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VALIDITY PERIOD OF MULTIPLE RE-ENTRY
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THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF MULTIPLE RE-ENTRY PERMITS IS TO BE EXTENDED FROM FIVE TO 10 YEARS UNDER NEW REGULATIONS APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE MEASURE WAS INTRODUCED IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR PEOPLE TRAVELLING TO CHINA AND MACAU IN FUTURE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN RECENT MONTHS ALL IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICES HAD BEEN UNDER PRESSURE BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS APPLYING FOR RE-ENTRY PERMITS FOR TRAVEL TO CHINA AND MACAU. +THE PRESSURE IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE,+ HE SAID.

TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON THE BRANCH OFFICES, THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION HAS ALREADY RESTRICTED THE ISSUE OF SINGLE RE-ENTRY PERMITS TO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF SEVEN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE SITUATION ON A LONG TERM BASIS AND TO BRING THE MULTIPLE RE-ENTRY PERMIT INTO LINE WITH HONG KONG'S OTHER TWO MAJOR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, THE HONG KONG BRITISH PASSPORT AND THE CERTIFICATE OF IDENTITY, IT WAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY PERIOD OF MULTIPLE PERMITS.

UNDER THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) REGULATIONS TO BE PUBLISHED IN TOMORROW'S GAZETTE, THE FEE FOR MULTIPLE PERMITS WILL BE INCREASED FROM THE PRESENT \$15 TO \$30 IN PROPORTION TO THE EXTENDED PERIOD OF VALIDITY. THE NEW MULTIPLE PERMITS ARE NOT RENEWABLE. THE FEE FOR SINGLE RE-ENTRY PERMIT WILL ALSO BE INCREASED FROM \$3 TO \$6.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS, CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGE OF SEVEN AND 16 WILL BE ISSUED WITH MULTIPLE RE-ENTRY PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES OF IDENTITY VALID FOR FIVE YEARS BUT EXTENDABLE UP TO 10 YEARS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WAS INTRODUCED BECAUSE APPEARANCES OF CHILDREN CHANGE AS THEY GROW UP.

THE FULL FEE WILL BE PAID ON FIRST ISSUE BUT EXTENSION WILL BE FREE. A NEW PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE ADDED IF THE HOLDER'S APPEARANCE HAS CHANGED SUFFICIENTLY TO WARRANT THIS. +THIS IS IN LINE WITH EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR BRITISH PASSPORTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ANOTHER MAJOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PROJECT IN
THE NEW TERRITORIES

THE FIRST STAGE OF A HIGH-CLASS RESIDENTIAL COMPLEX WILL EMERGE IN ABOUT THREE YEARS' TIME AT TSING LUNG TAU, MIDWAY BETWEEN THE NEW TOWNS OF TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN.

TO BE BUILT ON A 138,643-SQUARE METRE SITE, THE COMPLEX IS DESIGNED TO CATER FOR EXECUTIVE AND MANAGERIAL LEVEL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO FIND HOMES NEAR THEIR WORK OR MOVE FROM THE URBAN AREAS TO HIGH QUALITY PRIVATE HOUSING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE PROJECT, REPRESENTING AN INVESTMENT OF MORE THAN \$350 MILLION, WILL COMPRISE SOME 60 12-STOREY BLOCKS IN LANDSCAPED SURROUNDINGS WITH VIEWS OF LANTAU ISLAND AND HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SIGNED THE CONDITIONS OF GRANT FOR THE SITE WITH MR. T.H. WANG, DIRECTOR OF TSING LUNG INVESTMENT CO., LTD., AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT THE GRANT WAS IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF MAKING AVAILABLE LARGE AREAS OF LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WHEREVER POSSIBLE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR HIGH GRADE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

A TOTAL OF 2,400 FLATS - THE SIZE OF MOST OF WHICH WILL BE ABOUT 93 SQUARE METRES - FOR AN ESTIMATED POPULATION OF SOME 12,500 PEOPLE IS PLANNED.

THE SCHEME WILL INCORPORATE LANDSCAPING, OPEN SPACE, TENNIS COURTS, SWIMMING POOLS AND COMMUNITY AND COMMERCIAL FACILITIES, INCLUDING SUPERMARKET, DEPARTMENT STORE, BANK AND RESTAURANT.

+THIS PROJECT WILL CERTAINLY HELP MEET THE INCREASING DEMANDS OF YOUNG FAMILIES WHO WISH TO LIVE IN WELL MANAGED RESIDENTIAL ESTATES,+ HE SAID.

IN EXCHANGE FOR THE GRANT, MR. AKERS-JONES NOTED, THE COMPANY HAS TO PAY TO THE GOVERNMENT A \$61,763,000 PREMIUM AND HAS SURRENDERED AN EQUIVALENT AMOUNT OF LAND TO GOVERNMENT AT TSING LUNG TAU AND IN YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TAI PO.

+ONE OF THE CONDITIONS OF GRANT STIPULATES THAT THE COMPANY SHOULD SUBMIT WITHIN SIX MONTHS FROM THE SIGNING OF THE GRANT A MASTER LAYOUT PLAN SHOWING THE POSITIONS AND NATURE OF THE BUILDINGS PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED ON THE LOT AND THE ROAD NETWORKS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+IN ADDITION, THE COMPANY SHALL ALSO EMPLOY A LANDSCAPE SPECIALIST TO PREPARE A PROGRAMME OF LANDSCAPING AND REPLANTING OF THE AMENITY AND COMMON AREAS,+ HE ADDED.

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SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, THIS LANDSCAPE PROGRAMME WILL HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND COMPLETED WITHIN FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE OF POSSESSION OF THE WHOLE LOT.

THE COMPANY IS ALSO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SITES WITHIN THE LOT FOR A PRIMARY SCHOOL, A KINDERGARTEN, A POLICE REPORTING POST AND A BUS STATION.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY EARLY 1987.

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COMMON SYLLABUSES FOR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN SEPTEMBER

A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION WILL BE THE ADOPTION OF COMMON SYLLABUSES FOR FORMS I-III TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL SUBJECTS AS FROM SEPTEMBER, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE, SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL SPEECH DAY OF THE COTTON SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AT KWAI CHUNG, MR. HAYE SAID THAT THE SYLLABUSES WERE NOW BEING ENDORSED BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE CONTENT SYLLABUSES FOR FORMS I-III TECHNICAL AND PRACTICAL SUBJECTS WERE PREPARED BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CO-ORDINATING THE EFFORTS OF THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, THE REPRESENTATIVES OF INDUSTRY, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

MR. HAYE SAID THAT A SEMINAR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SYLLABUSES WILL BE CONDUCTED ON JULY 26 AND ALL SUBJECT TEACHERS OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND.

SPEAKING OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND THEIR POPULARITY, MR. HAYE SAID: +SINCE SO MANY PREVOCATIONAL PUPILS ARE OF ABOVE-AVERAGE ABILITY, A PROPORTION OF SENIOR SECONDARY CLASSES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AS FROM 1981 TO ENABLE THE MORE ACADEMICALLY CAPABLE ONES TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION UP TO AT LEAST THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION LEVEL AND LATER TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO TECHNICIAN PROGRAMMES IN THE POLYTECHNIC OR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.+

HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGES IN STRUCTURE OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, THE CURRICULUM AND STAFFING STRUCTURE WOULD HAVE TO CHANGE ACCORDINGLY.

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HOWEVER, THE CONCEPT AND CHARACTERISTICS OF PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION WILL BE RETAINED AND MODIFIED. THE TECHNICAL CONTENT OF THE CURRICULUM WILL REMAIN 40-50 PER CENT FOR FORMS I-III, WHEREAS THE TECHNICAL CONTENT FOR FORMS IV-V WILL BECOME 30 PER CENT.

THE DIRECTOR ALSO PRAISED THE COTTON SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION, SPONSOR OF THE SCHOOL, FOR THEIR FORWARD LOOKING ATTITUDE IN GUARANTEEING JOBS IN THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY FOR ITS CURRENT FORM III GRADUATES.

FOR THOSE WHO CHOSE TO JOIN FULL-TIME COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES THIS YEAR, AND MANAGED TO SECURE ADMISSION, THE ASSOCIATION WILL SUBSIDISE EACH STUDENT \$100 A MONTH WITH A GUARANTEE OF JOBS AS TECHNICIANS ON GRADUATION.

+WHAT BETTER DEMONSTRATION OF FAITH IN THEIR PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL THAN THE GUARANTEE OF EMPLOYMENT? AS SUCH, THE ASSOCIATION MUST BE THE MODEL FOR OTHER EMPLOYERS,+ MR. HAYE SAID.

NOT FORGETTING PARENTS WHO WERE AT THE CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR SAID HE APPRECIATED AND ADMIRERED THEM FOR THEIR SACRIFICE IN PROVIDING THEIR CHILDREN WITH A FIRST-RATE ACADEMIC EDUCATION.

+BUT I DO NOT GO ALONG WITH THOSE WHO ATTEMPT TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN BEYOND THEIR NATURAL ABILITY. AS THE WORLD IS EVER-CHANGING AND THE INDUSTRY IS EXPANDING, TECHNICAL EDUCATION MAY PERHAPS BE AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF EDUCATION MORE SUITABLE TO THEIR CHILDREN,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, MR. DAN WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) POINTED OUT THAT STUDENTS ATTENDING PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS CAN GET REMISSION OF STUDIES WHEN ENTERING A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

MR. WATERS WAS ADDRESSING THE GATHERING AT THE FIFTH SPEECH DAY OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHINA ROTARY PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

+ANYONE WHO STUDIES A TECHNICAL SUBJECT IN DEPTH IS NORMALLY ADMITTED TO THE SECOND YEAR OF A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSE IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AND TO THE SECOND YEAR OF A CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF STUDYING IN A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL, MR. WATERS SAID, WAS THAT JOBS SUCH AS REPAIRING A LOCK OR FIXING A SHELF COULD BE DONE AT HOME.

+WHILE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS DO NOT CLAIM TO TURN OUT FULLY SKILLED CRAFTSMEN, THEY PROVIDE GOOD, ALL-ROUND, BASIC TECHNICAL EDUCATION,+ HE SAID.

ON THE OTHER HAND, DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY IS BEING INTRODUCED INTO SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, AND MR. WATERS DESCRIBED THIS AS +A BIG STEP FORWARD+.

+AFTER ALL, IF CHILDREN ARE ABLE TO DO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PRACTICAL WORK IN THEIR SCHOOL WORKSHOPS THIS SHOULD HELP A GREAT DEAL TO OVERCOME THE BLUE-COLLAR AND WHITE-COLLAR COMPLEX WHICH IS STILL PREVALENT IN MUCH OF OUR SOCIETY AT THE PRESENT TIME,+ HE SAID.

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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE IMPORTANT FOR YOUTH

THE GOVERNMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE VOLUNTARY WELFARE SECTOR HOPES TO EXTEND THE SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE TO COVER ALL SCHOOLS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE (OPERATIONS), MRS. EVELYN DOE, SAID THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) IN HER ADDRESS TO THE FOURTH GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE TRUE LIGHT GIRLS' COLLEGE.

MRS. DOE SAID SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK HAD AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY IN THE SOUND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUTH THROUGH THE PROVISION OF PERSONAL GUIDANCE AND HELP.

SHE SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S WHITE PAPER ON +SOCIAL WELFARE INTO THE 1980'S+ PUBLISHED IN APRIL HAD STRESSED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH SERVICE.

+YOUNG PEOPLE WILL BE THE MAINSTAY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THEIR PROPER PHYSICAL AND MENTAL GROWTH WILL HAVE A DIRECT BEARING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIETY,+ SHE SAID.

MRS. DOE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE TRUE LIGHT GIRLS' COLLEGE FOR ITS CO-OPERATION WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK SERVICE TO ITS STUDENTS.

WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE COLLEGE'S PRINCIPAL, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, SHE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO PROCEED SMOOTHLY WITH THE PROVISION OF THE SERVICE WHICH WAS INTRODUCED INTO THE COLLEGE IN 1974.

SHE CALLED ON THE GRADUATES TO KEEP LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE AND TO STRIVE TO BE A CONTRIBUTING AND CIVIC-MINDED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY.

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COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR VISITS HUD

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, VISITED THE HONGKONG UNITED DOCKYARD TODAY (THURSDAY) AS PART OF HIS PROGRAMME TO KEEP HIMSELF INFORMED OF MATTERS RELATED TO TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT IN THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRING INDUSTRY.

THE COMMISSIONER TOURED BOTH THE KOWLOON YARD AT HUNG HOM AND THE PARTIALLY OPENED TSING YI YARD TO SEE THE COMPANY'S MODERN REPAIRING AND DOCKING FACILITIES.

MR. HENDERSON WAS IMPRESSED BY THE NEW TSING YI PROJECT WHICH WILL ULTIMATELY PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT FOR ABOUT 3,000 PEOPLE. HE ALSO PRAISED THE EFFORTS THE MANAGEMENT HAS MADE IN THE TRAINING OF WORKERS TO COPE WITH THE GROWTH OF THE YARD.

THE HUD OPERATES A TRAINING CENTRE AT THE KOWLOON YARD CAPABLE OF PROVIDING OFF-THE-JOB TRAINING TO ABOUT 100 APPRENTICES AT ANY ONE TIME. AT PRESENT, THERE ARE ABOUT 250 APPRENTICES IN VARIOUS COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRADES IN THE COMPANY.

+THE BEST WAY FOR A FIRM TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF SAFETY CONSCIOUS SKILLED WORKERS IS TO TRAIN AHEAD OF ITS REQUIREMENTS,+ MR. HENDERSON SAID.

+THIS INVESTMENT IN MANPOWER TRAINING WILL LEAD TO INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY, COMPETITIVENESS, PROFITABILITY AND REDUCED ACCIDENTS,+

THE TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PROVIDES FREE SERVICES TO EMPLOYERS ON MATTERS RELATING TO PROPER TRAINING SCHEMES.

MR. HENDERSON SAID: +EMPLOYERS IN BOTH INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE WHO ARE THINKING ABOUT THE SETTING UP OF PROPER TRAINING SCHEMES ARE WELCOME TO APPROACH THE DIVISION FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.+

EMPLOYERS CAN ALSO MAKE USE OF SAFETY TRAINING COURSES OFFERED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE. LAST YEAR, THE CENTRE PROVIDED 183 SUCH COURSES FOR 5,314 PEOPLE FREE OF CHARGE.

MR. HENDERSON WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY AN ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR. DAVID LIN, ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING), MR. T.Y. CHUI, AND SENIOR HUD OFFICIALS.

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PLB PROHIBITIONS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING A NUMBER OF STREETS AND ROADS IN KOWLOON UNLESS AUTHORISED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THEY ARE:

- * PAK WAN STREET BETWEEN PAK TIN STREET AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO BLOCK 15 OF PAK TIN ESTATE-
- * PAK TIN STREET BETWEEN WOH CHAI STREET AND NAM CHEONG STREET, AND
- * TAI HANG SAI STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITIONS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF QUEENSWAY

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT A SECTION OF THE QUEENSWAY (THE LOOP ROAD LOCATED OUTSIDE THE OLD N.C.O.'S MESS, VICTORIA BARRACKS), WHICH WAS CLOSED ON JUNE 18, WILL REMAIN TO BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES AND VILLAGES IN SAI KUNG WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON SUNDAY (JULY 15) FOR WASTE DETECTION TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ALL VILLAGES AND PREMISES ALONG HIRAM'S HIGHWAY BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND TUI MIN HOI, SAI KUNG.

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