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LABOUR TRIBUNAL COMES INTO OPERATION ON MARCH 1

The Labour Tribunal, which aims at providing a quick, inexpensive and informal method of settling certain types of disputes between workers and employers, will come into operation next Thursday.

It will be presided by Mr. Michael K.C. Wong, a former Senior Crown Counsel.

The Labour Tribunal will be part of the Judiciary.

It will deal mostly with claims by individual workers against employers for money due either under a contract of employment, the Employment Ordinance or other laws named in the Ordinance.

However, it will not have power to deal or interfere with industrial disputes, strikes, lock-outs or negotiations between employers and groups of workers or trade unions.

These matters will still be solved by normal conciliation procedures with the help of the Labour Relations Service of the Labour Department.

A spokesman for the Labour Department said the Tribunal, which starts receiving applications from 9 a.m. on March 1, would in no way supersede the Labour Relations Service.

"It will infact be complementary to it and should strengthen the hands of the department's conciliation officers," he added.

A simple guide explaining to employers and employees the function of the Tribunal can be obtained free of charge from any branch office of the Labour Department and from City District Offices.

Any person who wants to make enquiries or seek further information may call at the Tribunal at Permanent Comfort Building, Nos. 74-77 Connaught Road Central, first floor, or telephone H-43666.

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL)

Mr. Andrew James Kingwell has taken up his appointment as Deputy Director of Education (Technical).

He arrived in Hong Kong on February 22 with his wife.

Mr. Kingwell, who is 60, has held a variety of posts in the technical field.

Before coming to Hong Kong, Mr. Kingwell was the Principal of Filton Technical College in Gloucestershire. He joined the College as its first Principal in 1960 when it was opened with six classrooms and one workshop building with a total teaching staff of six.

Mr. Kingwell was responsible for the College's rapid expansion and since 1964 the College had been developed on two sites nearly a mile apart with seven departments with a teaching staff of 120 full-time teachers.

Early in his career, Mr. Kingwell was technical director and works manager of a west London automobile firm. He then became a lecturer in engineering subjects at the Battersea Polytechnic after which he joined the Kingston Junior Technical School and the Twickenham College of Technology.

Mr. Kingwell then went to Cyprus where he served as Principal of the Apprentices Training College and Technical Adviser to the Chief Education Officer.

During his stay of nine years in Cyprus, Mr. Kingwell developed courses suited to the needs of industry. He was also engaged in the planning and establishment of a full Technical Institute, including the equipment and layout of laboratories, drawing offices and workshops.

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After leaving Cyprus, Mr. Kingwell was responsible for, among other things, the development of engineering and science courses at Kingsway College in London. He then became Principal of Filton Technical College.

Apart from his interests in all aspects of education, Mr. Kingwell was an active member of the Stinchcombe Hill Golf Club, Gloucestershire, the Thornbury Rotary Club and Bridge Club. Formerly he was also interested in sailing and riding.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph of Mr. Kingwell are distributed separately in the Press Boxes, Government Information Services, this afternoon.

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A D.I.B. ISSUE TOMORROW

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday) which will be available for collection at 3 p.m. at the G.I.S. Press Room.

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SIR ROBERT BLACK SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications Invited

Young people of exceptional merit can now apply for the scholarships and training grants offered by the Sir Robert Black Trust Fund for the year 1973/74.

The awards are to be made in the form of once-and-for-all grants which may or may not cover all expenses required for the respective programmes for the recipients.

The awards are intended for postgraduate studies or research, and training programmes such as attachments and study tours, either locally or overseas.

The primary aim of these awards is to provide opportunities for those who have demonstrated their potential to serve the community through the qualities of personal leadership to develop their initiative and character.

Candidates are required to propose their own programmes of study or training. They should have resided in Hong Kong for at least five years.

Recipients of awards are required to return and reside in Hong Kong for at least three years.

Application forms and other particulars concerning these scholarships and grants are obtainable from the Secretariat for Home Affairs, International Building, 9th floor, 141 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

The closing date for application is April 14, 1973.

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REGISTRATION TEAMS TO OPERATE IN N.T.

Residents Urged To Make Use of Facilities Provided

Teams from the Registration of Persons Department will next week conduct registration at the Chai Wan Resettlement Estate Office and the Sha Tau Kok Government School for the convenience of residents in the area.

Business hours at the Chai Wan Estate Office will be from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Monday (February 26) to Friday (March 2) and from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Saturday (March 3). At Sha Tau Kok, the hours will be between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday (February 26, 27).

The visits will enable parents or guardians to register their children from six to seventeen years of age for juvenile Identity Cards, and young persons 17 years of age and over and holding juvenile Identity Cards, to register for adult Identity Cards.

All persons living in the area are reminded of their responsibility to register themselves and their children for Identity Cards, and to report to the Registration of Persons Department any changes of employment or residential address, nationality or marital status or any other particulars which have changed since registering for their Identity Cards.

Children between six and seventeen years of age who have Hong Kong Birth Certificates or valid travel documents need not attend for registration, but children who do not have Birth Certificates or valid travel documents, must accompany their parents or guardians when registering.

Parents or guardians must produce both their (i.e. husband and wife) Identity Cards for inspection when registering juveniles.

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On registering for adult cards, young persons 17 years of age and over must surrender their juvenile Identity Cards and produce the Identity Cards of both their parents or guardians under whom they are registered, and a Hong Kong Birth Certificate or evidence of their residence in Hong Kong during the past two years.

Persons who do not possess any of the above mentioned documents must register at the Registration of Persons Branch Office in the Causeway Bay Magistracy, Electric Road, Hong Kong, at Canton Road Government Offices, Yaumati, Kowloon or at Far East Bank Building, Ground floor, Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.

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LOTTERIES FUND GRANT FOR CLUB AND LIBRARIES

A capital grant of \$404,000 has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund to the Boys' and Girls' Clubs' Association towards the cost of alterations, furniture and equipment for its new clubs and libraries.

The continued expansion of the Association's facilities is part of its development plan which, with the full support and approval by the Social Welfare Department, aims at providing up to six new clubs and libraries each year.

The money has been earmarked for the Association's Kwai Fong Children's Centre, the Ko Chiu Road Club/Library and the Wong Chuk Hang Club/Library.

The Kwai Fong complex, which includes a club, library and craft centre, was opened last month.

The Ko Chiu Road Club/Library is expected to be ready in June this year.

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EXHIBITION OF CONTEMPORARY FRENCH TAPESTRIES

An exhibition of contemporary French tapestries, featuring works by some of the best known French artists of today, can now be seen at the City Museum and Art Gallery.

Presented jointly by the Urban Council and the Peter Stuyvesant Foundation as a special contribution to the Hong Kong Arts Festival, the exhibition will remain on view until March 25.

On display are 28 colourful and powerfully decorative tapestries designed by prominent French modern artists including several pieces of Lurcat and significant works by Le Corbusier, Prassinos, Dom Robert Singier, Wogensky, and Saint-Saens among others.

Some of the pieces on display are very large, measuring nine by ten feet in width.

All the exhibits were selected from the Peter Stuyvesant Foundation's collection of modern French tapestries which is one of the most comprehensive in the world.

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FREE URBAN COUNCIL FILM AND VARIETY SHOWS

Programme For March

The Urban Council and the Urban Services Department have organised a series of free film shows for the entertainment of the general public during the month of March, 1973.

Films will be shown in various playgrounds in the urban areas and the New Territories from 7.30 p.m. to about 9.00 p.m.

Details of the dates and places where the film shows will be held are as follows:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> |
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| March 2, Friday | Recreation ground, Yue Kwong Road, Shek Pai Wan Resettlement Estate, Hong Kong. |
| March 5, Monday | King's Road Playground, King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong. |
| March 7, Wednesday | Recreation ground, Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan Resettlement Estate, Hong Kong. |
| March 9, Friday | Anchor Street Playground, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon. |
| March 12, Monday | Recreation ground, Tak Tin Street, Lam Tin Resettlement Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon. |
| March 16, Friday | Recreation ground, Sau Lai Street, Sau Mau Ping Resettlement Estate, Kwun Tong, Kowloon. |
| March 19, Monday | Morse Park Open-air Theatre, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon. |
| March 23, Friday | Recreation ground, Sheung Tak Street, Wong Tai Sin Resettlement Estate, Kowloon. |
| March 26, Monday | Tai Wo Hau Park, Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories. |
| March 30, Friday | Tai Wai Playground, Tai Wai, Sha Tin, New Territories. |

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A series of three open-air variety shows has been arranged for the month.

The shows will begin at 7.30 p.m. and last about two and a half hours.

Admission is free and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

The shows will be held on the following dates and places:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Place</u> |
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| March 7, Wednesday | Blake Garden, Po Hing Fong, Central District, Hong Kong. |
| March 14, Wednesday | Morse Park Open-air Theatre, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon. |
| March 21, Wednesday, | Lok Shan Road Playground, To Kwa Wan, Kowloon. |

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WATER INTERRUPTION

Water supply to certain areas in Shau Kei Wan will be interrupted for eight hours on Monday (February 26) night starting from 10 p.m.

This is to allow work to be carried out on connecting a six-inch fire hydrant to an eight-inch fresh water main at Shing On Street.

The affected areas are Shing On Village, Holy Cross Path Village, Sai Wan Ho Village, Wang Hang Village, Ma Shan Village, Holy Cross School, Nos. 15-29 and Nos. 2-28, Tai Shek Street, Nos. 121-145, Sai Wan Ho Street, Nos. 7-35 and Nos. 8-46, Shing On Street.

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Release time: 2.30 p.m.