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GOVERNOR URGES PEOPLE TO GIVE VIEWS TO FAC

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, RETURNED TODAY (FRIDAY) AFTER ATTENDING THE HEARINGS OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN LONDON.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AT THE AIRPORT, SIR DAVID SAID THAT THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WOULD BE COMING HERE IN APRIL AND THAT THEY ALREADY HAVE A NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS FROM PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

"I HOPE THAT AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE IN HONG KONG WHO'VE GOT VIEWS THAT THEY WANT TO PUT TO THE COMMITTEE, WILL DO SO IN WRITING, AND THAT IF THEY WANT TO SEE THE COMMITTEE THAT THEY WILL ASK TO SEE THE COMMITTEE," THE GOVERNOR SAID.

"IT IS, I BELIEVE, IMPORTANT WITH A COMMITTEE OF THIS SORT THAT THEY SHOULD GET THE WHOLE RANGE OF VIEWS IN HONG KONG WHEN THEY'RE CONSIDERING OUR AFFAIRS," HE ADDED.

ASKED ABOUT HIS VIEWS ON THE NATIONALITY ISSUE, SIR DAVID SAID HE HAD TOLD THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE THAT HE HAD A GOOD DEAL OF UNDERSTANDING AND SYMPATHY FOR THE VIEWS THAT HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD ABOUT THE CHANGES IN THE STATUS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG OVER THE YEARS.

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRESENT RULES APPLIED WITH GREATER FLEXIBILITY AND GREATER LIBERALITY. WHETHER THERE COULD BE ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN THE NATIONALITY ACT IS A DIFFERENT MATTER AND THAT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT I CAN JUDGE, IT'S A MATTER FOR THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT, AND YOU'LL HAVE SEEN WHAT THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND WHAT LORD GLENARTHUR HAVE SAID ON THAT," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY HOPE FOR CHANGE ON AN INDIVIDUAL CASE BY CASE BASIS, SIR DAVID SAID: "WHAT I SAID WAS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GREATER GENEROSITY IN THE WAY THAT THESE RULES ARE APPLIED."

ASKED FOR HIS VIEWS ON THE LORDS DEBATE, THE GOVERNOR SAID THAT WHILE HE HAD NOT SEEN THE FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THE DEBATE HE WOULD BE STUDYING IT.

"I'VE ONLY HAD A GENERAL ACCOUNT OF IT. THE ONLY POINT I'D MAKE ON THAT IS, I THINK IT'S GOOD THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO AIR IN THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT THE VIEWS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ON THESE IMPORTANT ISSUES," SIR DAVID SAID.

WHILE IN LONDON, THE GOVERNOR MET WITH THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, SIR GEOFFREY HOWE AND LORD GLENARTHUR.

SIR DAVID ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THE STAFF OF THE PRINCE OF WALES ABOUT HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS'S VISIT TO HONG KONG IN NOVEMBER.

THE GOVERNOR WAS MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DAVID FORD, AND THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MRS IRENE YAU.

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ACTING SDA DISCUSSES EMIGRATION WITH OVERSEAS VISITORS
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IT IS ENCOURAGING TO LEARN THAT HONG KONG PEOPLE WHO HAVE MIGRATED ABROAD REMAIN STRONGLY ATTACHED TO HONG KONG AND ITS UNIQUE WAY OF LIFE.

FURTHERMORE, QUITE A NUMBER ARE THINKING OF RETURNING TO THE TERRITORY, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID LAN, SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

MR LAN MADE THE REMARKS DURING A MEETING WITH TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TORONTO CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

"THE GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY CONSIDERING WHAT CAN BE DONE TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR THESE PEOPLE TO RETURN," HE SAID, NOTING THAT MANY OF THEM HAD FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN HONG KONG AND WOULD NOT LIKE TO BE CUT OFF FROM THEIR ROOTS PERMANENTLY.

MR LAN SAID IT WAS HEARTENING TO LEARN THAT SOME FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS IN TORONTO AND ELSEWHERE WERE THINKING OF RETURNING TO THE TERRITORY.

THIS WAS NATURAL AS THEY WERE BORN AND BROUGHT UP HERE WITH THEIR ROOTS DEEPLY ENTRENCHED IN THE TERRITORY.

THEREFORE, IT WAS ONLY NATURAL THAT SOME WOULD CHOOSE TO RETURN TO HONG KONG FOR PERSONAL OR OTHER REASONS.

"THEY ARE, OF COURSE, WARMLY WELCOMED BY HONG KONG AND ITS COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO LOOKING AT WAYS TO IMPROVE CONTACTS WITH FORMER HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND TO KEEP THEM INFORMED OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TERRITORY, HE NOTED.

THE TWO VISITORS - MR JOSEPH AU-YEUNG AND MR CLEMENT LEE - ARE IN HONG KONG TO PROMOTE THE DRAGON BOAT RACES FESTIVAL TO BE HELD IN TORONTO IN JUNE THIS YEAR.

THEY CAME HERE TO BUY SIX DRAGON BOATS FOR THE RACES AND TO INVITE LOCAL DIGNITARIES AND DRAGON BOAT TEAMS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL WITH A VIEW TO FOSTERING CLOSER TIES BETWEEN HONG KONG PEOPLE AND THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN TORONTO.

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FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MESSAGES SERVE GOOD PURPOSE

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PROPER APPLICATION OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MESSAGES IN OUR DAILY LIFE COULD MINIMISE FAMILY MISHAPS AND HELP TO BUILD UP HARMONY IN THE FAMILY.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, SAID THIS TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE FINAL OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION MUSIC COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE WORKING GROUP ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, CHAIRED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. THE FINAL WAS HELD AT THE HONG KONG ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS.

"FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION IS A LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT," MRS WONG SAID.

"IT IS BEING PROMOTED THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA IN THE FORMS OF TERRITORY-WIDE PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES, EXHIBITIONS, AND SEMINARS SO AS TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, AND TO ENHANCE BETTER RELATIONSHIP AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS.

"DISTRICT ACTIVITIES ARE BEING ORGANISED WITH A VIEW TO CONVEYING PROPER KNOWLEDGE OF THE VARIOUS STAGES OF HUMAN GROWTH AND NEEDS, INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS, DEALING WITH FAMILY AFFAIRS, BUDGET CONTROL AND HOME SAFETY KNOWLEDGE."

MRS WONG SAID THE THEME OF "LOVE AND CARE HELP BUILD UP A HAPPY FAMILY", ADOPTED BY THE WORKING GROUP OF THE FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN, AIMED TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS BY MEANS OF VARIOUS FORMS OF COMMUNICATION AND EXPRESSION.

IT WOULD ALSO STRENGTHEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG FAMILY MEMBERS AND HELP TO BUILD UP A HAPPY FAMILY.

"THE MUSIC COMPETITION HAS NOT ONLY TIED IN WITH THE YEAR'S CAMPAIGN THEME, BUT HAS ALSO ACHIEVED ITS AIM OF ENCOURAGING MUSIC-MAKING AT HOME AND AMONG MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, FOSTERING A MORE HARMONIOUS FAMILY ATMOSPHERE THROUGH MUSIC," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG, ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PANEL OF JUDGES, COMMENDED THE 16 DISTRICT CHAMPION FAMILIES IN THE PRELIMINARY CONTESTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES AND SAID THEY HAD ACHIEVED THE AIM OF EXPRESSING LOVE, UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORT IN A HARMONIOUS FAMILY THROUGH MUSIC.

THE CHAMPION IN THE FINAL OR "THE MOST MUSICAL FAMILY", AND THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP IN THE FINAL, WILL BE AWARDED CASH PRIZES OF \$5,000, \$3,000 AND \$1,000 RESPECTIVELY, WITH TROPHIES.

THE CASH PRIZES AND TROPHIES ARE DONATED BY THE SPONSOR, YAOHAN DEPARTMENT STORE (HK) LTD.

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TEACHERS INVITED TO TAKE PART IN CURRICULUM PROJECT SCHEME

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TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS ARE REMINDED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL FOR A SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECT UNDER AN AWARD SCHEME RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS THURSDAY, MARCH 30.

THE SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECT SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED LAST YEAR WITH AN AIM TO ENCOURAGE TEACHERS' PARTICIPATION IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT WORK TO MEET THE VARIED NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF PUPILS IN LEARNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

A PROJECT CAN BE DEvised BY A TEACHER OR A GROUP OF TEACHERS IN A SCHOOL OR A NUMBER OF SCHOOLS TO SUIT THE PARTICULAR CURRICULUM NEEDS IDENTIFIED IN THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS.

THE PROJECTS MAY INVOLVE THE PRODUCTION OF SIMPLE TEACHING MATERIALS SUCH AS A SET OF WORKSHEETS FOR A SPECIFIC TEACHING TOPIC FOR A PARTICULAR LEVEL.

THEY MAY ALSO BE MULTI-MEDIA TEACHING PACKAGES WHICH NORMALLY INCLUDE A TEACHERS' GUIDE, TEACHING MATERIALS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND A NUMBER OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS SUCH AS SLIDES, CASSETTE TAPES, AND OVERHEAD TRANSPARENCIES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN GENERAL, THE SCHEME MIGHT INCLUDE PROJECTS ON NEW TEACHING APPROACHES TO SPECIFIC TOPICS IN THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OR FORMER CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC) SYLLABUSES OR CURRICULUM GUIDELINES AND IN NEW TOPICS OR AREAS OF STUDIES AS ALTERNATIVES TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE CDC SYLLABUSES OR GUIDELINES.

IN ADDITION, THE PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE TEACHING AND RESOURCES MATERIALS IN AREAS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CURRICULUM RECOMMENDED BY THE CDC AIMING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PUPILS OF A PARTICULAR ABILITY RANGE.

AS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION, CASH AWARDS OF \$3,600 AND \$12,000 WILL BE GIVEN TO PRODUCERS OF EACH KINDERGARTEN OR PRIMARY PROJECT AND OF \$5,000 AND \$16,000 TO PRODUCERS OF EACH SECONDARY PROJECT.

PRODUCTION EXPENSES OF \$1,400 AND \$5,000 WILL ALSO BE REIMBURSED TO THE PROJECT MAKERS.

PROJECT PROPOSALS MUST REACH THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, BY MARCH 30.

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THREE HOTEL PLANS APPROVED

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PLANS FOR THREE HOTELS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

THE HOTELS, WITH A TOTAL OF 791 ROOMS, WILL BE LOCATED AT JAFFE ROAD IN WAN CHAI, CANTON ROAD IN YAU MA TEI AND SO KWUN WAT IN TUEN MUN.

THEY WERE AMONG 59 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE OFFICE DURING THE MONTH, COMPRISING 13 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 16 FOR KOWLOON AND 30 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TOPPING THE LIST WERE 21 PLANS FOR APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL, APARTMENT AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWED BY 10 PLANS FOR FACTORY AND WORKSHOP AND SEVEN FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

CONSENT TO START WORK WAS GIVEN FOR 42 PROJECTS WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 258,306.3 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 125,262.6 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COSTS OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$709 MILLION. THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF THESE PROJECTS WAS 238,749.8 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 145,689.1 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

THE OFFICE ALSO ISSUED 42 OCCUPATION PERMITS DURING THE MONTH: 11 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE FOR KOWLOON AND 26 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DEMOLITION CONSENTS WERE GIVEN FOR 27 PROJECTS AFFECTING 49 BUILDINGS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 552 BUILDINGS DURING THE MONTH, WHILE THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 573 COMPLAINTS REGARDING ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,049 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 206 REMOVAL ORDERS.

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\$250,000 FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECTS

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THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD WILL CONTINUE SPONSORING CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL, SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE BOARD'S CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE HAS EARMARKED \$250,000 IN THE 89-90 FINANCIAL YEAR FOR SPONSORING THESE ACTIVITIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE POINTED OUT TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT THE FUNDS WOULD HELP THE ORGANISATIONS MEET EXPENSES OF ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS WHICH WOULD BENEFIT PEOPLE LIVING, WORKING OR STUDYING IN KWUN TONG.

APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS WOULD BE INVITED TWICE A YEAR, HE ADDED.

THE FIRST ROUND OF APPLICATION, WHICH IS OPEN FROM NOW UNTIL APRIL 30, IS FOR THOSE PROJECTS TO BE HELD BETWEEN MAY AND SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE SECOND APPLICATION EXERCISE WILL BE HELD IN JULY FOR PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER THIS YEAR TO JANUARY 1990.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS THAT PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE CREATIVE, AND THAT ROUTINE PROGRAMMES ARE UNLIKELY TO BE SUBSIDISED.

ENQUIRIES ON THE APPLICATION PROCEDURES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315 EXT. 451.

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FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD IN SHA TIN

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AN EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE THE FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE WILL BE HELD AT WO CHE ESTATE, SHA TIN, ON SUNDAY (MARCH 26), FROM NOON TO 3 PM.

THIS IS THE LAST IN A SERIES OF EIGHT FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITIONS ORGANISED BY THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP.

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"THE AIMS OF THE EXHIBITIONS ARE TO AROUSE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND HOW TO REACT IF A FIRE OCCURS," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID.

EXHIBITION PANELS PROVIDED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE DISPLAYED TO ELABORATE ON THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S CAMPAIGN "IF THERE IS A FIRE, SOUND THE ALARM".

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE EXHIBITION TO ADVISE THE PUBLIC OR HOW TO PREVENT COUNTRYSIDE FIRES.

"STAFF FROM THE TWO DEPARTMENTS WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER PUBLIC ENQUIRIES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL RECEIVE A FIRE PREVENTION LEAFLET AND SOUVENIRS SPONSORED BY THE KWONG ON BANK LTD.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT A SECTION OF THE FAST LANE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD (YUEN LONG) WESTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (MARCH 27) TO JUNE 18 FOR CABLE LAYING WORKS.

THE SECTION BEGINS AT A POINT ABOUT 650 METRES WEST OF THE ROAD'S JUNCTION WITH YAU SHIN STREET AND ENDS AT A POINT ABOUT 270 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

THE SECTION WILL BE RE-OPENED IN FOUR STAGES, ABOUT 90 METRES A TIME, BEGINNING FROM MAY 15.

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