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TIN HAU FESTIVAL PROCESSION IN YUEN LONG

C.B.F. To Attend

The Commander British Forces, Lt.-Gen. Sir Richard Ward, and Lady Ward will be among 3,000 guests invited to watch the annual procession in Yuen Long on Saturday to celebrate Tin Hau Festival in honour of the Goddess of Heaven.

The two-hour procession, which begins at noon, will feature altars to honour local gods, dragon, lion and unicorn dances and stilt walkers.

The procession will wind from the Eastern Bus Terminus, along the southern lane of the main road, to the stadium where the celebration will be held.

Local dignitaries, Heung Yee Kuk Councillors and senior Government officials have also been invited to the function.

Tin Hau is believed by fishermen to have full control over the sea and is the patron saint of boat people and those whose professions depend upon the sea.

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The celebration in Yuen Long is sponsored by the Shap Pat Heung Tin Hau Festival Organising Committee assisted by the Yuen Long District Office.

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Note to Editors: We have been asked by the Shap Pat Heung Tin Hau Festival Organising Committee to issue press badges for the event on their behalf. The badges are available for collection at the press room, Government Information Services.

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DISPUTE INVOLVING REDUNDANT WORKERS SETTLED

Six workers were redundant as a result of termination of the contract for service of Shing Kee Company by the Wimpy Asphalt Limited, a sub-contractor of the Trans-Harbour Contractors Limited.

Two meetings were held in the Labour Department with prompt attendance and co-operation from the parties concerned.

A settlement was reached on May 1 by which the workers received an ex-gratia payment of \$1,565 in addition to \$2,886.20 in arrears of wages.

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CHA KWO LING RESIDENTS SUFFER HARDSHIP

Because Of Stoppage Of Ferry Call

The stoppage of the passenger ferry service calling at Cha Kwo Ling is causing hardship to residents there, a Transport Department spokesman said today.

He said the Transport and Marine Department sympathised with residents of Cha Kwo Ling but had no legal powers to force the ferry operator to resume his service.

"Instead, attempts are being made to see whether the Kowloon Motor Bus Company and motor-boat operators would be prepared to run temporary services over the festival period," he added.

The suspended ferry service, which ran between Shau Kei Wan and Kwun Tong via Cha Kwo Ling, was operated under a monthly licence issued by the Director of Marine.

The spokesman said that three weeks ago, the operator gave notice that he proposed to suspend the service in order to repair the pier at Cha Kwo Ling.

"Despite the efforts of the Transport and Marine Departments to persuade the operator to make temporary use of another nearby pier or to do the repairs after the last ferry in the evening, he has nonetheless stopped the service for the last three weeks.

"The repairs have now been completed but the ferry company shows no signs of resuming the service.

"Local Cha Kwo Ling residents are inconvenienced, and particularly upset because the ferry stoppage threatens to reduce the number of visitors to their annual opera held from May 5 to 12 in connection with the Tin Hau Festival," the spokesman said.

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FLYOVER AND ASSOCIATED ROADS

At Gin Drinkers Bay Reclamation

Work will begin shortly on the construction of a flyover and about 1,400 feet of associated roads adjacent to Pillar Island in the Gin Drinkers Bay Reclamation area.

This forms part of an overall project to provide suitable approach roads from Kwei Chung Road to the new Tsing Yi Bridge, which is at present being constructed by a private consortium under Government licence.

The flyover is about 200 feet long, and will form part of a main interchange to be built in future.

The finished carriageway, both for the flyover and the associated roads, will be 24 feet wide with six-foot-wide footpaths.

Work is expected to begin in June this year and should take about 11 months to complete.

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WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION

Affects Shau Kei Wan

Water supply to a large area in Shau Kei Wan will be stopped for five hours from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Friday, May 5, to enable a leakage test to be carried out by the Waterworks Office.

The area is bounded by Shaukiwan Road, from Tai Cheong Street to Sun Sing Street, Sai Wan Ho Street including Tai Foo Street, Tai Lok Street, Tai Ning Street, Shing On Street, Tai On Street, Shing On Village and Hing Man Street.

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BAND CONCERTS

The Royal Air Force Southern Band will perform at two open-air band concerts organised by the Urban Council on Sunday, May 7.

One of the concerts will be held at Kowloon Park from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. and the other at Statue Square Garden from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

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ANTI-LITTER DAY AT SAU MAU PING

Voluntary Effort By 1,000 Students On May 5

One thousand students from schools and organisations in the Sau Mau Ping area have chosen Friday, May 5, as the anti-litter day for the Sau Mau Ping Resettlement Estate.

On that day, they will go out in groups of 40 not only to give the area a general clean-up, but also to persuade residents in the multi-storey blocks to stop littering the neighbourhood.

The persuasion will take the form of door-to-door appeals, and the chief line of argument will be that resettlement estates will be as healthy, and as pleasant, only in so far as the residents themselves are determined that they should be.

The one-day drive is being organised by the Social Welfare Department's Sau Mau Ping Central and South Estate Community District Offices.

Thirteen organisations and schools in the area are participating, including the Sau Mau Ping Estate Office of the Resettlement Department.

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OVER 4,000 JOB-SEEKERS REGISTERED

By Local Employment Service

In the first quarter of 1972, the Local Employment Service of the Labour Department registered 4,646 job-seekers and introduced 3,498 of them to employers for selection interviews.

Of these, 773 were successfully placed in employment.

This represents an increase of 41 percent over the number of people helped by the Service to find work during the corresponding quarter of 1971.

Of the 773 people placed in employment, 309 were placed in commerce, 233 in industry, 133 in Government service, 30 in public utilities and 68 in other establishments.

Six of these successful applicants received an initial salary of between \$800 and \$1,000 a month; 6 started work at salaries of \$700 - \$799; 27 at \$600 - \$699; 56 at \$500 - \$599; 327 at \$400 - \$499; 308 at \$300 - \$399; and 43 at less than \$300 a month.

Of the 233 people placed in industry, 13 were apprentices who were helped by the Apprenticeship Training Unit of the Labour Department to enter into modern apprenticeship schemes.

Currently, there are 4,029 job-seekers registered with the Service, varying from the young and inexperienced, to experienced and qualified people seeking better prospects.

The Service has on its books 957 vacancies, ranging from executive to office boy in commerce, engineer to general worker in industry and artisan to messenger in Government.

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