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MR. CATER APPOINTED INFORMATION SECRETARY

Mr. Jack Cater, the present Director of Commerce and Industry Department, has been appointed to a newly created post of Information Secretary in which he will be responsible for the Government's total information and public relations effort.

As Information Secretary Mr. Cater will co-ordinate the information and public relations work of all Government departments and will have a particular responsibility for Government Information Services and Radio Hong Kong.

Commenting on the announcement, a Government spokesman said today: "The creation of this new post underlines the Government's determination to ensure that all aspects of its public relations are carefully considered in every sphere of Government activity".

Mr. Cater will be taking up his new appointment shortly.

The Television Authority and the Film Censors will in future be a part of the Secretariat for Home Affairs.

Commenting on this move, a Government spokesman said: "The Television Authority and the Panel of Film Censors reflect public attitudes in much of their work. It is appropriate, therefore, that both these organisations should be based in a Department which has a large number of contacts with a wide cross section of the community."

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Mr. Nigel Watt, the present Director of Information Services, has been appointed to a new post as Commissioner for Television and Films which has been established.

In this capacity Mr. Watt will retain his current responsibilities as Television Authority and as Secretary of the Panel of Film Censors.

Commenting on Mr. Watt's appointment, a Government spokesman said: "At this vital stage in the development of Television, when arrangements to set up two new television stations in Hong Kong are being urgently considered, it is essential that a senior officer, experienced in these matters, should be able to devote his full-time attention to this work."

Mr. D.H. Jordan, the Deputy Financial Secretary, will succeed Mr. Cater as Director of Commerce and Industry.

Note to Editors: Biographies and photographs of the above officers are distributed separately in the G.I.S. Press Boxes this evening.

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HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR CONTRACT AWARDED

The Government announced today the award of a contract for the construction of the High Island Reservoir to an Italian civil engineering construction company, Vianini - Societa per Azioni of Rome.

The contract is worth approximately \$460 million.

Works in the High Island Reservoir contract include the construction of two rockfill dams rising 210 feet above sea level and 340 feet above the foundation level.

One dam will be 2,500 feet long and the other 1,500 feet.

At top water level the reservoir formed will be 3½ miles long and 2 miles wide and will impound 60,000 million gallons of water.

The contract will also include the construction of two smaller rockfill dams to seal neighbouring valleys against overflow and the formation of roads, cofferdams and other ancillary works.

Work is expected to start in October. Impounding within the formed reservoir will commence in 1976, but the reservoir construction will not be completed until early 1979.

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U.K. APPOINTMENT FOR FORMER GOVERNOR OF H.K.

The former Governor of Hong Kong, Sir David Trench has been appointed Lay Member and Vice-chairman of the Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards in Britain.

The appointment, made by the Secretaries of State for Social Services, Scotland and Wales, was announced on Wednesday by the Department of Health and Social Security.

Sir David now fills the vacancy created by the death of Sir John MacPherson.

Distinction awards, payable to consultants in national health service, are an annual addition to salary for those who receive them.

They are paid in recognition of social contributions to medicine in the field of research, exceptional ability or outstanding professional work.

Secretaries of State for Scotland, Wales and Social Services are advised by the Advisory Committee, which is a largely professional committee, as to which consultants should receive awards.

Chairman of the Advisory Committee is Sir Hector MacLennan. It has been the practice since the distinction award system was instituted in 1948 to have a distinguished layman as the Vice-chairman.

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CAMPAIGN TO RECRUIT MORE LABOURERS FOR STREET CLEANING

The Urban Services Department is conducting an intensive campaign to recruit enough labourers to ensure that Hong Kong and its streets are kept clean and to be ready for the "Clean Hong Kong" campaign now underway.

With the 10 per cent pay increase announced this week, the job now pays a basic monthly wage of \$510, plus cost of living allowances. Fringe benefits include free medical services, free uniforms, and for single workers free hostel accommodation.

The Cleansing Division of the department alone employs over 4,800 labourers doing various cleaning jobs throughout the city.

The target of the current campaign is to recruit about 300 labourers for the Cleansing Division and many hundreds more for other divisions of the Urban Services.

"Rapid development of the urban areas in recent years has increased the work-load to such an extent that it has left the department's labour force short," an Urban Services spokesman said today.

"This is most evident in the Cleansing Division which copes with the enormous amount of refuse and litter that increasingly affluent Hong Kong society leaves behind each day."

A temporary recruiting office will be set up in Kowloon Park, on September 5 to handle applications for the post of labourer from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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NEW INDUSTRIAL REGULATIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

The Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Paul Tsui, announced today that the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Electrolytic Chromium Process) Regulations 1972, which were approved by the Legislative Council in February, will come into force on September 1.

The regulations require proprietors of industrial undertakings using electrolytic chromium processes to make provisions for the safety of employees who are in turn required to comply with certain safety requirements.

A proprietor, if he fails to comply with any of the requirements, is liable on conviction, to a fine of \$5,000 and an employee, \$2,000.

A warning notice concerning the effects of chrome on the skin has been prepared by the Labour Department and is being sent to proprietors who are required under these regulations to prominently display the warning notice adjacent to every chromium bath.

The department has also completed an explanatory booklet on the electrolytic chromium process. The object of this booklet is to draw to the attention of employers and workers the potential hazards associated with this process and what measures can be adopted to minimise or eliminate these hazards.

The booklet will soon be available for distribution to proprietors free of charge.

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PROPER LANDING FACILITIES FOR SAI KUNG

The Government plans to build a pier at Pak Sha Wan, Sai Kung, to provide proper landing facilities for all types of craft.

The pier is designed to cope with the number of people expected to use it on holidays and at weekends, particularly in the summer months.

With the introduction of legislation requiring employers to give their staff four days off a month, the number of people visiting the countryside has increased and the need for proper landing facilities has become more acute.

The estimated cost of the pier is \$1 million. Work is expected to start at the end of this year and will take about 12 months to complete.

The pier head will be sited in deep water to allow the berthing of large launches, including police boats. The width of the approach catwalk will be 20 feet.

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SEVEN LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR AUCTION NEXT MONTH

Seven lots of Crown land, with a total area of over 141,000 sq. ft., will be offered for sale by auction at the City Hall next month.

Two lots are at the developing area of Black's Link on Hong Kong Island. Both are for private residential purposes.

One is Rural Building Lot No. 822, with an area of 46,830 sq. ft. The upset price is \$1.1 million. The other is Rural Building Lot No. 823, with an area of 35,000 sq. ft. and an upset price of \$800,000.

Two other lots, also on Hong Kong Island, are for supermarket and non-industrial purposes.

Rural Building Lot No. 943 at Beach Road, Repulse Bay, has an area of 15,000 sq. ft. with an upset price of \$3 million, while Inland Lot No. 8303 at Cloud View Road, North Point, has an area of 10,690 sq. ft. The upset price is \$2 million.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5462 at King Lam Street, Kowloon, is for industrial and/or godown purposes. Its area is 30,750 sq. ft. and the upset price is \$2 million.

The last two lots, both in Kowloon, are for non-industrial purposes. Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10157 (with existing buildings) at 26 and 28, Parkes Street, has an area of 1,785 sq. ft. Its upset price is \$600,000.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 10158 (with existing building) at 38, Haiphong Road, has an area of 1,015 sq. ft. with an upset price of \$450,000.

The public auction will take place at 2.30 p.m. on September 15, at the Lecture Room, eighth floor, City Hall.

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Full particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from, and Sale Plans inspected at, the Public Enquiry Sub-office, Central Government Offices (West Wing), ground floor, Hong Kong, and at the Crown Lands & Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, 405, Nathan Road, 10th floor, Kowloon.

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WALKATHON FOR 200 YOUTHS

About 200 young people will take part in a Cross Country Walkathon on Sunday (August 27) as part of the Summer Youth Programme.

They will walk from Shatin Pass Road via Fei Ngor Shan to the finishing point at Good Hope School in Clearwater Bay Road.

Mr. Wilson Wang, a Legislative Councillor, has been invited to watch the Walkathon, and to present the prizes to the winners at Good Hope School.

The Walkathon has been organised by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups.

Note to Editors: You are invited to have the presentation ceremony covered. Transportation will be provided for the Press at the car park behind the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office at 9 a.m. on Sunday (August 27). Mr. Henry Au, a Principal Social Welfare Officer, will be on hand to assist the Press. The walk itself begins at 8.30 a.m.

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WEATHER FOR JULY

Although six tropical cyclones formed over the western part of the North Pacific or the South China Sea during July, only one, Typhoon Susan, affected Hong Kong.

Susan remained within 200 miles of Hong Kong for an exceptionally long period of over five days. As a result, the mean sea-level pressure of 1000.3 mb was the lowest on record for July.

The rainfall for the month was 180.7 mm below average, but the accumulated total since the beginning of the year amounted to 1850.4 mm, which was 37 per cent above normal.

During the first week of the month, a ridge of high pressure covered south China and the weather in Hong Kong was fine apart from a few isolated showers.

On July 7, a tropical depression formed over the South China Sea off Luzon. It intensified into a tropical storm named Susan early on July 8 and meandered northwards.

The Stand By Signal, No. 1, was hoisted at 11.15 a.m. that day when Susan was about 310 miles southeast of Hong Kong. It intensified further to a severe tropical storm during that evening.

At 10.15 p.m. on July 9, the storm was centred about 160 miles southeast of the Colony and the Strong Wind Signal, No. 3, was hoisted. On July 10, Susan began to move in a series of loops and gradually intensified to a typhoon.

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However, it weakened to a severe tropical storm early on July 11 and began to drift slowly away to the east. The No. 3 signal was replaced by the No. 1 at 10.30 a.m. During the evening, Susan moved northwestwards towards the Colony and brought thunderstorms and squally showers.

The No. 3 signal was again hoisted at 9.35 p.m. On July 12, Susan weakened further to a tropical storm and remained almost stationary. At 6.40 a.m., the No. 3 signal was lowered so that normal activities could be resumed.

Early on July 13, Susan once again started to move in the general direction towards Hong Kong and the No. 1 signal was raised at 5.20 a.m., followed by the No. 3 at 7.10 a.m. It came to about 90 miles east of Hong Kong and caused strong winds on July 13 and early July 14.

The No. 3 signal was replaced by the No. 1 at 10.10 a.m. on July 14 when the storm began to move steadily northeastwards away from Hong Kong. All signals were lowered at 6.20 a.m. on July 15. Susan crossed the east coast of China near Foochow that afternoon and degenerated into an area of low pressure during the evening.

Conditions in Hong Kong rapidly improved and became fine apart from a few isolated showers from July 16 to 23. On July 23, a warm air-stream reached the Colony from the west and temperatures rose to a maximum of 34.7°C at the Royal Observatory. This was the third highest on record for July.

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During July 21-25, Typhoon Rita was moving in a loop over the East China Sea to the west of the Ryukyu Islands with an associated trough extending to south China. The trough passed through Hong Kong on July 24-25, causing heavy showers and thunderstorms and altogether five thunderstorm warnings were issued by the Royal Observatory on these two days.

For the remainder of the month, the weather was mainly cloudy with some showers. There were also periods of rain on July 31.

No aircraft were diverted due to adverse weather conditions during the month.

The month's figures and departures from normal were:

Sunshine	206.0 hours ; 7.7 hours below normal
Rainfall	191.0 mm ; 180.7 mm below normal
Cloudiness	64 per cent; 5 per cent below normal
Relative Humidity	81 per cent; 2 per cent below normal
Mean Maximum Temperature	32.1°C ; 1.4°C above normal
Mean Temperature	28.8°C ; 0.9°C above normal
Mean Minimum Temperature	26.6°C ; 0.8°C above normal
Mean Dew Point	25.1°C ; 0.4°C above normal
Total Evaporation	167.5 mm ; 14.7 mm below normal

Maximum Temperature of 34.7°C was recorded on July 23.

Minimum Temperature of 23.2°C was recorded on July 28.

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PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES FOR BUILDING MANAGEMENT COURSE

Twenty-nine members from various Multi-storey Building Owner Corporations, who have completed a special management training course, will be presented with Honour certificates by Mr. F.K. Li, the Acting Secretary for Home Affairs, tomorrow (Friday).

The five-week course, organised by the Secretariat for Home Affairs, is intended to raise the standard of management in multi-storey buildings.

During the training course which began on August 17, participants were given talks on various subjects concerning multi-storey building management and arrangements were also made for them to visit various government departments.

Note to Editors: The presentation of honour certificates by Mr. F.K. Li, the Acting Secretary for Home Affairs, will take place in the reception hall on the first floor of the Colonial Secretariat, Central Government Offices, East Wing, at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow (Friday). You are invited to send a reporter and/or a photographer to attend.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN NORTH POINT

Water supply to a part of North Point on Hong Kong Island will be turned off for five hours on Saturday (August 26) starting from one a.m.

The temporary stoppage will enable the Waterworks Office to carry out night leakage tests.

The area affected is bounded by the south side of King's Road from Shu Kuk Street to North View Street, including houses No. 243-277 King's Road; Kin Wah Street; Fort Street; Ming Yuen Western Street and Peacock Road.

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LABOUR DEPARTMENT DESTROYS EMPLOYMENT SURVEY RETURNS

All cards returned by employers in response to surveys of employment and vacancies carried out in November and December last year and March this year were burnt under supervision today (Thursday).

The Commission of Labour said the destruction ensured that the information supplied could no longer be identified with individual places of employment.

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Release Time: 7.30 p.m.