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CATERERS URGED TO OBSERVE SAFETY RULES

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) REMINDED CATERING PROPRIETORS OF THEIR DUTY TO COMPLY WITH INDUSTRIAL SAFETY LAWS AND TO ENSURE THEIR EMPLOYEES' SAFETY AT WORK.

"ALL CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS, SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, FAST-FOOD SHOPS AND CANTEENS, HAVE NOW COME UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (F&IU) ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS SINCE NOVEMBER 1990, AND WILL BE INSPECTED REGULARLY BY FACTORY INSPECTORS," SAID CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR CHAN TAT-KING.

"WE HAVE ORGANISED A NUMBER OF SEMINARS, TRAINING COURSES AND TALKS FOR CATERING PERSONNEL OVER THE YEARS TO ASSIST THEM IN UNDERSTANDING AND MAKING ADJUSTMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE SAFETY LEGISLATION," MR CHAN ADDED.

"IT IS NOW TIME FOR CATERING PROPRIETORS TO TAKE ALL STEPS TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY CONDITIONS IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS," HE SAID, ADDING THAT 16,000 WORK ACCIDENTS WERE RECORDED IN THE INDUSTRY LAST YEAR.

"AS A LARGE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WITHOUT WORKING EXPERIENCE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP SUMMER JOBS IN THE CATERING AND OTHER TRADES, ADEQUATE PRECAUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THEIR SAFETY AT WORK," HE SAID.

MR CHAN STRESSED THAT PROSECUTION WILL BE TAKEN OUT AGAINST CATERING PROPRIETORS WHO FAIL TO MEET THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

HE SAID SUMMONSES HAD RECENTLY BEEN LAID AGAINST TWO RESTAURANTS FOR FAILING TO EFFECTIVELY GUARD THE MOVING PARTS OF MEAT MINCING MACHINES AS REQUIRED UNDER THE F&IU (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS.

OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$30,000.

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VOLUNTEER SERVICE - A LIFE-LONG COMMITMENT

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THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO, FEISTY ANDREW LAM, THEN A FORM FIVE LEAVER, JOINED THE CIVIL AID SERVICES (CAS) AS A VOLUNTEER. FIVE YEARS LATER HE BECAME A PERMANENT STAFF.

NOW, AT 58, AS THE NUMBER TWO GUY IN THE CAS HEADQUARTERS, HE LOOKS TO HIS WORK AS A LIFETIME COMMITMENT.

BUT ONE THING STANDS THE TEST OF TIME - THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE.

"THE WINE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE NEVER TURNS SOUR," THE CAS STAFF OFFICER SAID.

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"WHAT HAVEN'T CHANGED THROUGHOUT THE YEARS ARE THE READINESS AND EAGERNESS OF ALL OF US HERE TO RESPOND PROMPTLY TO EMERGENCIES, TO GIVE A HELPING HAND TO THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE AT RISK," HE ADDED.

AS AN ARDENT CLIMBER, HE LIKES TO SCALE NEW HEIGHTS. HE HAS NOT BEEN THWARTED BY ANY HILL IN THE TERRITORY.

IN 1967, THE CAS TOOK OVER FROM THE ROYAL AIR FORCE THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE JOB. HE WAS THE FIRST COMMANDER OF THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE UNIT. IT STARTED WITH A POOL OF 30 RESCUERS.

NOW WITH A 70-MEMBER TEAM OF SKILLED MOUNTAINEERS, THE UNIT IS ALWAYS ON STANDBY DUTY TO SEARCH FOR AND RESCUE MISSING AND INJURED HIKERS.

MR LAM SAID UNIT MEMBERS MAINTAINED STANDBY DUTIES ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, ADDING THAT A RESCUE TEAM CAN BE MOBILISED WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER A CALL WAS RECEIVED.

THE UNIT RESPONDED TO AN AVERAGE OF 16 TO 20 CALLOUT OPERATIONS A YEAR.

FALLEN INTO REMINISCENCE, MR LAM SAID THERE WERE MANY UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES IN HIS SERVICE.

AND BITTER MEMORIES TOO.

"I REMEMBER HOW WE FOUGHT ALL THE ADVERSITIES TO RESCUE A DESPERATE HIKER WHO WAS TRAPPED IN THE CRACKS OF THE LION ROCK WHICH WERE INACCESSIBLE EVEN TO A HELICOPTER," HE SAID.

RESCUERS TOOK HOURS TO PULL THE INJURED HIKER TO SAFETY AND SPED HIM TO HOSPITAL.

HE WAS CERTIFIED DEAD ON ARRIVAL.

"IT'S INDEED A SAD EPISODE. BUT IT WOULD NOT DAMPEN OUR SPIRIT," HE CONFIDED.

TO KEEP UP WITH THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARD OF THE UNIT AND ITS EQUIPMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG AIR FORCE SEND AN INSPECTOR OF LAND RESCUE TO APPRAISE ITS PERFORMANCE EVERY TWO YEARS.

LAST YEAR, THERE WAS A FURTHER BOOST IN THE TRAINING EQUIPMENT. A NEW CLIMBING WALL - THE HIGHEST ARTIFICIAL CLIMBING WALL IN HONG KONG - WAS COMMISSIONED AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE.

POWERED BY DEVOTION, MR LAM WORKED ALL HIS WAY UP FROM A REVENUE OFFICER TO BECOME THE MAN IN CHARGE OF THREE MAIN DIVISIONS - ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING IN THE CAS HEADQUARTERS.

LOOKING BACK, HE SAID: "IT'S MUCH MORE THAN A JOB OR A SOURCE OF INCOME. IT'S IN FACT THE JOB SATISFACTION, THE SENSE OF BELONGING AND THE DRIVE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THAT MAKE ME STAY ON.

/"THE CAS

"THE CAS HAS GIVEN ME OPPORTUNITIES TO DEVELOP WHAT I'M GOOD AT. WITH MY QUALIFICATIONS, I KNOW I WOULD NEVER HAVE A CHANCE LIKE THIS," HE ADDED.

THE CAS IS CELEBRATING ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.

TODAY, THE CAS HAS GROWN INTO A 7,000-STRONG VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY ORGANISATION, INCLUDING THE CADET CORPS.

ITS ROLE HAS CHANGED FROM A CIVIL DEFENSE UNIT TO A BROAD-BASED VOLUNTEER BODY, FOCUSING ON COUNTER-DISASTER AND RESCUE WORK IN TIMES OF DISASTER.

ITS DIVERSIFIED DUTIES ALSO COVER CROWD CONTROL AT CIVIC FUNCTIONS, MANAGEMENT OF VIETNAMESE MIGRANTS' CENTRES AND ANTI-OIL POLLUTION WORK ON SEAS.

DURING THE PAST FOUR DECADES, THE CAS HAD ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN MANY DISASTER RELIEF INCIDENTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWO PHOTOGRAPHS, ONE OF MR LAM AND THE OTHER ON MOUNTAIN RESCUE TRAINING, ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT GIS NEWSROOM.

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NEW POST OFFICE IN CAUSEWAY BAY

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M. PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT A NEW CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE LOCATED AT SHOP G12 ON THE GROUND FLOOR COMMERCIAL PODIUM OF ELIZABETH HOUSE, 250-254 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WILL BE OPENED AT 9.30 AM ON MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1992.

THIS OFFICE WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE AT 57 PATERSON STREET WHICH WILL BE CLOSED FOR BUSINESS AT 1 PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 20.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS A POSTING BOX WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE LOCATION OF THE EXISTING POST OFFICE.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE IS 836 0599 AND THE HOURS OF BUSINESS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

THE LARGER SIZE OF THE NEW OFFICE WILL ENABLE THE NUMBER OF P.O. BOXES TO BE INCREASED FROM 900 TO 1,200 AND WILL ALLOW THE PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL COUNTER FOR STAMP SALES AND A SEPARATE COUNTER FOR ACCEPTANCE OF SPEEDPOST.

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LOCAL PHILATELISTS WILL WISH TO NOTE THAT A SPECIAL HAND-BACK SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE NEW CAUSEWAY BAY POST OFFICE ON MONDAY, JUNE 22.

UNREGISTERED FULLY POSTAGE PREPAID "FIRST DAY" COVERS PREPARED PRIVATELY, AND BEARING A LOCAL ADDRESS, WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATESTAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM.

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HK-IRISH REPUBLIC MAIL SERVICE RESUMED

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THE POSTMASTER GENERAL, MR M. PAGLIARI, ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT LETTER MAIL SERVICE TO AND FROM THE IRISH REPUBLIC, WHICH HAS BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE APRIL 29 THIS YEAR DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION, IS NOW RESUMED.

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EARLY RETURNS FOR PHOTO AND ESSAY CONTESTS REMINDED

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ENTRIES FOR A PHOTO AND AN ESSAY COMPETITIONS MARKING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES, WILL CLOSE ON JUNE 27, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

FOR THE PHOTO COMPETITION, ONLY 3R PHOTOS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE THEME OF THE PICTURE SHOULD FEATURE "A HAPPY FAMILY".

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE ESSAY COMPETITION, THEIR ENTRIES ON "MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE AND I" SHOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 2,000 WORDS.

IN ADDITION TO TROPHIES, THREE WINNERS OF EACH COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE GIFT COUPONS RANGING FROM \$500 TO \$1,000.

COMPLETED ENTRIES AND PHOTOS SHOULD BE SENT EITHER IN PERSON OR BY MAIL TO ANY OF THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR THE FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES HEADQUARTERS, 2/F, CENTRE POINT, 181 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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