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FACTORIES REMINDED NOT TO ENGAGE WOMEN  
IN UNREPORTED OVERTIME WORK

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED FACTORY OWNERS NOT TO ENGAGE WOMEN IN WORK OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL PERMITTED PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT.

HEAVY FINES WERE RECENTLY IMPOSED ON THREE FACTORIES. OF THESE, A PLASTIC TOYS FACTORY WAS GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 TWICE BY KWUN TONG MAGISTRATES, FOR SUCH OFFENCE UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

THE COMPANY WAS ALSO FINED \$1,500 FOR EMPLOYING FIVE YOUNG PERSONS TO WORK OVERTIME.

DURING ROUTINE INSPECTIONS, LABOUR INSPECTORS FOUND THAT THE NEW BRIGHT INDUSTRIAL COMPANY LIMITED IN KOWLOON BAY HAD ENGAGED, ON TWO OCCASIONS, WORKERS IN UNREPORTED OVERTIME WORK. THE FIRST GROUP INCLUDED 140 WOMEN AND FIVE YOUNG PERSONS, AND THE SECOND 105 WOMEN.

IN THE OTHER CASE, A KWUN TONG MAGISTRATE IMPOSED A FINE OF \$8,000 ON THE OCEAN OFFICE AUTOMATION LIMITED IN KAI CHEUNG ROAD FOR ENGAGING 40 WOMEN IN OVERTIME WORK.

THE CIJ CREATION INDUSTRIES LIMITED IN SHAM SHUI PO, WHICH EMPLOYED 35 WOMEN IN UNREPORTED OVERTIME WORK, WAS FINED \$7,000 BY A NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRATE.

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (LABOUR INSPECTION), MR CHAN KWOK-KUEN, SAID: "IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE LAW FOR AN EMPLOYER TO CHANGE THE PRESCRIBED WORKING HOURS OF WOMEN IN INDUSTRY OR TO ENGAGE THEM IN OVERTIME WORK, WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BEFOREHAND."

THE LAW ALSO REQUIRES THE EMPLOYER TO DISPLAY IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE IN THE FACTORY A PRESCRIBED NOTICE SETTING OUT THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT, INTERVALS FOR MEALS OR REST, AND REST DAY FOR WOMEN WORKERS.

"EMPLOYERS SHOULD STRICTLY ADHERE TO THE PERMISSIBLE HOURS OF WORK SET OUT IN THE PRESCRIBED NOTICE," MR CHAN SAID.

ALSO, YOUNG PERSONS SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED TO WORK OVERTIME IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, HE ADDED.

ANY EMPLOYER WHO BREACHES THE REGULATIONS IS LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST MOSQUITO BREEDING

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WITH THE APPROACH OF THE SUMMER SEASON, THE HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WILL LAUNCH A MONTH-LONG CAMPAIGN AGAINST MOSQUITO BREEDING FROM APRIL 1 (THURSDAY).

DURING THE MONTH, THE UNIT'S 24-HOUR HOTLINE "723 0013" WILL CARRY A TWO-MINUTE MESSAGE IN CANTONESE ON MOSQUITO PREVENTION.

"AFTER LISTENING TO THE TAPED MESSAGE, CALLERS MAY ASK QUESTIONS. STAFF OF THE UNIT WILL CALL BACK," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

ENTITLED "REMOVE STAGNANT WATER TO PREVENT MOSQUITO BREEDING", THE CAMPAIGN IS ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE URBAN AND REGIONAL COUNCILS.

IT AIMS AT REMINDING BUILDING CONTRACTORS, HOUSEHOLDS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TAKE PREVENTIVE ACTION TO REDUCE MOSQUITO NUISANCE AND MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES SUCH AS MALARIA.

"TO PREVENT MOSQUITO INFESTATION, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ELIMINATE ALL STAGNANT WATER WHICH ARE THE POTENTIAL BREEDING GROUNDS FOR MOSQUITOES," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

"CONTRACTORS SHOULD INSPECT THEIR CONSTRUCTION SITES REGULARLY TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE NO ABANDONED CONTAINERS AND EMPTY TINS HOLDING WATER.

"THEY SHOULD PUMP AND DRAIN STAGNANT WATER IN HOLES, TRENCHES AND HOLLOW SPACES AND FILL THEM UP WITH SOIL.

"SPRAY A THIN LAYER OF DIESEL OIL ON THE WATER SURFACE IF DRAINING OF STAGNANT WATER IS IMPOSSIBLE," HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED HOUSEHOLDS TO COVER TIGHTLY ALL WATER CONTAINERS, STORAGE TANKS AND WELLS AND LEAVE NO WATER IN FLOWER POT TRAYS.

"KEEP ALL DRAINS FREE FROM CHOKING.

"IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE ACCUMULATION OF WATER LIABLE TO MOSQUITO BREEDING. THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR THE OFFENCE IS \$10,000," HE SAID.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD, EXHIBITION BOARDS WILL BE PUT ON PUBLIC DISPLAY AT THE UNIT'S RESOURCE CENTRE ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE URBAN COUNCIL FA YUEN STREET COMPLEX IN MONG KOK.

"THE CENTRE ALSO PROVIDES PREVIEW AND LOAN SERVICE OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS LIKE TAPES AND VIDEO TAPES.

"A VARIETY OF PRINTED MATERIAL SUCH AS POSTERS, LEAFLETS AND STICKERS MAY ALSO BE OBTAINED FREE FROM THE CENTRE," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE SENDING ADVISORY LETTERS AND EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS TO OWNERS INCORPORATIONS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, MANAGEMENT OFFICES OF LARGE PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATES AND BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO ENLIST SUPPORT.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEEKING HELP IN MOSQUITO PREVENTION MAY ALSO CONTACT THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE URBAN SERVICES OR REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS.

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HK WAY OF LIFE ESSENTIAL TO PROSPERITY

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THE BEST GUARANTEE OF HONG KONG'S CONTINUED PROSPERITY IS TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT WAY OF LIFE, THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM YAP, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT AN INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF AN ELDERLY ASSOCIATION, MR YAP SAID THE TERRITORY'S POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT WAS ENTERING A NEW ERA.

"IF THE PUBLIC CAN SPEAK UP ON THIS, THE GOVERNMENT CAN WORK OUT A PACKAGE THAT WOULD BE FAIR, OPEN AND ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG."

MR YAP SAID THEY COULD CHANNEL THEIR VIEWS THROUGH DIFFERENT MEANS.

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37 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JANUARY

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 37 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN JANUARY.

OF THESE, 21 WERE FOR HONG KONG, FIVE FOR KOWLOON AND 11 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 17 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, SEVEN FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND FIVE FOR FACTORY AND INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 37 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 43,435 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 79,140 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,567 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS OF THESE BUILDINGS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 167,749 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 70,060 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

IN THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 42 OCCUPATION PERMITS - 19 FOR THE HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE FOR KOWLOON, AND 14 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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IN ADDITION, 26 DEMOLITION CONSENTS INVOLVING 58 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE OFFICE'S CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 419 COMPLAINTS OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,104 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 210 REMOVAL ORDERS IN RESPECT OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION OF THE OFFICE INSPECTED 482 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED ONE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER.

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE INVITES  
APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS

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THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION AND THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT FOR PERMANENT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR YOUTH.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION IS USED FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL, SPORTING, CULTURAL, SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

IT IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE RECREATIONAL AND RELATED PROJECTS WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, PARTICULARLY OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT IS PRIMARILY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

A SINGLE APPLICATION FORM IS AVAILABLE FOR THE TWO FUNDS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND AT THE EDUCATION, SOCIAL WELFARE, HEALTH, URBAN SERVICES AND REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS AND THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

THEY CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SECTION OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE BRANCH, AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING BOTH THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION FOR CAPITAL AND NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS AND ADVISING ON THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE JOCKEY CLUB GRANT.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND COMMITTEE, 40TH FLOOR, REVENUE TOWER, 5 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG.

ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS WILL CLOSE ON MAY 20 WHILE THAT FOR NON-CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS IS OPEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

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FOUR LOTS FOR AUCTION  
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FOUR LOTS OF GOVERNMENT LAND WILL BE AUCTIONED ON TUESDAY (MARCH 30).

THE PUBLIC AUCTION WILL BE HELD IN THE CONCERT HALL OF THE HONG KONG CULTURAL CENTRE, TSIM SHA TSUI, KOWLOON, STARTING AT 2.30 PM.

THE FIRST LOT IS LOCATED AT TAT CHEE AVENUE, YAU YAT CHUEN, KOWLOON.

IT HAS AN AREA OF 20,660 SQUARE METRES AND IS INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN, HOTEL, SERVICE APARTMENT, RESIDENTIAL AND PETROL-FILLING STATION) PURPOSES, INCLUDING A PUBLIC TRANSPORT TERMINUS AND A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

THE SECOND LOT, IN AREA 30A, SHEUNG SHUI, NEW TERRITORIES, HAS AN AREA OF 2,631 SQUARE METRES. IT IS EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES (EXCLUDING ANY GODOWN FOR DANGEROUS GOODS).

THE THIRD LOT IS IN MA ON SHAN TOWN CENTRE, AREA 100, SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES. WITH AN AREA OF 6,450 SQUARE METRES, IT IS DESIGNATED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES.

THE REMAINING LOT IN HUNG SHUI KIU, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES, HAS AN AREA OF 1,844 SQUARE METRES. IT IS INTENDED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, WITH THE FIRST THREE FLOORS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL (EXCLUDING GODOWN) PURPOSES AND THE REMAINING FLOORS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE AUCTION.

A PRESS AREA WILL BE DESIGNATED. PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG TELEPHOTO LENSES.

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