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CALL FOR PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING IN REHABILITATION

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE, MR T.H. CHAU, THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING CALLED FOR GREATER ACCEPTANCE OF RECOVERED MENTAL PATIENTS BY THE COMMUNITY.

MR CHAU SAID THE EFFECTIVENESS OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURE IN THE MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR THE MENTALLY ILL WOULD BE GREATLY UNDERMINED WITHOUT THE CARE, SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING FOR THESE PATIENTS BY THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 1988 ORGANISED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, MR CHAU POINTED OUT THAT PREJUDICE AGAINST THE MENTALLY ILL WAS OFTEN BASED ON A MISCONCEPTION ABOUT UNPREDICTABLE AND VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR.

"SUCH A MISCONCEPTION IS GROSSLY UNFORTUNATE FOR ITS EFFECT IS TO REJECT THOSE WHO HAVE RECOVERED FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, THEREBY HINDERING THEIR REHABILITATION, MAKING THEIR ADJUSTMENT TO A NORMAL LIFE MORE DIFFICULT, AND INCREASING THE CHANCES OF RELAPSE," HE SAID.

HE CITED AS EXAMPLES THE REJECTION OF THE EX-MENTALLY ILL FROM EMPLOYMENT AND THE OPPOSITION TO THE HALF-WAY HOUSE BUILDING PROGRAMME.

HOWEVER, MR CHAU NOTED THAT PUBLIC ATTITUDES HAD BEEN IMPROVING WITH ALL THE PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC EDUCATION EFFORTS MADE JOINTLY BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

THESE EFFORTS WOULD BE SUSTAINED TO ACHIEVE BETTER ACCEPTANCE OF RECOVERED PATIENTS BY THE COMMUNITY, HE SAID.

MR CHAU SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE NECESSARY SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICAL AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL AND THEIR REINTEGRATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

"THESE SERVICES ARE REGULARLY REVIEWED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE REHABILITATION DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE THROUGH THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN AND WILL BE IMPROVED AS RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE.

"THEY AIM AT A CONTINUUM OF SERVICES THROUGH WHICH THE MENTALLY ILL MAY RECOVER MEDICALLY, VOCATIONALLY AND SOCIALLY, ULTIMATELY ACHIEVING FULL REHABILITATION AND INTEGRATION," HE SAID.

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EXHIBITION ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED

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A WEEK-LONG EXHIBITION FEATURING THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR, AND THE WORKING ABILITIES OF, THE DISABLED WILL BE OPENED AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6).

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE SELECTIVE PLACEMENT DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR AND SPONSORED BY THE NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD.

VISITORS TO THE EXHIBITION WILL BE ABLE TO SEE, THROUGH PICTURES AND AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATIONS, HOW THE DEPARTMENT HELPS DISABLED PERSONS SEEK OPEN EMPLOYMENT IN THE MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL AND SERVICE SECTORS AS WELL AS IN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THERE WILL BE A DISPLAY OF EMPLOYMENT AIDS AND MACHINERY SPECIALLY ADAPTED FOR THE DISABLED, WORK DEMONSTRATIONS BY THE DISABLED, MOCK JOB-MATCHING BY COMPUTER, AND AN ELECTRONIC QUESTION-AND-ANSWER GAME BOOTH.

IT WILL ALSO DEPICT THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT.

THE EVENT WILL BE JOINTLY OPENED BY A LEADING FIGURE IN REHABILITATION, DR HARRY FANG; THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NEW WORLD DEVELOPMENT CO. LTD., MR MARK BROWNE; AND THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR TONY HAMMOND.

IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 6.30 PM DAILY UNTIL DECEMBER 12.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 3 PM ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6).

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SWD CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY

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STAFF OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEPARTMENT AT A DINNER PARTY TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THEY WILL BE JOINED BY LEADING PERSONALITIES IN THE WELFARE FIELD AND FORMER DIRECTORS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, INCLUDING MR DAVID BARON WHO WAS THE FIRST DIRECTOR, AND MR GEORGE ROWE.

THE TWO MEN HAVE COME HERE FROM THE UK SPECIALLY FOR THE OCCASION.

THE PARTY WILL BE THE CULMINATION OF A SERIES OF CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES WHICH BEGAN LAST WEEK.

THESE INCLUDED A CAMP AT A SCENIC HOLIDAY VILLAGE IN WU KAI SHA WHERE MORE THAN 760 DISABLED PEOPLE AND TRAINEES OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOMES SHARED A FUN-PACKED TWO-DAY PROGRAMME WITH THEIR PARENTS, SOCIAL WORKERS AND VOLUNTEERS.

SOME 1,400 ELDERLY PEOPLE WERE TREATED TO A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING FAMOUS CANTONESE OPERA SINGERS AND A DINNER RECEPTION AT SHA TIN TOWN HALL.

AT TOMORROW'S DINNER PARTY, STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR 30 YEARS WILL BE PUTTING ASIDE THEIR MANY CASE FILES TO TAKE ON A TOTALLY NEW ROLE.

THEY WILL SLIP ON THEIR DANCING SHOES AND TAKE THE STAGE WITH YOUNGER COLLEAGUES IN A MUSICAL PORTRAYING THE SOCIAL CHANGES IN HONG KONG CHOREOGRAPHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS ELIZABETH WONG.

THEY WILL ALSO BE REMINISCING ABOUT THE OLD DAYS WITH GUESTS AND COLLEAGUES OVER THE SHOWING OF A VIDEO - "SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT - PAST AND PRESENT" - PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT.

FILM FOOTAGE AND PICTURES OF OLD HONG KONG SCENES HAD BEEN OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ARCHIVES TO PRODUCE A MORE VIVID PICTURE IN TRACING THE DEPARTMENT'S HISTORY SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT ON JANUARY 1, 1958.

"SINCE THE DEPARTMENT'S FORMATION, THE PAST 30 YEARS HAVE SEEN A WELCOME AND RAPID EXPANSION OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG," MRS WONG SAID.

SHE SAID THAT THIS WAS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE DEDICATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS BOTH IN THE DEPARTMENT AND IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR.

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"THEIR WORK, OFTEN LOW-PROFILED AND USUALLY UNHERALDED, IS SO IMPORTANT IN CREATING A CARING SOCIETY.

"I AM SURE THIS CARING ATTITUDE AND DEVOTION TO SERVICE WILL DO US ALL PROUD AND WILL CARRY US FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN OUR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT," SHE SAID.

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HK RESOLVED TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE
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LIKE MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, HONG KONG IS CLEARLY NOW RESOLVED TO IMPROVE ITS ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE, LADY WILSON SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

LADY WILSON WAS SPEAKING AT THE "ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MUSIC DAY AND CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE 1988-89 KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN (SHA TIN COMMITTEE)" AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA THIS AFTERNOON.

SHE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENCOURAGED THE EXPANSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FROM PRIMARY TO POST-GRADUATE LEVELS, AND PUBLICISED THE EFFECTS OF POLLUTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT.

"SHA TIN IS CLEARLY A COMMUNITY WITH A STRONG SENSE OF PURPOSE, AND EVENTS LIKE THIS, WITH MANY LOCAL INHABITANTS INVOLVED, HELP ENORMOUSLY TO REMIND US ALL THAT WE NEED TO TAKE CONSTANT CARE OF OUR SURROUNDINGS," SHE SAID.

LADY WILSON POINTED OUT THAT SHA TIN WAS A BEAUTIFUL AREA WITH A SUPERB NEW TOWN, BUT VERY OBVIOUSLY IT HAD PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION.

"ONE CAN SEE IT IN THE SHING MUN RIVER AND IN TOLO HARBOUR," SHE NOTED.

"ONE MUST MAKE SURE THAT PLACES LIKE TOLO HARBOUR AND THE SHING MUN RIVER BECOME WHAT THEY SHOULD BE - SUPERB PLACES FOR RECREATION.

"THIS CAN HAPPEN IF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY SHOWS HOW MUCH IT CARES ABOUT ITS SURROUNDINGS."

IN ORDER TO PLAY ITS PART, LADY WILSON SAID, THE GOVERNMENT HAD DRAWN UP A TOLO HARBOUR ACTION PLAN, WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO REDUCE POLLUTION SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

"THE PLAN CONSISTS OF A NUMBER OF PROJECTS, SUCH AS PROCESS MODIFICATIONS TO THE SHA TIN AND TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, AND AN IMAGINATIVE SCHEME TO EXPORT TREATED SEWAGE FROM THE NEW TOWNS BY TUNNEL TO THE KAI TAK NULLAH," SHE SAID.

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"THIS WILL NOT ONLY REDUCE POLLUTION IN TOLO HARBOUR, BUT ALSO HELP TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN KAI TAK NULLAH.

"THE PLAN ALSO INCLUDES THE PROVISION OF NEW SEWERAGE FOR VILLAGE AREAS, AND FACILITIES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SLUDGE FROM THE SHA TIN WATER TREATMENT WORKS, WHICH IS A MAJOR CAUSE OF POLLUTION IN THE SHING MUN RIVER."

MOREOVER, AFTER MANY YEARS OF PREPARATION, THE NOISE CONTROL BILL WAS PASSED IN JULY THIS YEAR, LADY WILSON SAID.

"THE NEW ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR THE PREVENTION AND LOWERING THE LEVEL OF NOISE, INCLUDING NOISE FROM DOMESTIC AND PUBLIC PLACES, FACTORIES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES," SHE SAID.

"THE MAJOR PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR, AND WHILE IT WILL NOT MAKE SHA TIN A QUIET PLACE, IT WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS IMPROVING THE PRESENT SITUATION."

LADY WILSON NOTED THAT EFFORTS WERE ALSO BEING MADE TO HELP THE AIR IN SHA TIN, BY SETTING UP AN AIR QUALITY MONITORING STATION THERE NEXT YEAR.

ALSO ATTENDING TODAY'S FUNCTION WERE THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD WORKING GROUP ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CHAIRMAN, DR JOHN YOUNG; AND KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN (SHA TIN COMMITTEE) CHAIRMAN, MR CHOI KAN-PUI.

FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT'S CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN AND THE MUSIC DAY WERE COVERED BY \$40,000 FROM THE REGIONAL COUNCIL, \$27,500 FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD, \$25,000 FROM THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, AND DONATIONS FROM PRIVATE SPONSORS.

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WARDEN SCHEME TO HELP KEEP COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN

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A "HIKING LITTER WARDEN" SCHEME WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONTH TO REINFORCE THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN KEEPING HONG KONG'S COUNTRY PARKS CLEAN, AN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE SCHEME, WHICH IS OPEN TO ANY LOCAL HIKING GROUP, INVOLVES THE VOLUNTARY SERVICE OF SELECTED HIKING LITTER WARDENS DURING OUTINGS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THE MAIN DUTIES OF HIKING LITTER WARDENS WILL BE TO ADVISE THEIR FELLOW HIKERS TO KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN AND TO COLLECT LITTER FOUND DURING THEIR HIKING TRIPS.

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR K.C. IU, SAID THAT EACH PARTICIPATING HIKING GROUP WOULD BE GIVEN 10 BADGES INITIALLY FOR ITS MEMBERS WHO WERE SELECTED AS HIKING LITTER WARDENS.

"ANY HIKING GROUP MEMBER WHO HAS BEEN SELECTED THREE TIMES AND WHOSE PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN FOUND SATISFACTORY, CAN RETAIN HIS BADGE PERMANENTLY. HE WILL ALSO BE AWARDED A PRIZE FOR HIS VOLUNTARY EFFORT," HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, MR IU SAID RECOGNITION WOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING HIKING GROUPS BY INSCRIBING THEIR NAMES IN A "FRIENDS OF COUNTRY PARKS" LIST ON DISPLAY AT THE SAI KUNG COUNTRY PARK VISITOR CENTRE.

AS AN ADDED INCENTIVE, EACH PARTICIPATING HIKING GROUP WOULD BE PROVIDED WITH 20 PAIRS OF COTTON GLOVES AND 50 LITTER BAGS.

A HIKING LITTER WARDEN COULD OBTAIN ADDITIONAL LITTER BAGS FROM ANY COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE WHEN HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF ON THE PRODUCTION OF HIS BADGE.

MR IU MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE LEADERS OF SOME 40 HIKING GROUPS ATTENDING A SEMINAR ON HIKERS' CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S TAI TONG FOREST NURSERY.

EARLIER IN THE MORNING, THESE HIKERS ALSO TOOK PART IN A MAJOR LITTER COLLECTION EXERCISE IN SHAM TSENG, TAI LAM COUNTRY PARK.

THIS EXERCISE WAS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE, MR WALTER SULKE, AND ANOTHER STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER, MR YEUNG PO-KWAN.

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES WERE ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE JOINT URBAN COUNCIL/REGIONAL COUNCIL KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN STEERING COMMITTEE TO MARK THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE "KEEP COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN" PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN.

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ANTI-AIDS SEMINAR FOR DRUG TREATMENT WORKERS

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MORE THAN 300 WORKERS IN TREATMENT PROGRAMMES FOR DRUG ABUSERS THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON ATTENDED A SEMINAR ON THE AIDS DISEASE.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH FORMED PART OF A PROGRAMME OF THE COMMUNITY AIDS CONCERN WEEK, AIMED TO ENHANCE THE UNDERSTANDING OF WORKERS ABOUT AIDS AND TO BRING THEM UP-TO-DATE WITH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD INCLUDING HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES PROVIDING TREATMENT PROGRAMMES FOR DRUG ABUSERS WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN THE SEMINAR TO BRING ABOUT AGENCY-WIDE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES ON AIDS.

THE SEMINAR ON AIDS FOR WORKERS IN TREATMENT PROGRAMMES FOR DRUG ABUSERS WAS OPENED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS' SUB-COMMITTEE ON PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY, MR J.P. LEE.

MR LEE PRAISED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR PRODUCING AN INTENSIVE EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON AIDS.

HE SAID EDUCATION ON AIDS HAD STARTED AS SOON AS THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALERTED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE.

EDUCATION HAD SINCE ENCOMPASSED THE CO-ORDINATION OF EFFORTS OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE USE OF VARIOUS PUBLICITY METHODS.

MR LEE DESCRIBED AS UNPRECEDENTED THE EFFORTS BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE COMMUNITY AIDS CONCERN WEEK IN STEPS TO COMBAT AIDS AND TO MAKE IT THE COMMUNITY'S CONCERN.

OTHER SPEAKERS AT THIS AFTERNOON'S SEMINAR INCLUDED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NARCOTICS), DR S.C. LEUNG; SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER OF AIDS COUNSELLING SERVICE, DR PATRICK LI; AND SENIOR MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, DR C.M. NGAN.

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CAS PRAISED FOR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

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THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR GEOFFREY BARNES, THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING PRAISED CIVIL AID SERVICES MEMBERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT, AND SAID THEY WERE UNFAILINGLY AVAILABLE IN EMERGENCIES OR NATURAL DISASTERS.

SPEAKING AT THE CAS 37TH RECRUITS PASSING OUT PARADE, MR BARNES SAID: "OVER THE YEARS, I HAVE SEEN A LOT OF WORK OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WHICH INCLUDES THE EMERGENCY TASKS AND CIVIC DUTIES SUCH AS ASSISTING IN THE ORGANISATION AND CROWD CONTROL OF A WIDE VARIETY OF EVENTS AND FESTIVITIES."

HE SAID THIS YEAR THE CAS HAD HAD THE ADDITIONAL AND VERY IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY OF SETTING UP AND MANAGING RECEPTION CENTRES TO COPE WITH A LARGE INFLUX OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE.

"WE APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE IN THIS DIRECTION, NOT ONLY THIS YEAR BUT SINCE 1975 WHEN YOU FIRST BECAME INVOLVED IN VIETNAMESE REFUGEE DUTIES," HE ADDED.

WHILE CONGRATULATING THE MEMBERS, MR BARNES SAID THE TRAINING HAD NOT ONLY PREPARED THEM FOR EMERGENCIES BUT ALSO FOR THE PROBLEMS OF EVERYDAY LIFE.

"AFTER THE PARADE TONIGHT YOU WILL JOIN VARIOUS UNITS WHERE YOU WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONAL CALL-OUT.

"THERE YOU WILL RECEIVE MORE ADVANCED TRAINING, FOR YOU STILL HAVE MUCH TO LEARN, NOT LEAST THE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR SENIORS," MR BARNES SAID.

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CONTRACTORS INVITED TO PREQUALIFY

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING CONTRACTORS TO APPLY TO BE PREQUALIFIED FOR TENDERING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS TO KWAI CHUNG ROAD SOUTH AND CONTAINER PORT ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THESE WORKS WILL ENTAIL THE WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION OF KWAI CHUNG ROAD BETWEEN TSUEN WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE, AND THE PROVISION OF NEW ROAD CONNECTIONS TO THE CONTAINER PORT FROM CHING CHEUNG ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK BRIDGE.

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THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW FOOTBRIDGES, AN UNDERPASS, A SUBWAY, HIGH MAST LIGHTING, NEW VIADUCTS IN THE VICINITY OF THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL INTERCHANGE AND EXTENSIVE ROAD SIDE PLANTING WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT.

TENDERS FOR THESE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE INVITED IN FEBRUARY AND WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN APRIL.

THE CONTRACT PERIOD WILL BE ABOUT THREE YEARS.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS IS NOON ON DECEMBER 23.

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MOVE TO FACILITATE IMMIGRATION DEPT RECRUITMENT

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FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 5), PERSONS APPLYING FOR IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT POSTS OF ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER OR IMMIGRATION ASSISTANT WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARY APPLICATION FORMS AT ALL IMMIGRATION OFFICES.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY).

HOWEVER, THE FORMS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES OR AT BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRIES.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE COMPLETED FORMS COULD BE RETURNED TO THE IMMIGRATION OFFICES.

HE SAID THE MOVE WOULD HELP PERSONS WISHING TO APPLY TO JOIN THE DEPARTMENT.

"WE HOPE THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WILL PROVIDE BETTER FACILITIES FOR CANDIDATES TO MAKE APPLICATIONS, WHICH MAY BE SUBMITTED EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL.

"THE DEPARTMENT WILL, IN THE MEANTIME, CONTINUE TO PLACE PERIODIC RECRUITMENT NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS," HE SAID.

PERSONS WHO WISH TO MAKE ENQUIRIES ABOUT RECRUITMENT PROCEDURES MAY TELEPHONE THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT SECTION ON 5-769567.

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ANTI-TRIAD SINGING CONTEST IN YAU TSIM

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A SINGING CONTEST ORGANISED BY THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD IN THE KO SHAN THEATRE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) EVENING.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE CONTEST, AS WELL AS SPREADING ANTI-TRIAD MESSAGES, WOULD ALSO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR LOCAL YOUTHS.

SIXTEEN FINALISTS CHOSEN FROM 203 PARTICIPANTS WILL VIE FOR PRIZES IN PERFORMANCE AND PRESENTATION.

THE CONTEST WILL BE FOLLOWED BY PERFORMANCES BY POPULAR SINGERS.

AMONG THOSE OFFICIATING AT THE CONTEST WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT BOARD, MR YIP WAH; ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ARTHUR YUEN; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (YAU MA TEI), MR LAU YUK-KUEN; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, MR YANG TZE-KIANG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE YAU TSIM DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME SINGING CONTEST BEGINNING AT 7.30 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY) IN THE KO SHAN THEATRE, HUNG HOM.

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SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT IN MONG KOK

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A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT WILL BE HELD IN MONG KOK TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AS PART OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S EFFORTS TO HELP IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.

SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDE THE SENIOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEER, DANGEROUS BUILDINGS (KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, MR TANG SHIK-TSUN; AND THE HOUSING MANAGER OF THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, MR CHONG SZE-CHIU.

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THE ESTATE MANAGER OF THE PARAMATTA ESTATE MANAGEMENT LTD., MR IP KAM-SHING, AND THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE HONG YIP SERVICE COMPANY LTD., MR MOK CHI-TUNG, WILL ALSO SPEAK.

OTHER RELATED ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AN EXHIBITION ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT AT THE SHOPPING MALL OF THE GRAND TOWER HOTEL IN MONG KOK FROM TOMORROW TO DECEMBER 10, AND VISITS TO TWO BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE OF WONDERLAND VILLAS IN LAI CHI KOK.

THE FUNCTIONS ARE ORGANISED BY THE BUILDING MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN 1988-89.

IT IS HOPED THAT THROUGH THEORETICAL STUDIES AND SITE VISITS, RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT CAN ACQUIRE MORE KNOWLEDGE OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND BE ABLE TO HELP IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD'S SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT, BEGINNING AT 2 PM TOMORROW (DECEMBER 4) AT GRAND TOWER HOTEL, 627-641 NATHAN ROAD, MONG KOK.

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MEETING OF MONITORING COMMITTEE ON LRT SERVICES

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THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS FOURTH MEETING ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6).

FOUR DISCUSSION PAPERS WILL BE PRESENTED BY MEMBERS ON THE LRT TICKETING CONDITIONS; PROPOSED FEEDER BUS ROUTES; NOISE LEVEL OF LRT VEHICLES, AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING FACILITIES OVER LRT TRACKS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED ON DETAILS OF A WARNING SIGNAL SYSTEM TO BE INSTALLED AT ALL CONTROLLED PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS OF THE LRT TRACKS AS ADDITIONAL MEASURES TO ENHANCE LRT SAFETY.

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PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR A SITE VISIT ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 5) TO SEE THE OPERATION OF THE SIGNALS, WHICH ARE AT PRESENT BEING DEMONSTRATED AT THE JUNCTION IN FRONT OF MELODY GARDENS, TUEN MUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE MEETING OF THE TUEN MUN/YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARDS' JOINT COMMITTEE ON MONITORING LRT SERVICES ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 6). THE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 10.30 AM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD, 13TH FLOOR, YUEN LONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 KIU KOK SQUARE, YUEN LONG.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO COVER THE SITE VISIT ON THE DEMONSTRATION OF THE AUDIBLE AND VISUAL WARNING SIGNALS ON MONDAY, THEY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT 3 PM AT THE MELODY GARDENS LRT STATION LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE BUTTERFLY ESTATE. MISS WENDY TSANG, INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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DAY CAMP FOR THE ELDERLY

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SOME 1,000 ELDERLY RESIDENTS FROM KWUN TONG TOOK PART IN A FUN-FILLED DAY CAMP AT THE WU KAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE FUNCTION, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT BOARD AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT ELDERLY SERVICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE 10TH FESTIVAL FOR THE ELDERLY, WAS AIMED AT ENHANCING THE ELDERLY'S UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR DISTRICT AND THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING.

IT WAS ALSO AIMED AT ENRICHING THE SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMON KNOWLEDGE, DEVELOP THEIR ABILITIES AS WELL AS PROMOTE CO-OPERATION AMONG THE AGENCIES SERVING THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT.

PARTICIPANTS FOUND TODAY'S FUNCTION, WHICH INCLUDED FILM SHOWS, GAMES STALLS, DRAMA AND DANCING BY THE ELDERLY, AND TALKS ON TOPICAL ISSUES, BOTH ENTERTAINING AND EDUCATIONAL.

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TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL ENDS

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THE MONTH-LONG TSUEN WAN SPORTS FESTIVAL CONCLUDED TODAY (SATURDAY) WITH PERFORMANCES BY THE NATIONAL MARTIAL ARTS TEAM FROM CHINA AND THE SHENZHEN WRESTLING TEAM (MONGOLIAN STYLE) AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

TEN "LIONS" PERFORMED AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, SYMBOLISING THE FESTIVAL'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY.

ANOTHER HIGHLIGHT WAS A DEMONSTRATION BY THE HONG KONG WUSHU (MARTIAL ARTS) TEAM.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM SHIU, PRAISED THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHICH ORGANISED THE FESTIVAL.

"ABOUT 40 SPORTS EVENTS WERE HELD IN A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES WHICH STARTED ON NOVEMBER 5, AND THESE PROGRAMMES WERE GREATLY SUPPORTED BY THE COMMUNITY," HE NOTED.

THE SPORTS FESTIVAL WAS PRESENTED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD, DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE FEDERATION OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT SPORTS AND RECREATION ASSOCIATION AS A JOINT EFFORT TO PROMOTE SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

MR SHIU SAID THE EXPENDITURE INVOLVED WAS ABOUT \$900,000, TO WHICH THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE REGIONAL COUNCIL EACH CONTRIBUTED \$300,000 WITH THE REMAINDER COMING FROM LOCAL DONATIONS.

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PARTIAL LANE CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORK, THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES ON TUEN MUN ROAD EASTBOUND WILL BE CLOSED IN ROTATION FROM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE BROTHER BRIDGE SECTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 4 TO 13 WHILE THE SHAM TSENG VIADUCT SECTION WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 18 TO 24.

DURING THE WORKS PERIOD, TWO TRAFFIC LANES WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE AFFECTED SECTION FROM 6.30 AM TO 9 PM WHILE AT LEAST ONE TRAFFIC LANE WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 9 PM TO 6.30 AM.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTING VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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