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ROLE OF DB MEMBERS OUTLINED

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DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS MUST MAINTAIN THE STANCE OF AN +IMPARTIAL, OBJECTIVE, DISPASSIONATE INVESTIGATOR+ WHEN HANDLING COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS.

A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HO KAM-FAI, SAID THIS TODAY AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED FOR WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

SPEAKING ON THE ROLES OF AN UNOFFICIAL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, DR HO SAID THE MEMBER MUST ABSTAIN HIMSELF FROM TAKING SIDE TOO EARLY, AND TRY TO EXAMINE THE MATTER FROM A NEUTRAL POSITION.

UPON RECEIVING A COMPLAINT, THE MEMBER MUST CHECK THE FACTS AND MAKE AN EFFORT TO GET THE VIEWS OF THOSE PEOPLE INVOLVED, AS WELL AS THE OPINIONS OF THOSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISSUE.

ALTHOUGH DB MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED TO REFLECT THE CONCERNS AND QUERIES OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE, DR HO URGED THEM TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THEIR REQUESTS OR COMPLAINTS WERE GENUINE AND WITHIN THE BOARD'S TERMS OF REFERENCE BEFORE SUBMITTING THE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AT BOARD MEETINGS.

HE ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE FOR DB MEMBERS TO SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT THE REQUESTS OR COMPLAINTS FELL INTO THE JURISDICTION OF THE BODY THEY WERE SERVING, IN OTHER WORDS, DISTRICT-ORIENTED ISSUES.

IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, AFTER HAVING SUBJECTED THE CONTROVERSY TO A RATIONAL SCRUTINY, THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER MIGHT HAVE TO EXERCISE HIS PERSONAL INFLUENCE TO PURSUADE HIS CONSTITUENCIES TO GIVE UP THEIR ARGUMENTS IN FAVOUR OF A PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD BETTER SERVE THE DISTRICT AS A WHOLE IN THE LONG RUN.

+THIS CALLS FOR GENUINE DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP FROM THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER,+ HE SAID.

DR HO IS SENIOR LECTURER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

HE WAS THE GUEST SPEAKER IN THE SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE TO GIVE LOCAL DB MEMBERS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ROLE, AND GUIDANCE IN DEALING WITH DISTRICT PROBLEMS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE ULTIMATE GOAL COMMON TO BOTH UNOFFICIAL AND OFFICIAL DB MEMBERS WAS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

+THE WORK OF THE UNOFFICIALS, ELECTED AS WELL AS APPOINTED, WOULD THEREFORE BE COMPLEMENTARY TO, RATHER THAN IN COMPETITION WITH, THAT OF THE OFFICIALS.

+THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS HAVE SUBSTANTIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE RESIDENT'S SOCIAL CONDITIONS AND ASPIRATIONS. THIS INPUT INTO THE DISTRICT BOARD WILL FACILITATE THE GOAL TO BE ACHIEVED EFFICIENTLY.+

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DR HO WENT ON TO SAY THAT A DB MEMBER WITH BETTER ACCESS TO SOURCES OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION, WAS IN A PRIVILEGED POSITION TO EXPLAIN TO HIS LOCAL RESIDENTS CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DECISIONS AND ACTIONS.

+LIKewise, HE POINTS OUT WITH EQUAL FACILITY THE OBJECTIONS OF THE PUBLIC TO THE POLICIES PROPOSED BY GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

+AS AN INTERMEDIARY, THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER PUTS THE MINDS OF THE LOCAL RESIDENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT CLOSER TOGETHER, MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR THESE TWO PARTIES TO APPRECIATE EACH OTHER'S POINTS OF VIEWS.+

DR HO ALSO OFFERED ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS ON THE EFFECTIVE WAYS OF RAISING QUESTIONS AT BOARD MEETINGS AND SELECTING THE APPROPRIATE CHANNEL TO PRESENT DISTRICT ISSUES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE MOST SATISFACTORY AND SPEEDY RESPONSE.

FINALLY, HE EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF OBSERVING RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH WERE LAID DOWN IN STANDING ORDERS TO ENSURE THAT DB MEETINGS WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN AN ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT FASHION.

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TRAINING CENTRES TO BOOST TECHNICAL MANPOWER

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THE MACHINE SHOP AND METAL WORKING INDUSTRY WILL GET A BOOST IN THE SUPPLY OF TRAINED MANPOWER WHEN ITS TWO NEW TRAINING CENTRES ARE ESTABLISHED IN LATE 1984, THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING, MR M.C. MORGAN SAID TODAY.

THE INDUSTRY WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF 65 TECHNOLOGISTS, 370 TECHNICIANS AND 2 330 CRAFTSMEN TO FILL THE ANNUAL VACANCIES, HE SAID.

THE TWO CENTRES TOGETHER WILL OFFER FULL-TIME PLACES FOR TRAINING OF ABOUT 125 TECHNOLOGISTS, AS WELL AS 300 PEOPLE IN WELDING AND 500 IN KEY CRAFT TRADES, INCLUDING TOOL AND DIE MAKERS, MACHINISTS AND FITTERS.

THE CENTRES RESULT FROM A RECOMMENDATION BY THE FORMER HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN REPLACED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THEY WILL BE LOCATED IN KWAI CHUNG AND KOWLOON BAY.

THE COUNCIL IS NOW LOOKING FOR A MANAGER WITH A PROFESSIONAL OR AN APPROPRIATE TECHNICAL QUALIFICATION RELATED TO THE INDUSTRY, TO COORDINATE THE PLANNING AND SETTING UP OF THE CENTRES.

EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING OR PRODUCTION IS ALSO ESSENTIAL AS THE CENTRE MANAGER HAS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAILY ADMINISTRATION AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTRES, HE SAID.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES PRAISED FOR WORK

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HONG KONG IS A WORLD LEADER IN THE FIELD OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, THE COMMISSIONER (DESIGNATE) FOR TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENSING, MR ROBERT SUN, SAID TODAY.

ALTHOUGH ONLY A SMALL TERRITORY, IT HAD MANAGED TO ACQUIRE AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF BUSINESS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS WELL, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF ITS CAPABLE COMMISSIONER, HAD ACHIEVED A REMARKABLY HIGH DEGREE OF SUCCESS FOR ITS VARIOUS PROGRAMMES.

A HIGH PERCENTAGE OF INMATES DISCHARGED FROM ITS DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT, TRAINING AND PARTICULARLY DETENTION CENTRES DID NOT COMMIT ANY FURTHER OFFENCE, HE SAID.

+THE SUCCESS RATES SHOW THAT THE HONG KONG RECORD IS BETTER THAN THAT OF ANY COUNTRY IN EUROPE,+ HE SAID.

MR SUN WAS SPEAKING AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF RECRUIT OFFICERS AT THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, AT WHICH HE WAS THE INSPECTING OFFICER.

ON PARADE WERE 96 ASSISTANT OFFICERS WHO HAD COMPLETED THEIR SIX-MONTH BASIC TRAINING.

HE ALSO PRESENTED SILVER WHISTLES TO THE TWO BEST ALL-ROUND RECRUITS, MESSRS HO CHAK-WAI AND TSOI KAI-CHUNG.

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+MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SCHEME GAINS SUPPORT

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SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD HAS DECIDED TO MAKE ITS +MEET-THE-PUBLIC+ SESSIONS A PERMANENT FEATURE AS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 7).

REVIEWING THE SCHEME AT A RECENT BOARD MEETING, MEMBERS AGREED THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO CONTINUE THE SESSIONS, WHICH BEGAN LAST SEPTEMBER, ON A LONG-TERM BASIS.

+RESPONSE TO THE SCHEME HAS BEEN RATHER ENCOURAGING AS MORE THAN 50 CASES WERE HANDLED DURING THE TRIAL PERIOD,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD SAID.

TWENTY-EIGHT CASES HAD ALREADY BEEN SETTLED, REPRESENTING A SUCCESSFUL RATE OF 56 PER CENT.

OF THESE, NINE CONCERNED LAND MATTERS, SIX WERE ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, LAW AND ORDER, HOUSING AND WATER SUPPLY.

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HE ADDED THAT THE SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DISTRICT PROBLEMS, SO THAT THEY COULD REFLECT SUCH PROBLEMS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED, AND TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM.

AS IN THE PAST, MEMBERS WILL TAKE TURNS TO MEET THE PUBLIC AT THE BRANCH OFFICE ON MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG, EVERY MONDAY FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM, EXCEPT PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

PEOPLE WISHING TO MEET BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD FIRST CONTACT THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARIAT AT 3-7557928 FOR APPOINTMENTS.

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ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE WITH PAYMENT DATES FALLING ON THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS TO RECEIVE THEIR PAYMENTS EARLIER.

THOSE WHO ARE TO RECEIVE PAYMENT ON FEBRUARY 12, 13, 14 AND 15 CAN CASH THEIR COUPONS ON OR AFTER FEBRUARY 7, 8, 9 AND 10 RESPECTIVELY.

STAFF OF SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO INFORM THEIR CLIENTS ABOUT THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

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NEW YOUTH CENTRE OPENED IN SHAU KEI WAN

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A NEW CENTRE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WAS OPENED IN SHAU KEI WAN TODAY (SATURDAY) BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR SELWYN ALLEYNE.

THE CHINESE YMCA WONG CHUEN KING CENTRE PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING IN QUARRY BAY AND SHAU KEI WAN DISTRICTS.

THESE INCLUDE GROUP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, STUDY ROOM SERVICES, AND COMMERCIAL AND COMPUTER COURSES.

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TENDERS FOR HIRING OF TIPPER LORRIES

THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE HIRING OF TIPPER LORRIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE LORRIES WILL BE USED FOR TRANSPORTING STAFF, GOODS, STORES, AND THE COLLECTION, REMOVAL AND TRANSPORTATION OF BULKY DISCARDED ITEMS SUCH AS DERELICT MOTOR VEHICLES AND MACHINERY.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE ABLE TO START BUSINESS ON APRIL 1 FOR A PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

TENDER FORMS FOR THE CONTRACT ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF AUSTIN CENTRE, 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE PLACED IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX SITUATED IN THE LIFT LOBBY ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 25.

ENQUIRIES FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE MADE WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SECTION OF THE NTSD ON TELEPHONE 3-679699.

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TENDER AWARDED FOR KOWLOON PARK SITE

THE GOVERNMENT HAS AWARDED A TENDER FOR A 5 410-SQUARE-METRE SITE IN TSIM SHA TSUI TO THE LUCKY CITY COMPANY LIMITED, A SUBSIDIARY OF THE NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND MIRAMAR HOTEL AND INVESTMENT CO. LTD.

THE SITE, CONSISTING OF A PIECE OF LAND 17 METRES WIDE ON NATHAN ROAD, STRETCHES FROM A POINT NEAR THE CORNER OF AUSTIN ROAD TO THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF KOWLOON MOSQUE. IT IS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ONE-STOREY OR TWO-STOREY SHOPS WITH BASEMENTS.

THE COMPANY BID \$218 MILLION FOR THE SITE, THE HIGHEST OF THE NINE TENDERS RECEIVED.

COMMENTING ON THE SALE, THE GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT (DISPOSAL), MR DUNCAN SCOTT-WILL, SAID THAT IT WAS MOST ENCOURAGING THAT THE SITE HAD GENERATED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG DEVELOPERS.

/+SOME DEVELOPERS

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+SOME DEVELOPERS WERE OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN INVESTING SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY IN THIS COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON THIS POPULAR SHOPPING FRONTAGE,+ HE SAID.

+HAVING REGARD TO THE PRESENT MARKET CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PRICE OBTAINED WAS SATISFACTORY AND THE HIGHER BIDS WERE VERY COMPETITIVE.

THE BASIC CONCEPT OF THE DEVELOPMENT IS TO REQUIRE THE DEVELOPER TO CONSTRUCT THE SHOPS TO SPECIFIC LEVELS.

THE ROOF SLABS OF THE SHOPS WILL BE SO CONSTRUCTED AS TO ENABLE THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO SUBSEQUENTLY EXTEND THE ADJACENT AREA OF KOWLOON PARK OVER THE ROOF TOPS AND CARRY OUT LANDSCAPING AND THE PLANTING OF TREES AND SHRUBS. THIS WOULD EFFECTIVELY INCREASE THE USABLE AREA OF THE PARK BY MORE THAN HALF A HECTARE.

UNDER THE BUILDING COVENANT, THE DEVELOPMENT IS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 1986 AT A MINIMUM EXPENDITURE OF \$53 MILLION.

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CHEUNG CHAU WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 8) FOR WATER MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT 24-76 PEAK ROAD, FOOK LEE FARM, SHUN YEE VILLAGE, THE METEOROLOGICAL STATION, CHUEN LEE YUEN AND ALL PREMISES ALONG PEAK ROAD WEST AND MIDDLE HILL ROAD.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 7) TO FRIDAY.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING.

THE DATES AND TIMES OF THE PRACTICE ARE: FEBRUARY 7 TO FEBRUARY 10 FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM AND FEBRUARY 11 FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE IN MID-LEVELS

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MAGAZINE GAP ROAD BETWEEN GARDEN ROAD AND BREWIN PATH WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.01 AM AND 6 AM DAILY FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 8 TO 10) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLE HEADING FOR MAGAZINE GAP ROAD FROM GARDEN ROAD WILL TRAVEL VIA ROBINSON ROAD, OLD PEAK ROAD AND MAY ROAD.

CENTRAL-BOUND VEHICLES ALONG MAGAZINE GAP ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MAY ROAD, TREGUNTER PATH, OLD PEAK ROAD AND ROBINSON ROAD.

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NO RIGHT TURN ON SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD

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TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ALONG SHUN LEE TSUEN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO SHUN ON ROAD FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 7).

VEHICLES HEADING FOR SHUN ON AND SHUN TIN ESTATES WILL HAVE TO USE SHUN KING STREET AND LEE ON ROAD INSTEAD.

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