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LOW COST HOUSING BLOCK FOR KOWLOON

A Government low cost housing block will be built in Tung Tau Tsuen Road, Kowloon, to provide homes for about 3,400 people.

The block will be erected on a hill slope close to the Tung Tau Resettlement Estate where more than 65,000 people are housed.

Because of the nature of the site, the block will vary in height from two to 10 storeys.

It will comprise one low shop and domestic building with an eight-storey block on top. There will also be modular markets, recreational grounds and car parks.

This block is part of an overall housing scheme in northeast Kowloon, which, when completed, will house 20,000 people. To implement the scheme, about 17,000 residents of the Tung Tau Cottage Area, which is the proposed site, have been resettled in the Tsz Wan Shan Resettlement Estate.

Tung Tau Tsuen Road will also be widened to become an important link road in northeast Kowloon.

Site formation for the low cost housing block is already in hand, and construction will probably begin in late October. It should be ready for occupation by mid-1974.

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URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION CANDIDATES ALLOWED TO SPEND MORE ON CAMPAIGN

The amount of money which an Urban Council election candidate can spend as election expenses has been increased.

Under the Corrupt and Illegal Practices (Urban Council Election Expenses) (Amendment) Order 1972, a single candidate is now allowed to spend a maximum of \$8,000 for the first 25,000 registered electors, and 30 cents more for each additional elector.

Where candidates run a joint election campaign, each is allowed to spend a maximum of \$6,000 for the first 25,000 electors, and 20 cents more for each additional elector.

The amending order, published in today's Government Gazette, also increases the agent's fee paid by a candidate from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Before the amendment, a candidate was allowed to spend up to \$5,000 for the first 25,000 registered electors, and 20 cents more for each elector in excess of 25,000.

Where there were two joint candidates, the maximum amount for each candidate was \$3,750, and where there were more than two candidates, each was allowed to spend up to two-thirds of \$5,000.

Also published in today's Gazette are regulations designed to assist electors by allowing for the address of the polling station, at which each elector should vote, to be printed on the poll card.

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GOVERNMENT RECRUITING DRIVE FOR EXPERIENCED ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

The Government is seeking suitably qualified young men and women to fill vacancies in the Administrative Grade.

The intention is to attract candidates with at least two years' post-graduate working experience, although graduates without such experience may also apply.

Graduates in any subject will be considered.

Successful applicants will receive appropriate training in Hong Kong and up to one year's training in Britain during their first six years of service.

They are to fill a wide range of administrative posts. In many cases, they will have close contact with members of the public, while other administrative officers will be concerned with the formulation and implementation of overall policy.

There are prospects of promotion to the highest ranks in the government service. The salary range is \$2,750 to \$5,500, but for women the starting point is \$2,478.

Candidates should be under 35 years of age, of British nationality or willing to apply for naturalisation, and hold a good honours degree from a Hong Kong or British university.

Application forms are obtainable from all City District Offices and any government department.

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NEW EQUIPMENT FOR AMBULANCES

The Ambulance Service is to use special equipment to reduce pain and shock to accident victims.

The equipment, which can be carried easily, consists of a cylinder of nitrous oxide mixed with oxygen, a valve to reduce the pressure of the gas, a corrugated supply tube and a face mask.

The mask can be applied by the patient himself who can inhale sufficient gas to relieve his pain, or it can be applied by the ambulance attendant.

Initially the sets will be used for training, which will be given by two ambulance officers who have recently returned from the United Kingdom after receiving instructions on how to use the equipment.

The Fire Services Department has bought 10 sets, but it is probable that all ambulances will be equipped with the apparatus in the future.

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MORE AIRCRAFT PARKING FACILITIES AT KAI TAK

Six additional aircraft parking bays will be built at Hong Kong Airport to alleviate the existing congestion caused by increased aircraft movements.

The project will involve the construction of about 75,000 square yards of new concrete apron and taxiway on reclaimed land, as well as ancillary drainage works.

Tenders are being called for the work, which is expected to begin in October this year and should take about 14 months to complete.

The project will be carried out under Stage II of the scheme for aircraft parking facilities at the airport. Stage III, which provides for three more parking bays, is now in the planning stage.

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POSITIVE ACTION NEEDED TO PREVENT INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

The Director of Marine, Mr. A. Fletcher, said today the value of industrial safety training could not be over-emphasised.

He said such training would lead to a better understanding of the hazards involved and enable people to take positive action to prevent them.

The Director was speaking at a ceremony in which he presented certificates to 30 foremen and supervisors who had finished a five-day course on basic industrial safety.

Mr. Fletcher said a new section -- the Industrial Safety Unit -- would soon be formed in his department in order to avoid re-occurrence of the shipping disasters that happened a few months ago.

"Whether on land or on sea, industrial safety is related to the same basic factors, the common effort being directed at reducing both human suffering and financial loss," he said.

Mr. Fletcher urged the successful participants to further their knowledge and gain practical experience in this field by applying the safety knowledge they had acquired.

"Remember that accidents do not happen; they are caused, and if there is a cause, then there must a remedy," he told the participants.

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SWIMMING CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

A presentation ceremony to mark the end of the Education Department's mammoth learn-to-swim campaign this year will be held at the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool tomorrow (August 26).

During the ceremony, some 50 children who have successfully completed a 12-lesson swimming course will each receive a certificate from the Senior Education Officer (Physical Education), Mr. A.W. Campbell. This will bring to more than 2,000 the number of certificates presented during the summer courses.

Swimming lessons have been given daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the teaching pools of Morse Park, Lei Cheng Uk and Kwun Tong Swimming Pool complexes by specially trained instructors throughout the summer vacation.

They were spread over a period of two weeks during which successive groups of children were taught the basic skills of swimming for an hour each day. This gave every child 12 hours of instruction over the two weeks.

Those who could swim 10 meters or more at the end of the course were awarded a certificate.

Some 3,000 children have taken part in this year's scheme, the largest on record.

Note to Editors: The presentation ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool tomorrow (Saturday). You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the event.

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MORE RESPONSE NEEDED TO ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN

A total of 2,274 doses of vaccine was administered during the second week of the current anti-measles campaign.

Statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department show that 585 children were immunised on the Island, 1,228 in Kowloon, and 461 in the New Territories.

Since the campaign began on August 8, the overall number of doses administered now stands at 3,052, but the Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr G.H. Choa, says "this is still not good enough."

He urges parents with susceptible children between nine months and five years to have them protected against the disease.

In the meantime, the department is keeping a close watch on the cholera situation in the Philippines. Reports say there have been a number of deaths from cholera as a result of contamination caused by recent floods.

"The authorities in Hong Kong are already requiring arrivals from the Philippines to produce valid inoculation papers," Dr Choa said. "We are making every effort to see that no case or carrier of cholera enters Hong Kong from any affected area."

In a reference to "scare" reports from Macau earlier in the week, which were proved to be false, the Director said: "The public can rest assured that this department is on the alert at all times, and will keep it informed with the facts."

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SUCCESS OF DEPARTMENTAL SUMMER PROGRAMME

About 2,000 volunteers spent most of their holidays this summer helping the Social Welfare Department look after the needs of 90,000 young people including students on leave from school -- and so helped to make the programme an unqualified success.

The Acting Assistant Director of Social Welfare (Social Work), Mr. Stephen Law, said today that the efforts of the volunteers had not been in vain. They had helped to make the summer eventful and significant for thousands of young people.

"They appreciate the sacrifices you have made in the general interest of community betterment. The department wishes to associate with them in a public expression of heartfelt thanks."

The programme this summer involved more than 337 different activities, and volunteers had a role to play in them all.

The theme emphasised training, community service and recreation in the outdoors, and the overall aim was to provide young people with opportunities to share their experiences, acquire skills, and develop leadership.

"Now that it is all over," Mr. Law said, "I believe with the help of the volunteers we have achieved a balanced and integrated programme for thousands."

Representatives of the volunteers will receive token souvenirs of appreciation at a ceremony in the Ocean Terminal on Sunday. Mr. Law will preside at another closing ceremony in the Luen Wo Market Public Playground in Fan Ling tomorrow.

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YOUNG MUSICIANS TO GIVE CONCERTS OF CLASSICAL CHINESE MUSIC

Two concerts of classical Chinese music will be performed at the City Hall Concert Hall on Sunday (August 27) by some 60 young musicians.

The performance will be under the leadership of Mr. Lui Pui-yuen, a noted Chinese pi-pa player.

Other groups participating will include the Wang Kwong Chinese Orchestra, the Diocesan Boys' College Chinese Orchestra, the Pui Sing Music Institute, the Ming Tak Youth Centre Chinese Orchestra and the Salesian College Chinese Orchestra.

Apart from well-known classical items by the orchestras, there will also be solo pieces for tih, sheng, er-hu and pi-pa.

The two performances will begin at 5.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. respectively. They have been organised jointly by the Urban Council and the Hong Kong Chinese Music Society.

Tickets at \$1, \$2 and \$3 are on sale at the City Hall Box Office.

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EXPORT OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO NORWAY & SWEDEN

The Director of Commerce and Industry has issued to manufacturers and exporters a notice regarding the export of restrained textiles to Norway and Sweden.

The notice concerns the disposal of quota balances in the extended restraint period from July 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972 for the export of restrained textiles to Norway; and the disposal of 1972/73 quota balances for the export of restrained textiles to Sweden.

Trade associations and companies on the Commerce and Industry Department's mailing list for Notice to Exporters, Series 6 (Europe, other than Britain and the European Economic Community) will receive copies of the notices shortly.

People who wish to seek advance notice of its contents are invited to contact the following officers of the department:

Miss M.P.L. To - Assistant Trade Officer
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