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DELEGATION TO STUDY PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN SINGAPORE

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A 14-MEMBER DELEGATION OF THE WORKING PARTY ON PRIMARY HEALTH CARE LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR A FOUR-DAY STUDY VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY, PROFESSOR ROSIE YOUNG, THE DELEGATES INCLUDED THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, AND THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE.

"THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS WITH PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS IN SINGAPORE," PROF YOUNG SAID BEFORE DEPARTURE.

"I HOPE THE VISIT WILL BROADEN OUR VISION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE AND LEAD THE WORKING PARTY TO CONSIDER MORE OPTIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN HONG KONG."

PROF YOUNG POINTED OUT THERE WERE SEVERAL AREAS UNDER THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY WHERE SHE FELT THE EXPERIENCE OF SINGAPORE COULD BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL TO THE WORKING PARTY.

"SINGAPORE HAS A LOWER HOSPITAL BED TO POPULATION RATIO THAN HONG KONG, YET ITS HOSPITALS ARE NOT OVERCROWDED AND IT DOES NOT HAVE TO RESORT TO THE USE OF CAMP BEDS," SHE SAID.

"WE WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED TO SEE HOW THE SYSTEM OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE IN SINGAPORE CONTRIBUTES TO REDUCING THE PRESSURE ON EXPENSIVE HOSPITAL BEDS.

"OTHERS AREAS WE WILL LOOK AT INCLUDE THE WAY IN WHICH THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE IN SINGAPORE IS RUN; HOW HEALTH PROMOTION ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED AND THE WAY IN WHICH PRIMARY HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS ARE TRAINED."

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MRS WONG, ALSO SAID THE VISIT WOULD STRENGTHEN THE LINKS BETWEEN SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG IN THE FIELD OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE, BOTH AT THE PROFESSIONAL AND MANAGERIAL LEVELS.

"HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE ARE TWO PLACES WITH MUCH IN COMMON AND THERE IS MUCH WE CAN LEARN FROM EACH OTHER, BUT WE MUST ALSO BE AWARE OF OUR DIFFERENCES," SHE SAID.

"ONE IMPORTANT AREA THE WORKING PARTY HAS TO CONSIDER IS THE FINANCING OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE. WE WILL LOOK CLOSELY AT THE WAY THIS IS DONE IN SINGAPORE BUT IN THE END IT IS FOR US IN HONG KONG TO DEVISE OUR OWN SYSTEM OF FINANCING TO SUIT OUR CIRCUMSTANCES."

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WHILE IN SINGAPORE, THE WORKING PARTY WILL ATTEND BRIEFINGS ON THE ORGANISATION OF PRIMARY HEALTH CARE BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND ON THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR BY THE SINGAPORE COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS.

THE DELEGATES WILL ALSO VISIT AN OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT AND POLYCLINIC, A SENIOR CITIZENS HEALTH CARE CENTRE, A SCHOOL HEALTH CLINIC AND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE.

SOME OF THE GOVERNMENT MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION WILL SPEND AN EXTRA DAY IN SINGAPORE TO DISCUSS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS THE CONTROL OF CHINESE MEDICINE AND THE SINGAPORE OPT-OUT SCHEME FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANTS.

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IMPROVEMENT TO BASIC LAW URGED

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AN "URGENT TASK" FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IS TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE BASIC LAW, THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, MR ALLEN LEE, SAID AT THE OPENING OF THE "CIVIC EDUCATION DAY" THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

MR LEE SAID THAT WITH THE BASIC LAW DRAFT FINALISED AND THE NUMBER OF DIRECTLY ELECTED SEATS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN 1991 FIXED, "THE OUTLOOK IS BECOMING CLEARER."

"HOWEVER, WILL THIS BE A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE?" HE ASKED.

"AS FAR AS I CAN SEE, THIS PICTURE IS MERELY AN OUTLINE. THOUGH BEING CRITICISED FOR BEING NOT THE MOST IDEAL ONE, IT HAS A BASIC FRAME.

"NOW, THE URGENT TASK FOR US IS TO ADD BRIGHT COLOUR TO IT, TO SHOW ITS MERITS AND TO REMEDY ITS IMPERFECTION. BY DOING THIS, IT MIGHT BECOME A MASTERPIECE."

MR LEE SAID THE EFFECTS OF THE BASIC LAW WOULD BECOME BETTER AND MORE HARMONIOUS IF DIFFERENCES COULD BE ACCOMMODATED.

ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR LEE SAID THIS HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AND URGENT AS HONG KONG FACED RAPID CHANGES ON THE POLITICAL SCENE AND OTHER FRONTS.

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RESIDENTS TAKE PART IN CIVIC EDUCATION CARNIVAL

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HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS IN WONG TAI SIN TOOK PART IN A "CIVIC EDUCATION DAY" CARNIVAL HELD AT A LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CARNIVAL WAS ORGANISED BY THE WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE. IT ALSO MARKED THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE DISTRICT'S PROMOTIONAL PROGRAMME ON CIVIC EDUCATION FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

THERE WAS SINGING, FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCES AND GAME STALLS IN THE CARNIVAL HELD AT THE LOK SIN TONG WONG CHUNG MING SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE GAME STALLS, SET UP BY 11 AREA COMMITTEES, CARRIED THE TWIN-THEME OF ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF, AND PARTICIPATE IN, LOCAL AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, AND PROMOTING THE SPIRIT OF THE RULE OF LAW.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE, SAID CIVIC EDUCATION HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE CHANGES THE TERRITORY WAS FACING.

HE SAID THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL BODIES TO ORGANISE MORE CIVIC EDUCATION ACTIVITIES.

"THE DISTRICT BOARD HAS ALLOCATED MORE THAN \$160,000 FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES, WHICH HAVE NOT ONLY ENHANCED RESIDENTS' CIVIC CONSCIOUSNESS, BUT ALSO THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING AND INTEREST IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS," DR LEE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP, MR ALBERT LI, SAID ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE GROUP INCLUDED A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR AREA COMMITTEES AND THE FORMATION OF CIVIC EDUCATION TEAMS.

"SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTS ON CIVIC EDUCATION WERE PUBLISHED IN THE DISTRICT NEWSPAPER WHILE SOUVENIRS BEARING EDUCATIONAL SLOGANS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS", MR LI SAID.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY WERE A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MADAM NORA YAU; WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU; REGIONAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (EAST KOWLOON), MR LOK MAN-PAN; WONG TAI SIN POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, MR LAW HAY-SING; AND DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER FOR WONG TAI SIN, MISS MAN WAI-LING.

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TEENAGERS REMINDED OF EVILS OF TRIADS

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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PETER MANN, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON TEENAGERS TO STAY AWAY FROM TRIAD ACTIVITIES.

SPEAKING AT A FIGHT CRIME AND ANTI-TRIAD CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR MANN SAID THE FUNCTION'S VARIETY SHOW, GAMES STALLS AND THE ANTI-TRIAD EXHIBITION WERE DESIGNED TO REMIND YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE EVILS OF TRIADS.

HE ALSO PRAISED THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE FOR ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ANNUALLY TO AROUSE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF CRIME PREVENTION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR LESTER KWOK, SAID A MAJOR TASK FOR THE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR WAS TO ASSIST THE POLICE IN FIGHTING CRIME, AND REDUCING THE CRIME FIGURES IN THE DISTRICT.

ACTIVITIES TO BE LAUNCHED BY THE COMMITTEE TO DRIVE HOME THE ANTI-CRIME MESSAGE THIS YEAR INCLUDE A NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME, A HOME SECURITY SEMINAR, AN ANTI-TRIAD SLOGAN DESIGN COMPETITION AND AN ANTI-CRIME CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

TODAY'S CARNIVAL, SPONSORED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD, BEGAN WITH A LION DANCE, AND PERFORMANCES BY A MARCHING BAND AND WELL-KNOWN SINGERS FOLLOWED. THERE WAS ALSO A MAGIC SHOW.

A CENTRE OF ATTRACTION WAS A ROBOT POLICEMAN DISTRIBUTING FIGHT CRIME PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM, AND THE POLICE DEPUTY DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR W.I. NICHOLSON, ATTENDED THE CARNIVAL.

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CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN CONCLUDED IN TAI PO

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A VARIETY SHOW AND A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WERE HELD AT TAI PO CIVIC CENTRE TONIGHT (SUNDAY) AS A FINALE TO THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDED A MAGIC SHOW AND PERFORMANCES BY POP SINGERS AND WINNERS OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION SINGING CONTEST.

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WINNERS OF THE SINGING CONTEST AND THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARDS RECEIVED PRIZES FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HO YUNG-SANG, AND THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS MARY CHOW.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN STARTED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR. ACTIVITIES INCLUDED A SINGING CONTEST, AN OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES AWARD SCHEME AND A SEMINAR.

THE CAMPAIGN WAS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE TO ENCOURAGE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

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PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES POPULAR
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THE 68 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE (PES) CENTRES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HANDLED A TOTAL OF 6.78 MILLION CASES DURING 1989, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 3.8 PER CENT OVER 1988.

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE FIGURE REFLECTED THE POPULARITY OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PES CENTRES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE MOST POPULAR SERVICES INCLUDED ADMINISTERING DECLARATIONS AND OATHS, AND ENQUIRIES CONCERNING CIVIL SERVICE JOB VACANCIES, THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS, LOCATIONS AND OFFICE HOURS OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND DISTRICT LEVEL FUNCTIONS.

DURING THE PERIOD, ABOUT 10.75 MILLION FORMS AND PUBLICITY MATERIALS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC.

IN ADDITION TO ANSWERING ENQUIRIES AND DISTRIBUTING FORMS AND GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS, THE PES CENTRES ALSO ARRANGED INTERVIEWS FOR THE DISTRICT BOARDS' "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME, AND REFERRED CASES TO THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME AND THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID UNDER THE "MEET-THE-PUBLIC" SCHEME, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE COMPLAINTS OR SUGGESTIONS MAY APPROACH THE NEAREST PES CENTRE TO ARRANGE FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS.

THEIR COMPLAINTS AND OPINIONS WILL THEN BE REFERRED TO THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT BOARD AND DISTRICT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTION.

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THE DECLARATION SERVICE IS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE. THE CENTRES ADMINISTERED 853,000 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS IN 1989, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 14.9 PER CENT OVER 1988.

THE MOST POPULAR TOPICS WERE DECLARATION OF TRUE COPY OF DOCUMENTS, AND THOSE RELATED TO EDUCATION EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, WHICH STARTED IN 1978, WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CNTA AND THE LAW SOCIETY SO THAT RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO SEEK ADVICE ON CIVIL LEGAL MATTERS BUT CANNOT AFFORD THE FEES, WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE FREE CONSULTATION WITH VOLUNTARY LAWYERS.

A TOTAL OF 3,015 CASES WERE REFERRED TO THE LAW SOCIETY IN 1989.

UNDER THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME, LANDLORDS OR TENANTS WHO HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT THEIR STATUTORY RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS CAN SEEK ADVICE FROM RENT OFFICERS OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT WHO ARE ON DUTY AT 15 DISTRICT OFFICES.

DURING THE PERIOD, 19,425 PEOPLE CONSULTED THE RENT OFFICERS AT THE DISTRICT OFFICES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE 68 PES CENTRES ARE LOCATED CONVENIENTLY IN THE 19 DISTRICT OFFICES AND THEIR SUB-OFFICES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY THESE CENTRES MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE CENTRES OR THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE SECTION AT CNTA HEADQUARTERS ON 29TH FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI. THEY CAN ALSO TELEPHONE 8351501.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS
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THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT (MEI) PROJECTS BEING CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE COMMITTEE WILL ALSO EXAMINE THE PROGRESS OF ITS COMPREHENSIVE SQUATTER IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

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OTHER AGENDA ITEMS INCLUDE THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS FOR MEI PROJECTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM, SECOND FLOOR, MEI FUNG COURT, 7-11 NAM NING STREET, ABERDEEN CENTRE.

THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO DRAFTING OF WHITE PAPER

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COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO THE DRAFTING OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES WHITE PAPER WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 27).

THE DISCUSSION FOLLOWS THE SUBMISSION OF A PAPER BY A GROUP OF 31 SOCIAL WORKERS OUTLINING THEIR VIEWS.

ON OTHER TOPICS, A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER WILL ASK IF THERE ARE PLANS TO RECTIFY THE NOISE NUISANCE CAUSED BY TRAINS TO RESIDENTS OF HIN KENG ESTATE.

ANOTHER MEMBER WILL ASK WHETHER ADEQUATE FACILITIES HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR THE DISABLED IN SHA TIN.

THE MEETING WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE AVAILABILITY OF INTERNATIONAL AND ENGLISH-SPEAKING SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S HEALTH, EDUCATION AND WELFARE COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 27) IN THE DB CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR, KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION. THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM.

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DB FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS FOR FUNDS FOR ORGANISING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR.

A DISTRICT BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE DISTRICT BOARD'S COMMUNITY BUILDING AND SERVICES COMMITTEE DECIDED AT A RECENT MEETING THAT IN 1990-91 MORE EMPHASIS WOULD BE PLACED ON PROMOTING ACTIVITIES FOR THE ELDERLY AND ON CIVIC EDUCATION.

"WE HOPE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND VOLUNTARY BODIES WOULD PLAN THEIR ACTIVITIES ALONG THESE LINES," HE SAID, ADDING THAT PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS WHICH COULD GENERATE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS.

OTHER NOVEL AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES, WHICH WOULD ENHANCE RESIDENTS' SENSE OF BELONGING, WOULD ALSO BE SUPPORTED, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

HE REMINDED ORGANISATIONS APPLYING FOR FUNDS TO DRAW UP A BALANCED PLAN FOR THEIR ANNUAL ACTIVITIES TO AVOID MANPOWER AND RESOURCES CONSTRAINTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

APPLICATIONS, TOGETHER WITH BUDGET ESTIMATES FOR PLANNED EVENTS, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE DB SECRETARIAT, 11TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, NOT LATER THAN MARCH 12.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO MISS ROSANNA HO ON TEL. 8523480.

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MAJOR NEW FACILITIES FOR MARINE POLICE IN PROGRESS
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MAJOR NEW FACILITIES FOR MARINE POLICE ARE IN PROGRESS WITH THE PROVISION OF IMPROVED HEADQUARTERS FOR HARBOUR DIVISION AND COASTAL BASES IN THE EAST AND WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE OPERATIONS OF THE INCREASINGLY BUSY MARINE HARBOUR DIVISION, ALREADY ENHANCED BY THE USE OF FACILITIES AT SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER, WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED SOON WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIVISIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT SAI WAN HO.

OCCUPATION OF THE NEW WATERFRONT HEADQUARTERS WILL ENABLE HARBOUR DIVISION TO MOVE FROM INLAND ACCOMMODATION AT MARINE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS AT TSIM SHA TSUI, 400 YARDS FROM THE SHORE.

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IN ADDITION A NEW MARINE POLICE BASE FOR WEST DIVISION AT TAI LAM CHUNG IS DUE TO BE HANDED OVER NEXT MONTH.

AND FACILITIES "BEYOND THE DREAMS" OF MARINE POLICE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE BIGGEST AND BEST MARINE HEADQUARTERS, TO BE BUILT FOR EAST DIVISION AT TUI MIN HOI.

"THE BASE AT TUI MIN HOI WILL INCORPORATE ALL WE'VE LEARNED FROM HINDSIGHT AT OTHER BASES AND WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE EXCELLENT FACILITIES PROVIDED AT THE SOUTH DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT ABERDEEN," THE CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR, MARINE BUILDINGS, IN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BRANCH, MR DAVE WEAVER, SAID.

THE USE OF THE SHAM SHUI PO FERRY PIER IN THE WEST OF KOWLOON AND THE NEW SAI WAN HO HEADQUARTERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AT THE EAST OF HARBOUR DIVISION'S WIDESPREAD WATERS ARE SEEN AS A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE CAPABILITIES OF THE DIVISION, WHICH OPERATES FROM CAPE COLLINSON IN THE EAST TO DISCOVERY BAY, ON LANTAU ISLAND AND MA WAN ISLAND IN THE WEST.

"HARBOUR IS AN INCREASINGLY BUSY DIVISION WITH INCREASING VESSELS USING IT," MR WEAVER SAID. "THE OPERATING FACILITY AT SHAM SHUI PO AND THE NEW BASE AT SAI WAN HO WILL TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SERVICE WE GIVE TO THE PUBLIC IN THE HARBOUR.

"WE ANTICIPATE THAT SAI WAN HO WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN JUNE THIS YEAR, POSSIBLY SOONER."

TAI LAM CHUNG MARINE POLICE BASE WILL PROVIDE LOCKER CHANGING, MESS AND CANTEEN FACILITIES FOR WEST DIVISION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE OFFICES, A SLIPWAY WITH A TROLLEY FOR SLIPPING VESSELS, A NEW PIER, CRANE AND SMALL BOAT BERTHING FACILITIES.

THE NEW BASE WILL ALLOW THE OLD CASTLE PEAK POLICE STATION TO BE HANDED BACK TO THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE.

WEST DIVISION MARINE HEADQUARTERS WILL REMAIN AT ITS PRESENT POSITION NEAR THE NEW BASE ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

MR WEAVER SAID THE NEW BASE AT TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG, WOULD HAVE FACILITIES "STILL BEYOND THE DREAMS OF MARINE POLICE".

"IT WILL BE THE BIGGEST AND BEST EQUIPPED BASE THE MARINE POLICE WILL EVER HAVE."

THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING, DUE FOR COMPLETION IN AUGUST 1991, WILL INCORPORATE SOPHISTICATED SULLAGING FACILITIES OF ADVANCED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUE AND OFFERING GREATER SAFETY TO CREWS.

OTHER FEATURES WILL INCLUDE DEDICATED OUTBOARD ENGINE OVERHAUL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS, THREE VESSEL MAINTENANCE BAYS WITH A CRANE CAPABLE OF HOISTING 10 TONS, MACHINE TOOL WORKSHOPS, A CHANDLERY STORE, A LARGE FUEL FARM AND AIR CONDITIONED SMALL BOAT REPAIR BAY.

FOUR NEW BERTHS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH PADDED FENDERS REPLACING THE CONVENTIONAL CUSHIONED WOOD FENDERS.

A LAWN FRONTAGE WILL PROVIDE A PATCH OF GREEN NEAR THE SEA FRONT, WHICH WILL ALSO BE ENVIRONMENTALLY AGREEABLE, MR WEAVER SAID.

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POLICE ARRESTED 1,201 PEOPLE IN 4,249 RAIDS IN JANUARY

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POLICE CONTINUED THEIR THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE ACTIVITIES LAST MONTH, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 1,201 PEOPLE IN 4,249 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE MONTH, 234 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 414 RAIDS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 648 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 3,609 RAIDS IN KOWLOON AND 303 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED IN 202 RAIDS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, NARCOTICS BUREAU OFFICERS ARRESTED 16 PEOPLE IN 24 OPERATIONS.

IN THEIR SUSTAINED EFFORTS AGAINST VICE ACTIVITIES, POLICE ARRESTED 91 PEOPLE IN 3,496 RAIDS AND SEIZED 225 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES.

ON THE ANTI-GAMBLING FRONT, POLICE CONDUCTED 89 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 552 PEOPLE, SEIZING \$232,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$1,431,000.

PEOPLE ALSO CARRIED OUT 664 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 558 PEOPLE IN THEIR FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING IN JANUARY. THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED 30.6 KILOGRAMMES OF NO. 3 HEROIN, 337.4 GRAMS OF OPIUM AND 1.19 KILOGRAMMES OF CANNABIS.

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CLEIC OFFICE ON MOVE
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THE CRIMINAL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT INJURIES COMPENSATION SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE MOVED TO SHELTER STREET IN CAUSEWAY BAY ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28.

THE NEW ADDRESS IS THIRD FLOOR, PARK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, SHELTER STREET, CAUSEWAY BAY. THE OFFICE WILL RESUME OPERATION ON MARCH 1 (THURSDAY).

THE EXISTING TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE SECTION WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR MEN BORN IN 1928-31
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MEN BORN IN 1928, 1929, 1930 OR 1931 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM FEBRUARY 26 TO APRIL 7.

MEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES ARE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 9.30 PM DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ISSUE OFFICES WILL BE VERY CROWDED IN THE EVENINGS. TO AVOID HAVING TO QUEUE UP AT THE ISSUE OFFICES OR TO COME BACK ON ANOTHER DAY, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THESE OFFICES IN THE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS," HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI
TEL. NO. 5747070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD
TEL. NO. 7553679

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 7232424

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TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 4981259

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE,
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET,
TEL. NO. 6059108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD
TEL. NO. 4771543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR,
CHI LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 4580862

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
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"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL, HE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOF.

"IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HIS EXISTING IDENTITY CARD, HE MUST PRODUCE HIS TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATION CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

"IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1990

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHEUNG SHUI, YAU MA TEI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 27), PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS IN THE FOLLOWING ROAD SECTIONS IN SHEUNG SHUI :

- * ROAD L5 FROM A POINT 25 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH SAN FUNG AVENUE TO A POINT 120 METRES WEST OF THE SAME JUNCTION; AND
- * THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO SHEUNG SHUI FAREWELL PARLOUR FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ROAD L5 TO A POINT ABOUT 30 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

ALSO FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY, SAIGON STREET IN YAU MA TEI BETWEEN RECLAMATION STREET AND BATTERY STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS BECAUSE OF ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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WATER CUT IN NORTH POINT

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 27) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES BOUNDED BY KING'S ROAD, MERLIN STREET, WATSON ROAD, SEAFRONT AND HING FAT STREET, INCLUDING 25-145 (ODD NUMBERS), 52-68 (EVEN NUMBERS), 250-276 KING'S ROAD AND 1-9 COMFORT TERRACE.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN WAN CHAI

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 27), THE NORTHERN KERBSIDE LANE OF HENNESSY ROAD FROM HOUSE NOS. 393 TO 415 WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO MIDNIGHT DAILY FOR ABOUT TWO DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD RE-SURFACING WORKS.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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