HAD ISSUED 4 442 AND 1 076 SUMMONS AGAINST SHOP OPERATORS OR CAR REPAIRERS WHO PUT THEIR GOODS OR ARTICLES OUTSIDE THE SHOPS CAUSING SERIOUS OBSTRUCTIONS;
- * A TOTAL OF 247 430 FIXED PENALTY TICKETS, OR AN AVERAGE OF 1 367 TICKETS PER DAY HAD BEEN ISSUED;
- * A TOTAL OF 105 ABANDONED VEHICLES WERE IDENTIFIED AND TOWED AWAY BY THE POLICE; AND
- * REGULAR STREET CLEARANCE EXERCISES WERE BEING MOUNTED TO TIDY UP THE VARIOUS BLACKSPOTS AND TO CHECK THE GROWTH IN NUMBER OF STREET SLEEPERS. A TOTAL OF 222 STREET SLEEPERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE FREQUENTING THE TWO DISTRICTS.

+VERY INTENSE ENFORCEMENT ACTION IS REQUIRED TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM AS MOST OF THE IRREGULAR ACTIVITIES DISCOVERED ARE TEMPORARY AND HIGHLY MOBILE,+ MR WONG SAID.

+WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE CAN WITH EXISTING RESOURCES AND IT IS UP TO THE PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICTS TO HELP BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WHEN ENFORCEMENT ACTION NEED TO BE TAKEN.+

SCHOOL FOOTBALLERS FOR SEOUL TOURNAMENT

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INTERNATIONAL ATHLETIC MEETS ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE BECAUSE THEY GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES A CHANCE TO MEET NOT ONLY ON THE PLAYING FIELD BUT SOCIALLY, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+IN SHARING THEIR SKILLS THEY WILL LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT EACH OTHER AND THE GREAT VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF SPORTSMANSHIP, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND SELF-DISCIPLINE,+ HE SAID.

MR HAYE, WHO IS ALSO PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL, WAS SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS DURING WHICH HE PRESENTED THE HONG KONG FLAG TO THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS FOOTBALL TEAM.

THE TEAM WILL TAKE PART IN THE 12TH ASIAN SCHOOLS INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA, BETWEEN MAY 21 AND 30.

MR HAYE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOW CLOSELY FOLLOWING SPORTS DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES FOR YOUTH ORGANISED BY VARIOUS NATIONAL BODIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+YOUNG ATHLETES OF POTENTIAL ARE BEING IDENTIFIED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE STAGE SO THAT TRAINING PROGRAMMES CAN BE ARRANGED FOR THEM.

+THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL IS PLAYING A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN THIS RESPECT AND I AM SURE THAT MORE OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE OPENING UP FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN TO TAKE PART IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS,+ MR HAYE SAID.

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

SEVENTEEN TOP SCHOOL FOOTBALL PLAYERS, ALL UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE, HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG ON THIS OCCASION AND ARE IN RIGOROUS TRAINING UNDER A FOOTBALL COACH OF THE JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE, MR CHAN YONG-CHONG.

THE TEAM WILL LEAVE FOR SEOUL ON MAY 20.

THE PLAYERS ARE: SHAO WAI-YIP, WONG WING-SUN, TANG KWOK-YAN, LAW WING-WAH, CHAN WAI-CHIU, LEUNG WING-CHIU, WONG CHUNG-MING, HAU TAK-WA, YEH SAI-NANG, FOK KING-CHEUNG, CHAN SHU-KWONG, LEE WAI-LUN, LUI MAN-KIT, FUNG TAK-SHUN, HOW YIU-PUN, LAW WAI-CHI AND LEE FUK-WING.

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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS
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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE INSTILLED WITH A SENSE OF SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS, A LOCAL INDUSTRIALIST SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

+SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS IS ESSENTIAL TO EVERYONE, NOT ONLY AT WORK BUT ALSO AT HOME, MR NICHOLAS YEUNG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND GENERAL MANAGER OF SHUI ON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, ADDED.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S 15TH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION IN THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL, WHERE THE +SAFETY EXTRAVAGANZA II+ SLIDE PRESENTATION AND AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION ARE BEING HELD.

THE COMPETITION, AIMED AT PROMOTING INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, ATTRACTED A RECORD NUMBER OF MORE THAN 600 ENTRIES FROM 57 SCHOOLS.

MR YEUNG TOLD THE PRIZE WINNERS : +YOUR EFFORT IN THIS COMPETITION HAS NOT ONLY DEMONSTRATED YOUR TALENTS IN ART AND GRAPHIC DESIGN BUT ALSO SHOWN YOUR CONCERN IN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.

+IT IS GENERALLY RECOGNISED THAT ATTRACTIVE, INFORMATIVE AND WELL-DESIGNED SAFETY POSTERS CAN EFFECTIVELY DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.+

MR YEUNG LATER PRESENTED GIFTS COUPONS OF \$1 500 EACH TO LEE KIN-HUNG OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, WINNER OF THE +A+ SECTION OF THE COMPETITION, AND LAI OI-SHAN OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, WINNER OF THE +B+ SECTION.

HE ALSO PRESENTED \$300 GIFT COUPONS AS CONSOLATION PRIZES TO 10 OTHER PARTICIPANTS IN EACH SECTION.

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QUESTION ON COMPUTER-BASED DATA FOR LEGCO
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED WHETHER LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED TO PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF COMPUTER-BASED DATA AND TO PREVENT THEM FROM BEING MISUSED IN VIEW OF THE GROWING USE OF COMPUTERS.

THE QUERY WILL BE AMONG 13 QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

IN ANOTHER QUESTION THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED WHETHER IT HAS ANY POWER TO CONTROL THE PRICING OF PETROL AND FUEL OIL IN THE LIGHT OF CONSIDERABLY REDUCED WORLD PRICES AND THE LATEST INDICATIONS THAT RETAILERS MIGHT RAISE PRICES TO OFFSET THE WEAKENED HONG KONG DOLLAR.

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OTHER QUESTIONS WILL COVER SUCH ISSUES AS THE POSSIBLE USE OF THE OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING AS A COUNCIL CHAMBER, PROVISION OF SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR PRIVATE BUILDINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, SECURITY ISSUES AT THE CHI MA WAN CLOSED CAMP FOR VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, CRIMES COMMITTED WITHIN THE FAMILY AND CIGARETTE ADVERTISING.

A NEW BILL -- THE AIR PASSENGER DEPARTURE TAX BILL 1983 -- WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE MEETING AND READ A SECOND TIME, WITH DEBATE TO BE ADJOURNED.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON SIX BILLS WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO GO THROUGH THE COMMITTEE STAGE AND FINAL READINGS.

THEY ARE THE BETTING DUTY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1983, ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVING LICENCES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, ROAD TRAFFIC (REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, MOTOR VEHICLES (FIRST REGISTRATION TAX) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983, AND LEGAL AID (AMENDMENT) BILL 1983.

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RURAL COMMITTEE PRAISED FOR WORK
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THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONER, MR ADOLF HSU, TODAY (TUESDAY) PRAISED THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN PROMOTING LOCAL AFFAIRS.

VISITING THE RURAL COMMITTEE, MR HSU SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE IT PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROMOTING LOCAL AFFAIRS AND ORGANISING ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS.

+FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, DEVELOPMENT IN TSUEN WAN HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED ON TSING YI, WITH MORE THAN 10 000 PEOPLE BEING AFFECTED,+ HE SAID.

FORTUNATELY, ALL THE REMOVAL AND CLEARANCE OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY THROUGH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE RURAL COMMITTEE, HE SAID.

MR HSU SAID THAT THOUGH MANY RESIDENTS MIGHT WISH TO RETAIN THE LEISURELY VILLAGE STYLE OF LIVING OF THE PAST, CLEARANCE AND DEVELOPMENT WERE UNAVOIDABLE IN ORDER TO MAKE FULL USE OF LIMITED LAND, AND TO BUILD MORE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

+AS TSING YI IS DEVELOPING AT SUCH A RAPID PACE, I HOPE THAT THE RURAL COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DISTRICT,+ HE ADDED.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR TAM WING-PONG, MR HSU WAS MET BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RURAL COMMITTEE, MR CHAN TIN-SUNG.

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DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES APPOINTED
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THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS HAS APPROVED THE PROMOTION OF MR C.F.M. O'KELLY AS DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, TO SUCCEED MR G.D. EDEN WHO PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 5.

MR O'KELLY IS 49 YEARS OF AGE. HE JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN MARCH 1967. AFTER A SERIES OF PROMOTIONS, HE REACHED HIS PRESENT RANK OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 1979.

HE IS A FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS.

HE HAS ACTED AS DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES ON MANY OCCASIONS.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR TSING YI ISLAND
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A SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL SOON BE BUILT NEAR FU TEI KOK ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

THE SCHOOL WILL BE A STANDARD ONE, BUILT ON A 5 850 SQUARE-METRE SITE.

IT WILL HAVE A 24-CLASSROOM SCHOOL BLOCK WITH AN ASSEMBLY HALL, A COVERED PLAYGROUND, AND A SINGLE STOREY STAFF QUARTERS BLOCK.

WORK WILL START IN JULY AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN EARLY 1985.

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HOUSING PROJECT TO HAVE FOOTBRIDGE

THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR ANOTHER PROJECT AS PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME FOR THE TOWN.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE SPANNING CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE TUEN MUN NULLAH, AND ASSOCIATED SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE.

THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK FOR BOTH PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS FROM SIU HONG COURT (HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FLATS) TO THE EAST AND WEST SIDES OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES ROUTED ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL COMMENCE IN JULY AND TAKE 16 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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EARLY MORNING CLOSURE OF PERCIVAL STREET

STARTING THURSDAY (MAY 12), PERCIVAL STREET, BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD, IN CAUSEWAY BAY, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC DAILY FROM 1 AM TO 6 AM FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CAUSEWAY BAY STATION.

THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL LAST UNTIL MAY 19.

SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ALONG PERCIVAL STREET HEADING FOR HENNESSY ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA LOCKHART ROAD AND CANAL ROAD EAST.

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NORTH POINT WATER LEAKAGE TEST

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON FRIDAY (MAY 13) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE BOUNDED BY OIL STREET, KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT ROAD AND THE SEA FRONT.

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