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HONG KONG SEEKING TO JOIN CONVENTION ON MARINE POLLUTION

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED IN THE INTERESTS OF HONG KONG TO SEEK EXTENSION TO THE TERRITORY OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON SEA POLLUTION.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PREVENTION OF POLLUTION FROM SHIPS 1973, AS MODIFIED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 1978, AIMS TO ELIMINATE COMPLETELY THE DELIBERATE OR NEGLIGENT DISCHARGE OF OIL AND OTHER HARMFUL SUBSTANCES BY SHIPS.

ALL PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE PROVISIONS FOR THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF SUCH POLLUTION.

BRITAIN IS ONE OF THESE PARTIES, AND AS A PORT OF BRITISH REGISTRY, HONG KONG MUST ADOPT UK STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR SHIP REGISTRATION.

+THE IMPLICATIONS ARE THAT IF HONG KONG DOES NOT COMPLY WITH ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS TO WHICH UK IS A PARTY, IT COULD LOSE ITS STATUS AS A PORT OF BRITISH REGISTRY.

+FAILURE TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE CONVENTION AND THE PROTOCOL COULD ALSO RESULT IN HONG KONG BEING LABELLED AS A 'FLAG OF CONVENIENCE' TERRITORY, WITH THE CONNOTATION OF SUB-STANDARD SHIPPING AND RUNNING GREATER RISKS OF SANCTIONS BY PORT STATES AND SEAMEN'S UNIONS,+ A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

WITHOUT JOINING THE CONVENTION, HONG KONG CANNOT ISSUE VALID INTERNATIONAL OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION CERTIFICATES TO ITS OCEAN-GOING SHIPS EVEN IF THEY COMPLY WITH THE STANDARDS OF THE CONVENTION.

THESE SHIPS WILL THEN BE LIABLE TO DETENTION FOR INSPECTION AT THE PORTS OF CONTRACTING PARTIES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

THE UNITED STATES HAS DECLARED THAT IT WILL REQUIRE ALL SHIPS CALLING AT ITS PORTS TO CONFIRM TO THE STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONVENTION.

ALSO, 14 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE PLEDGED UNITY OF ACTION IN GIVING EFFECT TO THE CONVENTION AND THE PROTOCOL.

+TO AVOID THE PORTS OF THOSE COUNTRIES WOULD REDUCE THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS AND COMPETITIVENESS OF HONG KONG-REGISTERED SHIPS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING MARKET, ESPECIALLY SINCE MANY OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE MAJOR TRADING NATIONS,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

EXTENSION OF THE CONVENTION TO HONG KONG WILL ALSO HELP ENSURE THAT SHIPS CALLING AT THE PORT HERE DO NOT POSE ANY UNREASONABLE POLLUTION THREAT.

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NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT CONTINUING UNABATED
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THE POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS AS A RESULT OF THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMBITIOUS NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT, MR BRYAN O'RORKE, TODAY IN A REVIEW OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY HIS DEPARTMENT OVER THE LAST DECADE.

HE RECALLED THAT FOLLOWING THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO LAUNCH AN AMBITIOUS HOUSING PROGRAMME, THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (NTDD) WAS SET UP IN 1973 AND CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS.

THE AIM IS TO PROVIDE BALANCED COMMUNITIES IN THESE NEW TOWNS WITH THE FULL RANGE OF MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL, EMPLOYMENT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

+TO THIS END, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN ASSESSING AND PLANNING THE NEEDS OF COMMUNITIES WHO WILL INHABIT THESE NEW TOWNS,+ MR O'RORKE SAID.

+THE POPULATION IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THEN WAS 680 000 AND THIS HAS INCREASED TO MORE THAN 1.5 MILLION TODAY,+ MR O'RORKE SAID.

+SINCE 1973, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT MORE THAN \$10 BILLION ON LAND FORMATION AND THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN THE NEW TOWNS.+

IN ADDITION, \$5.5 BILLION HAS BEEN SPENT ON PUBLIC HOUSING.

DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, NO LESS THAN 108 SCHOOLS, SIX POLICE STATIONS, SIX FIRE AND AMBULANCE STATIONS, 12 HOSPITALS AND CLINICS, 205 HECTARES OF DISTRICT PARKS AND RECREATION GROUNDS, 18 COMMUNITY HALLS AND 150 KILOMETRES OF ROADS WERE BUILT IN THE NEW TOWNS.

+BEFORE THE DUST SETTLES ON COMPLETION OF ONE PROJECT, IT IS STIRRED AFRESH BY THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON ANOTHER. THIS IS THE KIND OF PACE THAT IS BEING SET BY THE AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME THAT HAS BEEN CHANGING THE FACE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ MR O'RORKE SAID.

HE DESCRIBED THE SCALE AND THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT AS UNRIVALLED ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAMS OF STAFF IN THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICES FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION WHICH HAD MADE THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SO SUCCESSFUL.

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ON THE SCALE OF WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT THIS FINANCIAL YEAR, MR O'RORKE SAID THAT THE FUNDS PROVIDED FOR EACH OF THE NEW TOWNS, APART FROM PUBLIC HOUSING, FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD WAS:

* SHA TIN	\$927 MILLION
* TAI PO AND FANLING	\$853 MILLION
* TSUEN WAN	\$849 MILLION
* TUEN MUN	\$727 MILLION
* JUNK BAY	\$235 MILLION
* RURAL DEVELOPMENT	\$210 MILLION

+ALTOGETHER THIS IS SOME 20 PER CENT UP ON LAST YEAR'S PROVISION,+ HE SAID.

MAJOR PROJECTS COMPLETED SINCE THE START OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OR NEARING COMPLETION INCLUDE:

- * TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL (\$23 MILLION)
- * TUEN MUN ROAD (\$500 MILLION)
- * SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT STAGE I (\$365 MILLION)
- * PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL (\$780 MILLION)

AMONG THE MAJOR PROJECTS UNDERWAY AT PRESENT ARE:

- * TUEN MUN CULTURAL COMPLEX AND TOWN PARK (\$180 MILLION)
- * SHA TIN CULTURAL COMPLEX AND TOWN PARK (\$150 MILLION)
- * SHA TIN - TAI PO COASTAL ROAD (\$608 MILLION)
- * TSUEN WAN BYPASS STAGE II AND TRANSPORT COMPLEX (\$560 MILLION)

MR O'RORKE SAID THAT WORK WOULD ALSO START SHORTLY ON THE TUEN MUN HOSPITAL (\$900 MILLION), PILING WORK FOR WHICH HAS ALREADY BEGUN, TSING YI NORTH BRIDGE AND APPROACHES (\$250 MILLION), IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES CIRCULAR ROAD BETWEEN FAN KAM ROAD AND LOK MA CHAU (\$168 MILLION) AND A MAGISTRACY IN SHA TIN (\$60 MILLION).

LOOKING TOWARDS THE FUTURE, MR O'RORKE SAID THAT THE PACE WOULD CONTINUE UNABATED AND THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE ON NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

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ON THE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE WHOLE TERRITORY, HE SAID THAT A DECISION WOULD BE MADE IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR AFTER CAREFULLY EXAMINING THE REPORTS ON SUB-REGIONAL STUDIES SUCH AS THE NORTH-EAST NEW TERRITORIES STUDY, THE NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES STUDY, THE HARBOUR AREA STUDY, THE NORTH LANTAU STUDY AND JUNK BAY STUDY.

+THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY TO BE FORMULATED WILL MEET THE LONG-TERM NEEDS OF HONG KONG INTO THE 1990S AND THE NEXT CENTURY,+ HE ADDED.

BETWEEN NOW AND 1990, MR O'RORKE SAID, THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT WOULD FORM MORE THAN 2 800 HECTARES OF LAND, BRINGING TO 6 400 HECTARES THE TOTAL AREA OF LAND FORMED SINCE 1973.

ALSO, THE NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL FLATS BUILT BY BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS IN THE NEW TOWNS WILL INCREASE FROM THE PRESENT 326 000 TO ABOUT 700 000 FLATS BY 1990.

+WITH THE REVISED POPULATION TARGET FOR THE NEW TOWNS SET AT OVER 3 MILLION, THE NTDD WILL FACE MORE CHALLENGES IN THE YEARS TO COME,+ SAID MR O'RORKE.

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GREAT DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL FOR SHAM TSENG

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SHAM TSENG, A RURAL AREA IN TSUEN WAN, HAD GREAT DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL, THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ELAINE CHUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SHE POINTED OUT THAT IN RECENT YEARS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ATTACHING SIGNIFICANCE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF RURAL AREAS TO COINCIDE WITH POPULATION GROWTH AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

+AND SHAM TSENG IS ONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S RURAL DEVELOPMENT TARGETS. EARLY THIS YEAR, THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTED A CONSULTANCY FIRM TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE AREA,+ SHE SAID.

+ACCORDING TO A REPORT SUBMITTED BY THE CONSULTANTS RECENTLY, SHAM TSENG HAS THE POTENTIAL OF BEING DEVELOPED INTO A RESIDENTIAL AREA FOR 60 000 PEOPLE,+ SHE POINTED OUT.

AND WHEN IT IS DEVELOPED, PROBLEMS SUCH AS TRANSPORT, EDUCATION, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, WATER SUPPLY AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED, SHE SAID.

ANY RESIDENTS OR SHOP OWNERS AFFECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE LOOKED AFTER, SHE ADDED.

MISS CHUNG WAS SPEAKING AT THE RIBBON-CUTTING AND PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE TSUEN WAN RURAL AREA DAY HELD AT SHAM TSENG.

/SHE SAID

SHE SAID THAT TSUEN WAN HAD A LARGE RURAL AREA WITH THE POPULATION WIDELY SCATTERED SO THAT VILLAGERS HAD LITTLE CHANCE TO MEET EACH OTHER.

+THE RURAL AREA DAY, THEREFORE, PROVIDES A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR VILLAGERS TO GET TOGETHER, TO ENJOY THE COLOURFUL ACTIVITIES AND TO BUILD UP A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THEMSELVES,+ SHE ADDED.

THE TSUEN WAN RURAL AREA DAY IS SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH STARTED YESTERDAY (SATURDAY) AND WILL LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 6, INCLUDE AN OUTING FOR THE ELDERLY, A CANTONESE OPERA, A FIVE-A-SIDE FOOTBALL COMPETITION, GAME STALLS FOR CHILDREN AND A BEER-DRINKING COMPETITION.

PARTICIPATING BODIES INCLUDE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

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TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN SAI KUNG TOWN
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SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE PROPOSED TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AT SHA KOK MEI AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25) MORNING.

THE PROJECT WILL BE BUILT ON A 4.38-HECTARE SITE NEAR THE SAI KUNG TOWN CENTRE AND WORK WILL START NEXT APRIL.

ON COMPLETION, THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WILL PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR 4 400 PEOPLE.

AT THE MEETING, A PAPER PREPARED BY A BOARD MEMBER ON THE ALLOCATION OF A SITE IN THE DISTRICT FOR A FISHERMEN'S ESTATE WILL BE TABLED FOR DISCUSSION.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE A TALK ON THE CURRENT ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN, THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL AND A +MEI FA+ (BEAUTIFICATION) PROJECT, AND PROGRESS REPORTS OF THE BOARD'S COMMITTEES.

IN THE SAME MORNING, THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL REVIEW THE CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES AT THEIR MEETING.

MEMBERS WILL DISCUSS WHETHER THE TWO DOUBLE-SEAT CONSTITUENCIES -- TAI PO CENTRAL AND TAI PO SOUTH -- CAN BE SPLIT INTO FOUR, EACH WITH ONE ELECTED MEMBER, TO ELIMINATE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL DIFFICULTIES.

MEANWHILE, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS WILL CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSION ON THE GOLDFISH TRADERS IN LUEN WAN ROAD AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

/THE ROAD

THE ROAD WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE RE-MODELLING OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY MONG KOK STATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER :

- (I) THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 3 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YAU MA TEI DISTRICT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, 490-492 NATHAN ROAD;
- (II) THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 9.30 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF TAI PO COMMERCIAL CENTRE, KWONG FUK ROAD; AND
- (III) THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT BOARD MEETING AT 10 AM ON TUESDAY IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE BOARD'S SECRETARIAT ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF AMOY PLAZA, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

A GOVERNMENT VEHICLE WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 8.15 AM ON TUESDAY FOR TAI PO.

KAI FONGS PRAISED FOR COMMUNITY WORK
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THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION BY RESIDENTS IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THE FORMATION OF NEW COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ORGANISATIONS, THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR BARRIE WIGGHAM, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT THIS WAS TO CATER FOR AN INCREASING POPULATION AND CHANGING NEEDS.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, HE SAID, ADDING THAT MANY OF THEM +ARE WELL-ESTABLISHED, HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF SUCCESSFUL PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES AND CAN FUNCTION INDEPENDENTLY AND SMOOTHLY IN ACHIEVING THEIR SOCIAL OBJECTIVES.+

+IN FACT, THESE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN OUR MOST IMPORTANT LIAISON TARGETS WHILE MOST OF THE KAIFONG LEADERS ARE ENJOYING THE CLOSEST WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR STAFF.+

+LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT WE ARE NO LESS COMMITTED TODAY THAN IN THE PAST TO SUPPORTING THE GOOD WORK OF THE KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS,+ HE SAID.

MR WIGGHAM SAID THAT THE TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION HAD, SINCE THE 1940'S, DEVELOPED INTO A FULL-GROWN ORGANISATION ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

+NO DOUBT, SUCH ACHIEVEMENT IS THE FRUIT OF MUCH HARD WORK BY THE OFFICE-BEARERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION WHO HAVE PROVED THEIR COMPETENCE IN SURMOUNTING COUNTLESS CHALLENGES AND ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT BY RESPONDING TO CHANGING SOCIAL CONDITIONS,+ HE SAID.

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HEALTH EXHIBITION FOR TAI PO
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION ON THE PREVENTION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN TAI PO.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY HALL FROM TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25) TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM DAILY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL COVER FOUR TOPICS, INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES; HOW TO INCREASE IMMUNITY AGAINST THEM; THE MODE OF TRANSMISSION, SYMPTOMS, TREATMENT AND PREVENTION; AND THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS AT CONTROL AND HOW THE PUBLIC CAN HELP.

A COLOURING COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS OF AGE WILL ALSO BE HELD DURING THE EXHIBITION PERIOD AND THE RESULTS ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 28.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR THE CONTEST WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TAI PO COMMUNITY HALL ON OCTOBER 25 AND 26.

DURING THE EXHIBITION, STUDENTS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND LECTURES ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING COMMUNICABLE DISEASES.

SIMILAR EXHIBITIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, DRAWING MORE THAN 42 500 PEOPLE.

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SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL ENTRIES INVITED
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SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE 20TH SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD BETWEEN JANUARY 16 AND FEBRUARY 18 NEXT YEAR.

THE FESTIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION.

DANCE ITEMS WILL INCLUDE WESTERN FOLK OR NATIONAL DANCE, WESTERN DANCE DRAMA, CHINESE DANCE, CHINESE DANCE DRAMA, ORIENTAL DANCE AND CREATIVE DANCE.

ENTRIES WILL BE CLASSIFIED INTO A LOWER PRIMARY SECTION FOR STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 1 TO 3, AN UPPER PRIMARY SECTION FOR STUDENTS FROM PRIMARY 4 TO 6, A SECONDARY SECTION AND A SECTION FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE FESTIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL IN FORTRESS HILL ROAD, NORTH POINT. IN KOWLOON, IT WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE IN NAM CHEONG STREET- AND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE VENUE IS TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL IN TAI HO ROAD.

/EACH SCHOOL

EACH SCHOOL WILL HAVE TO PAY A FEE OF \$30 FOR TAKING PART IN ONE OR MORE THAN ONE DANCE ITEM.

PRIZES WILL BE IN THE FORM OF AWARDS, WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO SCHOOLS ACCORDING TO MARKS GAINED.

OVERALL CHALLENGE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THREE SECONDARY AND THREE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE THE HIGHEST OVERALL SCORES IN THE FESTIVAL; AND A CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED TO EACH PERFORMING STUDENT OF A SCHOOL WHICH ACHIEVES A COMMENDED STANDARD OR ABOVE.

EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE GIVEN A SOUVENIR PENNANT.

ENTRY FORMS AND FEES MUST BE FORWARDED TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (PHYSICAL EDUCATION) (ATTN: MRS MABEL LI), PHYSICAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6/F., 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, BEFORE NOVEMBER 23.

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'ANTI-DRUG WALK' IN WONG TAI SIN

PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IS AN EFFECTIVE MEANS TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE DISPEL THEIR FRUSTRATIONS AND RESIST THE TEMPTATION OF DRUGS.

THIS REMARK WAS MADE TODAY (SUNDAY) BY MR MICHAEL CHENG, CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AT THE START-OFF CEREMONY OF THE ROUND-THE-DISTRICT WALK.

HE SAID THAT TODAY'S WALK, A HIGHLIGHT OF THE TWO-WEEK ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE IN WONG TAI SIN, WAS IN LINE WITH THIS OBJECTIVE.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS GATHERED BY THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ABUSE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR, 10 PER CENT OF DRUG ADDICTS WERE COMPLETELY UNEDUCATED, WHILE 60 PER CENT HAD RECEIVED SCHOOLING VARYING FROM PRIMARY ONE TO SIX.

+ON TOP OF THAT, 73 PER CENT OF THE ADDICTS HAVE NEVER HAD ANY KIND OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING,+ MR CHENG SAID.

+THESE FIGURES INDICATE THAT THE UNDERPRIVILEGED ARE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO DRUG ABUSE AND THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO STEP UP OUR EFFORTS ON PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY AT THE GRASSROOT LEVEL,+ HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PHILIP CHOK; THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR GORDON MORTIMER; AND THE POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PEDRO CHING.

OVER 2 000 OFFICIALS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS, SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT TOOK PART IN THE EVENT.

BEARING COLOURFUL BANNERS, THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS WALKED THROUGH A 10-KILOMETRE ROUTE COVERING 12 STREETS IN THE DISTRICT.

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FREE TRIPS ABROAD FOR SAFETY SLOGAN WINNERS

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MR KWONG LAI-CHUEN, AN EMPLOYEE OF OKUMURA CORPORATION, HAS WON THE FIRST PRIZE OF AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY SLOGAN COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD.

MR KWONG'S ENTRY, WHICH EMPHASISES THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AT CONSTRUCTION SITES, HAS EARNED HIM A FREE TRIP TO JAPAN.

THE SECOND PRIZE, A FREE TRIP TO THAILAND, GOES TO MR POON YAU-CHEONG OF GAMMON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION LTD, AND THE THIRD PRIZE, A FREE TRIP TO THE PHILIPPINES, GOES TO MR FUNG TIM OF LOK'S CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LTD.

THE PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE 1 CLUB IN THE BANK OF AMERICA TOWER, CENTRAL, ON DECEMBER 6.

THE SLOGAN COMPETITION IS PART OF A CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE SCHEME'S TWO OTHER COMPETITIONS - THE SAFETY EMPLOYEE AWARD AND THE SAFETY CONTRACTOR AWARD - ARE IN PROGRESS AND THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

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JAPANESE GARDEN AT KWAI CHUNG

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A SMALL JAPANESE GARDEN WAS RECENTLY OPENED TO THE PUBLIC AT THE KWAI CHUNG CREMATORIUM.

THE ATTRACTIVE JAPANESE GARDEN IS LOCATED AT A 60-SQUARE-METRE FORMER BARREN OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO THE COLUMBARIUM OF THE CREMATORIUM, AND IS TO SERVE ALSO AS A PUBLIC SITTING-OUT AREA, EVEN THOUGH IT IS IN THE COMPOUND OF THE CREMATORIUM, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE JAPANESE DECOR IN THE GARDEN INCLUDES A STONE FOOTPATH, A JAPANESE STONE LANTERN, AND A PEBBLE PATCH, IN PLACE OF A POND, OVER WHICH A WOODEN BRIDGE WILL BE BUILT AT A LATER STAGE, TO COMPLEMENT THE LANDSCAPE, SAID THE NTSD SPOKESMAN.

IN ADDITION, MORE THAN 20 SPECIES OF JAPANESE AND LOCAL PLANTS HAVE BEEN PLANTED THERE.

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FLYOVER TO BE PARTLY CLOSED

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FROM TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25) TO FRIDAY (OCTOBER 28), THE DOWN RAMP LEADING FROM CANAL ROAD EAST FLYOVER TO LEIGHTON ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 0.01 AM AND 6 AM FOR ROAD RESURFACING.

DURING THE CLOSURE, TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED VIA THE DOWN RAMP TO MORRISON HILL ROAD, THE U-TURN SLIP ROAD AT THE JUNCTION OF SPORTS ROAD WITH MORRISON HILL ROAD, MORRISON HILL ROAD NORTHBOUND AND LEIGHTON ROAD.

MEANWHILE, FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25), ALL SOUTHBOUND VEHICLES ALONG FLEMING ROAD WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO LOCKHART ROAD WESTBOUND.

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NT WATER MAINS WORK
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN THE NORTH DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 26) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT THOSE ON-ROUTE VILLAS, VILLAGES AND ALL PREMISES ALONG: TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN SHAM TO HANG AND SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD, INCLUDING HONG LOK YUEN; CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND LOK MA CHAU, SAN TIN; FAN KAM ROAD BETWEEN SHEUNG SHUI CROSS ROAD AND CHIU KENG; JOCKEY CLUB ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUND-ABOUT AND SAN FUNG AVENUE, INCLUDING SHEK WU HUI AND SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN.

AFFECTED ALSO WILL BE MAN KAM TO ROAD BETWEEN SAN FUNG AVENUE AND MAN KAM TO POLICE STATION, INCLUDING LO WU RAILWAY STATION AND MUK WU PUMPING STATIONS; SHA TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN FANLING ROUND-ABOUT AND SHA TAU KOK MARKET, INCLUDING LUEN WO HUI AND ON LOK TSUEN; PING CHE ROAD BETWEEN SHA TAU KOK AND TA KWU LING POLICE STATION; AND LAM KAM ROAD FROM WAI TAU TSUEN TO PING LONG.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STAFF CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY
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OVER 600 OFFICERS OF THE CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THEIR GUESTS CELEBRATED THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICERS' ANNUAL DINNER AT A HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI LAST (SATURDAY) NIGHT.

DURING THE DINNER, THE COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, MR THOMAS GARNER, SPOKE ON THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMES AND BUILDING PROJECTS.

MR GARNER ALSO PRESENTED THE 'SO SHUI BOR' MEMORIAL TROPHY TO A SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MR ALEX CHOI FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS' CLUB OVER THE PAST YEAR.

THE TROPHY WAS DONATED BY DR AND MRS J.H. YAP IN MEMORY OF MRS YAP'S BROTHER, MR SO SHUI BOR, AN OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT WHO WAS KILLED DURING A PRISONER ESCAPE ATTEMPT IN 1958.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING INCLUDED A SINGING PERFORMANCE BY A LOCAL BAND AND A LUCKY DRAW.

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