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MORE TRAINED INDUSTRIAL SAFETY PERSONNEL NEEDED

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. M.C. LAO, TODAY CITED A LACK OF ADEQUATELY-TRAINED SAFETY PERSONNEL AS ONE OF THE MAJOR OBSTACLES TO THE PREVENTION OF WORK ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S THIRD INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING COURSE, HE SAID THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH PROPERLY-TRAINED PEOPLE +TO SHOULDER THE WORK IN A COMPETENT WAY AND TO MOTIVATE PEOPLE AT ALL LEVELS ON THE NEED FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY.+

HE ADDED: +THE EMPLOYMENT OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFICERS BY PRIVATE INDUSTRY IS VERY COMMON IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES. I TRUST THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE THERE WILL BE ENOUGH TRAINED PERSONNEL AVAILABLE HERE TO FILL THIS SERIOUS GAP IN OUR INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE.+

THE SIX-WEEK FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSE JUST ENDED WAS ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE (ISTC) FOR 23 CANDIDATES FROM VARIOUS FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, MR. C.P. HUNG, TODAY PRESENTED DIPLOMAS OR CERTIFICATES TO THE PARTICIPANTS.

SPEAKING BEFORE THE PRESENTATION BY MR. HUNG, MR. LAO URGED INDUSTRY TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE ISTC WHICH, HE SAID, INCLUDED A WIDE RANGE OF FREE SAFETY COURSES OF A HIGH STANDARD.

THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER ALSO THANKED GUEST LECTURERS FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE SUCCESS OF THE COURSE, AND HE PRAISED THE EMPLOYERS OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE GENUINE INTEREST THEIR FIRMS WERE SHOWING IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION.

IN PRESENTING THE COURSE DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES, MR. HUNG URGED THE GRADUATES TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES THEY HAD ABSORBED DURING THEIR SIX WEEKS OF TRAINING, AND TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE MANAGERIALS WAYS IN WHICH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY COULD BE IMPROVED.

FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, THEY SHOULD PRESS FOR PERSONNEL AT DIFFERENT LEVELS IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS TO RECEIVE PROPER SAFETY TRAINING.

/MR. HUNG SAID.....

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MR. HUNG SAID THAT BESIDES A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND SAFE WORKING FACILITIES, AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY WAS DETERMINATION AND ATTITUDE.

HE SAID LABOUR AND MANAGEMENT SHOULD CO-OPERATE IN CONSTANTLY CULTIVATING SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS, SO THEY ALWAYS BORE IN MIND THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING WORK ACCIDENTS, AND BOTH THEREFORE ADOPTED THE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONERY MEASURES. THIS WOULD ACHIEVE FAR BETTER RESULTS THAN THE ENACTMENT AND ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION.

MR. HUNG CONGRATULATED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY. HE SAID THESE EFFORTS HAD LED MANY INDUSTRIALISTS AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS.

HE PLEDGED THE CMA'S COMPLETE SUPPORT FOR THOSE EFFORTS.

MR. HUNG SAID THAT WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE CMA HAD IN RECENT YEARS ORGANISED A SERIES OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION ACTIVITIES WHICH HAD RECEIVED TREMENDOUS SUPPORT FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS. HE LOOKED FORWARD TO EVEN BETTER CO-OPERATION IN FUTURE BETWEEN THE CMA AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN THIS RESPECT.

COMMENTING ON THE SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING COURSES, THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER, MR. T.K. CHAN, SAID THEY PROVIDED AN IN-DEPTH STUDY OF ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES.

+THE COURSE CONTENT WAS WIDE-RANGING, FROM THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AFFECTING ACCIDENT PREVENTION TO MODERN CONCEPTS OF SAFETY ORGANISATION. IN ADDITION TO THEORETICAL TRAINING, CASE STUDIES AND PRACTICAL VISITS WERE INCLUDED.+

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FOODSTUFFS WERE CHEAPER LAST MONTH

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FOODSTUFFS COST MUCH LESS LAST MONTH AS THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF RICE AND FRESH VEGETABLES DROPPED BY SIX PER CENT AND 14 PER CENT, RESPECTIVELY.

FRESH FRUIT COST SLIGHTLY MORE, HOWEVER, DUE TO SEASONAL FLUCTUATIONS.

THE LOWER PRICES BROUGHT DOWN THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX 'A' WHICH RELATES TO HOUSEHOLDS SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1,499 A MONTH, AND IN THE 'B' INDEX RELATING TO THE \$1,500-\$2,999 EXPENDITURE GROUP.

OVERALL, THE 'A' CONSUMER PRICE INDEX STOOD AT 107, TWO POINTS LOWER THAN IN JUNE, WHILE THE JULY 'B' INDEX AT 107 WAS ONE POINT LOWER THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND THAT FOR FOOTWEAR WERE ALSO DOWN BY TWO POINTS IN BOTH THE 'A' AND 'B' INDICES. THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES IN THE 'A' INDEX FELL BY ONE POINT, WHILE THE INDEX FOR SERVICES IN THE 'B' INDEX ROSE BY ONE POINT, DUE MAINLY TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.

MOVEMENTS IN OTHER INDICES FOR OTHER SECTIONS WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

MEANWHILE, THE OLD GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JULY STOOD AT 190, SIX POINTS LOWER THAN THAT FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

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LOTTERIES BOARD LICENSED

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ISSUED A LICENCE TO THE HONG KONG LOTTERIES BOARD TO ORGANISE AND CONDUCT REGULAR LOTTERIES.

THE LICENCE HAS BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE BETTING DUTY ORDINANCE WHICH WAS RECENTLY AMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO ENABLE THE BOARD TO BE ESTABLISHED.

THE LOTTERIES WILL BE HELD ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

NOT LESS THAN 80 PER CENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF A LOTTERY, AFTER DEDUCTING A LOTTERY DUTY OF 25 PER CENT, WILL BE ALLOCATED IN PRIZES.

THIS PERCENTAGE RETURN IS THE SAME AS THE EXISTING GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES WHICH WILL BE PHASED OUT WHEN THE LAST LOTTERY IS HELD LATER THIS YEAR.

AFTER DEDUCTING OPERATING EXPENSES, ALL SURPLUS PROCEEDS FROM THE LOTTERIES WILL BE PAID INTO THE LOTTERIES FUND WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS.

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WATER CUT

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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE WITHOUT WATER BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 23) WHEN A TEST FOR LEAKAGE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY KWUN TONG ROAD, HONG NING ROAD, KUNG LOK ROAD AND ELEGANCE ROAD.

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FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT BIDS FAREWELL TO MR. WOOD

THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY SAID FAREWELL TO ITS RETIRING DIRECTOR, MR. HARRY WOOD, AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION.

MR. WOOD HAS SERVED THE DEPARTMENT FOR MORE THAN 21 YEARS, THE LAST FIVE AS DIRECTOR. HE WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 4 AND RETIRE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

IN A FAREWELL SPEECH, HE SAID THAT SINCE JOINING THE FIRE SERVICES IN 1954, HE HAD SEEN THE NUMBER OF FIRE STATIONS GROW FROM FOUR TO 36 AND THE NUMBER OF MEN FROM 400 TO NEARLY 4,000.

+I LOOK FORWARD TO COMING BACK TO HONG KONG SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE TO SEE HOW MUCH FURTHER YOU HAVE PROGRESSED,+ HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE MR. WOOD'S SUCCESSOR MR. FRED WATSON, THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR. MAURICE LANE, AND OFFICERS AND STAFF FROM HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMANDS.
