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SUCCESSFUL FIREMEN MUST HAVE COMPASSION

Fire Chief Speaks At Passing-Out Parade

The Director of Fire Services, Mr. A.E.H. Wood, today emphasised that a very important ingredient in any successful fireman was "the need for compassion."

He said that "this compassion, when coupled with the qualities of sincerity, determination, self-discipline and dedication will result in a successful fireman with pride of service and personal achievement."

Mr. Wood was speaking at the passing-out parade of officers and firemen at the Fire Services Training School at Pat Heung in the New Territories this (Saturday) morning.

He said that Hong Kong's Fire Services was "second to none" and that its future reputation would depend on the conduct of each fireman, individually and collectively.

The following is the full text of Mr. Wood's speech:

"The vigorous progress, growth and development of the community in which we live necessitates that in common with all other agencies, our Service keeps in step with this rapid expansion by constantly reviewing techniques, operations and organisation and a vital element of all current activities and advanced planning is the need to ensure that properly trained young men are available to enable our Service to continue to meet its legal and moral responsibilities to the public.

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"The majority of you on parade today have now successfully completed your initial training which will have equipped you with the basic requirements of your chosen calling and prepared you to take your place at the side of your colleagues already in the operational field.

"You will very shortly commence to gain the experience which no amount of training can give you and you will very quickly learn that the opportunities to gain this experience are only too frequent in our community.

Challenges

"In the years that lie ahead you will continue to acquire knowledge which will further enhance your ability to meet and conquer the many challenges which will, inevitably, arise, and I am confident that in time each of you will not only maintain but will also enhance the reputation of the entire Service and, further more, add your contribution, to the field of fire protection and prevention.

"You will very quickly find that in the course of your duties you will be attending a great variety of incidents, and the majority of these incidents will bring you into direct contact with persons in distress and difficulty.

"I therefore wish to emphasise that you must never forget that a very important ingredient in any successful Fireman is the need for compassion and this compassion, when coupled with the qualities of sincerity, determination, self-discipline and dedication will result in a successful Fireman with pride of Service and personal achievement.

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"You are all members of a Service which, with pride and humility, I consider is second to none and the reputation our Service currently enjoys will depend on the conduct of each and everyone of you, individually and collectively.

"In the eyes of the public, you represent the entire Service and from what I have seen of you today, I feel sure that you will all merit the esteem of the public during the course of your career.

"Finally, I warmly congratulate the Commandant, Training School staff and all of you on parade for the splendid turn-out and bearing.

"My best wishes to you all!"

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TAXI RANKS AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE

Picking Up And Setting Down Areas To Be Swapped

The picking up and setting down areas for passengers at the Star Ferry concourse in Hong Kong will be reversed later this month, the Commissioner for Transport announced today.

With one-way traffic routing at the concourse, it is illogical that the setting down area should at present be sited beyond the main picking up area.

This means that, having dropped his passenger, a taxi must travel round in a large circle before he can return empty to the picking up area.

It would make more sense to swap over the two areas, so that a taxi first drops his passenger and then goes on empty to the picking up area ahead.

On Monday (January 15), work will start on carrying out the changes to queue railings and signs, and will be completed a week later.

Taxis will then discharge on the western side of the concourse beside the subway and pick up passengers in front of the pier.

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REGISTRATION OF PERSONS TEAM TO VISIT WONG CHUK HANG

Residents Urged To Make Use Of Facilities

The Commissioner of Registration announced today that a team from the Registration of Persons Department will conduct registrations at the Wong Chuk Hang Government Low Cost Estate Office from Monday (January 15), to Friday (January 19).

Business hours will be from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on such dates.

The visit will enable parents or guardians to register their children from six to 17 years of age for juvenile identity cards.

Young people 17 years of age and over and holding juvenile identity cards, can register for adult identity cards.

People living in the area are reminded of their responsibility to register themselves and their children for identity cards.

They must report to the Registration of Persons Department any changes of employment or residential address, nationality or marital status or any other particulars which have changed since registering for their identity cards.

Children between six and 17 years of age who have Hong Kong Birth Certificates or valid travel documents need not attend for registration, but children who do not have Birth Certificates or valid travel documents, must accompany their parents or guardians when registering.

Parents or guardians must produce both their (i.e. husband and wife) identity cards for inspection when registering juveniles.

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On registering for adult cards, young people 17 years of age and over must surrender their juvenile identity cards and produce the identity cards of both their parents or guardians under whom they are registered, and a Hong Kong Birth Certificate or evidence of their residence in Hong Kong during the past two years.

People who do not possess any of these documents must register at the Registration of Persons Branch Office in the Causeway Bay Magistracy, Electric Road, Hong Kong, at Canton Road Government Offices, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon or at Far East Bank Building, Ground floor, Castle Peak Road, Tsuen Wan, New Territories.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS

Twenty-one Immigration Assistants, including eight women, will take part in a passing-out parade to be held on Tuesday (January 16) at the Royal Hong Kong Regiment Parade Ground in Happy Valley.

Mr. Lo Tak-shing, Urban Councillor, will inspect the parade and present awards to the top recruits.

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Note to Editors: The parade will be held at 9.30 a.m.

You are invited to send a reporter and/or
photographer to cover it.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

Water supply to a number of premises in Sha Tau Kok will be interrupted for eight hours from 10 p.m. on Tuesday (January 16) to 6 a.m. the next morning.

The temporary water stoppage is to enable the Waterworks Office to make connections at Sha Tau Kok Road near Queen's Hill Camp, Ma Mei Ha and Loi Tung Tsuen.

The area to be affected are premises and villages along Sha Tau Kok Road between Queen's Hill Camp and to the east of Sha Tau Kok Market (including Kong Ha Village), and Ping Che Road between Sha Tau Kok Road and Ta Ku Ling Police Station.

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SUNDAY D.I.B.

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). Copies will be available for collection in the G.I.S. press room after 3 p.m.

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EXCHANGES TO CLOSE FOR TWO AFTERNOONS NEXT WEEK

Financial Secretary Says Move Is Sensible

Commenting on the statement by the Chairman of the four stock exchanges today that "further to our announcement dated 11th January that trading will cease on Wednesday afternoons until further notice, we have now decided that due to the inability of stock-brokers to clear their accumulated back-log, the stock exchanges will also close for trading on Monday and Friday afternoons next week only, in order to clear this accumulation of paper-work," the Financial Secretary said:

"I think this is a very sensible move because the volume of turnover recently has made it extremely difficult for stock-brokers to observe the delivery arrangements stipulated by the stock exchanges' own rules. These two extra half day holidays should enable stock-brokers to catch up."

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