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NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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A 172-ROOM HOTEL WAS AMONG 70 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED BY THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE IN FEBRUARY.

OF THE PLANS, 20 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, AND 25 EACH FOR KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 36 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; 12 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND NINE FOR FACTORY, WAREHOUSE OR GODOWN.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT TO START WORK ON 42 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 139,678 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 105,970 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$536 MILLION, WITH USABLE FLOOR AREA FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES BEING ABOUT 99,473 SQUARE METRES AND 43,892 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 29 OCCUPATION PERMITS, 12 FOR HONG KONG, FOUR FOR KOWLOON AND 13 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 30 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 71 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 461 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS. CARRIED OUT 693 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 122 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 481 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED TWO CLOSURE ORDERS.

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NEW MEMBERS APPOINTED TO CIVIC EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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FIVE NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

THEY ARE MR JOSEPH CHENG, DEAN OF SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES OF THE OPEN LEARNING INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG; MR LEONARD L. CHU, A SENIOR LECTURER AND DEPARTMENT HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; MISS JUNIA HO, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE; MISS CHRISTINE LOH, A MEMBER OF THE LAW REFORM COMMISSION OF HONG KONG; AND MR TAM MAN-KWAN, A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

EIGHT OTHER MEMBERS WHO PREVIOUSLY SAT ON THE COMMITTEE HAVE ALSO BEEN RE-APPOINTED. THEY ARE MR CHAN CHUN-FAT, MR CHAN WING-TAI, MR CHENG KAI-NAM, MS KO SIU-WAH, MR MICHAEL KWAN, MR MAK HOI-WAH, MR NG WAI-CHO AND MS NORA YAU.

/THE COMMITTEE

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THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN MAY 1986 TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS ON THE OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF CIVIC EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.

IT ALSO ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION AND ASSISTS IN THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC AWARENESS AND GOOD CITIZENSHIP.

THE COMMITTEE IS CHAIRED BY DR DANIEL TSE. OTHER MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE ARE MR POON KAI-TIK, MR JUSTIN C. WONG AND MR YEUNG KWOK-HUNG.

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STUDENTS TO ACQUIRE EXPERIENCE IN WORK

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MORE THAN 1,300 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL TAKE PART IN A WORK ORIENTATION PROGRAMME NEXT MONTH.

THE EVENT IS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO HELP STUDENTS ACQUIRE FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SPECIALISED FIELD OF WORK.

"THROUGH VISITS TO DIFFERENT ESTABLISHMENTS, IT IS HOPED THAT STUDENTS WOULD BE ABLE TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ACTUAL WORKING ENVIRONMENT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CHOOSING A CAREER BEST SUITED TO THEIR POTENTIAL," A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROGRAMME, WHICH BEGINS ON THURSDAY (MAY 4) AND LASTS UNTIL MAY 29, INCLUDES 50 VISITS TO 41 ESTABLISHMENTS BY STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS IN TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, TSUEN WAN, YAU MA TEI, CENTRAL, WESTERN AND ISLANDS.

"THE VISITS WILL COVER VARIOUS ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS INCLUDING HOTELS, BANKS, NEWSPAPERS, TELEVISION STATIONS, FACTORIES, CONTAINER TERMINALS, AIRLINE COMPANIES, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMPANIES AND TRAINING INSTITUTES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"DURING THE VISITS, SPECIALLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL OF EACH ESTABLISHMENT WILL EXPLAIN THEIR ORGANISATION, SCOPE OF WORK, EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND DEVELOPMENT PLANS, AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM STUDENTS.

"THIS SHOULD ASSIST THEM IN DEVELOPING A MORE REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD OF WORK AND FACILITATE THEIR EVENTUAL TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO WORK."

THE CAREERS ADVISORY SERVICE PROVIDES CAREERS GUIDANCE TO YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMMES AND ACTIVITIES.

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AT PRESENT, THE SERVICE OPERATES FOUR CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRES EQUIPPED WITH A REFERENCE LIBRARY AND AUDIO-VISUAL RECORDINGS OF INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

LAST YEAR, OFFICERS OF THE SERVICE DELIVERED 440 CAREERS TALKS TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AND ORGANISED A NUMBER OF CAREERS DAYS, AN ANNUAL CAREERS QUIZ AND CAREERS EXHIBITION.

TO PROMOTE CAREERS EDUCATION, AN ANNUAL CERTIFICATE COURSE AND A SEMINAR FOR CAREERS TEACHERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS, WERE ALSO ORGANISED.

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POLICE DELEGATION LEAVES FOR CHINA

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AS PART OF THE REGULAR AND ROUTINE LIAISON WITH INTERPOL CHINA, A DELEGATION FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, LED BY MR LI KWAN-HA, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, OPERATIONS, LEFT FOR CHINA THIS (SUNDAY) MORNING.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG DELEGATION ARE MR. WONG TSAN-KWONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, CRIME, MR. CHUNG HUI-PANG, STAFF OFFICER, INTERPOL, MR. CHENG TAK-WAH, CHIEF INSPECTOR, AND MISS PEARL CHAN, INTERPRETER.

THE HONG KONG DELEGATION WILL VISIT BEIJING AND GUANGZHOU, AND WILL HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THEIR CHINESE COUNTERPARTS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND CONCERN.

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ISLANDS DB STUDY TOUR OFF TO SOUTH KOREA

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AN ISLANDS DISTRICT BOARD OVERSEAS STUDY TOUR GROUP, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR JONATHAN NG, AND THE DISTRICT BOARD SECRETARY, MRS MARINA WOODHEAD, SET OFF TODAY (SUNDAY) ON A SIX-DAY VISIT TO SOUTH KOREA.

COMPRISING NINE DB MEMBERS AND ONE COMMITTEE MEMBER, IT WAS HEADED BY THE DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR LAM WAI-KEUNG.

MR LAM SAID THAT SOUTH KOREA WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE RURAL DEVELOPMENTS THERE WERE SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT.

"AN INTERFLOW OF EXPERIENCE BETWEEN KOREAN OFFICIALS AND OUR MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY OVER THE ASPECTS OF RURAL AREA DEVELOPMENT AND PROMOTION OF TOURISM, IS WHAT WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH," MR LAM SAID.

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IN SEOUL, THEY WILL VISIT THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION WHERE THEY WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SAEMAUL UNDONG MOVEMENT - A GOVERNMENT INITIATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - AND TOUR ONE OF THE SAEMAUL VILLAGES.

THEY WILL ALSO INSPECT THE SUWON FACTORY OF THE SAMSUNG ELECTRONIC COMPANY FAMED FOR ITS HI-TECH PRODUCTS AND TOUR THE VARIOUS SPORTS FACILITIES AT THE OLYMPIC STADIUM.

AFTER SEOUL, THE GROUP WILL JOURNEY TO CHEJU FOR A BRIEFING BY OFFICIALS OF THE KOREAN NATIONAL TOURISM CORPORATION ON THE CHUNGmun RESORT PROJECT THERE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE ISLANDS DISTRICT STUDY TOUR LEAVING FOR SOUTH KOREA AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE SENT BY FACSIMILE NETWORK LATER.

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT
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THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS OF A NUMBER OF STREETS AND BACK LANES IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT HAVE GREATLY IMPROVED FOLLOWING A SERIES OF CLEARANCE OPERATIONS OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS.

THE AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN A COMPLETE FACELIFT INCLUDED WHITTY STREET COMPOUND, U LAM TERRACE, A SIDE LANE IN WESTERN STREET, AND BACK LANES IN HAU WO STREET AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

THE CLEARANCES WERE CO-ORDINATED BY THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE. THEY WERE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN LAST DECEMBER AND MARCH THIS YEAR AT LOCATIONS IDENTIFIED BY FIELD OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CLEARANCES WERE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POLICE, AND THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS, HOUSING, SOCIAL WELFARE, URBAN SERVICES AND TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.

HE SAID THE CLEARANCES WENT SMOOTHLY AND THAT 101 ILLEGAL STRUCTURES BUILT ON GOVERNMENT LAND WERE DEMOLISHED.

A TOTAL OF 50 PEOPLE FROM 28 FAMILIES WERE RE-HOUSED AND 22 BUSINESS OPERATORS WERE GIVEN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCES.

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SAF SCHOLARSHIP INVITES APPLICATIONS

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OUTSTANDING SPORTSMEN CAN NOW APPLY TO SPORTS AID FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP 1989/90, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SPORTS AID COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS AIMED AT ASSISTING A PERSON WITH PROVEN ABILITY IN SPORTS TO OBTAIN A SPECIALIST QUALIFICATION IN THE AREA WHICH WILL BE USEFUL IN THE DEVELOPMENT OR ADMINISTRATION OF SPORTS IN HONG KONG, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ENABLING THE ATHLETE TO PURSUE HIS/HER CHOSEN SPORT TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.

"SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL UNDERTAKE A COURSE OF STUDY IN SPORTS RELATED SUBJECTS AT A TERTIARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES.

"IT WILL BE AWARDED INITIALLY FOR ONE YEAR AND RENEWABLE ANNUALLY TO A MAXIMUM OF THREE YEARS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT AN APPLICANT SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION OF TWO PASSES AT THE ADVANCED LEVEL AND THREE PASSES AT THE ORDINARY LEVEL, SHOULD BE BORN IN OR HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS, AND BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH AND CANTONESE.

"THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG AND CONTRIBUTE HIS/HER EXPERTISE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OR ADMINISTRATION OF SPORTS IN HONG KONG FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN THREE YEARS AFTER OBTAINING THE QUALIFICATION," HE POINTED OUT.

APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE ON THE PRESCRIBED FORM AVAILABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE SPORTS AID COMMITTEE, 25TH FLOOR OF SHUI ON CENTRE, 6-8 HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-8660705.

"COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY NOT LATER THAN MAY 12," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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AEROBICS FOR THE ELDERLY

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ON THREE AFTERNOONS EVERY WEEK DURING THE PAST MONTH, 20 ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF KOWLOON CITY HAVE BEEN DONNING SPORTS OUTFITS FOR AN HOUR'S TRAINING IN 'BADUANJIN' - A FORM OF CHINESE AEROBIC DANCING.

BADUANJIN IS A SPECIALLY TAILORED EXERCISE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AND THE 20 WERE THE FIRST 'GRADUATES'.

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AND BECAUSE OF ITS APPARENT POPULARITY, CLASSES WILL BE RUN UNTIL MARCH 1990 AT THE KOWLOON CITY INDOOR GAMES HALL.

THIS WAS ARRANGED BY THE DISTRICT'S COUNCIL FOR THE WELFARE AND RECREATION OF THE ELDERLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE 'BADUANJIN' IS COMPOSED OF EIGHT SETS OF MOVEMENTS WHICH HELP TO RELIEVE STRAINS AND FATIGUE; IT IS EASY TO LEARN, REQUIRING ONLY 12 HOURS OF TRAINING TO MASTER THE ENTIRE EXERCISE.

FOR THIS REASON, IT IS AN ESPECIALLY IDEAL EXERCISE FOR THE ELDERLY AIMING FOR A HEALTHY LIFE.

WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT BOARD, TWO CLASSES WILL BE HELD EACH MONTH FOR FREE PARTICIPATION FOR DISTRICT RESIDENTS AGED 60 AND ABOVE.

ENROLMENT FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AT 141 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD OR THE URBAN COUNCIL ON FOURTH FLOOR, 165 MA TAU WAI ROAD.

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SPECIAL STAMP ISSUE ON BUN FESTIVAL
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THE POST OFFICE REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT A SPECIAL SET OF FOUR STAMPS ON THE CHEUNG CHAU BUN FESTIVAL WILL GO ON SALE ON THURSDAY (MAY 4).

THE SET COMPRISES FOUR DENOMINATIONS - 60 CENTS, \$1.40, \$1.80 AND \$5.

POSTCARDS SHOWING AN ENLARGEMENT OF THE STAMP DESIGNS AND OFFICIAL FIRST DAY COVERS ARE ALREADY ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES.

ALL POST OFFICES ARE EXPECTED TO BE CROWDED WITH CUSTOMERS ON THURSDAY. IN ORDER TO ASSIST MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO TRANSACT NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS, ADDITIONAL COUNTERS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE MAIN POST OFFICES.

"EXTRA STAFF WILL BE ON DUTY AT MOST POST OFFICES ON THURSDAY BUT QUEUES ARE NEVERTHELESS EXPECTED TO FORM AND THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED, WHERE POSSIBLE, TO TRANSACT THEIR NORMAL POSTAL BUSINESS ON THE PRECEDING DAY OR THE DAY FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE SPECIAL ISSUE," A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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APPLY NOW FOR YOUTH PROJECT GRANTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED YOUTH GROUPS PLANNING INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS TO APPLY NOW FOR GRANTS UNDER THE "OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME" (OYS).

APPLICATION FOR GRANTS AND DETAILS OF PROJECT PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL WORK OFFICERS (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) BEFORE MAY 10.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO PROJECTS CARRYING THE THEME OF HOME SAFETY.

THE AIM OF THE PROJECTS IS TO "ACTUALISE THEIR (YOUTHS) IDEALS AND SERVE THEIR COMMUNITY". THE MAXIMUM SUBSIDY FOR AN APPROVED PROJECT IS \$4,500.

THE OYS WAS FIRST LAUNCHED IN 1974 WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF PROMOTING PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES TO PROMOTE A SENSE OF SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND DEVELOPING THE SPIRIT OF CO-OPERATION AND MUTUAL HELP.

THROUGH THE PROCESS OF WORKING TOGETHER FOR A COMMON GOAL, THE OYS OFFERS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BROADEN THEIR SCOPE OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

THE SCHEME ALSO ENABLES PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY, AND TO ACHIEVE THE NECESSARY SATISFACTION FOR PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, WHICH WILL HELP GROOM THEM TO BECOME GOOD AND CONTRIBUTIVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST SEVEN MEMBERS AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 25, AND SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY A SCHOOL, YOUTH AGENCY, OR AN INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL ORGANISATION.

GROUPS WITHOUT SPONSORS MAY ALSO APPLY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SOCIAL WORK OFFICER (YOUTH AND COMMUNITY) OF THEIR DISTRICT.

UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS, EACH DISTRICT WILL SELECT ITS MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT TO COMPETE FOR THE "HONG KONG BEST OYS AWARD".

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA WILL INCLUDE THE EXTENT OF YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, THE EXTENT OF COMMUNITY BENEFITS, FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT, AND OPTIMUM USE OF RESOURCES AND INNOVATION.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME AND APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S VARIOUS YOUTH AND COMMUNITY OFFICES.

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NEW OFFICE HOURS FOR APPRENTICESHIP OFFICES

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THE OFFICE HOURS OF ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DEPARTMENT WILL BE CHANGED WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE RESCHEDULED WORKING HOURS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY - FRIDAY 8.45 AM TO 1 PM

2 PM TO 5.15 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM TO 12 NOON

CLOSE ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

"THE PURPOSE OF THE CHANGE IS TO ENSURE A SMOOTHER RUNNING OF THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION AND TO BRING THE WORKING HOURS OF ALL BRANCH OFFICES IN LINE WITH THAT OF THE HEAD OFFICE," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, WHICH AIMS AT PROMOTING AND REGULATING THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF APPRENTICES, IS ENFORCED BY THE APPRENTICESHIP SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, EMPLOYERS FROM THE 42 DESIGNATED TRADES ARE REQUIRED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP WITH YOUNG EMPLOYEES AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 18 AND HAVE THE CONTRACT REGISTERED WITH THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING.

EMPLOYERS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO SEND THEIR APPRENTICES TO RECEIVE COMPLEMENTARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION EITHER AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC OR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT APPRENTICE TRAINING OR THE ORDINANCE CAN BE DIRECTED TO THE FIVE BRANCH OFFICES: HONG KONG OFFICE (5-8932341 EXT 352), TOKWAWAN OFFICE (3-7151249), TSIM SHA TSUI OFFICE (3-667463), TSUEN WAN OFFICE (0-4297039) AND KWUN TONG OFFICE (3-491246).

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TUEN MUN ROAD

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED THAT TO FACILITATE ROAD MAINTENANCE WORKS, THE THREE TRAFFIC LANES OF THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN MUN ROAD NEAR SHAM TSENG BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED IN TURN FROM 8 PM ON TUESDAY (MAY 2) TO 8 PM ON MAY 12.

DURING THIS PERIOD, TWO LANES WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 8 PM AND 7 AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. TWO LANES WILL MAINTAIN BETWEEN 7 AM AND 8 PM.

ALSO, TWO LANES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE WHOLE DAY ON SUNDAY, MAY 7.

MOTORISTS MAY USE ALTERNATE ROUTEING VIA CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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