



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PROCEDURES FOR URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS ANNOUNCED

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THIRTEEN POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPEN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5, THREE MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS ELECTION TWO YEARS AGO.

THE RETURNING OFFICER, MRS. MABEL HAYES, SAID TODAY THAT IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL FOUR CENTRES ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND SIX IN KOWLOON, THERE WILL BE THREE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE CENTRES WILL BE AT TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG AND TAI PO.

THE POLLING STATIONS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 AM TO 8 PM AND THE COUNTING OF VOTES WILL BEGIN AT THE CITY HALL AFTER THE POLLS HAVE CLOSED.

MRS. HAYES SAID THAT ALTOGETHER A STAFF OF 342 WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING THE ELECTION AND OF THESE 88 WILL BE EMPLOYED ON VOTE COUNTING.

PEOPLE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ARE THOSE WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THE ELECTORAL REGISTER, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 15 THIS YEAR.

ELECTORS MUST IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AT THE POLLING STATIONS BY PRODUCING THEIR IDENTITY CARD OR SOME OTHER POSITIVE MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION, SUCH AS A PASSPORT, DRIVING LICENCE OR IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY ONE OF THE AUXILIARY DEFENCE SERVICES.

THE PRODUCTION OF A POLL CARD, ON ITS OWN, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE OF IDENTITY.

POLL CARDS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO ALL PERSONS DULY REGISTERED AS ELECTORS BEFORE THE ELECTION. THESE WILL HELP THE POLLING STATION STAFF TRACE THE ELECTOR'S NAME IN THE REGISTER, THUS SPEEDING UP THE ISSUE OF BALLOT PAPERS.

MRS. HAYES REMINDED ELECTORS THAT THEY MUST VOTE AT THE POLLING STATION DESIGNATED FOR THEM ON THE POLL CARDS AS THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO VOTE AT ANY OTHER POLLING STATION.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE HEAVY PENALTIES FOR IMPERSONATION AT POLLING STATIONS.

ELECTORS ARE FORBIDDEN TO TALK TO OTHER VOTERS, TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OR DISPLAY POSTERS WHILE IN THE POLLING STATION. THEY ARE ALSO FORBIDDEN TO REMOVE ANY BALLOT PAPER, MARKED OR UNMARKED, FROM A POLLING STATION, OR TO DEPOSIT IN THE BALLOT BOX ANY PAPER OTHER THAN THE BALLOT PAPER PROVIDED BY THE POLL CLERK.

ELECTORS ARE ALSO REMINDED THAT THEY MAY VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN SIX CANDIDATES.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL NOT BE ADMITTED TO THE VOTE COUNT, BUT THE RESULTS WILL BE DECLARED AS SOON AS COUNTING IS FINISHED.

THE POLLING STATIONS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE LOCATED AT:- KING'S COLLEGE HALL, 63A BONHAM ROAD= THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL= THE HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 169 THOMSON ROAD= AND THE NORTH POINT GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 888 KING'S ROAD. IN KOWLOON, THE STATIONS WILL BE AT: THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, ALONGSIDE THE EAST WING OF THE STAR FERRY TERMINAL= THE QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, 152 SAI YEE STREET= THE KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL, 332 CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD= THE PERTH STREET GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 6 PERTH STREET= THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 17 TSEUK LUK STREET, AND THE KWUN TONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, 240 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD.

THE NEW TERRITORIES POLLING STATIONS WILL BE LOCATED AT:- THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, HOI PA STREET= THE HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL, KAU YUK ROAD= AND THE WONG SHIU CHI MIDDLE SCHOOL, TAI PO ROAD, TAI PO.

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ZIG-ZAGS TO REINFORCE ZEBRAS  
NEW MARKINGS WILL MAKE CROSSINGS SAFER FOR PEDESTRIANS  
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A NEW ROAD SAFETY DEVICE, CONSISTING OF ZIG-ZAG MARKINGS ON EITHER THE APPROACH SIDE OR ON BOTH SIDES OF ZEBRA CROSSINGS, IS TO BE INTRODUCED IN HONG KONG NEXT MONTH WITH THE AIM OF GIVING EXTRA PROTECTION TO PEDESTRIANS AND REDUCING THE ACCIDENT TOLL AT THESE CROSSINGS.

ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEW MARKINGS ARE REINFORCED TRAFFIC RULES UNDER WHICH IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE FOR A MOTORIST TO OVERTAKE, WAIT OR PARK ON THE STRETCH OF ROADWAY MARKED WITH THE ZIG-ZAG LINES.

NOTICE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ROAD TRAFFIC (ROAD CROSSINGS) REGULATIONS, EMBODYING THE NEW RULES, APPEARS IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. THE NEW REGULATIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT, ON ALL CROSSINGS THAT HAVE BEEN MARKED WITH THE ZIG-ZAG LINES, FROM MONDAY, MARCH 3.

IN ADDITION TO THIS NEW REQUIREMENT ON MOTORISTS, IT WILL ALSO BE AN OFFENCE FOR PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS THE ROAD WITHIN THE AREA DEFINED BY THE MARKINGS. THIS MEANS THAT, FOR THEIR OWN PROTECTION, THEY MUST CROSS AT THE ZEBRA CROSSING ITSELF.

THE NORMAL LENGTH OF ROADWAY WHICH WILL BE MARKED WITH THE ZIG-ZAG LINES ON EITHER SIDE OF A CROSSING WILL BE 19 METRES (NEARLY 21 YARDS).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE ZIG-ZAG MARKINGS FOLLOWED THEIR SUCCESSFUL ADOPTION IN BRITAIN.

ROAD RESEARCH THERE HAD SHOWN THAT ABOUT A QUARTER OF ALL ACCIDENTS AT ZEBRA CROSSINGS ARE CAUSED BY ONE VEHICLE OVERTAKING ANOTHER WHICH HAS SLOWED DOWN OR STOPPED TO GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS.

SINCE IN 1973 THERE WERE 2,482 SUCH ACCIDENTS IN HONG KONG - AN INCREASE OF 354, OR 16 PER CENT, ON THE 2,128 ACCIDENTS IN 1972 - IT IS HOPED THAT THE ZIG-ZAG MARKINGS COULD LEAD TO THE PREVENTION OF ABOUT 500 ACCIDENTS A YEAR HERE THROUGH THE CLAMP-DOWN ON OVERTAKING.

POLICE TRAFFIC REPORTS IN HONG KONG SHOW THAT FAILURE BY A MOTORIST TO GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS AT A ZEBRA CROSSING WAS A FACTOR IN 679 ACCIDENTS IN 1973.

RESEARCH IN BRITAIN HAS ALSO SHOWN THAT IT IS THREE TIMES MORE DANGEROUS FOR A PEDESTRIAN TO CROSS THE ROAD WITHIN ABOUT 19 METRES OF A ZEBRA CROSSING THAN ON IT. THIS UNDERLINES THE NEED TO HAVE PEDESTRIANS CROSS ONLY AT THE ZEBRA CROSSINGS THEMSELVES.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT STAFF OF P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE WOULD START WORK NEXT MONDAY ON PAINTING THE ZIG-ZAG MARKINGS AND BY THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, WHEN THE NEW REGULATIONS COME INTO EFFECT, ABOUT 30 CROSSINGS WOULD HAVE BEEN MARKED.

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THESE WILL INCLUDE 12 OF THE MOST FREQUENTLY USED CROSSINGS IN THE URBAN AREAS.

THE 12 PRIORITY CROSSINGS ARE LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:-

KOWLOON:

1. JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND DUNDAS ROAD. 2. SALISBURY ROAD, OUTSIDE Y.M.C.A. 3. LEI YUE MUN ROAD, NEAR KWUN TONG POLICE STATION. 4. JUNCTION OF CHATHAM ROAD AND PAK KUNG STREET. 5. JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND TAI NAN STREET. 6. JUNCTION ROAD, NEAR HENG LAM STREET. 7. HENG LAM STREET, NEAR JUNCTION ROAD. 8. MEI FU SAN TSUEN, NEAR BUS TERMINUS.

HONG KONG ISLAND:

1. HENNESSY ROAD, OPPOSITE WANCHAI MARKET. 2. QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, NEAR CLEVERLY STREET.

NEW TERRITORIES:

1. CASTLE PEAK ROAD, NEAR JUNCTION WITH CHUNG ON STREET, TSUEN WAN. 2. KWONG FUK ROAD, NEAR JUNCTION WITH PAK HING STREET, TAI PO.

IN ALL, THERE ARE 125 ZEBRA CROSSINGS IN HONG KONG. THE WORK OF MARKING THEM ALL WITH ZIG-ZAG LINES WILL PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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FIRE DANGER 'EXTREME'  
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A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY WARNED THAT THE CURRENT SPELL OF DRY WEATHER HAD +GREATLY INCREASED+ THE CHANCES OF FIRE OUTBREAKS.

HE SAID THAT IF THE SPELL CONTINUED FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME THE NUMBER OF FIRE CALLS COULD RISE FROM TWO TO FIVE TIMES OVER THE NORMAL NUMBER.

+THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING IS IN OPERATION WHICH MEANS THAT THE FIRE RISK IS EXTREME,+ HE SAID. +WE APPEAL TO EVERYONE TO TAKE ACTIVE STEPS TO PREVENT FIRE IN THEIR HOMES, PLACES OF WORK, AND IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.+

HE MADE A SPECIAL APPEAL TO SMOKERS TO BE CAREFUL HOW THEY DISPOSE OF CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES. +MAKE SURE THEY ARE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE DISPOSING OF THEM,+ HE SAID. +IF NO ASH-TRAY WAS AVAILABLE, GRIND THEM UNDER FOOT.+

HE REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT SMOKERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR FOUR OUT OF EVERY TEN FIRES IN HONG KONG.

GREAT CARE SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN WHEN USING ELECTRIC OR KEROSENE HEATERS, HE ADDED.

+THE FIRE TREND SO FAR THIS YEAR HAS BEEN DOWNWARD IN COMPARISON WITH 1974,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +BUT THIS SITUATION COULD CHANGE DRAMATICALLY DUE TO THE VERY LOW HUMIDITY.+

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FACTORY WORKERS SPORTS MEET  
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SOME 600 WORKERS FROM FACTORIES IN KWUN TONG WILL MEET TO TEST THEIR STAMINA IN A SERIES OF FIELD AND TRACK EVENTS ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE ATHLETIC MEET, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PERTH STREET STADIUM IN KOWLOON, HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR THEM BY THREE GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY WORK OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT.

A BRIEF OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 9 A.M. BEFORE THE START OF THE EVENTS. OFFICIATING WILL BE MR. PATRICK YIU, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER DESIGNATE (KWUN TONG)= MR. CHIU YIM-SHUN, DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER (KWUN TONG) AND MR. KWOK NAI-SIK, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER (KWUN TONG).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

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OUTSTANDING WATERWORKS FOREMEN HONOURED

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TWO WATERWORKS FOREMEN WILL RECEIVE GOLD MEDAL AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT, THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD DURING A TRADITIONAL CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY FOR CHILDREN OF ALL WATERWORKS STAFF AT THE KOWLOON WAH YAN COLLEGE.

THE GOLD MEDAL WINNERS ARE MR. LAM PAK LIT, FOREMAN III OF THE OFFICE'S MECHANICAL DIVISION AND MR. TONG CHI, FOREMAN III OF THE ELECTRICAL DIVISION.

THEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH KIRKWOOD AWARDS, WHICH WERE STARTED SOME YEARS AGO WITH DONATIONS FROM TEXTILE AND ENGINEERING FIRMS IN MEMORY OF A FORMER WATERWORKS ENGINEER.

THESE AWARDS ARE GIVEN ANNUALLY TO STAFF OF THE RANK OF FOREMAN III OR BELOW WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES BY THEIR GENERAL CAPABILITIES AND ATTENTION TO DUTIES OR BY THEIR NOTEWORTHY CONDUCT OR PERFORMANCE OF DUTY IN A PARTICULAR INSTANCE.

AT THE PARTY THIS YEAR, WHICH IS FINANCED BY DONATIONS FROM SENIOR STAFF, SOME 2,000 CHILDREN WILL BE ENTERTAINED THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON BY THE NEW METHOD COLLEGE BAND, ACROBATIC PERFORMANCES, AND A COMEDY SHOW BY R.T.V. CELEBRITIES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE NUMEROUS GAME STALLS AND PLENTY OF GIFTS AND FOOD AND DRINKS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE CHILDREN'S PARTY AND THE KIRKWOOD AWARD PRESENTATIONS. THE PARTY STARTS AT 12.30 P.M. AND THE PRESENTATIONS WILL BE MADE AT ABOUT 1.25 P.M. MR. CHAN CHI HA, PRESS LIAISON OFFICER OF THE WATERWORKS OFFICE WILL BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE VISITING MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AT THE PARTY.

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ANTI-DRUG FUN FAIR  
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STUDENTS OF TAI HANG TUNG DISTRICT IN KOWLOON WILL ROUND OFF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES, AIMED AT EDUCATING THE YOUNG ON THE EVILS OF NARCOTICS, WITH A COLOURFUL FUN FAIR THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THE FAIR WILL COMBINE FUN AND GAMES WITH EDUCATION AGAINST DRUG ADDICTION AND WILL FEATURE 15 GAME STALLS, EACH WITH AN ANTI-DRUG THEME.

IT WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TONG YAM STREET, BEGINNING AT 2 P.M. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR STALLS WITH THE BEST DESIGN.

THE FAIR IS ORGANISED BY STUDENTS OF SIX SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES IN THE AREA -- TAK NGA GIRLS' SCHOOL, WAI KIU SECONDARY SCHOOL, CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, MARYKNOLL FATHERS SCHOOL, MING YIN COLLEGE AND HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE.

EARLIER ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES ORGANISED INCLUDED ESSAY COMPETITION ON DRUG ADDICTION, AND ANTI-DRUG POSTERS AND ANTI-DRUG SLOGANS COMPETITIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO HAVE THE OCCASION COVERED.

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FOOTBRIDGE AT LAI CHI KOK ROAD  
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A FOOTBRIDGE IS TO BE BUILT OVER LAI CHI KOK ROAD AT PEI HO STREET IN SHAM SHUI PO TO ENSURE GREATER SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL AFFECT THE EXISTING CARRIAGEWAY AT PEI HO STREET BETWEEN YEE KUK STREET AND TAI NAM STREET.

NOTICE OF THE PLANNED PROJECT IS GIVEN IN TODAY'S GAZETTE. ANYONE OBJECTING TO THE PROJECT SHOULD LODGE HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS BEFORE MARCH 21, 1975.

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H.A.D. PARTY TO CLEAR BEACH

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A LARGE PARTY OF VOLUNTEERS FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, LED BY THE DIRECTOR MR. ERIC HO, WILL SPEND THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23) CLEANING UP THE BEACH AT LAI CHI WOR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY WILL REMOVE RUBBISH WHICH, IF ALLOWED TO ACCUMULATE, COULD BECOME A HEALTH HAZARD AND NUISANCE TO PICKNICKERS.

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL BE LENDING HELP BY SUPPLYING CLEANSING EQUIPMENT SUCH AS LITTER BAGS, BROOMS AND BASKETS.

SOME 85 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WILL BE TAKING PART IN THIS PUBLIC SERVICE. THEY WILL START WORK IN THE MORNING AND END AT ABOUT 3 P.M. IN THE AFTERNOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES CAN JOIN THE PARTY AT 7.30 A.M. IN HANKOW ROAD, BY THE SIDE OF PENINSULA HOTEL WHERE A TOURIST BUS WILL TAKE THEM TO WU KAN TAN. THE JOURNEY FROM WU KAN TAN TO LAI CHI WOR WILL BE ON FOOT. AFTER THE CLEAN-UP, THE PARTY WILL DEPART AT ABOUT 3 P.M. ON FOOT AND ARRIVE AT WU KAN TAN AT ABOUT 5.00 P.M. TO BOARD THE TOURIST BUS FOR HANKOW ROAD.

LUNCH FOR PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PROVIDED. HOWEVER THEY ARE REQUESTED TO BRING THEIR OWN DRINKING WATER.

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PUMPING STATION FOR HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR

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A NEW PUMPING STATION WILL BE BUILT IN SAI KUNG IN CONNECTION WITH THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.

THE NEW WU LEI TAU PUMPING STATION, SITUATED IN THE SOUTHWEST OF THE PAK KONG VILLAGE, IS, IN FACT, ONE OF EIGHT SUCH STATIONS TO BE CONSTRUCTED TO DEVELOP LOWLAND CATCHMENTS AS PART OF THE RESERVOIR PROJECT.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW STATION, TOGETHER WITH AN ACCESS ROAD, CATCHWATER AND DELIVERY PIPELINE IN THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT.

THIS STATION WILL DRAW FLOOD WATER FROM THE STREAM AND PUMP IT THROUGH A PIPELINE OF 18 INCHES IN DIAMETER AND 1,800 FEET LONG TO A HIGH LEVEL CATCHWATER WHICH FEEDS THE MAIN TUNNEL SYSTEM THROUGH WHICH WATER WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE RESERVOIR.

THE WORK WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE BUILDING OF A 10-FT. WIDE CATCHWATER ACCESS ROAD OF ABOUT 2,000 FT. LONG TOGETHER WITH A CATCHWATER CHANNEL AND A 10-FT. WIDE ACCESS ROAD OF ABOUT 1,700 FT. LONG LEADING TO THE PUMPING STATION.

NORMAL LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES FOR DOMESTIC AND AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BOTH DURING AND AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE STATION.

IMPROVEMENT WORKS INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF IRRIGATION CHANNELS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE IRRIGATION SYSTEM OF THE FIELDS.

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LABOUR DISPUTE SETTLED

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THE DISPUTE INVOLVING 28 WORKERS OF A GARMENT FACTORY IN KWUN TONG WAS SETTLED YESTERDAY. THE WORKERS WERE DISMISSED ON FEBRUARY 8 FROM THE CUTTING SECTION OF LEVER SHIRT GARMENT WEAVING, BLEACHING AND DYEING FACTORY LTD.

WORKERS APPROACHED THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR CONCILIATION ASSISTANCE ON FEBRUARY 19. TWO JOINT MEETINGS WERE HELD IN THE KWUN TONG LABOUR RELATIONS OFFICE, AND SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON AFTER FURTHER SEPARATE NEGOTIATIONS.

WORKERS RECEIVED PAYMENTS OF HALF-MONTH'S WAGES IN LIEU OF NOTICE. A LUMP SUM OF \$800 WERE ALSO GIVEN TO FOUR WORKERS WITH LONG SERVICE AS EX GRATIA PAYMENT.

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