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PEOPLE SHOULD PARTICIPATE - SIR EDWARD
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR EDWARD YOUDE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) HIS WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR WAS THAT PEOPLE SHOULD PARTICIPATE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER VISITING SOME 900 YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING PART IN A CAMP JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS' ASSOCIATION IN WU KAI SHA, SIR EDWARD SAID THE THEME OF THE CAMP WAS PARTICIPATION.

+THE THEME OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR IS PARTICIPATION, AND THE THEME OF HONG KONG IS PARTICIPATION,+ HE SAID.

+THERE ARE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES. THERE ARE THE ELECTIONS NEXT MONTH, AND LOTS OF THINGS HAPPENING IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN GET INVOLVED.+

SIR EDWARD SAID HE EXPECTED A HEALTHY TURNOUT AT THE ELECTIONS.

+I AM CERTAINLY HOPING FOR A HEALTHY TURNOUT. I HOPE EVERYBODY WHO IS REGISTERED WILL CAST HIS VOTE. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE.+

ASKED TO COMMENT ON RECENT REPORTS ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP, THE GOVERNOR SAID, +THE SITUATION ON THE JOINT LIAISON GROUP IS STILL THE SAME, WHICH IS THAT THE FINAL DECISIONS HAVE NOT BEEN TAKEN. THEY WILL BE ANNOUNCED, BUT I AM AFRAID YOU WILL HAVE TO BE PATIENT FOR JUST A BIT LONGER.+

ASKED WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE, HE SAID, +NOT TOO LONG.+

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION ON THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON THE BASIC LAW, SIR EDWARD SAID, +THE DRAFTING OF THE BASIC LAW IS, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, A MATTER FOR THE CHINESE RATHER THAN FOR US, AND I DON'T THINK THAT THEY HAVE ANNOUNCED ANY DEFINITE PLANS YET.+

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VOTERS URGED TO CHOOSE CAREFULLY

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A CAREFULLY-CHOSEN VOTE ON MARCH 7 COULD MEAN AN ABLE CANDIDATE BEING ELECTED TO THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR LAM WOON-KWONG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THE VOTE WILL ALSO REFLECT THE ELECTOR'S CIVIC DUTY AND LOVE FOR SHA TIN,+ MR LAM SAID IN HIS ADDRESS TO SOME 8 000 PEOPLE ATTENDING A POP CONCERT AT THE SHA TIN RACECOURSE GRANDSTAND.

SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE CONCERT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION, THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT OFFICE AS PART OF THE ELECTION PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN AND LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

BEFORE THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S CHILDREN CHOIR PERFORMED THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THEME SONG, +ONE VOICE+.

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COUNCILLOR PRAISES PHARMACEUTICAL FOUNDATION

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SPEAKING TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE THIRD PAN PACIFIC FOUNDATION PHARMACEUTICAL CONFERENCE, URBAN COUNCILLOR DR RONALD LEUNG SAID HE APPLAUDED THE HIGHLY WORTHY OBJECTIVES OF THE FOUNDATION.

HE LISTED THESE OBJECTIVES AS FOLLOWS:

- + TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE LEADERS OF INSTITUTIONAL PHARMACY, PHARMACY EDUCATORS, THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, AND PHARMACY PRACTITIONERS IN COMMUNITY PRACTICE, TO SHARE IDEAS AND CONCEPTS THROUGH SUCH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AS THIS
- + TO FUND AND AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUAL PHARMACISTS TO PURSUE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES IN THEIR SPECIALTY AREAS

/+ TO DEVELOP

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+ TO DEVELOP FELLOWSHIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES, POST-GRADUATE STUDY, AND CONSULTATIONS AND

+ TO FACILITATE AND ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS IN PHARMACY.

DR LEUNG ADDED: +IN SHORT, THE UNDERLYING CONCEPT OF THE PAN PACIFIC FOUNDATION IS THAT HOSPITAL AND ACADEMIC PHARMACISTS IN THE PACIFIC BASIN WILL CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO THEIR MUTUAL WELFARE AND BETTER PATIENT CARE IF THEY CAN COME TOGETHER REGULARLY TO SHARE THEIR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES IN A CROSS-CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT.

+I CHERISH SUCH A CONCEPT BECAUSE ONLY THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE AND LATEST FINDINGS CAN PROGRESS BE MADE IN THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, AS IN MANY OTHER FIELDS INCLUDING OF COURSE YOUR OWN.+

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT MUCH OF GREAT VALUE WOULD BE DERIVED FROM THE CONFERENCE'S HIGHLY-INTERESTING PROGRAMME WHICH COVERED MANY VALUABLE TOPICS AND SOME CONTROVERSIAL ONES. SUCH SUBJECTS INCLUDED INVESTIGATIONAL DRUGS CONTROL AND CLINICAL RESEARCH, HOME HEALTH CARE, PATIENT EDUCATION AND CARE OF THE TERMINALLY ILL PATIENT.

TURNING TO HONG KONG'S MEDICAL SERVICES, DR LEUNG SAID: +THE HEALTH OF OUR FIVE AND A HALF MILLION POPULATION IS BEING LOOKED AFTER BY A COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL AND HEALTH CARE PROGRAMME PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND BY MANY PRIVATE PRACTITIONERS AND HOSPITALS.

+IN ALL, MORE THAN 24 000 BEDS ARE AVAILABLE IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT, GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED, CHARITY AND PRIVATE HOSPITALS. THE FIGURE REPRESENTS 4.5 BEDS PER THOUSAND OF POPULATION, WHICH IS HIGHER THAN THE RATIOS OF ALL OUR NEIGHBOURING SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES EXCLUDING PERHAPS ONLY JAPAN.+

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VOTERS LEARN MORE ABOUT DB CANDIDATES

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CANDIDATES CONTESTING THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THEIR VOTERS IN SIX OPEN FORUMS ORGANISED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE AIM OF THE FORUMS IS TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR VOTERS IN THE CONSTITUENCIES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES, AND FOR THE CANDIDATES TO KNOW MORE ABOUT VOTERS' EXPECTATIONS AND VIEWS.

THERE ARE 23 CANDIDATES CONTESTING 11 SEATS IN THE ELECTIONS. AS FOUR SEATS ARE UNCONTESTED, 19 CANDIDATES WILL VIE FOR THE REMAINING SEVEN SEATS.

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE CANDIDATES' FORUMS FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT:

<u>CONSTITUENCY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
STANLEY AND SHEK O	FEBRUARY 25 (MONDAY)	8.00 PM	ASSEMBLY HALL, SKH STANLEY VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL 5, CARMEL ROAD, STANLEY, HK
TIN WAN AND SHEK PAI WAN	FEBRUARY 27 (WEDNESDAY)	8.00 PM	COMMUNITY HALL, CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, 20 TIN WAN STREET, ABERDEEN, HK
WAH FU	FEBRUARY 28 (THURSDAY)	8.00 PM	WAH FU COMMUNITY HALL, WAH FU ESTATE, HK
POKFULAM	MARCH 1 (FRIDAY)	8.00 PM	CHI FU FA YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, CHI FU FA YUEN, POKFULAM, HK
ABERDEEN AND AP LEI CHAU	MARCH 2 (SATURDAY)	8.00 PM	COMMUNITY HALL, ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, 180B ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, HK
WONG CHUK HANG AND BAYS	MARCH 3 (SUNDAY)	8.00 PM	ASSEMBLY HALL, TANG SHIU KIN PRIMARY SCHOOL, WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE, HK

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BEACH RAFTS -- A NOVELTY TO THE WORLD
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HONG KONG IS POSSIBLY THE ONLY PLACE WHERE BEACH RAFTS ARE MOORED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SEA FOR BEACH-GOERS TO TAKE A REST AND TO ENJOY THE SUN, THE SEA AND THE SCENERY AFTER A LONG SWIM.

IN COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA WHERE SWIMMING IS POPULAR, NO RAFTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BEACHES AND THE ONLY RESEMBLANCE IS A PONTOON.

BUT SUCH A PONTOON WITH A FIBRE GLASS DECK AND A WOODEN SHELF IS ONLY SUITABLE FOR FRESH WATER, AND NOT SALT WATER, ACCORDING TO THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR AMENITIES OFFICER (SWIMMING), MR PAUL CHEUNG.

+THUS, HONG KONG HAS TO FALL BACK ON ITS OWN GENIUS IN DESIGNING AN IDEAL BEACH RAFT FOR THE LOCAL WATERS,+ SAID MR CHEUNG.

SO FAR, HONG KONG HAS SEEN THREE GENERATIONS OF BEACH RAFTS. THE OLDEST MODEL IS MADE OF STEEL AND IS STILL WIDELY USED BECAUSE OF ITS DURABILITY AND GOOD BUOYANCY.

OF THE 19 BEACH RAFTS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE NINE MAIN GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE URBAN AREAS, 15 ARE STEEL ONES. THE OLDEST STEEL RAFT NOW AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG IS ABOUT 10 YEARS OLD.

THE MAJOR DRAWBACK OF THIS MODEL IS ITS SUSCEPTIBILITY TO MARINE GROWTH, BARNACLES IN PARTICULAR, WHICH WILL CAUSE BODILY HARM TO SWIMMERS.

THE SURFACE OF THE STEEL RAFT IS COVERED WITH A COCONUT MATTING TO PREVENT IT BECOMING SLIPPERY. BUT THE MATTING IS NORMALLY CORRODED BY SALT WATER AFTER TWO TO THREE MONTHS AND HAS TO BE REPLACED.

+TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF MARINE GROWTH, THE CITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT CAME UP WITH A NEW DESIGN - THE GLASS REINFORCED PLASTIC (GRP) OR FIBRE GLASS RAFT - IN 1977,+ MR CHEUNG SAID.

+UNFORTUNATELY, THIS PARTICULAR MODEL HAS PROVED QUITE UNSUITABLE FOR THE LOCAL CLIMATE AS TWO SUCH RAFTS WERE DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR DURING TYPHOONS. AT PRESENT ONLY TWO GRP RAFTS ARE AVAILABLE - ONE AT DEEP WATER BAY AND ONE AT STANLEY MAIN BEACH.+

IN THEIR CONTINUING SEARCH FOR A BETTER BEACH RAFT, THE TWO DEPARTMENTS LAST YEAR CAME UP WITH A NEW MODEL WHICH HAS A FIBRE GLASS DECK AND A STEEL SHELF. TWO SUCH RAFTS HAVE BEEN PUT ON TRIAL AT REPULSE BAY SINCE THE LAST SWIMMING SEASON.

SAID MR CHEUNG: +ALTHOUGH THE LATEST DESIGN, AT A COST OF \$80 000 EACH, IS 78 PER CENT MORE EXPENSIVE THAN THE GRP RAFT AND 2.5 TIMES MORE THAN THE STEEL ONE, IT INCORPORATES THE GOOD POINTS OF BOTH THE STEEL RAFT AND THE GRP ONE.

+WITH THE GRP DECK, IT IS NOT SO VULNERABLE TO MARINE GROWTH, WHILE ITS STEEL SHELF MAKES IT MORE BUOYANT AND WIND RESISTANT THAN THE GRP RAFT.

+FURTHERMORE, TO PREVENT IT BECOMING SLIPPERY, THE GRP DECK IS LAID WITH A SYNTHETIC FIBRE MATTING WHICH HAS BEEN PROVEN TO BE MORE DURABLE. ALSO, ANY LEAKAGE ON THE NEWLY-DESIGNED MODEL CAN BE DETECTED EASILY BECAUSE IT IS COMPOSED OF SEVERAL COMPARTMENTS.+

AS REGARDS MAINTENANCE, MR CHEUNG SAID THAT ALL RAFTS ARE REMOVED BY A BARGE TO A REPAIR SITE EITHER AT CAUSEWAY BAY OR TSING YI FOR A COMPLETE OVERHAUL BETWEEN JANUARY AND MARCH EVERY YEAR. WORKERS WILL FIRST SCRAPE OFF THE BARNACLES AND THEN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT STAFF WILL EXAMINE THE RAFTS TO FIND OUT IF ANY REPAIR WORK IS NEEDED.

ALTHOUGH THE ANNUAL REPAIR EXERCISE IS COSTLY, MR CHEUNG SAID, IT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ALL RAFTS ARE ALWAYS IN A STATE OF GOOD CONDITION.

ALL BEACH RAFTS, WITH A STANDARD DIAMETRE OF 4.85 METRES IRRESPECTIVE OF THE TYPE OF MATERIAL, ARE POSITIONED AT A POINT AROUND 100 METRES AWAY FROM THE BEACH.

THE NUMBER OF RAFTS AT THE BEACHES VARIES ACCORDING TO THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF SWIMMERS AT EACH BEACH. FOR EXAMPLE, REPULSE BAY, THE MOST POPULAR BEACH ON HONG KONG ISLAND, HAS FIVE RAFTS.

THE CSD IS TAKING EVERY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE TO SAFEGUARD THE SAFETY OF SWIMMERS ON A RAFT. THERE ARE CONSTANT PATROLS BY LIFEGUARDS ON BOARD A CATAMARAN TO ENSURE THAT NO RAFT IS OVERLOADED AND THAT NO SWIMMERS DIVE OR FISH FROM A RAFT.

VERY OFTEN, MR CHEUNG ADDED, A RAFT MAY TURN OUT TO BE A LIFE-SAVING DEVICE FOR WEARY SWIMMERS WHO WILL OTHERWISE RUN INTO TROUBLE BUT FOR ITS PRESENCE.

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CIVIC EDUCATION AND ELECTION FORTNIGHT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED TO DEVELOP A REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IN HONG KONG AND EVERY CITIZEN HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP REALISE THIS SYSTEM.

THIS WAS STATED BY DR J.W. HAYES, REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A +CIVIC EDUCATION AND ELECTION FORTNIGHT+ ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG BETWEEN FEBRUARY 24 AND MARCH 10.

REGISTERED VOTERS SHOULD THEREFORE CAST THEIR VOTES ON MARCH 7 AND ELECT ABLE CANDIDATES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, HE ADDED.

IN REVIEWING THE COURSE OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT, DR HAYES NOTED THAT THE SYSTEM FIRST TOOK SHAPE IN 1977 WHEN A DISTRICT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE WAS FORMED IN TSUEN WAN.

HE EMPHASISED IT WAS IMPORTANT TO PROMOTE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, AS THE GOVERNMENT WAS WILLING TO LISTEN TO PUBLIC OPINION BEFORE FORMULATING POLICIES.

TODAY'S OCCASION WAS ALSO A NEW YEAR GATHERING TO CELEBRATE THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF A POPULAR PHONE-IN PROGRAMME OF RTHK - +TALKABOUT+.

MR CLIVE OXLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, POINTED OUT AT THE GATHERING THAT THE PROGRAMME HAD BEEN PUT ON AIR FOR MORE THAN 1 300 TIMES AND OVER 26 000 CALLS HAD BEEN BROADCAST.

ON THE +CIVIC EDUCATION AND ELECTION FORTNIGHT+, HE SAID IT WAS LAUNCHED TO PUBLICISE THE DB ELECTIONS.

A NUMBER OF PROGRAMMES WILL BE ORGANISED, INCLUDING VISITS TO DB MEETINGS BY STUDENTS, OPEN FORUMS, QUIZZES, A LATE-NIGHT PHONE-IN SPECIAL FOR DISCUSSION OF THE DB ELECTIONS, AND A SEMINAR TO EVALUATE THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS.

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SEWAGE TUNNEL TO BE BUILT IN JUNK BAY
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WORK ON A SEWAGE TUNNEL IN JUNK BAY WILL START LATER THIS MONTH.

THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-KILOMETRE-LONG TUNNEL OF 2.4 METRES IN DIAMETER, A 175-METRE-LONG, 2.4-METRE-WIDE INSPECTION ACCESS, A DEEP GRIT INLET CHAMBER LOCATED NEXT TO HANG HAU ROAD, AND ASSOCIATED WORKS.

THE TUNNEL WILL FOLLOW AN ALIGNMENT FROM HANG HAU ROAD IN THE NORTH TO SIU CHIK SHA IN THE SOUTH AND CATER FOR THE SEWAGE FLOWS FROM THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A \$26.95 MILLION CONTRACT TO SHIMIZU CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED TO CARRY OUT THE WORK WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MORE ENQUIRY CENTRES FOR CONSUMERS
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS OPENED ITS SIXTH CONSUMER ENQUIRY CENTRE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING IN MAN NIN STREET, SAI KUNG.

SAI KUNG RESIDENTS WISHING TO MAKE ENQUIRIES RELATING TO WATER BILLS AND APPLICATIONS FOR METERED SUPPLY SHOULD VISIT THE CENTRE.

IT IS OPEN BETWEEN 8.30 AM AND 1 PM, AND BETWEEN 2 PM AND 4.30 PM FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS- AND FROM 9 AM AND 11.30 AM ON SATURDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE OPENING OF THE LATEST CENTRE WAS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S SCHEME TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICE TO CONSUMERS.

+OUR PLANS ARE TO OPEN A TOTAL OF 14 SUCH CENTRES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+OUR NEXT CENTRE IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED IN THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR IN STANLEY,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW PLAYGROUND IN KWAI CHUNG

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THE KWAI HOP STREET PLAYGROUND WILL BE OPENED BETWEEN 7 AM AND 11 PM STARTING TOMORROW (FEBRUARY 25).

THE \$3 MILLION PLAYGROUND CONSISTS OF A STANDARD SIZE BASKETBALL COURT, A SMALL CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, AND A REST GARDEN.

THE PROJECT IS DESIGNED AND BUILT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE MANAGED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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USHERING IN THE YEAR OF THE OX

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ABOUT 250 SAI KUNG RESIDENTS FOUND THE IDEAL WAY TO USHER IN THE YEAR OF THE OX WHICH SYMBOLISES STRENGTH AND VITALITY - WITH A LONG-DISTANCE RACE.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE NEW YEAR RACE, WHICH IS PART OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL BETWEEN FEBRUARY 23 AND MARCH 3, TODAY (SUNDAY) NOT ONLY FOUND TIME TO STRETCH THEIR MUSCLES BUT THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THEMSELVES IN THE EVENT.

THE WOMEN COMPETED IN THE THREE-KILOMETRE RACE FROM KEI LING HA VIA TAI MONG TSAI ROAD TO THE TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND IN SAI KUNG TOWN, WHILE THE MEN HAD A LONGER RACE, RUNNING SIX KILOMETRES FROM NAI CHUNG TO THE FINISH LINE IN THE SPORTS GROUND.

THE ANNUAL LONG DISTANCE RACE WAS SPONSORED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD.

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FEAST TO CELEBRATE EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY

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MORE THAN 1 200 ELDERLY PEOPLE IN TAI PO WILL ATTEND A FEAST AT TWO LOCAL RESTAURANTS ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 26) TO CELEBRATE 'YAN YAT' — EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY.

THE FEAST IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TAI PO TSAT YEUK RURAL COMMITTEE, THE TAI PO SOCIETIES FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION AND THE TAI PO MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION AND SPONSORED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD, AS AN EVENT IN THE TWO-WEEK 1985 TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME.

GOLD MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIVE OLDEST PERSONS AT THE BANQUETS, AND ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE LAI-SEE PACKETS.

VOLUNTEERS FROM THE VARIOUS ORGANISING BODIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WILL BE ON HAND TO ATTEND TO THE ELDERLY.

OFFICIATING AT ONE OF THE BANQUETS WILL BE THE ACTING DISTRICT OFFICER, MS ANISSA WONG.

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