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TOUGHER PENALTIES PROPOSED FOR FORGERY OF IDENTITY CARDS
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ANYONE MANUFACTURING OR USING FORGED IDENTITY CARDS OR OTHER SUCH DOCUMENTS WILL SOON FIND IT A HIGHLY COSTLY BUSINESS, IF SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED PENALTIES PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT ARE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

EXISTING PENALTIES FOR FORGING A DOCUMENT OF PROOF OF IDENTITY RANGE FROM SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$1 000 TO SEVEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$50 000, DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF DOCUMENT INVOLVED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THESE LEVELS OF PENALTY DID NOT REFLECT THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THE OFFENCES AND SOME ADJUSTMENT WAS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO DETER POTENTIAL OFFENDERS.

THE PROPOSALS ARE CONTAINED IN THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL 1981, THE CRIMES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981 AND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981, ALL OF WHICH ARE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY.

THE BILLS SEEK TO INCREASE TO 14 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR FORGERY OF IDENTITY CARDS, DOCUMENTS ISSUED UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CARDS.

ANY PERSON FOUND IN POSSESSION OF ANYTHING FIT AND INTENDED FOR USE IN FORGERY WOULD ALSO BE LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF 14 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT. THE BURDEN OF PROOF IN ANY PROCEEDINGS FOR THIS NEW OFFENCE WOULD BE ON THE ACCUSED.

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THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR POSSESSION WITHOUT LAWFUL EXCUSE OF FORGED IDENTITY CARDS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS ISSUED UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE WOULD BE RAISED FROM TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$5 000 TO SEVEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$50 000 UPON CONVICTION ON INDICTMENT, OR TWO YEARS' IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$20 000 ON SUMMARY CONVICTION, THESE BEING THE EXISTING PENALTIES FOR POSSESSION OF FORGED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS AND VIETNAMESE REFUGEE CARDS.

AN ACCUSED WOULD BEAR THE ONUS OF ESTABLISHING THE EXISTENCE OF A LAWFUL EXCUSE FOR SUCH POSSESSION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS MEASURE WAS AIMED NOT ONLY AT THE INDIVIDUAL WHO CARRIED A FORGED IDENTITY CARD BUT ALSO AT ORGANISED TRAFFICKING IN IDENTITY CARDS AND PHOTOGRAPH SUBSTITUTION.

AT PRESENT, ALL RESIDENTS OF HONG KONG ARE REQUIRED TO USE THEIR NAMES AND NUMBERS ON THEIR IDENTITY CARDS IN ALL DEALINGS WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A FURTHER DISINCENTIVE TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS THINKING OF PASSING THEMSELVES OFF AS RESIDENTS, FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS REQUIREMENT WOULD BECOME AN OFFENCE, PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM PENALTY OF ONE YEAR'S IMPRISONMENT AND A FINE OF \$5 000.

UNDER EXISTING LEGISLATION, ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARE PROHIBITED FROM REGISTERING FOR IDENTITY CARDS. THE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED THAT ONCE THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1981 WAS PASSED INTO LAW, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO INTRODUCE REGULATIONS EXTENDING THIS BAN TO PERSONS IN HONG KONG WHO WERE IN BREACH OF A LIMIT OF STAY.

+GIVEN THESE PROPOSED MEASURES AND THE FACT THAT PLANS ARE IN HAND FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW, MORE SECURE IDENTITY CARD,+ THE SPOKESMAN WARNED, +IT WILL BECOME EVEN MORE UNATTRACTIVE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS TO COME HERE, AND FOR EVADERS TO REMAIN.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PERSONS ALREADY LIVING ILLEGALLY IN HONG KONG WOULD BE BEST ADVISED TO SURRENDER THEMSELVES TO THE AUTHORITIES WITHOUT DELAY.

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BUILDERS WARNED OF HEAVIER PENALTIES

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BUILDING CONTRACTORS FAILING TO PROVIDE A SAFE WORKING PLACE AT HEIGHTS ARE LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED AND FINED A MAXIMUM OF \$50 000, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN WAS REFERRING TO A RECENT COURT CASE IN WHICH A BUILDING CONTRACTOR WAS FOUND GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS AND WAS FINED \$10 000.

HE SAID THAT THE BUILDING CONTRACTOR DID NOT TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE SAFETY AND AS A RESULT A WORKER PLUNGED TO HIS DEATH WHILE WORKING ON A SINGLE ROW BAMBOO SCAFFOLD OUTSIDE A BUILDING UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE \$10 000 FINE, HE SAID, WAS THE MAXIMUM THEN. FOLLOWING AN AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS IN APRIL THIS YEAR, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY HAS NOW BEEN INCREASED TO \$50 000.

ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, WHERE WORKERS ARE REQUIRED TO WORK ON SCAFFOLDS WHICH MAY BE LIABLE TO BE DANGEROUS, A SAFE AND SECURE WORKING PLATFORM OF AT LEAST 38 CM WIDE AND SECURELY FENCED TO A HEIGHT OF NOT LESS THAN ONE METRE SHOULD BE PROVIDED ON THE SCAFFOLD.

WHERE IT IS NOT REASONABLY PRACTICABLE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE FENCING AROUND THE EDGES OF ANY PLACE WHERE A WORKMAN IS LIABLE TO FALL A DISTANCE OF MORE THAN TWO METRES SAFETY NETS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR WORKMEN AT HEIGHTS.

WORKERS SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT THE SAFETY BELTS THEY WEAR ARE SECURELY ATTACHED TO A SUITABLE ANCHORAGE OR AN INDEPENDENT LIFELINE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WORKERS MIGHT FEEL THAT THE USE OF SAFETY BELTS CAUSE INCONVENIENCE, BUT IF CORRECT METHODS ARE APPLIED, THIS SHOULD NOT BE A PROBLEM.

HE SAID THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL TYPES OF FALL-ARREST DEVICES OR ROPE GRABS WHICH COULD BE USED ON THE LIFE-LINE, AND SECURED TO WORKER'S SAFETY BELT BY A SNAPHOOK OR LANYARD.

SUCH SYSTEMS WOULD PERMIT UP AND DOWN MOVEMENT OF THE WORKER ALONG THE LIFE-LINE AND WOULD LOCK IN PLACE AUTOMATICALLY WHEN TENSION IS EXERTED, FOR EXAMPLE, WHEN THE WORKER FALLS OFF FROM HIS FOOTHOLD.

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VIEWS ON PUBLIC HOLIDAYS SOUGHT
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THE GOVERNMENT IS REVIEWING THE EXISTING RANGE OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND WANTS TO KNOW THE VIEWS OF LABOUR ORGANISATIONS, EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATIONS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

THEIR VIEWS WILL BE COLLECTED THROUGH THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

AT PRESENT, UNDER THE HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE, THERE ARE 17 GENERAL HOLIDAYS WHICH ARE ENJOYED BY EMPLOYEES OF BANKS, EDUCATIONAL ESTABLISHMENTS, PUBLIC OFFICES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. OTHER WORKERS ARE ENTITLED TO 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

VARIOUS OPTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR NARROWING THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE TWO TYPES OF HOLIDAYS. THESE OPTIONS INCLUDE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF STATUTORY HOLIDAYS AND/OR REDUCING THE NUMBER OF GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF EACH OF THE VARIOUS OPTIONS ON THE ECONOMY WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

+THE CAPACITY OF HONG KONG'S TRANSPORT SYSTEM, BEACHES, PARKS AND SPORTS GROUNDS TO COPE WITH ANY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH LEISURE TIME WILL ALSO BE ASSESSED,+ HE SAID.

WHEN THE OPINIONS OF INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANISATIONS ARE KNOWN AND HAVE BEEN COLLATED, FINAL PROPOSALS WILL BE DRAWN UP FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

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MTR AREA PLAN
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THE RAILWAY AREA PLAN FOR THE PROPOSED TAI KOO SHING MTR STATION HAS BEEN DEPOSITED IN THE LAND OFFICE BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MTR (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE.

NOTICE OF THE PLAN APPEARS IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY), AND COPIES OF THE PLAN MAY BE INSPECTED FREE OF CHARGE AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING GROUND FLOOR- AT THE PWD OFFICES, MURRAY BUILDING 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD- AND AT ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE ON ANY WEEKDAY EXCEPT A PUBLIC HOLIDAY, FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM (SATURDAYS 9 AM TO NOON).

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GAS EXPERT BOUND FOR JAPAN

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A MEMBER OF THE BRITISH GAS CORPORATION CONSULTANCY TEAM, MR GERALD WHITBREAD AND THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR GRAHAM OSBORNE, WILL LEAVE FOR TOKYO ON MONDAY TO TAKE A FIRST HAND LOOK AT THE TYPE-APPROVAL ARRANGEMENTS IN JAPAN FOR GAS APPLIANCES.

THEY WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH A GAS WATER HEATER MANUFACTURER WHO IS A MAJOR SUPPLIER OF LPG APPLIANCES TO HONG KONG AND THE JAPAN GAS APPLIANCE INSPECTING SOCIETY. THEY WILL RETURN ON THURSDAY.

THE VISIT IS ARRANGED TO ENABLE THE GAS CONSULTANTS TO GATHER MORE INFORMATION FOR THEIR OVERALL REVIEW OF GAS SAFETY IN HONG KONG.

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COMMUNITY LEADERS' ROLE IN DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS

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COMMUNITY LEADERS OF TSUEN WAN WERE TODAY (FRIDAY) TOLD OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THEY WILL PLAY IN NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

AT A FUND-RAISING CONCERT ORGANISED BY TSUEN WAN Y'S MEN'S CLUB, THE ACTING TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR DOMINIC LAW, CALLED ON MEMBERS TO PUT ACROSS THE MESSAGE AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO VOTE.

+THIS WILL BE THE FIRST ELECTION FOR DISTRICT BOARDS IN HONG KONG, AND IT IS HOPED THAT BY INTRODUCING ELECTED MEMBERS TO BOARDS, WHO EACH COME FROM A PARTICULAR CONSTITUENCY, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN MATTERS OF LOCAL INTEREST WILL BE ENHANCED,+ HE SAID.

ON THE WORK OF THE CLUB, MR LAW SAID IT HAD DONE A +SPLENDID JOB+ IN BUILDING UP GOOD FELLOWSHIP AND A SENSE OF CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY AMONG MEMBERS, AS WELL AS PROMOTING RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES.

THE PROCEEDS OF THE CONCERT, HE SAID, WOULD JUSTIFY ALL THE HARD WORK AND REFLECT THE PAST SUCCESSES OF THE CLUB AND CONFIDENCE IN ITS FUTURE ACTIVITIES.

THE CONCERT WAS PERFORMED BY WELL-KNOWN DISC JOCKEYS AND RECORDING ARTISTES.

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\$10M SHATIN FIRE STATION OPENED

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THE NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND IN SHATIN WAS TODAY OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR FREDERICK WATSON.

THE COMMAND, BUILT AT A COST OF OVER \$10 MILLION, ALSO ACCOMMODATES A MAJOR FIRE STATION AND AN AMBULANCE STATION.

SHATIN, KNOWN FOR ITS HIGH QUALITY RICE FOR CHINESE EMPERORS IN THE PAST, IS TODAY A THRIVING MODERN URBAN AREA WITH HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS AND FACTORIES.

IN OPENING THE COMPLEX, MR WATSON RECALLED THE DAY WHEN HE ATTENDED THE OPENING OF SHATIN'S FIRST FIRE STATION ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1956 WITH ONLY A LANDROVER TYPE OF FIRE APPLIANCE AND NINE MEN.

+FIRE AND AMBULANCE PROTECTION HAS BEEN INCREASED TO KEEP PACE WITH THE ADDITIONAL RISKS AND INCREASED POPULATION,+ MR WATSON SAID.

+THIS NEW COMPLEX, COSTING OVER \$10 MILLION, IS THE FIRST OF THREE PLANNED FOR THE SHATIN AREA AS PART OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO MEET EVER INCREASING NEEDS THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY.

+IT ACCOMMODATES THE NEW TERRITORIES FIRE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, A MAJOR STATION AND AMBULANCE DEPOT. IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE IT WILL ALSO ACCOMMODATE A SECTION OF THE FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU PREVIOUSLY CENTRALISED ON HONG KONG ISLAND.+

HE SAID THAT BY ESTABLISHING REGIONAL FIRE PROTECTION BUREAU OFFICES IN SHATIN AND ELSEWHERE, THE NEEDS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND OTHER AREAS WOULD BE SERVED MORE QUICKLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

+EACH 24 HOURS APPROXIMATELY 50 OFFICERS AND MEN WILL MAN THE VARIOUS APPLIANCES AND AMBULANCES STATIONED HERE,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

+THE COMPLEX AND OFFICERS MANNING IT ARE HERE TO SERVE AND PROTECT THE AREA AND ITS PEOPLE IN THE EVENT OF FIRE OR OTHER CALAMITY. SOME OF THE MEN SERVING HERE WILL LIVE IN THE NEW RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS NOT TOO FAR AWAY.

+I HOPE IT WILL ALWAYS BE A HAPPY AND EFFICIENT COMPLEX AND I EXTEND MY BEST WISHES TO ALL WHO ARE MANNING IT TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

LOOKING BACK AT THE HISTORY OF SHATIN FIRE STATION, MR WATSON SAID THE OLD COMPLEX, LEASED TO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE SHATIN RURAL COMMITTEE, SERVED THE COMMUNITY WELL FOR 19 YEARS.

HE SAID THE STATION MORE THAN JUSTIFIED ITSELF IN 1962 ALONE WHEN SHATIN MARKET AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS WERE FLOODED TO A DEPTH OF SEVERAL FEET BY A TIDAL SURGE DURING THE PASSAGE OF TYPHOON WANDA.

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+THE FIRE STATION WAS FLOODED TO A DEPTH OF ABOUT SIX FEET AND THE FIRE APPLIANCE WAS LOST BUT THE FEW FIREMEN OF THE STATION PERFORMED MAGNIFICENTLY ON THAT DAY AND SAVED A GREAT MANY LIVES IN THE MARKET AREA,+ HE RECALLED.

+SHATIN WAS A COMPLETELY ISOLATED DISASTER AREA FOR MANY HOURS IN THE EARLY PART OF WHICH THE FIREMEN WERE THE ONLY UNIFORMED AUTHORITY PRESENT,+ HE ADDED.

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FINES MORE THAN DOUBLED

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FINES FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES UNDER THE FIRE SERVICES REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MORE THAN DOUBLED TO ENSURE THAT FIRE SERVICES INSTALLATIONS AND EQUIPMENT ARE INSTALLED AND KEPT IN WORKING ORDER.

UNDER THE FIRE SERVICES (INSTALLATION AND EQUIPMENT) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1981 PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY, FINES WILL BE RAISED FROM \$2 000 TO \$5 000 FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFENCES:

- * FAILURE BY A REGISTERED FIRE SERVICES CONTRACTOR TO ISSUE A CERTIFICATE, OR ISSUING A FALSE OR MISLEADING CERTIFICATE-
- * SALE OF UNAPPROVED PORTABLE EQUIPMENT-
- * INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT BY AN UNAUTHORISED PERSON-
- * MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT BY AN UNAUTHORISED PERSON-
- * FAILURE BY AN OWNER TO KEEP EQUIPMENT IN WORKING ORDER AND HAVE EQUIPMENT INSPECTED BY A REGISTERED CONTRACTOR AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

THESE STIFFER FINES ARE INTENDED AS A MORE EFFECTIVE DETERRENT AGAINST NEGLIGENCE OR PRACTICES WHICH ENDANGER LIVES AND PROPERTY.

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NEW FIVE-STOREY CAR PARK FOR ABERDEEN

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PARKING WILL BE EASIER IN ABERDEEN WHEN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT OPENS A 24-HOUR FIVE-STOREY CAR PARK FOR 305 VEHICLES IN ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD, NEAR YUE KWONG ROAD, ON THURSDAY, JULY 2.

+THIS IS THE FIRST GOVERNMENT CAR PARK TO BE BUILT IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND, AND IT SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS ALLEVIATING PARKING PROBLEMS IN THE ABERDEEN TOWN CENTRE,+ A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

CHARGES WILL BE \$1 AN HOUR BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 8 AM AND \$2 AN HOUR FROM 8 AM TO MIDNIGHT.

MONTHLY PASSES, VALID ONLY FOR THE ABERDEEN CAR PARK, WILL COST \$400 EACH.

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TENDERS CALLED FOR ELEVATED ROAD WORK

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TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORTHERN ELEVATED ROAD FROM NGAU TAU KOK TO KOWLOON BAY ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE WORKS CONSIST OF 520 METRES OF ELEVATED ROAD LINKING THE ALREADY COMPLETED SECTION OVER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY DEPOT WITH NGAU TAU KOK ROAD TO THE WEST AND THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD TO THE EAST, TOGETHER WITH A GRADE SEPARATED CROSSING AT KWUN TONG ROAD.

THERE WILL ALSO BE GRADE SEPARATED ACCESS TO AND FROM WAI YIP STREET.

A PEDESTRIAN SUBWAY WILL CATER FOR PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC UNDER THE AIRPORT TUNNEL ROAD NEAR WAI YIP STREET.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN AUGUST AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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MODEL WORKER SCHEME IN TSUEN WAN

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TEN MODEL WORKERS IN TSUEN WAN WHO HAVE SHOWN INTEREST IN THEIR JOBS AND CONTRIBUTED TO LOCAL INDUSTRY WILL BE ABLE TO WIN VALUABLE PRIZES.

A MODEL WORKER AWARD SCHEME COMPETITION WILL COMMENCE NEXT WEEK WHEN FACTORY OPERATORS IN TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI AND MA WAN WILL BE ASKED TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (FRIDAY), THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMPETITION'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE, MR LAM KIN-MING, SAID THE RESPONSE LAST YEAR, WHEN THE EVENT WAS FIRST HELD, WAS +HIGHLY ENCOURAGING.+

THIS YEAR, WITH THE FULL SUPPORT OF LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS, A SERIES OF EVENTS WILL BE HELD TO PROMOTE THE SCHEME.

ASIDE FROM THE AWARD SCHEME, THERE WILL ALSO BE A SLOGAN COMPETITION ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND A SONG ABOUT MODEL WORKERS PRODUCED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

FOR THE AWARD SCHEME, EACH FACTORY WILL BE ABLE TO NOMINATE NOT MORE THAN TWO EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE WORKED THERE CONTINUOUSLY FOR FIVE YEARS, PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN FUNCTIONS ORGANISED BY THE FACTORY, CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS LOCAL INDUSTRY, AND WHO ALSO HAVE A SOUND KNOWLEDGE OF LABOUR LEGISLATION AND HAVE POTENTIAL.

NOMINATION FORMS FOR THE AWARD SCHEME AND ENTRY FORMS FOR THE SLOGAN COMPETITION WILL BE SENT TO FACTORIES NEXT WEEK. THEY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE EIGHT PUBLIC ENQUIRIES SERVICE CENTRES IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT.

ALL FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO KWAI CHUNG TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR ONE OF THE EIGHT PES CENTRES BEFORE JULY 20.

NOMINEES FOR THE AWARD SCHEME WILL BE INVITED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON LOCAL INDUSTRY AND LABOUR LAWS BEFORE A PANEL OF JUDGES.

THOSE SELECTED AS MODEL WORKERS WILL EACH RECEIVE A CASH PRIZE OF \$2 000 AND A GOLD MEDAL.

WINNERS FOR THE SLOGAN COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE PRIZES OF \$2 000, \$1 500 AND \$1 000 AND THERE WILL BE FIVE CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$200.

RESULTS OF THE AWARD AND SLOGAN COMPETITION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN LATE SEPTEMBER. A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 4 AT TSUEN WAN TOWN HALL.

THE SCHEME IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, THE FEDERATION OF INDUSTRIES IN TSUEN WAN AND THE INDUSTRIAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD.

AT PRESENT, THERE ARE MORE THAN 7 000 FACTORIES WITH ABOUT 188 000 WORKERS IN THE DISTRICT.

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DRIVING TESTS POSTPONED

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ALL DRIVING TESTS, INCLUDING ROAD TESTS AND WRITTEN TESTS, SCHEDULED FOR JULY 29, WILL BE POSTPONED BECAUSE THAT DAY HAS BEEN DECLARED A PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO MARK THE ROYAL WEDDING OF THE PRINCE OF WALES AND LADY DIANA SPENCER.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID CANDIDATES WOULD BE INFORMED BY REGISTERED LETTERS OF THEIR NEW TEST DATES.

CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT BEEN NOTIFIED OF THEIR NEW TEST DATES SHOULD INQUIRE AT TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT DRIVING TEST APPOINTMENT UNITS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON.

THOSE LIVING ON THE ISLAND SHOULD CONTACT THE HONG KONG UNIT ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF NO. 2 MURRAY ROAD, CENTRAL (TELEPHONE 5-263523), AND THOSE LIVING IN KOWLOON THE KOWLOON UNIT IN PARK-IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING, 9TH FLOOR, DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK (3-317712).

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BIRTHS REGISTRY

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THE PART-TIME BIRTHS REGISTRY AT STANLEY PUBLIC DISPENSARY HAS BEEN CLOSED, THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS OCCURRING AT STANLEY AND TAI TAM AREAS IS NOW HANDLED BY THE ABERDEEN BIRTHS REGISTRY AT ABERDEEN CENTRE, SHOP 4A, SITE 5.

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MORE TREES PLANTED IN TUEN MUN

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A TOTAL OF 130 EVERGREEN TREES WERE PLANTED IN THE TUEN MUN PUI TO ROAD (SOUTH) REST GARDEN TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE TREES, WHICH INCLUDE BAUHINIA BLAKEANA, BAUHINIA VARIEGATA, JASMINUM PRIMULINUM AND ALLAMANDA CATHARTICA, TOGETHER WITH 2 000 RED AND YELLOW BORDER WEEDS, WERE PLANTED BY 90 STUDENTS FROM THE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE ISLAMIC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE.

THE TUEN MUN TREE PLANTING DAY, ORGANISED BY NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WAS AIMED AT AROUSING PUBLIC INTEREST IN TREES.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG, SAID THERE WAS AN URGENT NEED TO PLANT MORE TREES TO KEEP UP WITH THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT.

THE DEPARTMENT HAD, THEREFORE, DEVOTED MUCH EFFORT TO PLANTING TREES AT SUITABLE SITES IN RECENT YEARS WITH THE AIM TO TURN TUEN MUN INTO A PLEASANT PLACE FOR THE PEOPLE.

BUT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT WAS WASTED, BECAUSE THE TREES PLANTED WERE ALWAYS VANDALISED, HE SAID.

TO HIGHLIGHT THE EVENT, MR LEUNG, WITH THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF TUEN MUN, MR BILLY LAM, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT BOARD, MR NG CHEUK-TAI AND THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICER, MR YUE KAI-CHIU, PLANTED SEVERAL YOUNG TREES IN THE GARDEN.

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BETTER MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 9 SERVICE

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HONG KONG ISLAND MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 9, OPERATING BETWEEN THE STAR FERRY IN CENTRAL AND BOWEN ROAD, WILL BE IMPROVED FROM SATURDAY (JUNE 27).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCLUDE LENGTHENING THE ROUTE TO INCLUDE 25 BORRETT ROAD AND EXTENDING THE SERVICE FROM 7.20 PM TO 8.20 PM MONDAY THROUGH TO SATURDAY (EXCLUDING PUBLIC HOLIDAYS).

A SPECIAL 50-CENT FARE FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN WYNDHAM STREET AND EDINBURGH PLACE (WEST) WILL ALSO BE INTRODUCED.

NOTICE OF THIS WILL BE PUT UP AT TERMINAL POINTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE IN JULY

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE HA TSUEN/CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR 22 DAYS NEXT MONTH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING PRACTICE TIMES.

PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JULY 2 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
3 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
6 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
7 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 4 PM
8 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
9 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
10 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 5 PM
13 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 7.30 PM
14 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 7.30 PM
15 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
16 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6 PM
17 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
18 (SATURDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
20 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
21 (TUESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
22 (WEDNESDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
23 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
24 (FRIDAY)	8 AM - 11 PM
27 (MONDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
28 (TUESDAY)	7 AM - 6.30 PM
30 (THURSDAY)	8 AM - 6.30 PM
31 (FRIDAY)	7 AM - 6.30 PM

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