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**GOVERNMENT ENGAGES MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS****Three-Man Team Due Here This Month**

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The rapid expansion of Hong Kong over recent years has resulted in a spectacular increase in Government business and responsibilities. The Government is short of experienced manpower to meet these responsibilities, and has decided to engage a well known firm of management consultants to assess whether the Government is making the most productive use of its presently available expertise and experience.

Commenting on this decision a Government spokesman said: "It will be recalled that the Colonial Secretary, speaking in Legislative Council recently, said that it is difficult to expand the experienced ranks of Government with the necessary experience. It is expected that this survey will enable better use to be made of Government's limited staff resources. It should ensure that these resources, particularly experienced manpower, are best deployed in the process of reaching decisions and in implementing such decisions quickly and effectively."

This review will be undertaken by Messrs. McKinsey & Company, a firm of international repute in the management consultant field. These consultants have prepared reports on many large public organisations in many countries, including for instance the Bank of England.

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One of their detailed assignments will be to strike a balance between the distribution of decision making manpower between the Central Secretariat and Departments.

A team of three consultants is expected to arrive towards the end of this month, and will carry out their assignment under the direction of Dr. A.C. Copisarow, a Vice-President of the Company, who visited Hong Kong recently.

It is expected that it will take the team about six months to complete its recommendations. It will thereafter remain for a further three months to assist Government in the implementation of any agreed proposals.

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Note to Editors: A photograph of Dr. A.C. Copisarow is distributed separately in the press boxes, G.I.S.

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LAI CHI KOK BEACH CLOSED

Swimmers Warned Not To Take Dip

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A spokesman for the Urban Services Department today warned swimmers not to enter the water at Lai Chi Kok beach.

It is now dangerous to swim in Lai Chi Kok as all life-saving, first-aid and other facilities have been withdrawn from the beach, he said.

"Government has to close this beach because the water there has been found to be unfit for swimming," he added.

If the public want to take a dip during the summer, they can now go to the Li Cheng Uk Swimming Pool which was officially opened by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, on May 3.

The Li Cheng Uk Swimming Complex is situated in Kwong Lee Road near the North Kowloon Magistracy and the Sheung Lee Uk Garden.

The swimming complex was opened to the public in October last year. Since then, it has been very popular with the residents of the densely populated districts of Sham Shui Po, Cheung Sha Wan and Lai Chi Kok.

"If the public still prefer to go to the beaches, they are advised to go to the ones along Castle Peak Road in Tsuen Wan," the spokesman said.

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SAU MAU PING (SOUTH) ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING

Formal Opening Ceremony On May 11

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The new Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate Welfare Building will be opened at a ceremony in the Sau Mau Ping Resettlement Estate on Thursday, May 11 at 4 p.m.

The programme has been organised by the Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate Welfare Building Management Committee, which includes representatives from the Social Welfare Department's Estate Community Work Office, the Y.M.C.A., the United Christian Hospital, and the Gospel Preaching Group of Overseas Chinese Christians.

Guests attending the ceremony will include Mr. Thomas C.Y. Lee, Deputy Director of Social Welfare; Mr. Peter Chan Chi-kwan, Urban Councillor; Mr. Lam Chik-ho, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United Christian Hospital; Mr. Lee Yiu-bor, of the Gospel Preaching Group of Overseas Chinese Christians; Mr. Wong Ping-lai, President of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., Hong Kong; Mrs. Wong Chan-siu, permanent president of the Sau Mau Ping Kaifong Advancement Association; and Mr. Leung Sai-chuen, Resettlement Officer, Sau Mau Ping Resettlement Estate (South).

Mr. Lee will begin the proceedings with opening remarks, to be followed by a vote of thanks by Mr. Alan Liu, Chairman of the Sau Mau Ping (South) Estate Welfare Building Management Committee.

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All the participating officials will then jointly cut the ribbon to symbolise the formal opening of the building, and then the programme will continue with a Northern Chinese Lion Dance by the Social Welfare Department's Sham Shui Po Youth Centre, followed by a selection of music by the school band of the Bernard College, and a parade by the band of the St. Bonaventure Primary School (A.M.).

The building is to house a number of organisations interested in the provisioning of social services, including the Social Welfare Department, the Y.M.C.A, and other voluntary organisations and Christian bodies.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the ceremony covered.

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DETERMINED EFFORT TO STOP DRUG FLOW

New System Adopted By Prisons Department Paying Off

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A total of eleven persons, about one tenth of all those to be admitted last night into Tai Lam Addiction Treatment Centre and Victoria Reception Centre, were arrested for allegedly trying to smuggle varying quantities of suspected heroin into the prisons.

The drugs were concealed within their persons on admission but were detected by prisons staff using an improved searching procedure recently introduced.

Since the beginning of this month, all persons remanded for suitability reports under the Drugs Addiction Treatment Centres Ordinance are remanded at the Tai Lam Addiction Treatment Centre.

This new arrangement has helped to relieve the pressure on the Victoria Reception Centre and therefore enable an improved system of search to be implemented.

During the eight days since then, including last night's find, a total of eighteen cases of alleged drug smuggling by prisoners on admission were detected, and a similar number of people arrested.

Commenting on the drugs find last night, the Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. T.G. Garner, pointed to the revealing fact that only one of the ten persons arrested at Victoria Reception Centre was on a dangerous drugs charge.

The others were charged with theft, burglary, assault, and loitering.

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"It has become clear that the drugs which circulated in prisons were mainly brought in by prisoners, and the number of staff involved is very small," Mr. Garner said.

"However, due to the devious ways by which the drugs have been coming into the institutions, it has led to the mistaken belief that all these drugs were brought in by prisons staff. This, we now know, is not true," he added.

Mr. Garner said the initial results of his determined effort to prevent dangerous drugs getting into the Department's institutions are obviously proving successful, and the long-term benefits should be rewarding.

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#### TWO OFFICERS RETIRE FROM SERVICE

In The Labour And Mines Departments

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In his dual capacity as Commissioner of Labour and Commissioner of Mines, Mr. Paul Tsui presented retirement gifts to two officers, one from the Labour Department and one from the Mines Department today (Tuesday).

Mr. H.M. Munro, Principal Surveyor in the Pressure Equipment Unit of the Labour Department, retired after 18 years of service in the Government and Mr. Ho Kou, Depot Attendant of Mines Department, retired after 25 years of service.

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APPEAL FOR VOLUNTEERS

For Summer Youth Programme

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More than 30,000 volunteers are needed to assist with the extensive programme of activities planned for young people in Hong Kong this summer.

An appeal for these volunteers was made today by Mrs. Mary Wong Wing-cheung, an organising official, who said that the colony's annual programme may well be the biggest of its kind in South-East Asia.

She said that about one million young people - a quarter of Hong Kong's population - are expected to be provided with some form of entertainment and recreation this summer.

"Various organisations and government departments concerned with recreation activities for young people are mapping out a comprehensive programme," she added.

"The operation of such a programme of activities depends very much on young people taking part not only as participants, but also as leaders or helpers. The success of this type of venture depends on the active participation and co-operation of volunteers."

Mrs. Wong is Chairman of Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Chairman of Heep Hong Club for Handicapped Children and Chairman of the Association of Volunteers for Service.

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She said that procedure to register as a helper or leader is quite simple. Anyone who is sixteen years and over may join as a helper or leader. Applications should be directed to any of the ten City District Offices, local youth agencies, District Offices in New Territories and Social Welfare Department Community Centres.

Volunteers may also register at the office of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service at Red Cross Building, 2nd floor, Harcourt Road or the Association of Volunteers for Service at 104, Ridley House, No. 2, Upper Albert Road, Hong Kong.

Volunteer workers are required to help in such activities as running recreation clubs and centres, study and training courses, physical activities, camps and other service projects.

The programme of summer activities is being jointly organised by the member agencies of the Division of Children and Youth of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, Schools, voluntary organisations, the Armed Services and many government departments.

Programmes are offered on a colony-wide basis and on a district level, where activities are being co-ordinated by District Youth and Recreation Co-ordinating Committees.

Mrs. Wong commented: "The summer activities are to provide young people with healthy recreation and opportunities to take part in group activities during the summer holidays. The activities will also help to develop their skills and interest and spirit in community service and experience in group living.

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"Another essential element in the success of the summer programme is the involvement of the community. Not only young people but also adults with special skills and resources should give their support and personal attention to this programme."

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Note to Editors: For interviews in connection with registration of volunteer helpers, please contact Mrs. Wong at Wang Kee Building, 11th floor, Nos. 34-37, Connaught Rd. Central or on telephone H-238141 tomorrow (Wednesday).

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BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

No. 16 Wa In Fong West

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The Building Authority today declared No. 16 Wa In Fong West to be in a dangerous condition and ordered demolition.

In a statement issued this morning, the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that this three-storey pre-war building was inspected following a report from another Government Department.

It was found that the brickwork of the main flank wall, adjoining Wa In Fong East is badly eroded, bulged and fractured and there were signs of movement in the walls of the kitchen block.

As there is a risk of collapse, notice of intention to apply for a Closure Order in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on May 31 was posted today.

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Release Time: 6.45 p.m.