



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1975

## MORE ENROL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION COURSES

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS GRADUALLY GAINING WIDER RECOGNITION IN HONG KONG.

THIS IS REFLECTED IN THE RISING NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND ENROLMENT TO THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' TRAINING COLLEGE WHICH OFFERS A WIDE VARIETY OF PART-TIME AND FULL-TIME COURSES IN TECHNICAL SUBJECTS.

THIS YEAR, THE COLLEGE RECEIVED 1,276 APPLICATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS COURSES FOR THE 1975/76 ACADEMIC YEAR. BECAUSE OF EXISTING LIMITATIONS, IT WAS ONLY ABLE TO ENROL 425 APPLICANTS -- 140 MORE THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

OF THE TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THIS YEAR, 516 WERE FOR EVENING COURSES AND 760 FOR DAY COURSES. A TOTAL OF 193 APPLICANTS FOR THE EVENING COURSES WERE ACCEPTED -- MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NUMBER ACCEPTED LAST YEAR -- WHILE 232 APPLICANTS FOR THE DAY COURSES WERE ACCEPTED, COMPARED WITH 198 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MR. PETER SMITH, PRINCIPAL OF THE COLLEGE, WELCOMED THE ENCOURAGING TREND AND SAID IT WAS REGRETTABLE THAT THE COLLEGE COULD NOT OFFER MORE PLACES TO CATER FOR THE INCREASING NEEDS OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT PLANS WERE IN HAND TO EXPAND PRESENT FACILITIES ONCE THE COLLEGE MOVES TO ITS OWN PERMANENT PREMISES. AT PRESENT, IT IS HOUSED IN TEMPORARY QUARTERS OCCUPYING THE OLD MORRISON HILL GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING IN WANCHAI AND USING WORKSHOPS AND OTHER FACILITIES IN THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WAS OPENED IN SEPTEMBER 1974 TO MEET THE GROWING INTEREST IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG. ITS FUNCTION IS TO TRAIN TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS SO THEY CAN ATTAIN THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS, TO TAKE UP POSTS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, TECHNICAL AND PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, AND IN THE TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTIONS OF CHINESE AND ANGLO-CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

IN GENERAL, TRAINING IS OFFERED TO STUDENTS WITH OR WITHOUT WORK EXPERIENCE IN THEIR CHOSEN FIELDS. THOSE WITHOUT EXPERIENCE ARE GIVEN SPECIFIC TRAINING IN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, WHILE TRAINING FOR THOSE WITH EXPERIENCE IS MAINLY GEARED TO THE ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

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THE COLLEGE ALSO RUNS A VARIETY OF SHORT COURSES FOR PRACTISING TEACHERS AND INSTRUCTORS WHO ARE WORKING IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

THIS YEAR, THE COLLEGE IS OFFERING TWO TYPES OF EVENING COURSES -- A TWO-YEAR COURSE FOR PART-TIME LECTURERS AND A ONE-YEAR INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE.

A TOTAL OF 108 STUDENTS ARE TAKING THE PART-TIME LECTURERS COURSE, WHILE 129 ARE TAKING THE INDUSTRIAL INSTRUCTORS COURSE. LAST YEAR, ONLY 63 STUDENTS WERE ENROLLED FOR THE INDUSTRIAL INSTRUCTORS COURSE.

IN ADDITION, IT OFFERS A VARIETY OF DAY COURSES. THESE INCLUDE A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME TECHNICAL TEACHERS COURSE, A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY COURSE, A ONE-YEAR FULL-TIME COURSE, SPECIALIST THIRD YEAR COURSES, AND TWO PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES ON INDUSTRIAL TRADE AND ON DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY.

THIS YEAR THE COLLEGE SUSPENDED A TWO-YEAR PART-TIME EVENING TECHNICAL TEACHERS CERTIFICATE COURSE WHICH IT HAD OFFERED FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS.

MR. SMITH EXPLAINED THAT THE COURSE WAS STOPPED BECAUSE IT HAD BECOME APPARENT THAT THERE WAS NO MORE NEED TO PROVIDE TRAINING FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS WITH ADEQUATE QUALIFICATIONS.

ORIGINALLY, HE SAID, THE COURSE CATERED FOR TECHNICAL TEACHERS WHO HAD AMPLE EXPERIENCE AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE ON SUBJECTS OF THEIR OWN SPECIALTY BUT LACKED THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS TO ENABLE THEM TO BECOME QUALIFIED REGISTERED TEACHERS. THE AIM OF THE COURSE WAS TO PROVIDE SUCH TEACHERS WITH THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS.

OVER THE PAST YEARS, 80 STUDENTS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE COURSE.

+HOWEVER, OUT OF THE 41 APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THIS YEAR,+ MR. SMITH SAID, +ONLY FOUR WERE FOUND SUITABLE FOR THE COURSE AND OF THESE TWO WERE NOT YET PRACTISING TEACHERS.

+FLEXIBILITY IS VITAL IN THE RUNNING OF COURSES TO MEET THE CHANGING DEMANDS OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION,+ HE ADDED. +COURSES ARE STARTED AS THE NEED ARISES, OR SUSPENDED WHEN THEIR PURPOSE HAS BEEN SERVED.+

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## MANPOWER SURVEY REPORT ON SALE

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THE REPORT OF THE SECOND MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

PREPARED BY THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, IT PROVIDES STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY, THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN EACH OF THE PRINCIPAL JOBS, THE EDUCATION STANDARD PREFERRED FOR THE DIFFERENT JOBS, AND THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE REPORT ALSO CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS, MADE TO BOTH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN APRIL 1973 BY THE BUILDING TRADES INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE, THE PREDECESSOR OF THE BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. THE TRAINING BOARD HOWEVER TOOK UP THE WORK OF ANALYSING THE SURVEY RESULTS AND PREPARING THE REPORT.

THE REPORT IS SOLD AT \$5 PER COPY.

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## LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION

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THIS YEAR'S LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 21) AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICE IN NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY. IT WILL BE HELD BY SECRET BALLOT.

THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY WHICH ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON MATTERS REFERRED BY HIM TO THE BOARD, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IT IS COMPOSED OF FOUR EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND FOUR WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES, WITH THE COMMISSIONER AS CHAIRMAN.

TWO OF THE WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BY REGISTERED TRADE UNIONS AND TWO ARE SELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, MRS. EVELYN T.C. PUN, SAID TODAY THAT 14 CANDIDATES HAD BEEN NOMINATED FOR ELECTION AND A LIST OF THEIR NAMES HAD BEEN SENT TO ALL WORKERS' UNIONS FOR INFORMATION.

+A REGISTERED WORKERS' TRADE UNION WISHING TO VOTE SHOULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ELECTION. THE REPRESENTATIVE MUST BRING WITH HIM A LETTER OF AUTHORISATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HIS UNION AND A COPY OF THE CIRCULAR LETTER DATED OCTOBER 1, 1975. FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON THE SUBJECT,+ SHE ADDED.

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