PRESS RELEASE

The Executive Council met at 10.00 hours this Friday 18 November 2011 under the chairmanship of the Chief Commissioner, Mr. G. JABEEMISSAR, G.O.S.K. and has, among its deliberations:

DECIDED:

(i) to approve that the criteria for allocation of Financial Resources to Rodriguan students studying in recognized training institutions in Mauritius who have applied for financial assistance be amended so as to consider all applicants having a family income not exceeding Rs 12,500 be eligible for the Financial assistance of Rs 3000/month. The award will cover an additional of 45 students.

(ii) to approve the purchase of one 15 passenger seater van for the new shelter at Baladirou being given the increasing number of inmates at the Shelter. Presently children placed in shelter are being conveyed in 4x4 vehicle which is not appropriate. It is expected that the said van will reach Rodrigues before December 2011.

TAKEN NOTE:

(i) that the Chief Commissioner’s Office is organizing training for all applicants who are registered lagoon fishers so that they can move to off lagoon fishing. A first batch has started their theoretical training since 17 November 2011 and a second group will be trained immediately after until all 252 fishers are covered. The practical part of the training will start as soon as training vessel Diego Rodriguez is repaired or upon arrangements with the five Cooperatives societies who will receive their fishing boats early next month.

(ii) the Commission for Education is organizing a two day training sessions on 17 and 18 November 2011 in the context of the teaching of music in connection with the Enhancement Programme in primary schools. Twenty five (25) participants including teaching staff and resource persons already involved in the programme in all primary schools in Rodrigues will follow the training sessions.
TAKEN NOTE:

(iii) that the Commission for Womens Affairs is setting up a Committee to hold wide consultation to discuss about the setting-up of a Platform to end Gender Based Violence in Rodrigues. Women’s activists have marked November 25 as a day to fight violence against women since 1981.

(iv) that in the context of the Universal Children’s Day which is celebrated on 20 November worldwide, the Commission for Women’s Affairs is organizing the following activities: -

(a) Tuesday 22 November 2011 (from 09.00 to 12.00 hours) – meeting with Head Masters and deputy Head Masters of primary schools and Rectors of colleges;

(b) Wednesday 23 November 2011 (from 09.00 to 12.00 hours) – meeting with ‘Agents Scolaires’; and

(c) Thursday 24 November 2011 (14.00 hours) – talks with parents of pupils of Mangues Government School.

(v) that a delegation from Assemblee Communautaire Fransaskoise (ACF) will visit Rodrigues as from Tuesday 22 November 2011. The aim of the visit is to carry out cultural orientation in collaboration with International Office of Migration (IOM) with the 6 candidates retained from Rodrigues who will take up employement in Saskatchewan, Canada, next year.

(vi) that the Commission for Community Development will proceed with the inauguration of 10 Community Centres as from 22 November in the following villages, namely Pte Monier, Riviere Coco, Oyster Bay, Grand Bay, Grand Var, Camp Pintade, Quatre Vents, Citron Donis, Baie Topaze and Pte L’Herbe.

(vii) of the mission report of the Commissioner for Health which headed a delegation of 9 persons to Madagascar to participate in the 10th Colloquium on HIV/AIDS from 7 to 11 November 2011.

(viii) that the Commissioner for Water Resources will construct additional concrete water tanks island-wide under the rainwater harvesting scheme to meet the high demand for such tanks.

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