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COMMITTEE FAVOURS SYSTEMATISED BUILDING MANAGEMENT

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ONE OF THE MAIN TARGETS OF THE PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO BRING ABOUT SYSTEMATISATION OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT. THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM, SAID AT A BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR IN SHAM SHUI PO TODAY (SATURDAY).

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT'S PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, THE SEMINAR WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 100 LOCAL RESIDENTS AND OFFICE-BEARERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS (OC'S).

IN EXPLAINING THE SYSTEMATISATION OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MR CHUNG SAID AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO IMPROVE BUILDING MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS WAS TO STIPULATE SOME BASIC PROVISIONS IN DEEDS OF MUTUAL COVENANT (DMC).

WITH THESE OVER-RIDING PROVISIONS, THE EFFECT OF UNFAIR PROVISIONS IN EXISTING DMC'S WOULD BE MINIMISED.

HE SAID HIS COMMITTEE HAD PROPOSED THAT AMENDMENTS BE MADE TO THE MULTI-STOREY BUILDING (OWNERS' INCORPORATIONS) ORDINANCE, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE PROCEDURES FOR FORMING OC'S BE SIMPLIFIED.

BOTH OWNERS AND OCCUPANTS ALIKE SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN OC'S WHICH IN TURN SHOULD BE EMPOWERED TO MANAGE THEIR BUILDINGS ACCORDING TO THE DMC.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE AIM OF SYSTEMATISATION WAS TO RETURN THE "SUPREME POWER OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT AUTONOMY" TO THE OWNERS OR THE OC. THIS WOULD ENSURE THAT RESIDENTS WOULD LEAD A PEACEFUL AND COMFORTABLE LIFE AS WELL AS PROTECTING THEIR GENERAL INTEREST.

A GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, MR CHENG WAI-TAT, TOLD THE SEMINAR THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT WOULD OFFER MORE ASSISTANCE TO DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEES.

HE SAID HIS DEPARTMENT WAS REPRESENTED ON THESE COMMITTEES AND OFFERED EXPERT ADVICE ON MATTERS RELATING TO BUILDING STRUCTURE, DRAINAGE, UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AND ENGINEERING MATTERS. HE ADDED THAT STEPPING UP SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD BRING ABOUT BETTER RESULTS IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT WORKS.

MR CHENG POINTED OUT THAT HIS DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO IMPLEMENTING A NEW URBAN RENOVATION SCHEME. THE FIRST STAGE OF WHICH COVERED 38 BLOCKS IN SHAM SHUI PO.

THE BUILDINGS WERE CONSTRUCTED IN THE 1950'S AND THEIR STRUCTURAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS WERE POOR. ORDERS WERE ISSUED TO OWNERS IN AUGUST THIS YEAR REQUIRING THEM TO IMPROVE THE BUILDINGS.

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MR CHENG POINTED OUT THAT HIS DEPARTMENT HAD OBTAINED THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE BRANCH FOR INCREASING THE STAFF OF THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION BY 30 OFFICERS TO TIGHTEN MONITORING WORK ON BUILDING STRUCTURE.

HE SAID THE TERRITORY HAD BEEN DIVIDED INTO 28 AREAS, WITH EACH TO BE SERVED BY A TEAM FROM THE SECTION.

OFFICERS FROM THE SECTION WOULD CARRY OUT REGULAR SITE INSPECTIONS TO SEE IF THERE WERE ANY STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS, DANGEROUS SIGNBOARDS, DAMAGED DRAINS, OR DECAYING CONCRETE. REPAIR ORDERS WOULD BE ISSUED TO OWNERS IF NECESSARY.

OTHER SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR WERE A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF HOUSING MANAGERS (HONG KONG BRANCH), MR MOK CHI-HUNG, WHO SPOKE ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RESIDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN BUILDING MANAGEMENT; AND COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION OFFICER, MR YUNG CHI-LEUNG, WHO EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE PREVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

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GREATER DEMAND FOR SERVICES FOR ELDERLY  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG, TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO RESPECT THE ELDERLY AND TO PAY ATTENTION TO THEIR NEEDS.

SPEAKING AT A CANTONESE OPERA CONCERT FOR THE ELDERLY ORGANISED BY THE ENDEAVOURERS, A VOLUNTARY AGENCY, AT THE CITY HALL, MRS WONG SAID HONG KONG HAD A GROWING AGED POPULATION, WITH 700,000 PEOPLE OVER THE AGE OF 60.

"DEMAND FOR ELDERLY SERVICES IS NOW GREATER THAN EVER AS LIFE EXPECTANCY GETS HIGHER."

SHE POINTED OUT THAT WORK COULD BE DONE AT THREE LEVELS.

"FIRST OF ALL, WE SHOULD CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AROUND US AND TRY TO UNDERSTAND THEIR FEELINGS AND NEEDS.

"APART FROM MEETING THEIR MATERIAL NEEDS, WE SHOULD ALSO CARE FOR THEIR FEELINGS," SHE SAID.

MRS WONG SAID FAMILY MEMBERS SHOULD TRY TO PROVIDE A COMFORTABLE AND SAFE HOME FOR THEIR ELDERLY MEMBERS AS WELL AS SHOWING SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT.

"THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE SHOULD ALSO PLAY A ROLE BY PROVIDING SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, SUCH AS SOCIAL CENTRES AND DAY CARE CENTRES.

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"THIS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE TO LEAD A HAPPY LIFE IN AN ENVIRONMENT THEY ARE FAMILIAR WITH." SHE SAID.

THE ELDERLY SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY LIFE. MRS WONG ADDED.

IN A SEPARATE FUNCTION TODAY, THE REGIONAL SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (HONG KONG), MR KWOK NAI-SIK, ALSO SPOKE ON HOW PEOPLE SHOULD TREAT AND RESPECT THE ELDERLY.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE "BETTER COMMUNICATION FOR A BETTER TOMORROW" DAY ORGANISED BY THE QUEENSWAY JAYCEES, MR KWOK SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO THE VIEWS AND SHARE THE EXPERIENCE OF THE ELDERLY.

"AT THE SAME TIME, WE CAN EXPLAIN OUR VIEWS TO THEM," HE SAID.

"THIS KIND OF TWO-WAY COMMUNICATION HELPS REDUCE THE CHANCES OF UNHARMONIOUS FAMILY RELATIONSHIP.

"FURTHERMORE, WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE THE ELDERLY TO MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE SOCIAL LIFE AS THEY COULD FIND SATISFACTION IN GETTING ALONG WITH PEOPLE FROM THE SAME GENERATION SHARING SIMILAR EXPERIENCES," HE CONTINUED.

"THEY SHOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN SOCIETY AND THE WORLD."

BY BROADENING THEIR PERSPECTIVE, THE ELDERLY WOULD FIND IT EASIER TO ACCEPT OTHER PEOPLE'S VIEWS, HE SAID.

PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO SUPPORT THEIR PARENTS IN PARTICIPATING IN SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. BY ACCOMPANYING AND SHARING WITH THEM, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES COULD BE ENHANCED, MR KWOK ADDED.

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PUBLIC URGED TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SHOULD HELP IN PROMOTING ROAD SAFETY AND IN REDUCING ROAD ACCIDENTS TO THE MINIMUM, THE POLICE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (TRAFFIC), MR CHING KWOK-HOO, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ROAD SAFETY PRESS QUIZ PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, MR CHING SAID THAT AS THE ROAD CONDITIONS WERE CONGESTED AND BUSY, THERE WAS THE NEED NOT ONLY TO CONVEY ROAD SAFETY MESSAGES TO THE PUBLIC, BUT ALSO TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY CONTINUOUSLY THROUGH DIFFERENT CHANNELS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 393 FEWER ACCIDENTS THAN IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1988, A DECLINE OF 3.2 PER CENT.

THE PRESS QUIZ, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE AND HONG KONG DAILY NEWS, SING TAO JIH PAO AND SING TAO WAN PAO, WAS HELD IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER TO REINFORCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SAFETY CODES FOR DRIVERS, PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.

THE QUIZ HAD RECEIVED A FAVOURABLE RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC AND OVER 4,000 ENTRIES WERE COLLECTED FROM THE OPEN GROUP AND THE STUDENT GROUP.

NUMEROUS SPONSORS HAD DONATED ATTRACTIVE PRIZES FOR THE QUIZ WHICH DEMONSTRATED EXTENSIVE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN SUPPORT OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

THE PRIZES INCLUDED CASH COUPONS FOR AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT, CAMERA BAGS AND FILMS, FOOD COUPONS, BALL PENS AND GIFT VOUCHERS.

GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PREVIEW THE NEW ROAD SAFETY EDUCATIONAL VIDEO FOLLOWING THE PRIZE PRESENTATION.

THE 10-MINUTE VIDEO PRODUCTION FEATURED FOUR DRAMATISED ROAD ACCIDENT CASES INVOLVING CHILDREN.

THE VIDEO, AIMED AT REMINDING CHILDREN IN EVERYDAY TRAFFIC SITUATIONS OF THE SAFETY CODES TO OBSERVE IN THE PREVENTION OF FATAL ROAD ACCIDENTS, WAS INTENDED TO HEIGHTEN THE AWARENESS OF THIS AT-RISK GROUP ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.

THE VIDEO WILL BE SCREENED TO VISITORS TO THE ROAD SAFETY EXHIBITION CENTRE IN UNITED CENTRE, 31ST FLOOR, QUEENSWAY, ROAD SAFETY PARK IN SHA TIN AND THE MOBILE ROAD SAFETY BUS.

IN ADDITION, IT WILL BE USED AS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL BY OFFICERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY TEAM DURING THEIR VISITS TO SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER, MR Y.C. YEUNG, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ROAD SAFETY OFFICERS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, AND MEMBERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

COLLECTIVE EFFORT URGED IN MEETING NEW AIRPORT GOAL

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THE SECRETARY FOR WORKS, MR KENNETH KWOK, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING CALLED FOR ALL PARTIES IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF OPENING THE NEW AIRPORT BY 1997 AND IN PROVIDING PORT FACILITIES FOR HONG KONG'S FUTURE EXPANSION.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE INSTITUTE OF QUARRYING, MR KWOK SAID OF THESE PARTIES: "YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL CONTINUE TO BE INVALUABLE AND, KNOWING THE WAY YOU HAVE CONQUERED THE CHALLENGES BEFORE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL MEET THIS BIG CHALLENGE IN THE FUTURE WITH EVEN GREATER SUCCESS."

THE GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED LAST MONTH THE DECISION TO BUILD A NEW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT CHEK LAP KOK WITH AN AIM OF HAVING THE FIRST RUNWAY OPERATIONAL BY EARLY 1997.

ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, MR KWOK SAID THE METROPLAN LANDSCAPE STRATEGY, WHICH WAS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR, PROVIDED THE POLICY SUPPORT FOR REHABILITATION OF QUARRIES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

ALREADY, THE PROPOSALS FOR THE REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SHEK O QUARRY INTO A MARINA PROJECT HAD BEEN AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND WELCOMED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, HE SAID.

"DETAILED PLANS ARE NOW BEING DRAWN UP BY THE QUARRY OPERATORS," HE SAID.

SIMILARLY, MR KWOK ADDED, AT ANDERSON ROAD IN KOWLOON, WHERE PERHAPS THE LARGEST VISIBLE SCAR COULD BE SEEN ACROSS THE HARBOUR, THE SITE WOULD BE REHABILITATED IN DUE COURSE AT THE END OF THE QUARRYING OPERATIONS, AND LANDSCAPED TO BLEND IN WITH THE NATURAL HILLSIDE.

"THIS APPROACH TO OUR URBAN QUARRIES ACHIEVES THE OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING A VALUABLE SOURCE OF QUARRYING MATERIALS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHILST AT THE SAME TIME RESTORING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AFTER THE EXTRACTION IS COMPLETED," MR KWOK SAID.

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NEED FOR EYE PROTECTION STRESSED

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MOST EYE INJURIES CAN BE AVOIDED IF THE PUBLIC ARE PROVIDED WITH SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT EYE PROTECTION AND ADOPT APPROPRIATE PREVENTIVE MEASURES. THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE EYE-CARE SEMINAR AND EXHIBITION 1989. MR HAMMOND NOTED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HANDLED 3,772 COMPENSATION CASES FOR EYE INJURIES AT WORK LAST YEAR.

"MOST OF THESE INJURIES WERE CAUSED BY FLYING OBJECTS, CORROSIVE CHEMICALS AND WELDING RADIATION, AND MANY COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED IF PROPER SAFETY PRECAUTIONS HAD BEEN OBSERVED," HE SAID.

MR HAMMOND SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ORGANISED PUBLICITY AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES ON EYE PROTECTION ON A REGULAR BASIS.

"TO MINIMISE THE NUMBER OF CASES OF WORKERS SUFFERING FROM SUCH ACCIDENTS, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ENACTED A SET OF REGULATIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF EYES," HE ADDED.

HE DESCRIBED THE EXHIBITION AS "A MEANINGFUL EVENT".

THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PROMOTE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED TO PREVENT EYE INJURIES AT HOME, IN SPORTS AND AT WORK.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, DR S.H. LEE, POINTED OUT THAT EYE INJURIES CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS WERE ON THE INCREASE, AND THAT THEY WERE MAINLY DUE TO FAILURE TO TAKE DUE CARE AND NEGLIGENCE OF HEALTH AND SAFETY RULES.

DR LEE STRESSED THAT THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HAD BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN THE PROMOTION OF VARIOUS FORMS OF HEALTH EDUCATION ON EYE CARE SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1978.

"HENCE, IT HAS JOINED HANDS WITH THE FEDERATION OF SOCIETIES FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN LAUNCHING THE CAMPAIGN ONCE AGAIN THIS YEAR," HE SAID.

DR LEE ALSO PRAISED THE EXHIBITION FOR ITS EMPHASIS ON THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF WORKERS, EMPLOYERS AND THE GOVERNMENT IN PREVENTING EYE INJURIES, BESIDES PROVIDING INFORMATION ON EYE SAFETY LEGISLATION, EYE INJURIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT MEDICAL ATTENTION.

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YOUTH CENTRES PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE

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THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING YOUTH CENTRES IS TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A VENUE FOR COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THEIR HOMES AND SCHOOLS.

THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, SAID THIS TODAY (SATURDAY) AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHINESE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION'S CHUK YUEN CENTRE, IN WONG TAI SIN.

MR CHAU SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE TIME THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH CENTRES.

THEY COULD ALSO CULTIVATE THEIR VARIOUS INTERESTS, DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND LEADERSHIP ABILITY AND ENHANCE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF AND CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS, HE ADDED.

"THROUGH VARIOUS FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, THE YOUTH CENTRES SEEK TO PROMOTE BETTER COMMUNICATION AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PARENTS AND CHILDREN FOR A HARMONIOUS AND HAPPY FAMILY LIFE.

"FURTHERMORE, STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH CENTRES OFTEN JOINTLY ORGANISE SUITABLE ACTIVITIES TO MEET LOCAL NEEDS."

MR CHAU NOTED THAT SINCE THE CHUK YUEN CENTRE BEGAN OPERATION IN MAY THIS YEAR, THE MEMBERSHIP HAD RAPIDLY INCREASED TO MORE THAN 1,900 PERSONS, AND THE DAILY NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE CENTRE AVERAGED 250.

"THIS SHOWS THAT THE CENTRE IS VERY POPULAR AMONG THE RESIDENTS AND THAT THE EFFORTS OF THE CENTRE'S STAFF HAVE BORNE FRUIT," HE SAID.

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MOCK DB MEETINGS PROMOTE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

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FORTY TEACHERS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND STUDENTS TODAY (SATURDAY) GAINED AN INSIGHT INTO THE OPERATIONS OF DISTRICT BOARDS AT MOCK DISTRICT BOARD MEETINGS ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

SPEAKING AT THE MEETING, THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK, SAID THE EVENT WAS AIMED AT ENCOURAGING PARTICIPANTS TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES MORE IN DISTRICT AFFAIRS AND TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

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HE SAID DISTRICT AFFAIRS HAD BECOME INCREASINGLY COMPLEX WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN SOCIETY, AND NOTED THAT THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN 1981 TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITIES OF PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE SCHEME ALSO SERVED AS A MEANS TO GAUGE GRASSROOT OPINIONS, ENABLING THE GOVERNMENT TO BETTER SERVE THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY IN THE CO-ORDINATION OF INTER-DEPARTMENTAL EFFORTS IN MEETING DISTRICT DEMANDS.

"THIS IS THE REASON WHY DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE COME INTO BEING," MR TAI POINTED OUT.

AFTER BRIEFING PARTICIPANTS ON THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR TAI EXPLAINED THAT THE BOARD WAS A VENUE FOR ENHANCING CIVIC AWARENESS, AND A FORUM THROUGH WHICH THE PUBLIC COULD DISCHARGE THEIR CIVIC OBLIGATIONS.

MR TAI URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE MORE CONCERNED WITH THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY AND TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

HE ALSO HOPED THAT THEY WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO KEEP THEMSELVES ABREAST OF LATEST POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AT ALL LEVELS.

PEOPLE SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE EXISTING CHANNELS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND TO MONITOR THE WORK OF THE GOVERNMENT AND DISTRICT BOARDS, HE SAID.

DURING THE MOCK BOARD MEETINGS, PARTICIPANTS ENTHUSIASTICALLY EXCHANGED THEIR VIEWS ON A COMPREHENSIVE CLEARANCE OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS AND THE PROPOSED ANTI-SMOKING MEASURES PUT FORWARD BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH.

THEY ALSO LISTENED CAREFULLY TO ANSWERS GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH AS WELL AS THE COUNCIL ON SMOKING AND HEALTH.

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PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS TO OPEN ON MONDAY

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THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT ONE LANE IN THE WESTBOUND TUBE OF THE PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS IN CENTRAL WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 13).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ONE LANE IN THE EASTBOUND TUBE WOULD BE OPENED SOON.

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"THE OPENING OF THE UNDERPASS WILL ALLOW THROUGH TRAFFIC TRAVELLING ALONG CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO PASS UNDER THE PEDDER STREET JUNCTION IN FREE FLOW CONDITIONS, WITHOUT HAVING TO STOP AT THE TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

"THE REMOVAL OF THIS THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM THE GROUND LEVEL ROADS WILL ALLOW THE ADJUSTMENT OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS SO THAT MORE TIME WILL BE GIVEN TO CROSS TURNING TRAFFIC. AND ENABLE THE GROUND LEVEL ROADS AT THE JUNCTION TO BE RECONSTRUCTED WITH MINIMUM DISRUPTION TO MOTORISTS," HE SAID.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE GROUND LEVEL ROADWORKS ADJACENT TO THE UNDERPASS RAMPS, THE SECOND LANE IN EACH TUBE OF THE UNDERPASS WOULD BE OPENED.

"THIS WILL OFFER FURTHER RELIEF TO BOTH THROUGH TRAFFIC USING THE UNDERPASS AND TURNING TRAFFIC USING THE GROUND LEVEL JUNCTION." THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE \$78 MILLION PEDDER STREET UNDERPASS IS 280 METRES IN LENGTH, AND HAS DUAL TWO LANE CARRIAGEWAYS.

THE UNDERPASS WAS DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WAS SUPERVISED BY CONSULTING ENGINEERS PETER Y.S. PUN AND ASSOCIATES ON BEHALF OF HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT, AND CONSTRUCTED BY KIER HONG KONG LIMITED.

THE COLOUR SCHEME IN THE UNDERPASS WAS DESIGNED BY ATELIER CLER, A FRENCH CHROMATIC SPECIALIST.

THE NON-ROAD AREAS ABOVE THE UNDERPASS WILL BE LANDSCAPED.

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TSUEN WAN POST OFFICE REMAINS OPEN

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THE TSUEN WAN POST OFFICE LOCATED AT 407 CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL NOT CLOSE DOWN TODAY (SATURDAY) AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"CUSTOMERS WILL THEREFORE BE ABLE TO CONDUCT THEIR POSTAL BUSINESS AS USUAL AT THIS POST OFFICE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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CARNIVAL IN SOUTHERN TOMORROW

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A CARNIVAL, OFFERING MORE THAN 20 GAMES AND CRAFTS STALLS IN ADDITION TO A VARIETY SHOW, WILL BE HELD FOR SOUTHERN DISTRICT RESIDENTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE FOUR-HOUR DISTRICT FESTIVAL EVENT WILL START AT 1 PM AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG. ADMISSION IS FREE AND TICKETS FOR STALL-GAMES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OCCASION WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM. OFFICIATING WILL BE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT FESTIVAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE'S CARNIVAL WORKING GROUP, MR POON SHUN-KWOK.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL FEATURE PERFORMANCES BY FILM AND TELEVISION ARTIST LO HOI-PANG AND OTHER POPULAR SINGERS. A SONG REQUEST PROGRAMME TO BE HOSTED BY DISC JOCKEY YU SIU-KEI, MAGIC SHOWS, AND A TAEKWONDO DEMONSTRATION BY MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

WINNERS OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT SONG CONTEST AND THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF THE DISTRICT WILL ALSO PERFORM AT THE SHOW.

APART FROM 16 GAME-STALLS, THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF ARTS AND CRAFTS STALLS ON MAKING "GRASS HOPPERS" AND RIBBON FLOWERS, AND ON CALLIGRAPHY AND PAPER-FOLDING.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS WILL INCLUDE PALM READING, PORTRAIT SKETCHING AND CHINESE CHESS DEMONSTRATION STALLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT FESTIVAL CARNIVAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 1 PM TO 5 PM AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND IN WONG CHUK HANG.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OCCASION WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM.

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YAU TSIM DB AND TTC MEET ON MONDAY

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THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 13) IMMEDIATELY AFTER A REGULAR MEETING OF ITS TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

AT THE SPECIAL MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 4 PM, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WILL BRIEF DB MEMBERS ON REDEVELOPMENT STUDIES ON YUNNAN LANE AND THE AREA BOUNDED BY SOY STREET, KANSU STREET, NATHAN ROAD AND FERRY STREET.

AT THE TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE MEETING, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM, SEVERAL PROJECTS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE DISCUSSED.

THE PROJECTS, SCHEDULED TO START IN LATE 1990, WILL INCLUDE SETTING UP A TRAFFIC GYRATORY SYSTEM AT MIDDLE ROAD AND THE WIDENING OF SALISBURY ROAD AND CANTON ROAD.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE IN THE NORTHWEST KOWLOON TRAFFIC STUDY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER BOTH MEETINGS, WHICH WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490 NATHAN ROAD. THE TTC MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 4 PM.

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KWAI TSING ARTS FESTIVAL PROGRAMME TO BE ANNOUNCED

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MORE THAN 30 EVENTS HAVE BEEN LINED UP FOR THE THIRD KWAI TSING ARTS FESTIVAL FROM MID-DECEMBER TO EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THE OPENING CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 17.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT ARTS AND CULTURE CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AND REGIONAL COUNCIL WITH A BUDGET OF ABOUT \$500,000.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES FOREIGN AND LOCAL MOVIES, CHINESE OPERA, TRADITIONAL FOLK DANCE, MODERN DANCE, DRAMA, CHINESE ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE, AS WELL AS PUPPET AND MAGIC SHOWS.

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THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 13) TO ANNOUNCE FULL DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME. DATES OF TICKET BOOKING AND A CONCESSIONARY TICKET SCHEME.

PRESENT WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE. MR LEUNG KWONG-CHEONG: KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER. MR PAUL TANG: AND DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN. MR LEE WING-TAT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE KWAI TSING ARTS FESTIVAL PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11.30 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 13) AT THE LOTUS ROOM. ROYAL GARDEN HOTEL. TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL THEME FOR NORTH DISTRICT CARNIVAL

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A CARNIVAL. ORGANISED IN SUPPORT OF THIS YEAR'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND THE TERRITORY-WIDE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN. WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AT THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND.

IT WILL TAKE PLACE FROM 2 PM TO 5 PM. ADMISSION IS FREE.

"THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION. WALLBOARD PAINTINGS. GAMES STALLS AND PERFORMANCES BY A CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND DANCE TROUPES.

"THESE ACTIVITIES ARE ALL AIMED AT BRINGING HOME TO NORTH DISTRICT RESIDENTS THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND KEEPING IT CLEAN." A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANISING WORKING GROUP SAID.

HAVING THE THEME OF "BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT IN NORTH DISTRICT". THE EXHIBITION WILL COMPRISE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF SCENIC SPOTS AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN THE DISTRICT.

ABOUT 300 STUDENTS FROM 14 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT TOOK PART IN THE WALLBOARD PAINTING EXERCISE.

BOOKMARKS. PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS. SOUVENIRS AND GIFTS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS AND VISITORS.

THE EVENT HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY A WORKING GROUP UNDER THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD. WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL.

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OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE NORTH DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LIU CHING-LEUNG; CHAIRMAN OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE SELECT COMMITTEE, MR PANG HOK-TUEN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, MR LAW CHAK-TONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE FANLING RECREATION GROUND. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2 PM.

ACAF MEMBERS VISIT SHAM WAN FISH CULTURE ZONE

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MEMBERS OF THE AQUACULTURE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES SPENT THE MORNING TODAY (SATURDAY) SEEING FOR THEMSELVES OPERATIONS OF THE LOCAL MARICULTURE INDUSTRY.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, DR CHRISTOPHER LEE. MEMBERS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN MR ANDREW WONG AND VICE-CHAIRMAN MR SO MOON-CHEUNG, VISITED THE SHAM WAN FISH CULTURE ZONE IN THE EASTERN NEW TERRITORIES, ONE OF THE 28 DESIGNATED FISH CULTURE ZONES UNDER THE MARINE FISH CULTURE ORDINANCE.

THEY WERE BRIEFED ON THE CURRENT SITUATION OF THE MARICULTURE INDUSTRY AND THE AFD'S CONTINUED EFFORT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND EXTENSION SERVICES TO HELP MARICULTURISTS IN INCREASING PRODUCTIVITY.

MEMBERS WERE TOLD THAT THE TOTAL MARICULTURE PRODUCTION IN 1988 AMOUNTED TO 3,280 TONNES, VALUED AT \$222 MILLION.

THEY ALSO LEARNT THAT A GOVERNMENT-COMMISSIONED CONSULTANCY STUDY TO CONDUCT AN OVERALL REVIEW ON MARICULTURE HAD STARTED THIS MONTH AND WOULD TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TO GAIN MORE FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS, THE GROUP HAS SCHEDULED A VISIT TO FISH PONDS IN YUEN LONG LATER THIS MONTH.

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PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY ZONE IN CHEUNG CHAU

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO ENHANCE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY, THE SECTION OF CHURCH ROAD BETWEEN CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AND OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH ON CHEUNG CHAU WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR DAILY PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY ZONE FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 13).

SUBJECT TO A DIRECTION GIVEN BY A POLICE OFFICER IN UNIFORM OR A TRAFFIC WARDEN IN UNIFORM, THE DRIVER OF A VEHICLE SHALL GIVE WAY TO A PEDESTRIAN WITHIN THE PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY ZONE.

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