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PLAN READY TO DEAL WITH RED TIDES

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A CONTINGENCY PLAN HAS BEEN DRAWN UP AND A COORDINATION NETWORK ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO MINIMISE HEALTH HAZARDS POSED BY TOXIC RED TIDES.

MAKING UP THE NETWORK ARE THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, URBAN SERVICES, MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND MARINE DEPARTMENTS.

THE PLAN, INCORPORATING RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, WAS DRAWN UP LAST SUMMER BY AN AD HOC GROUP ON TOXIC RED TIDES.

+WHEN THE FIRST TOXIC RED TIDE BROKE OUT IN OCTOBER LAST YEAR IN TAI PO HOI, THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS ACTED SWIFTLY TO ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBLE HEALTH RISK,+ SAID MR PAUL HOLMES, EPA'S PRINCIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION OFFICER (WATER) WHO HEADS THE GROUP.

+THE CONCENTRATION OF TOXINS FOUND WAS NO MORE THAN 1 200 UNITS PER KILOGRAM, WELL BELOW THE DANGER LEVEL OF 3 000 UNITS. THE KEY PROBLEM IS TO IDENTIFY A TOXIC RED TIDE BEFORE IT BECOMES HARMFUL TO HEALTH,+ HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREVENT RED TIDES WHICH ARE A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM AND, TO AN EXTENT, A NATURAL PHENOMENON.

THEY USUALLY OCCUR IN COASTAL WATERS AS A RESULT OF THE COMPLEX INTER-ACTION OF MANY FACTORS, INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF NUTRIENTS IN THE WATER, TEMPERATURE, SALINITY AND LIGHT CONDITIONS, MR HOLMES EXPLAINED.

+A RED TIDE CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE CHARACTERISTIC PINK OR REDDISH BROWN COLORATION OF SEAWATER, CAUSED BY THE RAPID GROWTH OF DRIFTING MICROSCOPIC ORGANISMS KNOWN AS DINOFLAGELLATES, SOME OF WHICH PRODUCE TOXINS HARMFUL TO BOTH MARINE ORGANISMS AND HUMAN HEALTH.

MOST RED TIDES EXPERIENCED IN HONG KONG HAVE BEEN NON-TOXIC. THEY POSE AESTHETIC AND ECONOMIC RISKS RATHER THAN HEALTH HAZARDS, DISRUPTING COASTAL RECREATION AND KILLING FISH THROUGH OXYGEN DEPLETION.

BUT THE DANGER OF POISONING CAUSED BY SEAFOOD CONTAMINATED BY TOXINS SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED, MR HOLMES EMPHASISED.

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO TAKING PRECAUTIONS AGAINST +PARALYTIC SHELLFISH POISONING+ CAUSED BY TOXIC RED TIDES THOUGH THIS TYPE OF INCIDENT HAS NEVER OCCURRED IN HONG KONG.

OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHO HABITUALLY SURVEY THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT REPORT ANY RED TIDE SIGHTED TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S ABERDEEN FISHERIES RESEARCH STATION, THE FOCAL POINT OF THE INFORMATION NETWORK.

CO-ORDINATION WORK STARTS IMMEDIATELY.

SAMPLES OF WATER, FISH AND SHELLFISH FROM THE AFFECTED LOCATION ARE SENT BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FOR TESTING.

+SUSPECTED FOOD WILL BE DETAINED PENDING TEST RESULTS. IF THE SAMPLES ARE PROVED TO BE TOXIC, NOTICES WILL BE ISSUED TO FISH FARMERS, SUPPLIERS AND RETAILERS TO WITHDRAW FISH AFFECTED BY THE RED TIDES FROM THE SALES MARKET,+ MR HOLMES SAID.

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO ADVISE FISH FARMERS ON HOW TO PROTECT THEIR FISH STOCKS. THE METHOD USED IS USUALLY TO STIR THE WATER WITH PROPELLERS FROM A BOAT TO INCREASE OXYGEN SUPPLY NEEDED BY THE FISH OR TO TOW FISH RAFTS TO SAFE AREAS.

+SHELLFISH NEED TO BE WATCHED MORE CAREFULLY BECAUSE OF THEIR ABILITY TO ABSORB AND ACCUMULATE A HIGHER LEVEL OF TOXINS AND OTHER POLLUTANTS WHEREAS FIN FISH DIE QUICKLY IN A TOXIC RED TIDE,+ HE SAID.

EPA OPERATES A REGULAR MONITORING PROGRAMME ON THE QUALITY OF COASTAL WATERS.

PRECAUTIONS COVER A BROAD FRONT. SWIMMERS ARE ADVISED TO STAY AWAY FROM AFFECTED AREAS EVEN THOUGH RED TIDES POSE ONLY MINIMAL HEALTH HAZARDS, APART FROM CAUSING MINOR SKIN IRRITATIONS.

+IT IS MOST UNLIKELY FOR A SWIMMER TO INGEST TOXINS IN QUANTITIES LARGE ENOUGH FOR THEM TO BE HARMFUL,+ MR HOLMES SAID.

RED TIDES FIRST CAUGHT PUBLIC ATTENTION IN HONG KONG IN 1971 WHEN A RAPID PROLIFERATION OF DINOFLAGELLATES TURNED THE SOUTHERN BAYS OF HONG KONG ISLAND PINKISH, HE RECALLED.

NO RED TIDE WAS REPORTED AGAIN UNTIL 1978 WHEN AN OUTBREAK WAS SIGHTED IN TOLO HARBOUR.

SINCE 1980, HOWEVER, OVER 20 RED TIDES HAVE BEEN SIGHTED IN HONG KONG WATERS, MOSTLY IN TOLO HARBOUR.

BUT SO FAR ONLY ONE OF THEM HAS PROVED TO BE TOXIC -- THE RED TIDE SPOTTED LAST OCTOBER IN TAI PO HOI.

MR HOLMES NOTED THAT OBSERVATIONS IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD HAD POINTED TO A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COASTAL WATER POLLUTION AND THE OUTBREAK OF RED TIDES.

+THE GROWING FREQUENCY OF RED TIDES IN TOLO HAS COINCIDED WITH THE INCREASING POLLUTION OF THE HARBOUR CAUSED BY THE GROWING POPULATION OF SHA TIN AND TAI PO. HOWEVER, TREATMENT WORKS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO LIMIT THE IMPACT,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+EPA HAS RECENTLY STARTED STUDIES OF ALGAL GROWTH UNDER DIFFERENT CONDITIONS IN TOLO HARBOUR.

+THESE STUDIES, TOGETHER WITH DATA COLLECTED FROM OUR YEAR-ROUND MONITORING, WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE THE TOLERABLE POLLUTION LOADS IN COASTAL WATERS AND TO DEVISE MEANS OF REDUCING THESE LOADS,+ HE SAID.

THESE MEANS COULD INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF MORE SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES, DIVERSION OF EFFLUENTS, THE IMPOSITION OF CONTROLS ON WASTE DISCHARGES UNDER THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGRICULTURAL WASTES CONTROLS.

MEANWHILE, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SENT AN OFFICER TO THE UNITED STATES LAST SUMMER FOR TRAINING IN RESEARCH ON RED TIDES AND THEIR EFFECTS ON FISHERIES.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE FOR RARE SPECIES OF DINOFLAGELLATES TO BE SENT OVERSEAS FOR IDENTIFICATION.

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12 PER CENT LESS ARE SMOKING
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A COMPARATIVE SURVEY OF SMOKING HABITS OF PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAS SHOWN A DROP OF NEARLY 12 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF REGULAR SMOKERS OVER A ONE-YEAR PERIOD.

THE RESULTS OF A GENERAL HOUSEHOLD SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IN MARCH 1983 SHOW THAT AT THAT TIME THERE WERE 783 900 REGULAR SMOKERS, 104 000 LESS THAN A YEAR AGO WHEN A SIMILAR SURVEY WAS CARRIED OUT.

THIS REPRESENTS A DROP FROM 23 PER CENT TO ABOUT 20 PER CENT IN THE PROPORTION OF SMOKERS AMONG THE WHOLE POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT :-

- * SMOKERS WERE MORE COMMON AMONG MALES THAN FEMALES.
34 PER CENT OF MALES AGED 15 AND OVER CLAIMED TO SMOKE CIGARETTES REGULARLY, COMPARED WITH 5 PER CENT OF FEMALES= THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY WERE 40 PER CENT AND 6 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY.
- * THE TENDENCY TO SMOKE GENERALLY INCREASED WITH AGE FOR BOTH SEXES, AND THERE WAS NO MARKED CHANGES IN THE PATTERN. THERE WAS AN ABRUPT INCREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF SMOKERS AFTER THEIR TEENS AMONG MALES. AMONG MALES AGED 40 AND OVER, ALMOST ONE IN EVERY TWO WAS A SMOKER. AS REGARDS FEMALES, THE RATE OF SMOKING INCREASED STEADILY WITH AGE, FROM BELOW 1 PER CENT AMONG THOSE AGED 15 - 19 TO ALMOST 15 PER CENT AMONG THOSE AGED 60 AND OVER.

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- * ON AVERAGE, THE NUMBER OF CIGARETTES CONSUMED PER DAY BY MALE SMOKERS WAS 14 AND BY FEMALE SMOKERS, 11. THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY WERE 17 AND 11 RESPECTIVELY.
- * CONSUMPTION OF CIGARETTES WAS HIGHER AMONG OLDER SMOKERS.
- * AMONG ECONOMICALLY ACTIVE PERSONS, 41 OUT OF 100 AGRICULTURAL, ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND FORESTRY WORKERS AND FISHERMEN WERE SMOKERS. AT THE OTHER END OF THE SCALE, PROFESSIONALS AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL (12 OUT OF 100) AND CLERICAL WORKERS (11 OUT OF 100) HAD THE LOWEST RATE OF SMOKING. THE RATES FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND HOME-MAKERS WERE ALSO LOW.

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KITE FLYING FUN DAY

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ABOUT 200 KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS WILL BE TAUGHT TO FLY KITES AT CHONG HING WATER SPORTS CENTRE, SAI KUNG, ON FEBRUARY 19.

KNOWN AS THE KOWLOON CITY KITE FLYING FUN DAY, THE EVENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE (KOWLOON CITY OFFICE) OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY SAN MIGUEL BREWERY.

IT IS OPEN TO PEOPLE WHO ARE BETWEEN SIX AND 60.

THE FUN DAY WILL INCLUDE TWO COMPETITIONS ON KITE-MAKING AND KITE-FLYING.

THOSE ENTERING THE KITE-MAKING COMPETITION WILL HAVE TO BRING ALONG THEIR HOME-MADE KITES.

MEDALS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS.

+KITE-FLYING USED TO BE POPULAR IN ANCIENT CHINA AND THE MANUFACTURING OF KITES HAS ITS OWN ARTISTIC VALUE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR RSS SAID.

+IN VIEW OF THE TRADITIONAL VALUES OF CHINESE FOLKLORE, WE CONSIDER IT AS WORTH PURSUING.+

THE FEE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT IS \$10, AND THIS INCLUDES TRANSPORTATION COST.

THOSE WISHING TO APPLY SHOULD CALL AT THE KOWLOON CITY RSS OFFICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT 3-7128500.

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NEW I.D. CARD SCHEME ENTERING NINTH PHASE
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THE NINTH PHASE OF THE NEW I.D. CARD ISSUE SCHEME, TARGETED AT MEN BORN IN 1950 AND 1951, WILL START ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 13) AND END ON MARCH 10, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THOSE WHO WILL BE AWAY FROM HONG KONG DURING THIS PERIOD MAY APPLY FOR NEW CARDS WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THEIR RETURN.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT 93 200 MEN WILL VISIT THE EIGHT ISSUE OFFICES WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS.

THESE OFFICES WILL BE OPEN BETWEEN 8 AM AND 9.30 PM, MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE PROCESSING NORMALLY TAKES HALF AN HOUR, AND THE NEW I.D. CARD WILL BE READY FOR COLLECTION IN 18 WORKING DAYS.+

+THE OLD CARD WILL HAVE TO BE SURRENDERED UPON RECEIPT OF THE NEW ONE,+ HE ADDED.

THOSE WHO WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE MAIL-IN APPOINTMENT SYSTEM MAY OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS FROM ANY DISTRICT OFFICE OR IMMIGRATION OFFICE. COMPLETED FORMS MUST REACH THE ISSUE OFFICE OF THEIR CHOICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE END OF THE PHASE.

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VITALITY DAY FOR OLD PEOPLE
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OLD PEOPLE IN MONG KOK WILL BE ABLE TO SHOW THEIR VITALITY - AND HAVE FUN AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE VITALITY DAY, FEATURING A MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION, PHYSICAL EXERCISE BY MR AND MISS VITALITY, AND TELEMATCH GAME, IS PART OF THE DISTRICT'S ELDERLY CAMPAIGN TO PROVIDE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE OLD PEOPLE.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILFRED WONG; DIRECTOR OF THE CITY POLYTECHNIC OF HONG KONG, MR DAVID J. JOHNS; AND THE SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICES OFFICER, MR WONG KIN-FAI.

THE ELDERLY CAMPAIGN IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT BOARD, THE MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT CULTURE, RECREATION AND SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE MONG KOK COUNTRYMEN AND CLANSMEN ASSOCIATION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE MONG KOK ELDERLY CAMPAIGN VITALITY DAY TO BE HELD AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND AT 2 PM TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

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SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR INSURANCE TRAINEESHIP SCHEME

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STAFF OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL (VTC) WILL BE VISITING SOME 150 INSURANCE FIRMS TO PROMOTE THE INSURANCE TRAINEESHIP SCHEME.

THE SCHEME, STARTED BY THE INSURANCE TRAINING BOARD OF THE VTC LAST MONTH, IS TO TRAIN A WORK FORCE FOR THE INSURANCE SECTOR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID.

UNDER THE SCHEME, EMPLOYERS WILL PROVIDE THREE YEARS OF ORGANISED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES.

TRAINEES WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES FOR TWO YEARS AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

TRAINEES AND EMPLOYEES SHOULD ALSO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO ENSURE THAT PROPER TRAINING IS CARRIED OUT, THE RIGHTS OF BOTH PARTIES ARE PROTECTED AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FULFILLED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FUN AND GAMES IN TUEN MUN

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ABOUT 5 000 CHILDREN IN TUEN MUN WILL BE TREATED TO AN AFTERNOON OF FUN AND GAMES AT A LUNAR NEW YEAR CARNIVAL TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

15 GAMES STALLS WILL BE PUT UP AT THE OPEN SPACE NEAR HING WAI HOUSE IN TAI HING ESTATE FOR THE PARTICIPANTS.

THE CARNIVAL, WHICH STARTS AT 2 PM, IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE TAI HING ESTATE'S YIN NGAI SOCIETY, ESTATE OFFICE AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR CHRISTOPHER WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT AN OPENING CEREMONY AT 2 PM.

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CHILDREN LEARN ABOUT 'CLEAN AND GREEN' EFFORT

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SOME 600 BEACON HILL SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE TAUGHT THIS WEEK ABOUT THE WORK UNDERTAKEN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO KEEP THE PLACE 'CLEAN AND GREEN'.

AND 100 AMONG THEM WERE PERSONALLY BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR JOHN HEYWOOD, WHO VISITED THEM, AFTER A RECENT COMPLAINT BY THE CHILDREN ABOUT THE GENERAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE RIVER INDUS.

IN A 20-MINUTE TALK AND DISCUSSION SESSION, MR HEYWOOD TOLD THEM ABOUT THE STATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE AT THE RIVER AND STREAM COURSE RESULTING FROM THE LARGE NUMBER OF PIG AND POULTRY FARMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR HEYWOOD EXPLAINED IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE MORE THAN 10 YEARS TO RESTORE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, AFTER THE IMPLEMENTATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT THE WATER COURSES.

WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS HELD AT THE SCHOOL HALL THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.

THE CHILDREN SHOWED MUCH INTEREST IN THE SUSTAINED EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT IN CARRYING OUT CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS AT REFUSE-RIDDEN BLACKSPOTS IN THE NEW TOWNS, RURAL AREAS, BEACHES AND POLLUTED RIVER AND STREAM COURSES.

THEY SAW HOW THE GOVERNMENT CARRIES OUT ITS BEAUTIFICATION SCHEME IN BRINGING MORE GREENERY TO PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS, PARKS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS.

THROUGH THE COLOURFUL PICTURES, THE CHILDREN ALSO LEARNED ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DURING THE CLEAN HONG KONG EXERCISE IN WHICH A NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN HAD PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN MOUNTING VARIOUS CLEAN-UPS AND PLANTINGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TO ENHANCE THE CHILDREN'S AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING HONG KONG CLEAN AND GREEN, A PAINTING COMPETITION WILL BE HELD FOR THE STUDENTS.

THE EVENT WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE NTSD AND BOOK TOKENS WILL BE PRESENTED AS PRIZES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

DISTRICT OFFICE TO HOLD SPRING RECEPTION

MORE THAN 300 COMMUNITY LEADERS, AREA COMMITTEE AND DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INCLUDING THE REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR IAN MACPHERSON, WILL ATTEND THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE'S ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 13) IN GOOD LUCK RESTAURANT AT GOOD LUCK PLAZA, SHA TIN.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE RECEPTION STARTING AT 4 PM.

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BIDS INVITED FOR MARKET STALLS IN TUEN MUN

FIFTY-FIVE MARKET STALLS IN TUEN MUN WILL BE PUT UP FOR PUBLIC BIDDING ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THE STALLS ARE LOCATED AT KWONG CHOI MARKET, YAN OI MARKET, SAN HUI MARKET, HUNG CHEUNG COOKED FOOD MARKET AND TSING YEUNG COOKED FOOD MARKET, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE BIDDING WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL, TAI HING ESTATE STARTING AT 10 AM.

THE UPSET MONTHLY RENTALS FOR THE STALLS RANGE FROM \$450 TO \$6 250.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MAY START BUSINESS ON MARCH 1 ON A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS AND FIVE PHOTOGRAPHS.

FURTHER DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE ON 0-820800, EXT. 231.

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ADOLESCENT HEALTH EXHIBITION FOR TUEN MUN

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A SIX-DAY EXHIBITION TO PROMOTE ADOLESCENT HEALTH WILL BE HELD IN TUEN MUN NEXT WEEK.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE COMMUNITY HALL OF THE TUEN MUN ON-TING YAU-OI COMMUNITY CENTRE, WHICH IS ORGANISING THE EVENT TOGETHER WITH THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN HEALTH EDUCATION CENTRE.

IT WILL BE OPEN FROM FEBRUARY 13 TO FEBRUARY 18 BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4 PM AND BETWEEN 7 PM AND 9 PM DAILY.

THE EXHIBITION WILL COVER PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SOCIAL ASPECTS OF ADOLESCENT GROWTH.

VIDEO AND SLIDE SHOWS AS WELL AS HEALTH TALKS WILL BE PRESENTED.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOVED TO OTHER DISTRICTS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

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MORE WAN CHAI REFUSE COLLECTION FACILITIES

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A PERMANENT OFF-STREET REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IS TO BE BUILT ON A 150-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF MOON, SUN AND STAR STREETS IN WAN CHAI.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

WORK WILL START IN APRIL AND TAKE EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED WILL INCLUDE A REFUSE COLLECTION AREA, A LOADING BAY, A ROLL-CALL ROOM, AN OFFICE AND STOREROOM.

THE REFUSE COLLECTION POINT WILL ENHANCE HYGIENIC CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 10 REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS IN WAN CHAI.

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'CITY ORIENTEERING' FOR YOUTHS

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YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE 14 YEARS AND ABOVE ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN A +CITY ORIENTEERING+ COMPETITION IN CAUSEWAY BAY ON SUNDAY WEEK (FEBRUARY 19) BETWEEN 1 PM AND 5 PM.

COMPETITORS WILL BE TEAMED UP IN THREES AND WILL HAVE TO WALK ALONG A ROUTE CIRCLING LAI TAK ESTATE, THE TAI HANG AND CAUSEWAY BAY AREAS.

THERE WILL BE 20 'ROAD SIGNS' TO GUIDE PARTICIPANTS TO THE DESTINATION.

THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE LAI TAK YOUTH CENTRE, THE YEE CHING GROUP, THE CAUSEWAY BAY SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE AND THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE.

IT AIMS AT ACQUAINTING PARTICIPANTS WITH THE SURROUNDINGS, STREETS AND PLACES IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY AREA.

ATTRACTIVE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS AND THERE WILL HAVE 20 CONSOLATION PRIZES.

ONLY 100 TEAMS MAY TAKE PART, AND THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS FEBRUARY 15.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE LAI TAK YOUTH CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF TSUEN WING LAU, LAI TAK TSUEN; THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE AT 884 KING'S ROAD; AND ITS SUB-OFFICES IN CAUSEWAY BAY, CHAI WAN, AND SHAU KEI WAN.

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICE AT THE MA TAU KOK ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WILL MOVE TO TO KWA WAN MARKET AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 8/F, MA TAU WEI ROAD ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 13).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE NEW OFFICE ARE 3-7139615 AND 3-7139994

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CLEARWAY TO BE EXTENDED

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FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 13), THE 24-HOUR CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS AT KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE EXTENDED TO COVER THE DECELERATION AND ACCELERATION LANES BESIDE THE MAIN CARRIAGEWAY LEADING TO THE KAI TAK REFUGEE CAMP ACCESS ROAD.

NO MOTOR VEHICLES OTHER THAN FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS WITHIN THE RESTRICTED ZONES.

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