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DON'T MISS OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE: RS

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THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR DAVID LAN, TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED VOTERS IN WONG TAI SIN TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRATION AND ELECTORAL OFFICE OF ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS SO THAT THEY CAN VOTE IN THEIR NEW CONSTITUENCIES.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT VOTER REGISTRATION FUN FAIR AT LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

MR LAN NOTED THAT DUE TO LARGE SCALE REDEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT IN RECENT YEARS, MANY REGISTERED VOTERS HAD MOVED TO NEW PREMISES.

"THEREFORE, I AM APPEALING ESPECIALLY TO THESE PEOPLE TO REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS SO THAT THEY WILL NOT MISS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE IN THEIR NEW CONSTITUENCIES," HE SAID.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WERE ABOUT 40,000 PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 21 AND 25 IN THE DISTRICT, ONLY 12 PER CENT IN THIS AGE BRACKET HAD SIGNED UP AS VOTERS.

"YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ENROL AS ELECTORS AND ACTIVELY TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE POLITICAL SYSTEM IN HONG KONG," HE SAID.

AS TO THE VOTER REGISTRATION SITUATION IN WONG TAI SIN, MR LAN SAID 55 PER CENT OF THE 240,000 ELIGIBLE VOTERS HAD REGISTERED EVEN BEFORE THE CAMPAIGN STARTED.

"WITH MORE THAN 20,000 COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS RETURNED RECENTLY, THIS FIGURE HAS LEAPT TO 63 PER CENT.

"I BELIEVE THAT WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF LOCAL LEADERS, MORE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS WILL BE ACHIEVED," HE SAID.

THE REGIONAL SECRETARY REITERATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT BY ITSELF COULD NOT ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE VOTER REGISTRATION CAMPAIGN, WHICH LARGELY DEPENDED ON RESIDENTS' ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT.

EARLIER, MR LAN PRAISED MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND AREA COMMITTEES FOR THEIR JOINT EFFORT IN ORGANISING THE FUN FAIR TODAY TO PROMOTE VOTER REGISTRATION AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, DR MICHAEL LEE, ALSO CALLED ON RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP AS ELECTORS.

TODAY'S FUN FAIR WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE DISTRICT BOARD'S WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION AND THE DISTRICT'S 14 AREA COMMITTEES.

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IN ADDITION TO PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS, THERE WERE GAME STALLS AND VIDEO MESSAGES ON VOTER REGISTRATION AND CIVIC EDUCATION.

SPECIAL COUNTERS WERE SET UP TO ENABLE RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP AS ELECTORS.

ALSO OFFICIATED AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR BRIAN LAU, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR ALBERT LI.

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APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY ONE INVITED

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PARENTS WISH TO APPLY FOR A PRIMARY ONE PLACE IN A PUBLIC SECTOR SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILDREN IN SEPTEMBER 1991 UNDER THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL SEPTEMBER 29.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY ONE IS OPEN TO ALL HONG KONG BELONGING CHILDREN, BORN ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1985 WHO ARE NOT STUDYING IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL.

PARENTS CAN OBTAIN THE APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION SHEETS FROM THE KINDERGARTENS WHERE THEIR CHILDREN ARE STUDYING.

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING KINDERGARTENS, THE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND BRANCH OFFICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

"COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND 5 DIRECT TO ONLY ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WHICH THE PARENT WISHES TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THIS SCHOOL MAY EITHER BE WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE FAMILY LIVES. BUT PARENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO SELECT A NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHOOL TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY TRANSPORT PROBLEMS."

IN SELECTING A SCHOOL, PARENTS SHOULD ALSO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE POINTS SYSTEM WHICH IS BASED ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND THE CHILD'S FAMILY AS WELL AS THE CHILD'S AGE.

HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD NOTE THAT ONLY ONE APPLICATION FORM MAY BE SUBMITTED IN RESPECT OF ANY ONE CHILD.

"IF THEY ARE FOUND TO HAVE APPLIED TO MORE THAN ONE GOVERNMENT OR AIDED SCHOOL, THEY WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING ELIGIBLE FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SCHOOLS RECEIVING TOO FEW APPLICATIONS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE PRIMARY ONE CLASSES AND IN SUCH CASES, CHILDREN ALREADY ACCEPTED BY THESE SCHOOLS FOR DISCRETIONARY PLACES WILL HAVE TO BE SUBSEQUENTLY REALLOCATED TO SOME OTHER SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE VACANCIES.

FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHO CANNOT USE CHINESE AS THE LEARNING MEDIUM, THEY MAY SEEK ADVICE FROM THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION UNIT OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 572 4383) BEFORE SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION FORM.

IN THE CASE OF PARENTS WHO DO NOT WISH TO APPLY FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE IN ANY PARTICULAR SCHOOL, THEY SHOULD RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BETWEEN OCTOBER 1 AND 5 TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION CENTRES FOR CENTRAL ALLOCATION BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT:

- * LUI KEE EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRE,
269 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, FIRST FLOOR, HONG KONG
- * EDUCATION DEPARTMENT KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE,
ROOM 611, 405 NATHAN ROAD, SIXTH FLOOR, KOWLOON
- * SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES
SERVICE CENTRE,
KCR HOUSE, SHA TIN STATION, FIRST FLOOR,
NEW TERRITORIES
- * TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES
SERVICE CENTRE,
TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES
- * TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES
SERVICE CENTRE,
TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING,
174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN,
NEW TERRITORIES
- * TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES
SERVICE CENTRE,
TUEN MUN GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
1 TUEN HI ROAD, SECOND FLOOR, TUEN MUN, NEW TERRITORIES
- * YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES
SERVICE CENTRE,
YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICES BUILDING,
269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, YUEN LONG,
NEW TERRITORIES

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* NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE PUBLIC ENQUIRIES
SERVICE CENTRE,
FANLING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING,
3 PIK FUNG ROAD, GROUND FLOOR,
FANLING, NEW TERRITORIES

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED PARENTS WHO WISH TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN TO ATTEND PRIVATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS OR PRIMARY SCHOOLS OF THE ENGLISH SCHOOLS FOUNDATION TO APPLY TO THESE SCHOOLS DIRECT AS THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM.

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POLICE ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL COMMANDER IN BORDER PLAYS DUAL ROLE
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IN ADDITION TO HIS MAIN DUTIES OF LIAISING WITH THE MILITARY AS POLICE ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL COMMANDER, OPERATIONS, BORDER, STEPHEN BROWN IS ALSO PLAYING THE ROLE OF KEEN CONSERVATIONIST OF WILDLIFE WITHIN THE DIVISION.

TO STEVE, A FOUR SQUARE KILOMETRES OF DESERTED LAND STRETCHING FROM LIN MA HANG TO SHA TAU KOK BEHIND ROBINS NEST IS HIS PRIVATE "GAME RESERVE".

"IT TURNS OUT TO BE A PARADISE FOR A WIDE VARIETY OF WILDLIFE SUCH AS PORCUPINES, WILD PIGS, BARKING DEER AND A GREAT RANGE OF BIRDS," HE SAID.

"AS LONG AS YOU KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FIND SIGNS OF WILD ANIMALS, INCLUDING THEIR FOOTPRINTS," SAID STEVE WHO HAS DEVELOPED HIS INTEREST IN GAME CONSERVATION SINCE CHILDHOOD WHEN HE USED TO LIVE IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

"EARLY THIS YEAR WE FOUND A PAIR OF LEOPARD CATS IN TA KWU LING. THE GURKHAS INITIALLY MISTOOK THEM FOR TIGERS.

"WE BELIEVED THEY ARE A BREEDING PAIR AND DECIDED TO LET THEM STAY WHERE THEY WERE. THEY ARE STILL LIVING THERE UNDISTURBED BUT THEY DON'T KNOW THEY ARE OBSERVED THROUGH THE THERMAL IMAGER.

"AT A SPOT OVERLOOKING THE SHA TAU KOK VILLAGE," STEVE CONTINUED, "THERE IS A BARKING DEER WHICH NEVER FAILS TO ALERT US WHENEVER SOMEBODY COMES ACROSS THE AREA IN THE EVENING.

"THE ARMY TAKE THAT AS THE ALARM FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INTRUDING INTO THE AREA AND 'THE DEER ON THE HILL' IS WELL-KNOWN AMONG THE VILLAGERS," STEVE SAID.

THE BORDER AREA IS INDEED FULL OF INTERESTING DISCOVERIES.

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A HORSE TURNED OUT TO BE THE BIGGEST "REPATRIATED ILLEGAL ENTRANT" WHEN IT WAS SENT BACK TO THE MAINLAND A FEW YEARS AGO AFTER BEING FOUND BY THE ARMY IN SHENZHEN RIVER.

IT WAS LATER DESCRIBED AS A PERFORMING HORSE FROM A SHENZHEN PARK IN A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE CHINESE.

A BABY BEAR WAS FOUND WANDERING ON THE ROAD AND MADE ITS PRESENCE KNOWN TO A PATROL POLICEMAN.

"THOUSANDS OF BATS ARE FOUND THRIVING INSIDE A LONG-ABANDONED LEAD MINE IN LIN MA HANG AND A COLONY OF RARE SPECIES OF ROUSETTE BATS RECORDED ONLY ONCE BEFORE IN HONG KONG BACK IN 1876 WAS IDENTIFIED BY A LOCAL BAT EXPERT RECENTLY," SAID STEVE.

STEVE IS PARTICULARLY FOND OF BIRDS AND A SMALL AVIARY OF 11 SPECIES OF BIRDS AT HIS HOME IN TAI MEI TUK TELLS ALL.

"THE FIRST BIRD WE KEPT WAS A CRESTED MYNAH WHICH JUST ARRIVED AT OUR HOME ONE DAY AND HAS STAYED WITH US FOR NINE YEARS.

"ITS COMPANIONS NOW INCLUDE PHEASANTS, COCKATOOS, AFRICAN GREYS, WHITE EYES AND BUDGIES."

POSSESSING A LOVE FOR ALL SORTS OF WILDLIFE, STEVE SAID HE COULD NEVER STAND THE IDEA OF SLAUGHTERING ANIMALS AND COULD ONLY ACCEPT PROPERLY CONTROLLED HUNTING.

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VIOLA PROTEGES ATTEND WORLD YOUTH MUSIC CAMP

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TWO TALENTED VIOLISTS, 22-YEAR-OLD CHAN CHI-KIT AND 19-YEAR-OLD KAN PAK-KIN, ARE REPRESENTING HONG KONG IN THE FIRST WORLD YOUTH MUSIC CAMP HELD FROM TODAY (SUNDAY) UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30 AT PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE, KUALA LUMPUR.

AIMING TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP THROUGH MUSIC, THE CAMP IS OPEN TO ORCHESTRAL INSTRUMENTALISTS OF ALL NATIONALITIES AGED 16 TO 28.

THERE WILL BE MASTERCLASSES AND WORKSHOPS CONDUCTED BY SOME OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST MUSICIANS. ARRANGEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS TO VISIT INTERESTING PLACES IN MALAYSIA.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL FORM A WORLD YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND, UNDER THE BATON OF RENOWNED ENGLISH CONDUCTOR MR MARK WIGGLESWORTH, WILL PERFORM AT A PUBLIC CONCERT AT THE END OF THE CAMP PERIOD.

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MR CHAN CHI-KIT STARTED TO PLAY THE VIOLA NINE YEARS AGO, WHILE MR KAN PAK-KIN, WHO STARTED PLAYING THE VIOLIN 10 YEARS AGO, LEARNED TO PLAY THE VIOLA JUST LAST YEAR.

THEY WERE SELECTED TO JOIN THE MUSIC CAMP THROUGH AN OPEN AUDITION BY THE MUSIC OFFICE.

COMMENTING ON THE TRIP, BOTH REMARKED THAT THEY WERE HAPPY AND EXCITED TO BE GIVEN THIS CHANCE TO BROADEN THEIR MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE AND TO MEET OTHER YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

THEIR CAMP FEES ARE PAID BY THE ORGANISERS AND MALAYSIAN AIRLINE WILL COVER THEIR PASSAGE.

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HEALTH EDUCATION SPEECH AND SONG CONTESTS

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 1990 INTER-SCHOOLS HEALTH EDUCATION SPEECH AND SONG CONTESTS.

THE CONTESTS, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS, ARE ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ENHANCE HEALTH CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG STUDENTS.

THE THEME FOR BOTH CONTESTS IS "TO BE HAPPY, TO BE CLEAN", A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SPEECH CONTEST IS DIVIDED INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTIONS, EACH SUB-DIVIDING INTO ENGLISH, PUTONGHUA AND CANTONESE CATEGORIES.

AS FOR THE SONG CONTEST, IT COMPRISES THE PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE SECONDARY SCHOOL SECTIONS.

EACH SCHOOL MAY SEND ONLY ONE CHOIR OF 30 TO 60 MEMBERS INCLUDING MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT FOR EACH SECTION.

IN ADDITION TO TROPHIES, THE TOP THREE WINNERS OF BOTH CONTESTS WILL RECEIVE BOOK COUPONS WORTH BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1,600.

A TROPHY WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO THE BEST LYRICIST IN THE SONG CONTEST.

THE CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP OF THE TWO CONTESTS WILL STAGE A DEMONSTRATION PERFORMANCE AT A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY LATER THIS YEAR.

INTERESTED PARTIES CAN OBTAIN ENTRY FORMS FROM THEIR SCHOOL.

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COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EIGHTH FLOOR, UC FA YUEN STREET COMPLEX, 123A FA YUEN STREET, KOWLOON.

ENTRY TO THE SPEECH AND SONG CONTESTS WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 20 AND OCTOBER 27 RESPECTIVELY.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 787 1229.

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'SAY YES TO LIFE' KITE FLYING FAMILY DAY

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FAMILIES WISHING TO HAVE AN OUTING TO THE COUNTRYSIDE AND ENJOY THE PLEASURE OF FLYING KITES CAN NOW JOIN A "SAY YES TO LIFE" KITE FLYING FAMILY DAY, IF THEY CORRECTLY ANSWER AN ANTI-DRUG QUIZ.

ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, THE FAMILY DAY WILL BE HELD IN TAI AU MUN COUNTRY PARK ON OCTOBER 21 AS PART OF THE ANTI-DRUG FORTNIGHT FROM OCTOBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 2.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID A HAPPY FAMILY LIFE AND HEALTHY ACTIVITIES COULD HELP YOUNG PEOPLE RESIST THE TEMPTATION OF DRUG TAKING, AND URGED PARENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT WITH THEIR CHILDREN.

"FREE TRANSPORT, LUNCH AND KITES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PARTICIPATING FAMILIES," HE SAID.

TO ENHANCE PARTICIPANTS' AWARENESS OF THE DRUG PROBLEM, AN ANTI-DRUG KITE DESIGN COMPETITION WILL BE INCORPORATED IN THE FAMILY DAY AND WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED SOUVENIRS.

AN ENTRY FORM WITH THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED ON TIN TIN DAILY NEWS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 17 AND 29.

COPIES OF THE FORM ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE NARCOTICS DIVISION ON THE 23RD FLOOR OF QUEENSWAY GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE NARCOTICS DIVISION BY OCTOBER 1.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 867 2766.

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NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR OUTSTANDING CARETAKERS COMPETITION

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OWNERS CORPORATIONS (OC'S) AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MAC'S) IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO NOMINATE CARETAKERS TO TAKE PART IN THE DISTRICT'S 1990 OUTSTANDING CARETAKERS COMPETITION.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT JOINT PARTICIPATION CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

ITS AIM IS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND BOOST THE MORALE OF BUILDING CARETAKERS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"NOMINEES SHOULD BE FULL-TIME CARETAKERS, WATCHMEN OR SUPERINTENDENTS OF RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

"A PANEL OF JUDGES, COMPRISING A DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, A POLICE REPRESENTATIVE AND AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS, WILL VISIT THE NOMINEES IN THEIR RESPECTIVE WORKING PLACE BETWEEN OCTOBER 12 AND 17.

"THEY WILL BE JUDGED BY THEIR WORK KNOWLEDGE AND ATTITUDE, COMMUNICATION SKILLS, ALERTNESS, AS WELL AS BY THE COMMENTS FROM TENANTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TOP THREE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WHILE THE PARTICIPATING OC'S AND MAC'S WILL BE PRESENTED COMMEMORATIVE CERTIFICATES.

THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATION IS SEPTEMBER 29. THE RESULT OF THE COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 31.

TELEPHONE ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 301 2157.

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SWIMMING GALA FOR ISLANDERS

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ABOUT 170 ISLANDS DISTRICT RESIDENTS TOOK PART IN THE DISTRICT'S 15TH SWIMMING GALA AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THERE WAS KEEN COMPETITION IN THE 58 EVENTS, ATTRACTING HUNDREDS OF SPECTATORS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE RESIDENTS FROM DIFFERENT ISLANDS TAKING PART IN THE GALA, ADDING THAT ACTIVITIES OF THIS NATURE WOULD STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION AMONG THE ISLANDERS.

"THE GALA SHOULD ALSO HELP ENHANCE THE ISLANDERS' SENSE OF BELONGING AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL IN SPORTS," HE SAID.

THE SWIMMING GALA IS AN ANNUAL EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES.

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