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ACCESS FOR DISABLED AT HOUSING ESTATES IMPROVED
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THE ACCESS MEANS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE LIVING AT PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IN SHA TIN HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED FOLLOWING THE RECENT COMPLETION OF A NUMBER OF MODIFICATION PROJECTS AT THE ESTATES.

AND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, DR PATRICK HASE THANKED THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR ITS POSITIVE RESPONSE TO PROPOSALS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD IN CARRYING SUCH PROJECTS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A FOUR-DAY HANDICAPPED ACCESS EXHIBITION TODAY (SATURDAY), HE ALSO APPEALED TO PRIVATE DEVELOPERS FOR SIMILAR SUPPORT.

THE EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY A SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, HIGHLIGHTS THE ACCESS PROBLEM OF THE DISABLED AND IS AIMED AT STIMULATING INTERESTS IN BETTER DESIGN OF BUILDINGS, PUBLIC AREAS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT FOR THEIR SPECIAL NEED.

THROUGH A 20-MINUTE CARTOON SHOW AT THE EXHIBITION, VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE SOME OF THE DAILY ACCESS PROBLEMS BEING ENCOUNTERED BY THE DISABLED. A LIFE-SIZE MODEL FLAT WITH A LIVING ROOM, A BED ROOM, A SPECIALLY DESIGNED TOILET AND APPROPRIATE ACCESS MEANS WILL BE DISPLAYED.

OTHER EXHIBITS WILL INCLUDE A +REHAB BUS+; A SPECIALLY CONVERTED CAR FOR USE BY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE; AND PICTURES OF PUBLIC AREAS AT VARIOUS LOCAL PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, BEFORE AND AFTER THE MODIFICATIONS.

ALSO ON DISPLAY ARE THE PRIZE-WINNING AND OUTSTANDING ENTRIES OF A DESIGN AND AN ESSAY COMPETITIONS ORGANISED EARLIER BY THE DISTRICT BOARD TO STIMULATE INTERESTS IN BETTER ACCESS FOR THE DISABLED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR THE SHA KOK ESTATE FROM 9 AM TO 6 PM TODAY (SATURDAY) AND TOMORROW, AND AT WO CHE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX FROM 9 AM TO 9 PM ON APRIL 27 AND 28. ADMISSION IS FREE.

SPONSORED BY THE LOTTERIES FUND AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHA TIN, THE EXHIBITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED AS A PRELUDE OF THE THIRD FAR EAST AND SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN JUBILEE SPORTS CENTRE IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

MORE THAN 500 HANDICAPPED ATHLETES FROM 30 FAR EASTERN AND SOUTH PACIFIC COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPORTS MEETING.

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STAMPS ON HK FAUNA
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A SPECIAL ISSUE OF FOUR POSTAGE STAMPS OF 20 CENTS, \$1, \$1.30 AND \$5 ON HONG KONG FAUNA WILL BE PLACED ON SALE ON MAY 4, THE POSTMASTER GENERAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE STAMPS DEPICT FOUR OF THE ANIMALS WHICH INHABIT THE COUNTRYSIDE IN HONG KONG - FIVE-BANDED CIVET (20 CENTS), PANGOLIN (\$1), CHINESE PORCUPINE (\$1.30), AND BARKING DEER (\$5).

OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS, EACH ACCOMPANIED BY AN INSERT CARD CONTAINING INFORMATION ON HONG KONG FAUNA AND BRIEF PHILATELIC INFORMATION, WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON APRIL 28 AT 50 CENTS EACH.

A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF FIRST DAY COVERS HAVE BEEN PRINTED TO MEET ANTICIPATED DEMAND BUT, TO ENSURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE GIVEN A FAIR CHANCE TO BUY THEM, NO MORE THAN 10 COVERS MAY BE PURCHASED BY A CUSTOMER AT ANY ONE TIME.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE; KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, NATHAN ROAD; AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, PEKING ROAD.

FOR THIS SERVICE, ADDRESSED FIRST DAY COVERS MUST BE HANDED IN WITH AN ORDER FORM TOGETHER WITH A REMITTANCE TO COVER THE COST. THE CHARGE WILL BE \$8 FOR EACH COVER, INCLUDING THE COST OF THE STAMPS (\$7.50) AND A SERVICE FEE OF 50 CENTS.

THE COVERS MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT, AND NOT LESS THAN TEN COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH EACH ORDER.

THE ORDER FORMS FOR SERVICING OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON APRIL 28.

ANY PERSON ORDERING SERVICED COVERS ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION MAY COLLECT THEM ON MAY 7 FROM THE POST OFFICE WHERE THE ORDER IS PLACED. COVERS ADDRESSED OVERSEAS WILL BE SENT FORWARD BY AIRMAIL. THE LATEST ACCEPTANCE DATE FOR ADVANCE ORDERS OF SERVICED COVERS WILL BE AT 5 PM ON APRIL 30.

A SERVICE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON MAY 4 AT ALL POST OFFICES WHERE FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATE STAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM. NO TIME TYPE WILL APPEAR IN THE POST MARK.

THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THE SERVICE ARE :-

- (A) ONLY ARTICLES BEARING AN INDICATION THAT THEY ARE +FIRST DAY COVER+ WILL BE SO TREATED;
- (B) THE ARTICLES MUST BE ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL ADDRESS;
- (C) NO REGISTERED ITEMS WILL BE PROCESSED BY THIS METHOD.

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SPECIAL POSTING BOXES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON MAY 4 FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE FIRST DAY COVERS CAREFULLY HAND-POSTMARKED BEFORE DESPATCH.

THE NEW ISSUE OF THE STAMPS ON HONG KONG FAUNA WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR PUBLIC COUNTER OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, ON APRIL 29 FROM 9.30 AM TO 4.30 PM.

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MORE COMMUNITY HALLS FOR SHA TIN * * *

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING MORE COMMUNITY HALLS FOR RESIDENTS IN THE FAST DEVELOPING SHA TIN NEW TOWN OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

SPEAKING AT A CEREMONY MARKING THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL TODAY (SATURDAY), THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS EVELYN DOE, SAID THE NEW COMMUNITY HALLS WOULD BE LOCATED AT SUN TIN WAI, POK HANG AND TSUN SHEK ESTATES.

MRS DOE SAID THESE HALLS WERE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LOCAL PEOPLE WITH A VENUE FOR RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

+THROUGH THE PARTICIPATION OF RESIDENTS IN THESE ACTIVITIES,+ SHE SAID, +IT IS HOPED TO PROMOTE GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS AND A GREATER SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF THE COMMUNITY LIFE AS WELL.+

+THE LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL HAS, OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS, PROVIDED VARIED ACTIVITIES FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS IN SHA TIN, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, SCHOOLS, ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS,+ SHE ADDED.

A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WAS SET UP EARLY LAST YEAR TO OVERSEE THE SERVICES OFFERED BY THE COMMUNITY HALL AND TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE'S NEEDS WERE MET.

MRS DOE URGED SHA TIN RESIDENTS TO ACTIVELY INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES.

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BUSY WEEKEND FOR SCNTA

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THE SECRETARY FOR CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, HAD A BUSY WEEKEND TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTENDING SEVERAL EVENTS, INCLUDING ONE ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR WHO HAS FALLEN ILL.

HE OPENED THE HONG KONG CANOE UNION TRAINING CENTRE AT CHAM CHUK WAN, SAI KUNG AT 11 AM.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SEVENTH HONG KONG YOUTH CULTURAL AND ARTS COMPETITIONS WHICH BEGAN AT 3 PM AT THE CITY HALL.

AFTER DELIVERING A SHORT SPEECH, THE SECRETARY IMMEDIATELY LEFT FOR THE DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL IN KOWLOON TO OFFICIATE, ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR, AT THE ANNUAL BOYS SCOUTS ST. GEORGE'S DAY RALLY STARTING AT 4 PM.

THE LAST OFFICIAL FUNCTION OF THE DAY WAS A SCOUTS DINNER AT 7 PM AT OCEAN CITY RESTAURANT TO CELEBRATE ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

AT THE CANOE UNION TRAINING CENTRE, MR AKERS-JONES DESCRIBED HONG KONG AS +A PLACE OF GREAT CONTRASTS AND GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS, OF GREAT CHANGE AND GREAT OPPORTUNITIES.+

IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, HE SAID, HONG KONG'S POPULATION HAD GROWN BY ONE MILLION AND THERE HAD BEEN A REVOLUTION IN THE USE OF THE REMOTE COUNTRYSIDE AND MOUNTAINS FOR RECREATION.

+NOW THERE IS A GROWING REALISATION THAT WE MUST MAKE MORE USE OF THE SEA, OUR BEAUTIFUL COASTLINE AND SHELTERED WATER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL AND VARIED OPPORTUNITY FOR INCREASED RECREATION.

+CANOEING, DINGHY SAILING, WINDSURFING ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR, BUT RECREATION AT SEA REQUIRES GREATER SKILL AND GREATER ATTENTION TO SAFETY, AND ORGANISATIONS SUCH AS THE CANOE UNION HAVE A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY TO ENCOURAGE INCREASED USE OF THE SEA BUT ALSO THE SAFE USE OF THE SEA.+

AT THE ST. GEORGE'S DAY RALLY, MR AKERS-JONES TOLD THE SCOUT GATHERING: +HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR HAS ASKED ME TO SAY HOW SORRY HE IS NOT TO BE PRESENT AT YOUR ANNUAL RALLY TODAY AND TO SAY TO YOU PERSONALLY WHAT A PRIVILEGE AND PLEASURE IT HAS BEEN TO HAVE BEEN YOUR CHIEF SCOUT FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS.+

HE SAID DURING ITS 71 YEARS OF HISTORY IN HONG KONG, SCOUTING HAD GIVEN TRAINING AND ENJOYMENT TO MORE THAN 300 000 YOUNG MEN.

+NOW AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE WORLD ORGANISATION, THERE ARE 40 000 SCOUTS IN HONG KONG AND THE MOVEMENT IS GROWING IN STRENGTH AND IS ADAPTING ITSELF TO THE CHANGES WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY.+

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THE SCOUT MOVEMENT HAD HELPED FOSTER THE ENJOYMENT OF OPEN-AIR PURSUITS AND SUCH HEALTHY ACTIVITIES AS CAMPING, CANOEING AND EXPLORING THE COUNTRYSIDE.

+BUT NOT ONLY THAT, IT DEVELOPS A SENSE OF LOYALTY TO AN ORGANISATION AND PURSUIT OF A SET OF IDEALS: NOT SIMPLY MEMBERSHIP FOR ENJOYMENT, BUT TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND TO HELP THE LESS FORTUNATE,+ SAID MR AKERS-JONES.

+THIS IS VITALLY IMPORTANT AT A TIME WHEN VAST NEW COMMUNITIES OF PEOPLE WHO ARE STRANGERS TO ONE ANOTHER ARE BEING BROUGHT TOGETHER IN OUR NEW TOWNS AND HOUSING ESTATES; THE SPEEDY ESTABLISHMENT OF SCOUT TROOPS AND, OF COURSE, OTHER SIMILAR ORGANISATIONS, IN THESE AREAS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE PROCESS OF BUILDING IN THEM A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.

+YOUR BLUE PRINT FOR THE 80'S ESTABLISHES A STRONGER DISTRICT FOCUS TO COMPLEMENT AND SUPPORT THE GREATER EMPHASIS WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT PLACES ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT.

+THESE ARE TIMELY MEASURES AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO ADAPT, STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND SCOUTING TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.+

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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A SECTION OF KO SHAN ROAD IN TO KWA WAN NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH SAN LAU STREET WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING LOCAL ACCESS FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (APRIL 26) FOR PIPE LAYING WORKS.

DURING THE CLOSURE, NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON KO SHAN ROAD FROM PAK KUNG STREET AND SHUN YUNG STREET HEADING FOR SHANSI STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND SAN LAU STREET.

THIS ARRANGEMENT IS EXPECTED TO LAST ABOUT 10 DAYS.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND THE GLOUCESTER ROAD FLYOVER IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EARLY IN THE MORNINGS FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM MONDAY (APRIL 26) FOR ROAD WORKS.

THE CLOSURE PERIOD WILL BE BETWEEN 1 AM AND 6 AM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS.

TRAFFIC FROM NORTH POINT TO CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD, O'BRIAN ROAD, LOCKHART ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD.

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