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FIRST GIRLS TO QUALIFY FOR  
POST OFFICE RADIO OFFICER CERTIFICATE

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Two Hong Kong Polytechnic students have become the first girls in Hong Kong to qualify for the Post Office radio officer certificate.

Miss Juana Fung, 22, and Miss Patsy Liu, 21, have recently passed with flying colours this year's examination of the Maritime Radiocommunication General Certificate held by the Post Office.

"It is simply a matter of interest that I took up this course in nautical studies. I haven't considered the possible inconveniences I may face in future as a girl radio officer," Miss Liu said.

Unlike Miss Liu, Miss Fung said she would like to experience the life of a seafarer despite her seaman father's stories of tempest and tragedies.

But, they do not intend to sign up on any vessel as yet.

Both of them plan to stay in the Polytechnic for further study in marine electronics, concentrating on electronic navigation aids and automation technology.

Mr. Chan Kwok-chuen, Post Office Telecommunication Controller (Examinations), explained that with the fast advancement of nautical science, electronics plays an increasingly important role in navigation. Apart from the radio direction finder and echo-sounder equipment, radar installation is now becoming an internationally mandatory requirement. Many new ships are now fitted with computer aided anti-collision radar systems. The objective is a betterment in radio communication and promotion of safety of life at sea.

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"A competent radio officer apart from knowing the routine of sending or receiving radio signals, should also be able to handle efficiently the radio traffic concerning safety of life at sea and be able to maintain the equipment in good working order and to carry out repairs within a short time under stress. Radio officers are gradually becoming radio and electronic officers on ships," he said.

For this reason, he said, the students were required in the examination to locate faults in six pieces of radio equipment within 20 minutes each.

"In training radio officers to the necessary high standard, a sophisticated, well designed study programme, which includes new technology, is required," he said.

He pointed out that the Hong Kong Polytechnic is the only institute in Hong Kong providing a radio officer's course approved by the Postmaster General. It is also one of only three overseas institutes providing a radar maintenance course approved by the Department of Trade in the United Kingdom. The other two are in Ireland and New Zealand.

"All these subjects are covered in parts I and II of the examination which is identical to that in Britain," he added.

The Maritime Radiocommunication General Certificate issued by the Post Office is recognised in the Commonwealth and in accordance with the International Telecommunication Union requirements. Many Hong Kong radio officers are working on foreign ships.

"But seldom a radio officer works on a ship for life. He usually works for several years to save some money for further studies or development in other shore-based careers," Mr. Chan explained.

Miss Fung, who plans to work in order to study for a degree in future, has confirmed this observation.

Miss Liu said, however, she prefers to take things in strides because "the future is too difficult to foresee."

NEW OFFICE FOR LANDS TRIBUNAL

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The Lands Tribunal will move its present office at 64-66 Wellington Street to 15, Middle Road, Mezzanine Floor, Kowloon, tomorrow (Thursday). Its new telephone number is 3-684174.

The following matters for the attention of the Registrar of the Lands Tribunal should be forwarded to the new address as from tomorrow :

- \* All interlocutory applications made under the provisions of the Lands Tribunal Rules;
- \* All references either by a claimant or by the Crown under the provisions of Mass Transit Railway (Land Resumption and Related Provisions) Ordinance, Cap. 276, Public Reclamations and Works Ordinance, Cap. 113, Crown Lands Resumption Ordinance, Cap. 124, Foreshores and Sea Bed Ordinance, Cap. 127, Streets (Alteration) Ordinance, Cap. 130, and Hong Kong Airport (Control of Obstruction) Ordinance, Cap. 301; and
- \* All appeals under the provision of the Rating Ordinance, Cap. 116, and the Demolished Buildings (Redevelopment of Sites) Ordinance, Cap. 337

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EXTENSION OF CLEARWAY AND INTRODUCTION  
OF PLB RESTRICTED ZONES

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The Transport Department is to extend an urban clearway in Tsuen Wan and introduce several PLB restricted zones in Kwai Chung with effect from 10 a.m. on Saturday (October 1) to improve the traffic flow in these two areas.

In Tsuen Wan, the existing clearway on Tai Wo Hau Road from its junction with Texaco Road to a point about 590 feet to the east will be extended further east up to a point about 700 feet from the junction.

No vehicles, other than franchised buses, may stop to pick up or set down passengers or to load or unload goods along this section of Tai Wo Hau Road between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily.

In Kwai Chung, the following sections of roads will be designated PLB restricted zones from 7 a.m. to midnight daily as from Saturday :

- \* Hing Fong Road between Kwai Foo Road and Tai Wo Hau Road,
- \* Kwai On Road between Hing Fong Road and Tai Lin Pai Road,
- \* Kwai Foo Road from its junction with Hing Fong Road to a point about 130 feet east,
- \* The slip road south of Kwai On Road leading from Kwai Chung Road to Kwai On Road, and
- \* The slip road north of Kwai On Road leading from Kwai On Road to Kwai Chung Road.

Public light buses will be prohibited from stopping on the sections of roads to pick up or set down passengers.

Appropriate traffic signs will be set up to guide motorists.

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H.K. MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS  
FOR JULY ON SALE

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The July issue of the Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics on sale today contains a special article entitled "A Review of the Public Assistance Scheme and its Recipients."

The article takes a look at recent experience of the Public Assistance Scheme and presents an analysis of payment and certain characteristics of recipients.

It shows that the caseload, number of persons benefiting and the total expenditure have all increased substantially since June 1, 1972 when the scheme was converted into a full cash assistance basis.

According to the Review, in December 1973, the caseload was 25,009. The number of people who had applied for public assistance in the 1973-74 financial year was 49,000 and payment was \$45.4 million.

During the financial year 1975-76, however, the number of people receiving public assistance reached a record 133,400, with a peak caseload of 55,620 registered in December 1975.

Expenditure to meet this demand for public assistance during 1975-76 financial year was \$163.3 million.

But in December last year, the caseload declined to 49,899 and the number of people receiving public assistance in the 1976-77 financial year also dropped to 125,200, with a subsequent decline in expenditure to \$147.6 million, the Review shows.

The article is a series of reviews on special topics of interest to the public published every three months by the Census and Statistics Department.

The Hong Kong Monthly Digest of Statistics is obtainable at \$6 per copy from the Government Publications Centre on the Ground Floor of the General Post Office Building.

NEW POST OFFICE TO OPEN ON TSING YI ISLAND

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Another service will be available to the residents of Cheung Ching Estate when a new post office opens for business in the estate on Tsing Yi Island on Friday (September 30).

The new post office, the 73rd in Hong Kong, will offer a full range of postal services apart from the acceptance of insured letters to tenants of this public housing estate and nearby residents.

A 10-cent stamp vending machine has also been installed there.

The hours of business of the new post office are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Chairman of the Tsing Yi Rural Committee, Mr. Tang Yuen-pui, will officiate at the opening ceremony at the new post office before it opens for business at 2.15 p.m. on Friday.

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