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CJ STRESSES INFLUENCE OF JUDICIARY

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THE INFLUENCE OF THE JUDICIARY AND THE ATTITUDE OF JUDGES WERE IMPORTANT TO THE USE OF IMPRISONMENT AND ITS ALTERNATIVES AS WELL AS THEIR EFFECT ON PRISON POPULATION, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

ADDRESSING THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, SIR DENYS SAID: +THE COMMON LAW SYSTEM, WHICH IS ONE OF THE STRONGEST LINKS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IS FOUNDED ON THE BELIEF THAT JUDGES MUST BE INDEPENDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR JUDICIAL TASKS, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT OF WHICH IS PASSING SENTENCE.+

BECAUSE A JUDGE WAS INDEPENDENT, NOBODY COULD GIVE HIM INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW HE SHOULD EXERCISE HIS POWER TO SENTENCE, WHICH WAS LEFT, WITH FEW EXCEPTIONS, WHOLLY WITHIN HIS DISCRETION, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THERE WERE SOME EXTERNAL INFLUENCES AND PRESSURES WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THEIR MINDS, WHEN THEY APPROACHED THE QUESTION OF SENTENCE, WHICH, AS SIR DENYS DESCRIBED, WAS THE HARDEST ASPECT OF THEIR WORK.

SUCH EXTERNAL INFLUENCES AND PRESSURES ALL URGED HIM IN THE DIRECTION OF SEVERITY, WHICH IN PRACTICAL TERMS, MEANT LONG SENTENCES OF IMPRISONMENT, HE SAID.

ONE OF THESE INFLUENCES WAS HIS MIDDLE-CLASS PERSONAL BACKGROUND, WHICH WAS DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF HIS DEFENDANTS, AND IT WAS THEREFORE NOT EASY FOR HIM TO APPRECIATE FULLY THE MOTIVES AND TEMPERAMENT OF THOSE WHOM HE SENTENCED, SIR DENYS SAID.

IN HIS SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT, HIS FRIENDS WITH SIMILAR BACKGROUND AND INTEREST WOULD ALSO GIVE HIM THEIR VIEW OF PREFERRING HEAVY PENALTIES FOR CRIMES WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE THE SOCIETY IN WHICH THEY HAD PROSPERED, HE ADDED.

+HOWEVER IMPARTIAL A JUDGE MAY BE, IN RELATION TO AN INDIVIDUAL CASE, HE CANNOT ESCAPE THE INFLUENCE OF PRESS, RADIO AND TELEVISION, AND THE PUBLIC UTTERANCES OF THE MAIN SELF-APPOINTED EXPERTS WHO INSIST ON THE NEED FOR STERN TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS,+ HE SAID.

IN SPITE OF THESE PRESSURES, SIR DENYS SAID, MANY JUDGES MANAGED TO PRESERVE A REMARKABLE DEGREE OF DETACHMENT AND WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO GIVE TO THE OFFENDER THE PROPER DEGREE OF CONSIDERATION FOR THE MORAL CONTENT OF THE OFFENCE AND FOR HIS PERSONAL BACKGROUND.

NEVERTHELESS, A JUDGE COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO REMAIN OBLIVIOUS TO THE DEMAND FOR SEVERITY, WHICH MIGHT IMPEL HIM TO ADD TO THE PRISON POPULATION, WHEN OTHER METHODS MIGHT BE BETTER BOTH FOR SOCIETY AND FOR THE OFFENDER, HE SAID.

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+FOR THESE REASONS, IT IS NOT EASY FOR A JUDGE TO BE ACTIVE IN PROMOTING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT, SINCE HE IS LIKELY TO BE SUBJECTED TO STRONG CRITICISM FOR ADOPTING WHAT IS SEEN AS A WEAK CONCESSION TO WOOLLY-MINDED THINKING,+ HE SAID.

SIR DENYS SUGGESTED THAT SOCIAL REFORMERS OR PENOLOGISTS, WHO SOUGHT TO ACHIEVE A CHANGE IN THE BALANCE OF PUNISHMENT, WITH IMPRISONMENT BEING USED ONLY AS A GENUINE LAST RESORT, SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON ALTERING THE ATTITUDES OF JUDGES, THOUGH THEY WOULD NOT FIND THIS AN EASY TASK.

ON THE ROLE OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS, HE SAID THEY DID NOT REGARD IT AS THEIR PRIMARY DUTY TO PUNISH AN OFFENDER, SINCE HIS MERE PRESENCE IN THE INSTITUTION WAS ITSELF THE REAL PUNISHMENT, BUT TO TRY TO ENSURE THAT, WHEN HE RETURNED TO SOCIETY, THE PRISONER WOULD MERGE INTO IT SUCCESSFULLY AND WOULD NOT TRANSGRESS ITS RULES AGAIN.

TO MANAGE A MIXTURE OF PRISONERS, A CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATOR MUST POSSESS MANY QUALITIES, SUCH AS SHOWING COMPLETE IMPARTIALITY BETWEEN ONE PRISONER AND ANOTHER= HAVING AN ENDLESS SUPPLY OF PATIENCE= AND HAVING CHARITY, AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE FACT THAT A PRISONER, ALTHOUGH HE HAD OFFENDED SOCIETY, REMAINED AN INDIVIDUAL, ENTITLED TO A MEASURE OF HUMAN DIGNITY AND HUMANITY, HE SAID.

+ANYONE WHO BECOMES A CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HAS CHOSEN A CAREER, WHICH WILL STRETCH HIS MORAL AND PHYSICAL STRENGTH TO ITS LIMITS, AND WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTH AND STABILITY OF SOCIETY,+ HE SAID.

SIR DENYS SAID THE CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HAD TO SERVE TWO AIMS. +ON ONE HAND, HE MUST ENSURE THAT PRISON REMAINS A DETERRENT TO OTHERS, AND AN EXPERIENCE WHICH NO PRISONER WISHES TO REPEAT= ON THE OTHER HAND, HE MUST HELP THE PRISONER TO AVOID BITTERNESS AND HOPELESSNESS, SO THAT HE WILL MAKE A DECENT LIFE FOR HIMSELF ON HIS RELEASE.+

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE CONVENOR OF THE MEETING, MR THOMAS GARNER, WHO WILL BE RETIRING SHORTLY FROM THE POST OF COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG, AFTER 13 YEARS IN THIS EXACTING OFFICE AND OVER 37 YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE DEPARTMENT.

SINCE MR GARNER JOINED WHAT WAS THEN CALLED THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, IT HAD CHANGED RADICALLY IN NATURE. FROM BEING A SERVICE WHICH WAS INTENDED ONLY TO PROVIDE PRISON ACCOMMODATION, IT HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO ONE WHICH PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF TREATMENTS AND HAD BECOME, IN THE FULL SENSE, A CORRECTIONAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

+IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, HE HAS PLAYED A LEADING PART IN THE ESTABLISHMENT, OR DEVELOPMENT, OF DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRES, DETENTION CENTRES, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS AND IN THE MOVEMENT TO INTRODUCE A LIMITED FORM OF PAROLE,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

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+HE HAS STRIVEN SUCCESSFULLY TO MAINTAIN, IN ALL INSTITUTIONS UNDER HIS CHARGE, BOTH A HIGH STANDARD OF DISCIPLINE AND EFFICIENCY AND AN ATMOSPHERE OF GENUINE CONCERN FOR THEIR INMATES,+ HE SAID.

+HE HAS DEVELOPED THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICE INTO A BODY OF DEVOTED, COMPETENT AND LOYAL OFFICERS, WHO ARE PROUD OF THE SERVICE TO WHICH THEY BELONG,+ HE SAID.

+AND HE WILL BE MISSED FOR HIS PERSONAL QUALITIES, OF INVARIABLE COMMON SENSE, OF UNCHANGING GOOD HUMOUR AND OF AN ACUTE UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONDUCT AND MOTIVES OF HIS FELLOW MEN,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

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PRISONERS' SCHEME BEING PREPARED - AG  
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A PILOT SCHEME FOR EARLY RELEASE OF PRISONERS UNDER SUPERVISION IS NOW IN THE COURSE OF PREPARATION, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+THIS WILL ENABLE PRISONERS APPROVED BY AN INDEPENDENT BOARD TO BE SENT HOME OR INTO HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION TO COMPLETE THE LAST PART OF THEIR SENTENCES,+ MR THOMAS SAID AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE.

LAST YEAR, MR THOMAS SAID, A BILL ENABLING COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDERS TO BE MADE HAD BEEN ENACTED FOLLOWING A STUDY BY THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION OF SIMILAR SCHEMES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

+THESE ARE MEASURES THAT WILL, I HOPE, ASSIST HONG KONG TO KEEP UP WITH DEVELOPMENTS ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD IN ITS TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS,+ HE SAID.

MR THOMAS SAID HONG KONG'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE FIELD OF PENOLOGY AND PENAL ADMINISTRATION WERE IMPRESSIVE, ALTHOUGH THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, WITH A POPULATION CURRENTLY OF EIGHT THOUSAND PRISONERS, WAS ONE OF HONG KONG'S LESSER KNOWN ACHIEVEMENTS.

+IT IS A TRIBUTE TO PAST ADMINISTRATIONS AND ADMINISTRATORS THAT DURING TIMES WHEN HONG KONG HAD DEVELOP SO RAPIDLY TO HOUSE, EDUCATE AND EMPLOY THE WAVES OF IMMIGRANTS WHO CROWDED INTO HONG KONG IN THE SIXTIES AND SEVENTIES, SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES WERE NONETHELESS ALLOCATED AT THE SAME TIME TO HOUSE, EDUCATE AND EMPLOY THOSE IMPRISONED FOR BREAKING THE LAWS,+ HE SAID.

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MR THOMAS SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH MORALE OF THE PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS, THE MODERN STANDARDS OF CELLS AND WASHING ACCOMMODATION, AND THE STRIKING RANGE OF WORK OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRISONERS.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE WORK WHICH THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, HAD UNDERTAKEN FOR THE DETENTION AND SUPERVISION OF MORE THAN 5 000 VIETNAMESE IMMIGRANTS IN CLOSED CAMPS.

+THE PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT OF THE MEN AND WOMEN OF HIS STAFF IS WORK WELL DONE EVEN IF THEIR PRAISES ARE RARELY SUNG,+ HE SAID.

+THESE UNFORTUNATE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE HAVE ASPIRATIONS FOR RESETTLEMENT THAT ARE VERY DIFFICULT FOR GOVERNMENTS TO SATISFY HERE, IN COMPETITION WITH THE SPLIT CHINESE FAMILIES SEPARATED BY THE GUANGDONG BORDER OR ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, IN COMPETITION WITH THE RANKS OF THE UNEMPLOYED AND OTHER IMMIGRANTS,+ MR THOMAS SAID.

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COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS MEETING OPENS  
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THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF COMMONWEALTH CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER.

IN HIS WELCOMING ADDRESS, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, SAID THAT THIS MEETING WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND FOR THE MOST SENIOR ADMINISTRATORS IN CHARGE OF PRISONS AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS COMING TOGETHER TO DISCUSS VARIOUS MATTERS RELATING TO PRISON ADMINISTRATION AND THE OTHER AREAS IN WHICH THEY WORKED.

HE SAID THE MEETING WAS ALSO THE LARGEST EVER OF CORRECTIONAL ADMINISTRATORS ON A WORLD-WIDE BASIS COMMONWEALTH OR OTHERWISE OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONGRESS WHICH TOOK PLACE EVERY FIVE YEARS.

HE THANKED THE PARTICIPANTS FOR CHOOSING HONG KONG TO HOST THIS FIRST MEETING FROM MARCH 18 TO 22.

MR GARNER IS THE CONVENOR OF THE MEETING, AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR BARRY HIGGINBOTTOM, THE SECRETARY; THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGAL DIVISION, COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, MR JEREMY POPE, THE CO-SECRETARY; PROFESSOR WILLIAM CLIFFORD, FORMERLY THE DIRECTOR OF THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY, IS THE CONSULTANT AND RAPPORTEUR.

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THE MEETING IS BEING ATTENDED BY OVER 60 DELEGATES FROM 28 COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF CRIMINOLOGY AND THE UNITED NATIONS ASIA AND FAR EAST INSTITUTE FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS (UNAFEI).

MR GARNER EXTENDED A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNAFEI MR HINO AND HIS ASSOCIATES. THIS INSTITUTE HAS PLAYED A MAJOR TRAINING ROLE IN THIS SPECIALISED FIELD IN ASIA AND THE FAR EAST OVER THE PAST 23 YEARS AND MORE RECENTLY WORLD-WIDE. IT HAS HAD A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.

HE ALSO THANKED MR JEREMY POPE AND MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE TO PUT THIS MEETING TOGETHER.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE DELEGATES BEGIN THEIR WORKING SESSIONS AT THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OFFICERS' CLUB IN STANLEY. TOPICS OF THE AGENDA INCLUDE TRANSFER OF CONVICTED PRISONERS BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES; THE USE OF IMPRISONMENT FOLLOWING RECENT TRENDS IN CRIME IN THE COMMONWEALTH; ALTERNATIVES TO IMPRISONMENT AND THEIR EFFECT ON THE PENAL POPULATION; TRAINING OF CORRECTIONAL STAFF TO MEET CHANGING NEEDS; AND THE MANAGEMENT OF CRISES IN PRISONS.

DELEGATES WILL ALSO VISIT VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS RUN BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING A MAXIMUM AND A MEDIUM SECURITY PRISONS, A DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE, A TRAINING CENTRE FOR GIRLS AND A DETENTION CENTRE FOR YOUNG MALE OFFENDERS AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE MEETING, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PUT UP AN EXHIBITION WHICH WILL BE FORMALLY OPENED THIS AFTERNOON SHOWING THE SCOPE AND EXTENT OF ITS ACTIVITIES.

THE THREE-DAY EXHIBITION, HELD IN THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT THE END OF TUNG TAU WAN ROAD IN STANLEY, WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY). ADMISSION IS FREE.

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SHENZHEN OFFICIALS TO VISIT HK

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A DELEGATION OF SHENZHEN OFFICIALS, LED BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF SHENZHEN, MR ZHEN XIPEI, WILL VISIT HONG KONG AT THE INVITATION OF THE POLITICAL ADVISER FROM MARCH 19 TO 23.

THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO REVIEW PROGRESS MADE IN THE HONG KONG SHENZHEN JOINT EXPERT WORKING GROUPS WHICH WERE SET UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT SIGNED IN APRIL 1982.

THE REVIEW MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 20 AND IS THE LATEST IN A REGULAR SERIES OF SUCH MEETINGS.

IN ADDITION TO ATTENDING THE REVIEW MEETING, THE SHENZHEN DELEGATION WILL BE VISITING PLACES OF INTEREST IN HONG KONG.

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INTELPOST SERVICE TO GUANGZHOU DISCUSSED

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THE FEASIBILITY OF INTRODUCING AN INTELPOST SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND GUANGZHOU WAS DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS BETWEEN A DELEGATION OF POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATION OFFICIALS FROM GUANGZHOU AND HONG KONG POST OFFICE OFFICIALS.

THE EIGHT-MEMBER DELEGATION, HEADED BY THE DEPUTY POSTMASTER OF GUANGZHOU POST OFFICE, MR ZHANG QUAN-BANG, VISITED HONG KONG BETWEEN MARCH 8 AND 14.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN MOST FRUITFUL AND INTERESTING.

HE SAID THAT THE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE HONG KONG POST OFFICE AND GUANGZHOU POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY WERE PART OF AN ONGOING DIALOGUE THAT HAD EXISTED BETWEEN THESE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS OVER THE PAST NINE YEARS.

DURING THEIR WEEK-LONG VISIT, THE GUANGZHOU DELEGATION STUDIED THE SOPHISTICATED POSTAL MECHANISATION FACILITIES AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE AND AIRMAIL CENTRE.

+WE HAVE BROUGHT A TEAM OF ENGINEERS AND POSTAL EXPERTS ON THIS VISIT. WE ARE GENERALLY IMPRESSED WITH THE EFFICIENT POSTAL SYSTEM ADOPTED IN HONG KONG AND FEEL THAT THERE IS AN EVEN GREATER SCOPE OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE HONG KONG AND GUANGZHOU POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE,+ SAID MR ZHANG QUAN-BANG.

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### 11 480 PUBLIC HOUSING FLATS COMPLETED

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ANOTHER BATCH OF 11 480 FLATS HAVE JUST BEEN COMPLETED AT FIVE PUBLIC RENTAL HOUSING ESTATES PROVIDING HOMES FOR ABOUT 50 000 PEOPLE.

TENANTS ARE SIGNING UP FOR THE NEW FLATS ON 12 MODERN BLOCKS IN THE ESTATES OF MEI LAM AND POK HONG IN SHA TIN, KWONG FUK IN TAI PO, LOK WAH IN NGAU TAU KOK AND SHEK LEI EXTENSION IN TSUEN WAN.

IN MEI LAM ESTATE, 1 224 FLATS ON A 35-STOREY TRIDENT BLOCK ARE COMPLETED UNDER ITS SECOND PHASE, WHILE AT POK HONG ESTATE 778 MORE FLATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR LETTING.

AT KWONG FUK ESTATE, THE LAST THREE BLOCKS ARE NOW READY FOR OCCUPATION, MARKING THE FULL COMPLETION OF ALL ITS THREE PHASES.

IT IS THE FIRST PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT BUILT BY SEMI-MECHANISED METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION.

ALSO COMPLETED UNDER ITS THIRD PHASE ARE VARIOUS RECREATIONAL FACILITIES INCLUDING A FIVE-A-SIDE SOCCER PITCH, A ROLLER-SKATING GROUND, A VOLLEY-BALL PITCH AND BADMINTON GROUNDS.

WITH ALTOGETHER EIGHT DOMESTIC BLOCKS PLUS SOCIAL AND OTHER FACILITIES, KWONG FUK IS BECOMING A SELF-CONTAINED ENTITY FOR ABOUT 30 000 PEOPLE WHEN FULLY OCCUPIED.

IN LOK WAH ESTATE AND SHEK LEI EXTENSION, INTAKE IS PROGRESSING FOR THE 7 149 FLATS NEWLY COMPLETED ON SEVEN BLOCKS.

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### BUSY YEAR FOR RENT OFFICERS

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RENT OFFICERS OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HANDLED 33 700 INQUIRIES ON LANDLORD AND TENANT MATTERS LAST YEAR.

RECOVERING POSSESSION OF LETTED PREMISES, RENTS AND PERMITTED INCREASES, TENANCY AGREEMENTS AND DISPUTES WERE MAJOR AREAS OF CONCERN EXPRESSED BY PEOPLE SEEKING FREE ADVISORY AND MEDIATORY SERVICES FROM RENT OFFICERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE SAID THAT RENT OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DAY TO DAY WORK STEMMING FROM THE VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AFFECTING LANDLORD AND TENANT RELATIONSHIPS.

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+THEY ARE READY TO ADVISE LANDLORDS AND TENANTS THE PROVISIONS OF THE LEGISLATION AND TO ASSIST THEM IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS CONCERNING TENANCY MATTERS,+ HE SAID.

RENT OFFICERS ALSO OFFERED MEDIATION SERVICES IN DISPUTES BETWEEN LANDLORDS AND TENANTS TO TRY TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITHOUT HAVING TO RESORT TO FORMAL PROCEDURES OR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

HOWEVER, THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT RENT OFFICERS COULD NOT EXPRESS OPINIONS ON LEGAL MATTERS AND IN CASES OF DOUBT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SEEK EXPERT LEGAL ADVICE.

RENT OFFICERS ALSO DEALT WITH APPLICATIONS AND ISSUED CERTIFICATES UNDER THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) ORDINANCE.

LAST YEAR, THEY HANDLED 27 900 CERTIFICATES OF RENT INCREASE, 13 600 NOTICES OF NEW LETTING OR RENEWAL AGREEMENT, 5 400 NOTICE OF ALTERATION IN RENT BY AGREEMENT, 1 100 REVIEW OF CERTIFICATES OF RENT INCREASE AND 200 CERTIFICATES OF PRIMARY USERS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE RENT OFFICER SCHEME, WHICH STARTED IN APRIL 1978 AT FOUR CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS, HAD EXPANDED TO COVER 12 DISTRICT OFFICES AT PRESENT.

RENT OFFICERS ATTENDED THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT OFFICES AT SET TIMES EACH WEEK TO HANDLE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES ON LANDLORD AND TENANT MATTERS:-

HONG KONG: CENTRAL AND WESTERN (TUESDAY AFTERNOON);

WAN CHAI (THURSDAY MORNING);

EASTERN (THURSDAY AFTERNOON);

SOUTHERN (TUESDAY MORNING);

KOWLOON: YAU MA TEI (TUESDAY AFTERNOON);

MONG KOK (TUESDAY MORNING);

SHAM SHUI PO (WEDNESDAY WHOLE DAY);

HUNG HOM (THURSDAY MORNING);

WONG TAI SIN (FRIDAY MORNING);

KWUN TONG (FRIDAY AFTERNOON);

NEW TERRITORIES: KWAI CHUNG (THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH);

TSUEN WAN (FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH).

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+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO SEE THE RENT OFFICER AT ONE OF THESE DISTRICT OFFICES SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM DIRECT OR WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RENT OFFICERS COULD ALSO BE CONTACTED DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE RENT CONTROL DIVISION OF THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, 17TH FLOOR, HONG KONG OR BY TELEPHONE 5-7957888.

+THE RENT OFFICER RESPONSIBLE WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU AND ANSWER YOUR ENQUIRIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TUEN MUN POLYCLINIC OPENS TOMORROW  
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MORE AND BETTER MEDICAL FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR TUEN MUN RESIDENTS WHEN THE NEW TUEN MUN POLYCLINIC OPENS ITS DOORS TO THE PUBLIC TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE NEW SEVEN-STOREY CLINIC, SITUATED NEXT TO THE YAN OI POLYCLINIC, PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF SPECIALIST SERVICE.

THE EYE CLINIC, WHICH IS NOW OPERATING IN YAN OI POLYCLINIC, BEGINS ITS SERVICE TOMORROW IN THE NEW BUILDING.

HOWEVER, THE GENERAL CLINIC WILL NOT COMMENCE OPERATION UNTIL A DAY LATER. IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNING. THE SURGICAL UNIT WILL BE OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

THE SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINIC, WHICH IS NOW OPERATING IN THE YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, WILL ALSO MOVE TO THE NEW CLINIC ON MARCH 22, AND WILL BE OPEN EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

OTHER SPECIALIST SERVICES OFFERED BY THE NEW CLINIC INCLUDE ENT (EAR, NOSE AND THROAT), OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGY, PAEDIATRICS, GERIATRICS, ORTHOPAEDIC, A PSYCHIATRIC OUT-PATIENT AND DAY CENTRE AND A RENAL DIALYSIS CENTRE. THE OPENING DATE FOR THESE SERVICES WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

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DB MEMBERS TO VISIT RURAL HOUSING ESTATE  
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YUEN LONG AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL VISIT TUI MIN HOI RURAL HOUSING ESTATE IN SAI KUNG TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL ASSEMBLE AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAMBERS ARRIVE AT 9 AM AND ARRIVE AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN SAI KUNG TOWN AT 10.30 AM.

AFTER EXCHANGING VIEWS, MEMBERS OF THE TWO DISTRICT BOARDS WILL PROCEED TO THE HOUSING ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT. A PRESS COACH WILL LEAVE FOR SAI KUNG AT 9.10 AM OUTSIDE THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD CHAMBERS, AT 2 KIU LOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

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CLEAN VICTORIA PARK CAMPAIGN STARTS TODAY  
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A CLEAN VICTORIA PARK CAMPAIGN REMINDING VISITORS TO THE PARK NOT TO FOUL THE PLACE WITH LITTER OR OTHER FORMS OF RUBBISH, GETS OFF THE GROUND TODAY (MONDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THE TWO-WEEK CAMPAIGN AIMS AT AROUSING PUBLIC AWARENESS TO KEEPING THE PARK CLEAN WHILST ENJOYING THE GREENERY OF THE PARK OR MAKING USE OF THE VARIOUS RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES THERE.

DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF THE CAMPAIGN, COLOURFUL PAMPHLETS CONTAINING THE MESSAGE OF KEEPING VICTORIA PARK CLEAN TOGETHER WITH OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION INCLUDING A LAYOUT PLAN OF THE PARK, OPENING HOURS AND CHARGES FOR VARIOUS SPORTS FACILITIES, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC.

STARTING FROM THE SECOND WEEK, SUMMONSES WILL BE SERVED ON ANYONE WHO IS FOUND LITTERING INSIDE THE PARK.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT AN AVERAGE OF NINE TONNES OF RUBBISH ARE COLLECTED IN THE PARK EVERY WEEKEND. AND A RECORD OF MORE THAN 23 TONNES OF RUBBISH WERE CLEARED UP ON THE FOLLOWING DAY OF THE LAST MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL.

+WE HOPE THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE TO THE PUBLIC THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE PARK CLEAN NOT ONLY DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS BUT ALSO IN FUTURE WHENEVER THEY VISIT THE PLACE,+ HE SAID.

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BURSARIES FOR TECHNICAL INSTITUTE STUDENTS

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TWENTY-SIX STUDENTS FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HAVE BEEN AWARDED BURSARIES TOTALLING \$52 000 BY THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC HOLDINGS LIMITED.

THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HELD A BURSARIES PRESENTATION CEREMONY THIS AFTERNOON (MONDAY), IN WHICH 13 STUDENTS STUDYING ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION RECEIVED BURSARIES OF \$2 000 EACH.

ANOTHER 13 RECIPIENTS STUDYING ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND MARINE FABRICATION AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC BURSARIES OF THE SAME AMOUNT ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 20).

THESE STUDENTS ARE ALL FROM NEEDY FAMILIES AND HAVE GOOD ACADEMIC PERFORMANCES.

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD THIS AFTERNOON WAS OFFICIATED BY MR M.C. LAU, PRINCIPAL OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE. REPRESENTING THE BURSARIES DONOR WAS MR W. HUDDLESTON, GROUP SAFETY, TRAINING AND SECURITY MANAGER, HONG KONG ELECTRIC HOLDINGS LIMITED.

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WORK TO BOOST WATER SUPPLY

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR LAYING ABOUT 4 000 METRES OF FRESH WATER MAINS IN SHA TAU KOK ROAD AND PING CHE ROAD IN FANLING.

THESE WATER MAINS, RANGING IN DIAMETER FROM 150 MILLIMETRES TO 800 MILLIMETRES, FORM PART OF A PROJECT TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE EXISTING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM BETWEEN LUEN WO MARKET AND SHA TAU KOK.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE THIS YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT 12 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MORE PARKING METERS FOR KWAI CHUNG  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL INSTALL 66 TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS FOR PRIVATE CARS AT SHEK PUI STREET AND THE TWO CAR PARKS OFF TAI LOONG STREET IN KWAI CHUNG ON THURSDAY (MARCH 21).

PARKING FEES WILL BE \$1 FOR 30 MINUTES.

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YAU TONG ROAD RE-ROUTED  
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YAU TONG ROAD BETWEEN YAN WING STREET AND CHA KWO LING ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FOR ABOUT FOUR WEEKS FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (MARCH 21) FOR ROAD WORKS.

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WATER STORAGE FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 63.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 370.462 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 453.587 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 77.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN AP LEI CHAU AND SOME PREMISES IN KOWLOON TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 20) FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN KOWLOON TONG, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY BEACON HILL ROAD, EDE ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, WATERLOO ROAD, AND RHONDDA ROAD, INCLUDING MARCONI ROAD, FESSENDEN ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD AND ALNWICK ROAD.

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