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NEW LAWS ENACTED TO BETTER PROTECT WORKERS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE A NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THE LABOUR LAW TO FURTHER IMPROVE WORKERS' WELFARE AND SAFETY AT WORK.

THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE CONTAINED IN FIVE BILLS WHICH WERE PASSED AT THE LATEST MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 SOUGHT TO EXTEND EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION TO LOCAL NON-MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED TO WORK OVERSEAS WHO EARN UP TO AN AMOUNT PRESCRIBED BY THE GOVERNMENT FROM TIME TO TIME.

"THEY WILL NOW HAVE THEIR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS ATTESTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AS IN THE CASE OF MANUAL WORKERS EMPLOYED TO WORK OUTSIDE HONG KONG," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

"THIS WILL GIVE THE NECESSARY PROTECTION TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF WORKERS ENGAGED BY FOREIGN EMPLOYERS TO TAKE UP NON-MANUAL JOBS OVERSEAS, SUCH AS TECHNICIANS AND SUPERVISORS, AS THEY WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE DIFFICULTY IN CLAIMING THEIR DUE ENTITLEMENTS IN CASE OF DISPUTES WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

"ALSO THE NEW LAW HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT LOCAL EMPLOYEES TAKING UP EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG WITH FOREIGN EMPLOYERS ARE PROTECTED BY THE CONTRACT FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE HONG KONG ORDINANCE (CEOHKO), WHILE THOSE ENGAGED BY HONG KONG EMPLOYERS TO WORK PARTIALLY OR WHOLLY OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY ARE PROTECTED BY THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE," HE ADDED.

"HOWEVER, WHEN ATTESTING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS FOR EMPLOYEES UNDER THE CEOHKO, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE THAT THE TERMS OFFERED TO THEM ARE NO LESS FAVOURABLE THAN THOSE UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE," HE STRESSED, ADDING THAT ABOUT 60,000 MORE LOCAL WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO BENEFIT UNDER THE NEW LAW.

TWO OTHER BILLS PASSED WERE AIMED AT BETTER PROTECTING EMPLOYEES AGAINST VICTIMISATION BY EMPLOYERS.

THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 HAS EXTENDED ITS PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AND DISMISSAL TO AN EMPLOYEE WHO GIVES ASSISTANCE IN PROCEEDINGS AGAINST HIS EMPLOYER IN RELATION TO WORK ACCIDENTS OR SAFETY AT WORK.

SIMILARLY, THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 HAS INTRODUCED PENALTY ON EMPLOYERS WHO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST EMPLOYEES ON GROUNDS OF GIVING EVIDENCE IN COURT OR WHO PROVIDES INFORMATION TO THE GOVERNMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE.

"IN BOTH CASES, THE PENALTY FOR AN OFFENDING EMPLOYER IS A FINE OF \$20,000," THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING ALL CONTAINER-HANDLING ACTIVITIES UNDER THE CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAWS THROUGH THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1992 PASSED.

"THE NEW LEGISLATION SERVES TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF WORKERS ENGAGED IN ALL STORAGE YARDS FOR FREIGHT CONTAINERS," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A LAW HAS ALSO BEEN ENACTED TO PROTECT THE INTEREST OF JOB-SEEKERS AND TO FACILITATE THE OPERATION OF EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES.

"THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1992 PROHIBITS EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES FROM ASKING JOB APPLICANTS FOR REGISTRATION FEES, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY STILL CHARGE A COMMISSION OF UP TO ONE-TENTH OF A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT'S FIRST MONTH'S PAY," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE NEW LAW ALSO REMOVES ALL RESTRICTIONS ON CHARGES BY EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES TO PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS AS THESE FEE ARRANGEMENTS ARE IN PRACTICE MADE WITH THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARTIES.

TO FACILITATE THEIR OPERATION, HE SAID ALL EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES WILL BE ISSUED THE SAME KIND OF LICENCE, WHETHER THEY ARE DEALING WITH EMPLOYMENT WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE TERRITORY, AND MAY OPERATE WITH ONE LICENCE FOR THEIR MAIN OFFICE PLUS A DUPLICATE LICENCE FOR EACH BRANCH OFFICE.

"ALSO THEY ARE NOW REQUIRED TO KEEP ONLY RECORDS OF ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ON JOB APPLICANTS," HE SAID, NOTING THAT EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES HAVE BECOME MORE SOPHISTICATED. IN OPERATION OVER THE YEARS.

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SES ON AIRPORT FINANCING
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SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A BRIEFING ON THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE WHERE THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK MEETING IS TO BE HELD, THE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, MRS ANSON CHAN, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY):

"I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANY DISPUTE ABOUT THE ONE MONTH ALLOWED FOR CONSULTATION UNDER THE MOU (MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING). OVER THE LAST MONTH OR TWO, WE HAVE HANDED OVER DETAILED PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF THE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME TO THE CHINESE AND WE DO REALISE THAT WE NEED TO ALLOW THE CHINESE SUFFICIENT TIME TO DIGEST THESE PROPOSALS AND TO REVERT TO US WITH QUESTIONS.

"AT THE SAME TIME, I AM SURE THAT THE CHINESE APPRECIATE THAT THE TIMETABLE ALLOWED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ENTIRE AIRPORT CORE PROGRAMME IS EXTREMELY TIGHTLY DRAWN. WE ARE COMMITTED TO COMPLETING AS MUCH OF THE ACP BY MID 1997 AS WE POSSIBLY CAN SO I AM SURE THE CHINESE WILL BE REVERTING TO US AS SOON AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN."

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HK DELEGATION ATTENDS TEXTILES CONFERENCE IN SHANGHAI

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A DELEGATION OF TRADE OFFICIALS LED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF TRADE, MR DONALD TSANG, HAS LEFT HONG KONG FOR SHANGHAI TO ATTEND THE 16TH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TEXTILES AND CLOTHING BUREAU (ITCB).

THE COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TILL THE END OF THE WEEK.

THE ITCB, THE GENEVA-BASED ORGANISATION OF TEXTILES-EXPORTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES, PROVIDES THE FORUM FOR ITS 22 MEMBERS, INCLUDING HONG KONG, TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND CO-ORDINATE ACTIONS ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

"THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO EVALUATE THE STATE OF THE URUGUAY ROUND MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, IN PARTICULAR THE DRAFT AGREEMENT ON TEXTILES AND CLOTHING," A TRADE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

"THE MEETING COMES AT A GOOD TIME TO CONSIDER THE POSITION OF THE URUGUAY ROUND AND THE EXPIRY OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA) AT THE END OF THIS YEAR," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

OTHER DELEGATIONS ATTENDING THE MEETING WILL BE COMING FROM ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BRAZIL, CHINA, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, INDIA, INDONESIA, JAMAICA, KOREA, MACAU, MEXICO, PAKISTAN, SRI LANKA, TURKEY AND URUGUAY.

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POLICE DOGS VITAL IN CRIME FIGHTING

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THE ROLE OF POLICE DOGS AND THEIR HANDLERS ARE GETTING MORE IMPORTANT. THE FORCE NOW HAS AN AVERAGE OF 60 ARREST CASES A MONTH IN WHICH POLICE DOGS ARE DEPLOYED, COMPARED WITH SIX CASES FIVE YEARS AGO. MORE IMPORTANT, ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF POLICE DOGS AND HANDLERS ARE MAINTAINING WATCH AND WARD COMMITMENTS ON THE STREETS.

"WE ARE RECEIVING TWO COMPLIMENTS A MONTH FROM REGIONAL COMMANDERS OR OTHER FORMATION COMMANDERS," SAID CLIFF LAMBURN, HEAD OF THE POLICE DOG UNIT.

"POLICE DOGS AND HANDLERS ARE NOW PLAYING A MAJOR PART IN PREVENTING CRIME. THEIR PATROLS AND PRESENCE OUTSIDE GOLDSMITH SHOPS OR BANKS HAVE A FRIGHTENING EFFECT ON THOSE WHO WANT TO COMMIT CRIME."

ECHOING MR LAMBURN'S VIEW, THE SECOND IN-CHARGE OF THE UNIT MR WONG HANG-TAI SAID: "THE PATROL WORK OF POLICE DOGS AND HANDLERS ARE APPRECIATED BY MORE AND MORE DISTRICT AND DIVISION COMMANDERS WHO REQUEST FOR THEIR ATTACHMENT IN THEIR FORMATIONS.

"WE HAVE MORE DEMAND THAN SUPPLY. WHAT WE CAN DO IS TO TRAIN MORE DOGS. BUT IN THE MEAN TIME, WE SEND THE DOGS TO DISTRICTS WHICH NEED THEM MOST."

APART FROM PATROLLING, POLICE DOGS HAVE TO FULFILL A VARIETY OF ROLES INCLUDING DRUG DETECTION, TRACKER AND MORE RECENTLY EXPLOSIVES DETECTION.

"THE NATURE OF OUR WORK IS MAINLY SUPPORTIVE, BUT POLICE DOGS AND DOG HANDLERS INVOLVED IN PATROLLING DUTIES ARE NOW STANDING IN THE FRONT LINE." SAID MR SITO PING-YUK, INSPECTOR IN CHARGE OF OPERATIONS OF THE UNIT.

THE INDISPENSABLE ROLE OF POLICE DOGS CAN BE APTLY ILLUSTRATED BY A FEW RECENT EXAMPLES.

EARLY IN THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 28, EMERGENCY UNIT, HONG KONG ISLAND, STOPPED A SUSPECTED MISSING VEHICLE IN STUBBS ROAD. THREE SUSPECTS ON BOARD THE VEHICLE MANAGED TO ESCAPE, AND ONE OF THEM PUT UP A STRUGGLE WITH A POLICE OFFICER. THE TRIO ESCAPED DOWN THE STEEP AND WOODED HILLSIDE ABOVE THE PARSEE AND HONG KONG CEMETERIES.

THE WOODLAND WAS THICK AND DARK AND WAS DANGEROUS FOR OFFICERS TO ENTER. A HELICOPTER WAS USED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PROVIDE LIGHTING TO THE AREA.

THE TERRAIN AND BAD WEATHER PROMPTED THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE OPERATION TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM POLICE DOGS.

DOG HANDLERS SENIOR POLICE CONSTABLES LI FUNG-HUNG AND WONG KAM-SHING, WITH THEIR TRACKER DOGS GIN AND DAN ATTENDED THE SCENE AND ASSISTED IN SEARCHING THE STEEP HILLSIDE.

AFTER 45 MINUTES OF SEARCH, POLICE DOG DAN INDICATED TO HIS HANDLER THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF SOMEONE BENEATH THE UNDERGROWTH. IT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FOUND THAT A SUSPECT HAD HIDDEN HIMSELF UNDER VEGETATION.

THE SUSPECT TOGETHER WITH ANOTHER ARRESTED PERSON WAS CHARGED WITH SIX VEHICLE CRIME OFFENCES.

IN ANOTHER CASE, POLICE DOGS TOOK PART IN A SEARCH, LASTING FOR MORE THAN TWO HOURS, FOR SUSPECTED ARMED ROBBERS IN CHAI WAN.

BRAVO AND ALPHA, LED BY SERGEANTS CHOW KOK-MAN AND CHAN WAI-KI, ASSISTED SPECIAL DUTIES UNIT OFFICERS IN SEARCHING DIFFICULT AND DANGEROUS WOODLAND. AGAIN, POLICE DOGS WERE SENT TO DETECT AND ESTABLISH WHETHER SUSPECTS OR EVIDENCE WERE THERE.

DURING THE OPERATION FIREARMS AND ITEMS OF SUSPECTED STOLEN PROPERTY WERE RECOVERED.

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THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT POLICE DOGS WHO CARRY OUT DUTIES IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE AT RISK OF SUSTAINING INJURIES. POLICE DOG ANDY BROKE A FRONT PAW IN AN ANTI-CAR THEFT OPERATION IN TAI PO LAST MONTH.

FIVE YEARS OLD ANDY AND HANDLER SERGEANT CHAN WING-KUEN WERE ON PATROL IN TAI PO WHEN THEY RECEIVED A RADIO CALL, REQUESTING THEM TO TRACE TWO SUSPECTS, WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM A SUSPECTED STOLEN VEHICLE NEAR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY STATION.

ANDY WAS REQUIRED TO SEARCH A STEEP AND ROUGH WOODED EMBANKMENT IN RAINY AND WINDY WEATHER. THE WET AND SLIPPERY EMBANKMENT MADE ANDY LOSE HIS FOOTING AND FALL INTO A WATER DRAIN.

FORTUNATELY, ANDY WAS GIVEN URGENT SURGERY AND IS NOW RECOVERING.

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LAST CHANCE TO JOIN REGIMENT

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO WISH TO FACE THE CHALLENGE AND SERVE THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN THE VOLUNTEERS BEFORE ITS LAST RECRUITMENT EXERCISE CLOSES ON MAY 31.

THIS YEAR, THE REGIMENT IS LOOKING FOR ABOUT 200 MALE AND 50 FEMALE RECRUITS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE VOLUNTEERS SAID: "THE REGIMENT WILL BE DISBANDED BY SEPTEMBER 1995, HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD TAKE THIS LAST OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE REGIMENT AND EXPERIENCE FOR THEMSELVES THE SATISFACTION OF BELONGING TO A DISCIPLINED ORGANISATION WHICH PROMOTES LEADERSHIP AND COMRADESHIP.

"SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING IN BASIC MILITARY SKILLS, INCLUDING DRILL, HANDLING RIFLES, SUB-MACHINE GUNS, AND USE OF VEHICLES AND ASSAULT BOATS. TRAINING IN OPERATION RADIO EQUIPMENT, AND IN MAP READING. FIRST AID IS ALSO GIVEN."

THIS NO DOUBT HELPS TO BUILD UP ONE'S PHYSIQUE AND CULTIVATE A MORE MATURE AND CAPABLE PERSONALITY.

"VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE IN SUPERVISORY SKILLS, JUDGEMENT AND DECISION-MAKING," HE ADDED.

TRAINING FOR NEW RECRUITS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON FOUR EVENINGS AND ONE WEEKEND PER MONTH FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS. THEY WILL ALSO HAVE TO ATTEND TWO NINE-DAY TRAINING CAMPS BEFORE PASSING OUT.

THE MAJORITY OF TRAINING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE SCENIC COUNTRY PARKS OF HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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ON COMPLETION OF BASIC TRAINING, THE VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING ON TWO EVENINGS AND ONE WEEKEND A MONTH. THERE ARE TWO CAMP PERIODS, ONE OF WHICH IS SPENT ON MANNING THE HONG KONG-CHINA BORDER.

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE 18 YEARS OLD OR ABOVE, HAVE COMPLETED SECONDARY EDUCATION AND HAVE A REASONABLE KNOWLEDGE OF SPOKEN ENGLISH. THEY SHOULD ALSO HAVE REGULAR EMPLOYMENT AND SHOULD HAVE OBTAINED THEIR EMPLOYERS' CONSENT FOR JOINING THE FORCE.

APPLICATION FORMS AND INFORMATION LEAFLETS ARE AVAILABLE AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES AND THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE VOLUNTEERS' HEADQUARTERS ON TEL 576 1371.

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SUMMER HYGIENE REMINDER

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WITH THE APPROACH OF SUMMER, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED TO TAKE SPECIAL PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HEALTH (HYGIENE), DR M.B. ALI, POINTED OUT THAT FOOD-BORNE DISEASES SUCH AS CHOLERA, VIRAL HEPATITIS A, DYSENTERY, TYPHOID AND FOOD POISONING ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE EATING AND DRINKING OF UNCLEAN FOOD AND WATER.

"PROPER PRACTICE IN FOOD AND PERSONAL HYGIENE SHOULD THEREFORE BE OBSERVED TO ENSURE THAT THE FOOD CONSUMED IS HYGIENIC AND FREE FROM CONTAMINATION AND DETERIORATION," HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND THE REGIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE TAKEN POSITIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES.

THESE INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF HEALTH EDUCATION MESSAGES AND ADVICE TO THE LICENSEES AND STAFF OF LICENSED FOOD PREMISES AND RESIDENTS IN REMOTE AREAS AS WELL AS PROSECUTIONS AGAINST ILLEGAL FOOD HAWKERS.

STEPPED-UP PUBLICITY HAS ALSO BEEN MOUNTED TO DISSEMINATE HEALTH MESSAGES TO THE PUBLIC ON FOOD, PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE.

CUT FRUIT FROM ANY ILLEGAL FRUIT VENDORS, HE ADDED, SHOULD NOT BE PURCHASED AS THESE CAN EASILY GET CONTAMINATED.

/DR ALI

DR ALI REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO OBERSV E THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHEN EATING AT HOME:

- * MAINTAIN A CLEAN KITCHEN;
- * WASH HANDS AFTER TOILET AND BEFORE PREPARING FOOD;
- * USE WHOLESOME FOOD AND WATER AND CLEAN COOKING UTENSILS;
- * STORE ALL PERISHABLE FOOD IN A REFRIGERATOR IF NOT FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION;
- * THAW OUT FROZEN FOOD ONLY WHEN NEEDED;
- * CLEAN CHOPPING BLOCK AND KNIFE BEFORE USE, ESPECIALLY AFTER CUTTING RAW FOOD, SUCH AS MEAT AND POULTRY;
- * WASH VEGETABLES THOROUGHLY BEFORE COOKING;
- * EAT COOKED FOOD WHEN IT IS STILL HOT, DO NOT LEAVE IT EXPOSED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME;
- * FOOD TO BE KEPT OVERNIGHT SHOUD BE PUT IN A REFRIGERATOR AND RE-COOKED THOROUGHLY BEFORE EATING; AND
- * STORE ALL GARBAGE AND WASTE IN A COVERED CONTAINER BEFORE DISPOSAL.

DR ALI REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WHEN TRAVELLING TO TROPICAL COUNTRIES, THEY SHOULD EXERCISE EXTRA CARE IN CHOOSING THEIR FOODS AND DRINKS.

"SAFE FOOD, AND GOOD PERSONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT GASTROINTESTINAL DISEASES," HE ADDED.

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NEW CIVIL ENGINEERING SPECIFICATION UP FOR SALE

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THE 1992 EDITION OF THE GENERAL SPECIFICATION FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS, A COMPREHENSIVE MANUAL WHICH LAYS DOWN THE QUALITY OF MATERIALS, THE STANDARDS OF WORKMANSHIP, THE TESTING METHODS AND THE ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS UNDERTAKEN FOR THE GOVERNMENT, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED.

THE SPECIFICATION, PREPARED BY THE CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, COMPRISES THREE VOLUMES OF MORE THAN 700 PAGES.

IT IS THE CULMINATION OF SIX YEARS' WORK INVOLVING INPUT FROM ALL MAIN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EXECUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS.

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TO ENSURE THAT THE MOST RECENT ENGINEERING TECHNIQUES WERE RESEARCHED AND INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT, EXPERT WORKING PARTIES WERE FORMED TO DRAFT THE DOCUMENT AND WIDE CONSULTATION WAS CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND THROUGHOUT THE CIVIL ENGINEERING PROFESSION.

EXPANDING ON THE PREVIOUS EDITIONS, THE SPECIFICATION SUPERSEDES THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE AND HIGHWAYS OFFICE GENERAL SPECIFICATION FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS, 1977 EDITION AND THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, GENERAL SPECIFICATION FOR CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS, 1987 EDITION.

THE THREE-VOLUME SET, AT A COST OF \$86 FOR LOCAL AND US\$33 (SURFACE POSTAGE INCLUSIVE) FOR OVERSEAS SUBSCRIPTIONS, IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR, GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL.

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APPLICATIONS FOR FORESTRY WORK CAMP INVITED

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YOUNGSTERS WHO WISH TO CAMP IN A BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT THIS SUMMER AND INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT WORK CAN JOIN THE 1992 FORESTRY WORK CAMP.

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FROM SCHOOLS AND YOUTH GROUPS FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25 FOR THE WORK CAMP TO BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 6 AND AUGUST 22.

THE SCHEME IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT (AFD) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

IT AIMS TO PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE IN COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AS WELL AS A CHANCE FOR THEM TO TAKE PART IN COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WORK HALF-DAY ON COUNTRYSIDE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT DAILY DURING THE CAMP PERIOD. A DAILY ALLOWANCE WILL BE GRANTED TO EACH CAMPER FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DONATION.

THEY ARE ENCOURAGED TO ORGANISE EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OR USE THE FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY PARKS DURING THE REST OF THE DAY.

THE AFD WILL PROVIDE CAMPING FACILITIES FOR 402 PERSONS IN 18 COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON LANTAU AND HONG KONG ISLANDS.

BARRACK ACCOMMODATION WITH SLEEPING, COOKING, DINING AND TOILET FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

/THE CAMPS

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THE CAMPS ARE OPEN TO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM ORGANISED GROUPS AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS UNDER THE CHARGE OF AT LEAST ONE ADULT LEADER OR TEACHER.

THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN EACH GROUP MAY RANGE FROM 15 TO 23.

APPLICANTS CAN APPLY FOR EITHER A THREE-DAY CAMP OR A FIVE-DAY CAMP. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MAY 11 THIS YEAR.

INTERESTED ORGANISATIONS CAN CONTACT THE AFD'S CONSERVATION EDUCATION UNIT ON TEL 733 2121 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT APPLICATION AND CAMPING ARRANGEMENTS.

APPLICATIONS FROM SCHOOLS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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