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FACTORY PROPRIETORS ADVISED ON PROPER HOUSEKEEPING

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Indiscriminate internal alteration of factory buildings and the misuse of common areas in those buildings such as yards, loading bays, roofs, are rapidly turning the industrial areas of Hong Kong into slums.

Stating this today, a Labour Department spokesman said the department was alarmed at the way conditions are deteriorating in newly developed areas, particularly in Kwai Chung.

He said floor areas are being divided up with flimsy partitioning which was often made of combustible material.

"Not enough regard is being paid to essential provisions such as proper exits, good natural lighting and ventilation, adequate working and storage space.

"Finished products and work are being allowed in areas designed for other purposes. e.g. stairways are being used for storage; loading bays and yards are being used for working and storage purposes. All these are signs of improper management."

The spokesman said factory proprietors should plan their workshop lay-outs properly and allow for adequate exits (at least two), good lighting and ventilation, adequate working and storage space.

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He pointed out that if a factory in an industrial building did not have adequate exits (at least two), no certificate of registration would be issued to the proprietor.

The proprietor will have to move out of the unsuitable premises or face prosecution for operating an unregistered factory, he added.

"Members of the Factory Inspectorate in the Labour Department are prepared to give advice on the setting-up of good working conditions. Factory proprietors are advised to consult them at the early stage of their planning."

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MECHANISED BAGGAGE EXAMINATION COUNTERS AT AIRPORT

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Mechanised examination counters have been installed in the baggage reclaim hall at Hong Kong Airport to improve security and to facilitate the handling of passengers' luggage.

Eighteen counters, costing about \$300,000, have already been installed as part of Stage III of the airport expansion programme, and 22 other counters will be set up when the next stage is completed, a Preventive Service spokesman said today.

The number and position of counters open at any one time can be controlled by the officer-in-charge and depend on the number and direction of passengers to be cleared at the time, he said.

The counters consist of a conveyor belt with static rollers at each end. The belts are set in motion by the Revenue Inspector manning it.

The spokesman said passengers had only to put their baggage onto the conveyor rollers on one end, see it through the inspection, and fasten the baggage at the other end before leaving the hall.

Two passengers, one at each end of the belt, can thus be handled at the same time by one inspector. The time taken to clear the baggage of a passenger averages about 80 seconds.

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If contraband is discovered in the baggage, the inspector does not have to leave his post and disrupt his work -- he can give an immediate signal to the officer-in-charge who takes over the case.

On an average, 1,800 aircrafts come into Hong Kong each month, bringing with them some 105,000 passengers, and this is steadily increasing.

As all passengers are processed through the baggage reclaim hall, it is essential that they can be cleared in the shortest possible time.

The installation of counters has been coupled with an expansion of Preventive Service staff to deal with the increased passenger traffic.

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Note to Editors: Copies of photographs showing the new counters are distributed separately in the G.I.S. Press Boxes this afternoon.

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SECOND SERIES OF SWIMMING COURSES

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A new series of swimming courses is being organised for the public at public swimming pools managed by the Urban Council.

A spokesman for the Urban Services Department said the first series of swimming courses, which started on July 11, 1972, was attended by about 700 people with an average of 20 learners in each class.

"In view of the apparent success and demand for such classes, arrangements have been made to run a second series of similar courses. This new series will start on August 14," he said.

The Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association and the Education Department are both assisting in the project.

Non-swimmers in the beginners' course will learn the basic movements in swimming and breathing while those in the intermediate course will be taught personal survival in water and how to improve their swimming techniques.

Classes will be given only during week-day evenings and at weekends. The courses will last for five weeks.

Fees range from \$2 for children under 14 to \$10 for adults over 18.

Office and factory workers, as well as children who do not have the opportunity to undertake swimming with their schools, are particularly welcome.

Application forms will be obtainable from all City District Offices in Kowloon and all government public swimming pools as from July 24.

These should be completed and returned to either Kowloon Tsai, Kwun Tong or Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool on or before Monday, July 31.

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LUNCHEON GIVEN IN HONOUR OF HONG KONG KNIGHTS

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A Hong Kong girl student and a nurse were specially invited as guests at a luncheon given by the British Government in honour of Sir Sidnéy and Lady Gordon and Sir Yuet-keung and Lady Kan at Lancaster House, London, on Thursday (July 20).

They were Miss Frances Chang Mo-chee, a student of pharmacy who has just taken her final examinations at the Chelsea College of Science and Technology, London University, and Miss Angela King Oi-kam who was trained in Britain and is now a district nurse employed by the London borough of Hillingdon.

Miss Chang and Miss King were invited to attend the luncheon as representatives of Hong Kong students in Britain at the suggestion of the host for the British Government, Mr. Anthony Royle, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

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MOSQUITO NUISANCE CAN BE REMOVED

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The nuisance caused by mosquitoes can be effectively removed if they are deprived of breeding places -- this is one of the message which, the current anti-mosquitoes campaign launched by the Urban Services Department aims at putting across to the public.

It is unrealistic to think they breed only in filthy places, a department spokesman said today.

He pointed out that mosquitoes breed in stagnant water -- clean or otherwise -- regardless of the environment.

Heat and moisture favour their propagation and summer is their season because of the rain, he added.

Government has been doing what it can to control large-scale breeding places, such as streams, pools, ponds, building sites and vacant lands.

The control of small breeding places in and around domestic premises however is just as important, the spokesman said.

In built-up areas the most favourite breeding places are discarded receptacles such as tins, bottles, and motor tyres. Uncovered water tanks and choked surface drains are also common breeding grounds.

These neglected places can be located and destroyed or removed. The Urban Services Department gives the following advice:

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- \* Pay special attention to open areas, such as the roof, balcony, verandah and yard,
- \* Remove all empty tins and bottles and turn large receptacles upside down, and
- \* Cover up your water tank and clear all rain water outlet to prevent their being choked.

There are many types of mosquitoes. Some transmit malaria while others do not, although most of those in the urban area belong to the latter type.

Everyone can help to remove the nuisance, by regularly checking for possible breeding places and destroying them.

The spokesman said the maximum penalty for allowing the breeding of mosquitoes is \$1,000.

In a recent court case, a construction company was fined a total of \$1,000 on two summonses taken out by the Urban Services Department for allowing mosquitoes to breed at a building site.

In the case, the magistrate told the company to provide staff to look at its building site to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

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SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITY PROGRAMME IN FULL SWING

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Boys and girls, it is time to forget about your books for a while and start planning your summer vacation, now that your examination is over.

If you want to have an enjoyable and meaningful holiday, come and join the summer youth activities.

A summer youth activity programme full of varieties is now in full swing. It has been organised by government departments and organisations involved in youth work for young people between the ages of eight and 25.

It consists of two main types of activities: educational and recreational. Educational type activities include work camps, visits to organisations and factories, and training and study courses through which participants may acquire new skills and knowledge. Recreational activities include camping, variety shows, barbecue parties and youth tea-house etc.

Several districts are still in need of volunteer workers to act as leaders or help run such activities as service projects, training and study courses and recreation clubs and centres.

Anyone above the age of 16 who is interested in joining such activities may apply to the City District Offices, district offices in the New Territories, community centres of the Social Welfare Department, the Hong Kong Council of Social Service or the Association of Volunteers for Service.

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VISIT TO WORK CAMP AT MA WAN

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Mr. Peter Williams, the Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary (Social Services), who is Chairman of the Central Co-ordinating Committee for Youth Recreation, will visit a work camp at Ma Wan on Monday (July 24) morning.

On arrival, Mr. Williams will be met by Mr. Stephen Law, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer; Mr. Albert Lai, Assistant District Officer, Tsuen Wan, Mr. Chan Kwong Chuen, Chairman of Ma Wan Rural Committee, and other members of the Social Welfare Department.

The five-day work camp is organised by the Fulgent Youth Society, a self-programming group sponsored by the Youth Work Unit of the Social Welfare Department.

The project of the work camp is the building of a 1,000-foot long footpath leading from a football field to Lau Fa village.

About 40 young people will take part in the project. Most of them are secondary or university students between the age of 19 and 25.

The purpose of the work camp is to enable the participants to have a better understanding of the ways of life between the urban and the rural district, and give them an opportunity to learn about community life.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to cover the visit which begins at 10.30 a.m. on Monday. Transport will be provided for members of the press. A government station Wagon will leave the transport sub-pool behind the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office at 8.45 a.m. sharp.

A ferry will be waiting at the pier in Sham Tseng, Tsuen Wan to take them across to Ma Wan.

A Social Welfare Officer will be present to assist the press.

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CENTRES FOR WATER CHARGES COLLECTION

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Temporary collecting centres will be set up by the Taipo District Office at Sheung Shui, Fanling and Shatin for the collection of water charges for the 2nd quarter of 1972.

The Sheung Shui collection centre, located at the Sheung Shui Police Station, will operate on July 24 ( Monday ) and July 25 ( Tuesday ).

The Fanling collection centre, at the Fanling Rural Committee Office, Luen Wo Hui, will operate on July 26 ( Wednesday ).

The collection centre at Shatin will operate at the Shatin Rural Committee Office on July 27 ( Thursday ).

The hours of business will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents of the districts are invited to use these facilities which are provided for their convenience.

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RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES TO SELL LOTTERY TICKETS

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Four Radio Hong Kong artistes will help boost the ticket sale of the 51st Government Lottery next Tuesday (July 25) at the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club selling booth at the Star Ferry Concourse on Hong Kong Island.

Miss Kimmy Got, Miss Stella Chan, Miss Katherina Tsang and Miss Monita Miu will help sell tickets for about half an hour from 12.45 p.m. onwards on Tuesday and draw the winning numbers next Saturday at the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club in Happy Valley.

Up to 12 noon today, a total of 280,000 tickets have been sold.

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EMERGENCY WORK LARGELY COMPLETED

In Po Shan Road Disaster Site

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A spokesman for the Building Authority said today that the emergency work on the landslide slope above and below Po Shan Road in the western mid-levels area had now been largely completed, and consideration was being given to the form which the final restoration of the area would take.

A meeting was recently held between senior officers of the Buildings Ordinance Office, the Police and representatives of the majority of the buildings closed because of the landslide.

The first point discussed at this meeting was the arrangements which were subsequently put in hand for residents to service their flats on one day in the week.

The representatives of the various management groups were also asked to arrange for the appointment of authorized architects to act on behalf of the owners so that the Building Authority could discuss with these persons when they were appointed the measures which would be necessary in order that reoccupation could be permitted.

The first of such discussions has already been held between officers of the Buildings Ordinance Office and architects appointed in respect of No. 21 Po Shan Road, Mirror Marina at 49 Conduit Road and Skyline Mansion at 51 Conduit Road.

It is hoped that the architects will propose measures to be taken jointly which will deal with the present situation. Any proposal made will, of course, be subject to the approval of the Building Authority.

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Architects have now been appointed in respect of Blocks A and B, Po Shan Mansion, at 10-16 Po Shan Road and additionally the Public Works Department are undertaking soil investigations which should produce information which will be evaluated by the end of August. The reoccupation of 53 and 55 Conduit Road must await the decision in respect of Po Shan Mansion.

The spokesman said that the appointment of an architect in respect of the two blocks at Emerald Gardens, No. 36, Kotewall Road, is awaited, but one of these blocks is badly damaged and has been shored.

Since work cannot be commenced on this damaged block while the clearance operation at Kotewall Court continues and since repair will in any event be difficult, it is unlikely that this building can be re-occupied in the near future, he said.

In the meantime, the spokesman said the clearance and body recovery operation at Kotewall Court continues on a 24-hour basis and the work is proceeding as quickly as is possible.

He said that because this operation is primarily one of body recovery and also because the work is both difficult and dangerous, it is necessarily a time-consuming operation. Nevertheless, 31 bodies have been recovered since the 23rd June, most of these in the last two weeks.

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