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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE
TO DEAL WITH TRAFFICKING IN PEOPLE ILLEGALLY ENTERING HONG KONG
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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO REINFORCE THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE BY CREATING NEW OFFENCES WITH APPROPRIATE PENALTIES TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THOSE WHO ORGANISE FOR PROFIT THE ILLEGAL ENTRY OF PEOPLE INTO HONG KONG.

THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1979 WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TOMORROW (FRIDAY), EMPOWERS THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TO DECLARE ANY CLASS OR DESCRIPTION OF PERSONS WHO HAVE NO RIGHT TO ENTER HONG KONG, TO BE +UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS.+

ONCE SUCH A DECLARATION IS MADE, IF A SHIP ARRIVES IN HONG KONG WITH UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS ON BOARD, THE OWNER, AGENT, CAPTAIN, CREW AND ANY PERSON WHO MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VOYAGE OF THE SHIP, WILL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN DEFENCES, BE LIABLE TO HEAVY PENALTIES.

PERSONS WHO ASSIST OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS, IN HONG KONG OR OUTSIDE, TO BRING UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS TO HONG KONG, WILL, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN DEFENCES, ALSO BE LIABLE TO HEAVY PENALTIES.

SIMILAR PENALTIES ARE APPLIED IN RESPECT OF THE BRINGING OF UNLAWFUL ENTRANTS TO WATERS OUTSIDE HONG KONG'S TERRITORIAL WATERS, FROM WHICH THEY ARE LIKELY TO ENTER HONG KONG. IN ADDITION, THE BILL PROPOSES TO AUTHORISE THE EXERCISE OUTSIDE HONG KONG WATERS OF POWERS UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE WHICH ARE AIMED AT PREVENTING THE ENTRY OF SUCH PERSONS. THESE POWERS COULD BE USEFUL IN DEALING WITH FUTURE CONTINGENCIES.

MAXIMUM PENALTIES OF \$5 MILLION AND LIFE IMPRISONMENT ON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT ARE PROVIDED UNDER THE BILL.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES FOR THE FORFEITURE OF VESSELS AND OTHER PROPERTY, INCLUDING MONEY, USED TO FACILITATE THE ENTRY OF SUCH PERSONS OR BEING THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE SANCTIONS MENTIONED, THE BILL WILL FACILITATE THEIR APPLICATION, FOR INSTANCE, BY MAKING APPROPRIATE PROVISION FOR TRANSFERRING THE BURDEN OF PROOF AND FOR THE PROOF OF CERTAIN MATTERS TO THE ACCUSED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) STRESSED THAT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRED STRONG DETERRENT MEASURES TO PREVENT AND TO PENALISE TRAFFICKING IN UNLAWFUL IMMIGRATION.

+SANCTIONS AGAINST THOSE WHO ORGANISE AND ASSIST IN UNLAWFUL IMMIGRATION, OFTEN IN RETURN FOR SUBSTANTIAL SUMS OF MONEY, ARE LACKING ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE UNDER THE IMMIGRATION ORDINANCE IT IS NOT UNLAWFUL TO ENTER HONG KONG BY SEA WITHOUT ACTUALLY LANDING,+ HE SAID.

/THE SPOKESMAN

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THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT +THE CASE OF EACH UNAUTHORISED ENTRANT WILL BE CONSIDERED ON ITS MERITS. THE AMENDING LEGISLATION WILL NOT AFFECT THIS POSITION.+

HE ALSO EMPHASISED THAT THE PROPOSED SANCTIONS WILL NOT APPLY TO ENTRY OF VESSELS CARRYING +UNAUTHORISED ENTRANTS+ WHERE HONG KONG IS THE FIRST PORT OF CALL AS ALREADY DEFINED BY THE GOVERNMENT EARLIER THIS YEAR.

NEITHER WILL IT APPLY TO CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY DECIDES THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO ALLOW ENTRY, AS A PORT OF REFUGE, FOR THE SAFETY OF VESSELS OR THE LIVES OF PERSONS ON BOARD.

THE PROPOSED PROVISIONS WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 1980, UNLESS OTHERWISE DETERMINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON AUGUST 1, FOR CONSIDERATION OF ALL STAGES AT THE SAME SITTING.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT HK INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AUTHORITY

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AUTHORITY TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

SIR MURRAY WILL BE MET BY THE CORPORATION'S CHAIRMAN, MR. LI FOOK-WO, AND ITS CHIEF EXECUTIVE, MR. V.W. MILLER ON ARRIVAL AT THE CORPORATION'S OFFICE IN OI KWAN ROAD, MORRISON HILL.

THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION WAS ESTABLISHED IN MARCH 1977 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ESTATES IN HONG KONG.

THE BOARD OF THE CORPORATION CONSISTS OF MR. S.L. CHEN, MR. P.Y. WONG, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS AND MR. MILLER.

FUNDED BY GOVERNMENT LOANS, THE NON-PROFIT MAKING CORPORATION AIMS TO BROADEN THE INDUSTRIAL BASE AND UPGRADE TECHNOLOGICAL LEVELS FOR THE ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF HONG KONG.

AT THE CORPORATION'S FIRST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN TAI PO, MORE THAN 32 HECTARES OF INDUSTRIAL SITES HAVE BEEN FORMED, REPRESENTING 71 PER CENT OF THE NETT INDUSTRIAL SITES.

THE REMAINDER (12.82 HECTARES) IS PROGRAMMED FOR COMPLETION PROGRESSIVELY BY MID-1980.

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THE CORPORATION'S SECOND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN YUEN LONG, CONSISTING OF 98 HECTARES, WILL PROVIDE 72 HECTARES OF NETT INDUSTRIAL SITES WHEN COMPLETED IN 1981. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FORMED SITES WITHIN THE FIRST PHASE OF ESTATE DEVELOPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR LEASING BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION'S OFFICE IN GUARDIAN HOUSE, 32 01 KWAN ROAD, MORRISON HILL AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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CJ URGES EMPLOYERS TO PREVENT INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, TODAY (THURSDAY) EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER THE HIGH RATE OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG AND APPEALED TO EMPLOYERS TO TAKE STEPS TO PREVENT SUCH MISHAPS.

AND HE HINTED AT HEAVIER PENALTIES FOR SERIOUS BREACHES OF SAFETY REGULATIONS.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LARGE-SCALE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND HEALTH EXHIBITION AT THE KOWLOON RAILWAY TERMINUS IN HUNG HOM, SIR DENYS DESCRIBED INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AS ONE OF THE LESS SATISFACTORY FEATURES OF HONG KONG LIFE.

IN 1978, HE SAID, THERE WERE NEARLY 40,000 REPORTED INDUSTRIAL INJURIES, INCLUDING 141 DEATHS. THIS WAS THE HIGHEST FIGURE EVER RECORDED IN HONG KONG AND WAS GREATER THAN THE NUMBER INJURED ON THE ROADS.

BY WAY OF COMPARISON, MORE WERE KILLED IN ACCIDENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES ALONE LAST YEAR, THAN THERE WERE VICTIMS OF HOMICIDE.

+THE DAMAGE TO THE COMMUNITY OF THIS TERRIBLE TOLL, IN HUMAN, SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL TERMS, IS INCALCULABLE,+ HE NOTED.

FOR EXAMPLE, SIR DENYS POINTED OUT, NEARLY \$24 MILLION WAS PAID LAST YEAR IN WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, IN ADDITION TO DAMAGE TO MACHINES, DISRUPTION OF PRODUCTION, LOSS OF SKILLED AND IRREPLACEABLE WORKERS AND OTHER COSTS.

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+WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WASTE THIS PRECIOUS COMMODITY (WORKERS) IN ACCIDENTS WHICH CAN BE AVOIDED,+ HE ASSERTED.

SIR DENYS PLACED THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVENTING INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ON THE EMPLOYER, ALTHOUGH THE WORKER ALSO HAD A PART TO PLAY BY TAKING SENSIBLE PRECAUTIONS AND BY MAKING FULL USE OF SAFETY MEASURES.

+BUT, ALL TOO OFTEN, NOT ENOUGH IS DONE BY THE EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE SAFE SYSTEMS OF WORK AND PROPER SAFEGUARDS AGAINST INJURY,+ HE LAMENTED.

SIR DENYS SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE HAD BEEN DOING ITS BEST TO ENFORCE SAFETY REGULATIONS BY ADVICE, WARNING AND, IF NECESSARY, BY PROSECUTION.

SPEAKING OF PROSECUTIONS, HE OBSERVED THAT IT MIGHT WELL BE THAT THE LEVEL OF FINES HAD NOT PROVED A SUFFICIENT DETERRENT TO IRRESPONSIBLE EMPLOYERS.

HE TOLD THE GATHERING: +I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT, IF AN OFFENCE BECOMES SO PREVALENT, SO INJURIOUS TO THE COMMUNITY IN ITS EFFECTS, OR SO SERIOUS IN ITS CONSEQUENCES TO INDIVIDUALS, THAT STERNER PUNISHMENTS ARE WARRANTED, THE COURTS ARE NOT DEAF TO THESE CONSIDERATIONS.

+BUT THESE FACTORS MUST BE PUT CLEARLY BEFORE THEM, WITH THE NECESSARY STATISTICAL AND OTHER EVIDENCE TO CONVINCING THEM OF THE EXTENT AND SERIOUSNESS OF THE MISCHIEF WITH WHICH THEY ARE DEALING.

+IF THIS IS DONE, THE COURTS, WILL, I HAVE NO DOUBT, GIVE FULL WEIGHT TO THESE FACTORS WHEN DETERMINING THE SENTENCE TO BE IMPOSED AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE CONDUCT IN QUESTION SHOULD BE DETERRED BY HEAVIER PENALTIES.+

NOTING THAT MOST ACCIDENTS COULD BE PREVENTED, SIR DENYS EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE EXHIBITION WOULD HELP TO REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY THE PRESENT UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL INJURIES.

EARLIER, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. J.C.A. HAMMOND, SAID HIS DEPARTMENT, IN PARTICULAR THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE, HAD BEEN INTENSIFYING ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS DURING THE PAST YEAR.

+THIS EXHIBITION IS BUT ONE OF THE MEANS BY WHICH WE ARE HOPING TO EDUCATE AND PERSUADE BOTH EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO SAFETY IN THEIR FACTORIES AND ON CONSTRUCTION SITES,+ HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING THE OPENING CEREMONY, SIR DENYS AND GUESTS TOURED THE EXHIBITION AND VIEWED MACHINES AND EQUIPMENT ON DISPLAY DEMONSTRATING GOOD STANDARDS OF MACHINERY GUARDING, SAFE PLACES OF WORK AND SAFE WORKING PRACTICES.

THE 11-DAY EXHIBITION, WHICH SEEKS TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON MACHINE GUARDING, NOISE HAZARDS, SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION AND CONFINED SPACE AND THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY AND INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE BETWEEN 10.30 A.M. AND 7.30 P.M. DAILY FROM TOMORROW UNTIL AUGUST 6.

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EMPLOYERS REMINDED OF FLOATING HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENT
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EMPLOYERS ARE REMINDED THAT IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DESIGNATED A DATE FOR THE FLOATING HOLIDAY AND HAVE NOT GIVEN THEIR EMPLOYEES A DAY OFF ON JULY 2 (THE FIRST WEEKDAY IN JULY), THEY SHOULD GIVE THEIR EMPLOYEES THE DAY OFF ON AUGUST 6 (THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST).

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE FLOATING HOLIDAY — ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS IN A YEAR — MUST BE DESIGNATED BY THE EMPLOYER AND NOTIFIED TO EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BY THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED TODAY (THURSDAY).

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$3,500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY.

WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638- KOWLOON WEST 3-201652- KWUN TONG 3-898520- TSUEN WAN 12-422096- TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82 AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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NEW COMMON SYLLABUSES FOR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS
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THE NEW COMMON SYLLABUSES FOR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, TO BE INTRODUCED THIS SEPTEMBER, WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN CHOOSING A FORMAT TO SUIT THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES, MR. A.G. BROWN, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT) SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT (FORMS I-III) FOR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MR. BROWN SAID THAT THESE SCHOOLS WOULD FIND THE SYLLABUSES EDUCATIONALLY APPROPRIATE TO THEIR REQUIREMENT.

FURTHER, HE ADDED, IT WOULD LEAD TO FIRST YEAR EXEMPTION FROM TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CRAFT LEVEL COURSES AND APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING SCHEMES.

THE PREPARATION OF THESE NEW COMMON SYLLABUSES HAD TAKEN THE PREVOCATIONAL SUBJECTS COMMITTEE, SET UP BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THIS COMMITTEE CONSISTED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MR. BROWN SAID THAT WITH THE INCREASING POPULARITY OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, NINE MORE WILL BE BUILT AS FROM 1982 WHILE COURSES AT FORM IV AND V LEVEL WILL BE INTRODUCED IN 1981.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, MRS. LOUISE MOK, WHO IS ALSO ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), SAID AT THE SEMINAR THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE PREVOCATIONAL SUBJECTS COMMITTEE WAS NOT ONLY TO SET THE PATTERN OF PRACTICAL-TECHNICAL SUBJECTS BUT ALSO TO ENSURE THAT THE SYLLABUS DEVELOPMENT OF THESE SUBJECTS WAS IN HARMONY WITH THE REST OF THE CURRICULUM.

THE COMMITTEE HAD TO SCRUTINISE THE SOMEWHAT SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT OF PRACTICAL-TECHNICAL SUBJECTS OF EACH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL AND TO SET UP A KIND OF COMMON CORE CURRICULUM, COMPRISING THE BASIC CONCEPTS, ATTITUDES, SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES TO BE ACQUIRED BY ALL PUPILS IN EVERY SCHOOL, WITH SCOPE AND FREEDOM FOR A CERTAIN DEGREE OF SPECIALISATION.

+THIS MEANS GIVING TEACHERS OF PRACTICAL-TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN THESE SCHOOLS A NEW SENSE OF PURPOSE BY IDENTIFYING THE COMMON AND OVERALL CURRICULAR AIMS, AND PLANNING WITH THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES THE APPROPRIATE IN-SERVICE COURSE FOR THEM.

+THIS REPRESENTS TOO A MOVE FOR MORE TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION TO SUPPORT HONG KONG'S ECONOMY,+ MRS. MOK SAID.

/THE C.D.C.

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THE C.D.C. PREVOCATIONAL SUBJECTS COMMITTEE HAS SUCCEEDED IN COMPLETING 15 CONTENT SYLLABUSES IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL GRAPHICS, CONSTRUCTION WITH WOOD AND INTERIOR DECORATION, FOOD AND RELATED HOTEL SERVICES, TEXTILES AND COMMERCIAL STUDIES, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR FIRST YEAR EXEMPTION OF CRAFT COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

ANOTHER SPEAKER AT THE SEMINAR, MR. DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), SAID THAT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SYLLABUSES SHOULD MARRY UP CLOSELY WITH THOSE OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

+WE WANT THE SYLLABUSES OF THE VARIOUS TECHNICAL SUBJECTS TAUGHT IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, IN THEIR THREE-YEAR COURSES, TO COVER APPROXIMATELY WHAT WE WOULD TEACH IN THE FIRST YEAR OF A RELATED PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSE IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

THIS WILL ENABLE ANY STUDENT WHO HAS COMPLETED A COURSE IN A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, IN SUFFICIENT DEPTH, TO ENTER DIRECT TO THE SECOND YEAR OF A RELATED PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSE. LIKEWISE SIMILAR EXEMPTION IS ALSO GIVEN FOR PART-TIME EVENING COURSES.

MR. WATERS ALSO ASSURED THAT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WOULD BE PLEASED TO ACCEPT FUTURE FORM V LEAVERS OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS INTO TECHNICIAN COURSES AND TO GIVE EXEMPTIONS TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE ADEQUATELY COVERED A SUBJECT IN SUFFICIENT DEPTH.

THE 200-ODD PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEMINAR, WHICH COMPRISED HEADS AND SUBJECT TEACHERS FROM THE 13 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS LATER BROKE UP INTO SMALL WORKING PARTIES FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION AND FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE COMMON SYLLABUSES.

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RECRUITMENT FOR FIRE OFFICERS
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THE FIRE SERVICES ARE LOOKING FOR RESPONSIBLE, ACTIVE AND BRIGHT YOUNG MEN TO FILL VACANCIES FOR ASSISTANT STATION OFFICERS.

A FOUR-WEEK RECRUITING EXERCISE FOR ASSISTANT STATION OFFICERS WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM NEXT MONDAY, A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY).

+WE ARE OFFERING A CAREER FULL OF VARIETY, INTEREST AND OPPORTUNITIES TO THOSE WHO WISH TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE, NORMAL EYESIGHT AND PREFERABLY BE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE.

A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT, APART FROM BEING TRAINED FOR GENERAL FIRE FIGHTING AND RESCUE WORK, IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PERFORM SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION AN APPLICANT MUST POSSESS IS FIVE SUBJECTS INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) AT GRADE E IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR AN ASSISTANT STATION OFFICER VARIES FROM \$2,605 TO \$3,045 DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATION AND RISES TO A MAXIMUM OF \$3,390.

AN INCREMENT IS AWARDED ON SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF SIX MONTHS' RESIDENTIAL TRAINING COURSE IN THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

A RECRUIT WILL BE PLACED ON PROBATION FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS, AFTER WHICH, PROVIDED HE HAS CARRIED OUT ALL HIS DUTIES SATISFACTORILY AND PASSED THE REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS, HE WILL BE CONFIRMED TO THE ~~PERMANENT~~ AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADVANCED TO THE RANK OF STATION OFFICER AUTOMATICALLY. THE PRESENT SALARY SCALE FOR A STATION OFFICER IS \$4,135 TO \$6,295.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 7 P.M. AT THE FOLLOWING CENTRES:

- * HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION - FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 24
(EXCEPT SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS).
- * TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION - FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 24
(EXCEPT SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS).
- * FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL - ON JULY 30, 31- AUGUST 6, 7,
13, 14, 20 AND 21.
- * LEI MUK SHUE FIRE STATION - ON AUGUST 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15,
16, 17, 22, 23 AND 24.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, MORE THAN 1,200 YOUNG MEN HAVE RESPONDED TO THE CURRENT RECRUITING CAMPAIGN FOR FIREMEN.

+IN VIEW OF THE GOOD RESPONSE IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO EXTEND THE CAMPAIGN FOR TWO MORE WEEKS,+ HE ADDED.

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SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE TO SHA TIN
RACE COURSE PLEASURE GARDEN
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE INTRODUCED ON JULY 8 TO THE PLEASURE GARDEN IN SHA TIN RACE COURSE WILL CONTINUE ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS THIS SUNDAY.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT THE CONTINUATION OF THIS SERVICE WILL DEPEND LARGELY ON THE RESPONSE IT RECEIVES FROM THE PUBLIC.

THE SPECIAL TRAIN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 10.29 A.M. AND ARRIVE AT MONG KOK STATION AT 10.34 A.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS. IT WILL THEN DEPART FROM MONG KOK STATION AT 10.36 A.M. AND ARRIVE AT THE RACE COURSE STATION AT 10.50 A.M.

ON THE RETURN JOURNEY, THE TRAIN WILL LEAVE RACE COURSE STATION AT 4.10 P.M. IN ADDITION, ONE ORDINARY PASSENGER TRAIN DEPARTING FROM TAI PO MARKET STATION WILL BE RE-ROUTED VIA THE RACE COURSE STATION AT 1.21 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS WISHING TO LEAVE THE PLEASURE GARDEN EARLIER.

ONLY ORDINARY CLASS RETURN TICKETS VALID FOR THE DATE OF ISSUE WILL BE SOLD AT THE KOWLOON AND MONG KOK STATIONS. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE RACE COURSE STATION FOR DOWN-TRAINS TO KOWLOON NOR AT NEW TERRITORIES STATIONS FOR THE SPECIAL TRAINS.

THE FARE FOR ADULTS WILL BE \$4 EACH AND FOR CHILDREN \$2 EACH.

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CUSTOMS OFFICER COMMENDED
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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE WAS TODAY (THURSDAY) PRESENTED WITH A BANNER BY A RADIO COMPANY IN APPRECIATION OF THE BRAVERY AND INITIATIVE DISPLAYED BY A CUSTOMS OFFICER DURING AN ARMED ROBBERY IN THEIR SHOP LAST NOVEMBER.

AT A BRIEF CEREMONY AT THE SERVICE'S HEADQUARTERS, THE MANAGER OF RADIO UNISON COMPANY, MR. AU CHI-WAH, PRESENTED THE BANNER TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, MR. ROY HATTON.

CUSTOMS OFFICER, MR. WOO KIN-LEUNG, WAS COMMENDED FOR HIS RESOLUTION AND QUICK ACTION IN ABORTING AN ARMED ROBBERY BY THREE MEN AT THE SHOP IN ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON, ON NOVEMBER 10.

MR. WOO, WHO WAS OFF-DUTY ON THAT DAY, RUSHED INTO THE SHOP WHEN HE SAW THE ROBBERY AND ORDERED THE SUSPECTS TO SURRENDER.

HE OPENED FIRE, WOUNDING TWO OF THE ROBBERS AND FATALLY INJURING THE OTHER WHEN THEY RESISTED AND ATTACKED HIM WITH KNIVES.

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AS A RESULT OF HIS PROMPT AND COURAGEOUS ACTION, THE WOUNDED MEN WERE ARRESTED ON THE SPOT AND THE STOLEN PROPERTY RECOVERED.

AT A TRIAL IN THE HIGH COURT LAST MONTH BEFORE MR. JUSTICE O'CONNOR BOTH WERE FOUND GUILTY AND ONE WAS SENTENCED TO SEVEN-AND-A-HALF-YEAR AND THE OTHER TO FIVE-AND-A-HALF-YEAR IMPRISONMENT. THE JUDGE ALSO PRAISED MR. WOO FOR HIS PROPER ACTION.

PRESENTING THE BANNER, THE MANAGER OF THE COMPANY, MR. AU SAID: +I FEEL THAT MR. WOO KIN-LEUNG HAS SET AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL CIVIL SERVANTS AS A CUSTOMS OFFICER WHO KEEPS CALM IN DANGER AND DEVOTES HIMSELF TO KEEPING LAW AND ORDER IN OUR COMMUNITY.+

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BOOKS FROM GERMANY FOR SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES
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SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES WILL BE SHARING A COLLECTION OF MORE THAN 280 BOOKS DONATED TO HONG KONG BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

MRS. LOUISE MOK, ACTING ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS) TODAY (THURSDAY) RECEIVED THE BOOKS ON BEHALF OF THE LIBRARIES FROM MRS. ELKE KORFF, CONSUL (PRESS AND CULTURE) OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

THE DONATION CONSISTS OF COPIES OF THE CHINESE TRANSLATION OF A GERMAN BOOK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, BOOKS ON GERMAN HOLIDAYS AND FOLK CUSTOMS, AND OTHER BOOKS AND PICTORIALS ON THE GEOGRAPHY AND PEOPLE OF GERMANY IN ENGLISH AND GERMAN.

THESE BOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED LATER TO SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

THE PRESENTATION TOOK PLACE AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AT LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN THE NT
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A SERIES OF +CLEAN COMMON PARTS OF BUILDINGS AND CANOPIES+ OPERATIONS IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN VARIOUS NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICTS.

THIS OPERATION, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR THE YEAR, CONCENTRATES ON THE REMOVAL OF REFUSE ON CANOPIES AND COMMON PARTS OF BUILDINGS.

A FIVE-DAY CLEAN-UP OPERATION, WHICH STARTED ON MONDAY IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT IN TAI PO. TWO OTHERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SAME DISTRICT BETWEEN AUGUST 17 AND 24 AND FROM SEPTEMBER 17 TO 23.

IN YUEN LONG, THE OPERATION WILL RUN FROM AUGUST 14 TO 17 WHEREAS IN SHA TIN, THE CLEAN-UP WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 13 AND 14.

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FUN AND EXCITEMENT FOR THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN IN TSUEN WAN
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THE CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A +SUMMER CARNIVAL+ FOR OVER 5,000 CHILDREN AGED UNDER 14 AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN ON SUNDAY.

THIS FUN-FILLED EVENT, ORGANISED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION, WILL BE HELD FROM 3 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DAY INCLUDES GAME STALLS, VARIETY SHOWS AND A BAND CONCERT. THOUSANDS OF PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN AWAY TO THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE GAME STALLS.

TICKETS FOR THE GAME STALLS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED FREE TO THE PUBLIC AT THE VENUE ON THAT DAY ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

THE CULTURAL SERVICES DIVISION OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT REGULARLY ORGANISES FREE OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES FOR PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THESE INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERAS, POPULAR CONCERTS, CHILDREN'S PARTIES AND FILM SHOWS.

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