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FINES FOR LABOUR OFFENCES GO UP

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THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE LEVEL OF FINES IMPOSED BY THE COURTS FOR BREACHES OF VARIOUS LABOUR LAWS IN 1988, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

HE SAID THE AVERAGE FINES IN ALL TYPES OF PROSECUTIONS SHOWED AN INCREASE OF 34 PER CENT - FROM \$2,348 IN 1987 TO \$3,151 LAST YEAR.

DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW, THE DEPARTMENT'S PROSECUTIONS DIVISION SUCCESSFULLY BROUGHT 4,019 CASES TO THE COURTS, RESULTING IN A TOTAL FINE OF \$12,662,935 BEING IMPOSED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN COMPARISON, THE FIGURES FOR 1987 WERE 3,861 CASES AND \$9,065,600 RESPECTIVELY.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE STATISTICS ALSO SHOWED THAT 1,298 CASES OF CONVICTIONS CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS AND 877 RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS.

THE FINES IN THESE TWO CATEGORIES AMOUNTED TO \$5,033,350 AND \$5,027,200 RESPECTIVELY.

CASES CONCERNING VIOLATIONS OF THE WELFARE PROVISIONS UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN REGULATIONS AND PART IVB OF THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE TOTALLED 1,496 WITH \$1,991,435 IN FINES.

ANOTHER 266 OFFENCES WERE RELATED TO THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE. THESE CASES RESULTED IN FINES TOTTALLING \$472,250.

THE REMAINING 82 CASES WERE FOR BREACHES OF EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR RELATIONS AND EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS. FINES TOTTALLING \$138,700 WERE IMPOSED.

THE SPOKESMAN WELCOMED THE INCREASE IN FINES AS "HEAVIER FINES WILL MAKE OFFENDERS TAKE SAFETY MORE SERIOUSLY".

HE BELIEVED THAT MOST FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYERS WERE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS WHO SAW TO THE SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE WORKERS UNDER THEIR EMPLOY.

"HOWEVER, IT IS THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT OFFENDERS AGAINST THE LABOUR LEGISLATION SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE COURT AND GIVEN THE HEAVY FINES THEY DESERVE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT THE PROSECUTIONS DIVISION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OPERATIONAL DIVISIONS, WOULD CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN ENFORCEMENT ACTION AND CONCENTRATE ON BRINGING BLATANT OFFENDERS TO JUSTICE THIS YEAR.

POST CARDS TO PROMOTE HONG KONG FLORA

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NOT MANY PEOPLE KNOW THAT IN ITS LAND MASS OF ONLY 1,071 SQUARE KILOMETRES, HONG KONG IS POPULAR INTERNATIONALLY FOR ITS RICH FLORA WHICH IS DIVERSE IN CHARACTER AND SURPRISINGLY NUMEROUS IN GENERA AND SPECIES.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT OF THE 2,500 SPECIES OF VASCULAR PLANTS FOUND IN THE TERRITORY, ABOUT 1,800 HIGHER PLANTS ARE NATIVE TO HONG KONG.

AMONG THEM, CAMELLIA GRANTHAMIANA IS SO UNIQUE THAT IT CANNOT BE FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD. MANY OTHERS ARE CONSIDERED RARE AND VALUABLE AND QUITE A NUMBER OF THEM WERE FIRST DISCOVERED IN HONG KONG.

TO PROMOTE THIS NATURAL TREASURE OF HONG KONG, THE COUNTRY PARKS AUTHORITY OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, HAS PRODUCED A SERIES OF FULL-COLOUR POST CARDS ENTITLED "FLORA FIRST DISCOVERED IN HONG KONG".

THE SERIES FEATURES CAMELLIA GRANTHAMIANA AND NINE OTHER REPRESENTATIVE EXAMPLES OF THOSE FIRST-DISCOVERED IN HONG KONG WHICH ARE NOTEWORTHY FOR THEIR NAMES AND SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS.

THESE RARE PLANTS ARE CAMELLIA HONGKONGENSIS, RHODODENDRON HONGKONGENSE, MANGLIETIA FORDIANA, RHODOLEIA CHAMPIONI, TUTCHERIA SPECTABILIS, RHODODENDRON WESTLANDII, ILLICIUM DUNNIANUM, CAMELLIA CRAPNELLIANA AND MICHELIA MAUDIAE.

THE POST CARDS, CONTAINED IN A NICELY-DESIGNED FOLDER, WILL BE PUT ON SALE FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT \$12 PER SET AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL AND AT THE VISITOR CENTRES OF THE SAI KUNG AND SHING MUN COUNTRY PARKS.

THE SENIOR CONSERVATION OFFICER OF THE AFD, MR M.K. CHEUNG, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE AIMS OF PRODUCING THESE POST CARDS WERE TO PROMOTE HONG KONG OVERSEAS AND TO INCULCATE A SENSE OF BELONGING AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS.

"BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH EDUCATIONAL VALUE, THE POST CARDS WILL BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS AS WELL AS ECOLOGISTS AND NATURE CONSERVATIONISTS," HE SAID.

MR CHEUNG SAID THE SELECTED SPECIES FEATURED IN THE SERIES COULD BE CLASSIFIED INTO THREE GROUPS ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE OF UNIQUENESS.

CAMELLIA GRANTHAMIANA IS ON TOP OF THE LIST FOR ITS RARITY AS A SPECIES THAT CAN ONLY BE FOUND IN HONG KONG.

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THIS UNIQUE SPECIES WAS FIRST DISCOVERED BY A FOREST GUARD, MR CHAN PO, AT TAI MO SHAN IN 1955 AND NAMED AFTER THE THEN GOVERNOR, SIR ALEXANDER GRANTHAM.

IT IS A CAMELLIA OF ABOUT THREE METRES HIGH WITH SMOOTH GREY BARK AND ALTERNATE AND SHORT-STALKED LEAVES. ITS SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS LIES IN THE SIZE OF ITS FLOWER WHICH CAN GROW UP TO 12 CM OR EVEN MORE IN DIAMETER WHEN FULLY OPEN, MAKING IT ONE OF THE MOST MAGNIFICENT AMONG CAMELLIAS.

THE SECOND GROUP COMPRISES CAMELLIA HONGKONGENSIS AND RHODODENDRON HONGKONGENSE, BOTH OF WHICH WERE NAMED AFTER HONG KONG TO MARK THE FIRST DISCOVERY OF THESE SPECIES.

ONLY A FEW TREES OF THE FORMER SPECIES WERE FOUND IN HONG KONG WHEN COLONEL EYRE FIRST REPORTED THIS VARIETY IN 1849. IT IS NOW MORE NUMEROUS IN THE FORESTED RAVINES OF VICTORIA PEAK AND POK FU LAM.

CAMELLIA HONGKONGENSIS IS UNIQUE AMONG WILD CAMELLIAS IN HONG KONG IN THAT ITS FLOWER IS NOT WHITE BUT DEEP GLOWING PINK IN COLOUR. THIS SPECIES IS ALSO FOUND IN SOUTH CHINA.

THE LATTER SPECIES WAS DISCOVERED BY LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.G. CHAMPION IN 1840 ON HONG KONG ISLAND. RHODODENDRON HONGKONGENSE IS A SPECIES DESERVING PROTECTION BECAUSE AS IT ONLY GROWS IN THE WILD, ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

OTHERS SPECIES FEATURED IN THE SERIES ARE THOSE FIRST DISCOVERED IN HONG KONG BETWEEN 1840 AND 1908 AND NAMED AFTER THEIR DISCOVERERS.

TUTCHERIA SPECTABILIS WHICH WAS NAMED AFTER MR W.J. TUTCHER, A FORMER SUPERINTENDANT OF BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY IN HONG KONG, AND RHODOLEIA CHAMPIONI, WHICH WAS NAMED AFTER LIEUTENANT COLONEL J.G. CHAMPION, ARE TWO TYPICAL EXAMPLES.

MR CHEUNG ADDED THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THESE RARE SPECIES ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM RUN BY THE DEPARTMENT.

THE HERBARIUM, WHICH HAS A STOCK OF OVER 35,000 PLANT SPECIMENS INCLUDING KNOWN INDIGENOUS SPECIES AND RELATED SPECIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, IS ON THE THIRD FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

IT IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND TO SCHOOL GROUPS WITH PRIOR BOOKING, WHICH CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING 3-7332121.

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TWO DRAFT OZP'S REFERRED BACK FOR REVISIONS

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAS REFERRED TWO DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS, WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO FURTHER REVISIONS, BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENTS.

THEY ARE THE DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS COVERING POK FU LAM AREA AND TSING YI ISLAND.

"THE BOARD HAS A DUTY UNDER THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT DRAFT OUTLINE ZONING PLANS TOGETHER WITH ANY OUTSTANDING OBJECTIONS TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL," A TOWN PLANNING BOARD SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

"HAVING CONSIDERED THE SUBMITTED PLANS AND THE OBJECTIONS, IT IS THE USUAL PROCEDURE FOR THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO REFER THE PLANS BACK TO THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD SHOULD THEY REQUIRE FURTHER AMENDMENTS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

"THE POK FU LAM PLAN IS LIKELY TO BE AMENDED AS A RESULT OF REVISED PLANNING PROPOSALS SUCH AS THOSE FOR THE RECLAMATION AT TELEGRAPH BAY.

"AMENDMENTS TO THE TSING YI PLAN ARE ALSO ANTICIPATED DUE TO THE VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT INVESTIGATIONS SUCH AS THE ALIGNMENT OF 'ROUTE 3' AND THE PORT AND AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY STUDY CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN BY THE GOVERNMENT," HE ADDED.

AS BOTH PLANS ARE STILL SUBJECT TO REVISIONS, THEY ARE NOT READY FOR APPROVAL AT THIS STAGE.

"DUE TO RAPID DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR MORE PLANS TO BE REFERRED BACK TO THE BOARD IN SUCH A MANNER IN FUTURE," THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED.

HE FURTHER SAID THAT SHOULD THE PLANS BE AMENDED IN THE FUTURE, THE AMENDMENTS WOULD BE EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN PLANNING ORDINANCE.

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YOUNG PEOPLE WARNED AGAINST INVOLVEMENT WITH TRIADS

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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED WITH TRIADS, EVEN IF UNDER DURESS OR INDUCEMENTS, BECAUSE THIS WOULD RUIN THEIR LIVES, THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MRS MAUREEN CHAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT A FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC), SHE ASKED THOSE WHO HAD BEEN INITIATED AS TRIAD MEMBERS TO TAKE TO THE TRIAD RENUNCIATION SCHEME SO THAT THEY CAN START A NEW LIFE.

HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS WERE DRAWN TO TODAY'S CARNIVAL AT AP LEI CHAU ESTATE WHICH OFFERED A VARIETY OF GAMES WITH AN ANTI-CRIME THEME, PERFORMANCES BY RENOWNED RADIO AND TELEVISION ARTISTES AND THE DISTRICT'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR, AND AN ANTI-TRIAD PLAY BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

THE FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL MARKED THE CONCLUSION OF THE 1988-89 FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN IN THE DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDED A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE THE ANTI-SHOPTHEFT AND HOME SECURITY THEMES.

"THESE INCLUDED A SEMINAR FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY ELDERLY PEOPLE, TO DEMONSTRATE HOW TO USE THE 'EMERGENCY HOTLINE SERVICE' OUTSIDE POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD UNITS, AND A SERIES OF VISITS TO SCHOOLS BY DFCC MEMBERS AND POLICE STAFF," THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR KAN MAN-LEE, SAID.

"THERE WERE ALSO AN ANTI-SHOPTHEFT SLOGAN COMPETITION AND AN ANTI-TRIAD BASKETBALL COMPETITION ESPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE," HE ADDED.

THE WINNERS OF THE TWO COMPETITIONS WERE AWARDED PRIZES DURING TODAY'S CARNIVAL.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT THE CARNIVAL AND CAMPAIGN CLOSING CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR HUI YUNG-CHUNG; POLICE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR R.C. TOAL; POLICE ABERDEEN DIVISION COMMANDER, MR F. MURPHY; CHAIRMAN OF THE CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR ALBERT POON, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS MR CHAN KWONG, MR TSE KIT-TO, MISS MAR YUET-HAR AND MRS SO CHAU YIM-PING.

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SAI KUNG HAS FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE

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THE ORGANISERS OF THE 1989 SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL HAVE SPARED NO EFFORT IN ENSURING THAT RESIDENTS KNOW ABOUT THE FESTIVAL AND ITS WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES.

ATTRACTING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE TO THE ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN A KEY AIM OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, AND MANY FESTIVAL BANNERS AND ITEMS OF BUNTING HAVE BEEN PUT UP THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT TO ACHIEVE THIS.

THE FESTIVAL BEGAN YESTERDAY (SATURDAY) AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FEBRUARY 19.

COLOURFUL BANNERS PUBLICISING THE FESTIVAL ARE MOUNTED ON STREET-SIDE RAILINGS AND AT VARIOUS VENUES WHERE NUMEROUS RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WILL BE HELD.

BUNTING, BEARING THE DISTRICT LOGO, HAS BEEN PUT ON LAMP-POSTS ALONG CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND PO TUNG ROAD AND IN JUNK BAY NEW TOWN.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT FESTIVAL PREPARATORY COMMITTEE SAID THE BANNERS AND BUNTING WILL ADD MORE COLOUR TO THE ALREADY HAPPY ATMOSPHERE IN THE DISTRICT, AND PARTICULARLY DURING LUNAR NEW YEAR EARLY NEXT MONTH.

A TOTAL OF 20,000 LEAFLETS, IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, AND HUNDREDS OF POSTERS AND INVITATION CARDS HAVE BEEN SENT TO RURAL COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS CORPORATIONS, LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, VILLAGES AND SCHOOLS, INFORMING THEM OF THE ACTIVITIES IN THE FESTIVAL.

LEAFLETS GIVING DETAILS OF THE FESTIVAL ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG JOCKEY CLUB TOWN HALL, TSUI LAM COMMUNITY HALL IN JUNK BAY AND THE TWO RURAL COMMITTEES.

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SHA TIN CONTINUES TO DEVELOP IN A HEALTHY WAY

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WITH THE SUPPORT OF RESIDENTS AND ORGANISATIONS CONCERNED, THE GOVERNMENT WILL FURTHER DEVELOP SHA TIN INTO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY SO THAT ADVERSE INFLUENCES WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE ROOT IN THE FAST DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR VICTOR YUNG, SAID THIS TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE ANTI-TRIAD VARIETY SHOW AND FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD AT THE NEW TOWN PLAZA.

"WE ARE GLAD THAT THE TRIAD PROBLEM IN SHA TIN IS NOT SERIOUS IN ANY WAY. HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT RELAX OUR EFFORTS IN FIGHTING TRIADS," HE SAID.

"AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL STEP UP OUR EFFORTS TO COMBAT ALL CRIMES TO MAKE SHA TIN A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN."

MR YUNG ADDED THAT A LARGE-SCALE SHA TIN DISTRICT FESTIVAL WOULD BE HELD AT THE END OF THIS YEAR AS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S EFFORT TO DEVELOP A PROSPEROUS AND HAPPY COMMUNITY.

CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (STDFCC), MR CHAN SZE-BUN, NOTED THAT GOOD RESULT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN COMBATTING THE DISTRICT'S JUVENILE CRIME.

"THE FIGURE OF JUVENILE ARRESTS HAD DROPPED BY ABOUT ONE-THIRD IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1988, COMPARED WITH A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 100 JUVENILE ARRESTS IN THE BEGINNING OF LAST YEAR," HE SAID.

"THIS IS A RESULT OF THE JOINT EFFORT OF THE STDFCC, THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AND LOCAL RESIDENTS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM AT VARIOUS LEVELS."

THE ANTI-TRIAD VARIETY SHOW AND FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGN PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY ORGANISED BY THE STDFCC TODAY WAS COLOURFUL AND EDUCATIONAL.

IT FEATURED KARATE DEMONSTRATION BY A JAPANESE MARTIAL ART GROUP; FOLK DANCE BY THE KIANGSU-CHEKIANG COLLEGE; CHINESE MUSIC BY THE SHA TIN ARTS ASSOCIATION CHINESE ORCHESTRA; VIOLIN BAND BY MEI LAM PRIMARY SCHOOL; AND FOLK SONGS BY THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL.

THE OCCASION WAS ALSO TAKEN TO PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE SLOGAN, ESSAY, QUIZ AND COLOURING COMPETITIONS ORGANISED BY THE STDFCC EARLIER LAST YEAR.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR NG CHAN-LAM; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR PETER HALLIDAY; AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR AND SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MR ANDREW WONG.

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AREA COMMITTEES SHOW TEAM SPIRIT IN SPORTS CARNIVAL

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 10 AREA COMMITTEES IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT SHOWED THEIR STRENGTH AND TEAM SPIRIT BY PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS TELEMATCHES IN A SPORTS CARNIVAL HELD TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS GROUND.

THE SPORTS CARNIVAL, ORGANISED BY THE SHAM SHUI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE URBAN COUNCIL WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD, WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS IN THE THREE-WEEK DISTRICT FESTIVAL.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WAS THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY, MR PAUL LEUNG, WHO PERFORMED THE EYE-DOTTING FOR A DRAGON DANCE.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR TAI TUNG-NGOK; DISTRICT OFFICER, MR GREGORY LEUNG; SPORTS ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW KWEN-LIM; AND DISTRICT FESTIVAL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MR CHOI WAN-HOE.

HUNDREDS OF LOCAL RESIDENTS WATCHED WITH INTEREST THE DRAGON AND LION DANCES, PARADES, BAND PERFORMANCE, MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION AND TELEMATCHES FOR AREA COMMITTEES AND LOCAL SCHOOLS.

THE RESIDENTS WERE JOINED BY A GROUP OF 200 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FROM THE SHAM SHUI PO REFUGEE CENTRE, WHO WERE ACCOMPANIED BY 20 VOLUNTARY WORKERS IN THE CENTRE.

IN RETURN FOR THE TREAT, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REFUGEES ENTERTAINED THE SPECTATORS BY GIVING CHORAL SINGING AND FOLK DANCE PERFORMANCES.

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KWAI TSING DISTRICT TO HOLD CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES

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A TWO-MONTH CLEAN-UP EXERCISE IN THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT STARTED TODAY (SUNDAY) WITH A CLEAN KWAI TSING DAY.

THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, MR PAUL TANG, DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LEE WING-TAT; CHAIRMAN OF THE CLEAN KWAI TSING DAY, MR WONG MAN-TAI; AND DB AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS TOOK THE LEAD IN CLEANING UP A SLOPE NEAR TSING YI TAI WONG HA VILLAGE TODAY.

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THE CLEAN KWAI TSING DAY WAS FUNDED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD'S ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WHICH HAS ALLOCATED OVER \$60,000 FOR HOLDING A SERIES OF CLEAN-UP ACTIVITIES.

EARLIER, A CLEAN BUILDING COMPETITION AND A SCHEME TO REPORT REFUSE BLACKSPOTS HAD BEEN HELD TO DRAW RESIDENTS' ATTENTION TOWARDS THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.

WINNERS OF THE CLEAN BUILDING COMPETITION'S PRIVATE BUILDING SECTION AND PUBLIC HOUSING SECTION WERE RESPECTIVELY BLOCK 14 OF WONDERLAND VILLA AND CHUNG LING SHEH, AN ELDERLY HOSTEL, OF CHO YIU ESTATE. THEY WERE EACH AWARDED A TROPHY AT TODAY'S CLEAN KWAI TSING DAY.

VOLUNTARY WORKERS FROM THE SEVEN AREAS IN THE DISTRICT TODAY ALSO TOOK PART IN CLEANING UP 10 LOCATIONS IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD WHICH HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS REFUSE BLACKSPOTS.

THE OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH STAFF OF THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE REFUSE BLACKSPOTS REPORT SCHEME INTRODUCED TO THE DISTRICT EARLIER.

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MUSIC OFFICE HOLDING ANNUAL GALA NEXT MONTH
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MORE THAN 1,000 YOUNG MUSICIANS WILL GIVE A CONCERT AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH STADIUM ON FEBRUARY 19.

THE ANNUAL GALA IS ONE OF THE MAJOR ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE TO REVIEW THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ITS TRAINEES IN THE PAST YEAR UNDER THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TRAINING SCHEME.

A MUSIC OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CONCERT, WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 PM, WILL PROVIDE TRAINEES WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM IN PUBLIC BEFORE THEIR PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS.

"WHEN PARENTS WATCH THEIR CHILDREN PERFORMING ON STAGE AND PARTICULARLY BEFORE A LARGE AUDIENCE, THEY WILL FEEL PROUD OF THE RESULTS ACHIEVED," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

AMONG THE TRAINEES TAKING PART IN THE CONCERT WILL BE WINNERS IN THE SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL AND HONG KONG'S REPRESENTATIVES AT INTERNATIONAL MUSIC CAMPS HELD IN THE UNITED STATES AND AUSTRALIA IN RECENT YEARS.

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THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE GALA WILL BE A COMBINED PERFORMANCE BY THE 1,000-STRONG ORCHESTRA COMPRISING PLAYERS OF STRING, WIND AND CHINESE MUSIC INSTRUMENTS, AND MEMBERS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE CHOIR.

PIECES PRESENTED BY THE ORCHESTRA WILL INCLUDE "DANCE OF THE YAOS" AND THE "MUSIC FOR THE MILLIONS" THEME SONG.

THE DIRECTOR OF THE ACADEMY FOR PERFORMING ARTS, MR JOHN HOSIER, WILL OFFICIATE AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

IN THIS, OUTSTANDING TRAINEES, ORCHESTRAL, CHOIR AND BAND MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES OF MERIT OR AWARDS IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENT DURING THE PAST YEAR.

TICKETS FOR THE ANNUAL GALA AT \$10 EACH ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL URBIX OUTLETS. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8235314.

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APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR FULL-TIME CRAFT COURSES

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SECONDARY THREE STUDENTS ARE BEING INVITED TO APPLY FOR ENTRY INTO THE FULL-TIME POST-SECONDARY THREE COURSES TO BE OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE TRAINING CENTRES OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE 25 COURSES BEING ORGANISED BY THE EIGHT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES COVER A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS.

THESE ARE IN THE AREAS OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, MARINE ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION, MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, PRINTING, CLOTHING, TEXTILES, HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM STUDIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, DESIGN, CHILD CARE AND HAIRDRESSING.

ANOTHER 23 COURSES RUN BY THE 11 TRAINING CENTRES AIM AT PROVIDING SIX-MONTH TO ONE-YEAR BASIC SKILLS TRAINING IN VARIOUS TRADES -- AUTOMOBILE, ELECTRICAL WORK, GAS WORK, ELECTRONICS, METAL WORK, WELDING, TEXTILES, JEWELLERY, PLASTICS MOULD MAKING, PRINTING AND SEAFARING.

"THESE COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP SECONDARY THREE STUDENTS WHO ARE PREPARED TO MAKE AN EARLY ENTRY INTO THE WORLD OF WORK AND TO BUILD A CAREER," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COUNCIL SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS AND COURSE PAMPHLETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS. SECONDARY THREE STUDENTS CAN APPLY BY RETURNING THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS NOT LATER THAN MARCH 8.

STUDENTS WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THESE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROVISIONS ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES DURING THEIR OPEN DAYS WHICH WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE END OF JANUARY AND EARLY MARCH.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE SPRING FESTIVAL

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TWO COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES TO HERALD THE COMING OF THE SPRING FESTIVAL WILL BE ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT NEXT SUNDAY (JANUARY 29).

THE "ORIENTAL FOLK ART CARNIVAL" WILL BEGIN AT 1.30 PM AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN SAI YING PUN.

THERE WILL BE CHINESE PUPPET SHOW, MARTIAL ART DEMONSTRATION, LION DANCE AND CHINESE MUSIC AND ORIENTAL DANCE PERFORMANCES.

DEMONSTRATIONS ON VARIOUS CHINESE FOLK ART INCLUDING FLOUR-DOLL MAKING, SILHOUETTE CUTTING AND CALLIGRAPHY WILL ALSO BE ARRANGED.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE POLICE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM THE CARITAS, YWCA AND SOME LOCAL SCHOOLS.

ANOTHER ACTIVITY, THE "CHILDREN SPRING CARNIVAL", WILL BE HELD FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM AT THE CAINE ROAD GARDEN.

CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN FOUR AND 15 MAY TAKE PART IN A DRAWING COMPETITION, A SPRING FESTIVAL COUPLETS WRITING COMPETITION AND POTTED GAMES.

ALSO, WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FESTIVAL LIGHTING PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION HELD EARLIER WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES AT THE FUNCTION.

THE CARNIVAL IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE MID-LEVELS (WEST) AREA COMMITTEE, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE DISTRICT'S ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURE AND ARTS.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE TWO CARNIVALS CAN BE MADE ON 5-8523002.

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CHILDREN DEMONSTRATE TALENTS IN VEGETABLE GROWING
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JUDGING IN A COMPETITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN GROWING VEGETABLES IN POTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24).

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

IT HAS ATTRACTED MORE THAN 400 ENTRIES FROM 114 PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

THE COMPETITION AIMS AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIMARY PUPILS TO LEARN, THROUGH PARTICIPATION AND OBSERVATION, THE SHAPE, STRUCTURE AND GROWTH OF PLANTS, AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF PLANTS FOR BEAUTIFYING THE ENVIRONMENT.

SEEDS OF FIVE SPECIES -- RADISH, LETTUCE, SWEET PEA, TOMATO AND CAULIFLOWER -- SUITABLE FOR GROWING IN POTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER.

INFORMATION AND TECHNIQUES ON VEGETABLE GROWING IN POTS WERE ALSO PROVIDED TO SCHOOLS AT A SEMINAR LATE LAST YEAR AT WHICH TALKS WERE GIVEN BY THE HORTICULTURIST (VEGETABLE) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MR K.Y. HO.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VEGETABLES IN POTS OVER THE LAST FOUR MONTHS, FROM SEEDLINGS TO FULL-GROWN PLANTS WAS ACHIEVED BY THE CHILDREN UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR TEACHERS.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE, HOUSED IN THE SAME BUILDING AS THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE TEACHING CENTRE, IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE JUDGING ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

THE SENIOR CROP DEVELOPMENT OFFICER OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, MISS VERA SO, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS.

ALL ENTRIES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION AT THE CENTRE WHICH WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BETWEEN TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND THURSDAY (JANUARY 26).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT AT THE HONG KONG TEACHERS' CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT, ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24), BEGINNING AT 2.30 PM.

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EASTERN DB TO DISCUSS UC CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

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MEMBERS OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD WILL DISCUSS THE APPROVED FIVE-YEAR URBAN COUNCIL CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME (1988-89 TO 1992-93) FOR THE DISTRICT AT THEIR MEETING ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24).

AFTER HAVING TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BOARD MEMBERS' VIEWS EXPRESSED IN MID-1988 ON THE PRIORITY RATINGS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS UNDER THE PROGRAMME, THE URBAN COUNCIL APPROVED THE PROGRAMME IN NOVEMBER.

MEMBERS WILL BE INFORMED OF THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD IN MARCH TO SIT ON THE URBAN COUNCIL AND WILL EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED ELECTION ARRANGEMENTS TO BE ADOPTED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME IN EASTERN DISTRICT AND THE SETTING UP OF COMMITTEES UNDER THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS;

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EASTERN DISTRICT BOARD MEETING WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 24) IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, 880-886 KING'S ROAD.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR FOR KLN CITY OC'S
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ABOUT 150 MEMBERS AND OFFICE-BEARERS OF OWNERS' CORPORATIONS IN THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN A SEMINAR ON BUILDING MANAGEMENT TOMORROW (MONDAY) EVENING AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, HO MAN TIN.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM (BMCT), IS AIMED AT INCREASING RESIDENTS' AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THEIR BUILDINGS.

IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE OPERATION OF THEIR CORPORATIONS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT WORK AND METHODS TO TACKLE PROBLEMS IN THEIR BUILDINGS.

THEY WILL BE ABLE TO LEARN THE PROCEDURES OF CONDUCTING A MEETING, ACCOUNTING AND LEGISLATION, SECURITY, MAINTENANCE, CLEANLINESS AND FIRE SAFETY IN BUILDINGS.

KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ALEX FONG, WILL MAKE AN OPENING ADDRESS TO INTRODUCE THE BMCT AND THE TIMETABLE FOR ITS FUTURE WORK.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TALK BY A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, MR LEE ON, AND A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION TO BE CHAIRED BY THE BMCT HOUSING MANAGER AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, POLICE AND ICAC.

INFORMATION ON BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKS WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE SEMINAR VENUE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BUILDING MANAGEMENT SEMINAR, BEGINNING AT 8 PM TOMORROW (MONDAY), AT THE MARTHA BOSS COMMUNITY CENTRE, CHUNG HAU STREET, HO MAN TIN.

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