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TOPLEY SPEAKS ABOUT TEACHERS' IMPORTANT ROLE

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+A DEDICATED, RESOURCEFUL AND WELL-TRAINED TEACHER CAN KINDLE THE PUPILS' ENTHUSIASM, FIRE THEIR IMAGINATION AND BRING OUT THEIR INDIVIDUAL POTENTIAL,+ THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID THIS AFTERNOON.

ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE AT THE SPEECH DAY OF YING WA GIRLS' SCHOOL, MR. TOPLEY SAID THE TEACHER WAS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE FACTOR IN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL LIFE OF A PUPIL.

+WITH THE PRESENT EDUCATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, SO MANY ACTIVITIES GOING ON IN SCHOOL TAKE PLACE IN THE CLASSROOM THAT THE PART ASSUMED BY THE TEACHER CAN HARDLY BE OVERSTRESSED,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO REFERRED TO OTHER FACTORS WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR THE SUCCESS OR OTHERWISE OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL. THESE WERE BASIC SKILLS AND THE HOME.

CERTAIN BASIC SKILLS - LISTENING, SPEAKING, READING AND WRITING - WERE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE AT BOTH THE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY STAGES OF EDUCATION.

MR. TOPLEY SAID THE HOME WAS OF INCALCULABLE VALUE IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE PUPILS' OVERALL SUCCESS.

+THE CHILD OF PARENTS WHO ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SACRIFICES IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR CHILDREN WILL HAVE A BETTER CHANCE IN LIFE THAN THE CHILD OF PARENTS WHO ARE UNWILLING TO RESTRICT THEIR FREEDOM AND PLEASURES IN ORDER TO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN A BACKGROUND OF ORDERED LIVING AND SECURITY,+ HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT YING WA GIRLS' SCHOOL HAD SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING ABOUT ALL-ROUND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IN EDUCATING THE GIRLS.

+THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AS IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT IN THE EDUCATION PROCESS THE DIFFERENT FACETS OF THE STUDENT'S PERSONALITY CANNOT BE SEPARATED AND THAT PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, MORAL AND CULTURAL SIDES INTERACT AND PRODUCE THE WHOLE,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

YING WA HAD GROWN IN SIZE AND PRESTIGE OVER THE LAST 77 YEARS IN RESPONSE TO THE CHANGING NEEDS OF HONG KONG.

+IT IS NOW ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN OUR COMMUNITY= IT CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AND OF THE MANY GRADUATES WHO HAVE BEEN SO WELL PREPARED FOR ADULT LIFE,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

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ROLE OF VOLUNTARY SECTOR
VITAL IN SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES
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THE ROLE OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IS VITAL IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+THE SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION TO THE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS YEAR BY YEAR, AND THE CONTINUOUS AND INTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR IN THE JOINT PREPARATION AND REVIEWS OF SOCIAL WELFARE PLANS ARE PRACTICAL INDICATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEW,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA, MR. LEE NOTED THAT THERE WERE MANY AREAS WHERE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS TO EXPAND EXISTING SERVICES OR ENTER INTO NEW ENDEAVOURS.

IN THE FIELD OF REHABILITATION, HE CONTINUED, ONE AREA REQUIRING URGENT PROVISION OF SERVICE WOULD BE THE RESIDENTIAL AND DAY CARE OF SEVERELY RETARDED PERSONS AND THE MODERATELY RETARDED WITH OTHER PROBLEMS.

+VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS INTERESTED IN AND CAPABLE OF SETTING UP SUCH SERVICES WILL BE ENCOURAGED AND GIVEN FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO TAKE UP THIS DIFFICULT WORK,+ HE STRESSED.

AS REGARDS SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY, MR. LEE SAID: +WHILE IT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED THAT THE ELDERLY SHOULD AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BE CARED FOR IN THE COMMUNITY, WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND INFIRMITY ALLOWANCE SCHEMES, THERE IS STILL CONSIDERABLE NEED FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT BE CARED FOR IN THIS WAY TO BE LOOKED AFTER IN AN INSTITUTIONAL SETTING SUCH AS HOMES FOR THE AGED, HOSTELS AND 'CARE AND ATTENTION' HOMES.+

THE DIRECTOR ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WOULD BE EXPANSION IN THIS FIELD OF WORK ALONG WITH NEW FACILITIES FOR DAY CARE AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES AND HOME HELP SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY WHO CONTINUE TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY.

+CARE FOR THE ELDERLY HAS BEEN ONE OF THE POPULAR SERVICES AMONG VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND THEY WILL NO DOUBT WELCOME OPPORTUNITIES TO DO MORE FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS,+ HE ADDED.

TURNING TO PREVENTIVE SOCIAL WORK FOR YOUTH, MR. LEE SAID: +DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SOME INITIAL EXPANSION IN PREVENTIVE SOCIAL WORK FOR YOUTH, FOLLOWING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE REPORT ON SOCIAL CAUSES OF CRIME.

+SUCH SERVICES TAKE THE FORM OF SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK, YOUTH GUIDANCE PROJECTS, LEADERSHIP SCHEMES IN PLAYGROUNDS, FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND DETACHED WORK.+

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THE PRIMARY OBJECT, HE CONTINUED, WOULD BE TO ENABLE SOCIAL WORKERS TO REACH OUT TO THOSE YOUNG PERSONS IN AN EARLY STAGE AND TO OFFER ASSISTANCE IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY, BEFORE THEIR PROBLEMS BECAME SERIOUS.

+THIS IS ANOTHER AREA WHICH IS BEING ACTIVELY LOOKED INTO BY GOVERNMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR WITH A VIEW TO SETTING OUT A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN THE ACTUAL PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICE FOR YOUNG PERSONS AT RISK,+ HE ADDED.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT ANOTHER FIELD OF WORK IN WHICH VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS COULD MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE CHILD CARE IN THE FORM OF NURSERIES.

+SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE WHICH REQUIRES ALL CENTRES TO BE SET UP WITH CERTAIN MINIMUM STANDARD, A NUMBER OF SUB-STANDARD PRIVATE NURSERIES HAVE CLOSED DOWN. ALTHOUGH NEW NURSERIES ARE BEING SET UP BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS THERE IS NEED FOR MORE CENTRES TO BE OPENED.

+APART FROM ONE NURSERY WHICH IS BEING RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT AS A MODEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING CHILD CARE WORKERS, ALL THE NON-PROFIT MAKING NURSERIES IN HONG KONG ARE RUN BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE ACQUIRED VERY VALUABLE EXPERIENCE OVER THE YEARS IN THE PROVISION OF THIS CHILD CARE SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY BACK TO WORK

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THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, HAS RETURNED TO WORK TODAY AFTER EIGHT WEEKS LEAVE.

MR. DAVID JORDAN, WHO ACTED AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY WHILE MR. HADDON-CAVE WAS AWAY, WILL HIMSELF BE GOING ON LEAVE FROM JULY 13 TO SEPTEMBER 7.

IN THE MEANTIME, MR. BILL DORWARD, WILL CONTINUE TO ACT AS DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY WHILE MR. JORDAN IS ON LEAVE.

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COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT KEY TO SUCCESSFUL
HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME
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HONG KONG'S OUTSTANDING AND SUCCESSFUL HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON FAMILY PLANNING AND IMMUNISATION HAVE BEEN DUE TO LARGE-SCALE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND NOT JUST TO THE EFFORTS OF PROFESSIONAL GROUPS.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, IN HIS ADDRESS TO THE SACRED HEART CANOSSIAN COLLEGE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY THIS AFTERNOON.

HE SAID SUCCESSFUL HEALTH EDUCATION HAS BROUGHT THE BIRTH RATE DOWN TO AN ALL-TIME LOW OF 17 PER 1,000 POPULATION AND THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE DOWN TO 14.3 PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS WHICH IS THE ENVY OF MANY COUNTRIES INCLUDING SOME OF THE MOST ADVANCED IN THE WORLD.

THE DIRECTOR POINTED OUT THAT THE KEY FACTOR TO SUCCESS IN HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IS THE EXTENSIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE RELEVANT GROUPS IN THE COMMUNITY, WHICH HAS RESULTED NOT ONLY IN THE ABSORPTION OF INFORMATION BUT IN CHANGED ATTITUDES AND ACTUAL PRACTICE OF THE DESIRED HEALTH PRINCIPLES.

HE SAID THERE APPEARED TO BE A GENERAL MISCONCEPTION THAT HEALTH EDUCATION IS A ONE-WAY PROCESS WHEREBY SOMEONE IN POSSESSION OF HEALTH INFORMATION CAN ALWAYS TEACH OR IMPART SUCH KNOWLEDGE JUST BY LECTURING OTHERS.

BECAUSE OF THIS MISCONCEPTION, WHENEVER A NEED IS FELT THAT AN EDUCATION PROGRAMME SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ON A PARTICULAR SUBJECT THE IMMEDIATE REACTION IS THAT THE WHOLE MATTER SHOULD BE REFERRED TO AN +AUTHORITY+ WHO MUST CARRY OUT ALL HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES FOR SOMEONE OR AN ORGANISATION, HE SAID.

+THIS APPROACH,+ SAID DR. THONG, +IS A WRONG APPROACH AND THE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS DOOMED TO FAIL FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.+

+THIS IS BECAUSE IT IS ASSUMED THAT AS LONG AS INFORMATION IS POURED OUT IN LIBERAL DOSES TO A VAGUE TARGET CALLED THE 'GENERAL PUBLIC', EVERYBODY IS THEN EXPECTED TO ABSORB THE INFORMATION, CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDES AUTOMATICALLY AND FINALLY TAKE ACTION ON SUCH INFORMATION,+ HE SAID.

+THE BETTER APPROACH IS THAT DEPENDING ON THE SUBJECT THERE SHOULD BE A DEFINITE TARGET GROUP OF PEOPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, SCHOOL CHILDREN OR MOTHERS IN MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CLINICS TO WHICH THE HEALTH EDUCATION MESSAGE COULD BE DIRECTED.+

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT NO +AUTHORITY+ SHOULD CARRY OUT HEALTH EDUCATION FOR OTHERS BUT TO DO SO WITH THEM, HE SAID.

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+BY THIS I MEAN THAT INTERESTED GROUPS OF PEOPLE WITHIN THE WHOLE COMMUNITY SHOULD BE INVOLVED ACTIVELY AND EXTENSIVELY IN THE PARTICIPATION OF HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES CONNECTED WITH THE PROGRAMME.+

THE DIRECTOR SAID EVERY INDIVIDUAL IN THE COMMUNITY IS A POTENTIAL HEALTH EDUCATOR.

THE DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER PARAMEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THE HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, THE TEACHERS IN THE CLASSROOMS, EVEN HOUSEWIVES AT HOME ARE AND CAN BE HEALTH EDUCATORS IN THEIR PARTICULAR ENVIRONMENT.

HE STRESSED THAT HEALTH EDUCATION IS NOT THE PRIVATE PRESERVE OF PROFESSIONALS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL BUT IS A FIELD OPEN TO ALL THOSE WHO HAPPEN TO BE IN THE BEST POSITION TO CONVEY THE MESSAGE TO THE APPROPRIATE GROUPS OF PEOPLE.

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IN-SERVICE COURSES FOR TEACHERS ON JUNIOR SECONDARY SCIENCE

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+SCIENCE IS A 'DOING' AS WELL AS A 'THINKING' SUBJECT.+ MR. AUTHUR BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) SAID THIS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE IN-SERVICE COURSES ON JUNIOR SECONDARY SCIENCE HELD AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION TODAY.

+PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO PERFORM EXPERIMENTS, OBSERVE AND RECORD RESULTS, USING MEASURING DEVICES, HANDLE SIMPLE APPARATUS, COMMUNICATE WITH OTHERS USING ADEQUATE SCIENTIFIC VOCABULARY. PUPILS HAVE TO THINK BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER ALL THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE ROLE OF THE SCIENCE TEACHER THEREFORE WAS TO +PREPARE THEIR PUPILS BEFORE-HAND, ENCOURAGE ACTIVE THINKING DURING THE PRACTICAL WORK AND HAVE FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION AFTERWARDS,+ HE ADDED.

THE TWO COURSES ARE FOR IN-SERVICE SCIENCE TEACHERS IN SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SCIENCE (FORMS I-III) RECOMMENDED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND ARE HELD IN VARIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

THE PROGRAMME OF THE COURSES RANGES FROM TEACHING METHODS TO WORKSHOP PRACTICES, FROM A TALK ON LABORATORY SAFETY TO BOOK AND EQUIPMENT EXHIBITIONS.

THERE ARE 380 TEACHERS PARTICIPATING IN THE COURSES WHICH RUN FOR NINE DAYS IN JULY AND ANOTHER EIGHT DAYS IN AUGUST.

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EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION FOR OWNERS
OF WAN CHAI PROPERTY
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FORMER OWNERS OF NINE BUILDINGS IN WAN CHAI WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE CLEARED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CANAL ROAD MARKET AND THE EXTENTION OF THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER HAVE BEEN REMINDED THAT THE CASH PAYMENTS OFFERED TO THEM BY GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT OF THEIR PROPERTIES ARE MADE SOLELY ON EX-GRATIA BASIS AND ARE NOT STATUTORY COMPENSATION.

THE BUILDINGS SITUATED AT NOS. 255-261, WAN CHAI ROAD, NOS. 1 AND 2, CHAN TONG LANE, AND NOS. 21-25, BOWRINGTON ROAD ARE PROPERTIES FORMERLY HELD ON NON-RENEWABLE LEASES WHICH EXPIRED ON DECEMBER 28, 1973 OR JANUARY 15, 1974.

SINCE THE LAND HAS LONG BEEN RESERVED FOR THE MARKET PROJECT, IT WAS DECIDED BEFORE EXPIRY OF THE LEASES THAT NO RE-GRANTS SHOULD BE GIVEN.

UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF THE EXPIRED LEASES, THE FORMER OWNERS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO ANY COMPENSATION WHEN REQUIRED TO SURRENDER THE PROPERTIES TO GOVERNMENT UPON EXPIRY OF THE LEASES. HOWEVER, IT HAS LONG BEEN GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO MAKE EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

IF THE LEASES HAD BEEN RE-GRANTED, PREMIUMS AMOUNTING TO THE FULL MARKET VALUE OF THE LAND WOULD HAVE HAD TO BE PAID.

THE AMOUNTS OF EX-GRATIA AWARDS OFFERED TO THE FORMER OWNERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY FOLLOWING A PETITION SENT TO THE GOVERNOR IN APRIL THIS YEAR. THE TOTAL AWARDS INCREASED TO $254,000 AND RANGE FROM $12,000 TO $102,000 PER BUILDING. IN THE CASE OF NOS. 255-257, WAN CHAI ROAD, WHICH WERE HELD IN UNDIVIDED SHARES, THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF $102,000 IS TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN FORMER OWNERS AT THE RATE OF $6,000 PER UNIT.

THE FORMER OWNERS WERE INFORMED OF THE INCREASED EX-GRATIA AWARDS IN A REPLY GIVEN TO THEM BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ON JUNE 29, 1977.

IT WAS ALSO POINTED OUT TO THEM THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO EXTEND OR RE-GRANT THE EXPIRED LEASES UNDER WHICH THESE PROPERTIES WERE FORMERLY HELD RETROSPECTIVELY, SINCE THIS WOULD DEFEAT THE OBJECT OF GOVERNMENT'S ORIGINAL DECISION NOT TO RENEW THE LEASES UPON EXPIRY.

FURTHERMORE, THE RE-GRANT OF LEASES IN SUCH A WAY INEVITABLY INVOLVES THE FORMER OWNERS IN THE PAYMENT OF PREMIUM, THE REPLY SAID.

ANOTHER PETITION WAS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR BY THE FORMER OWNERS ON JULY 7 AND WAS AGAIN ANSWERED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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IN HIS SECOND REPLY, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE EX-GRATIA AMOUNTS WERE OFFERED TO THE OWNERS FOR EACH BUILDING AS A WHOLE AND NOT FOR EACH UNIT.

+AS THEY ARE EX-GRATIA AWARDS FOR THE BUILDINGS AND NOT AMOUNTS OF COMPENSATION BASED ON PROPERTY VALUES, IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN GROUND AND UPPER FLOOR UNITS AS SUGGESTED BY THE OWNERS,+ HE ADDED.

THE FORMER OWNERS WERE ALSO TOLD THAT EX-GRATIA AMOUNTS ARE AWARDED TO FORMER OWNERS AND FORMER OCCUPIERS OF LEASE-EXPIRED PROPERTIES FOR ENTIRELY DIFFERENT REASONS AND CALCULATED ON A DIFFERENT BASIS.

+IT IS NOT, THEREFORE, ACCEPTED THAT THE AMOUNTS AWARDED TO FORMER OWNERS SHOULD BE REVISED TO EQUAL OR EXCEED THOSE AWARDED TO FORMER OCCUPIERS. FURTHERMORE, FORMER OWNERS HAVE EITHER HAD THE BENEFIT OF A NUMBER OF YEARS OCCUPATION BEYOND THE END OF THEIR LEASE AND THE OFFER OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS FOR REMOVAL, OR RENTS DERIVED FROM FORMER TENANTS WHO CONTINUED IN OCCUPATION BEYOND THE END OF THE LEASE,+ THE REPLY POINTED OUT.

AS TO WHY THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDINGS AT NOS. 21-25, BOWRINGTON ROAD HAVE BEEN OFFERED EX-GRATIA AWARDS LESS THAN THE OTHERS, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS AWARDED IN RESPECT OF THESE BUILDINGS ALSO TOOK ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT THEY WERE BUILT BEFORE THE WAR.

THE OCCUPIERS OF THE BUILDINGS, WHO, BECAUSE OF THE EXPIRY OF THE LEASES, ARE ALSO INELIGIBLE FOR STATUTORY COMPENSATION, HAVE BEEN OFFERED EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS AT THE RATE OF ABOUT $20 PER SQUARE FOOT OF LIVING SPACE AND $40 PER SQUARE FOOT OF BUSINESS ACCOMMODATION. THIS IS TO ASSIST THEIR REMOVAL. IN THE CASE OF OWNER/OCCUPIER, BOTH KINDS OF EX-GRATIA PAYMENT WILL BE GIVEN.

IN ADDITION, DOMESTIC OCCUPIERS OF THE BUILDINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN OFFERED ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATION IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES IF THEY ARE ELIGIBLE.

A TOTAL OF 96 FAMILIES COMPRISING ABOUT 370 PERSONS HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED THE OFFER AND MOVED TO THEIR NEW HOMES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FEW PEOPLE WHO STILL REMAINED IN THE BUILDINGS WERE EXPECTED TO VACATE THE PREMISES VERY SHORTLY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW MARKET TO REPLACE THE EXISTING INADEQUATE FACILITIES AT CANAL ROAD AND THE EXTENSION OF THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER TO LINK UP WITH THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION WERE IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT BOTH OF WAN CHAI AND OTHER PARTS OF THE ISLAND.

THE OCCUPIERS WERE FIRST NOTIFIED TO MOVE OUT BY MARCH THIS YEAR AND ANY FURTHER DELAY IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECTS WOULD BE AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AS A WHOLE, THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

POWER SUPPLY TO TSING YI SQUATTER AREA

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A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY OF AN ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME BRINGING PROPER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO THE SQUATTER AREA AT TSING YI LAGOON WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (JULY 12) MORNING.

MR. JAMES BLACK, TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), AND MR. C. STEELE, COMMERCIAL ENGINEER OF THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY WHICH STARTS AT 10 A.M. NEAR THE TSING YI RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE ON TSING YI.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HAVE THE SWITCH-ON CEREMONY COVERED. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL LEAVE FROM BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 9 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND LATER BACK FROM TSING YI.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESENTATIONS TO RETIRING STAFF
OF FISH AND VEGETABLE ORGANISATION

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TWENTY-ONE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE FISH AND VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE RETIRING THIS YEAR WILL BE PRESENTED WITH SOUVENIRS BY MR. J.M. RIDDELL-SWAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET ON THURSDAY (JULY 14).

THEY HAVE A TOTAL OF 488 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE TWO ORGANISATIONS. EIGHTEEN OF THEM WILL BE RETIRING FROM THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION, AND THREE FROM THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET AT 4 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 14).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ACCESS FLYOVER TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ACCESS FLYOVER LEADING TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL FROM THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR THREE DAYS BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. BEGINNING ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 13).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS TO ENABLE ROAD RESURFACING TO BE CARRIED OUT.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIODS, TRAFFIC PROCEEDING TO THE TUNNEL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE CAUSEWAY BAY FLYOVER AND THE SLIP ROAD FLYOVER ON WATERFRONT ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF CHING CHEUNG ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT CHING CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1.15 A.M. AND 5.45 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JULY 15).

THE CLOSURE IS TO ENABLE WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOT-BRIDGE ACROSS THE ROAD.

BOTH WESTBOUND VEHICLES FROM LUNG CHEUNG ROAD OR TAI PO ROAD AND EASTBOUND VEHICLES FROM KWAI CHUNG ROAD OR CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD OR LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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