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WARNING AGAINST BRINGING IN MEDICINES

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RESIDENTS RETURNING FROM CHINA WERE REMINDED TODAY (SUNDAY) NOT TO BRING IN PHARMACY OR ANTIBIOTICS OTHER THAN THOSE MEDICINES REQUIRED FOR PERSONAL MEDICAL TREATMENT.

CUSTOMS DIVISIONAL COMMANDER OF THE BORDER CONTROLS, MR EDDIE LAM, SAID IMPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF THE DRUGS ARE SUBJECT TO STRICT CONTROLS UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE AS WELL AS THE ANTIBIOTICS ORDINANCE.

+ANY PERSON, IF CONVICTED FOR POSSESSION OF PART 1 POISONS, WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10 000 AND IMPRISONMENT OF 12 MONTHS.

+A FINE OF UP TO \$10 000 WILL BE IMPOSED ON THOSE CONVICTED OF POSSESSING ANTIBIOTICS,+ MR LAM SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MOST COMMON PHARMACY AND POISONS BEING BROUGHT INTO HONG KONG ARE UNGUENTUM FLUOCINOLONI ACETONIDI ACETIS, INJECTIO ANALGINI, INJECTIO ANTONDINI AND TABELLAE DIAZEPAM.

THE COMMON ANTIBIOTICS ARE OCULENTUM CHLORETRACYCLIN, CAPSULAE OXYTETRACYCLINE, TABELLAE ERYTHROMYCLINI, INJECTIO BENZYL PENICILLIUM KALIUM, OCUSTILLA CHORAMPHENICOLI, TABELLAE TETRACYCLINI, INJECTIO GENTAMYCINI SULFATIS.

+CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT VARIOUS BORDER CONTROL POINTS WILL STEP UP CONTROL MEASURES TO CHECK ON TRAVELLERS DURING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD.+

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT RESIDENTS SHOULD NOT BREAK THE LAW AND REFRAIN FROM BRINGING IN THE DRUGS,+ MR LAM SAID.

DURING 1985, A TOTAL OF 79 RESIDENTS RETURNING FROM CHINA WERE PROSECUTED UNDER THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE AND 26 UNDER THE ANTIBIOTICS ORDINANCE.

MR LAM ALSO WARNED THAT IT WAS ALSO AN OFFENCE FOR THE PUBLIC TO BRING IN +ENDANGERED SPECIES+ SUCH AS PANGOLIN, OWL, TURTLE, CROCODILE AND PYTHON.

+AS FOR IMPORTATION OF CATS, DOGS, FIRE CRACKERS AND FIREWORKS, THIS SHOULD NOT BE DONE UNLESS ARRANGEMENT IS MADE FOR A PERMIT FROM THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS.+

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MORE WOMEN JOIN CUSTOMS WORK  
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THE NUMBER OF WOMEN IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

WHILE THERE WERE ONLY 141 WOMEN OFFICERS IN THE SERVICE IN 1980, THEIR NUMBER HAS INCREASED TO 267 THIS YEAR. THERE ARE NOW 205 WOMEN OFFICERS IN THE CUSTOMS OFFICER GRADE AND 62 IN THE INSPECTORATE GRADE, REPRESENTING ABOUT 10 PER CENT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FORCE, ACCORDING TO ACTING ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, MRS MAGGIE KWOK.

MRS KWOK JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN 1969 WHEN THE MAIN DUTY OF WOMEN OFFICERS WAS TO CARRY OUT PERSONAL SEARCHES ON WOMEN AT CHECKPOINTS.

+AT THAT TIME, WOMEN OFFICERS WERE GIVEN 25 PER CENT LESS PAY THAN THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS,+ SHE RECALLED.

+BUT BY 1975 WHEN THE FINAL STAGE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S 'EQUAL PAY FOR EQUAL WORK' SCHEME WAS COMPLETED, WOMEN BEGAN TO ENJOY THE SAME BENEFITS AS MALE OFFICERS. OF COURSE, THIS MEANT THAT THEY HAD TO TAKE UP ADDITIONAL DUTIES.+

TODAY, WOMEN OFFICERS SERVE IN ALMOST ALL THE UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS THE STRIKE AND SEARCH DIVISION WHERE OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT SEA AND COASTAL PATROLS, CHECK ON REFUGEES AND CONDUCT STRIKE-AND-SEARCH OPERATIONS.

+WOMEN DO NOT TAKE PART IN THESE OPERATIONS NOT BECAUSE THEY ARE INCAPABLE OF DOING SO BUT BECAUSE FACILITIES IN VESSELS ARE NOT ADEQUATE,+ SHE EXPLAINED.

MRS KWOK, WHO IS ONE OF THE MOST SENIOR WOMEN OFFICERS IN THE SERVICE, HAS JUST RETURNED FROM AN OVERSEAS CUSTOMS TECHNIQUES TRAINING COURSE IN JAPAN.

SHE IS THE FIRST WOMAN OFFICER TO ATTEND THE COURSE IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES FROM 15 COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD TOOK PART.

+BEING A WOMAN, I AM PROUD TO HAVE TAKEN PART BECAUSE I WAS ONE OF THE ONLY TWO WOMEN PARTICIPANTS IN THIS INTERNATIONAL EVENT,+ MRS KWOK SAID.

+THAT A WOMAN OFFICER HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO ATTEND THE COURSE WHICH LASTS FOR TWO MONTHS SHOWS THAT THE MANAGEMENT APPRECIATES THE ROLE OF WOMEN OFFICERS.

+THIS ALSO SHOWS THAT WOMEN ARE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST AS FAR AS PROMOTION IS CONCERNED.+

THERE ARE NOW EIGHT WOMEN OFFICERS OF SENIOR INSPECTOR RANK. LOOKING AHEAD, MRS KWOK ENVISAGED THAT MORE AND MORE WOMEN OFFICERS WOULD RISE TO THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT RANK OR ABOVE.

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PROMOTE BILLIARDS AS HEALTHY SPORT, SURVEY SAYS

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RECOMMENDATIONS IN A SURVEY ON BILLIARD SALOONS IN MONG KOK SUGGEST THAT LAWS GOVERNING SUCH HALLS SHOULD BE AMENDED AND THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL SHOULD PROMOTE THE GAME AS A HEALTHY SPORT.

THIS IS ONE OF THE TWO SURVEYS RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE +COMMUNITY-IN-PERSPECTIVE+ PROJECT ORGANISED BY THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD, TO FIND OUT THE EFFECTS OF BILLIARD SALOONS AND VIDEO GAMES CENTRES ON YOUTHS, AS WELL AS NUISANCES CAUSED BY SIGNBOARDS ON RESIDENTS.

ACCORDING TO THE FIRST SURVEY, SOME 900 STUDENTS AND RESIDENTS INTERVIEWED ABOUT BILLIARD SALOONS AND VIDEO GAMES CENTRES THOUGHT THAT YOUTHS COULD EASILY INDULGE IN THE GAME AND SPEND MUCH POCKET MONEY IN SUCH PLACES.

THE REPORT ALSO SUGGESTED THAT STRICT ENFORCEMENT BE CARRIED OUT ON THE LAW FORBIDDING STUDENTS UNDER 16 YEARS OLD AND IN SCHOOL UNIFORM FROM ENTERING VIDEO GAMES CENTRES.

ANOTHER SURVEY ON THE NUISANCE OF SIGNBOARDS REVEALED THAT AMONG THE 120 SHOP OPERATORS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND BUILDING OWNERS INCORPORATIONS INTERVIEWED, MORE THAN HALF OF THEM DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHICH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT REGULATED SIGNBOARDS.

AND AMONG THEM, 80 PER CENT DID NOT KNOW WHICH DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE APPROACHED FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A SIGNBOARD.

THE REPORT PROPOSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD WIDELY PUBLICISE LEGISLATION ON SIGNBOARDS AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC AND SHOP OWNERS ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN A SEMINAR TODAY (SUNDAY) TO DISCUSS THE FINDINGS OF THE TWO SURVEYS.

FINDINGS AND PROPOSALS IN THE SURVEYS HAVE BEEN COMPILED INTO TWO REPORTS AND WILL BE SUBMITTED FOR THE DISTRICT BOARD'S CONSIDERATION.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT THE SEMINAR INCLUDED UNOFFICIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLORS, MRS PAULINE NG AND MRS ROSANNA TAM= URBAN COUNCILLOR, DR RONALD LEUNG= ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR T.K. CHOY AND POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER (MONG KOK), MR WONG TSAN-KWONG.

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HISTORY OF LANGUAGE TEACHING UNFOLDED  
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THE HISTORY OF LANGUAGE TEACHING IN HONG KONG IS UNFOLDED IN THE INAUGURAL ISSUE OF A JOURNAL PUBLISHED BY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE IN EDUCATION.

IN AN ARTICLE IN THE JOURNAL, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN CHARGE OF THE INSTITUTE, DR VERNER BICKLEY, WROTE THAT EDUCATION IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN HONG KONG WAS FIRST PROVIDED IN THE ANGLO-CHINESE COLLEGE AND IN ST PAUL'S COLLEGE, BOTH OF WHICH WERE FOUNDED IN 1843 TO TRAIN MINISTERS FOR THE LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND THE ANGLICAN CHURCH.

IT WAS NOT UNTIL 10 YEARS LATER THAT ENGLISH TEACHING WAS INTRODUCED IN SCHOOLS.

ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF AN EDUCATION COMMITTEE, A NUMBER OF SMALL GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS WERE MERGED INTO THE CENTRAL SCHOOL IN 1862, WHICH WAS LATER RENAMED THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

IN THE ENSUING YEARS, THE GROWTH OF HONG KONG AS A TRADING CENTRE LED TO A DEMAND FOR BILINGUAL CLERKS, COMPRADORES AND INTERPRETERS TO WORK NOT ONLY IN BUSINESS HOUSES IN HONG KONG, BUT ALSO IN TRADING PORTS IN CHINA AND OTHER COUNTRIES. AS A RESULT, ENGLISH TEACHING IN THE CENTRAL SCHOOL WAS VALUED BY STUDENTS WHO WANTED TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT IN THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR.

SOON AFTER ASSUMING GOVERNORSHIP IN 1877, SIR JOHN POPE-HENNESSY APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT LANGUAGE TEACHING IN HONG KONG. THE COMMITTEE MADE FAR-REACHING RECOMMENDATIONS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF LANGUAGE EDUCATION. AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT SUGGESTED THAT THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THAT MORE ENGLISH SPEAKING MASTERS BE APPOINTED AND SMALLER CLASSES BE ARRANGED.

IN THE FOLLOWING DECADES, THE GOVERNMENT GRADUALLY INCREASED ITS PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATION BY PROVIDING MORE SCHOOLS AND BY INTRODUCING TEACHER TRAINING FACILITIES. THE NORTHCOTE TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE WAS OPENED IN 1939.

IN THE IMMEDIATE POST-WAR PERIOD, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN ITS ANNUAL REPORT (1946-47) STATED THAT THERE SHOULD BE A GREATER PARTICIPATION BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE PROVISION OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IN CHINESE.

SUBSEQUENTLY, MEASURES WERE TAKEN TO EXPAND CHINESE-MEDIUM EDUCATION. THESE INCLUDED THE OPENING OF THE GRANTHAM TEACHER TRAINING COLLEGE IN 1951 TO TRAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO WOULD TEACH THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF CHINESE.

THE LANGUAGE ISSUE WAS LOOKED AT AGAIN IN 1951 BY A COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH CONSIDERED THAT THERE WERE WEAKNESSES IN ENGLISH TEACHING IN SCHOOLS AND SUGGESTED TWO KINDS OF COURSE FOR TEACHERS TO IMPROVE THEIR LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY AND TO INSTRUCT THEM IN METHODOLOGY.

IN 1963, A WORKING PARTY SET UP UNDER THE THEN EDUCATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDED THAT THE STANDARD OF CHINESE STUDIES IN ANGLO-CHINESE SCHOOLS AND OF ENGLISH STUDIES IN CHINESE SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE IMPROVED.

DR BICKLEY'S ARTICLE ALSO GAVE AN ACCOUNT OF EVENTS LEADING TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE +LANGUAGE PACKAGE+ IN 1980 AND THE EXISTING EDUCATION COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO LANGUAGE EDUCATION.

THE JOURNAL ALSO CONTAINS A WEALTH OF WRITING BY EDUCATIONISTS AND LINGUISTS ON THE TEACHING OF BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH LANGUAGES. COPIES OF THE JOURNAL HAVE BEEN SENT TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS.

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TEACHING KIT ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION PRODUCED  
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A TEACHING KIT ON DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT IN THEIR CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES.

THE KIT WAS PREPARED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND PRODUCED BY THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE ON THE 1985 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE DISTRICT BOARD.

A TOTAL OF 100 SETS ARE AVAILABLE, AND INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO USE THE KIT.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID AS CIVIC EDUCATION WAS A MAJOR CAMPAIGN FOR THIS YEAR, EACH OF THE 16 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WOULD RECEIVE A FREE FOLDER CONTAINING A HANDBOOK FOR TEACHERS, FACT SHEETS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO STUDENTS, AND A SET OF 30 SLIDES AND 17 TRANSPARENCIES.

THE FOUR-CHAPTER TEACHER'S GUIDE PROVIDES DETAILS ON THE FORMATION AND BACKGROUND, RECENT DEVELOPMENT, CURRENT SITUATION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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IN HIS FOREWORD, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR EDDY CHAN, SAID THE WELL-ILLUSTRATED TEACHING KIT, WHICH DEPICTS AT LENGTH THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WITH SPECIAL RELATION TO SOUTHERN DISTRICT, SHOULD HELP AROUSE THE ATTENTION OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS ON THE ISSUE.

HE SAID WITH THE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION THROUGH THE DISTRICT BOARDS, IMPORTANT PROGRESS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN AREAS SUCH AS TRAFFIC, HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS IN RECENT YEARS.

+DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT PART IN COPING WITH SOCIETY'S NEEDS, AND ITS SUCCESS WILL DEPEND ON THE SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM OF RESIDENTS,+ MR CHAN SAID.

HE HOPED MORE YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR COMMUNITY AND TAKE A MORE ACTIVE PART TOWARDS BUILDING A BETTER SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

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#### PUBLIC URGED TO SUPPORT MARCH 6 ELECTION \* \* \* \*

TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR THOMAS CHAN TODAY (SUNDAY) URGED LOCAL RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTION ON MARCH 6 BY CASTING THEIR VOTES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT BOARD ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES TELEMATCH, MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT CLOSE CO-OPERATION AND ACTIVE PARTICIPATION WERE NOT ONLY THE KEY TO SUCCESS IN SPORTS, BUT IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

+THE TELEMATCH CAN HELP FOSTER A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DB MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS, AND MAY ALSO HELP PROMOTE THEIR SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE CONSTITUENCIES,+ MR CHAN SAID.

A TOTAL OF SEVEN TEAMS, EACH COMPRISING 22 MEMBERS AND LED BY ONE APPOINTED DB MEMBER AND ONE ELECTED DB MEMBER OF EACH CONSTITUENCY, TOOK PART IN THE TELEMATCH AT THE TAU YUEN SOCCER PITCH.

THE TELEMATCH WAS ONE OF THE MANY PROGRAMMES OF THE ON-GOING TAI PO FESTIVAL.

IT WAS ORGANISED BY THE PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE'S WORKING GROUP ON THE PROMOTION OF DISTRICT IDENTITY AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD.

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### CONCEPT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT EXPLAINED

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THE BASIC CONCEPT AND SPIRIT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT IS TO PROVIDE A CHANNEL FOR RESIDENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS TO THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THEIR REPRESENTATIVE, SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN HO, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SAI KUNG GAMES DAY, MR HO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A LINK WITH RESIDENTS THROUGH VARIOUS TYPES OF REPRESENTATIVE SYSTEMS.

+THERE ARE THE APPOINTED SYSTEM AND THE ELECTED SYSTEM, WHICH ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE PUBLIC OPINION AS A MAJOR REFERENCE WHEN DECIDING ON A POLICY,+ HE SAID.

+THE DISTRICT BOARD IS AN EXAMPLE OF PUBLIC OPINION COLLECTING BODY. THROUGH 'MEET THE PUBLIC SESSIONS' AND CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS FIELDS, BOARD MEMBERS CAN UNDERSTAND THE WISHES OF THE PUBLIC AND REFLECT THEM TO THE GOVERNMENT.

MR HO POINTED OUT THAT THE THEME OF TODAY'S EVENT WAS TO PROMOTE THE PARTICIPATION ASPECT OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT SYSTEM THROUGH GROUP ACTIVITIES.

HE SAID SAI KUNG DISTRICT HAD THE HIGHEST OF VOTER TURNOUT RATE DURING THE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS LAST YEAR. HE HOPED THAT VOTERS IN THE DISTRICT WOULD CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT AT THE POLLS DURING REGIONAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS ON MARCH 6.

THE GAMES DAY, BEING HELD AT TANG SHIU KIN SPORTS GROUND, WAS ONE OF THE MAJOR FUNCTIONS OF THE REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN IN SAI KUNG. IT WAS CO-ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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### LAW AND ORDER IN KWUN TONG IMPROVES

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THE LAW AND ORDER SITUATION IN KWUN TONG HAS IMPROVED DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER MISS ANNIE TAM, SAID THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL, SHE SAID THE OVERALL CRIME DETECTION RATE IN THE DISTRICT IN 1985 HAD BEEN IMPROVED TO 46.3 PER CENT FROM 41.3 PER CENT IN 1984.

MISS TAM ATTRIBUTED THE IMPROVEMENT IN LAW AND ORDER TO ADDITIONAL POLICE RESOURCES DEPLOYED IN THE DISTRICT SINCE THE NEW SAU MAU PING POLICE DISTRICT STARTED OPERATION IN MARCH LAST YEAR.

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IN SAU MAU PING DISTRICT, THE NUMBER OF CRIMES REPORTED WENT DOWN BY SIX PER CENT FROM 6 607 IN 1984 TO 6 224 LAST YEAR, SHE SAID.

TO ACHIEVE FURTHER IMPROVEMENT, MISS TAM SAID THE POLICE, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, HAD SELECTED SEVEN PUBLIC HOUSING BLOCKS IN THE DISTRICT TO IMPLEMENT THE 'NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME'.

ACCORDING TO THE POLICE, THE SCHEME HAD BEEN USEFUL IN PREVENTING BURGLARIES AND ENHANCING NEIGHBOURLINESS, SHE SAID.

MISS TAM BELIEVED THE RESIDENTS IN THE SELECTED BUILDINGS WOULD SUPPORT THE SCHEME AND JOIN HANDS WITH THE POLICE TO MAKE THEIR HOMES SAFER.

ANOTHER FORCE VITAL TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME WAS THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE WHICH ACTED AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE POLICE AND LOCAL RESIDENTS, SHE SAID.

SHE NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE IN KWUN TONG HAD ORGANISED A SERIES OF FIGHT CRIME SEMINARS FOR MEMBERS OF LOCAL AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, TODAY'S EVENT FEATURED LION DANCES, MARTIAL ARTS PERFORMANCES AND A VARIETY SHOW.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CARNIVAL WERE THE SAU MAU PING POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR TEDDY U, THE KWUN TONG POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR J.G. HURST; A FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE MEMBER, MRS SOPHIA HO; AND THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR BASIL LEUNG.

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NEW FACILITIES AT MAN KAM TO SET TO OPEN  
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CROSS-BORDER TRAFFIC FLOW AT MAN KAM TO SHOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) WHEN NEW IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS AND EXCISE FACILITIES COME INTO OPERATION.

THIS MAJOR CROSSING POINT WITH CHINA IS NOW USED BY SOME 5 500 VEHICLES AND 1 000 COACH PASSENGERS EACH DAY, AND AUTHORITIES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER ARE GEARING UP FOR A STEADY GROWTH IN TRAFFIC.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE NEW \$60-MILLION FACILITIES IS A TWO-STORY TERMINAL BUILDING INCORPORATING OFFICES AND PASSENGER PROCESSING FACILITIES. FOR COACH PASSENGERS THERE ARE 28 IMMIGRATION AND 15 CUSTOMS COUNTERS, WHILE VEHICLES ARE PROVIDED WITH 12 IMMIGRATION AND 12 CUSTOMS KIOSKS.

IN ADDITION, THERE IS A SEPARATE CUSTOMS IMPORT CARGO EXAMINATION COMPLEX CONSISTING OF SIX VEHICLE PARKING BAYS AND A CARGO STORAGE AREA. A SIMILAR EXPORT CARGO EXAMINATION COMPLEX WITH TWO PARKING BAYS IS DUE TO COME INTO OPERATION IN MAY.

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HOLIDAY CLINIC SERVICES  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS ALL OUT-PATIENT CLINICS, INCLUDING EVENING CLINICS, WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN FEBRUARY 8 AND 10.

HOWEVER, ON TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 11), EIGHT OUT-PATIENT CLINICS WILL BE OPENED FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM.

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE VIOLET PEEL POLYCLINIC AND SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE, ROBERT BLACK HEALTH CENTRE AND YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN KOWLOON, LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC, YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB HEALTH CENTRE AND SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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WARNING ON POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS  
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE PROHIBITED FROM ANY UNLICENSED POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE OF FIREWORK, FIRE-CRACKERS, PISTOL CAPS AND PARTY POPPERS.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MINES OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR BORHYEN WANG, TODAY (SUNDAY) WARNED THAT UNDER THE DANGEROUS GOODS ORDINANCE, ANY PERSON WHO POSSESSES OR DISCHARGES ANY FIREWORK WITHOUT A LICENCE IS LIABLE, ON CONVICTION, TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$25 000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

HE SAID SOME UNSCRUPULOUS TRADESMEN MIGHT BRING IN LARGE QUANTITY OF FIREWORKS TO HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY AROUND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, TO MAKE PROFITS.

ILLEGALLY-IMPORTED FIREWORKS WILL BE SEIZED AND THE OFFENDER IS LIABLE TO PROSECUTION.

ANYONE IN POSSESSION OF FIREWORKS OR SIMILAR ITEMS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SURRENDER THEM TO THE POLICE OR THE MINES DIVISION AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MR WANG SAID.

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### COUNTRY PARKS TO REMAIN CLOSED

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE TAI LAM, TAI MO SHAN AND SHING MUN COUNTRY PARKS AND TAI PO KAU NATURE RESERVE WOULD REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE BAN ON BARBECUING IN ALL OTHER COUNTRY PARKS WILL STAY IN FORCE AT THE SAME TIME.

THE PARKS WERE CLOSED AND THE FIRE BAN IMPOSED ON JANUARY 11 BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY HIGH FIRE RISK.

FOLLOWING A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT FIRE SITUATION AND THE LONG RANGE WEATHER FORECAST, A DECISION WAS RECENTLY TAKEN TO CONTINUE WITH THESE CONTROL MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER FIRE DAMAGE TO PARK PLANTATIONS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +IN VIEW OF THE CONTINUING HIGH FIRE RISK AND THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO MEASURABLE RAINFALL IN THE PAST 50 DAYS, A SPECIAL ACTION PLAN HAS BEEN DRAWN UP AMONG THE DEPARTMENT, THE FIRE SERVICES AND THE CIVIL AID SERVICES TO PROTECT THE COUNTRY PARKS DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD AND ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FIRE SEASON.

+PREVENTIVE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN INCLUDE MORE FREQUENT PATROLS BY PARK WARDENS AND CAS MEMBERS, AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF MORE AFD AND CAS PERSONNEL AND MORE FSD APPLIANCES ON STANDBY DUTY DURING THE HOLIDAY PERIOD.+

IN ADDITION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, TEMPORARY WATER TANKS WOULD BE SET UP AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS IN THE VULNERABLE PARKS TO FACILITATE FIRE FIGHTING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SINCE THE COMING INTO EFFECT OF THE CLOSURE ORDER AND THE FIRE BAN, THERE HAD BEEN A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE NUMBER OF FIRES IN COUNTRY PARKS - FROM 45 IN THE WEEK PRECEDING THE SHING MUN FIRE ON JANUARY 8 AND 9 TO ONLY SIX LAST WEEK.

DESPITE THE IMPROVEMENT, HE SAID, THE FIRE TOLL SO FAR THIS FIRE SEASON HAD FAR EXCEEDED THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S RECORD AND THE DAMAGE DONE WAS THE WORST IN 10 YEARS.

SINCE THE START OF THE FIRE SEASON LAST SEPTEMBER, THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 824 REPORTS OF HILL FIRE, OF WHICH 241 WERE INSIDE OR THREATENED COUNTRY PARKS. THESE FIRES DAMAGED MORE THAN 515 000 TREES AND 4 650 HECTARES OF GRASSLAND.

IN THE LAST FIRE SEASON, ONLY 68 000 TREES AND 798 HECTARES OF GRASSLAND WERE AFFECTED IN 480 HILL FIRES INCLUDING 159 INSIDE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DEPARTMENT HAD TAKEN OUT SUMMONSES AGAINST 10 PEOPLE FOR VIOLATING THE CLOSURE ORDER AND THE FIRE BAN.

+OFFENDERS OF THE CLOSURE ORDER WILL BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$2 000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE MONTHS WHILE VIOLATIONS OF THE FIRE BAN MAY RESULT IN A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5 000 ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THE PUBLIC TO OBSERVE THESE CONTROL MEASURES STRICTLY. THEY SHOULD BRING PRE-COOKED FOOD ONLY AND HANDLE CIGARETTE ENDS WITH CARE WHEN THEY VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE.

+WE WOULD LIKE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE MORE CAREFUL, MORE THOUGHTFUL AND MORE CIVIC-MINDED SO THAT EVERYONE CAN ENJOY A FIRE-FREE HOLIDAY SEASON,+ HE ADDED.

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#### ROAD SAFETY REPORT PUBLISHED

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A BRIEF CEREMONY TO MARK THE PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE, 2 MURRAY ROAD, GROUND FLOOR, CENTRAL.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (TRAFFIC), ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR J.C. CLEMENCE, AND THE CHIEF ENGINEER, ROAD SAFETY AND STANDARDS DIVISION OF TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, MR D.G. WILLDAY, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

THE ROAD SAFETY QUARTERLY IS PUBLISHED BY THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG ROAD USERS.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE NEXT TO THE MURRAY ROAD CAR PARK AT 2.55 PM. GIS OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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#### APPLICATIONS FOR DB FUNDS INVITED

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LOCAL BODIES IN SHAM SHUI PO ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR DISTRICT BOARD FUNDS TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY BUILDING PROJECTS IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 7.

A LETTER WAS SENT TO MORE THAN 1 000 ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT LAST MONTH INVITING THEM TO APPLY FOR GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES.

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CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMITTEE, MR FAN KAM-PING, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT AT A MEETING EARLIER, MEMBERS DECIDED TO ADOPT A NEW ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS.

INSTEAD OF HANDLING THEM IN AN INTERMITTENT AND PIECEMEAL BASIS, THE COMMITTEE HAD SET UP A VETTING SUB-COMMITTEE, WHICH WOULD MEET THREE TIMES A YEAR TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS, HE SAID.

+THIS WILL NOT ONLY PROVIDE A MORE EFFICIENT AND LABOUR-SAVING ARRANGEMENT, BUT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO HAVE AN OVERALL PICTURE OF THE PROJECTS TO BE ORGANISED IN THE DISTRICT OVER A CERTAIN PERIOD, SO THAT IT CAN PLAY A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN COORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS ENSURING AN EVEN AND EFFECTIVE DISTRIBUTION OF THE RESOURCES,+ MR FAN ADDED.

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE VETTING SUB-COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 4.

MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND VARIOUS REGISTERED LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ARE WELCOME TO APPLY FOR DB FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT NON-PROFIT-MAKING ACTIVITIES.

APPLICATION FORMS AND DETAILS OF THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-7204251 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

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MAC'S HELP IN FIGHT AGAINST DRUG ABUSE  
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CHAIRMEN AND MEMBERS FROM OVER 150 MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES IN TUEN MUN DISTRICT LEARNED MORE ABOUT DRUG ABUSE AND ITS HARMFUL EFFECTS THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THEY WERE ENTERTAINED TO AN ANTI-NARCOTICS SLIDE SHOW ORGANISED BY THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT HELD AT THE NEW TOWN CINEMA, TUEN MUN.

THE SHOW WAS ONE OF THE MANY ACTIVITIES OF THE TERRITORY-WIDE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAMPAIGN WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, THE COMMITTEES, ON THE BASIS OF MUTUAL AID AND CONCERN FOR THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD, COULD BE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT DRUG PEDLARS AND TO COMBAT DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES.

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THE CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED WITH AN AIM TO ALERT THE MAC'S, ESPECIALLY THEIR MEMBERS WHO WERE PARENTS, TO THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE, TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO FORM PARENT GROUPS TO PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN FROM DRUG ABUSE IN THEIR NEIGHBOURHOOD, AND TO URGE THEM TO TAKE MORE CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN.

THE SLIDE SHOW WAS FOLLOWED BY AN ENTERTAINING LOCALLY PRODUCED MOVIE +PROTECTOR+ WHICH FEATURED THE WORK OF THE POLICE IN ERADICATING AN INTERNATIONAL DRUG SMUGGLING RING.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME  
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APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR FUNDS TO ORGANISE ACTIVITIES FOR THE 1986 EASTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, SCHOOLS, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS IN EASTERN DISTRICT CAN APPLY.

THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S EASTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES, WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, IS: +TO CARE FOR SOCIETY AND TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HONG KONG+.

THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER THE APPLICATIONS IN MARCH AND THE RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN APRIL.

ANY ORGANISATION WHO WANTS TO APPLY FUNDS FOR ORGANISING SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT CAN COLLECT APPLICATION FORMS AT THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES.

THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 26, AND APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, GROUND FLOOR, 884-886 KING'S ROAD, NORTH POINT.

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KEEP FIT FOR ONLY \$30 A MONTH AT UC SPORTS CENTRES  
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AT A NOMINAL MONTHLY FEE OF \$30, YOU CAN NOT ONLY STAY FIT AND HEALTHY IN A RELAXED AND COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT AT THE URBAN COUNCIL'S TO KWA WAN SPORTS CENTRE, BUT YOU CAN ALSO MAKE NEW SPORTS-MINDED FRIENDS.

THE MODERN SPORTS CENTRE OFFERS A VARIETY OF KEEP-FIT COURSES AT THIS HIGHLY AFFORDABLE MONTHLY FEE. FOR YOGA COURSES, IT IS EVEN CHEAPER, AT ONLY \$20 A MONTH.

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+SINCE BEING OPENED LAST APRIL, THE CENTRE HAS PROVED TO BE EXTREMELY POPULAR,+ SAID MR W.K. LIU, RECREATION AND SPORTS MANAGER (KOWLOON EAST) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE CENTRE'S UTILISATION RATE IN 1984/85 WAS ABOUT 80 PER CENT, WHICH WAS VERY HIGH GIVEN A GENERAL RELUCTANCE TO ENROLL FOR MID-DAY SESSIONS, HE SAID.

+DURING THE YEAR, MORE THAN 31 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN 950 KEEP-FIT PROJECTS AND NO FEWER THAN 154 800 SESSIONAL ATTENDANCES WERE RECORDED,+ HE SAID.

+THE PROJECTS INCLUDE COURSES ON FITNESS TRAINING, YOGA, DANCING OF VARIOUS KINDS SUCH AS FOLK DANCE, MODERN DANCE, SOCIAL DANCE, ORIENTAL DANCE AND DISCO DANCE, BALLET FOR CHILDREN AND AEROBICS.

+THESE COURSES ARE WELL RECEIVED SINCE IT IS WIDELY RECOGNISED THAT FITNESS PROGRAMMES LEAD TO A BETTER PHYSICAL CONDITION AND HELP MINIMISE CARDIO-VASCULAR AND ORTHOPAEDIC DISEASES.

+BOTH YOUNG AND OLD ARE GENERALLY WELL AWARE THAT THE GENERAL EFFECT OF EXERCISES IS TO GIVE ONE A BETTER MENTAL OUTLOOK AND IMPROVE ONE'S FITNESS AND CAPACITY TO COPE WITH DAILY LIFE.+

FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED, THE 768-SQUARE METRE CENTRE IS WELL EQUIPPED WITH THE LATEST FITNESS FACILITIES. IT COMPRISES A FITNESS ROOM WITH A 16-STATION MULTI-GYMNASIUM, WALL BARS, EXERCISE BICYCLES, ROWING MACHINES, SPECIALISED EQUIPMENT FOR TRAINING COMPETITIVE SWIMMERS AND A TREADMILL.

THERE IS ALSO A FITNESS ROOM EQUIPPED WITH A 10-STATION GYMNASIUM SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR FEMALES AND TO HELP TIGHTEN UP THE MUSCLES OF THE WHOLE BODY.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDE A SPACIOUS ROOM FOR DANCE ACTIVITIES, A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL FOR YOGA PRACTICE, A LECTURE ROOM AND AMPLE CHANGING FACILITIES.

MR LIU SAID: +ANOTHER ATTRACTION OF THE CENTRE IS ITS CORDIAL AND CONVIVIAL ATMOSPHERE. OUR FULLY-QUALIFIED INSTRUCTORS NOT ONLY TAKE CARE OF THE PHYSICAL SIDE OF THE PARTICIPANTS, BUT ALSO STRIVE TO MAKE THEM FEEL AT HOME. MOST PARTICIPANTS HAVE THUS BECOME VERY ATTACHED TO THE CENTRE AND REGARD IT AS THEIR SECOND HOME.

+MANY OF OUR PARTICIPANTS ARE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 40 AND INCLUDE HOUSEWIVES, CLERICAL WORKERS AND STUDENTS.

/+OLD PEOPLE .....

+OLD PEOPLE ALSO ACCOUNT FOR A PROPORTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS BECAUSE THE CENTRE'S MANAGEMENT IS ALSO MINDFUL OF THE NEEDS OF OUR SENIOR CITIZENS IN ITS EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE FITNESS AWARENESS AMONG THE PUBLIC. A FITNESS COURSE SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR THE AGED IS WELL SUPPORTED AND IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR THOSE AGED OVER 60.+

THE CENTRE IS ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN MA TAU WAI ROAD, TO KWA WAN, AND IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

+IT HAS BECOME A FAVOURITE SPOT AMONG HOUSEWIVES AS THEY CAN DO THEIR DAILY MARKETING ON THE LOWER FLOORS OF THE BUILDING AFTER AN EARLY-MORNING SESSION OF AEROBICS OR YOGA,+ SAID MR LIU.

APART FROM THE TO KWA WAN SPORTS CENTRE WHICH SERVES KOWLOON RESIDENTS, THE URBAN COUNCIL ALSO OPERATES THE CITY LIONS CLUB SPORTS CENTRE IN HAPPY VALLEY ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

+FACILITIES AT THE TWO SPORT CENTRES ARE SIMILAR AND BOTH ARE JUST AS POPULAR,+ SAID MR LIU.

+IN 1984/85 AT THE CITY LIONS CLUB SPORTS CENTRE, 10 000 PEOPLE TOOK PART IN MORE THAN 400 PROJECTS AND A TOTAL ATTENDANCE OF OVER 108 000 SESSIONS WAS RECORDED.

+BOTH CENTRES ARE OPEN FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 P.M. DAILY.+

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NEW BEACH BUILDING AT KIU TSUI

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WHEN THE COMING SWIMMING SEASON STARTS ON APRIL 1, BETTER FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SWIMMERS AT KIU TSUI BEACH IN SAI KUNG FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF A BEACH BUILDING.

THE PROVISION OF THE BEACH BUILDING IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE EXISTING FACILITIES AT THE BEACH WHICH WAS FREQUENTED BY MORE THAN 170 000 SWIMMERS LAST YEAR, SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

COSTING ABOUT \$2.3 MILLION, THE ONE-STOREY BUILDING WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. IT HAS BEEN HANDED OVER TO THE RSD FOR MANAGEMENT AFTER ITS COMPLETION EARLY THIS YEAR.

FACILITIES INCLUDE CHANGING ROOMS, SHOWERS, TOILETS, A FIRST AID ROOM, A LOOK-OUT POST, A STOREROOM AND A REFRESHMENT KIOSK.

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MEANWHILE, THE RSD IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SALE OF LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT THE KIOSK OF THE BEACH BUILDING.

THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WILL BE GRANTED A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT COMMENCING APRIL 1.

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE RSD'S SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE AT FIFTH FLOOR, SAI KUNG GOVERNMENT OFFICE, SAI KUNG. ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON 3-2813680.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE PUT IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX LOCATED ON THE LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG, BEFORE NOON ON FEBRUARY 28. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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#### CHILDREN INVITED TO SINGING CONTEST \* \* \* \*

CHILDREN LIVING OR STUDYING IN KWUN TONG ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A CONTEST TO SHOW THEIR SINGING TALENT.

IN ITS SIXTH YEAR, THE +KWUN TONG CHILDREN SINGING CONTEST+ WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THREE DIVISIONS: THE SOLO DIVISION FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 13, WHILE CHILDREN UNDER 13 CAN FORM SINGING GROUPS TO COMPETE IN EITHER THE SMALL GROUP OR CHOIR DIVISIONS.

THE CONTEST WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 22 AT THE KEI CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND PARTICIPANTS WILL PERFORM EITHER FOLK SONGS OR CLASSICAL NUMBERS.

WINNERS OF THE CONTEST WILL BE INVITED TO JOIN THE KWUN TONG CHILDREN'S CHORUS.

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CHILDREN'S CHORUS AND THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, AND SPONSORED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD, THE SINGING CONTEST IS AIMED AT PROMOTING MUSICAL INTEREST AMONG CHILDREN IN THE DISTRICT.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE AND ITS SUB-OFFICES. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315. DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 5 (WEDNESDAY).

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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL, CREMATION  
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SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR BURIAL AND CREMATION SERVICES IN NON-URBAN AREAS WILL BE MADE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS FROM FEBRUARY 9 TO 11, THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

ON LUNAR NEW YEAR DAY (SUNDAY), ALL CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA OFFICES AND BOOKING CENTRES WILL BE CLOSED AND NO BURIAL OR CREMATION SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AT PUBLIC CEMETERIES OR CREMATORIA EXCEPT WITH THE SPECIAL PERMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

+ALSO, ON THAT DAY, NO DEAD BODIES WILL BE REMOVED FROM PUBLIC MORTUARIES OR HOSPITALS AND NO TRANSPORTATION OF COFFINS TO PUBLIC CEMETERIES WILL BE CARRIED OUT AT FUNERAL DEPOTS, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 10 AND 11), NORMAL SERVICES FOR DISPOSAL OF THE DEAD WILL BE PROVIDED, BUT THE CEMETERIES AND CREMATORIA OFFICE AT 6 CHEONG HANG ROAD, HUNG HOM, AND ALL BOOKING CENTRES WILL REMAIN CLOSED.

ALL SERVICES WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 12).

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FOOD CENTRE, OPEN SPACE FOR TSING YI  
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A COOKED FOOD CENTRE, PUBLIC TOILET AND REFUSE COLLECTION POINT, AND LOCAL OPEN SPACE ARE TO BE BUILT AT TSING YI HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD ON TSING YI ISLAND.

THE SINGLE-STOREY COOKED FOOD CENTRE WILL HAVE 12 STALLS, AND FACILITIES AT THE OPEN SPACE WILL INCLUDE A BASKETBALL - VOLLEYBALL COURT, ARBOURS AND BENCHES.

AN OFFICE AND STOREROOMS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

THE 2 400-SQUARE-METRE SITE WILL BE WIDELY LANDSCAPED.

WORK ON THE 10-MONTH PROJECT, A PART OF THE TSING YI NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, WILL START IN APRIL.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE NOW BEING SOUGHT BY THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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ROAD WORK TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC  
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WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO WIDEN CARPENTER ROAD IN KOWLOON, TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION AND ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION.

AND STORMWATER DRAINS ALONG CARPENTER ROAD WILL BE DUPLICATED TO AVOID RECURRENCE OF FLOODING IN NEARBY LOW-LYING AREAS.

TENDERS ARE BEING CALLED BY THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE WORKS, WHICH WILL START IN APRIL AND TAKE 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES  
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TRAFFIC CHANGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN YUET LUN STREET, LAI CHI KOK FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 5) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

THE CHANGES ARE:

- \* THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF YUET LUN STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PO LUN STREET TO THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATOR WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND,
- \* THE NORTHERN SECTION OF YUET LUN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TRAFFIC TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND, AND
- \* YUET LUN STREET BETWEEN LAI CHI KOK ROAD AND THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATOR WILL BE RE-OPENED TO TRAFFIC.

MEANWHILE, THE EXISTING BAN ON RIGHT TURNS FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST EASTBOUND ONTO LA SALLE ROAD WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT NINE WEEKS, TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF A GAS PIPELINE AT THE JUNCTION OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST AND LA SALLE ROAD.

VEHICLES ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST EASTBOUND, HEADING FOR THE CUL-DE-SAC SECTION OF LA SALLE ROAD SOUTH OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST, WILL BE DIVERTED VIA KOWLOON CITY INTERCHANGE AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WEST WESTBOUND.

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KEEP KITCHENS CLEAN, OPERATORS TOLD  
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OPERATORS OF FOOD ESTABLISHMENT IN THE NON-URBAN AREAS WERE TODAY WARNED OF THE NEED TO KEEP THEIR KITCHENS IN A HYGIENIC CONDITION OR FACE PROSECUTION.

THE REMINDER WAS SOUNDED BY THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AFTER A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH THE OPERATOR OF A BAKERY IN KWAI CHUNG WAS FINED \$1 500 IN THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY FOR A RELATED OFFENCE.

AN RSD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HUNDREDS OF COCKROACHES HAD BEEN FOUND CRAWLING ON THE WALLS AND FLOOR OF THE KITCHEN OF THE BAKERY, DURING A ROUTINE INSPECTION CARRIED OUT ON NOVEMBER 25.

UNDER THE LAW, OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2 000 AND THREE MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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BANQUET FOR THE ELDERLY  
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ABOUT 600 ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF WAN CHAI ATTENDED A BANQUET THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING IN THE FINAL PROGRAMME OF THE +CARE FOR THE OLD+ CAMPAIGN. THE MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN WAS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICE AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

SPEAKING AT THE BANQUET, WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MR ROGER GARCIA, SAID THAT DURING THE PAST YEARS, VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS IN THE DISTRICT AS WELL AS THE DISTRICT BOARD HAD SHOWN THEIR CONCERN FOR THE ELDERLY BY ORGANISING A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES FOR THEM.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THROUGH THESE ACTIVITIES, PEOPLE IN THE DISTRICT WOULD BECOME MORE CONCERNED AND SHOW RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY, HE SAID.

BEFORE THE DINNER, PARTICIPANTS WERE TREATED TO A CANTONESE OPERA BY ARTISTES AND A LUCKY DRAW.

OTHER GUESTS AT THE CEREMONY INCLUDED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR HO FAI AND WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM.

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