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LUNCH BOX MANUFACTURERS STEPPING UP SALES

Urban Council Canteen Under Study

Lunch box manufacturers are stepping up greatly their output of the quick and inexpensive meals.

More packaged-meal factories are also opening, and at least one is looking for space in Central District to operate 13 sales counters, doubling the number already in business there.

These moves follow a recent Urban Council decision to phase out illegal food catering on the grounds that the illegal kitchens are unhygienic and that they cause grave nuisances and dangers to people living in domestic buildings.

The phase-out takes place in three stages over a period of one year.

The first phase starts immediately and affects unlicensed food caterers operating on rooftops, scavenging lanes, yards and common parts of buildings and open spaces.

Letters have already been sent to these operators.

Phase two affects those unlicensed food caterers operating in domestic premises with co-tenants or sub-tenants or where other kinds of businesses are run in the same flat.

These people have been told to wind up their businesses on or before September this year.

Phase three concerns those unlicensed caterers in domestic buildings who do not share their flats with anyone or with any other businesses.

They will be told to wind up before March 1974.

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Meanwhile, a special committee has been formed to study the feasibility of setting up Urban Council canteens to help fill the void which will be left by the departing food caterers.

An Urban Services Department survey also reveals that there are enough vacancies in the restaurants and other food catering establishments to absorb all of the workers affected by the phase-out.

A U.S.D. spokesman urged these workers to make enquiries about jobs in these places.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN NEW TERRITORIES

A team from the Registration of Persons Department will carry out registrations at the San Tin Rural Committee Office from Wednesday to Thursday (March 28 to 29) and at the Pat Heung Ku Miu on Friday (March 30).

Business hours at both locations will be from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Residents in the areas are urged to make use of the team's visits to register themselves and their children for identity cards.

They should also report to the team any changes in address and other particulars.

Young people 17 years of age and over and holding juvenile identity cards should register for adult identity cards.

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TRAINING CENTRE FOR SPASTIC CHILDREN

To Be Opened By Lady MacLehose

Lady MacLehose will officially open a new training centre established by the Spastics Association of Hong Kong at Sau Mau Ping Resettlement Estate on Monday (March 26) at 3.15 p.m.

The centre, which provides training for spastic children in the Kwun Tong area, came into operation at Block 25 in January this year.

It caters for mentally handicapped children from four to 12 years of age. They receive training in self care, social behaviour, informal educational activities and recreation.

The main aim is to prepare the children for further training, either in a special school or a vocational training centre.

It is expected that the present enrolment of 20 will increase in the near future. If more than 40 are enrolled the centre will operate two sessions per day.

Grants to establish the centre were received from the Wah Kiu Yat Po (\$30,000), Round Table No. 6 (\$14,000) and the Lotteries Fund (\$6,000). The Kwun Tong Lions Club provided a van, and a number of private donations were received.

Recurrent expenses for the first two years of operation are being met by a grant of \$163,700 from the Lotteries Fund.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and
photographer to cover the opening ceremony.
Mr. Chong Pui-choi, from the Social Welfare
Department, will be present to assist the Press.

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LOCAL OFFICER TO STUDY NEW POSTAL TECHNIQUES IN BRITAIN

An officer of the Post Office is to be sent to London to study the latest postal techniques.

Mr. Tam Shu-kee, Controller of Posts for Kowloon and the New Territories, will leave on Monday (March 26) on a three-month course with the British Post Office.

The course has been specially designed to allow Mr. Tam to obtain the most up-to-date knowledge of mail-handling, post office organisation and management, and mechanisation of postal processes.

Commenting on Mr. Tam's visit, a spokesman for the Post Office said: "This is part of a comprehensive training programme launched by the Postmaster General to equip our staff at all levels for the rapid growth of Hong Kong's postal service."

The Post Office now handles almost one million letters and parcels every day.

In addition, it exchanges mail with more than 130 countries, and receives and despatches about 30 tons of air mail a week.

"The efficient handling of such large quantities of mail requires a high level of professional expertise," the spokesman said.

"This can only be achieved by intensive staff training and continuously updating our postal methods and procedures."

The spokesman believed that Hong Kong's postal service was among the best in the world.

"But we are determined to further improve it and make it worthier of our community," he added.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

New traffic arrangements will be introduced in Central from 10 a.m. on Monday (March 26).

This follows the completion of road work and the installation of traffic signals at the junction of the Gilman Street extension and Connaught Road Central.

Under the new arrangements, the exit for southbound traffic from Rumsey Street extension to Connaught Road Central will be closed.

The section of the un-named road along the waterfront between Rumsey Street and Gilman Street will be made two-way for access to the premises only.

Traffic from the vehicular ferry concourse heading west will join Connaught Road Central via the Gilman Street extension.

To improve the flow of traffic in San Po Kong, the loop road off Hong Keung Street will be made one-way westbound, beginning from 10 a.m. on Monday.

Appropriate traffic signs will be put up to guide motorists.

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTIONS IN WONG TAI SIN

The Transport Department announced today that, with effect from 10.00 a.m. on Monday (March 26), Public Light Buses will not be allowed in the unnamed road leading from Chuk Yuen Road to Wong Tai Sin Temple, beyond the entrance to the parking area adjacent to the north wing of the estate.

Extra Public Light Bus stands will be provided adjacent to the north wing of the estate.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to indicate the prohibited area.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR POK FU LAM

A large plot of open space in Pok Fu Lam is to be developed into a playground to provide additional recreational facilities for residents in the area.

The 161,000-square-foot playground will be built at the junction of Pok Fu Lam Road and Mount Davis Road at a cost of more than \$800,000.

It will consist of a mini-soccer pitch, two basketball courts, a rest garden, a pavilion and public latrines.

Park lights and floodlights will also be installed to enable full use of the facilities in the evening.

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Release time: 2.30 p.m.