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ADMINISTRATORS AMONG PROFESSIONALS

Director Of Social Welfare Opens First-Ever Seminar

The Hon. G.T. Rowe, Director of Social Welfare, said today even professional social workers and specialists must still learn to be administrators and managers -- because they could not shift from one role to the other "just like that."

He was speaking to 26 senior social workers at the start of an eight-day seminar in Lee Gardens on social welfare management -- the first of its kind in Hong Kong.

In the audience was Mr. F. Lee Siew-kwong, the Director of Social Welfare in Singapore, who had come especially to participate in the seminar and "to share with us his very considerable management experience in government generally, and in social welfare in particular."

Mr. Rowe said management was "a complex business," and how far it could be taught, in an academic sense, or how far it had to be learned by practical experience was "a matter of opinion."

But he thought there was general agreement that one of the most effective ways of improving management performance was to bring together those who were doing a management job "to consider, analyse, and discuss how the job should best be done."

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Mr. Rowe described the role being played in the social welfare field by those participating in the seminar -- both inside and outside the Government -- as of "crucial importance", because social welfare services were expanding in Hong Kong, and expanding fast.

"New tasks and responsibilities are being taken on, both by the Government and the voluntary sector," he explained. "In practical terms, the responsibility for ensuring that these services are implemented properly, and their effectiveness monitored properly, rests very substantially on you."

Management Skills

He stressed for the benefit of officers from his own Department that with the existence of an adequate management structure at the top -- which they could reasonably aim at reaching -- they should realise the importance of developing management skills as well as professional skills, because the former were going to become "at least as important as the latter".

Mr. Rowe thanked the Government Training Division and the Extra-Mural Department of the Chinese University for the "generous and ready co-operation" that had made the seminar possible.

Mr. T.C. Lai, Head of the Extra-Mural Department of the Chinese University, also spoke at the opening ceremony. In the chair for today was Mr. Perry Siu, of the Extra-Mural Department, Chinese University. The seminar will continue for the rest of the week, and will end next Monday.

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ORGANISING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES

First Of Series Of Training Courses For Young People

The Group Work Unit of the Social Welfare Department's Wong Tai Sin Community Centre announced today that the first of a series of training courses for young volunteers on organising recreational activities would be held in six weeks.

Mr. Basil Leung, Warden of the Centre, invited applications for seats at the course from young people of 17 and above with a general education up to the level of secondary school.

The cost will be \$3 a person, excluding expenses to be incurred during a practical camp. The course will continue from June 10 to July 1, on every Saturday evening between 7.30 and 10 o'clock. An outdoor practical camp will be held at a site in the New Territories on June 17 and 18. Other sessions will be at the Centre.

Application forms are available at the Centre, 104 Ching Tak Street, Wong Tai Sin Resettlement Estate. The course will include theories and their application with regard to recreational leadership. There will be opportunities to organise a camp and related outdoor activities.

The method will cover group and panel discussions, talks, study circles, and demonstrations followed by actual practice.

Mr. Leung said: "The idea is to equip young people with the necessary knowledge and techniques for organising and carrying out indoor and outdoor activities, especially among poor children without costly and sophisticated playthings, or opportunities.

"We hope that from this course a number of volunteers will emerge to help with the coming summer programme."

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FOUR OPEN-AIR VARIETY SHOWS

For Month Of May

The Urban Council and Urban Services Department are presenting a series of four open-air variety shows in various districts in May this year.

All are to begin at 8 p.m. and last for about two and a half hours. Admission is free and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

On each occasion, a lion dance is expected to launch the programme. It is to be performed by the local people of the districts.

There will be a lucky draw at the end of each performance, using the serial numbers of the free admission tickets. The prizes, consisting of toys and useful articles, will be drawn by committee members of the local kaifong association.

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

May 1	Ma Wan Playground, Tsuen Wan
9	Morse Park Open-air Theatre
16	MacPherson Playground
30	King George V Memorial Park (Hong Kong)

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GOVERNOR TO OFFICIALLY OPEN
Li Cheng Uk Swimming Pool On Wednesday

The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, will officially open the Li Cheng Uk Swimming Pool on Wednesday, May 3, 1972 at 3.30 p.m.

The Li Cheng Uk Swimming Pool is situated in Kwong Lee Road near the North Kowloon Magistracy and the Sheung Lee Uk Gardens.

The swimming complex was already open to public use on October 1, last year. Since then, it has been serving the residents of the densely populated districts of Sham Shui Po, Cheung Sha Wan and Lai Chi Kok.

The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club has donated more than \$5.8 million towards the cost of the project.

The Li Cheng Uk Swimming Pool Complex consists of two large 50-metre pools, a 35-foot diving pool equipped with one three-metre and two one-metre springboards, three teaching pools each of 60 feet by 40 feet in size, a children's pool and a paddling pool.

The pool has room for 5,000 swimmers at any one time.

The main building consists of changing and toilet rooms, a refreshment cafe, and a spectator stand seating 800 people.

The Li Cheng Uk Swimming Pool Complex is the fifth built in Hong Kong.

The other four are the Victoria Park, Kowloon Tsai, Morse Park and Kwun Tong pools, which have been very popular since their opening.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to have the ceremony covered. It will begin at 3.30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3. Transport will be provided. Two 9-seater vans will await press representatives at 2.00 p.m. at the Government car sub-pool behind the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office. The vehicles will leave at 2.15 p.m. sharp. G.I.S. officers will be on hand to give assistance.

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TWO BOUNDARY ROADS TO BE BUILT
At Eastern Sides Of Un Long Town

Two boundary roads will be built shortly at the eastern side of Un Long Town in the New Territories to improve communications for further development of the township.

The two roads will run along the north-eastern and south-eastern boundary of Un Long, linking up various sites soon to be developed into residential and industrial areas.

The Northeast boundary road will start from the eastern end of the Un Long Main Road Roundabout, run along the open nullah and eventually link up with Tai Kiu Road.

The Southeast boundary road will start from Fung Cheung Road, link up with the roundabout and end at Tai Tong Road.

The new roads, when completed, will have a total length of 2,300 feet. Both will have a 34-foot wide carriageway with two 13-foot wide footpaths.

At the same time, about 4,000 feet of stormwater drains and sewers will be laid to improve the drainage system of the area.

Construction is expected to begin in June this year, and should take about 12 months to complete.

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LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE HELPS SETTLE

972 Disputes In First Quarter Of 1972

During the first quarter of 1972, the Labour Relations Service of the Labour Department helped settle 972 disputes out of a total of 1,365, a settlement rate of 71.2 per cent.

Mr. T.F. Tsui, Senior Labour Officer in charge of the Labour Relations Division, said: "This rate is high considering the fact that all cases brought to the Service were dealt with."

As a result of settlements reached a total of \$3,039,075 was paid to 5,253 workers as arrears of wages, payment in lieu of notice under the Employment Ordinance or as ex gratia severance pay.

Most labour problems arose out of disagreement over wage rates, changes in conditions of employment, dismissals, prolonged lay-off on redundancy and insolvency of the employer or simply mutual misunderstanding.

The 15 strikes which occurred during the quarter accounted for a total loss of 6,658 man-days compared with the quarterly average of 5,301 for 1971/72.

In settling practically all of the 40 big labour disputes which occurred during the quarter, Mr. Tsui said, "Officers of the Labour Relations Service conducted a total of 82 joint meetings of an average duration of 2¾ hours each and made 37 visits to the sites of these disputes."

"In addition, the Service responded to 5,230 consultations and enquiries initiated by workers and employers. Officers of the Service visited 29 industrial and commercial establishments to encourage managements to introduce joint consultations," he said.

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PRIZE MONEY OF GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES

Over \$1.2 Million Held In 1970 And 1971 Still Unclaimed

More than \$1.2 million of prize money of the Government lotteries held in 1970 and 1971 are still unclaimed.

Under the Government Lotteries (Amendment) Ordinance, 1967, any prize money, unclaimed two years after the publication of the winning numbers in the Government Gazette, will be credited to the Lotteries Fund for social welfare purposes.

The Chairman of the Government Lotteries Management Committee, Mr. Alex S.C. Wu, today drew the attention of the public to the provision of the law.

"In his own interests, anyone who has not yet checked their lottery tickets which fall within these two years should do so without any further delay," Mr. Wu said.

A full list of winning lottery numbers is available for inspection at the office of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club at the Star Ferry concourse on Hong Kong Island.

So far, a total of more than \$3.5 million of unclaimed prize money has been forfeited to the Lotteries Fund.

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