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1985 LEGAL YEAR OPENS  
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THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT ON THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG SHOULD REASSURE LOCAL PEOPLE THAT THE COURTS WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE VERY MUCH AS THEY DO TODAY, DURING THE PERIOD OF THE AGREEMENT, THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

+AND, THE AGREEMENT ACCEPTS THAT THE ROLE OF THE COURTS IS A CRUCIAL ELEMENT IN THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PERSONAL FREEDOMS AND STYLE OF LIFE WHICH THEY NOW ENJOY,+ HE SAID.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE 1985 LEGAL YEAR HELD AT THE CITY HALL.

HE SAID AN ANNEX TO THE AGREEMENT EMPHASISES THAT THE COURTS SHALL EXERCISE THEIR JUDICIAL POWER +INDEPENDENTLY AND FREE FROM ANY INTERFERENCE+.

+THERE IS PROVISION FOR APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES BY AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION, FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF JUDGES FROM OVERSEAS AND FOR THE DISMISSAL OF JUDGES ONLY FOR INABILITY OR MISBEHAVIOUR ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A TRIBUNAL COMPOSED WHOLLY OF JUDGES.+

SIR DENYS SAID ALSO THAT MANY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE JUDICIARY WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, TO PREPARE HONG KONG FOR ITS LONGER FUTURE.

+I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY CAN, AND WILL, BE SOLVED IF THE GOODWILL, WHICH HAS CHARACTERISED THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND BRITAIN, PERSISTS DURING THE NEXT DECADE, AS I BELIEVE IT WILL,+ HE SAID.

SIR DENYS SAID ONE OF THE MATTERS TO WHICH HONG KONG MUST GIVE ATTENTION, IS THE BEST METHOD BY WHICH MORE ABLE LOCAL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS CAN BE ATTRACTED INTO THE JUDICIARY.

+THE JUDICIARY IS AT PRESENT NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY WHICH IT SERVES, THOUGH THIS IS NOT THE WAY WE WANT IT.+

HE SAID THERE WAS IN GENERAL, LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE VOLUME OF WORK OF THE COURTS IN 1984 AND THAT IN 1983.

THE COURT OF APPEAL DEALT WITH 793 APPEALS, INSTEAD OF 819 IN 1983. THE MAJORITY OF APPEALS FROM IT TO THE PRIVY COUNCIL WERE DISMISSED.

IN THE HIGH COURT, THE NUMBER OF INDICTMENTS FILED INCREASED FROM 308 TO 335.

+THIS GROWTH, WHILE SIGNIFICANT STATISTICALLY, DOES NOT ILLUSTRATE PROPERLY THE ADDITIONAL WORK RESULTING FROM A LARGER NUMBER OF VERY LONG TRIALS, WHICH IMPOSE SUCH A STRAIN ON THE SYSTEM AND ON THE JURORS,+ HE SAID.

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IN THE HIGH COURT THERE WAS A DECLINE OF NEARLY 30 PER CENT IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NEW CIVIL PROCEEDINGS COMMENCED. THIS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED MAINLY TO THE RAISING OF THE MONETARY LIMITS OF JURISDICTION BY THE DISTRICT COURT.

ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURT DECLINED FROM 1 277 TO 1 233, ITS CIVIL CASES WENT UP BY 29 PER CENT TO ABOUT 66 000.

HE SAID, +IN SPITE OF THIS, AND OF THE FREQUENT APPOINTMENTS OF DISTRICT JUDGES TO SIT AS DEPUTY HIGH COURT JUDGES, THE DELAYS IN DISTRICT COURT LISTS REMAINED WITHIN REASONABLE LIMITS, BEING LESS THAN THREE MONTHS FOR BOTH CRIMINAL AND CIVIL MATTERS.+

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES DEALT WITH IN THE MAGISTRACIES DECLINED FROM OVER 1 000 000 TO UNDER 900 000.

+HOWEVER,+ HE SAID, +THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF 11 PER CENT, TO 163 000, IN THE NUMBER OF CHARGE SHEETS ISSUED. THESE CONTAIN THE MORE SERIOUS CASES, WHICH OCCUPY MOST OF THE TIME OF SUCH COURTS.+

TURNING TO THE FUTURE NEEDS OF THE JUDICIARY, THE CHIEF JUSTICE SAID THERE WAS A NEED FOR MORE HIGH COURT JUDGES.

HE SAID, +IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT CASES COME TO TRIAL SWIFTLY, IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO RUN 26 HIGH COURT LISTS, 12 CIVIL AND 14 CRIMINAL. SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGH COURT JUDGES IS 20, WE HAVE BEEN OBLIGED TO APPOINT THROUGHOUT THE PAST YEAR BETWEEN SIX AND 10 DEPUTY HIGH COURT JUDGES.

+THIS EXPEDIENT DRAWS AWAY THE MOST EXPERIENCED JUDGES FROM THE DISTRICT COURT. TO REPLACE THEM, MAGISTRATES HAVE TO BE APPOINTED TO SIT IN THE DISTRICT COURT, WITH AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE STATE OF THE LISTS IN MAGISTRACIES, WHERE THE WAITING TIME IS NOW LONGER THAN IT HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

+NOR SHOULD WE LOSE SIGHT OF THE DISPLEASURE OF DEFENDANTS AND LITIGANTS, WHO REGARD THEIR CASES AS OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO JUSTIFY A SUBSTANTIVE JUDGE AND WHO ARE NOT CONTENT WITH A DEPUTY.

+SO LONG AS THE EXISTING JURISDICTIONS OF THE VARIOUS COURTS REMAIN UNCHANGED, THE NUMBER OF HIGH COURT JUDGES MUST BE INCREASED IN STEP WITH THE HEAVIER WORK LOAD, UNLESS TRIALS ARE TO BE DELAYED BEYOND ACCEPTABLE LIMITS,+ SIR DENYS SAID.

+IF, AS MAY BE THE CASE, THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT ARE INSUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE THE HIGH COURT WITH THE RESOURCES WHICH IT NEEDS, CONSIDERATION MAY HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO ENHANCING THE JURISDICTION OF DISTRICT JUDGES AND PERHAPS OF MAGISTRATES.

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+IN THE CIVIL FIELD THE MONETARY LIMITS OF THE DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION, RAISED TO \$60 000 LAST JANUARY, MIGHT BE FURTHER WIDENED. IN THE CRIMINAL FIELD, THE MAXIMUM POWERS OF PUNISHMENT OF THE DISTRICT COURT MIGHT BE RAISED, EITHER GENERALLY OR IN SELECTED TYPES OF CASE, OR THE DISTRICT COURT MIGHT BE EMPOWERED TO COMMIT OFFENDERS FOR SENTENCE TO THE HIGH COURT, WHERE THE DISTRICT JUDGE CONSIDERS THAT HIS POWERS ARE INADEQUATE.+

APART FROM THE NEED FOR MORE HIGH COURT JUDGES, THE JUDICIARY MUST SEARCH ALSO FOR WAYS OF REDUCING THE TIME TAKEN IN TRIALS.

SIR DENYS SAID: +I HOPE THAT WE MAY SOON RE-EXAMINE THE NEED FOR COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS, SINCE ADEQUATE OTHER SAFEGUARDS MAY BE THOUGHT TO EXIST FOR THOSE SENT FOR TRIAL WITHOUT ANY PRELIMINARY ENQUIRY.

+AND I ASK THE LEGAL PROFESSION TO HELP THE JUDGES TO MAKE THE NEW PRE-TRIAL REVIEW PROCEDURE EFFECTIVE, BY ENSURING THAT MATTERS WHICH ARE NOT IN DISPUTE ARE AGREED BEFORE TRIAL AND NEED NOT BE FORMALLY PROVED.

+WE MUST NEVER FORGET THAT THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM DOES NOT EXIST FOR ITS OWN SAKE. ITS PURPOSE IS TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY, BY PROVIDING A FAIR AND SWIFT METHOD OF SETTLING THE ISSUES PUT BEFORE IT. OUR RECORD FOR SPEED HAS BEEN A GOOD ONE IN THE PAST FEW YEARS. WE MUST BE SURE THAT IT IS NOT SPOILED,+ HE SAID.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY WERE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR MICHAEL THOMAS- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BAR ASSOCIATION, MR HENRY LITTON AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR TIMOTHY FRESHWATER.

THE CEREMONIAL OPENING OF THE LEGAL YEAR ORGANISED BY THE JUDICIARY WAS ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 1 200 PEOPLE INCLUDING JUDGES, MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION, HEADS OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER DIGNITARIES.

IT BEGAN WITH A CHURCH SERVICE AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL AT 3.30 PM, CONDUCTED BY BISHOP JOHN BAPTIST WU.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE INSPECTED A GUARD OF HONOUR PROVIDED BY THE HONG KONG GUARD COMPANY OF THE BRITISH FORCES AT EDINBURGH PLACE LATER IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE INSPECTION WAS FOLLOWED BY THE ADDRESSES IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL, WHICH ENDED AT ABOUT 6 PM.

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NEED FOR 'SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGIES' PROPOSED

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HONG KONG MANUFACTURERS SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH TECHNOLOGIES THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO MAKE BETTER PRODUCTS, TO IMPROVE PRODUCTION OR TO TACKLE SPECIFIC TECHNICAL PROBLEMS TO ACHIEVE BETTER CONTROL AND BETTER UTILISATION OF RESOURCES IN INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (MONDAY) BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY, MRS ALICE LAI AT A SEMINAR ORGANISED BY THE INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

HONG KONG, UNLIKE THE UNITED STATES OR JAPAN, COULD NOT AFFORD TO INDULGE IN, FOR EXAMPLE, BASIC OR FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

IT SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH TECHNOLOGIES THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO SPECIFIC TECHNICAL PROBLEMS TO ACHIEVE BETTER CONTROL AND BETTER UTILISATION OF RESOURCES IN INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS.

SUCH TECHNOLOGIES MIGHT BE TRANSFERRED FROM OVERSEAS, BUT SHOULD BE SUITABLY ADAPTED TO MEET LOCAL REQUIREMENTS BY CONVERSION OF EXISTING MACHINERY OR PRODUCTION LINES, OR THEY MIGHT BE DESIGNED AND DEVELOPED LOCALLY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRODUCTION SYSTEMS, AND PRODUCTION DESIGNS.

+EITHER WAY, TECHNOLOGIES SHOULD BE AIMED AT EXPANDING PEOPLE'S CAPABILITIES, RATHER THAN DISPLACING THEM,+ SHE SAID.

MRS LAI SAID THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGICAL APPLICATION WAS +RATHER SLOW AND LIMITED IN HONG KONG, COMPARED WITH OTHER INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES+.

SHE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO THE HIGH COST OF EQUIPMENT, THE LACK OF EXPERIENCED TECHNICAL SUPPORTING STAFF TO RUN AND MAINTAIN THE EQUIPMENT, AND INSUFFICIENT UNDERSTANDING AS REGARDS THE WORKINGS AND BENEFITS OF THE TECHNOLOGIES.

MRS LAI SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT TERTIARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS AND THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL IN THEIR ENDEAVOURS TO PRODUCE GRADUATES WHO WOULD MEET INDUSTRY'S REQUIREMENTS.

+THROUGH THE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO SUPPORTS RESEARCH IN SPECIFIC AREAS.

+THREE PROJECTS ARE NOW CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN ON THE FABRICATION AND ANALYSIS OF INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, AND SEMICONDUCTORS, AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN SYSTEMS FOR THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY.

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+THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE IN THE PROMOTION OF TECHNOLOGIES APPLICATION HAS DEVELOPED FOR THE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD TWO LOW-COST AFFORDABLE COMPUTER-AIDED SYSTEMS,+ SHE SAID.

MRS LAI URGED MANUFACTURERS TO WORK OUT LONG-TERM EXPANSION PLANS AND TO VENTURE INTO NEW TECHNOLOGIES.

+THE REASON IS SIMPLE; THE CHALLENGE OF THE 80'S AND BEYOND CAN ONLY BE MET BY THE TIMELY APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGIES IN VARIOUS FORMS TO AUTOMATE PRODUCTION PROCESS, SYSTEMS AND FUNCTIONS CONCERNED WITH PRODUCT DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING,+ SHE SAID.

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### \$65-MILLION AQUEDUCT TO BE BUILT \* \* \*

A \$65-MILLION CONTRACT WAS AWARDED TODAY (MONDAY) FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN AQUEDUCT TO LINK TAI PO TAU AND NGAU TAM MEI.

WORK INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SIX-KILOMETRE-LONG TUNNEL OF 2.5-METRE DIAMETER AND A ONE-KILOMETRE BURIED STEEL PIPELINE OF TWO-METRE DIAMETER.

THE CONTRACT, FORMING PART OF THE WORKS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FUTURE INCREASE OF WATER FROM CHINA, WAS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR TOM TOMLINSON, AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF KUMAGAI GUMI (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

AT NGAU TAM MEI THE AQUEDUCT JOINS UP WITH THE WESTERN AQUEDUCT NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED UNDER A SEPARATE CONTRACT.

THE AQUEDUCT WILL BE DRIVEN FROM THREE PLACES, ONE FROM A PORTAL AT LAM TSUEN AND THE OTHER TWO FROM A 25-METRE DEEP SHAFT NEAR FAN KAM ROAD.

WORK ON THE CONTRACT INCLUDES IMPROVEMENT TO EXISTING ACCESS ROAD, THE CONSTRUCTION OF A REINFORCED CONCRETE BRIDGE, AND LANDSCAPING WORKS. IT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 33 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DURING THE TWO MONTHS OF CHINESE WATER SHUTDOWN EACH YEAR, PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR WATER WILL BE PUMPED TO AU TAU VIA TAI PO TAU PUMPING STATION, THE NEW AQUEDUCT AND PART OF THE WESTERN AQUEDUCT.

AT AU TAU, A LARGE WATER TREATMENT PLANT WILL BE BUILT FOR THE SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER TO NORTH-WEST NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEW AQUEDUCT CAN ALSO BE USED AS PART OF THE LINK IN THE SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING CHINESE WATER TO PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR VIA THE MUK WU PUMPING STATION.

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JOB, PAYROLL SURVEY GOING ON  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS NOW CONDUCTING A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY.

THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 34 000 ESTABLISHMENTS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS, INCLUDING THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT, RESTAURANT AND HOTELS), THE SERVICES (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION, FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES, COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES) AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS (MINING AND QUARRYING, MANUFACTURING, ELECTRICITY AND GAS).

QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED TO SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

REMINDERS ARE NOW BEING SENT TO ESTABLISHMENTS NOT RESPONDING TO THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982, ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

INFORMATION IS BEING SOUGHT ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON DECEMBER 28 LAST YEAR, FROM EACH ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10 000 ESTABLISHMENTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED FROM THE SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1984.

RESPONDENTS WHO FIND DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING THE FORMS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE AT TELEPHONE NOS: 5-436551, -- 5-444301, 5-455661 AND 5-455668.

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NEW RATEABLE VALUES  
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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED A TOTAL OF 99 588 VALID PROPOSALS OBJECTING TO THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1 LAST YEAR, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

OF THIS TOTAL, 27 536 PROPOSALS HAD RESULTED IN A REDUCTION, AND SIX IN AN INCREASE, IN RATEABLE VALUE.

WITH 71 349 PROPOSALS, THE RATEABLE VALUES REMAINED UNCHANGED, WHILE 697 PROPOSALS WERE WITHDRAWN, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ALL TUEN MUN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR SITES LEASED  
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ALL 120 STALL SITES AT THE FORTHCOMING TUEN MUN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WERE LEASED AT A PUBLIC AUCTION TODAY.

THE HIGHEST PRICE FOR A STALL FOR SALE OF FLOWERS WAS \$1 800, AND THAT FOR SALE OF DRY GOODS WAS \$480, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE LOWEST PRICE FOR A WET GOODS STALL WAS \$300 AND THAT FOR A DRY GOODS STALL WAS \$100. THE UPSET PRICE FOR EACH STALL SITE WAS \$100.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE TAI HING COMMUNITY HALL IN TUEN MUN, WAS CONDUCTED BY STAFF OF THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE.

THE TUEN MUN LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND BETWEEN FEBRUARY 13 AND 20, TOGETHER WITH OTHER SIX FAIRS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TOMORROW (TUESDAY), AUCTIONING OF THE 80 STALLS AT THE TAI PO LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR WILL BE HELD AT THE OFFICE OF TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE AT HEUNG SZE WUI STREET, TAI PO.

BIDDERS SHOULD ARRIVE BY 9.30 AM, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TSUEN WAN DB DISCUSS ERP  
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THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, MR ALAN SCOTT, WILL BRIEF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS ON THE PROPOSED ELECTRONIC ROAD PRICING SYSTEM AT THEIR MEETING TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TELEVISION AND ENTERTAINMENT LICENCING AUTHORITY WILL ALSO BRIEF MEMBERS ON ADVERTISING POLICY.

MEMBERS WILL ALSO DISCUSS REPORTS ON VICE-ASSOCIATED ESTABLISHMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL NUISANCE, THE MULTI-STORY BUILDING MANAGEMENT SCHEME AND THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

OTHER ITEMS ON THE AGENDA INCLUDE REPORTS FROM VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

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CRAFT TRADE TEST MANUAL PUBLISHED  
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A MANUAL CONTAINING TRADE TEST GUIDELINES FOR CRAFT APPRENTICES IN THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE MANUAL, PREPARED BY THE COUNCIL'S SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THE TEST JOBS AND MARKING SYSTEMS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF FIVE TRADES OF FITTER, MACHINIST, PIPEMAKER, ELECTRICIAN AND JOINER-CARPENTER.

+APPRENTICES ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPLISH THESE JOBS UPON THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN PHASE OF TRAINING PROGRAMME,+ EXPLAINED MR EDWARD YOUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD.

+THE MANUAL IS DESIGNED TO HELP APPRENTICES TO ACHIEVE A HIGHER STANDARD OF CRAFTSMANSHIP THROUGH CAREFUL MONITORING AND GUIDANCE DURING TRAINING.+

EMPLOYERS COULD ALSO USE THE GUIDELINES IN THE MANUAL FOR TERMINAL TEST OR RECRUITMENT OF CRAFTSMEN, HE ADDED.

THE MANUAL IS ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT \$13.5 A COPY.

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PLAN TO REMOVE ILLEGAL STRUCTURES  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED THAT ILLEGAL STRUCTURES ON THE ROOFS OF BUILDINGS AT 4 TAK CHEONG LANE, YAU MA TEI, AND 49-51 COOKE STREET, HUNG HOM IN KOWLOON SHOULD BE CLOSED, SO THAT THEY MAY BE REMOVED WITHOUT DANGER TO THE OCCUPIERS OR THE PUBLIC.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID RECENT INSPECTIONS SHOWED THAT DEMOLITION ORDERS SERVED ON THE OWNERS HAD NOT BEEN COMPLIED WITH. IT WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE STRUCTURES FOR THE WORK.

NOTICES WERE POSTED TODAY OF INTENTION TO APPLY IN THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT ON JANUARY 25, AT 9.30 AM FOR CLOSURE OF THE STRUCTURE IN THE BUILDING AT TAK CHEONG LANE, AND ON FEBRUARY 5, AT 9.30 AM FOR CLOSURE OF THE STRUCTURES IN THE BUILDING AT COOKE STREET.

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SPECIAL DANCE PERFORMANCE AT CITY HALL

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WINNERS OF VARIOUS AWARDS IN THE 14TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WILL DISPLAY THEIR TALENTS AT A SPECIAL PERFORMANCE IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE CITY HALL ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 12).

ABOUT 150 DANCERS, OUT OF MORE THAN 1 000 PARTICIPANTS, WON AWARDS IN THE CONTEST HELD IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER LAST YEAR.

THE CONTEST WAS ORGANISED BY THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICE, THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT CULTURE AND RECREATION PROMOTION ASSOCIATION AND THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT.

OFFICIATING AT THE WINNERS' PERFORMANCE ON SATURDAY WILL BE THE DEPUTY REGIONAL SECRETARY FOR HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, MR ALBERT LAM.

MR AND MRS LAM; THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KEVIN MAK; AND THE PRINCIPAL RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, MR DAVID CHIU, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNING GROUPS.

THE 14TH OPEN DANCE CONTEST WINNERS' PERFORMANCE WILL START AT 2 PM.

TICKETS AT \$20, \$30 AND \$50 WILL BE ON SALE IN THE LOBBY OF THE LOWER BLOCK OF CITY HALL FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), AND ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 3-416315.

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PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS WANTED

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THE SEARCH HAS BEGUN FOR PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS TO SUPPORT THE REGULAR STAFF IN THE COMING SWIMMING SEASON.

SOME 150 PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS WILL BE RECRUITED THIS YEAR FOR SERVICE AT PUBLIC BATHING BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

YOUNG PEOPLE HOLDING APPROVED LIFE SAVING QUALIFICATIONS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE JOB, WHICH WILL START ON APRIL 1.

ALL PART-TIME LIFEGUARDS WILL BE EMPLOYED EITHER ON SHORT CONTRACT TERMS AT A MONTHLY SALARY OF \$2 755, OR ON A DAILY BASIS AT \$109.

THEY WILL BE REQUIRED FOR DUTY AT GAZETTED BEACHES AND PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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APPLICANTS SHOULD BE UNDER THE AGE OF 35, OF STRONG PHYSIQUE AND GOOD SIGHT, WITHOUT WEARING SPECTACLES, AND SHOULD HOLD AT LEAST A BRONZE MEDALLION AWARDED BY THE ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY.

PRIORITY WILL BE GIVEN TO THOSE WITH HIGHER LIFE-SAVING QUALIFICATIONS AND ACTUAL EXPERIENCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS (GF 340) ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND PERSONNEL SECTION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN BOTH URBAN AREA AND NEW TERRITORIES.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE) AT 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE PERSONNEL SECTION OF THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON TELEPHONE 3-689467.

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TRAFFIC CHANGE  
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JACKSON ROAD BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CHATER ROAD IN CENTRAL, WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON JANUARY 9 UNTIL MIDNIGHT ON JANUARY 31 TO ALLOW FOR CONVERSION WORK ON THE OLD SUPREME COURT BUILDING.

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WATER LEAKAGE TESTS  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS - FROM 11 PM ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 10) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY - FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES WILL BE ALONG MERLIN STREET, ELECTRIC ROAD, LAU SIN STREET, HING FAT STREET, KING MING ROAD, WATSON ROAD INCLUDING VICTORIA PARK, AND THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL ALSO BE SUSPENDED FOR SIMILAR TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, PEKING ROAD, CANTON ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD, INCLUDING PREMISES LOCATED AT HAIPHONG ROAD, LOCK ROAD, ASHLEY ROAD, HANKOW ROAD, KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND ICHANG STREET.

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WATER FIGURES

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STORAGE IN HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 72.2 PER CENT OF CAPACITY OR 423.425 MILLION CUBIC METRES.

THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE RESERVOIRS CONTAINED 524.013 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF WATER, REPRESENTING 89.4 PER CENT OF CAPACITY.

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