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\$4 MILLION SPENT ON ISLANDS' ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS

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ABOUT \$4.05 MILLION WERE SPENT ON MORE THAN 300 LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT LAST YEAR, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THESE PROJECTS RANGED FROM PROVISION OF FOOTBALL PITCHES, CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATH NETWORKS TO MINOR MAINTENANCE WORKS ON EXISTING FACILITIES.

EXAMPLES WERE THE IMPROVEMENT TO THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IN PUI O, IMPROVEMENT TO ACCESS ROADS IN TUNG CHUNG AND MUI WO, AND CONSTRUCTION OF SITTING-OUT AREAS IN CHEUNG CHAU AND PENG CHAU.

MR YAP WAS SPEAKING ON +ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT AND LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT+ AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONESSE CLUB OF BRAEMAR HILL.

OF THE \$4.05 MILLION, \$1.25 MILLION CAME FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE, \$1 MILLION FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND \$1.8 MILLION FROM LOCAL CHARITABLE FUNDS AND PRIVATE DONATIONS.

HE SAID BOTH THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS AND DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS WERE INTENDED TO BE USED FOR MINOR WORKS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT OF VILLAGERS.

+PERHAPS THE DISTINCTION IS THAT THE EMPHASIS OF LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS IS PLACED ON THE PROVISION OF BASIC FACILITIES, WHEREAS THE MINOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY DISTRICT BOARD ARE ONE STEP BEYOND THE BASICS,+ HE SAID.

ON THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS SCHEME WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN 1919, MR YAP SAID IT HAS PROVED TO BE ONE OF GOVERNMENT'S MOST VALUABLE MEASURES TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID THE SCHEME NOT ONLY IMPROVED THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT, BUT ALSO ENABLED EMERGENCY REPAIR WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN RESPECT OF INSECURE STRUCTURES.

+EVEN THE MOST REMOTE AREAS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT DERIVE BENEFIT FROM THE SCHEME,+ MR YAP SAID.

HE CITED AN EXAMPLE WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 1960 WHEN RESIDENTS OF THE REMOTE SOKO ISLANDS STARTED TO BUILD A BREAKWATER TO AFFORD PROTECTION TO FISHING BOATS AROUND THE ISLANDS.

THE COST OF MATERIALS WAS MET FROM LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE, AN OUTLAY WHICH WAS PROVED FULLY JUSTIFIED IN PROTECTING THE BOATS AGAINST DAMAGE WHEN TYPHOON ALICE HIT HONG KONG IN 1961, HE SAID.

MR YAP SAID ABOUT \$1.8 MILLION HAD BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE DISTRICT FROM THE LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, AND HE BELIEVED A SIMILAR AMOUNT OF \$1 MILLION WOULD COME FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

/+THERE HAS

+THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY DIFFICULTY IN SPENDING THE FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNMENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT.

+THE DIFFICULTY RESTS WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE PROJECTS.

+BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDS TO MEET THE VARIOUS REQUESTS, VERY OFTEN MANY REQUESTS MUST BE EITHER HELD OVER OR REFUSED.

+OTHER THAN SIMPLY RELYING ON GOVERNMENT'S RESOURCES TO MEET THIS KIND OF LOCAL DEMAND, ONE POSSIBLE WAY IS TO LOOK FOR THE SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY ORGANISATION,+ HE SAID.

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GOOD PROSPECTS FOR TRAINED GARMENT DESIGNERS * * * *

TRAINED GARMENT DESIGNERS AND PATTERN MAKERS ARE MUCH IN DEMAND IN HONG KONG BECAUSE OF THE GROWING FASHION INDUSTRY.

MOST STUDENTS OF THE KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S CLOTHING DEPARTMENT HAD FIRM JOB OFFERS EVEN BEFORE THEIR GRADUATION, MISS SUSANNA IU, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT, SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT OFFERS TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE COURSES AND TWO-YEAR DIPLOMA COURSES.

MANY OF THE GRADUATES FROM THE CERTIFICATE COURSES ARE NOW SERVING IN THE GARMENT INDUSTRY AS ASSISTANT LINE SUPERVISORS, QUALITY CONTROLLERS, PATTERN GRADERS AND SEWING MACHINISTS WHILE SOME HAVE BEEN APPOINTED ASSISTANT MANAGERS, MISS IU POINTED OUT.

AS THE LOCAL FASHION INDUSTRY MUST RELY ON QUALITY RATHER THAN MASS PRODUCTION TO COMPETE IN OVERSEAS MARKETS, EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS FOR TRAINED DESIGNERS AND PATTERN MAKERS REMAIN GOOD, SHE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT'S FIRST BATCH OF DIPLOMA COURSE STUDENTS WILL BE GRADUATING THIS SUMMER.

DESPITE THE CURRENT RECESSION, MISS IU SAID SHE WAS OPTIMISTIC THEY WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN FINDING EMPLOYMENT.

ON THE COURSES, SHE SAID, +THOUGH CREATIVITY IS IMPORTANT, IT MUST BE COMBINED WITH PRACTICABILITY AS THE FASHION INDUSTRY DOES NOT RELY ON FANCY DESIGN ALONE FOR SUCCESS.+

AS PART OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMME, STUDENTS ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO ORGANISE THEIR OWN FASHION SHOWS.

LAST MONTH, THEY STAGED A DISPLAY OF SOME 100 GARMENTS OF THEIR OWN DESIGN AT THE INSTITUTE, ATTRACTING HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS AND PARENTS FROM NEARBY SCHOOLS.

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THE STAGE PERFORMANCE, WHICH INCLUDED MODELLING, LIGHTING AND SOUND MONITORING, REQUIRED FOUR MONTHS' PREPARATION UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE INSTITUTE'S LECTURERS.

BESIDES OFFERING THE STUDENTS MUCH FUN, THE SHOW HAS GIVEN THEM ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE WHICH COULD BE USEFUL TO THEIR FUTURE CAREER, MISS IU SAID.

THE COURSES OFFERED BY THE INSTITUTE ARE RECOGNISED BY BRITAIN'S PRESTIGIOUS TECHNICIAN EDUCATION COUNCIL.

GRADUATES CAN ALSO ENHANCE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS BY TAKING PART IN THE EXAMINATIONS SET BY THE UK CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INSTITUTE.

+GRADUATES OF THE CERTIFICATE COURSES MAY ENROLL FOR A TWO-YEAR HIGHER DIPLOMA COURSE SPECIALLY SET UP FOR THEM AT THE POLYTECHNIC,+ MISS IU SAID.

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+MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN
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THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL INTRODUCE A +MEET THE PUBLIC+ SCHEME ON APRIL 12 (TUESDAY) FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

ON EVERY TUESDAY BETWEEN 6 PM AND 8 PM, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL TAKE TURNS TO MEET THE PUBLIC AND LISTEN TO THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS.

IF REQUIRED, SUGGESTIONS AND COMPLAINTS WOULD BE REFERRED TO RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR NECESSARY ACTION, A BOARD SPOKESMAN SAID.

+AN EVALUATION REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT BOARD AFTER THREE MONTHS,+ HE ADDED.

THOSE WHO LIVE OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT CAN MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE AT 5-420209 OR IN PERSON TO THE KENNEDY TOWN AND CENTRAL ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
TRANSPORT TO MEET THE PRESS

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PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT,
MRS LYNDA CHALKER, WHO IS HERE ON A FAMILIARISATION VISIT,
WILL MEET THE PRESS ON FRIDAY (APRIL 8) AT 4.30 PM IN THE
GIS THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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NEW CAREERS GUIDANCE OFFICE IN ED HEADQUARTERS

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A NEW CAREERS GUIDANCE OFFICE WILL BE OPENED AT THE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS IN LEE GARDENS, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON APRIL 8
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CAREERS EDUCATION TO STUDENTS, PARENTS
AND TEACHERS.

THE OFFICE, AT ROOM 405 OF THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION OF
THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON THE FOURTH FLOOR WILL BE OPENED
BETWEEN 9 AM AND 4.30 PM DURING WEEKDAYS AND FROM 9.30 AM TO
11.45 AM ON SATURDAYS. IT WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC
HOLIDAYS.

IT HAS A LIBRARY WHICH IS EQUIPPED WITH LITERATURE, JOURNALS,
UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION AND LEAFLETS ON CAREERS. ITS STAFF WILL
ALSO PROVIDE PERSONAL ADVICE AND CONSULTATION ON CAREERS MATTERS
TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS WHO ARE REFERRED BY CAREERS TEACHERS.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO ORGANISE GROUP VISITS TO THE OFFICE SHOULD
CONTACT THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION ON 5-8392540.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CONCERNING THE OFFICE MAY BE MADE TO THE
SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER (CAREERS EDUCATION), MR H.W. LEUNG ON
5-8392222.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE CAREERS
GUIDANCE OFFICE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AT
4TH FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, ON APRIL 8
AT 12 NOON.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE, WILL OFFICIATE
AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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TWO SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURES
IN TSUEN WAN DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) DECLARED THE TWO SINGLE-STOREY STRUCTURES ON CROWN LAND LICENCE W7241 AT THE 11-1/2-MILE-STONE, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THESE SINGLE STOREY POST-WAR STRUCTURES HAD BEEN INSPECTED RECENTLY.

A LANDSLIP HAD ALREADY BROUGHT DOWN A LARGE QUANTITY OF EARTH AND BOULDERS FROM THE ADJOINING HILLSIDE. A PROPORTION OF THIS MATERIAL NOW RESTED AGAINST OR WAS COVERING THE EXPOSED GROUND FLOOR SLABS OF THESE STRUCTURES.

AS THE ADJOINING SLOPE ABOVE THESE STRUCTURES STILL CONTAINED MANY OVERHANGING AND POTENTIALLY UNSTABLE BOULDERS THESE STRUCTURES WERE AT RISK.

IT WAS THEREFORE CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE BOTH THESE STRUCTURES.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON MAY 4 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES TO REMAIN OPEN ON
SATURDAY AFTERNOON
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT ITS 11 REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 9).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS IS TO FACILITATE APPLICATIONS FOR IDENTITY CARDS FROM CHILDREN WHO ARE STILL ON SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, AS WELL AS TO EASE THE PRESSURE WHICH HAS BEEN BUILDING UP RECENTLY BY THOSE WHO APPLIED FOR REPLACEMENT OF LOST IDENTITY CARDS.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES CAN TELEPHONE 3-7333111.

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**SHORT TERM TENANCY OFFERED FOR CROWN LAND
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THE LANDS DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A PIECE OF CROWN LAND AT AH KUNG NGAM, HONG KONG FOR SHORT TERM TENANCY.

THE LOT, COVERING AN AREA OF ABOUT 1 970 SQUARE METRES IS FOR OPEN STORAGE OF GOODS, VEHICLES, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS BUT EXCLUDING USE FOR A CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT.

THE TENANCY FOR THE SITE IS FOR ONE YEAR INITIALLY AND THEREAFTER MONTHLY.

ACCEPTANCE FOR APPLICATIONS OF TENDERS WILL CLOSE AT 12 NOON ON APRIL 22.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND TENDER PLAN INSPECTED AT THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, HONG KONG NORTH, MURRAY BUILDING, 3RD FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; THE LANDS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, 5TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG; AND THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

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**NEW ACCOMMODATION FOR YUEN LONG POST OFFICE COUNTER
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THE COUNTER SECTION OF THE YUEN LONG POST OFFICE IN THE DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING IN YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD WILL BE MOVED TO SAU FU STREET ON MONDAY (APRIL 11) TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR OTHER POST OFFICE FACILITIES.

THE NEW OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE COUNTER FACILITIES AT THE YUEN LONG POST OFFICE WHICH WILL CLOSE FOR BUSINESS AT 5 PM ON SATURDAY (APRIL 9), THE POSTMASTER GENERAL SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE POST OFFICE BOXES AT THE DISTRICT BRANCH OFFICE BUILDING WILL CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED AT THE OLD OFFICE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW POST OFFICE IS 0-773037 AND THE EXISTING BUSINESS HOURS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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KENNEDY TOWN TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KENNEDY TOWN FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (APRIL 7) FOR ABOUT SEVEN WEEKS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS AT BELCHER'S STREET.

UNDER THE ARRANGEMENTS, TRAFFIC ON BELCHER'S STREET BETWEEN DAVIS STREET AND CADOGAN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

EASTBOUND VEHICLES ALONG VICTORIA ROAD WILL TRAVEL VIA CADOGAN STREET, CATCHICK STREET AND SMITHFIELD BEFORE REJOINING BELCHER'S STREET.

VEHICLES (EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES) TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND ALONG DAVIS STREET WILL BE BANNED FROM TURNING LEFT INTO BELCHER'S STREET.

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTE FOR KWUN TONG

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A NEW MAXICAB ROUTE, 22M, LINKING LOK WAH ESTATE WITH KWUN TONG MTR STATION WILL START ITS SERVICE FROM FRIDAY (APRIL 8).

THE SERVICE WILL OPERATE VIA THE ACCESS ROAD TO LOK WAH ESTATE, KUNG LOK ROAD, HONG NING ROAD, YUE MAN SQUARE (KWUN TONG MTR STATION), TUNG YAN STREET, KWUN TONG ROAD, HIP WO STREET, MUT WAH STREET, HONG NING ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO LOK WAH ESTATE.

IT WILL RUN FROM 6.30 AM TO 10.30 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND 8 AM TO 10 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. ITS FREQUENCY WILL BE FOUR MINUTES DURING PEAK HOURS AND SEVEN MINUTES DURING OFF-PEAK PERIODS.

THE FARE WILL BE 80 CENTS PER TRIP FROM LOK WAH ESTATE TO YUE MAN SQUARE AND 80 CENTS ON THE RETURN JOURNEY.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (WEDNESDAY) STOOD AT 77.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 446.973 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 211.116 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 36.5 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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