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NEW HEADQUARTERS FOR IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, AS A RESULT OF A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN BUSINESS, HAS OUTGROWN ITS 14 FLOORS OF OFFICE SPACE IN INTERNATIONAL BUILDING WHERE IT HAS BEEN FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS. IT IS MOVING TO A MODERN COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN EAST TSIM SHA TSUI TODAY (JUNE 25). THE NEW PREMISES, FOR WHICH A LOWER RENTAL WILL BE PAID, WILL GIVE THE DEPARTMENT ALMOST 6 000 SQUARE METRES MORE SPACE TO EXPAND ITS OVERCROWDED OFFICES AND HOUSE ITS NEW COMPUTERS.

A STAFF OF 201 AT THE DEPARTMENT'S INCEPTION IN 1961 HAS GROWN TO 3 624 WHO NOW HANDLE AN EVER INCREASING WORKLOAD. BETWEEN 1961 AND 1981, THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CLEARED ROSE FROM 2.4 MILLION TO 24 MILLION, INVESTIGATIONS FROM 570 TO 12 000 AND PROSECUTIONS FROM 130 TO 3 000. THESE WERE IN ADDITION TO THE 1.16 MILLION ENQUIRIES, 2.5 MILLION APPLICATIONS FOR PERSONAL DOCUMENTATION, 713 000 REGISTRATIONS OF PERSONS (INCLUDING REPLACEMENTS OF IDENTITY CARDS), 112 000 REGISTRATIONS OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS AND 51 000 REGISTRATIONS OF MARRIAGES HANDLED IN 1981.

THE MUCH EXPANDED WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT IS BEST ILLUSTRATED BY THE FACT THAT THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION NOW WEARS A TOTAL OF FOUR OFFICIAL HATS, INCLUDING THAT OF COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION, REGISTRAR OF MARRIAGE, AND REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS. THE LATTER THREE FUNCTIONS WERE AMALGAMATED INTO THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT BETWEEN 1977 AND 1979.

MR RON BRIDGE, THE BEARER OF ALL THESE TITLES, SAID +THE COMPLEXITY OF OUR WORK THESE DAYS MEANS THAT WE MUST GIVE OUR STAFF AN ALL-ROUND TRAINING SO THAT THEY ARE EQUIPPED TO FACE ALL EVENTUALITIES. FOR INSTANCE, WHO COULD HAVE PREDICTED, FIVE YEARS AGO THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WERE THRUST ON US BY THE VIETNAMESE BOAT PEOPLE AND THE INFLUX OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS FROM ACROSS THE BORDER.+

+IDEALLY, WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN POTENTIAL IMMIGRATION OFFICERS IS TACT AND DIPLOMACY. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS, IMPORTANT AS THEY ARE, ARE NOT EVERYTHING. FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS ARE IN A SENSE AMBASSADORS BECAUSE THEY ARE USUALLY THE FIRST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS VISITORS TO HONG KONG COME IN CONTACT WITH. THEY MUST THEREFORE KNOW HOW TO ASK THE NECESSARY QUESTIONS WITHOUT APPEARING TO BE OFFENSIVE. THEY CAN CREATE A FAVOURABLE IMAGE IN THE MINDS OF OUR VISITORS OR GIVE US A BAD NAME,+ MR BRIDGE ADDED.

OFFICER RECRUITMENT IS USUALLY AT THE ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICER (AIO) LEVEL WHICH REQUIRES A CANDIDATE TO BE IN POSSESSION OF EITHER A UNIVERSITY DEGREE, A POST-SECONDARY COLLEGE DIPLOMA, OR A SCHOOL CERTIFICATE. OUR RECRUITS ARE PUT THROUGH A COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME TO GIVE THEM THE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS AND CATCH ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. FOOT DRILL, PHYSICAL TRAINING AND SELF-DEFENCE FORM PART OF THE INDUCTION TO IMPROVE THE RECRUITS' PHYSICAL FITNESS SO THAT THEY CAN FACE STRESS AND DEMANDING SITUATIONS.

COMMENTING ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECRUITMENT, MR BRIDGE SAID +WE ARE AT SOME DISADVANTAGE VIS-A-VIS OTHER DEPARTMENTS IN SO FAR AS ENTRY PAY IS CONCERNED. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE NOTED THAT PROMOTION PROSPECTS IN OUR DEPARTMENT ARE AS GOOD IF NOT BETTER THAN OTHERS BECAUSE OF THE PROJECTED GROWTH IN PASSENGER TRAFFIC AND OTHER AREAS AND THE CONSEQUENT RAPID INCREASE IN STAFF. FOR INSTANCE, WE WILL NEED ABOUT AN ADDITIONAL 1 000 STAFF JUST TO IMPLEMENT THE NEW ID CARD SCHEME STARTING NEXT YEAR.+

IN ANNOUNCING THE REMOVAL OF THE IMMIGRATION HEADQUARTERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE NEW OFFICE IS DESIGNED WITH A VIEW TO BETTER ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.+

+TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION TO OUR SERVICE, WE ARE MAKING USE OF THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL) PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO MOVE OUR PUBLIC-ORIENTED OFFICES TO THE NEW PREMISES. BUT A MOVE OF SUCH A SCALE INVOLVING COMPUTERS, LARGE MACHINES, NUMEROUS RECORDS AND MORE THAN A THOUSAND STAFF, SIMPLY CAN'T BE DONE IN ONE DAY. IN FACT, THE MOVE STARTED ON THE 17TH AND WON'T FINISH UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH. THEREFORE, WE HAVE TO CLOSE FOR BUSINESS ON SATURDAY SO THAT THE MOVE CAN CONTINUE.+

+I HOPE,+ REMARKED THE SPOKESMAN, +MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL APPRECIATE OUR DIFFICULTIES. THOSE WHO NEED OUR SERVICES CAN STILL GO TO OUR BRANCH OFFICES, WHICH WILL OPEN AS USUAL.+

THE NEW OFFICE AT 61 MODY ROAD, KOWLOON WILL START BUSINESS ON MONDAY (JUNE 28). ITS ENQUIRY TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 3-7333111.

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COURSE FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IS INVITING APPLICANTS TO TAKE PART IN A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME TRAINING COURSE COMMENCING THIS SEPTEMBER.

INDUCEMENT GRANTS BETWEEN \$1 650 AND \$2 500 PER MONTH WILL BE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COURSE. THE AMOUNT OF SUCH GRANTS WILL DEPEND ON THE EXPERIENCE OF INDIVIDUAL COURSE MEMBERS.

APPLICANTS MUST POSSESS EITHER A HIGHER DIPLOMA, ORDINARY DIPLOMA, HIGHER CERTIFICATE OR EQUIVALENT QUALIFICATION AWARDED BY THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE, POLYTECHNIC TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OR AN EQUIVALENT EDUCATION ESTABLISHMENT IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINES: ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING (PRODUCTION/AUTOMOBILE/AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION), PRINTING INDUSTRY AND CIVIL ENGINEERING/BUILDING STUDIES.

APPLICANTS HOLDING A HIGHER DIPLOMA SHOULD POSSESS AT LEAST FIVE YEARS RELATED, PRACTICAL POST-QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE, AND SIX YEARS FOR AN ORDINARY DIPLOMA OR HIGHER CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI AND THEY SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE ON OR BEFORE JULY 5.

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+FLOATING HOLIDAY+ REMINDER TO EMPLOYERS

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EMPLOYERS WERE REMINDED TODAY (FRIDAY) THAT IF THEY HAD NOT ALREADY DESIGNATED A DATE FOR THE FLOATING HOLIDAY - ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE - THEY SHOULD GIVE EMPLOYEES THE DAY-OFF EITHER ON JULY 1 (THE FIRST WEEK-DAY IN JULY) OR AUGUST 2 (THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST) THIS YEAR.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, THE FLOATING HOLIDAY MUST BE DESIGNATED BY EMPLOYERS AND NOTIFIED TO EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BY THE END OF THE PRECEDING YEAR, A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS, AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$7 500 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY-OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THE EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS, OTHER THAN OVERTIME PAY, ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY. WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY TO DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE OF THE DAILY EARNINGS DURING A PERIOD OF 28 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY. PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE ON THE NORMAL PAY DAY.

IF AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST BE GIVEN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OFF WITHIN 60 DAYS BEFORE OR AFTER THAT DAY.

IF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GRANTED BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST NOTIFY THE EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. IN THE CASE WHERE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYEE MUST BE NOTIFIED OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF BOTH EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KOWLOON SOUTH 3-319454= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 0-422096= TUEN MUN 0-818443= HONG KONG ISLAND (WEST) 5-268671 AND HONG KONG ISLAND (EAST) 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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DEVELOPMENT FOR LOWER LAM TSUEN VALLEY
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ABOUT 30 HECTARES OF LAND WILL BE FORMED IN THE LOWER LAM TSUEN RIVER AREA AS PART OF A CONTINUING PROGRAMME FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO.

THE TAI PO/FANLING NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE ABOVE PROJECT.

THE LAND FORMED WILL MAINLY BE USED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND PROVISION FOR ROADS.

ALSO TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD SYSTEM TO SERVE THE AREAS TO BE FORMED.

IN ADDITION, PROVISIONS OF FOOTPATHS, CYCLE TRACKS, SUBWAYS AND ROADSIDE AMENITY AREAS WILL ALSO BE MADE.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN AUGUST AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO FINISH.

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CHAI WAN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS AND DRAINAGES IN CHAI WAN.

WORK ON THE PROJECT INVOLVES THE WIDENING OF A SECTION OF YEE SHUN STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH YEE SHING STREET AND CHAI WAN ROAD AND THE EXTENSION OF SHEUNG ON STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH KA YIP STREET TO CHAI WAN ROAD.

IN ADDITION, IT INCLUDES THE WIDENING AND EXTENSION OF THE EXISTING FUNG YIP STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ON YIP STREET TO SHEUNG ON STREET.

ALSO INCLUDED WILL BE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ASSOCIATED SEWERS AND STORMWATER DRAINS ALONG THESE IMPROVED ROADS.

WORK WILL START IN SEPTEMBER AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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MORSE PARK ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT
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MORE THAN 3 000 YOUNG PEOPLE WERE THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING ENTERTAINED TO AN ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT AT THE MORSE PARK OPEN-AIR THEATRE AND MANY MORE TUNED ON TO RTHK RADIO 2 FOR THE LIVE BROADCAST OF THE CONCERT.

THE CONCERT, WHICH WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND RTHK RADIO 2, IS AIMED AT CREATING A GREATER AWARENESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG CRIME.

PERFORMING AT THE TWO-HOUR CONCERT WERE DISC-JOCKEYS OF RTHK RADIO 2 AND WINNERS OF THE SECOND CITY FOLK SONG SINGING CONTEST ORGANISED BY RTHK. THE CONCERT ALSO INCLUDED A SHORT DRAMA WARNING YOUNG PEOPLE NOT TO INVOLVE IN DRUG CRIME.

THE PROGRAMME REACHED ITS HEIGHT WHEN MISS ELIZA CHAN, A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL SINGER WHO RECENTLY RECORDED THE ACAN'S NEW PUBLICITY SONG, '+LIVE FOR TOMORROW+', CHARMED THE AUDIENCE WITH THE SONG AND A NUMBER OF OTHER POPULAR SONGS.

OFFICIATING AT A SWITCH-ON CEREMONY BEFORE THE CONCERT WAS MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF ACAN. MR CHU PUI-HING, HEAD OF CHINESE RADIO PROGRAMMES, RTHK, ALSO OFFICIATED AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

GUESTS ATTENDING THE CONCERT INCLUDED THE HON MARIA TAM= SISTER AQUINAS, CHAIRMAN OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ABUSERS= AND MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, CONTROLLER, RADIO PROGRAMMES, RTHK.

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URBAN CLEARWAY IN ABERDEEN
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THE SECTION OF ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD BETWEEN OLD MAIN STREET IN ABERDEEN AND THE APPROACH ROAD TO AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE WILL BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON MONDAY (JUNE 28).

VEHICLES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THIS SECTION FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM DAILY.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY, THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON HENNESSY ROAD BETWEEN LEE GARDEN ROAD AND JARDINE'S BAZAAR WILL ALSO BE DESIGNATED AS AN URBAN CLEARWAY FROM 10 AM ON THE SAME DAY.

VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING WITHIN THE SECTION FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS BETWEEN 7 AM AND 12 MIDNIGHT DAILY.

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NIGHT CLOSURE OF SALISBURY ROAD

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THE WESTBOUND SECTION OF SALISBURY ROAD BETWEEN MODY LANE AND CHATHAM ROAD IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR FOUR CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS BETWEEN 11 PM AND 6 AM FROM MONDAY (JUNE 28).

THIS IS TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE.

DURING THE CLOSURE, VEHICLES ALONG SALISBURY ROAD HEADING FOR CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH WILL BE DIVERTED VIA MODY LANE AND MODY ROAD, WHILE THOSE HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI SOUTH MAY USE MODY LANE, MODY ROAD, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH.

AT THE SAME TIME, TRAFFIC ON MODY LANE SOUTHBOUND HEADING FOR TSIM SHA TSUI SOUTH WILL BE DIVERTED TO SALISBURY ROAD EASTBOUND, SCIENCE MUSEUM ROAD, GRANVILLE ROAD AND CHATHAM ROAD SOUTH.

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FRESH WATER CUT IN KWUN TONG

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN KWUN TONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 AM TO 3 PM ON SUNDAY (JUNE 27) TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORK, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE IN YAU TONG AND THOSE ALONG LEI YUE MUN ROAD AND CHA KWO LING ROAD.

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