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SPEEDPOST "ON DEMAND" SERVICE
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THE POST OFFICE IS TO INTRODUCE A SPEEDPOST "ON DEMAND" SERVICE TO MAJOR TOWNS AND CITIES IN THE UNITED STATES ON MONDAY (MAY 19).

THE MOVE FOLLOWS AN AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND HONG KONG POSTAL AUTHORITIES.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: "THE ADVANTAGE OF THE "ON DEMAND" SERVICE IS THAT CUSTOMERS CAN PRESENT PACKAGES AT THE SPECIALLY DESIGNATED "SPEEDPOST" COUNTERS AT GPO, TSIM SHA TSUI AND KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICES AND AFTER COMPLETION OF THE REQUIRED FORMALITIES, HAVE THEM DESPATCHED BY AIR ON PRE-SELECTED FLIGHTS WITHOUT HAVING TO MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE POST OFFICE.

"THIS DEVELOPMENT FOLLOWS THE SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEEDPOST CONTRACT SERVICE WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING TO THE UNITED STATES SINCE JANUARY LAST YEAR, AND IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE NEED FOR AN "INFORMAL" SPEEDPOST SERVICE WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF CONTRACT FORMALITIES."

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THE NEW SERVICE WAS NOT INTENDED FOR REPLACING CONTRACT SERVICES BUT FOR COMPLEMENTING THEM.

HE HOPED THAT PRESENT CONTRACT CUSTOMERS WOULD USE THE "ON DEMAND" SERVICE TO SUPPLEMENT CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS AS REQUIRED.

THE SERVICE TO THE USA WILL SECURE DELIVERY WITHIN 48 HOURS OF DESPATCH FROM HONG KONG, ALTHOUGH EARLIER DELIVERY WILL BE POSSIBLE TO CERTAIN CITIES ON THE WEST COAST. THE BASIC CHARGES FOR THE "ON DEMAND" SERVICE TO THE USA WILL BE \$130 FOR THE FIRST 1 LB. WEIGHT AND \$20 PER LB. OR PART LB. THEREAFTER.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BRITISH POST OFFICE ARE ALSO PROCEEDING AND IT IS HOPED TO INTRODUCE THE "ON DEMAND" SERVICE TO ALL LONDON DISTRICTS AND PRINCIPAL PROVINCIAL CENTRES IN THE U.K. IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT SPEEDPOST MAY BE OBTAINED BY TELEPHONING 5-245992 OR THE P.O. ENQUIRY BUREAU NO. 5-247116.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO MAKE MORE USE OF
LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE
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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. DAVID LIN, TODAY CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO MAKE MORE AND BETTER USE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES).

MR. LIN SAID THAT BY USING THE SERVICE, AN EMPLOYER COULD SAVE BOTH THE EXPENSE OF ADVERTISING AND THE TROUBLE OF SORTING THROUGH A LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS TO FIND THE RIGHT CANDIDATES.

ADDRESSING A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON, MR. LIN POINTED OUT THAT THE LES OFFERED A FREE AND VALUABLE SERVICE TO BOTH EMPLOYERS AND JOB SEEKERS.

HE SAID PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE COULD REGISTER AT LES OFFICES, GIVING RELEVANT PARTICULARS SUCH AS QUALIFICATIONS AND SALARIES EXPECTED.

EMPLOYERS COULD PLACE VACANCY ORDERS WITH THE FIVE OFFICES OF THE SERVICE EITHER BY TELEPHONE OR IN WRITING.

ON RECEIPT OF SUCH ORDERS, ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE MADE TO SEND SUITABLE CANDIDATES TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS.

+I AM HAPPY TO SAY THAT IN MANY CASES, THE SERVICE HAS BEEN ABLE TO FIND SUITABLE CANDIDATES ON THE SAME DAY AN ORDER IS RECEIVED,+ HE SAID.

+MANY EMPLOYERS, INCLUDING A NUMBER OF TOP FIRMS IN HONG KONG, HAVE MADE USE OF THE SERVICE AND ARE CONTINUING TO DO SO.

+I DO HOPE THAT THOSE OF YOU ARE EMPLOYERS WILL MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE SO THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN CAREERS GUIDANCE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND SUITABLE JOBS,+ HE SAID.

MR. LIN SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE (YEAS) CATERED PRINCIPALLY FOR STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE 14 TO 18 AGE GROUP, BUT ITS SERVICE WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL LEAVERS IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR AGE.

ITS MAIN FUNCTIONS WERE TO COMPILE AND DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ON CAREERS, AND TO GIVE ADVICE IN THE FORM OF CAREERS SEMINARS, TALKS TO SCHOOLS AND VARIOUS YOUTH BODIES, NEWSLETTERS AND CAREERS EXHIBITIONS.

IN ADDITION, THE UNIT HAD SO FAR PRODUCED 35 FREE CAREERS PAMPHLETS AND 50 FREE LEAFLETS ON VARIOUS OCCUPATIONS FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION.

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SINCE 1972, THE YEAS HAD SPONSORED THREE ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITIONS FOR HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR TEACHERS AND THEIR PARENTS.

+IT PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYERS IN VARIOUS SECTORS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO INTRODUCE THEIR TRADES TO STUDENTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER IT HELPS THESE YOUNG PEOPLE GATHER INFORMATION ON A VARIETY OF TRADES AND INDUSTRIES.+

ALTHOUGH A CAREERS EXHIBITION WAS COSTLY AND TIME-CONSUMING TO THE EXHIBITORS, MR. LIN DESCRIBED IT AS THE MOST ATTRACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE WAY OF DISSEMINATING CAREERS INFORMATION.

THIS WAS EVIDENT IN THE RAPIDLY INCREASING NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE THREE EXHIBITIONS, FROM 28,000 IN 1972, 48,500 IN 1973 TO 93,000 IN 1974.

IN VIEW OF THE SUCCESS, MR. LIN SAID IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO HOLD ANOTHER EXHIBITION IN DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI AND KOWLOON CITY WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS, STARTING FROM 1 AM ON SATURDAY (MAY 17) TO ALLOW LEAKAGE TESTS TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THESE TWO AREAS.

IN WAN CHAI, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY MARSH ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET AND THE NORTHERN SIDE OF HENNESSY ROAD.

IN KOWLOON CITY, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY DUMBARTON ROAD, JUNCTION ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD, TUNG TSING ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, KAI TAK ROAD AND CARPENTER ROAD.

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35 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH
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A TOTAL OF 35 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY LAST MONTH COMPARED WITH 92 IN APRIL LAST YEAR.

THE PLANS INCLUDED 12 COMBINED APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS RANGING FROM FIVE TO 31 STOREYS IN HEIGHT, A CINEMA AND THEATRE BUILDING IN KWAI CHUNG, A POWER STATION IN AP LEI CHAU AND THE OCEAN PARK CABLE CAR TERMINAL BUILDING IN ABERDEEN.

OF THE 35 APPROVED BUILDING PLANS, 12 ARE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX ARE FOR KOWLOON AND THE REMAINING 17 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE MONTH, APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR 76 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS TO BEGIN WORK.

THEY INCLUDED AN ARTS CENTRE ON THE WANCHAI RECLAMATION, A FUNERAL PARLOUR IN HUNG HOM AND A HOTEL IN WANCHAI.

AT THE SAME TIME, APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 25 BUILDINGS -- 10 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 10 IN KOWLOON AND FIVE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS LIFTED
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THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT QUARANTINE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED AGAINST ARRIVALS FROM SINGAPORE ON ACCOUNT OF CHOLERA HAVE BEEN LIFTED.

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