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ANTI-POLLUTION STANDARDS FOR NEW DIESEL VEHICLES

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STRICT NEW ANTI-POLLUTION STANDARDS FOR NEW DIESEL-ENGINED VEHICLES WILL BE INTRODUCED IN FOUR MONTHS' TIME.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVED THE NEW REGULATIONS ON TUESDAY (APRIL 27).

+UNDER THE NEW REGULATIONS, DIESEL-ENGINED VEHICLES MANUFACTURED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1, 1976, WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH STRICT NEW EUROPEAN STANDARDS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE STANDARDS ARE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC) DIRECTIVE NO. 72/306/EEC= EEC REGULATION NO. 24 FOR EUROPE= AND BRITISH STANDARD BS AU 141A.

DIESEL-ENGINED VEHICLES WILL HAVE TO COMPLY WITH ANY OF THESE EUROPEAN REGULATIONS OR ALTERNATIVELY WITH AUSTRALIAN DESIGN RULE NO. 30 — ALL OF WHICH SET MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE SMOKE LEVELS.

THE FIRST COUNTRY TO COMPLY WITH THE EEC DIRECTIVE WAS HOLLAND IN OCTOBER LAST, FOLLOWED BY FRANCE FOUR MONTHS AGO. AUSTRALIA WILL INTRODUCE ITS STANDARD IN JULY THIS YEAR.

EXPLAINING THE ABOVE STANDARDS THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE BRITISH STANDARD CONTROLS BOTH THE MEASUREMENT OF SMOKE EMISSION AND ENGINE POWER AND WILL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE MAJORITY OF EUROPEAN VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS ADOPT THE EEC DIRECTIVE 72 ON DIESEL SMOKE, WHEN THE BRITISH STANDARD WILL CEASE TO APPLY.+

IN HONG KONG, THESE NEW MEASURES WILL GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS REDUCING SMOKE POLLUTION WHICH IS CAUSED MAINLY BY DIESEL VEHICLES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HOWEVER, AS THE NEW REGULATIONS COVER NEW VEHICLES ONLY, THE FULL EFFECT WILL NOT BE SEEN IMMEDIATELY. +BUT LATER THIS YEAR FURTHER ANTI-POLLUTION MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED COVERING ALL VEHICLES WHATEVER THEIR AGE,+ HE ADDED.

THE NEW REGULATIONS WERE ARRIVED AT AFTER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MOTOR TRADERS ASSOCIATION. THEY FOLLOW LESS THAN TWO YEARS AFTER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1974 WERE INTRODUCED TO CONTROL EXHAUST SMOKE FROM PETROL-ENGINED VEHICLES MANUFACTURED AFTER NOVEMBER 1, 1974.

THE NEW STANDARDS FOR DIESEL-ENGINED VEHICLES ARE INCLUDED IN THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND USE)(AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) REGULATIONS 1976, WHICH WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

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SIGNBOARDS TO BE REMOVED FOR MTR CONSTRUCTION  
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A NUMBER OF LARGE SIGNBOARDS WHICH PROJECT OVER THE STREET FROM BUILDINGS ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN DOWN TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE SIGNBOARDS REQUIRED TO BE REMOVED ARE MAINLY LOCATED NEAR THE STATION SITES FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN NATHAN ROAD.

HE EXPLAINED THAT LARGE MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING TALL CRANES AND RIGS MUST BE USED AT THE STATION SITES WHERE THE +CUT AND COVER+ METHOD OF CONSTRUCTION HAS TO BE CARRIED OUT. THE SIGNBOARDS, SOME OF THEM EXTENDING AS MUCH AS HALF WAY ACROSS THE STREET, WOULD NOT ONLY PREVENT THE EQUIPMENT FROM MOVING ABOUT THE SITES BUT WOULD ALSO MAKE IT UNSAFE AND DANGEROUS FOR THE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDERNEATH, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

REMOVAL NOTICES HAVE BEEN AND WILL BE SERVED ON THE OWNERS OF THE BUILDINGS UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE BY POSTING THE NOTICES IN PROMINENT PLACES ON THE BUILDINGS WHERE SIGNBOARDS HAVE TO BE MOVED.

BEFORE THE EXPIRY OF THE NOTICES, THE OWNERS WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF REMOVING THE SIGNBOARDS THEMSELVES. OTHERWISE THE WORK WILL BE DONE BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WHO WILL ARRANGE FOR THE SIGNBOARDS TO BE TAKEN DOWN AND DISPOSED OF WITHOUT CHARGE TO THE OWNERS.

ON THE QUESTION OF COMPENSATION, THE GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BUILDING OWNERS AFFECTED BY THE NOTICES MAY SERVE A WRITTEN CLAIM ON THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER ANY ONE OF THE FOUR CATEGORIES IN PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE.

HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT COMPENSATION WOULD ONLY BE CONSIDERED WHERE SIGNBOARDS HAD BEEN ERECTED AND MAINTAINED WITHOUT THE CONTRAVENTION OF ANY ORDINANCE.

THE CLAIM CAN BE MADE WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE DATE OF REMOVAL.

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### ROLE OF TRAMS UNDER REVIEW

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THE GOVERNMENT AND HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED ARE JOINTLY REVIEWING THE ROLE OF TRAMS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE IMMEDIATE AND LONG-TERM FUTURE OF THE COMPANY.

SUBJECTS PRESENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION ARE FOCUSED ON THE FEASIBILITY AND COSTS INVOLVED IN UPGRADING THE SERVICE INCLUDING THE MODERNISATION OF ROLLING STOCK= THE IMMEDIATE AND PROGRESSIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEGREGATED TRACK= THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF THE SERVICE INTO THE ALDRICH BAY AREA, WITH AN EXTENSION INTO CHAI WAN.

DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE IN PARALLEL WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS, AND WILL COVER FUTURE INVESTMENT BY THE COMPANY TO COPE WITH EXPECTED DEMAND.

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### CHILD LABOUR SITUATION IMPROVES

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ALTHOUGH SOME EMPLOYERS ARE STILL VIOLATING THE LAW WHICH PROHIBITS THE EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14 IN INDUSTRY, THE OVERALL SITUATION HAS IMPROVED.

THIS WAS REVEALED BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT WHEN HE GAVE THE RESULTS OF A RECENT ANTI-CHILD LABOUR CAMPAIGN CARRIED OUT BETWEEN FEBRUARY 24 AND 26 THIS YEAR.

HE SAID DURING THE CAMPAIGN - THE 19TH IN THE SERIES - SURPRISE VISITS WERE MADE BY LABOUR INSPECTORS TO OVER 5,450 INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS SELECTED AT RANDOM FROM MORE THAN 33,500 ESTABLISHMENTS. ONLY 27 WERE FOUND TO BE ILLEGALLY EMPLOYING 28 CHILDREN UNDER 14 YEARS.

THE 5,450 UNDERTAKINGS INCLUDED 16 WHICH WERE FOUND EMPLOYING CHILDREN DURING ROUTINE VISITS BETWEEN OCTOBER LAST YEAR AND THIS FEBRUARY, AND 40 WHICH WERE CAUGHT DURING A SPECIAL CAMPAIGN LAST SEPTEMBER. IN ACCORDANCE WITH LABOUR DEPARTMENT POLICY ALL WERE PROSECUTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT OF THESE 56 FORMERLY FAULTED EMPLOYERS ONLY ONE WAS AGAIN CAUGHT. THIS INDICATED THAT THE CAMPAIGNS HAD DISCOURAGED INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS FROM EMPLOYING CHILD LABOUR.

SINCE JULY 1973 THERE HAD BEEN A MARKED DECREASE IN THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN EMPLOYED PER 100 INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS DURING SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY PERIODS WHEN THERE WAS IN THE PAST HIGHER INCIDENCE OF CHILD LABOUR.

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FIRST CONTRACT SIGNED FOR SECOND MENTAL HOSPITAL  
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HONG KONG'S SECOND MENTAL HOSPITAL AT LAI CHI KOK IS ABOUT TO GET OFF THE GROUND WITH CONSTRUCTION ON THE \$64 MILLION PROJECT TO BEGIN IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

THE FIRST CONTRACT, WORTH \$14 MILLION, HAS BEEN AWARDED TO ON LEE AND COMPANY AND WAS OFFICIALLY SIGNED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING.

MR. EDWIN WONG, CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND MR. SIU HON-SUM, PROPRIETOR OF ON LEE AND CO., SIGNED FOR THE COMPANY.

THE FIRST CONTRACT COVERS CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS AND SUPERSTRUCTURE OF TWO MULTI-STOREY WARD BLOCKS — ONE FOR MALE AND THE OTHER FOR FEMALE PATIENTS. THESE STRUCTURES SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER NEXT YEAR.

TENDERS FOR THE REMAINING WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BE INVITED NEXT YEAR AND THE WHOLE PROJECT SHOULD BE COMPLETED LATE 1979.

DESIGNED BY THE P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, THE NEW MENTAL HOSPITAL WILL PROVIDE AN EXTRA 1,304 HOSPITAL BEDS AND SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS EASING THE PRESSURE ON EXISTING FACILITIES AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

IT WILL BE BUILT ON PART OF A 27-ACRE SITE ON WHICH THE PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL OPPOSITE MEI FU SUN CHUEN HAS ALREADY BEEN BUILT. THE NEW MENTAL HOSPITAL WILL CATER MAINLY FOR PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS WHOSE CONDITION IS AMENABLE TO TREATMENT, AND FOR VOLUNTARY AND INFIRMARY PATIENTS.

IN PLANNING THE NEW HOSPITAL, MR. WONG SAID, THE P.W.D. ARCHITECTS HAD OPTED FOR A 'MULTI-LEVEL' DESIGN SO AS TO LEAVE AS MUCH OPEN SPACE AS POSSIBLE FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

+IN A MENTAL HOSPITAL,+ HE SAID, +GREATER PROVISION HAS TO BE MADE FOR RECREATIONAL, OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSIOTHERAPEUTIC ACTIVITIES THAN IN A GENERAL HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF MENTAL PATIENTS.

+THE HOSPITAL PROPER HAS THEREFORE BEEN DESIGNED AS A HIGH RISE DEVELOPMENT THAT WILL OCCUPY ONLY ABOUT ONE-QUARTER OF THE 27-ACRE SITE LEAVING THE REST TO BE LANDSCAPED.+

TO REDUCE THE INSTITUTIONAL CHARACTER OF THE BUILDING COMPLEX, HE ADDED, A LARGE GARDEN AS WELL AS A ROOF GARDEN WOULD BE PROVIDED TO ENHANCE THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT.

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OTHER RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WOULD INCLUDE A THEATRE FOR FILM SHOWS, CONCERTS OR INDOOR SPORTS, SHOP AND SOFT DRINK BAR, HAIRDRESSING SALON, A LIBRARY AND READING ROOM AS AIDS TO REHABILITATION.

A FOOTBALL PITCH AND A BASKETBALL COURT ARE ALREADY IN EXISTENCE TO SERVE BOTH THE NEARBY LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL AND THE SECOND MENTAL HOSPITAL.

MR. WONG SAID THE MALE AND FEMALE WARD BLOCKS WOULD BOTH BE LINKED TO A FOUR-STOREY CLINICAL AND SERVICE BLOCK BY A SYSTEM OF SUBWAYS. +THIS AGAIN ENABLES US TO SAVE MORE SPACE AS THE UPPER GROUND AREAS CAN BE LANDSCAPED AS RECREATIONAL GARDENS,+ HE ADDED.

THE DESIGN ALSO INCLUDES A COVERED LINK WITH AN ADJACENT NURSES' AND TRAINING SCHOOL AND STAFF QUARTERS TO FACILITATE STAFF CIRCULATION DURING BAD WEATHER.

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BAN ON GOODS VEHICLES  
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TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION THIS SUMMER, GOODS VEHICLES WILL BE BANNED FROM SECTIONS OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AND CASTLE PEAK ROAD ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE BAN WILL BE FROM 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M. ON CLEARWATER BAY ROAD EASTBOUND FROM KWUN TONG ROAD TO FEI NGO SHAN ROAD, AND WESTBOUND FROM HIRAM'S HIGHWAY TO ANDERSON ROAD BETWEEN 2 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD, GOODS VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TRAVEL IN BOTH DIRECTIONS BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD TO PUI TO ROAD FROM 11 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

THE BAN ON GOODS VEHICLES, OTHER THAN THOSE WITH PERMITS, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON SUNDAY (MAY 2) AND LAST UNTIL NOVEMBER 1, 1976. TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED INDICATING THE RESTRICTIONS.

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NEW FUNERAL DEPOT AT HUNG HOM

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FUNERAL DEPOT AT HUNG HOM TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE AT ON FAT STREET WHICH HAS TO MAKE WAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLYTECHNIC.

THE NEW FUNERAL DEPOT IS TO BE LOCATED AT WINSLOW STREET AND WILL BE A SIX-STORY BUILDING PROVIDING ESSENTIAL FACILITIES FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF LAST RITES.

MR. F. HO-ASJOE, P.W.D. CHIEF ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY PILING WORK FOR THE DEPOT WAS ALREADY IN PROGRESS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUPERSTRUCTURE WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY FOR COMPLETION TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

THE BUILDING, HE SAID, WOULD CONSIST OF TWO BLOCKS — A SERVICE BLOCK AND ONE HOUSING ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AND STAFF QUARTERS.

BOTH WOULD BE LINKED BY A PODIUM AT THE BASEMENT, LOWER GROUND AND UPPER GROUND LEVELS SO AS TO PROVIDE EASY AND QUICK ACCESS BETWEEN THE TWO BLOCKS.

MR. HO-ASJOE SAID THE SERVICE BLOCK WOULD PROVIDE SIX HALLS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES, A MUSIC GALLERY AND 18 REPOSING ROOMS. ALL SERVICE HALLS AND REPOSING ROOMS WOULD BE AIR-CONDITIONED.

PARKING SPACES WOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE BASEMENT AND LOWER GROUND FLOOR OF THE ADMINISTRATION BLOCK, WITH OFFICES AND STAFF QUARTERS ON THE UPPER FLOORS.

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MP'S WIFE TO VISIT BOYS' HOME

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MRS. RICHARD MITCHELL, WIFE OF THE VISITING MP, WILL TOUR THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON AT 2.30 P.M. TO SEE SOME OF THE PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

MRS. MITCHELL WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MISS ANNIE CHAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (SOCIAL WORK) AND MR. MAK WING-HONG, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER.

THE HOME IS AT 62 BEGONIA ROAD, YAU YAT CHUEN, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISIT.

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FISHERMEN URGED TO ADAPT TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES  
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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. EDWARD NICHOLS, TODAY URGED FISHERMEN IN HONG KONG TO BE PREPARED TO ADAPT TO CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES AND NEEDS WHILE EXPLOITING NEW FISHING GROUNDS AND RESOURCES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A NEW EXTENSION TO THE ABERDEEN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET, HE POINTED OUT THAT OVER 90 PER CENT OF THE CAPTURE FISHERIES AROSE FROM THE UTILISATION OF CERTAIN TRADITIONAL DEMERSAL RESOURCES.

THERE WERE CLEAR SIGNS THAT HONG KONG HAD REACHED THE LIMIT OF THE SUSTAINABLE YIELD FROM THESE RESOURCES AND +WE CANNOT AFFORD TO OVER-FISH THESE STOCKS.+

HE SAID THE FISHERIES RESEARCH DIVISION OF HIS DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN DOING MOST EFFECTIVELY IN LOOKING FOR NEW GROUNDS AND RESOURCES. +BUT ONCE THESE NEW RESOURCES ARE DISCOVERED IT IS UP TO YOU IN THE FLEET TO EXPLOIT THEM.+

HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE RECORD OF THE FISHERMEN'S PAST ACHIEVEMENTS, MR. NICHOLS SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE FISHING FLEET WOULD RESPOND HANDSOMELY TO THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE.

+ON THE MARKETING SIDE,+ HE CONTINUED, +WE MUST BE EQUALLY PREPARED TO ADAPT TO FUTURE NEEDS- AND IT WAS WITH THIS IN VIEW THAT THIS PRESENT EXTENSION WAS CONSTRUCTED.+

THE BUILDING WAS DESIGNED NOT ONLY FOR FISH MARKETING BUT ALSO TO ACCOMMODATE THE PROCESSING OF FISHERY PRODUCTS. +THE LATTER, IT IS CONSIDERED, WILL BECOME AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF MARKETING IN THE FUTURE, ESPECIALLY AS AND WHEN WE START EXPLOITING THE PELAGIC RESOURCES OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.+

THE DIRECTOR TOLD THE GATHERING THAT THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION HAD BEEN PLANNING FOR SOME TIME TO SET UP NEW MARKETING FACILITIES AT TAI PO, CASTLE PEAK, SHAU KEI WAN AND EVEN ULTIMATELY AT CHEUNG SHA WAN.

IN THIS EXPANSION PROGRAMME, HOWEVER, HE SAID MUCH WOULD DEPEND ON THE RATE OF PROGRESS IN GOVERNMENT RECLAMATION WORKS WHICH, MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, DICTATED THE SPEED OF IMPLEMENTATION.

TOUCHING ON THE FISHING INDUSTRY, MR. NICHOLS SAID PROGRESS IN DEVELOPMENT WAS NOT ALWAYS EASY AND THE LAST TWO YEARS IN PARTICULAR HAD PRESENTED MANY PROBLEMS.

+DESPITE THIS SITUATION, HOWEVER, IT IS PLEASING TO NOTE THAT LAST YEAR THE VOLUME OF FISH LANDINGS THROUGH THE F.M.O. INCREASED BY SOME EIGHT PER CENT. SUCH A GROWTH RATE IS IMPRESSIVE BY ANY STANDARDS AND ALL CONCERNED WITH OUR FISHING INDUSTRY CAN BE PROUD OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT,+ HE SAID.

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PROMOTION OF MODERN APPRENTICE TRAINING SUCCESSFUL  
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THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN PROMOTING MODERN APPRENTICE TRAINING LAST YEAR, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING), MR. H.R. KNIGHT SAID TODAY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT 445 OR NEARLY 65 PER CENT OF THE 691 SCHOOL-LEAVERS TAKING UP APPRENTICE TRAINING DURING THE YEAR WERE PLACED WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS BY THE DIVISION.

+CONSIDERING THE GENERAL EFFECT OF ECONOMIC RECESSION ON INDUSTRY FOR MUCH OF 1975, THE PLACEMENT OF SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN EMPLOYMENT AS APPRENTICES IS ENCOURAGING AND IT INDICATES THAT MORE MAJOR INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATIONS AND EMPLOYERS ARE REALISING THE VALUE OF MODERN APPRENTICE TRAINING,+ MR. KNIGHT REMARKED.

OF THE 691 SCHOOL-LEAVERS WHO BECAME APPRENTICES, 229 TOOK UP TECHNICIAN TRAINING AND 462 CRAFT TRAINING.

DURING THE YEAR, THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION HAD ALSO HELPED 22 FIRMS EITHER TO START APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES OR TO IMPROVE THEIR EXISTING TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

THERE ARE NOW MORE THAN 200 EMPLOYERS IN ALL THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES RUNNING APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEMES FOR SOME 3,200 YOUNG PEOPLE.

SAID MR. KNIGHT, +WE ARE STILL SOME WAY OFF FROM ACHIEVING OUR OBJECTIVES OF ASSISTING INDUSTRY IN TRAINING ALL THE SKILLED MANPOWER NEEDED TO SUSTAIN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND IN CREATING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT TO EMBARK ON A CAREER IN INDUSTRY THROUGH APPRENTICESHIP.

+BUT WITH BETTER CO-OPERATION FROM EMPLOYERS AND A GREATER WILLINGNESS ON THEIR PART TO SHARE THE BURDEN OF SKILLED MANPOWER TRAINING, I AM SURE WE WILL ACHIEVE THESE OBJECTIVES.+

MR. KNIGHT SAID EMPLOYERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE INTERESTED IN APPRENTICE TRAINING CAN CALL AT THE DIVISION AT ASIAN HOUSE, 1, HENNESSY ROAD, 12TH FLOOR OR TELEPHONE 5-278760 FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

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SEVENTY-SEVEN DEMARCATORS' SALARIES REDUCED  
FOR NOT PERFORMING FULL NORMAL DUTIES

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. ALAN SCOTT, REPLIED TODAY TO QUESTIONS ABOUT SOME DEMARCATORS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PERFORMING THEIR FULL NORMAL DUTIES SINCE JANUARY.

LAST MONTH THEY WERE WARNED THAT THOSE WHO DID NOT RETURN TO NORMAL WORKING WOULD HAVE THEIR SALARIES REDUCED.

IT WAS NOT REASONABLE TO CONTINUE TO PAY STAFF WHO ARE FAILING TO DO A FULL DAY'S WORK, HE SAID, EITHER FROM THE TAXPAYERS' VIEWPOINT OR FROM THE STANDPOINT OF GOOD MANAGEMENT.

EMPLOYEES WHO CURTAIL THEIR NORMAL DUTIES OR CEASE TO WORK CANNOT REASONABLY EXPECT THEIR EMPLOYER TO CONTINUE TO PAY THEM FULL SALARIES IF THEY DO.

THE +GO-SLOW+ ACTION IS IN SUPPORT OF A SALARY CLAIM AND OTHER MINOR ISSUES. THE CASE PUT FORWARD BY THE DEMARCATORS ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN LOOKED AT MOST CAREFULLY AND IN GREAT DETAIL ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT. IT HAS NOT HOWEVER PROVED JUSTIFIED, BUT DISCUSSIONS ARE CONTINUING ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF IT.

HOWEVER, 77 OUT OF THE 350 DEMARCATORS IGNORED THE WRITTEN WARNING GIVEN IN LATE MARCH, AND ARE CONTINUING TO DO LESS THAN THEIR FULL NORMAL DUTIES. IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO CUT THE APRIL SALARIES OF THESE OFFICERS BY 30 PER CENT, UNDER THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE ADDED THAT SOME PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS MIGHT STOP SALARIES COMPLETELY IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, AND PERHAPS EVEN TERMINATE THE SERVICES OF EMPLOYEES. THE SECRETARY SAID THAT DIFFERENT CONSIDERATIONS APPLY TO CAREER STAFF SUCH AS CIVIL SERVANTS, ALTHOUGH PROCEDURES DO EXIST IN THE CIVIL SERVICE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION IF THE SITUATION REQUIRES IT.

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HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

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FLATS TO HOUSE 60,000

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The Housing Authority is to provide more than 10,000 flats in high rise blocks which will be built on a 70-acre site in Clearwater Bay Road near Anderson Road in Kowloon.

These blocks form part of Shun Lee Tsuen, a multi-million-dollar project to be carried out in stages over the next four to five years.

When completed, this housing estate will house 60,000 people. It will be a self-contained township with shops, markets, a large commercial complex, multi-storey car parks and schools.

A number of construction firms, which have shown an interest in the building work have been asked to submit tenders for the phase I, stage II of this housing project.

This phase of work includes the building of three 21 to 24-storey twin-tower blocks, a primary school and a three-storey carpark, the roof of which will be used as a children's playground.

Site formation is nearing completion. Foundation and building works are expected to start in about two months for completion by mid-1978.

Phase II of this stage, which includes a number of joined slab blocks with shopping and marketing facilities, is now being finalised and work should start towards the end of this year.

These two phases of stage II on completion by 1978 should provide homes for about 26,000 people.

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Meanwhile, stage I of this housing project which is undertaken by the Public Works Department, is progressing on schedule with foundation work nearing completion. It includes two 30-storey cruciform blocks and a seven-storey block housing about 19,400 people as well as shops, an estate office, a kindergarten, a commercial complex, a multi-storey carpark and schools.

A novelty in the design of the estate is that all blocks will be linked by a system of elevated covered walkways which separate pedestrian and vehicular traffic.