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51 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN FEBRUARY

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT APPROVED A TOTAL OF 51 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN FEBRUARY.

OF THE PLANS, 18 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 10 FOR KOWLOON AND 23 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 16 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, 10 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SEVEN FOR WORKSHOP, GODOWN/FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 39 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 30,925.4 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 91,299.5 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,348 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 94,038.4 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 54,250.8 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 29 OCCUPATION PERMITS; 10 EACH FOR HONG KONG ISLAND AND FOR KOWLOON AND NINE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 27 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 51 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 384 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 596 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 360 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 452 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED TWO EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TWO PROJECTS

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THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY MARKET IN NAM CHEONG STREET, KOWLOON AND THE BUILDING OF AN ANTENNA TOWER AND RELATED WORKS IN CREST HILL, NEW TERRITORIES.

THE TEMPORARY MARKET WILL BE BUILT OVER AN EXISTING NULLAH ALONG NAM CHEONG STREET.

OTHER ANCILLARY STRUCTURES WILL INCLUDE A TRANSFORMER ROOM, SWITCH ROOMS, PUMP ROOMS AND STORE ROOMS.

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AS FOR THE CREST HILL PROJECT, A 20-METRE-HIGH ANTENNA TOWER AND A SINGLE-STOREY BUILDING COMPRISING TWO RADIO EQUIPMENT ROOMS, AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND A FUEL TANK ROOM WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

WORK FOR BOTH PROJECTS WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE NAM CHEONG STREET PROJECT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY NOON ON JUNE 14 WHILE THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS FOR THE CREST HILL PROJECT WILL BE NOON ON JUNE 21.

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BEWARE OF BOGUS BOO OFFICERS
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BEWARE OF BOGUS BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE (BOO) OFFICERS.

THIS FOLLOWED RECENT COMPLAINTS OF REQUESTS FOR ACCESS TO INSPECT UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS OF PREMISES BY IMPERSONATORS CLAIMING TO REPRESENT THE BOO.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: "IN CARRYING OUT INSPECTION WORK, A BOO OFFICER IS OBLIGED TO CARRY WITH HIM A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT WARRANT CARD WHICH BEARS THE NAME, RANK AND A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF THE STAFF.

"THE PUBLIC SHOULD ASK THE INSPECTING OFFICER TO PRODUCE THIS CARD FOR VERIFICATION.

"IF ONE IS UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE IDENTITY OF THE OFFICER, HE MAY REQUEST THE OFFICER TO GIVE A PHONE NUMBER OF HIS OFFICE SO THAT FURTHER CHECKS CAN BE MADE."

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO CONTACT THE POLICE FOR ASSISTANCE IF THE IDENTITY AND BEHAVIOUR OF THE OFFICER ARE HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE STRESSED THAT UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, ORDERS FOR THE REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS WILL BE MADE IN WRITING AND NOTICES WILL BE POSTED ON THE PREMISES.

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2,768 POLICE RAIDS IN APRIL

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POLICE CARRIED OUT 2,768 RAIDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY AND ARRESTED 1,464 PEOPLE IN AN ONGOING THREE-PRONGED ENFORCEMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUGS, ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND VICE DENS LAST MONTH.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKING, THE NARCOTICS BUREAU AS WELL AS REGIONAL AND DISTRICT OFFICERS CONDUCTED 758 RAIDS AND ARRESTED 557 PEOPLE.

THE DRUGS SEIZED INCLUDED THREE KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN, ONE KILOGRAM OF MORPHINE, 830 GRAMS OF CANNABIS RESIN, 310 GRAMS OF CANNABIS, 440 GRAMS OF OPIUM AND A QUANTITY OF PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES.

ON ILLEGAL GAMBLING, THE MONTH SAW POLICE CARRYING OUT 129 RAIDS, RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF 755 PEOPLE. SOME \$300,000 IN TABLE MONEY AND BETTING SLIPS WORTH ABOUT \$416,000 WERE SEIZED.

SIMULTANEOUSLY, POLICE CONDUCTED 1,881 RAIDS ON VICE DENS AND ARRESTED 152 PEOPLE. A TOTAL OF 675 PORNOGRAPHIC VIDEO TAPES WERE SEIZED.

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DEADLINE FOR FLAG DAY APPLICATIONS

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED ORGANISATIONS WISHING TO HOLD FUND-RAISING FLAG DAYS IN 1992 TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE MAY 31.

"THE APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF THE ORGANISATION'S LATEST ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT OF AUDITED ACCOUNTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICANTS MUST BE BONA FIDE NON-PROFIT-MAKING ORGANISATIONS REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 88 OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE.

ALL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE SUBVENTIONS AND LOTTERIES FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE MERITS OF THE SERVICE OR SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR WHICH FUND-RAISING THROUGH A FLAG DAY WAS PROPOSED, AS WELL AS THE APPLICANT ORGANISATION'S FINANCIAL NEEDS AND ITS ABILITY TO EXECUTE SUCH FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES.

"EXPENSES IN CONNECTION WITH A FLAG DAY SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 PER CENT OF THE GROSS RECEIPTS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS ALSO HAVE TO OBSERVE THE CONDITIONS FOR HOLDING FLAG DAYS LAID DOWN BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE," HE ADDED.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 576 5922.

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SIX TO TAKE PART IN COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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SIX YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT HONG KONG IN A THREE-WEEK PROJECT IN BRITAIN IN JULY UNDER THIS YEAR'S COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (SUNDAY), A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID THE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES WERE SELECTED FROM MORE THAN 40 NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY 28 LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TERTIARY INSTITUTES, YOUTH-RELATED ORGANISATIONS AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE ADJUDICATION PANEL HAD A HARD TIME IN MAKING THE SELECTIONS, WHICH WERE BASED ON NOMINEES' COMMUNITY SERVICE BACKGROUND, ABILITY TO REFLECT HONG KONG'S SITUATION, FLUENCY IN ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HEADED BY A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON YOUTH, MRS JOYCE TAI, THE SELECTION PANEL COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE CNTA.

THE SIX YOUTH AMBASSADORS ARE: MISS DONNA CHU, MISS VIVIAN SUM, MR LEUNG PAK-WAI, MISS DIANA LEONG, MR LEUNG TAK-HING AND MISS WONG WAI-CHING.

ON THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS INITIATED IN 1977 WITH THE AIM OF ESTABLISHING TWO-WAY EXCHANGE LINKS BETWEEN LOCAL EDUCATION AUTHORITIES IN BRITAIN AND OTHER COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

"HONG KONG FIRST PARTICIPATED IN THE SCHEME IN ITS INAUGURAL YEAR WHEN SIX LOCAL YOUTH WORKERS WERE SELECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE THREE-WEEK PROGRAMME HOSTED BY BRITAIN AND HELD IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY," HE SAID.

SO FAR, 42 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE TERRITORY HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE UK UNDER THE PROGRAMME, WHILE HONG KONG HAS IN TURN RECEIVED 36 YOUNG BRITONS.

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BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSE FOR EASTERN RESIDENTS
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RESIDENTS OF EASTERN DISTRICT ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A BUILDING MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE TO BE ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN JUNE AND JULY.

THE COURSE AIMS TO ENHANCE THE KNOWLEDGE OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT AMONG MEMBERS OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND OTHER RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

IT WILL COVER MANAGEMENT AND FINANCE, EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, ANTI-BRIBERY REGULATIONS, FIRE PREVENTION, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, ILLEGAL STRUCTURE AND THE ROLES OF MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND OWNERS' CORPORATIONS.

THE SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PRIVATE BUILDING MANAGEMENT, A PRIVATE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE COURSE WILL BE HELD IN FOUR EVENINGS ON JUNE 24, 26, 28 AND JULY 2 AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY COMMUNITY HALL, FOOK YUM ROAD, NORTH POINT.

PARTICIPANTS ATTAINING AN ATTENDANCE RATE OF 75 PER CENT WILL BE AWARDED A CERTIFICATE.

THOSE INTERESTED ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE EASTERN DISTRICT OFFICE TOGETHER WITH A CROSSED CHEQUE FOR \$30 BEFORE JUNE 12.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION TEAM ON TEL. 570 4125.

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