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SUPPORT FOR ARTS SHOULD COME FROM ALL SECTORS: GOVERNOR

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IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT A PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY SUCH AS HONG KONG'S SHOULD USE A PART OF ITS WEALTH TO SUPPORT THE ARTS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, SAID TONIGHT (SATURDAY).

"BUT THIS IS NOT A ROLE FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR ALONE," HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 1989 HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE CITY HALL, SIR DAVID SAID THE ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY HAD ALWAYS WORKED ENERGETICALLY AND EFFECTIVELY TO GENERATE CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP FOR ITS ACTIVITIES.

IN THANKING PATRONS AND SPONSORS WHOSE GENEROSITY HAD HELPED TO MAKE THE FESTIVAL POSSIBLE, THE GOVERNOR ALSO ENCOURAGED OTHERS TO FOLLOW SUIT.

"SPONSORSHIP OF THE ARTS BENEFITS NOT ONLY THE ARTISTS, BUT THE COMMUNITY AS WELL -- AND OCCASIONALLY OF COURSE THE SPONSOR TOO," SIR DAVID SAID.

"SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1973, THE FESTIVAL HAS PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN OPENING THE EYES OF HONG KONG PEOPLE TO THE PLEASURES AND DELIGHTS OF THE PERFORMING ARTS. IT HAS ALSO HELPED TO BUILD UP AN AUDIENCE FOR OUR HOME GROWN ARTISTS," HE SAID.

"MANY OF THEM, INCLUDING THE ORCHESTRA THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO HEAR TONIGHT, NOW TAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE FESTIVAL'S PROGRAMME," HE ADDED.

SIR DAVID NOTED THAT WHILE A GREAT DEAL OF HARD WORK WENT INTO ORGANISING A FESTIVAL SUCH AS THIS, THE COMMUNITY WAS FORTUNATE THAT SO MANY PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE SO MUCH TIME AND EFFORT TO THE ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

THE GOVERNOR PAID PARTICULAR TRIBUTE TO THE OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY, SIR RUN RUN SHAW.

"AS ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE HONG KONG ARTS FESTIVAL SOCIETY AND CHAIRMAN SINCE 1975, YOUR UNFAILING SUPPORT AND POSITIVE APPROACH HAVE DONE AN IMMENSE AMOUNT TO ESTABLISH THE FESTIVAL AS A VERY SPECIAL PART OF OUR CULTURAL LIFE IN HONG KONG," SIR DAVID SAID.

"THE SEEDS THAT YOU HAVE SOWN AND NURTURED WILL, I KNOW, CONTINUE TO BLOSSOM FOR MANY YEARS TO COME," HE ADDED.

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CARING ROLE FOR POLICE IN COMMUNITY

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THE SECRETARY FOR DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, MR DONALD LIAO, POINTED OUT TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT POLICE OFFICERS PLAYED A DUAL ROLE BOTH AS UPHOLDERS OF THE LAW AND AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND THE GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING AT A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG, MR LIAO TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT AS MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE, THEY HAD A CRUCIAL PART TO PLAY IN MAINTAINING THE SECURITY AND WELL BEING OF HONG KONG. .

"FROM THE FIRST DAY YOU ASSUME DUTIES AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE FORCE, YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF BEING CONSTANTLY EXPOSED TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY THROUGH YOUR DAY-TO-DAY CONTACTS WITH THE PUBLIC AT LARGE," SAID MR LIAO.

"WITH YOUR CONSPICUOUS PRESENCE IN THE STREETS THROUGH YOUR UNIFORM, PEOPLE WILL TURN TO YOU WITH ALL KINDS OF REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. YOU WILL FIND YOURSELF HELPING CHILDREN TO CROSS THE ROAD, THE HANDICAPPED TO WALK UP A FOOTBRIDGE, SHOWING BEWILDERED VISITORS THE WAY TO WHERE THEY WANT TO GO.

"ON OCCASIONS, YOU MAY SIMPLY BE CHATTING TO TOURISTS OR ANYBODY WHO COME BY TO SEE IF THEY NEED ANY HELP," HE SAID.

MR LIAO ADDED THAT THE APPROACHABILITY AND KINDNESS OF THE POLICE OFFICERS WOULD CERTAINLY BE MUCH APPRECIATED AND WOULD IN TURN ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF THE FORCE.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, HE SAID, THE OFFICERS WOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW, AND HELPED PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIETY INTO ONE WHERE THERE WAS MUTUAL CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

"THERE CAN BE NO GREATER JOB SATISFACTION THAN THE SENSE THAT YOU ARE SERVING YOUR FELLOW MEN, OR THE KNOWLEDGE THAT PEOPLE TURN TO YOU FOR LEADERSHIP AND PROTECTION. YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO FEEL PROUD TO WEAR THE POLICE UNIFORM," HE CONCLUDED.

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PARENTS URGED NOT TO LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (FAMILY WELFARE), MR ALFRED CHUI, TODAY (SATURDAY) URGED PARENTS NOT TO LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED TO MINIMISE HOUSEHOLD ACCIDENTS.

HE ALSO REMINDED PARENTS NOT TO OVER-ESTIMATE THE SELF-CARE ABILITY OF CHILDREN BY LEAVING THEM UNATTENDED.

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SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE ON YAN CHILD CARE CENTRE IN FU SIN ESTATE, TAI PO, MR CHUI SAID THAT PARENTS SHOULD MAKE USE OF SERVICES FROM CHILD CARE CENTRES AND MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WHENEVER THEY HAD TO LEAVE THE HOME, ENSURING SAFETY AND RENDERING PROPER CARE.

"LEAVING YOUNG CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME IS RISKY AND MAY RESULT IN ACCIDENTS RANGING FROM BURNS OR INJURIES CAUSED BY A FALL; OR EVEN TRAGEDIES SUCH AS TAKING MEDICINES BY MISTAKE, ELECTRIC SHOCK, OR FALLING FROM A HEIGHT," HE SAID.

MR CHUI DEEPLY REGRETTEED THE OCCURRENCE OF TWO RECENT TRAGEDIES INVOLVING CHILDREN WHO FELL FROM THEIR HOMES.

SOME TRAGEDIES IN RECENT YEARS COULD HAVE EASILY BEEN AVOIDED HAD PARENTS BEEN MORE AWARE OF THE DANGER OF LEAVING CHILDREN UNATTENDED, HE SAID.

TURNING TO CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE TERRITORY, MR CHUI NOTED THAT AT PRESENT THERE WERE 293 CHILD CARE CENTRES OF VARIOUS TYPES WITH 30,824 PLACEMENTS. OF THESE CENTRES, 161 WERE AIDED AND 35 OTHERS WERE SUBVENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THESE CENTRES HAD TO COMPLY WITH THE CHILD CARE CENTRE LEGISLATION IN RELATION TO FACILITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE AND MANNING RATIO.

"OFFICERS OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD CARE CENTRE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE ARE MONITORING THEIR OPERATION AND PAY REGULAR VISITS SO AS TO ENSURE THAT PROPER SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER," HE SAID.

"MOREOVER, THE GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED THE 'FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME FOR PRE-PRIMARY SERVICES' IN 1982 TO HELP LOW-INCOME FAMILIES ENROL CHILDREN IN NURSERIES."

MR CHUI COMMENDED THE TSUNG TSIN MISSION, HONG KONG, FOR ITS CONTRIBUTION TO COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CHILD CARE SERVICES IN THE TERRITORY. WITH THE OPENING OF THE ON YAN CHILD CARE CENTRE, THE MISSION NOW OPERATES FOUR DAY NURSERIES WITH A TOTAL OF 475 PLACEMENTS.

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YOUNG OFFENDERS TO USE NEW COMPUTERS TO HELP THE BLIND

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TRAINING PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS RUN BY THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE RECENTLY BEEN ENHANCED WITH THE PURCHASE OF FOUR MICRO-COMPUTERS.

THE PURCHASE OF THE FOUR MICRO-COMPUTERS WAS MADE POSSIBLE WITH A GENEROUS DONATION OF \$137,000 FROM THE HONG KONG BANK TRUSTEE LIMITED (WILLIE AND SYLVIA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND) TO THE DEPARTMENT.

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TWO OF THE MICRO-COMPUTERS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED IN LAI KING TRAINING CENTRE (LKTC) WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE IN TAI TAM GAP CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION (TGCI).

"THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW COMPUTER PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS WILL NOT ONLY TRAIN INMATES TO OPERATE MICRO-COMPUTERS, BUT ALSO PROVIDE A SERVICE TO HELP BLIND PEOPLE IN HONG KONG," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROGRAMME WILL MAINLY INVOLVE ENTERING TEXT FROM BOOKS AND MAGAZINES INTO THE MICRO-COMPUTERS WHICH WILL BE STORED ON FLOPPY DISCS.

THESE WILL THEN BE FED TO THE EMBOSSING MACHINE AT THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND, WHICH WILL TURN OUT BRAILLE COPIES AS REQUIRED.

"UNDER THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT, THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND WILL SEND BOOKS TO THE DEPARTMENT AND INMATES AT THE TWO INSTITUTIONS WILL TRANSFER THE CONTENTS OF THE BOOKS TO THE DISKETTES USING THE MICRO-COMPUTERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"AFTER COMPLETION AND PROOF-READING, THE BOOKS AND DISKETTES WILL BE RETURNED AND EXCHANGED FOR ANOTHER BATCH.

"THE INITIAL OUTPUT RATE IS ESTIMATED AT 1,200 PAGES EACH MONTH. WE EXPECT THAT THE OUTPUT MAY BE DOUBLED WHEN MORE INMATES ARE TRAINED TO OPERATE THE MICRO-COMPUTERS," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PETER MANN APPOINTED WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER

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MR PETER MANN HAS BEEN APPOINTED WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 30) TO SUCCEED MR ALLAN CHOW, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR MANN JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1976 AFTER GRADUATING FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY WITH A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE.

HE HAS SUBSEQUENTLY SERVED IN A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT BRANCHES AND DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE WHERE HE DEALT WITH DEVELOPMENT MATTERS, AND THE SECURITY BRANCH WHERE HE WAS INVOLVED IN IMMIGRATION AND BORDER MATTERS.

IN 1982, MR MANN WAS POSTED TO THE TRANSPORT BRANCH, WORKING MAINLY ON THE PRIVATISATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION.

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HE WAS PROMOTED IN 1985 TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CONSTRUCTION) IN THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

MR MANN'S LATEST POSTING WAS PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN THE LANDS AND WORKS BRANCH WHERE HE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES.

MR MANN SPEAKS CANTONESE AND HAS A KEEN INTEREST IN CHINESE CULTURE, PARTICULARLY TAI CHI CHUEN.

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CLEAN-UP BEGINS IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT

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A YEAR-END CLEAN-UP DRIVE BEGAN IN YAU TSIM DISTRICT TODAY (SATURDAY) WITH 12 TEMPORARY REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS BEING SET UP FOR RESIDENTS TO DISPOSE OF REFUSE AND LARGE ITEMS OF JUNK BEFORE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

THE CLEAN-UP IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS THE FINAL ACTIVITY IN THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN.

THE LOCATIONS AND OPERATING HOURS OF THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DATE ----	LOCATION -----	OPERATING HOURS -----
JANUARY 28	DUNDAS STREET	0700-2330
JANUARY 29	SHEK LUNG STREET	0700-2330
JANUARY 29	JUNCTION OF SHANGHAI STREET WITH WATERLOO ROAD	0700-1530
JANUARY 30	CANTON ROAD (OPPOSITE YAU MA TEI POLICE STATION)	0700-1530
JANUARY 30	MAN CHEONG STREET	0700-1530
JANUARY 30	BATTERY STREET	0700-2330
JANUARY 31	PARKES STREET	0700-2330
FEBRUARY 1	KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK	0700-2330
FEBRUARY 2 AND 3	KIMBERLEY STREET	0700-2330

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FEBRUARY 4	MINDEN ROW	0700-1530
FEBRUARY 4	HAIPHONG ROAD	0700-2330
FEBRUARY 5	AUTO PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI EAST	0700-1530

ADDITIONAL CLEANSING STAFF HAVE ALSO BEEN MOBILISED TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN REFUSE.

THE CLEAN-UP MESSAGE WAS ALSO DRIVEN HOME TO HAWKERS AND SHOP OPERATORS IN THE YAU MA TEI, HAIPHONG ROAD AND KWUN CHUNG MARKETS THROUGH A MARKET CLEANLINESS CONTEST HELD LAST NOVEMBER.

OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY WERE THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WONG HON-HO; URBAN COUNCILLOR, MISS JULIANA LI; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR T.K. CHOY; CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH; CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN, MR GARY AHUJA; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN'S CLEANSING WORKING GROUP, MR YAN FAT-CHUEN.

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KEEP HK CLEAN CARNIVAL IN SHAM SHUI PO

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RESIDENTS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE URGED TO KEEP THEIR ENVIRONMENT CLEAN THROUGH FUN AND GAMES IN A CARNIVAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND.

THE CARNIVAL IS ORGANISED BY THE "WORKING GROUP ON KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN" OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS WERE ESSENTIAL FOR IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT.

"IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT THEY ARE MADE AWARE OF THE NEED TO KEEP PLACES CLEAN," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

TOMORROW'S CARNIVAL WILL FEATURE 12 GAMES STALLS TO BE PUT UP BY AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AS PART OF A STALL DESIGN COMPETITION, POP SINGING AND A MAGIC SHOW.

PRIZES WILL ALSO BE AWARDED TO WINNERS OF A "KEEP YOUR BUILDING CLEAN" COMPETITION HELD BY THE WORKING GROUP LAST NOVEMBER.

THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WILL INCLUDE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS JENNY CHOK; ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES, MR SYLVESTER TSE; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR CHUNG PUI-LAM.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2 PM AT THE MAPLE STREET PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS

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PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A CIVIC EDUCATION SEMINAR ON "SOCIAL MORALITY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS" TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

TWO IDENTICAL SESSIONS - ONE IN THE MORNING AND THE OTHER IN THE AFTERNOON - WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THE SEMINAR IS ORGANISED BY THE CIVIC EDUCATION SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE AIM IS TO ACQUAINT PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPING A SENSE OF SOCIAL MORALITY AMONG PRIMARY PUPILS.

THE SEMINAR WILL ALSO GIVE PARTICIPANTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND SHARE EXPERIENCES ON THE SUBJECT.

THERE WILL BE TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ON HOW TO DEVELOP SUCH A SENSE OF SOCIAL MORALITY AND HOW TO USE TEACHING MATERIALS ON THE SUBJECT.

A SET OF TEACHING MATERIALS ON SOCIAL MORALITY IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE SEMINAR. AN EXHIBITION OF TEACHING MATERIALS ON THE SAME THEME WILL BE MOUNTED.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE ASKED TO NOMINATE TEACHERS TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR. THE NOMINATIONS SHOULD REACH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BEFORE TUESDAY (JANUARY 31).

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CLEAN-UP EXERCISE AT RENNIE'S MILL

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A GOOD START TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT WORK IN RENNIE'S MILL IN 1989 WILL BE MADE WHEN A MAJOR CLEAN-UP EXERCISE IS HELD ON MONDAY (JANUARY 30).

THE EXERCISE AIMS AT IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE AREA AND AT AROUSING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

MORE THAN 300 STUDENTS FROM THE SIX PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE AREA WILL TAKE PART.

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THESE STUDENTS WILL ASSEMBLE AT THE SPORTS GROUND OF THE RENNIE'S MILL SECONDARY SCHOOL AT 9.30 AM. THEY WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SIX CLEAN-UP TEAMS AND EACH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEANING UP DIFFERENT AREAS.

THEY WILL COLLECT REFUSE IN THE STREETS AND CLEAR RUBBISH ACCUMULATED AT THE SEAFRONT.

THE SAI KUNG ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), MISS LISA CHAN, DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND RENNIE'S MILL MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WILL ALSO TAKE PART IN THE EXERCISE.

THE EXERCISE IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE, THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT (SAI KUNG OFFICE).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE RENNIE'S MILL CLEAN-UP EXERCISE ON MONDAY. TRANSPORT TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO RENNIE'S MILL WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER IN TSIM SHA TSUI AT 8.15 AM.

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DB ISSUES POSTER WARNING AGAINST FALLING OBJECTS
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THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD HAS PRINTED A POSTER TO REMIND RESIDENTS TO BE MINDFUL OF ITEMS PLACED BY WINDOWS OR ON BALCONIES AND TO TAKE CARE TO PREVENT SUCH OBJECTS FROM FALLING.

FOLLOWING INCIDENTS IN WHICH PEOPLE WERE KILLED OR INJURED BY FALLING OBJECTS, THE BOARD FORMED A WORKING GROUP LAST NOVEMBER TO STEP UP PUBLICITY ON THIS PROBLEM AND TO REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT ALLOWING OBJECTS TO FALL FROM A HEIGHT COULD LEAD TO PROSECUTION.

A TOTAL OF 1,000 COPIES OF THE POSTER WERE PRINTED. THEY HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO OWNERS CORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND SCHOOLS, AND SOME COPIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE WORKING GROUP ALSO PLANS TO DISTRIBUTE TO RESIDENTS SHORTLY 10,000 COPIES OF A METRIC SCALE CONVERSION TABLE WHICH BEARS THE DESIGN AND SLOGAN OF THE PUBLICITY POSTER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING GROUP SAID: "THE PUBLIC SHOULD SEE TO IT THAT THINGS NEAR THE WINDOW ARE PROPERLY PLACED, AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT STAFF SHOULD ALSO BE TOLD TO KEEP AN EYE ON OBJECTS PUT ON THE BALCONIES AND WINDOWS IN THEIR BUILDINGS. IF EVERYONE WILL BE MORE CAREFUL, ACCIDENTS CAN BE PREVENTED."

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EARLY WELFARE PAYMENT

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RECIPIENTS OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL NEEDS ALLOWANCES (SNA) HOLDING CASH ORDER BOOKS MAY RECEIVE EARLIER WELFARE PAYMENT IF THEIR PAYMENT DATES FALL DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS, FEBRUARY 5 TO 8.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THEY MAY CASH THEIR COUPONS ON JANUARY 31 TO FEBRUARY 3 RESPECTIVELY OR AFTER AT THE DESIGNATED POST OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES AND TREASURY SUB-OFFICES.

SNA RECIPIENTS UNDER THE BANK PAYMENT SYSTEM WILL GET THEIR PAYMENT ON FEBRUARY 3 IF THEIR ORIGINAL PAY DAY FALLS ON FEBRUARY 5.

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PUBLIC WARNED AGAINST CUTTING TREES, PLANTS

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THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) WARNED NOT TO CUT ANY TREES OR PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR DECORATIVE USE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

THE COUNTRY PARKS PROTECTION OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR C.W. LAI, SAID THAT CUTTING TREES OR PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE FORESTS AND COUNTRYSIDE ORDINANCE.

"CONTRAVENTION OF THE ORDINANCE MAY LEAD TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$ 2,000 AND ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT," HE SAID.

"ALTHOUGH THE PUBLIC IS BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVING THE COUNTRYSIDE ENVIRONMENT, SEVEN PEOPLE WERE PROSECUTED LAST YEAR FOR CUTTING TREES AND PLANTS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

"SOME OF THESE CASES INVOLVED FLOWERING BRANCHES OF 'TIU CHUNG' TREES WHICH ARE SOUGHT FOR ORNAMENTAL PURPOSES DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR," HE ADDED.

MR LAI SAID THAT WILD FLOWERS AND TREES ARE BEST APPRECIATED IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT AND SHOULD NOT BE PICKED OR CUT.

HE APPEALED FOR PUBLIC CO-OPERATION AND SAID ANY SUCH ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE NEAREST COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE.

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WATER CUTS IN SAI KUNG, KWAI CHUNG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME SAI KUNG PREMISES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 31) TO FACILITATE WATER WORKS.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT ALL PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN PAK KONG AU, TAI SHUI TSENG, FU YUNG PIT, WO TONG KONG AND NAM SHAN.

ALL PREMISES IN SAI KUNG TOWN WILL EXPERIENCE WEAK PRESSURE IN FRESH WATER SUPPLY.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN KWAI CHUNG PREMISES WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 1) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT AN AREA BOUNDED BY TAI WO HAU ROAD, SHEUNG KOK STREET AND BLOCKS 1-26 KWAI CHUNG ESTATE.

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