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MORE HOSTEL FOR BEDSPACE TENANTS

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A NEWLY FURNISHED SINGLETON HOSTEL IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, SHAM SHUI PO, IS NOW OPEN WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR 24 TENANTS OF BEDSPACE APARTMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT SO FAR SEVEN SINGLETON HOSTELS HAVE BEEN SET UP UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMME OF PROVISION OF SINGLETON HOSTELS FOR BEDSPACE APARTMENTS LODGERS.

APART FROM THE NEW SHAM SHUI PO HOSTEL, THREE OTHERS, INCLUDING ONE FOR WOMEN, ARE LOCATED AT KWUN TONG GARDEN ESTATE, NGAU TAU KOK. THE REMAINING THREE ARE SITUATED IN KWUN CHUNG STREET IN YAU MA TEI, IVY STREET IN TAI KOK TSUI AND LOCKHART ROAD IN WAN CHAI.

MANAGED BY THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE, THE HOSTELS CAN ACCOMMODATE A TOTAL OF 164 PEOPLE.

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING INVITED FOR TENANCY IN THESE SEVEN HOSTELS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THROUGH THE DONATION OF THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS AND THE HOUSING SOCIETY, THESE HOSTELS ARE EQUIPPED WITH BUNK-BEDS, WARDROBE AND DRAWERS, STORAGE CABINETS AND ELECTRIC FANS.

THERE ARE ALSO COMMUNAL LIVING AND DINING SPACE, KITCHENS, WASHROOMS, SHOWER CUBICLES WITH HOT AND COLD WATER SUPPLY.

THE MONTHLY RENTAL IS \$380, INCLUDING WATER, ELECTRICITY AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES.

APPLICANTS MUST BE SINGLE MEN OR WOMEN AGED UNDER 60 AND LODGERS OF EXISTING BEDSPACE APARTMENTS.

THEY ARE REQUESTED TO APPLY IN PERSON TO THE HOUSING SERVICE OFFICE OF THE AGENCY FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE, GROUND FLOOR, TAK NGA HOUSE, 197 LOCKHART ROAD, WAN CHAI. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT DISTRICT OFFICES.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL 598 4729.

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CREDIT UNIONS CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO COMMUNITY

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CREDIT UNIONS HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, BOTH SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, DR LAWRENCE LEE, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

DR LEE SAID THIS WHEN ADDRESSING THE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET OF THE INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY IN THE TERRITORY.

AS REGISTRAR OF HONG KONG'S CREDIT UNIONS, DR LEE SAID HE WAS VERY PROUD TO WITNESS THE CONTINUING STRENGTH OF THE MOVEMENT SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1964.

"THERE ARE NOW 67 CREDIT UNIONS SERVING NEARLY 40,000 MEMBERS REPRESENTING A WIDE CROSS SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY AND HAVING A TOTAL COMBINED SAVINGS OF SOME \$269 MILLION.

THE SAVINGS HAD BEEN PROFITABLY EMPLOYED BY CREDIT UNIONS TO GRANT LOANS AT LOW INTEREST RATES TO NEEDY MEMBERS, HE SAID.

EACH YEAR, DR LEE STRESSED, THE CELEBRATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CREDIT UNION DAY WAS A SPECIAL OCCASION TO CALL ATTENTION TO, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE CREDIT UNION MOVEMENT, THE IMPACT OF THESE FINANCIAL ORGANISATIONS ON THE LIFE OF THEIR MEMBERS NOT ONLY IN HONG KONG BUT ALSO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

"THIS ALSO ENABLES PEOPLE TO HONOUR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MANY PIONEERS WHO FOUNDED CREDIT UNIONS AND OF THEIR SERVICE GROUPS OVER THE PAST 150 YEARS.

"TODAY, IT IS A GOOD TIME TO PAY TRIBUTE TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED IN ONE WAY OR THE OTHER IN ORGANISING NEW CREDIT UNIONS OR IN SUSTAINING AND DEVELOPING EXISTING UNIONS."

DR LEE ALSO SAID CREDIT UNIONS IN HONG KONG COULD NOT HAVE GIVEN SUCH ECONOMIC HELP TO THEIR MEMBERS IF IT WERE NOT FOR THE SPECIAL DEDICATION OF SOME 1,000 VOLUNTEERS WHO HAD BEEN SERVING THE UNIONS' BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SUPERVISORY COMMITTEES, CREDIT COMMITTEES AND EDUCATION COMMITTEES.

HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED THE REAL STRENGTH AND LASTING SUCCESS MUST COME, NOT ONLY FROM THE VOLUNTEERS, BUT ALSO FROM THE MEMBERS OF CREDIT UNIONS.

A CREDIT UNION WAS A SELF HELP ORGANISATION, AND EACH OF ITS MEMBERS MUST BE PREPARED TO OFFER HIS OR HER SERVICES WHEN BEING ELECTED OR CALLED UPON TO DO SO, HE SAID.

"THIS MEANS THAT EACH MEMBER MUST LEARN TO ACQUIRE AN IN-DEPTH UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUES AND VIRTUES OF THE CREDIT UNION CONCEPT, THE REGISTERED BY-LAWS, THE CREDIT UNIONS ORDINANCE AND THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING TO A CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT ESTABLISHED AND PRACTISED WORLDWIDE," HE ADDED.

ROAD WORKS FOR WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION LINK

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THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NETWORK OF ROADS LINKING THE CHEUNG SHA WAN AREA WITH THE REPROVISIONED WATERFRONT FACILITIES ON THE NEW WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

THE PROPOSED WORKS INVOLVE THE EXTENSION OF TONKIN STREET (ROAD D5) AND HING WAH STREET (ROAD D4) TO CONNECT WITH FLYOVERS TRAVERSING THE FUTURE AIRPORT RAIL LINK AND THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY; CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD D16 TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE NEW CHEUNG SHA WAN SHIPYARDS VIA HING WAH STREET EXTENSION (ROAD D4); CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD CP3 WHICH PROVIDES A CONNECTION VIA CONTAINER TERMINAL 8 AREA TO THE WEST KOWLOON EXPRESSWAY AND THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION.

WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROADWORKS ALSO INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS AND PLANTING AREAS WITHIN THE ROADSIDE VERGES; SIGNALISED AT GRADE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KOWLOON WEST, 10TH FLOOR, YAU MA TEI CAR PARK BUILDING, 250 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON AND
- * THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT OFFICE, SIXTH FLOOR, WEST COAST INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 290 UN CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, KOWLOON.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING AS PART OF THE WEST KOWLOON RECLAMATION PROJECT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD (CP2) LINKING THE MEI FOO ROUNDABOUT ON ROUTE 3 WITH THE CONTAINER PORT ROAD.

WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ROADWORKS INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOTPATHS; ANCILLARY DRAINAGE WORKS; ROUNDABOUT MODIFICATION AT THE CONNECTION WITH CONTAINER PORT ROAD; AND THE INSTALLATION OF STREET FURNITURE, STREET LIGHTS AND SIGNS.

A PLAN SHOWING THE PROPOSED WORKS CAN BE SEEN AT:

- * THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG;
- * THE DISTRICT LANDS OFFICE, KWAI TSING, TSUEN WAN STATION MULTI-STOREY CARPARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 174-208 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES AND
- * THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICE, PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, KWAI HING GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, 166-174 HING FONG ROAD, KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD, APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESSES WILL BE MAINTAINED SO THAT ANY INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC WILL BE MINIMISED.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MOTT MACDONALD HONG KONG LIMITED, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, ON BEHALF OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

NOTICES CONCERNING THE PROPOSED WORKS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO EITHER PROPOSAL MUST SEND HIS OBJECTION IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 15.

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EMPLOYEES MUST BE INSURED
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED ALL EMPLOYERS TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

THE REMINDER FOLLOWED A RECENT CASE AT THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY IN WHICH THE PROSPEROUS KNITTING GARMENT FACTORY IN KWAI CHUNG WAS FINED \$5,000 FOR FAILING TO TAKE OUT A POLICY OF INSURANCE FOR 16 WORKERS.

"ALL EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE OUT INSURANCE POLICIES TO COVER THEIR FULL LIABILITIES UNDER THE EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION ORDINANCE AND UNDER COMMON LAW," SAID SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS) MR JOHN SUNG.

"AN EMPLOYER SHOULD ALSO DISPLAY PROMINENTLY IN THE WORKPLACE A NOTICE SHOWING THE NAME OF THE INSURER AND OTHER NECESSARY DETAILS OF THE INSURANCE POLICY," MR SUNG ADDED.

"FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS MAY RESULT ON SUMMARY CONVICTION TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$20,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR ONE YEAR," HE WARNED.

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SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME TO RECEIVE MORE FUNDS
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT, FOLLOWING A RECENT REVIEW, THE UK GOVERNMENT AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB (RHKJC) HAVE AGREED TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL FUNDING FOR THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME BY 200,000 POUNDS STERLING TO ENABLE NINE ADDITIONAL NEW AWARDS TO BE MADE EACH YEAR FROM 1993-94 TO 1995-96.

AT PRESENT, THE UK GOVERNMENT AND THE RHKJC EACH CONTRIBUTES 125,000 POUND STERLING ANNUALLY TO FUND THE SCHEME.

OF THE UK SIDE OF THE FUNDING, 40,000 POUNDS STERLING ARE CONTRIBUTED BY THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS SCHEME WHILE 85,000 POUNDS STERLING COME FROM THE INTEREST OF THE LATE SIR SHIU-KIN TANG'S BEQUEST OF 1 MILLION POUNDS STERLING DONATED TO THE UK GOVERNMENT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND MEDICAL RESEARCH.

THE HONG KONG SIDE OF THE FUNDING IS ENTIRELY DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT OF 250,000 POUNDS STERLING IS BECOMING INADEQUATE AS THE SCHEME HAS TO SUPPORT BOTH NEW AWARDEES AS WELL AS STUDENTS WHO HAVE RECEIVED AWARDS IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

"AS THE CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURE ON STUDENTS CURRENTLY STUDYING UNDER THE SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO EXHAUST THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT AFTER 1992-93, THE ANNUAL COMMITMENT OF 250,000 POUNDS STERLING WOULD ONLY BE SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT RENEWAL OF CURRENT SCHOLARSHIPS AND WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FINANCE A REASONABLE NUMBER OF NEW AWARDS IF THERE WERE NO FURTHER INJECTION OF FUNDS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"THE UK GOVERNMENT AND THE RHKJC HAVE THEREFORE AGREED TO INCREASE THE ANNUAL DONATION BY 200,000 POUNDS STERLING FOR THE 1993-94, 1994-95 AND 1995-96 ACADEMIC YEARS TO ENABLE NINE NEW SCHOLARSHIPS TO BE AWARDED EACH YEAR."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL FUNDS REPRESENTS THE CONTINUED COMMITMENT BY THE SPONSORS TO PROVIDE FIRST-RATE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE BEST STUDENTS OF HONG KONG.

THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME WAS ESTABLISHED JOINTLY BY THE UK AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENTS IN 1988.

IT SUPPORTS STUDENTS TO STUDY IN THE UK AT UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE LEVEL. AWARDS MADE UNDER THE SCHEME COVER TUITION FEES, LIVING EXPENSES AND RETURN PASSAGES INCURRED BY THE STUDENTS.

THE SCHEME AIMS AT PREPARING THE AWARDEES TO RENDER THEIR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE OF HONG KONG.

"EACH STUDENT RECEIVES ABOUT 12,800 POUNDS STERLING A YEAR (AT 1992 PRICES) AND IS REQUIRED TO RETURN TO WORK IN HONG KONG AFTER COMPLETION OF HIS STUDY," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

"THE ANNUAL SELECTION EXERCISE IS CONDUCTED BY THE UK/HK SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR PAUL CHENG MING-FUN.

"HE TOOK OVER IN APRIL THIS YEAR FROM MR HENRY LITTON WHO CHAIRED THE COMMITTEE SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1988," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS, A TOTAL OF 44 AWARDS HAVE BEEN MADE. SO FAR 10 STUDENTS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR SPONSORED STUDIES AND SEVEN HAVE RETURNED TO HONG KONG. THE REMAINING THREE ARE PURSUING FURTHER STUDIES.

40 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN AUGUST

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 40 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN AUGUST.

OF THESE, 21 WERE FOR HONG KONG, 10 FOR KOWLOON AND NINE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 19 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, 10 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND TWO FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 37 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 259,058 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 50,684 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,552 MILLION.

USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 123,494 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 87,180 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN AUGUST, THE OFFICE ISSUED 30 OCCUPATION PERMITS, 11 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE FOR KOWLOON, AND 14 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 31 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 64 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE OFFICE'S CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 552 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,606 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 1,449 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 690 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED ONE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER.

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SCHOOLS INVITED TO JOIN DANCE FESTIVAL

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ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS INCLUDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS ARE BEING INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 29TH SCHOOLS DANCE FESTIVAL.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS SPORTS COUNCIL, WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 6 TO 19 NEXT YEAR.

THE STUDENTS TAKING PART WILL BE DIVIDED INTO LOWER PRIMARY (P.1 TO P.3); UPPER PRIMARY (P.4 TO P.6); SECONDARY (SECONDARY 1 AND ABOVE); AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS.

DANCES COMPRISE WESTERN FOLK, NATIONAL, CHINESE, ORIENTAL AND MODERN.

TROPHIES AND CERTIFICATES WILL BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS.

IN ADDITION, AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO ONE PRIMARY AND ONE SECONDARY SCHOOL JUDGED TO HAVE MADE THE GREATEST PROGRESS IN THE PAST THREE CONSECUTIVE FESTIVALS (INCLUDING THIS YEAR'S).

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