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SYMPOSIUM ON ROLES IN WORK SAFETY

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL ORGANISE A SYMPOSIUM ON JANUARY 10 ON EMPLOYERS' AND EMPLOYEES' RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT IN INDUSTRIAL WORKPLACES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

"THE SYMPOSIUM AIMS TO ENHANCE PARTICIPANTS' UNDERSTANDING OF THE RECENTLY ENACTED FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1989 WHICH PRESCRIBES THE GENERAL DUTIES OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES IN WORK SAFETY," THE CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"ACCORDING TO THE LAW, EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE REASONABLE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, WORK SYSTEMS AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT ARE SAFE AND WITHOUT RISKS TO HEALTH, AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE THEIR EMPLOYEES WITH TRAINING, INSTRUCTION, SUPERVISION AND INFORMATION ON SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK," MR YIP SAID.

"ON THE OTHER HAND, EMPLOYEES ARE REQUIRED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS IN IMPLEMENTING SAFETY MEASURES AND TO TAKE REASONABLE CARE OF THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF THEMSELVES AND OTHER PERSONS," HE SAID.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL HAVE 330 PLACES FOR SUPERVISORS AS WELL AS SAFETY AND HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, WITH SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION IN ENGLISH AND CANTONESE PROVIDED.

ONE OF THE SPEAKERS IS MR J.D.G. HAMMER, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LABOUR INSPECTION AND RETIRED DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED KINGDOM HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE.

WITH MORE THAN 35 YEARS' SERVICE IN BRITAIN'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE, MR HAMMER WILL TALK ON "THE GENERAL DUTIES OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ON SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK."

ANOTHER SPEAKER, MR SUNG WING-KWONG, A SOLICITOR, WILL DISCUSS "CIVIL LIABILITIES OF EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ON SAFETY AND HEALTH."

ENROLMENT FORMS FOR THE SYMPOSIUM ARE NOW OBTAINABLE FROM THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT 13TH FLOOR, HARBOUR BUILDING, 38 PIER ROAD, CENTRAL.

ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ON TEL. 5-8523562 AND 5-8523565.

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62 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN OCTOBER
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED A TOTAL OF 62 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN OCTOBER.

OF THE PLANS, 37 WERE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE WERE FOR KOWLOON AND 16 WERE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 28 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS; 11 FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SEVEN FOR FACTORY, INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 44 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 136,355.7 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 98,381.83 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$1,615 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 217,657.42 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 114,233.10 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 42 OCCUPATION PERMITS, 11 FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, EIGHT FOR KOWLOON AND 23 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 24 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 72 BUILDINGS.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 670 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 822 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 212 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 269 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED THREE EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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PUBLIC FORUM ON VBP REPATRIATION
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CENTRAL AND WESTERN RESIDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE MANDATORY REPATRIATION OF VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AT A PUBLIC FORUM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 28) EVENING.

THE FORUM WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 36A WESTERN STREET.

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BOARD'S CONCERN GROUP ON VBP, MR YUEN BUN-KEUNG, AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR STEPHEN FISHER, WILL GIVE BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTORY TALKS ON THE SUBJECT, TO BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN DISCUSSION AND EXPRESSION OF OPINIONS FROM THE FLOOR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 8 PM. THE DISTRICT INFORMATION OFFICER WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST.

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FLAG DAY ORGANISERS URGED TO GUARD AGAINST FRAUD

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FLAG DAY ORGANISERS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY STEPS AGAINST POSSIBLE FRAUD.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY) THAT COPIES OF A LETTER HAD BEEN SENT TO ORGANISATIONS WHICH WERE ALLOCATED A FLAG DAY, URGING THEM TO TAKE EVERY STEP TO GUARD AGAINST ANY IMPROPRIETY.

THERE HAVE BEEN INCIDENTS OF FLAG DAY SELLING BY PERSONS SUSPECTED TO BE IMPOSTORS. BOTH CASES WERE DISCOVERED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BECAUSE TWO DIFFERENT ORGANISATIONS WERE FOUND SELLING FLAGS ON THE SAME DAY.

"WHILE POLICE HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THESE INCIDENTS, ORGANISERS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GUARD AGAINST IMPROPRIETY AND FRAUD.

"THEY SHOULD PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR SELLERS, SETTING OUT THE PLACES WHERE THEY ARE EXPECTED TO SELL THE FLAGS, THE TIME FOR THEIR SELLING AND THE COLLECTION POINTS WHERE THEY SHOULD RETURN THE BAGS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT A CENTRAL CONTROL UNIT SHOULD BE SET UP ON FLAG DAY AND, TO FACILITATE CROSS-CHECKING, ALL COLLECTION BAGS SHOULD BE INDIVIDUALLY NUMBERED.

"FLAG DAY ORGANISERS SHOULD INFORM THE POLICE IN CASE OF LOSS OF FLAGS OR COLLECTION BAGS, AND SEEK POLICE ASSISTANCE WHEN FRAUDULENT ACTS, SUCH AS TAMPERING OF COLLECTION BAGS OR UNAUTHORISED SELLING, ARE FOUND," HE ADDED.

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DFCC TO CONDUCT YOUTH CRIME SURVEY

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A WORKING GROUP OF THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IS CONDUCTING A SURVEY ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SURVEY WILL LOOK INTO THE PERCEPTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE TOWARDS TRIAD SOCIETIES AND THE EXTENT OF TRIAD INFLUENCE ON THEM.

SOME OF THE 1,500 COPIES OF QUESTIONNAIRES FOR THE SURVEY WERE DISTRIBUTED AT THE SHAM SHUI PO FIGHT CRIME CARNIVAL HELD ON DECEMBER 23 AND THE REMAINDER WILL BE SENT TO 38 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE WORKING GROUP WILL STUDY THE RETURNED QUESTIONNAIRES NEXT MONTH AND WILL REPORT THE FINDINGS TO THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY.

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DECEMBER SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES, PAYROLL STARTED

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED TO CONDUCT THE DECEMBER 1989 ROUND OF THE SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN MAJOR SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON EMPLOYMENT, VACANCIES AND PAYROLL IN RESPECT OF THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1989.

THIS SURVEY IS CONDUCTED QUARTERLY AND THE SURVEY RESULTS ARE USEFUL IN PROVIDING SHORT-TERM ECONOMIC INDICATORS AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES IN THE LABOUR MARKET IN HONG KONG.

THIS ROUND OF THE SURVEY COVERS ABOUT 40,000 ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE DRAWN FROM VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR (MINING AND QUARRYING; MANUFACTURING; ELECTRICITY AND GAS), THE DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES SECTOR (WHOLESALE, RETAIL, IMPORT AND EXPORT TRADES, RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS), THE SERVICES SECTOR (TRANSPORT, STORAGE AND COMMUNICATION; FINANCING, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE AND BUSINESS SERVICES; COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND PERSONAL SERVICES).

INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND EXISTING VACANCIES ON DECEMBER 29, 1989 WILL BE SOUGHT FROM EACH SELECTED ESTABLISHMENT.

SOME 10,000 ESTABLISHMENTS ARE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM THIS SAMPLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PAYROLL IN EACH OF THE THREE MONTHS DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD OF OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1989.

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QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING MAILED TO INDIVIDUAL SAMPLE ESTABLISHMENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS ORDER 1982 (LEGAL NOTICE NO. 69 OF 1982, GAZETTED ON MARCH 5, 1982), ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING QUESTIONNAIRES ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THEM TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE SPECIFIED PERIOD.

SHOULD RESPONDENTS FIND DIFFICULTIES IN COMPLETING THE FORMS, THEY ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 5-8235076.

AS FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1989, THEY WILL ALSO BE ENUMERATED IN ORDER TO MAKE THE SURVEY RESULTS COMPLETE.

FIELD OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL CALL ON THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO SOLICIT INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED, EXISTING VACANCIES, TYPE OF OWNERSHIP, NATURE OF BUSINESS AND DATE ON WHICH BUSINESS COMMENCED.

IN CASE OF ANY ENQUIRIES REGARDING THESE FIELD VISITS, PLEASE CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEL. 5-8234770.

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MINI SOCCER PITCH FOR AP LEI CHAU
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A MINI-SOCCER PITCH IS TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE DECK OF A RESERVOIR SOUTH OF LEI TUNG ESTATE IN AP LEI CHAU.

THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT.

WORKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START IN MARCH NEXT YEAR AND BE COMPLETED IN SEVEN MONTHS.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON JANUARY 19.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 28), THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL:

- * RUMSEY STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND WING LOK STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND;
- * WING WO STREET BETWEEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND; AND
- * THE EXISTING SOUTHBOUND MOVEMENT FROM THE NORTHERN SECTION OF GILMAN STREET ACROSS CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF THE STREET WILL BE BANNED.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF GILMAN STREET WILL BE DIVERTED VIA EASTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, THE U-TURN LOOP ROAD NEAR PEDDER STREET AND WESTBOUND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

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URBAN CLEARWAYS IN SHAM SHUI PO

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 28), THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF NAM CHEONG STREET BETWEEN FUK WING STREET AND TAI PO ROAD IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

ALSO, THE WESTERN KERBSIDE LANE OF SHEK KIP MEI STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH WOH CHAI STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 100 METRES SOUTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN YUEN LONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 28), THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE SECTION OF PING HA ROAD IN YUEN LONG FROM A POINT APPROXIMATELY 50 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 95 METRES NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION WILL BE DESIGNATED A 24-HOUR URBAN CLEARWAY.

NO VEHICLES EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS THERE.

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