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82 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN MAY

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A TOTAL OF 82 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED IN MAY BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT -- THE HIGHEST MONTHLY TOTAL SINCE AUGUST 1974.

THIS BRINGS TO 295 THE NUMBER OF BUILDING PLANS APPROVED DURING THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

OF THE 82 NEW PLANS APPROVED IN MAY, 33 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 18 FOR KOWLOON AND 31 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR TWO 33-STOREY BLOCKS AND ONE 36-STOREY BLOCK OF APARTMENT BUILDINGS AT FORTRESS HILL ROAD, THE 47-STOREY +NEW GLOUCESTER TOWER AND MARINA TOWER+ BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL, AND A 26-STOREY FACTORY BUILDING AT WING YIP STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

PLANS FOR A SCHOOL EXTENSION AT YUEN LONG, A MEMORIAL HALL AT TAI PO AND NURSES QUARTERS FOR HONG KONG SANATORIUM AND HOSPITAL, WERE ALSO APPROVED.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$123.3 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$69.9 MILLION FOR MAY LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING MAY THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO 130,468.5 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 101,179.2 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR-AREA AND 29,289.3 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

DURING MAY, THE B.O.O. GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 47 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SOCIAL CENTRE AT CLIFF ROAD, AND A SHOP/OFFICE BLOCK AT PARKES STREET.

THIRTY-SIX NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING A COLD STORAGE BUILDING AT ABERDEEN, A CHURCH BUILDING AT THE JUNCTION OF SHEK KU STREET AND SHEUNG SHING STREET, AN OIL STORAGE DEPOT AT SHA TIN AND A FUNERAL PARLOUR AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO CONSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 33 BUILDINGS.

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MORE GIRLS MAKE USE OF
TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES
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A YEAR FROM NOW, SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD CHAN YUK-HA WILL BECOME ONE OF THE FEW GIRLS TO BATTLE INTO THE FEW INDUSTRIES WHICH ARE STILL MONOPOLISED BY MEN.

ELECTRONICS DESIGN AND TELEVISION SERVICING ARE TRADITIONALLY MEN'S JOBS, BUT TO YUK-HA THESE ARE THE TYPES OF WORK FOR WHICH SHE IS NOW BEING TRAINED AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THOUGH BEING THE ONLY GIRL IN THE INSTITUTE'S RADIO MECHANICS CRAFT LEVEL CLASS, YUK-HA HAS HAD NO DIFFICULTIES IN CATCHING UP WITH HER OTHER CLASSMATES.

+I FIND WHAT I HAVE BEEN LEARNING VERY INTERESTING AND I PLAN TO TAKE UP ANOTHER YEAR OF ADVANCED TRAINING IN TELEVISION MECHANICS IN THE COMING ACADEMIC SESSION,+ SHE SAID.

WHEN ASKED WHY SHE CHOSE TO TAKE UP TECHNICAL EDUCATION, YUK-HA SAID: +I THINK IT IS GOOD TO LEARN A SKILL AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE AN ELECTRONICS DESIGN OR TELEVISION SERVICING TECHNICIAN.+

AND YUK-HA WAS ONE OF THOSE LUCKY ONES WHO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THEIR FAMILIES WHEN SHE DECIDED TO EMBARK UPON A TECHNICAL CAREER. +MY PARENTS ARE OPEN-MINDED PEOPLE AND THEY SIMPLY LET ME MAKE MY OWN DECISION,+ SHE SAID.

DUE TO CHANGING SOCIAL ATTITUDES TO BLUE-COLLAR JOBS AND THE EVER-INCREASING DEMAND FOR MANPOWER AND SKILLED LABOUR IN THE INDUSTRIES, GIRLS ARE NOW MORE WILLING TO MAKE USE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES, THE VICE PRINCIPAL OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, MR. ALICK FONG YAN SAID.

THE INSTITUTE, LIKE THE TWO OTHERS IN KWAI CHUNG AND KWUN TONG, OFFERS TECHNICIAN AND CRAFT LEVEL COURSES COVERING A WIDE RANGE OF TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS, ON A FULL-TIME, BLOCK-RELEASE, PART-TIME DAY, OR PART-TIME EVENING BASIS.

COURSES BEING OFFERED AT MORRISON HILL INCLUDE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION AND GENERAL STUDIES. THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE PROVIDES COURSES IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, AND CLOTHING AND TEXTILES= WHILE AT KWUN TONG, COURSES ARE AVAILABLE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, PRINTING, AND CLOTHING AND TEXTILES.

COMMENTING ON THE GIRL STUDENT ENROLMENT AT MORRISON HILL, MR. FONG YAN SAID: +APART FROM THE COMMERCIAL STUDIES AND GENERAL STUDIES DEPARTMENTS WHICH NORMALLY CLAIM A HIGH NUMBER OF FEMALE STUDENTS, COURSES IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION HAVE ALSO ATTRACTED FEMALE STUDENTS IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.+

/+THIS YEAR,

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+THIS YEAR, GIRLS FORM 14 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL STUDENT POPULATION,+ HE ADDED.

+IN THE ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, BESIDES CHAN YUK-HA IN THE CRAFT LEVEL RADIO MECHANICS CLASS, THREE OTHER GIRLS ARE STUDYING AT THE ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN LEVEL.

+ANOTHER NINE GIRLS HAVE ENROLLED IN THE CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT, OF WHOM FIVE ARE STUDYING AT TECHNICIAN YEAR-ONE LEVEL AND FOUR AT TECHNICIAN YEAR-TWO LEVEL,+ MR. FONG YAN SAID.

TWENTY-YEAR-OLD SO SHUK-CHING, ONE OF THE FOUR GIRLS IN THE TECHNICIAN YEAR-TWO CLASS, SAID SHE TOOK UP CONSTRUCTION STUDIES BECAUSE SHE HAS A KEEN INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT.

+WHEN ONE SEES A BUILDING, ONE USUALLY DOES NOT KNOW HOW IT IS BUILT, BUT IN THIS TWO-YEAR COURSE WE ARE TAUGHT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, VARYING FROM BRICK-LAYING, CARPENTRY, TO SURVEYING AND DRAFTSMANSHIP,+ SHE SAID.

WHEN SHE FINISHES HER STUDIES, SHUK-CHING HOPES TO WORK AS A QUANTITY SURVEYOR IN A CONSTRUCTION FIRM.

THE VICE PRINCIPAL POINTED OUT THAT GIRLS CAN DO AS WELL AS BOYS AND SOMETIMES EVEN BETTER IN TECHNICAL COURSES.

+ONE DOES NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO BE PHYSICALLY STRONG TO DO WELL IN A JOB IN ELECTRONICS, CLOTHING AND TEXTILES, OR EVEN PRINTING. GENUINE INTEREST IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE,+ MR. FONG YAN SAID.

+AS THERE IS A GREAT DEMAND FOR TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS, AMPLE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL EDUCATED AND WELL-TRAINED YOUNG MEN AS WELL AS WOMEN,+ THE VICE PRINCIPAL REMARKED.

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DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OPENS SCOUT REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID THE OPENING OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION'S EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS WOULD PROVIDE A SPACIOUS TRAINING GROUND WITH MODERN FACILITIES FOR ABOUT 5,000 MEMBERS OF THE REGION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS TODAY, MR. LEE THANKED THE DONORS, SCOUTS AND MEMBERS OF THE EAST KOWLOON REGION FOR CONTRIBUTING GREATLY TO THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG.

ESTABLISHED IN JULY LAST YEAR, THE EAST KOWLOON REGION GEOGRAPHICALLY EMBRACES THE CITY DISTRICTS OF KWUN TONG AND WONG TAI SIN. IT HAS SIX SCOUT DISTRICTS WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF SOME 5,000 SCOUTS.

THE REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND AND FIFTH FLOORS OF KUI ON HOUSE, WO LOK ESTATE IN KWUN TONG. IT HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 6,400 SQ. FT. MAINLY USED FOR OFFICES, UNITS FOR TRAINING SESSIONS AND ACTIVITIES, AND ROOMS FOR MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES.

FOLLOWING IS THE TRANSLATION OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. LEE'S SPEECH AT THE OPENING CEREMONY :-

+I AM GREATLY HONOURED TO BE INVITED TO OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS TODAY.

+THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG BECAME A FULL AND INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE WORLD SCOUT CONFERENCE IN APRIL THIS YEAR. TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE YEAR, IT HAS LAUNCHED A SILVER JUBILEE PROJECT WHICH AIMS TO ACQUIRE MORE AND BETTER ACCOMMODATION FOR TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCOUTS AS WELL AS FOR OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

+THE EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OPENED TODAY IS PART OF THIS PROJECT. NOT ONLY WILL THE PREMISES PROVIDE A SPACIOUS TRAINING GROUND FOR SOME 5,000 MEMBERS OF THE EAST KOWLOON REGION, BUT ALSO A LOT OF MODERN TRAINING FACILITIES FOR THESE YOUNGSTERS. I AM HAPPY TO LEARN THAT ALTHOUGH YOUR REGION WAS ESTABLISHED ONLY LAST YEAR, IT HAS BEEN MAKING STEADY PROGRESS THROUGH THE CAPABLE GUIDANCE OF PRESIDENT NG AND THE CONCERTED EFFORTS OF ITS STAFF. MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, IN SUPPORT OF THE WORK AND ACTIVITIES OF THE REGION, HAVE DONATED GENEROUSLY TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF TRAINING EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR THE HEADQUARTERS. I AM SURE WITH THE OPENING OF THIS HEADQUARTERS, YOUR REGION WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE GREATER CONTRIBUTION TO THE SCOUT MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG. I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT THANKS TO ALL THE DONORS, SCOUTS AND MEMBERS OF THE REGION.

+FINALLY, I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN DECLARING THE EAST KOWLOON REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS OPEN.+

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PARTIAL RESUMPTION OF AIRMAIL SERVICE TO LEBANON
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED THAT FROM MONDAY (JULY 4) RESTRICTIONS ON THE AIRMAIL LETTER SERVICE TO LEBANON WOULD BE FURTHER LIFTED.

+FROM JULY 4, LETTERS, POSTCARDS, PRINTED PAPERS, SMALL PACKETS AND LITERATURE FOR THE BLIND MAY BE POSTED BY AIR MAIL BUT FOR THE TIME BEING THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF A PACKAGE CONTAINING PRINTED PAPERS MUST NOT EXCEED FOUR POUNDS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE AIR PARCELS AND ALL SEA MAIL SERVICES TO LEBANON ARE STILL SUSPENDED, HE ADDED.

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