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MORE TREES TO BE PLANTED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG

Tree-planting time is here again. And this year the programme is bigger and support greater.

Tomorrow (Sunday), more than 60 young people from the Conservancy Club of the Diocesan Girls' School and St. Claire's College will take part in a ceremony marking another Urban Council tree-planting year.

More than 200 trees will be planted on that day, to be followed by the planting of thousands more during the year.

Ten thousand saplings were purchased from China recently and are expected to arrive in Hong Kong this month.

An Urban Council spokesman said that the trees from China would help boost greatly the current Urban Council drive to make Hong Kong a greener and prettier place.

He said other tree-planting ceremonies would be planned, and it was hoped that more young people would take part so that a greater appreciation of the environment might be developed among the young.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the ceremony at the Lo Fu Ngam Park on Sunday (June 3). The ceremony will start at 10 a.m. and will continue throughout the day.

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A SECOND ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING FOR TSZ WAN SHAN

A second estate welfare building will shortly be built in Tsz Wan Shan to meet the expanding social needs of the residents there.

The new centre will be a six-storey structure on the hillslope opposite Block IV of the estate.

It will accommodate offices of the Social Welfare Department as well as a library for the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association, a Family Planning Clinic and a creche.

In addition, there will be a partially covered roof-top playground equipped with slides and a climbing jungle.

The ground floor of the building will be used as an assembly hall for about 300 people.

Foundation work on the building is well advanced and the erection of the superstructure will begin as soon as it is completed at the end of July.

The centre, which is expected to be ready for use at the end of June next year will be the seventh provided by the government for residents of public housing estates.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Postmaster General announced today that all post offices will be closed for the Dragon Boat Festival on Tuesday (June 5) which is a public holiday.

There will be no mail delivery on that day.

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PRESS FACILITIES AT KAI TAK AIRPORT

A new arrangement to facilitate press photographers covering news at Kai Tak Airport will be introduced as from Monday (June 4).

Two officers from the Government Information Services have been posted to the Airport to assist the press.

Under the new system, the two officers will provide escort service to press photographers wishing to take pictures on the tarmac of arriving or departing V.I.Ps.

They will also be responsible for the liaison between the press and the airport authorities.

With the introduction of this arrangement, which will be on a trial basis for six months, the airport 'Pool' permits issued by the Civil Aviation Department to individual newspaper photographers will be withdrawn and cancelled with effect from Monday.

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Note to Editors: The office of the two GIS officers is located at Room 31A, Ground floor, Kai Tak Airport Terminal Building.

They can be contacted on Tel. No. K-370211, Ext. 246 between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily. They can also be contacted through the Duty Officer, Government Information Services.

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NEW TEMPORARY VEGETABLE MARKET FOR KOWLOON

A temporary wholesale market will be built in Cheung Sha Wan to provide facilities for the handling of imported vegetables in Kowloon.

The market, occupying about 140,000 square feet, will be situated along the waterfront south-west of Lai Chi Kok Road and by the side of the existing temporary sand depot.

It will have accommodation for market stalls, a management office, and other facilities such as a canteen, kitchen, and toilets.

The construction work is expected to begin in early July this year and be completed in three months.

On completion it will relieve the heavy volume of trading now being experienced at the Kennedy Town market on Hong Kong Island.

For longer term prospects, plans are already in hand to construct a new Cheung Sha Wan wholesale market complex.

This complex, expected to occupy part of the temporary market site, will handle other primary products in addition to vegetables, including fruit, poultry, fresh water fish, and various types of shell fish.

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SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY 1973

Tickets for the second Government Lottery this year are now on sale at \$2 each.

The tickets can be obtained at all Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club selling booths and at the Yaumati Ferry Piers.

They can also be bought at the head offices and branches of the following banks: the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank; the Chartered Bank; the Dao Heng Bank; the Hang Seng Bank; the Hong Kong Chinese Bank; the Kwong On Bank; the Overseas Trust Bank; the Shanghai Commercial Bank; the Wing On Bank; the Bank of East Asia; the Mercantile Bank; the Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger; the Banque de l'Indochine; the United Overseas Bank; the Hang Lung Bank; the Indian Overseas Bank; the Overseas-Chinese Bank; the Hong Nin Savings Bank; the Tai Sang Bank; the Union Bank of Hong Kong; the Wing Hang Bank; the Liu Chong Hing Bank; the Commercial Bank of Hong Kong; and the Wing Lung Bank.

Tickets are also available at the Ngau Kee Money Changers and the Sun Cheung Kee Money Changers.

There will be a total of 57 prizes comprising one First prize, one Second prize, five Third prizes and 50 Special prizes.

The First prize will make up 40 per cent of the total proceeds, and the Second prize 10 per cent. The five Third prizes will each amount to 1 per cent of the total proceeds, and the 50 Special prizes 0.1 per cent each.

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The lucky draw will be held at the Concert Hall of the City Hall at 10.00 a.m. on June 23 (Saturday).

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Note to Editors: The chairman of the Government Lotteries Management Committee, Mr. Kai-yin Chau, will give a press conference at the City Hall Restaurant on Monday (June 4) at 12.30 p.m. when he will announce plans to promote the second government lottery of the year.

You are invited to attend.

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TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE TO BE IMPROVED

The Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office near the present railway terminus will be renovated to provide better facilities for the public and postal staff.

There will be additional canopies over the two main entrances and the posting boxes, and a more convenient posting counter with a glass screen on top.

Inside, the office area will be expanded and the general appearance brightened up.

The work will begin towards the end of July and will take about three months to complete.

It will be carried out in stages so that normal postal services will not be interrupted.

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NEW PREMISES FOR PROFITS TAX SECTION

The Inland Revenue Department's Profits Tax (Unincorporated Businesses) Section will move into new offices in Central District next week.

The new office, located on the second floor of Permanent Comfort Building at 74-77 Connaught Road Central, will start operation on Wednesday (June 6).

Another section of the Department -- the Profits Tax (Corporations) Section -- has already been in the same building since April this year.

A spokesman for the department said that a better service would be provided by bringing the two sections together in a building centrally located in the business and financial community of Hong Kong.

He added, however, that members of the public might experience some inconvenience during the removal on Monday (June 4).

Every effort would be made to keep this to a minimum, he said, but members of the public could cooperate by delaying their enquiries, if possible, till the new office opens.

The opening hours of the new office will be from 8.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. Enquiries may be directed at telephone numbers 5-448049 and 5-456103.

The entrance to the new office will be by Gilman Bazaar and a reception counter on the second floor will assist callers.

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PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTIONS

The Commissioner for Transport announced today that new arrangements for public light buses will be introduced at Wah Fu Estate next week to improve the flow of traffic in the area.

As from 10 a.m. on Monday (June 4), a new public light bus stand will be set up in front of Wah On House and Wah Lok House (Blocks 1, 2 and 3) of the Estate.

Public light buses will not be allowed to enter the section of the access road beyond the light bus stand.

They will also be prohibited from picking up or setting down passengers on the section of access road to the Estate between Shek Pai Wan Road and Wah On House (Block 1).

At the same time, public light buses in Kowloon will not be permitted to pick up or set down passengers from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily on:-

- * the north-eastbound carriageway of Nam Cheong Street between Hai Tan Street and Tai Nan Street;
- * the south-westbound carriageway of Nam Cheong Street between Tai Nan Street and Yee Kuk Street;
- * the section of Pei Ho Street between Hai Tan Street and Lai Chi Kok Road;
- * the section of Kweilin Street between Lai Chi Kok Road and Hai Tan Street;
- * the north-eastbound carriageway of Yen Chow Street between Lai Chi Kok Road and Tai Nan Street; and
- * the south-westbound carriageway of Yen Chow Street between Tai Nan Street and Yee Kuk Street.

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These restrictions, effective from Monday, are intended to reduce obstruction to through traffic at the junctions of Lai Chi Kok Road with Yen Chow Street, Kweilin Street, Pei Ho Street and Nam Cheong Street by public light buses.

The existing bus termini at Hai Tan Street will be resited to Yee Kuk Street.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to indicate the restrictions.

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LABOUR DISPUTE SETTLED

The dispute involving some 115 retrenched employees of the M.P. San & Co. Ltd. has been settled.

Under an agreement reached late yesterday, all monthly-paid workers will receive two months severance pay and 10 days retirement benefits for each completed year of service.

The total amount involved will be in the region of \$300,000. Payment will be made on June 8.

The dispute started on May 7 when the company closed down. A series of conciliation meetings over the question of severance pay were subsequently held at the Hong Kong office of the Labour Relations Service of the Labour Department.

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DIRECTOR TO VISIT KWUN TONG FACTORIES

Note to Editors: The Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. E.P. Ho, will visit two factories in Kwun Tong on Monday (June 4).

His first stop will be at the Micro Electronics Ltd. at 38, Hung To Road where he will spent about an hour before proceeding to the South China Bleaching and Dyeing Factory Ltd. at 102, How Ming Street.

Micro Electronics produces transistors, magnetic heads, memory cores, integrated circuits and other electronic components, while South China specialises in bleached and printed piecegoods.

Press representatives will be welcome to cover the visits.

Mr. Ho will arrive at Micro Electronics at about 3.15 p.m. and at the South China Bleaching and Dyeing Factory about an hour later.

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Release Time: 2.30 p.m.