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EXPANSION FOR ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE

Financial Commitment Approved

The Social Welfare Department is to expand the capacity in the mentally-retarded children's section of its Aberdeen Rehabilitation Centre to help cope with the waiting list.

The Centre presently houses 90 mentally-retarded children requiring residential care, and 86 are on the waiting list.

The capacity in the Centre's children's section will be increased by 50 places, which should be sufficient to cope with the waiting list, having regard to the number of children who can be discharged in the foreseeable future.

The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council has approved the financial commitment involved in the expansion, which will involve converting some of the existing buildings into a training block, classrooms, and dormitories, together with the provision of recreational space and additional staff.

The capital cost of the conversion has been estimated at \$455,000, with recurrent costs of \$413,000 annually.

At the same time, the Finance Committee has accepted the financial commitment of setting up a "Place of Refuge" in the Centre as a special small unit.

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Six institutions have been designated "places of refuge" under the Protection of Women and Juveniles Ordinance for the care, protection, and social rehabilitation of children, particularly teenage girls.

But no facility has been provided for the intensive training and care of delinquent children who are mentally defective and aggressive.

As a result, some of these retarded children who come before the Courts, and who have an unsuitable home environment, have at present to be placed in correctional institutions.

Because of their low intelligence, they are not able to fit into the more normal training programme, and their behaviour poses a serious threat to discipline.

The Director of Social Welfare considers it more appropriate for these children to be placed in a special "place of refuge" where they will be cared for and trained, and it is this unit that will be set up at the ARC, to provide accommodation for 15.

The capital cost has been estimated at \$55,000, with recurrent costs amounting to about \$114,000 a year.

The two projects have been included in Category E of the Public Works Programme. They will be dealt with separately, and it is expected that the first tender will be invited at the end of July.

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FIRE PREVENTION COURSES FOR INDUSTRY

Nominations Invited From Trade Associations

The Industrial Safety Training Centre of the Labour Department, in conjunction with the Fire Services Department, is to organise a series of one-day "fire prevention courses" for foremen and supervisors in industry.

Letters advising industry of these facilities and inviting nominations have been issued to over 50 trade associations representing approximately 10,000 individual member firms.

The purpose of the course is to provide selected personnel from industry with an adequate knowledge of basic fire prevention and fire fighting.

This knowledge can lead to higher standards of fire prevention, thereby, reducing the risk of outbreaks of fire.

It will also enable suitably trained personnel to make a practical and immediate attack on an outbreak which could prevent a major fire from developing.

These courses are being offered free of charge and will be held on Mondays and Fridays from July 17 to September 29. These courses will be in Cantonese and each will be limited to a maximum of 25 people.

A spokesman of the Labour Department said: "Nominations will be registered on a first-come-first-served basis. They can be made either in writing, or by telephone, to the Industrial Safety Training Centre, Labour Department, Kowloon Regional Office, 393 Canton Road, Kowloon, Tel. K-664270."

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

Residents Urged To Make Use Of Facilities Provided

The Commissioner of Registration announced today that a team from the Registration of Persons Department will conduct registrations at the Tai Po Rural Committee Office from Monday, June 12 to Friday, June 23, 1972.

Business hours will be from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays and from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays.

The visits will enable (i) parents or guardians to register their children from six to seventeen years of age for juvenile Identity Cards (ii) young persons 17 years of age and over and holding juvenile Identity Cards, to register for adult Identity Cards.

All persons living in the area are reminded of their responsibility (i) to register themselves and their children for Identity Cards and (ii) to report to the Registration of Persons Department any changes of employments or residential addresses, nationality or marital status or any other particulars which have changed since registering for their Identity Cards.

Children between six and seventeen years of age who have Hong Kong Birth Certificates or valid travel documents need not attend for registration, but children who do not have Birth Certificates or valid travel documents, must accompany their parents or guardians when registering.

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Parents or guardians must produce both their (i.e. husband and wife) Identity Cards for inspection when registering juveniles.

On registering for adult cards, young persons 17 years of age and over must surrender their juvenile Identity Cards and produce (i) the Identity Cards of both their parents or guardians under whom they are registered, and (ii) a Hong Kong Birth Certificate or evidence of their residence in Hong Kong during the past two years.

Persons who do not possess any of the above mentioned documents must register at the Registration of Persons Branch Office in the Causoway Bay Magistracy, Electric Road, Hong Kong or at 'Canton Road Government Offices, Yaumati, Kowloon.

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RETIREMENT OF CONTROLLER OF POSTS

Mr. Mak Sik-luen, Controller of Posts, will retire from Government service tomorrow, June 11, after more than 37 years with the Post Office.

To mark the occasion, the Postmaster General, Mr. M. Addi, will present a gift to Mr. Mak on behalf of his friends and colleagues on Monday, June 12, at the Sorting Office, General Post Office, Hong Kong.

Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the presentation ceremony, which will take place at 1.55 p.m. on Monday.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF RAMBLER CHANNEL

To All Marine Traffic On June 12

Rambler Channel will be closed to all marine traffic between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on Monday, June 12.

The Channel is being closed to allow the laying of a submarine cable and it will be necessary for wire ropes to run the extreme width of the Channel.

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EXPORTS OF SHIRTS TO CANADA

Announcement By Commerce And Industry Department

A new system of control regarding export of shirts to Canada will be implemented following the expiry on September 30 this year of the present restraint arrangements.

Under the new system, only 77 per cent of the present level of restricted trade will be subject to export control.

In addition, there will be a quantity of shirts subject to import control in Canada, and Canadian importers will be able, within this quantity, to import from Hong Kong or elsewhere.

Announcing this today, the Commerce and Industry Department said that this arrangement was the result of discussions recently held with Canadian officials.

In 1971 Canada announced the replacement of previous export control arrangements for shirts by several countries with a system of import control in Canada.

But Hong Kong, as a result of an export control agreement valid until September 1972, was temporarily the exception to that treatment.

For the current year Canadian importers are restricted to importing certain amounts, the "country reserves", from particular countries while the balance of the Canadian global limit on shirt imports is in a free-for-all pool. Since Hong Kong shirts did not fall within this system, however, they could not be imported against this pool.

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The Canadian Government, in a recent Notice to Importers, stated that strong representations had been received from several countries to the effect that they should be permitted to continue to allocate export licences to their exporters up to the limit of their respective country reserves.

The Canadian Government says it has been concluded that the requests for restoration of export control on country reserves were reasonable, subject to certain conditions.

Commenting on the new arrangements, a Commerce and Industry Department spokesman said that while Hong Kong would only have about 77 percent of its present shirt quota guaranteed for the next quota year, the opportunity to compete in the free-for-all pool could result in substantially increased exports.

"It is all a matter of quality and competitiveness", the spokesman said. "We do not like the idea of any kind of import control, because it deprives our exporters of the commercial advantage of holding the quota and forces down prices. But, under this mixed system, at least we have a chance to increase the volume of our exports of shirts to Canada."

The Textiles Advisory Board will be consulted shortly on control arrangements for the coming year and an early announcement will be made.

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280,000 TICKETS OF 48TH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY

Sold Up To 12 Noon Today

A total of 280,000 tickets of the 48th Government Lottery, the second this year, have been sold up to 12 noon today (Saturday).

The draw of the winning tickets will take place next Saturday (June 17) at 10 a.m. at the City Hall theatre.

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Release Time: 2.30 p.m.