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IMMIGRATION VITAL LINK IN H.K.'S SECURITY

Officers of the Immigration Department represent the first line of defence in safeguarding Hong Kong's security, the Secretary for Security, Mr. G.P. Lloyd, said today.

Addressing a group of Assistant Immigration Officers at a passing-out parade this (Saturday) morning, Mr. Lloyd impressed on them that it was their responsibility "to keep out undesirables of various sorts, thus saving the police and other law enforcement agencies a great deal of time and work."

He reminded the officers that they represented not only the Immigration Department, but the Hong Kong government in general and urged them to be always courteous to the public they served.

"You must always be tolerant of human weakness, combining this with a sense of justice and a deep appreciation of human problems," he said.

One of his tasks as Secretary for Security, he went on, was to keep a watching brief on the activities of the department which he described as "comparatively small" in Hong Kong terms.

Nevertheless, it handled an enormous volume of work, dealing with some 25,000 people on an average day.

Last year, the department issued nearly one million visas and travel documents of various sorts, and gave immigration clearance to over 8.5 million travellers.

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Note to Editors: Copies of the full text of Mr. Lloyd's speech, in English and Chinese, are boxed for collection.

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REPORT ON FUTURE NEEDS OF ELDERLY SUMMARISED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

More than 1,000 copies of the summary of the report by the working party on the Future Needs of the Elderly have been sent out for public comment.

The summaries, in English and Chinese, have been sent to voluntary agencies, kaifongs, rural committees, City District Offices, schools, clinics, hospitals, churches and other organisations. Some have also been sent overseas.

Mr. Bowen Leung, Administrative Officer (Planning) said the working party in conjunction with the Social Welfare Department was now gathering comments and criticisms of the recommendations in the report from as many sources as possible, so that a final version could be prepared for presentation to the government.

He asked people to send in their views before the end of September.

The summaries are also being sold at the Government Publications Centre at the Star Ferry Concourse on Hong Kong Island, at \$1 a copy.

In its report, the working party made wide ranging recommendations for expanded services to the elderly based on the concept of "care in the community."

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Note to Editors: Copies of the summary in Chinese are being distributed tonight in the Press Boxes. The English summary was issued following the press conference on July 18.

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PROMOTION FOR FIFTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY

Four popular TVB artistes will sell government lottery tickets at a temporary ticket selling booth in Statue Square on Monday (August 20) between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The promotion campaign for the fifth government lottery ticket of the year will be conducted by Miss Lee Heng-kam, Miss Lisa Wang, Miss Sum Sum and Miss Margaret Miller.

The winning numbers for this lottery will be drawn by the four artistes on August 25, in the City Hall Theatre.

By 12.00 noon today (Saturday) a total of 491,000 tickets had been sold. Ticket sales will close at 9 p.m. on Friday (August 24) at the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club ticket selling booth at the Star Ferry Concourse and all Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry piers.

Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the event on Monday afternoon at Statue Square, next to the Prince's Building.

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CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

Judging of entries for 1973/74 Christmas card design competition organised for mentally handicapped people will take place on Tuesday, August 21.

The competition is sponsored by the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, a government subvented voluntary welfare agency, and was open to all mental or former mental patients from clinics, hospitals, and so on.

The judging and selection of winning entries will be held at the Social Welfare Department's Lady Trench Training Centre at 44, Oi Kwan Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong.

It will be followed by a special lecture on "Painting as a Self-expression of Mental Patients" by Dr. Q.Y. Chung of Kowloon Hospital's Psychiatric Unit.

A spokesman for the Association said the winning entries would be produced into Christmas cards which would be sold to raise money towards the Association's multi-purpose centre in Nam Cheong Street, Kowloon.

This centre will provide half-way house, hostel and occupational rehabilitation facilities in one central locality on a 60,000 square foot site.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to cover the selection of winning entries in the competition on Tuesday, August 21 at the Lady Trench Training Centre at 44, Oi Kwan Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. It will begin at 5:45 p.m.

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LOT WITHDRAWN FROM SALE

The New Territories Administration announced today that Kwai Chung Lot No. 261 has been withdrawn from the public auction due to be held on Monday (August 20) at the Princess Alexandra Centre in Tsuen Wan.

The government is now unable to give possession of this particular site within a reasonable period of time.

The auction of Tsuen Wan Town Lot No. 229 and Kwai Chung Town Lot No. 264 will take place as advertised.

The lot withdrawn has an area of 6,200 square feet and was the smallest of the three being offered for sale. The Tsuen Wan lot is 11,700 square feet and the Kwai Chung lot 37,400 square feet.

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SHIP CAPTAINS URGED TO USE RELIABLE BUOY SHACKLES

The Marine Department is advising masters of vessels to ensure the reliability of connecting shackles when they berth at government typhoon moorings within the harbour.

The advice follows an investigation into the five vessels which broke adrift from their moorings during the passage of Typhoon Dot last month.

The investigation showed that several patent joining shackles parted at a time when recorded wind speed was only 20 knots.

Masters of vessels are urged to refrain from using this type of joining shackles to secure their ships to moorings when a tropical storm may affect Hong Kong.

They are reminded of their responsibility to check that buoy shackles, which are used to secure ships' anchor cables to the moorings, are compatible with the quality and size of the cables.

A valid test certificate in respect of the compatibility of fitted shackles should also be kept on board for inspection by Marine officers.

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ASSISTANT MARINE DIRECTOR RETIRING

Mr. E.M.J.A. Bower, Assistant Director of Marine, will be retiring shortly after more than 23 years of service with the government.

To mark the occasion, Mr. A. Fletcher, Director of Marine, will present a souvenir to Mr. Bower on Monday on behalf of his friends and colleagues.

Mr. Bower first joined the government as a Marine Officer in May 1950. He was promoted to Senior Marine Officer in October 1954 and to his substantive post in April 1965.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the ceremony which will take place at 4.30 p.m. on Monday (August 20) in the Director of Marine's office, 102 Connaught Road Central, 1st floor, Hong Kong.

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Release Time: 2.30 p.m.