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45 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JULY

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDINGS AND LANDS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 45 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN JULY.

OF THESE, NINE WERE FOR KOWLOON AND 18 EACH FOR HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE APPROVED PLANS INCLUDED 22 FOR APARTMENT, APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, FOUR FOR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SEVEN FOR FACTORY, INDUSTRIAL AND WORKSHOP/ GODOWN PURPOSES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 64 PROJECTS, INVOLVING 239,642.7 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 96,301.5 SQUARE METRES OF USABLE NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS ABOUT \$2,971 MILLION. USABLE FLOOR AREAS FOR DOMESTIC AND NON-DOMESTIC USES WERE ABOUT 87,897.7 SQUARE METRES AND ABOUT 363,447.2 SQUARE METRES RESPECTIVELY.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 33 OCCUPATION PERMITS: FIVE FOR HONG KONG ISLAND, 11 FOR KOWLOON AND 17 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, 32 DEMOLITION CONSENTS AFFECTING 71 BUILDINGS WERE ISSUED.

THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 700 COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,222 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 972 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 602 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED FOUR EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDERS.

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BOOK ON TREE PLANTING AVAILABLE FOR SALE

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HORTICULTURISTS, LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS, ARCHITECTS AND DEVELOPERS WHO WISH TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TREE PLANTING IN GENERAL OR ACQUIRE MORE TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT CAN FIND THEM IN A NEW BOOK PUBLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

ENTITLED "TREE PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE IN HONG KONG", THE BOOK PROVIDES UP-TO-DATE ADVICE ON THE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE TO BE ADOPTED FOR THE SELECTION, PLANTING AND CARE OF TREES IN HONG KONG.

IN EIGHT CHAPTERS, THE BOOK COVERS COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON SELECTING THE RIGHT TREE FOR THE SITE, PLANTING TECHNIQUES AND AFTERCARE, TREE SURGERY METHODS BASED ON THE LATEST RESEARCH, DEALING WITH TYPHOON-DAMAGED TREES AND SPECIFIC TREE PROBLEMS IN HONG KONG SUCH AS PLANTING IN STREETS.

ALSO COVERED IN DETAIL ARE THE CARE OF TREES ON DEVELOPMENT SITES AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED WHEN TREES HAVE TO BE FELLED.

THE EDITOR OF THE BOOK, MR RICHARD WEBB, IS A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT. HE SAID: "THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK IS VERY TIMELY, GIVEN THE GREAT INTEREST IN TREE PLANTING IN HONG KONG.

"THE BOOK UNDERLINES THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING STANDARDS OF TREE CARE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT."

HE BELIEVES THE BOOK WOULD BE OF GREAT VALUE TO TREE LOVERS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, PLANNERS, DEVELOPERS, HORTICULTURISTS, LANDSCAPE DESIGNERS, STUDENTS AND ALL THOSE WHO MAY BE CONCERNED WITH TREES.

PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH, THE 53-PAGE BOOK CONTAINS NUMEROUS SKETCHES AND PHOTOGRAPHS, AS WELL AS REFERENCES FOR THOSE SEEKING FURTHER INFORMATION, AND ADDRESSES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHICH MAY PROVIDE EXPERT ADVICE IN SPECIFIC SITUATIONS.

THE BOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE AT \$46 PER COPY FROM THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GPO BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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APPLICATIONS FOR TEACHERS' CERTIFICATE COURSE INVITED

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A CERTIFICATE COURSE FOR TEACHERS OR INSTRUCTORS OF ADULT LEARNERS IN FURTHER OR ADULT EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS WILL BE OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE FROM NOVEMBER 15.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO HELP TEACHERS UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES AND METHODS OF LEARNING AND TEACHING, AND IMPROVE AND DEVELOP THEMSELVES AS EFFECTIVE PRACTITIONERS.

THE 22-WEEK COURSE IS HELD EVERY FRIDAY ON A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE MODE. IT FOLLOWS THE SCHEME OF STUDY DESIGNED BY THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE IN BRITAIN.

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ON COMPLETION OF THE COURSE, PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED THE FURTHER AND ADULT EDUCATION TEACHER'S CERTIFICATE (STAGE II), AND ON PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEE, THEY WILL ALSO BE ISSUED THE CERTIFICATE BY THE CITY AND GUILDS OF LONDON INSTITUTE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE IN PERSON OR BY REGISTERED POST BY OCTOBER 4.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TEL. 574 5311.

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15 COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS IN AUGUST

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH CONDUCTED 15 COURSES, SEMINARS, TALKS BY SPECIALISTS AND WORKSHOPS FOR KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT THE SEMINARS INCLUDED TEACHING CHINESE-MEDIUM ADVANCED-LEVEL APPLIED MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER AWARENESS, PRE-SERVICE INDUCTION FOR NEW GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TEACHERS AND THE SCHOOL-BASED CURRICULUM PROJECT.

COURSES INCLUDED CLASS LIBRARIES FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS, ADULT FIRST AID COURSES FOR KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS, PROGRAMMING COURSES FOR COMPUTER STUDIES TEACHERS, REMEDIAL TEACHING IN MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER LITERACY, SUMMER COURSES FOR PRIMARY SCIENCE TEACHERS AND GENERAL COURSES ON COMPUTER AWARENESS FOR STUDENT GUIDANCE OFFICERS.

WORKSHOPS ON CHINESE RECIPES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR HOME ECONOMICS TEACHERS AND AN EXHIBITION OF PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS' CREATIVE WORK WERE ALSO ORGANISED.

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SEMINAR ON WORKBASED CHILD CARE CENTRE

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EMPLOYERS IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR ON THE CONCEPT AND SERVICES OF SETTING UP EMPLOYER-SPONSORED CHILD CARE CENTRE.

ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE TALKS BY RELEVANT EXPERTS AND OPEN FORUM.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) SAID WORKBASED CHILD CARE CENTRE PROVIDED A NEW DIRECTION TO HELP TACKLE STAFF RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION PROBLEM.

"OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE FOUND THAT EMPLOYER-SPONSORED CHILD CARE CENTRE HAS MADE VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS IN IMPROVING STAFF MORALE AND BOOSTING THE IMAGE OF THE COMPANY. IT ALSO HELPS IN REDUCING STAFF TURNOVER AND ATTRACTING MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE ORGANISATIONS," HE ADDED.

SPEAKERS OF THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHILD RESOURCE INSTITUTE IN BERKELEY, USA, MR KENNETH J. JAFFE, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION AND THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE WHICH SPONSORED AND OPERATED THE FIRST WORKBASED CHILD CARE CENTRE IN HONG KONG.

THE SEMINAR, WHICH IS FREE-OF-CHARGE, WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 3 IN MARINA ROOM OF THE EXCELSIOR HOTEL.

FOR RESERVATION AND ENQUIRY, PLEASE CONTACT MISS LAU ON TEL. 895 6084 OR MR NG ON 890 2127.

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#### SWIMMING GALA FOR ISLANDERS

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ABOUT 250 ISLANDS DISTRICT RESIDENTS TOOK PART IN THE DISTRICT'S 16TH SWIMMING GALA AT THE SHA TIN JOCKEY CLUB PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THERE WAS KEEN COMPETITION IN THE 58 EVENTS, WHICH ALSO ATTRACTED HUNDREDS OF SPECTATORS.

AFTER OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR KIM SALKELD, SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE RESIDENTS FROM DIFFERENT ISLANDS TAKING PART IN THE GALA.

HE STRESSED THAT THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITIES WOULD STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION AMONG THE ISLANDERS.

"THE GALA SHOULD ALSO HELP ENHANCE THE ISLANDERS' SENSE OF BELONGING AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL IN SPORTS," HE SAID.

THE SWIMMING GALA IS AN ANNUAL EVENT JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, DISTRICT BOARD, THE DISTRICT'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION, THE REGIONAL COUNCIL AND THE DISTRICT'S EIGHT RURAL COMMITTEES.

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