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AIRPORT PROJECT MOVING INTO PEAK CONSTRUCTION PERIOD

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THE GOVERNMENT IS NOW MOVING INTO THE PEAK CONSTRUCTION PERIOD FOR THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP), THE ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR DONALD TSANG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION SHOWING THE LATEST PROGRESS OF THE 10 ACP PROJECTS, MR TSANG SAID: "TO DATE, A TOTAL OF 60 MAJOR CONTRACTS WORTH OVER \$50.8 BILLION WITH PARTICIPANTS FROM COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE HAVE BEEN AWARDED.

"TAKING THE LEAD ARE COMPANIES FROM JAPAN (26 PER CENT BY VALUE), FOLLOWED BY HONG KONG (20 PER CENT), THE UNITED KINGDOM (14 PER CENT), THE NETHERLANDS (10 PER CENT), CHINA (8 PER CENT), FRANCE (6 PER CENT) AND OTHERS LIKE BELGIUM, AUSTRALIA, THE USA, NEW ZEALAND, ITALY, GERMANY AND SOUTH AFRICA."

THE ACP EXHIBITION AT THE PARK COURT OF THE PACIFIC PLACE, QUEENSWAY, IS OPEN DAILY FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM UNTIL MONDAY (AUGUST 29). THIS IS THE SECOND OF 10 LOCAL EXHIBITIONS BEING ORGANISED BY THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE TO KEEP MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ABREAST OF WORKS PROGRESS OF THE 10 ACP PROJECTS.

MR TSANG SAID THE ACP PROJECTS HAD BEEN PROGRESSING WELL IN TERMS OF BUDGET AND PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES.

"WE CLOSELY MONITOR PROJECT COST, SCOPE AND PROGRAMMING. INDEED, WE MANAGED TO REDUCE THE TOTAL COST ESTIMATE FOR THE ACP FROM \$163.7 BILLION TO \$158.2 BILLION EARLY THIS YEAR.

"WE ARE ADOPTING THE BEST POSSIBLE COST-SAVING AND TIME-SAVING ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS AND ARE ATTRACTING THE WORLD'S TOP CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN OBTAINING HIGHLY COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONAL TENDERS," HE SAID.

THE ACP GAVE THE GOVERNMENT A MOST CHALLENGING TASK OF BUILDING ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WITHIN A TIGHT BUDGET AND AN EQUALLY TIGHT TIMETABLE, MR TSANG SAID.

"ONE OF OUR MAJOR TASKS AHEAD IS OUR WORK ON PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND COST MONITORING AND CONTROL.

"WE SHALL KEEP UP OUR EFFORTS IN TAKING THE ACP FORWARD. WE SHALL, AS BEFORE, SUBJECT THE ACP TO PUBLIC SCRUTINY AND MONITORING. IN THIS REGARD, THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BOTH HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY. THEY ARE KEPT INFORMED OR CONSULTED ON THE PROGRESS, FINANCING AND COST OF THE ACP," HE SAID.

MR TSANG SAID THIS \$158 BILLION PROGRAMME WAS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE WOULD MEET HONG KONG'S EVER-GROWING DEMANDS WELL INTO THE NEXT CENTURY.

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"I ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES THE VERY IMPRESSIVE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR. THESE PROJECTS WILL BENEFIT EVERYONE - WHETHER YOU ARE A PASSENGER USING THE NEW AIRPORT AND THE AIRPORT RAILWAY, OR A TRAVELLER ON THE NEW EXPRESSWAY, OR IN AN INDIRECT WAY THROUGH ECONOMIC GROWTH FOSTERED BY THE INFRASTRUCTURAL INVESTMENTS," HE SAID.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WERE CHAIRMAN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCING OF THE ACP, DR SAMUEL WONG; CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD AND MEMBER OF THE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, MR AMBROSE LAU; CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI DISTRICT BOARD AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS PEGGY LAM; AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW AIRPORT PROJECTS CO-ORDINATION OFFICE, MR BILLY LAM.

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CALL FOR MORE FOSTER PARENTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO COUPLES TO JOIN THE TEAM OF FOSTER PARENTS.

"WHILE MANY PEOPLE ARE HAVING FUN WITH THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, THERE ARE SOME OTHER CHILDREN WHO ARE IN NEED OF LOVE AND CARE," SAID THE OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT, MRS FANNY TSUI.

"THESE CHILDREN LACK ADEQUATE FAMILY CARE BECAUSE OF NEGLECT, ILLNESS OF PARENTS OR OTHER SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS THUS INCREASED THE FOSTER CARE PLACES FOR THESE CHILDREN FROM 240 IN 1992 TO 560 THIS OCTOBER IN PHASES. WE EARNESTLY APPEAL TO FAMILIES TO COME FORWARD TO BECOME FOSTER PARENTS," MRS TSUI SAID.

FOSTER CARE IS A FORM OF NON-INSTITUTIONAL RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE SERVICE WHICH AIMS TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY ALTERNATIVE FAMILY FOR CHILDREN IN NEED.

"THROUGH FOSTERING, CHILDREN CAN GROW UNDER A NORMAL FAMILY SETTING AND ENJOY HAPPY CHILDHOOD. THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF FOSTER CARE IS FAMILY REUNION FOR THE CHILDREN.

"FOSTER PARENTS CAN, ON THE ONE HAND, SERVE THE COMMUNITY AND ON THE OTHER, POLISH THEIR PARENTING SKILLS," SHE SAID.

THEY ARE ALSO ENTITLED TO A MONTHLY INCENTIVE PAYMENT OF \$1,039 IN ADDITION TO A MONTHLY MAINTENANCE GRANT OF \$2,079 TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF THE FOSTER CHILD.

FURTHERMORE, WHEN A CHILD IS NEWLY PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME, THE FOSTER FAMILY WOULD RECEIVE AN INITIAL SETTING-UP GRANT OF \$1,039 FOR THE PURCHASE OF BEDDINGS AND TOYS FOR THE CHILD.

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MARRIED COUPLES WHO ARE INTERESTED TO BECOME FOSTER PARENTS CAN CALL THE CENTRAL FOSTER CARE UNIT ON 852 4596 OR 852 4599.

TO FURTHER PROMOTE FOSTER CARE SERVICES, A SERIES OF SIX MOBILE EXHIBITIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE COMMERCIAL ARCADES OF VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. THE COMING EXHIBITION WILL TAKE PLACE AT SIU SAI WAN ARCADE, CHAI WAN, ON SEPTEMBER 14 AND 15.

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SEMINAR TO PROMOTE LABOUR RELATIONS IN CATERING TRADE

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EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS IN THE CATERING TRADE ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR ON LABOUR RELATIONS PRACTICE ON SEPTEMBER 7 AT THE SHERATON HOTEL IN TSIM SHA TSUI.

ORGANISED BY THE TASK FORCE ON CATERING INDUSTRY, WHICH COMPRISES TRI-PARTITE REPRESENTATION FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MAJOR EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS, MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS, AS WELL AS WORKERS' UNIONS AND ORGANISATIONS OF THE CATERING INDUSTRY, THE SEMINAR IS AIMED AT ENHANCING PARTICIPANTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

ENTITLED "GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS - THE WAY TO SUCCESS", IT WILL INTRODUCE TO PARTICIPANTS THE NEWLY REVISED CODE OF LABOUR RELATIONS PRACTICE FOR THE CATERING TRADE PUBLISHED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER MR LEUNG MIN-CHEUNG AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RESTAURANT MANAGERS, MR DAVID NG, WILL GIVE TALKS ON LABOUR RELATIONS AND MODERN MANAGEMENT IN THE CATERING TRADE RESPECTIVELY.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO SHARE THEIR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE IN THE CASE-STUDY SESSION. CASES RELATING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT WOULD BE DISCUSSED.

INTERESTED EMPLOYERS OR EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE CATERING TRADE CAN APPROACH THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT FOR DETAILS AND FOR ENROLLMENT ON TEL 852 3232 OR BY FAX AT 854 4723. ENROLLMENT WILL BE FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED.

MEANWHILE, THE CODE OF LABOUR RELATIONS PRACTICE FOR THE CATERING TRADE, WHICH SERVES TO HELP EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES MAINTAIN A HARMONIOUS LABOUR RELATIONSHIP, WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEMINAR.

IT IS ALSO AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE LABOUR RELATIONS PROMOTION UNIT AND THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS DIVISION.

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ANOTHER AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME CONTRACT AWARDED

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THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD HAS APPROVED THE AWARD OF AN AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME (ACP) CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TSING YI INTERCHANGE WHICH WILL CONNECT THE TSING MA BRIDGE WITH ROUTE 3.

THE CONTRACT, VALUED AT ABOUT \$460 MILLION, WILL BE AWARDED BY THE HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT TO A JOINT VENTURE FORMED BY MAEDA CORPORATION OF JAPAN AND CHINA STATE CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CORPORATION.

THE CONTRACT COMPRISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 1.2-KILOMETRE DUAL THREE-LANE EXPRESSWAY, A 400-METRE DUAL TWO-LANE BRIDGE STRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED RAMPS, A 100-METRE TUNNEL AND AN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

THE CONTRACT ALSO COMPRISES NON-ACP WORKS WHICH WILL PROVIDE A LINK BETWEEN THE TSING MA BRIDGE AND THE TING KAU BRIDGE. THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT OF THE TING KAU BRIDGE, WORTH \$1.7 BILLION, WAS AWARDED LAST WEEK.

IT WAS DECIDED TO INCLUDE THESE NON-ACP WORKS, VALUED AT ABOUT \$66 MILLION, IN THE CONTRACT AS IT IS MORE CONVENIENT AND MORE ECONOMICAL TO CARRY OUT WORKS AT THE SAME TIME IN THE SAME LOCATION.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT MONTH AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN APRIL 1997.

THE AWARD OF THIS CONTRACT BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ACP CONTRACTS AWARDED SO FAR TO 61, WITH A TOTAL VALUE OF ABOUT \$51.2 BILLION.

THESE INCLUDE 48 CONTRACTS WORTH ABOUT \$33.4 BILLION AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, 11 CONTRACTS WORTH OVER \$11.5 BILLION AWARDED BY THE PROVISIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, THE \$5.7 BILLION CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE WESTERN HARBOUR TUNNEL COMPANY LIMITED, AND A \$0.6 BILLION IMMURSED TUBE TUNNEL CONTRACT FOR THE AIRPORT RAILWAY AWARDED BY THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION.

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GUIDE TO RETAINING WALL DESIGN 2ND EDITION PUBLISHED

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THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED THE SECOND EDITION OF THE GUIDE TO RETAINING WALL DESIGN (GEOGUIDE I).

THIS IS ONE IN A SERIES OF GEOGUIDES WHICH RECOMMEND A STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION IN HONG KONG.

THE DESIGN OF RETAINING WALLS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS GIVEN IN THE FIRST EDITION OF THE GEOGUIDE WILL BE ACCEPTABLE UNTIL THE END OF JULY 1995.

AFTER THAT, THE GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS GIVEN IN THE SECOND EDITION SHOULD BE FOLLOWED.

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THE FIRST EDITION, WHICH DEALS WITH THE DESIGN OF EARTH RETAINING WALLS, WAS PUBLISHED IN JULY 1982.

THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN WIDELY USED IN LOCAL PRACTICE AND MORE THAN 7,000 COPIES ARE NOW IN CIRCULATION IN HONG KONG AND OVERSEAS.

THE FIRST EDITION HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REVISED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A WEALTH OF LOCAL EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE PAST DECADE.

THE SECOND EDITION WAS PRODUCED AFTER WIDE CONSULTATION THROUGHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE NEW TECHNICAL STANDARDS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED WITH REGARD TO LOCAL PRACTICE AND AFTER CONSIDERATION OF SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CODES.

ACTING HEAD OF THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE, MR JOHN MASSEY, SAID THE TECHNICAL STANDARDS OF RETAINING WALL DESIGN WOULD BE STRENGTHENED WITH THE PRODUCTION OF THE NEW GEOGUIDE.

"IN GENERAL, THERE WILL BE COST SAVINGS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOME TYPES OF RETAINING WALL BY DESIGNING ACCORDING TO THE NEW DOCUMENT," MR MASSEY ADDED.

ALTHOUGH THE UPDATED GEOGUIDE PRESENTS MUCH USEFUL GUIDANCE ON GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE, THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISES THAT EXPERIENCED PRACTITIONERS MAY WISH TO USE ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DESIGN TO THOSE RECOMMENDED IN THE DOCUMENT, HE ADDED.

"HENCE, WHILE THE GEOGUIDE SETS A STANDARD OF GOOD PRACTICE, ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT MANDATORY. IT IS ALSO ESSENTIAL THAT PRACTITIONERS CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING OFFICE WITH SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT TO THE GEOGUIDE," HE SAID.

THE SECOND EDITION OF THE GEOGUIDE I IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT A PRICE OF \$45.

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HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE MOVES TO NEW PREMISES

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THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL OPERATE IN THEIR NEW PREMISES STARTING ON AUGUST 30 (TUESDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE MOVE HAD BEEN SMOOTH DESPITE THE INCLEMENT WEATHER AND THE NEW OFFICES WOULD BE READY TO OPERATE IN THE NEW PREMISES ON AUGUST 30 AS SCHEDULED.

THE NEW OFFICE IS LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF UNITED CENTRE ABOVE THE MTR ADMIRALTY STATION AND IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE BY NEARLY ALL MODES OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

"THE NEW OFFICE IS MORE SPACIOUS AND WILL PROVIDE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR BOTH THE STAFF AND THE PUBLIC, THUS IMPROVING OUR SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE OLD OFFICE AT 2 MURRAY ROAD HAD BEEN CLOSED LAST FRIDAY (AUGUST 26).

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FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

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SEVEN ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN GRANTED PERMISSION TO RAISE FUNDS NEXT MONTH (SEPTEMBER), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THEY WILL EITHER SELL FLAGS, TOKENS OR SIMILAR ITEMS, OR PLACE DONATION BOXES IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN CALL THE DEPARTMENT'S HOTLINE 343 2255 OR THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S 866 8123 IN CASE OF DOUBT.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ORGANISERS TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE FRAUD.

"SELLERS SHOULD DISPLAY THE PERMIT OR CARRY COPIES OF THE PERMIT FOR INSPECTION UPON REQUEST IF THE FUND-RAISING IS MOBILE," HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED THEM TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES AND THE TIMES FOR SELLING AND THE COLLECTION POINTS FOR BAGS.

ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF PROPERTY, AND SEEK THEIR HELP WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR MAKING UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND.

PERMITS ARE GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANISATIONS FOR RAISING FUNDS NEXT MONTH:

FLAG DAY

DATE

ORGANISATION

SEPTEMBER 3

HK COUNCIL OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND SERVICES LTD.

SEPTEMBER 10

HK MARROW MATCH FOUNDATION LTD

SEPTEMBER 17

THE SALVATION ARMY

SEPTEMBER 24

THE SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION

DATE	ORGANISATION
SEPTEMBER 4 AND 18	LAND OF VIRTUE CENTRE LTD
SEPTEMBER 14 TO 18	FRIESLAND FOOD LTD
SEPTEMBER 18 AND 25	THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR OF JESUS CHRIST, THE NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME, ADMINISTRATOR, INC

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48 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 48 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN MAY THIS YEAR.

SIXTEEN OF THEM ARE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, EIGHT FOR KOWLOON AND 24 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDE 19 FOR APARTMENT AND APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, SIX FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND NINE FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

IN THE SAME MONTH, CONSENT WAS GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 41 BUILDING PROJECTS, WHICH INVOLVE 141,791.6 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 115,235.9 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN THE MONTH TOTALLED ABOUT \$1,493 MILLION.

OF THE BUILDINGS CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN THE MONTH, USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES ARE 56,260.8 SQUARE METRES AND 78,118.2 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED 40 OCCUPATION PERMITS - 10 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 17 FOR KOWLOON AND 13 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 49 DEMOLITION CONSENTS INVOLVING 89 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT'S CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 561 COMPLAINTS OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 2,488 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 260 REMOVAL ORDERS ON UNAUTHORISED WORKS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION ALSO INSPECTED 923 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED SIX EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS FROM THE COURT.

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JOB BAZAARS FOR RETRAINEES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A JOB BAZAAR ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 2) TO HELP WORKERS AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING, INCLUDING RETRAINEES, FIND JOBS.

ORGANISED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AND SPONSORED BY THE EMPLOYEES RETRAINING BOARD (ERB), THE EVENT IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF FOUR JOB BAZAARS SCHEDULED FOR THIS YEAR.

IT AIMS AT PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYERS AND POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES TO MAKE DIRECT CONTACT AND DISCUSS ABOUT JOB VACANCIES AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

"SIXTEEN EMPLOYERS FROM DIFFERENT TRADES INCLUDING HOTEL, SUPERMARKET, COMMUNICATION, SECURITY, CATERING AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT WILL BRIEF JOB-SEEKERS ABOUT THEIR TRADES AND PROVIDE THEM WITH VACANCY INFORMATION," SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (EMPLOYMENT SERVICES), MR RAYMOND CHAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THEY WILL ALSO SELECT POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES FOR JOB INTERVIEWS ON THE SPOT OR ON OTHER DATES."

NOTING THAT THE FIRST JOB BAZAAR, HELD IN JULY AT THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, WAS WELL RECEIVED, MR CHAN SAID: "IT ATTRACTED AS MANY AS 3,000 JOB SEEKERS TO VISIT THE VENUE.

"WE HOPE THAT THE COMING BAZAARS WILL BE EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL AND WILL HELP JOB-SEEKERS SECURE JOBS THEY LIKE," HE ADDED.

MR CHAN SAID DURING THE BAZAAR, THE ERB WILL GIVE A TALK ON THE EMPLOYEES RETRAINING SCHEME AND A MAJOR TRAINING BODY WILL GIVE A TALK TO COUNSEL JOB-SEEKERS WHO NEED TO CHANGE THEIR JOBS BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC RESTRUCTURING.

IN ADDITION, SEVERAL EMPLOYERS WILL ALSO GIVE TALKS ON THEIR TRADES TO ACQUAINT JOB-SEEKERS WITH POTENTIAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

HE URGED INTERESTED JOB-SEEKERS WHO ARE 30 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE TO VISIT THE JOB BAZAAR WHICH WILL BE HELD FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM AT THE EXHIBITION GALLERY ON THE FIRST FLOOR, TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL IN TSUEN WAN.

TWO MORE JOB BAZAARS WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER AND DECEMBER THIS YEAR IN SHA TIN AND CENTRAL RESPECTIVELY.

ENQUIRIES ON JOB BAZAARS CAN BE MADE ON 604 7919 OR 591 1260.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE TO PUBLICISE DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS
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KOWLOON CITY RESIDENTS CAN NOW TAKE PART IN A CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING OR STUDYING IN THE DISTRICT ARE ALSO WELCOME TO JOIN THE QUIZ WHICH IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

A TOTAL OF 500 WINNERS WILL EACH BE AWARDED A COMPACT DISC.

FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, 141-143 KAU PUI LUNG ROAD, TO KWA WAN.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY SEPTEMBER 10.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 711 0171 EXT 228.

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