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MORE PEOPLE USE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

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A TOTAL OF 22 362 PEOPLE OBTAINED JOBS THROUGH ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (LES) LAST YEAR — A 44 PER CENT INCREASE OVER 1978'S 15 564.

AMONG THEM WERE 254 UNIVERSITY OR POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE GRADUATES WHO OBTAINED SUITABLE POSITIONS.

OTHERS OBTAINED WORK MAINLY AS CLERKS, STORE-KEEPERS, TYPISTS, DRIVERS, TRAINEES, APPRENTICES, ASSEMBLERS, SALESMEN OR SALESGIRLS, MESSENGERS AND LABOURERS.

OF THE SUCCESSFUL JOB-SEEKERS, 11 157 OBTAINED EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRY, 6 286 IN COMMERCE, 2 888 IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE, 165 IN PUBLIC UTILITIES AND 1 866 IN OTHER SECTORS.

THE LES WHICH PROVIDES A FREE SERVICE TO HELP EMPLOYERS RECRUIT STAFF AND JOB-SEEKERS TO SECURE EMPLOYMENT HAD A BUSY YEAR IN 1979.

THIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE FACT THAT MORE EMPLOYERS AND JOB-SEEKERS ARE MAKING USE OF ITS SERVICES.

MORE EMPLOYERS APPROACHED THE LES FOR RECRUITMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF, AS DID PEOPLE POSSESSING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS SEEKING ASSISTANCE.

CONSEQUENTLY THE NUMBER OF SUCCESSFUL JOB PLACEMENTS IN THIS CATEGORY WAS MORE THAN DOUBLE OF THE 123 IN 1978.

SINCE OCTOBER 1978, THE RECRUITMENT OF MODEL 1 PAY SCALE CIVIL SERVANTS HAS BEEN CENTRALISED THROUGH LES. LAST YEAR 2 794 PEOPLE WERE RECRUITED IN THIS WAY. THERE ARE VERY GOOD EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THIS AREA.

MODEL SCALE 1 JOBS INCLUDE SUCH POSTS AS DRIVER, LABOURER, CARETAKER, GARDENER, GANGER, LIFT OPERATOR, WATCHMAN, ETC.

ANYONE APPLYING FOR JOBS SHOULD REGISTER WITH THE NEAREST LES BRANCH OFFICE AND BRING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH.

FOR EMPLOYERS RECRUITING STAFF, THEY NEED ONLY TO CONTACT ANY OF LES'S 13 BRANCH OFFICES BY TELEPHONE OR IN PERSON GIVING INFORMATION CONCERNING PARTICULARS OF VACANT POSTS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT, AND SKILLS, EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED.

AS SOON AS A VACANCY ORDER IS RECEIVED, LES STAFF SELECT SUITABLE CANDIDATES FROM THE REGISTER OF JOB-SEEKERS FOR INTRODUCTION TO EMPLOYERS.

VACANCIES NOTIFIED ARE DISPLAYED AT ALL LES OFFICES ENABLING JOB-SEEKERS TO MAKE THEIR OWN PRELIMINARY SELECTION.

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NEW SCHOOL FOR TUEN MUN

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WORK WILL START SHORTLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL WOULD BE THE FIRST OF FIVE SUCH SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT OUTSIDE THE HOUSING ESTATES IN THE NEW TOWN BY PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

+THE NEW SCHOOL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON A SITE OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 3 100 SQUARE METRES ON THE CASTLE PEAK BAY RECLAMATION AND ACCESS WILL BE FROM CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR SAM SHING HUI,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL BE A SEVEN-STOREY BLOCK, WITH 24 CLASSROOMS AND SPECIAL ROOMS ON THE UPPER FLOORS AND AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICES ON THE FIRST FLOOR. A COVERED PLAY AREA WITH CHANGING ROOMS WILL BE ON THE GROUND FLOOR,+ HE ADDED.

THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO HAVE MENIAL STAFF QUARTERS, A BASKETBALL COURT, A CAR PARK, AND PLANTING AREAS.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN TUEN MUN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING ROADS AROUND THE NEWLY COMPLETED SAM SHING HOUSING ESTATE AT SAM SHING HUI IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN, WHICH WILL HOUSE ABOUT 9 000 PEOPLE.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED.

MR TANG KWOK-KEE, CHIEF ENGINEER OF PWD'S TUEN MUN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE WORK FORMED PART OF THE OVERALL NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

+THIS CONTRACT,+ HE SAID, +WILL INVOLVE THE WIDENING AND RESURFACING OF THE EXISTING ROADS AROUND THE ESTATE AND THE RE-ALIGNMENT OF A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF SAM SHING HUI.

+IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE FINISHING WORK TO A FOOTBRIDGE BUILT ACROSS THE REALIGNED CASTLE PEAK ROAD LINKING THE ESTATE TO A FUTURE OPEN SPACE ON THE NORTH-EASTERN SIDE.+

+THE MAIN FOUL SEWER SERVING THE ESTATE WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD TO SERVE THE AREA ADJACENT TO THE DRAGON INN, WHERE A SERIES OF PLATFORMS HAVE BEEN FORMED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOUSE ABOUT 5 600,+ MR TANG ADDED.

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL START IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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HK SEAMEN'S REPUTATION ON THE RISE

HONG KONG SEAMEN HAVE RESTORED THEIR REPUTATION OF BEING HARD-WORKING, CAPABLE AND DEPENDABLE, FOLLOWING A SHARP DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DESERTIONS IN RECENT YEARS.

THE DESERTION RATE OF LOCAL SEAMEN DROPPED TO AN AVERAGE OF 18 CASES PER MONTH LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH OVER 100 A MONTH DURING THE BAD YEARS BETWEEN 1968 AND 1971.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE (SRO), MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THE ENCOURAGING TREND ALSO HELPED SHIPPING COMPANIES RECRUITING LOCALLY TO REGAIN CONFIDENCE IN THE RELIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY OF OUR SEAMEN.

HE ATTRIBUTED THE TREND TO INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, SCARCITY OF JOBS ABROAD, IMPROVED WELFARE AND WORKING CONDITIONS ON SHIPS AND TOUGHER PENALTIES.

UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (RECRUITMENT OF SEAMEN) ORDINANCE, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SRO HAS THE POWER TO SUSPEND A SEAMAN'S REGISTRATION IF HE HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE SEAMAN HAS DESERTED HIS SHIP OR FAILED TO JOIN HIS SHIP.

PLAYING THE ROLE OF IMPARTIAL +MIDDLE MAN+, THE SRO OPERATES A CENTRALISED REGISTRATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE, ON THE ONE HAND, SHIPPING COMPANIES WITH SEAMEN WHO CAN BEST MEET THEIR JOB DEMANDS, AND ON THE OTHER, SEAMEN WITH THE BEST JOBS FITTING THEIR ABILITIES.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 21 793 SEAMEN WERE EMPLOYED AS COMPARED WITH 23 138 IN 1978.

THE SLIGHT DECLINE, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, WAS DUE TO THE ABSORPTION OF MANPOWER BY THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND KEEN COMPETITION FROM OTHER SEAMEN OVERSEAS.

STAFF OF THE SRO ALSO REGULARLY INSPECT SHIPPING COMPANIES' RECORDS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR SEAMEN ARE FULLY AWARE OF THEIR CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT AND RIGHTS AND THAT THE SHIPPING COMPANIES ARE COMPLYING WITH THE REGULATIONS LAID DOWN BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

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SHA TIN VILLAGERS TO GET NEW HOUSES

ANOTHER EIGHT FAMILIES LIVING IN A SHA TIN VILLAGE REQUIRED TO BE CLEARED FOR NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT ARE TO MOVE INTO HOUSES SOON UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S VILLAGE REMOVAL SCHEME.

THE FAMILIES LIVE IN PAT TZE WO VILLAGE WHICH IS TO MAKE WAY FOR EXTENSION OF THE FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA.

THEY WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THE KEYS TO THEIR NEW HOMES, WHICH ARE ON A HILLSIDE ABOVE FO TAN, ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 6) BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM.

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING THE FAMILIES WITH HOUSES, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO GRANTED BY PRIVATE TREATY 12 SITES EACH OF 700 SQUARE FEET WHICH CAN BE DEVELOPED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS FURTHER AGREED TO GIVE TO EVERY FAMILY \$8 000 TOWARDS THEIR REMOVAL EXPENSES.

EACH OF THE THREE-STOREY HOUSES IS 2 100 SQUARE FEET IN AREA AND COST \$185 000. THEY HAVE BALCONIES ON THE FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS AND ONE FLOOR HAS BEEN PARTITIONED TO PROVIDE A LIVING ROOM AND TWO BEDROOMS.

THE VILLAGERS AGREED TO SURRENDER THEIR HOUSES TO THE GOVERNMENT IN 1974, BUT HAVE CONTINUED TO LIVE IN THEM UNTIL NOW.

THIS IS THE FINAL PHASE OF REMOVAL FROM THE AREA. UNDER AN EARLIER PHASE RESIDENTS OF FIVE NEARBY VILLAGES MOVED INTO SIMILAR HOUSES.

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NEW CATALOGUE OF AUDIO VISUAL TEACHING MATERIALS

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A BRAND-NEW CATALOGUE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S AUDIO VISUAL RESOURCES LIBRARY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS LATER THIS MONTH FOR THE INFORMATION AND REFERENCE OF TEACHERS.

+MOST OF THE MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY FIT IN WITH THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM IN HONG KONG AND THEY ARE ON LOAN TO SCHOOLS FREE OF CHARGE FOR INSTRUCTIONAL AND TEACHING PURPOSES.

+COPIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS CURRENTLY USING THE FACILITIES OF THE AUDIO VISUAL RESOURCES LIBRARY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VISUAL EDUCATION CENTRE SAID.

AN INDEX OF TITLES OF THE AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS ARRANGED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER IS ALSO ATTACHED FOR QUICK REFERENCE, HE ADDED.

THERE ARE OVER 4 000 TITLES OF AUDIO VISUAL MATERIALS IN THE LIBRARY, COVERING DIFFERENT TOPICS SUCH AS ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS, GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, HOME ECONOMICS, LANGUAGES, LITERATURE, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, MUSIC, PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

THE 330-PAGE CATALOGUE CLASSIFIES THE AVAILABLE MATERIALS INTO EIGHT CATEGORIES, NAMELY 16MM FILMS, 8MM FILMLOOPS, 35MM FILMSTRIPS, COLOUR SLIDES, PHOTOGRAPH SETS, AUDIO TAPES, OVERHEAD TRANSPARENCIES AND LEARNING PACKAGES.

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