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PRINCIPAL FOR SOCIAL WORK INSTITUTE

Further Step In Implementing White Paper Proposal

An advertisement in the major newspapers today invites applications for the post of Principal of the new Institute for Social Work Training, one of the major proposals in the draft white paper on social welfare.

Mr. T.S. Heppell, Assistant Director (General), Social Welfare Department, says the hope is that a number of suitable candidates in Hong Kong will come forward.

With the Institute expected to be functioning in the Lady Trench Training Centre, Wanchai, at the start of the new academic year this September, it will be necessary for the Principal to take up his appointment as soon as practicable.

The advertisement lists his qualifications as follows: he must be at least 35 years of age, have a degree in social sciences and be in possession of a master's degree, or an equivalent, or a higher qualification, in social work obtained at an approved university.

He should have wide experience in general social service administration at a senior level and some knowledge of teaching, or wide experience in teaching with some knowledge of general social services administration.

His salary will go from \$5,940 to \$6,490 a month, by two increments, and he will be appointed, if under 45, on probationary terms for two years, after which he, or she, will be eligible for consideration for confirmation to the permanent and pensionable establishment.

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An alternative is appointment on contract for two and a half years in the first instance, with a gratuity on satisfactory completion of the contract period amounting to 25 per cent of the gross salary earned. A local appointee over the age of 45, or any expatriate appointee, would be awarded contract terms.

The Principal will play a major role in bringing the Institute into being. He will be responsible for :-

- * Preparing and directing all the Institute's programmes, including training in field work practice.
- * General administration of the Institute.
- * Taking up the chairmanship of the Institute's Academic Board, and the direction of its policies.
- * Liaison with the universities, other educational institutions, government departments, and other organisations operating in the social services field.

The first meeting of the Academic Board was held in the Lady Trench Training Centre last week, with Mr. Thomas C.Y. Lee, Deputy Director of Social Welfare, as acting chairman in the absence of the Principal.

The Board discussed among other matters, its own terms of reference and composition, the timetable for establishing the Institute, and the appointment of the Principal.

Present members of the Board include representatives of the two universities, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, the Hong Kong Social Workers Association, the Advisory Committee on Social Work Training, and the Social Welfare Department.

The Board has responsibility for all educational matters at the Institute.

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MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR APPROACH ROADS FOR TSING YI ISLAND BRIDGE

Work is progressing smoothly on the 2½-mile long network of approach roads to the Tsing Yi Island Bridge which will link the island with Kowloon at Kwai Chung.

The project, costing about \$11 million, is being carried out in three stages, scheduled for completion early next year.

The first one involving the building of an embankment on Tsing Yi Island has already been completed.

Work is now progressing on the second stage which covers the formation of the approach roads and an overpass on the Kwai Chung side of the bridge.

This is expected to be completed in about July.

The last stage includes drainage, slope protection and road surfacing works.

It has been planned that the roadwork should be completed simultaneously with the Tsing Yi Island bridge which is being built by a private consortium under government licence.

The whole scheme will greatly help to accelerate industrialisation of Tsing Yi Island.

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PERSEVERANCE AND CO-OPERATION
In Extra-Curricular Activities

Gardening and vegetable planting by pupils are extra-curricular activities of very good educational value, the Deputy Director of Education (Administration), Mr. C.J.G. Lowe, said this afternoon at the Ling Ying Public School.

Such activities, he said, were truly educative in the wider sense of the word as well as creative.

Mr. Lowe, who presented prizes to some of the winners of the schools' gardens, children's art and vegetable planting competitions, said that pupils' participation in these competitions gave them an opportunity to carry out practical work and experience in nature study.

The Deputy Director told pupils that the preservation of their environment through gardening and looking after the countryside were positive methods of ensuring that Hong Kong was kept tidy and as attractive as possible.

Mr. Lowe reminded the audience that each and everyone of them had a responsibility in the continuous campaign to "Keep Hong Kong Clean".

The Education Department was very anxious to ensure that the Keep H.K. Clean Campaign was a success and had worked hard to encourage schools and pupils to play a full part.

The response from schools and pupils had been good and he was most grateful for it.

He thanked all those concerned in taking part in the campaign and hoped pupils would work hard to maintain the high standards achieved.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HOUSING AUTHORITY APPLICATIONS OFFICE

The Hong Kong Housing Authority announced today that its Applications Office will be closed for two weeks beginning on Thursday, February 15.

The temporary closure is to facilitate the removal to a new office at No. 10, Middle Road, ground floor, which will be in operation on March 1.

During this period, no new applications can be registered and no correspondence concerning existing applications can be dealt with.

Meanwhile applicants and the public are requested to co-operate by refraining from writing to P.O. Box 9192 Kowloon, and from calling at the Applications section in person, or by telephone, during the period of removal.

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POSTMAN RETIRES AFTER 34 YEARS OF SERVICE

A postman, Mr. Luk Hong-kin, will be retiring on Monday (February 12) after more than 34 years of service with the post office.

To mark his retirement, his colleagues had contributed towards a memento which will be presented to him in a ceremony at the Kowloon Central Post Office.

Mr. Li Yun-gun, Senior Controller of Post (Traffic), will be presenting the gift to Mr. Luk.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to have the presentation ceremony covered. It will be held on February 12 at 1.55 p.m.

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PLANTATION ROAD TO BE ONE-WAY

A section of Plantation Road will be made one-way from west to east next week.

This will be effective from 10 a.m. on Monday (February 12).

This section of Plantation Road is between Barker Road (near the Barker Road Peak Tram Station) and Findlay Road.

Appropriate traffic signs will be placed to guide motorists.

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