



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FIRST CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION IN ASIA TO BE STAGED BY LABOUR DEPARTMENT * * * * *

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS TO HOLD THE FIRST EXHIBITION AT HONG KONG'S WORLD TRADE CENTRE - SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PROJECT IS COMPLETED.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION TO USE THE CAUSEWAY BAY SITE TO STAGE HONG KONG'S FIRST CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, SAID TODAY THE EXHIBITION WOULD BE HELD FROM JANUARY 9 TO 13, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION LIMITED AND THE SOCIETY OF BUILDERS. +AS FAR AS I CAN ASCERTAIN, IT WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN ASIA,+ HE SAID.

+IT WILL BE AIMED DIRECTLY AT EVERYONE ENGAGED IN THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY - FROM BOARD LEVEL TO WORKERS.

+AND THERE COULD BE NO BETTER PLACE TO STAGE SUCH AN EXHIBITION THAN ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE.

+I AM PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE EXHIBITION ON THE SITE OF THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE, WHICH WILL BECOME ONE OF THE LANDMARKS OF HONG KONG.+

MR. PRICE POINTED OUT THERE HAD BEEN A HORRIFYING GROWTH OVER THE YEARS IN THE ACCIDENT RATE IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY - INJURIES ALONE HAD RISEN BY 400 PER CENT IN THE LAST 15 YEARS.

+IN 1959 THERE WERE 1,222 INJURIES - COMPARED TO 4,976 LAST YEAR,+ HE SAID. +DEATHS ROSE FROM 32 TO 61.+

MR. PRICE SAID THE MAJOR AIM OF THE EXHIBITION WOULD BE TO BRING HOME TO THE INDUSTRY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON MAY 1 THIS YEAR.

A WIDE RANGE OF EXHIBITS WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE MOST IMPORTANT FEATURES OF THE REGULATIONS.

+THE INTENTION IS TO GET THE MESSAGE TO AS MANY MANAGEMENT PEOPLE - WHO BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WORK SAFETY - SITE STAFF, FOREMEN, GANG LEADERS AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AS WE POSSIBLY CAN,+ HE SAID.

+I HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION LTD. IN THIS AND THEY HAVE PROMISED TO ARRANGE FOR ORGANISED GROUPS TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION.+

/EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY

EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY AT THE FIVE-DAY EXHIBITION WILL INCLUDE PROPERLY-ERECTED TUBULAR AND BAMBOO SCAFFOLDING= A SERIES OF SCALE MODELS DEMONSTRATING THE CORRECT METHODS OF USING BUILDING SITE EQUIPMENT= POWER TOOLS= AND ILLUSTRATIONS OF CORRECT GUARDING AND STACKING PRACTICES.

OTHER ASPECTS OF WORK SAFETY WILL BE ILLUSTRATED THROUGH FILMS, SLIDES, PHOTOGRAPHS AND GRAPHS.

+THE WHOLE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE TO BRING HOME TO THE INDUSTRY THE NEED TO ELIMINATE THE TRAGEDY IN TERMS OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND SHEER ECONOMIC WASTE OF SUCH A POOR SAFETY RECORD,+ MR. PRICE SAID.

MR. PRICE SAID THE EXHIBITION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN HELD ON THE SITE WITHOUT +THE GENEROUS CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNITY CONSCIOUSNESS+ OF HONG KONG LAND CO. LTD.= THE CONTRACTOR, HSIN CHONG CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED= AND THE ARCHITECTS, ERIC CUMINE AND ASSOCIATES.

+I MUST PAY THEM A SPECIAL TRIBUTE FOR THEIR WILLINGNESS TO HELP IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT COMMUNITY PROJECT,+ HE SAID.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVING AND VEHICLE LICENCES * * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT THEY WERE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS WHILE APPLYING FOR DRIVING OR VEHICLE LICENCES.

IF THEY APPLY IN PERSON AT A LICENSING OFFICE, THEY MUST BRING ALONG THEIR IDENTITY CARDS TO AVOID THE NEED FOR ANOTHER TRIP.

SHOULD THEY APPLY BY POST, THE IDENTITY CARD MUST ALSO BE ENCLOSED. WHEN PROCESSING IS FINISHED, IT WILL BE POSTED BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT DRIVING LICENCE RECORDS AND THE VEHICLE REGISTER INCLUDE AN ITEM ON IDENTITY, AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS THEREFORE REQUIRES IDENTITY PROOF, FOR WHICH THE HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD IS NORMALLY USED.

HE STRESSED THAT ONLY IN CASES WHERE AN IDENTITY CARD IS NOT HELD WOULD A PASSPORT OR OTHER ACCEPTABLE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS BE ACCEPTED.

PEOPLE WHO ARE EXEMPTED FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE ARE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THEIR NORMAL MEANS OF IDENTITY, HE ADDED.

APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY THE GUIDANCE NOTES PRINTED ON THE BACK OF THE APPLICATION FORM BEFORE THEY FILL IN THE FORM.

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