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WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR, STAGE I

Elevated Road From Gascoigne Road To Tong Mi Road

The Public Works Department is proposing to construct the first stage of the West Kowloon Corridor scheme, which when completed will provide a new major road route, serving to distribute traffic in the urban areas of Western Kowloon and connecting these areas with Tsuen Wan/Kwai Chung to the north.

Works for a new sea wall and reclamation in Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Anchorage are already in progress.

It is now proposed to proceed with the roadworks by providing an elevated road from Gascoigne Road near the junction with Wylie Road, along Gascoigne Road and Kansu Street to the reclamation in Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Anchorage near Tung Kun Street.

The proposed elevated road will form a direct connection for the vehicular cross harbour tunnel with the proposed Tong Mi Road extension through the Yau Ma Tei Typhoon Anchorage.

With the introduction of this new road route running parallel with Nathan Road it is expected that the present traffic congestion in the area will be eased considerably.

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The project will entail widening of certain sections of Gascoigne Road and Kansu Street, and necessitate temporary traffic diversion and re-routing during construction. Some land resumption is essential for the construction of the elevated road.

An announcement in the Government Gazette giving notice of an order to be made under the Streets (Alteration) Ordinance for these projects has been made.

The closing date for objection will be June 12, 1972 and any claims for compensation shall be made by July 12, 1972.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a sketch plan of the area affected are attached to today's bulletin.

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REGISTRATION OF FACTORIES

Booklet Gives Reasons

Since January this year, a campaign has been conducted by the Labour Department to encourage proprietors of registrable workplaces to come forward and apply for registration if they have not already done so.

The Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Paul Tsui said today that a six-month period of grace would be granted.

After that period which will expire on July 12, he stressed that more effective measures would be employed to help enforce the law.

Subsequently, an open letter was written to chairmen of more than 650 Trade Organisations, Clansmen Association, Landlords and Tenants Association, bringing the matter to their attention.

In that letter, it was mentioned that a simplified booklet on the subject was being prepared.

This simplified booklet, in both Chinese and English, has now been printed. It is entitled "Why you should (and how you can) register your factory".

Copies of this booklet are being sent to organisations and associations concerned. Proprietors and persons planning to have their workplaces registered may also obtain copies from any of the offices of the Labour Department.

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FREE FILM SHOW ORGANISED

For Sha Tau Kok Residents

The Urban Services Department has organised a free film show for the residents of Sha Tau Kok in the New Territories on May 18.

The film show will be held at Sha Tau Kok Government Secondary School at 8 p.m.

A Chinese feature film - 'Famous Swordswoman 'Tin Kiu' - and a cartoon will be screened.

The Urban Services Department announced that it has decided to cancel the Chinese Band Concert and Opera scheduled to be held at Shek Pai Wan resettlement playground on May 19.

Instead, the performance will now be staged at Sha Tau Kok Government Secondary School on the same date.

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NEW LOOK AT NEEDS OF ELDERLY

Working Party Seeks Views On What Services Should Be Provided

The Government has decided to examine in depth the future needs of the elderly, and has appointed a working party of officials and unofficials to do this.

The working party is chaired by Mr. T.S. Heppell, Social Welfare Department, and comprises Mr. G.N. Mulloy, Secretariat for Home Affairs; Mr. A.P. Richardson, Urban Services Department; Dr. S.H. Lee, Medical and Health Department; Mr. B.V. Williams, Census and Statistics Department; the Rev. Paul Webb, Hong Kong Council of Social Service; the Rev. Sister Collette, Little Sisters of the Poor; Miss Joan Gray, the Nethersole Hospital; Mrs. Lee Wai-ngan, St. James Settlement; and Mrs. L.F. Goodstadt (Secretary), Social Welfare Department.

Other Government Departments with an interest in the elderly will also be involved as necessary.

The working party's terms of reference are to identify the needs of the elderly, assess their future demands on social services, and recommend how these demands should be met, taking into account other competitive claims on Government and voluntary resources.

It has already started work, and will aim, not at preparing lengthy reports but at producing practical suggestions which can be incorporated, as appropriate, into departmental plans for early implementation.

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"In this way", says Mr. Heppell, "we believe we can make a contribution more quickly and more effectively".

The working party has decided that the term "elderly" will cover all persons aged 60 and above.

Information from the 1971 census shows that 7.4 per cent of the population fall into this category, or 293,273 residents. A decade earlier, the total was 151,592.

With the general improvement of health services and nutrition, the working party expects the number of old persons in the population to continue rising steadily.

Working Party

But before the working party can put forward proposals, it has to bring together, collate and analyse existing information and experience on the needs of the elderly in Hong Kong.

Although members between them already have a fairly wide range of experience in this field, the working party is anxious to take into account all different points of view, and interested organizations and individuals are invited to express their views to it.

"We want to make the best use we can of the experience and knowledge of people in Hong Kong," Mr. Heppell explains. "Already I have been approached by someone who knows about running clubs for the elderly and who is very willing to share her experience with the working party.

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"I am sure we can learn much from people like this with practical knowledge, which they can write to us about or come to discuss with us".

Individuals or organizations who would like to give their views to the working party should get in touch with the Secretary, Mrs. L.F. Goodstadt, at the Social Welfare Department Headquarters, Lee Gardens, Hong Kong (Telephone: H-768782).

"By doing so," Mr. Heppell says, "they, too, can contribute towards developing better services for the elderly".

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GOVERNOR TO OFFICIATE AT LOTTERY DRAW

On June 3 At The City Hall

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, has accepted an invitation from the Government Lotteries Management Committee to officiate at the draw of the 47th Government Lottery, the first one this year, on June 3 at the City Hall Concert Hall.

Lady MacLehose has also agreed to present souvenirs to organisations which have helped boost the sales of Lottery tickets.

This was stated today by the Chairman of the Government Lotteries Management Committee, Mr. Alex S.C. Wu, when he announced details of the 47th Government Lottery at a Press conference at the City Hall Restaurant.

Mr. Wu said the fact that the Governor and Lady MacLehose have accepted his Committee's invitation reflects their support and deep concern for the promotion of Hong Kong's social welfare.

"As people are aware, proceeds of Government Lotteries are used to finance social welfare and community service projects by voluntary welfare agencies and community organisations," he said.

To date, he said, allocations totalling about \$29 million have been made out of the Government Lotteries Fund to more than 80 welfare agencies and community organisations for various social welfare services.

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These services include children's and youth's activities, nurseries and creches, vocational training and education, rehabilitation and services for the handicapped, ex-drug addicts and ex-prisoners, and services for the aged, he added.

This year, Mr. Wu said, his Committee has plans for nine Government Lotteries. "There may be more," he added.

"Tickets for the first this year, still at \$2 each, go on sale as from today, and the winning tickets will be drawn on June 3 at the City Hall Concert Hall at 10 a.m.

"After that, draws for the other Government Lotteries for the year will take place at two weeks' interval."

Four Organisations

He said four organisations -- Radio Hong Kong, Commercial Radio, HK-TV, and RTV -- have agreed to undertake publicity work for the Lotteries, with Radio Hong Kong responsible for this year's first Lottery.

Radio Hong Kong has arranged for the draw on June 3 to be followed by a Cantonese opera show, "Fisherman's Daughter", to entertain the spectators. The show will be performed by members of the Lung Cheung Dramatic Troupe.

"In addition, our Committee, in conjunction with the Information Services Department, have prepared a booklet designed to promote better understanding among members of the public towards the aims of Government Lotteries and the usage of Government Lotteries Fund," he said.

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Copies of this booklet will be distributed freely to the public at places where Government Lottery tickets are on sale, he added.

At the Press conference, Mr. Wu presented to Press representatives three new members of his Committee: Mr. David Wu; Mr. Michael Leung, Assistant Financial Secretary, Colonial Secretariat; and Mr. A.J. Bryan, Principal Treasury Accountant (Main Accounts Branch), Treasury.

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NEW TAI TAM GAP TRAINING CENTRE

Becomes Operational Today

The new Tai Tam Gap Training Centre at the junction of Shok O Road and Cape Collinson Road became operational today.

The centre occupies an area of 165,000 square feet and was built at a cost of \$2.8 million.

It has accommodation for 150 training centre inmates and 40 training centre remands.

The new centre will provide educational and vocational training similar to other training centres under the control of the Prisons Department.

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PROGRAMME OF FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Organised By The Urban Council

The Urban Council and Urban Services Department have arranged a varied programme of entertainment for the public.

These programmes range from football matches to Chinese band concerts and operas.

Details of the programmes are as follows:

	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
May 16	8 pm - 10.30 pm	Variety Show	MacPherson Playground
May 17	8 pm - 10.30 pm	Chinese Band Concert & Opera	"
May 17	6 pm - 7 pm	Miniature Football Match	Victoria Park
May 17	7 pm - 8 pm	"	"
May 18	6 pm - 7 pm	"	Southern Playground
May 18	7 pm - 8 pm	"	"
May 18	8 pm - 9.30 pm	Film Show	Sha Tau Kok (NT)
May 19	8 pm - 9.30 pm	"	Tsz Wan Shan Central Playground
May 19	8 pm - 10.30 pm	Chinese Band Concert & Opera	Sha Tau Kok (NT)
May 19	6 pm - 7 pm	Miniature Football Match	Southern Playground
May 19	7 pm - 8 pm	"	"
May 19	6 pm - 7 pm	"	Victoria Park No. 1
May 19	7 pm - 8 pm	"	"
May 21	12 noon - 2 pm	Band Concert	Victoria Park
May 21	2 pm - 4 pm	"	Morse Park Open-air Theatre

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WORKERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LABOUR LEGISLATION

Education To Overcome Ignorance Of The Law

Mr. Paul Tsui, Commissioner of Labour, called upon workers to know about labour legislation in order to understand the socio-economic environment in which they live.

This was said today (May 15) in his opening address at a seminar on Workers' Education and Trade Union Leadership Training organized by the Department of Extra-Mural Studies, University of Hong Kong.

He said, "Whatever action we take should be within the bounds of the legislative framework. If one feels that the legislation does not adequately protect his interests, then he can try to change and improve it by constitutional means."

Mr. Tsui said, "Many workers have failed to claim what is theirs by statutory right because they are not aware of that right."

Citing a recent case in which workers in a factory had not been given a holiday pay for the past two years, though they were qualified and therefore entitled to it, Mr. Tsui said, "Unless the workers bring it to the notice of the Labour Department, it is not possible for the Labour Department to help each worker get his due."

Referring to the inter-relationship between labour and management, Mr. Tsui said, "Trade unions leadership training can help develop well-organized trade unions to conduct effective bargaining which will result in collective agreements covering such items as wages, including time and piece rates, and incentive payments, hours of work, rest periods, shift work and over-time, holidays, sick leave, discipline and retirement gratuities.

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"In addition, there should be procedural rules to cover such matters as grievances."

Mr. Tsui said, "The organisation of workers' education and trade union leadership is not the prerogative of any one institution or group of institutions.

"The universities and post-secondary colleges can offer courses and run seminar like this one. The Labour Department can explain the provisions of the law through talks and the publication of guides and the trade unions themselves can run their own classes."

He emphasized that negotiation and bargaining processes required skills which could only be acquired through experience and developed by means of practice.

A Labour Department spokesman said that 24 guides to legislation and other pamphlets on labour matters had been published by the department and 38,000 were distributed last year.

In addition, 570 talks and lectures were given by officers of the department in 1971. Subject matters covered by these talks included industrial safety, labour relations, industrial health, labour statistics, industrial training, employment services, employment of women and young persons in industry, workmen's compensation and others.

More than 190 radio talks and television interviews had also been given by officers of the department, he added.

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PREVENTION OF ENTERIC DISEASES CAMPAIGN

Dysentery - An Infectious Disease

Dysentery is an infectious disease transmitted through food and drinks. The disease occurs at all ages but children under the age of 10 years are more susceptible.

Dysentery is caused by germs passed out with the excreta of patients and carriers of the disease. The germs infect food and water supply through unhygienic food handling, flies and poor sanitation.

Vegetables and shellfish may also carry these germs because of fertilizer and water pollution. Man becomes infected when contaminated food and drinks are swallowed.

Diarrhoea with abdominal pain and fever are the main symptoms of dysentery. Small quantities of stool containing blood and mucus are passed at a time. The desire to defaecate is almost constant and the patient strains with little or no result.

"With proper treatment, this disease can be cured in a few days, though it is sometimes quite dangerous to infants and aged people if treatment is delayed," an Urban Services Department spokesman said today in connection with the current "Prevention of Enteric Diseases Campaign".

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"Self administration of patent medicine may arrest the symptoms but will occasionally turn a patient into a carrier who continues to pass out dysentery germs and infect his own family and other members of the public," he added.

Immunization against dysentery is not available.

Basic sanitation and food hygiene are the only effective measures to prevent dysentery. The rules to be observed are:-

- a) Wash hands properly before food and after visiting toilets. Mothers should see that the children's hands are washed before eating.
- b) Keep food under cover to prevent fly contamination. Utensils should be washed thoroughly and kept under cover. Special attention should be paid to the sterilization of feed apparatus for infants.
- c) Exposed cooked food and titbits sold by hawkers are highly dangerous.
- d) Boil all drinking water. Store drinking water in clean, covered containers.
- e) Put food wastes and refuse in proper dust-bin. Keep the bin covered to prevent fly attraction.
- f) Seek early medical advice when suffering from diarrhoea.

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BOAT OWNER COMMENDED FOR GALLANT ACTION

Initiative Stops Fire From Spreading

The Assistant Director of Marine, Mr. E.J. Bower will present Mr. Ng Hing-fook with a Certificate of Commendation on May 16 for his gallant and public-spirited action in fighting a ship fire.

Mr. Ng is the owner of the "Choi Kee No. 2" waterboat. At about midnight on April 2, he spotted a fire in a nearby unoccupied sampan in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter. The fire was spreading to three other sampans moored alongside.

Mr. Ng promptly extinguished the fire by himself with two water hoses in about twenty minutes.

Note to editors: You are invited to have the presentation covered. It will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at 3 p.m. in the Senior Staff Canteen, 5th floor, Government Dockyard, 395 Canton Road, Kowloon.

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SURFACING OF SHUNG SHUN STREET

To Cope With Increased Traffic

The final surfacing of Shung Shun Street and Cha Kwo Ling Road (from Shung Shun Street to Ko Chiu Road) is expected to start in July this year.

The final surfacing is designed to cope with the increased volume of vehicular traffic proceeding onto the newly developed sites of the Sam Ka Tsuen area.

The work consists of laying five-and-a-half inches of bitumen coated materials on the existing roads. The roads were originally constructed with temporary surfacing materials, pending development of the area.

The work should take about five months to complete.

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Release time: 7.30 p.m.

PROPOSED ELEVATED ROAD GASCOIGNE ROAD TO TONG MI ROAD

