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NEW SAFETY REGULATIONS COME INTO OPERATION WEDNESDAY

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS THAT TWO SETS OF NEW REGULATIONS ON THE SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND ON PROTECTION OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS' HEARING COME INTO OPERATION ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE FIRST SET OF REGULATIONS, PRESCRIBE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE SAFETY IN THE USE OF ELECTRICITY IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AND PLACE ON THE PROPRIETOR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT HIS ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AND APPARATUS ARE IN SAFE WORKING ORDER.

THE REGULATIONS ALSO DEAL WITH, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE INSULATION AND THE SAFEGUARDING OF CONDUCTORS, THE CONSTRUCTION OF SWITCHES AND SWITCHBOARDS, SWITCH FUSES, CIRCUIT BREAKERS AND INSULATING LINKS, MEANS OF ISOLATING VOLTAGE AND MEANS OF PREVENTING ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND FIRE.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAD PRODUCED A GUIDE TO THE REGULATIONS OUTLINING THE PROVISIONS IN SIMPLE TERMS TO HELP EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES TO UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

COPIES OF THE GUIDE - IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE - ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM DIVISIONAL OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SECOND SET OF REGULATIONS REQUIRES THE PROPRIETOR TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN HIS MACHINERY AND PLANT TO MINIMISE NOISE AND PROVIDE HEARING PROTECTORS FOR WORKERS EXPOSED TO A SOUND LEVEL OF 90 DB(A) OR HIGHER FOR CERTAIN LENGTHS OF TIME IN A DAY.

A GUIDE ON THE HEARING REGULATIONS AND A CODE OF PRACTICE FOR REDUCING THE EXPOSURE OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS TO NOISE WERE BEING PRINTED.

ANYONE REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE REGULATIONS MAY CONTACT THE INSPECTORATE OR ANY DIVISIONAL OFFICE, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS HOLDING OPEN DAY THURSDAY
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THE ANNUAL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS JOINT OPEN DAY WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR IN THE NEWLY-COMPLETED MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN CHAI WAN.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS COUNCIL, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR COLVYN HAYE ON THURSDAY.

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE MARDEN FOUNDATION CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE BY MR J.L. MARDEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE MARDEN FOUNDATION LTD WILL PRECEDE THE OPENING OF THE JOINT OPEN DAY. THE MOST REV. JOHN BAPTIST WU, ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF HONG KONG, AND GOVERNORS OF THE FOUNDATION, WILL HOST THE CEREMONY.

PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ARE GOVERNMENT AIDED SCHOOLS PROVIDING THREE YEARS OF JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION TO PREPARE PUPILS FOR THE CRAFT APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME. TWO YEARS OF SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ARE OFFERED FOR THOSE ACADEMICALLY MORE CAPABLE PUPILS TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION UP TO CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION LEVEL, AND LATER TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO TECHNICIAN PROGRAMMES IN THE POLYTECHNIC OR THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THERE ARE AT PRESENT 12 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WITH A TOTAL ENROLMENT OF ABOUT 10 000 PUPILS. IN THE NEXT THREE TO FOUR YEARS, 12 MORE SUCH SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED TO MEET PUBLIC DEMAND.

THE POPULARITY OF THESE SCHOOLS IS SHOWN BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS FOR FORM I PLACES IN THEM VIA THE SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION SYSTEM.

THERE WERE ABOUT 13 000 APPLICANTS IN EACH OF THE LAST THREE YEARS FOR THE 3 000 FORM I PLACES AVAILABLE IN THE 12 SCHOOLS.

THIS BIG DEMAND RESULTED IN THE INTRODUCTION OF FORM IV CLASSES IN SEPTEMBER 1981 AND FORM V CLASSES IN 1982.

THE FIRST GROUP OF 738 PUPILS FROM THESE 12 PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WILL BE TAKING THEIR HKCEE NEXT YEAR.

ASIDE FROM THE BASIC ACADEMIC SUBJECTS, THEY WILL ALSO BE SITTING FOR SEVERAL OF THE PRACTICAL/TECHNICAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS ENGINEERING METALWORK, ELECTRONICS AND ELECTRICITY, TECHNICAL DRAWING, ART AND DESIGN, AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS SUCH AS PRINCIPLE OF ACCOUNTS, TYPING AND SHORTHAND.

+THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES EITHER IN THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AND THE POLYTECHNIC,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CAREERS EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

BECAUSE OF THE BROAD-BASED BASIC SKILLS THEY HAVE ACQUIRED IN THEIR FIVE-YEAR SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE, THEY FIND A WIDE RANGE OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE OPEN TO THEM.

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RATEPAYERS REMINDED TO SUPPLY PARTICULARS

THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT IS ISSUING REMINDERS TO OVER 68 000 RATEPAYERS WHO HAVE FAILED TO RETURN THE ORIGINAL FORMS R1A SENT TO THEM IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

FORM R1A REQUIRES RATEPAYERS TO FURNISH INFORMATION ON RENTS AND OTHER PARTICULARS OF THEIR PREMISES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT 584 000 RATEPAYERS, ALMOST 90 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL, HAVE COMPLETED AND RETURNED THE ORIGINAL FORMS.

THE REMINDERS ARE SIMILAR IN FORMAT TO THE FORMS SENT PREVIOUSLY ALTHOUGH ONLY 14 DAYS ARE ALLOWED FOR THEIR COMPLETION.

TO FACILITATE RATEPAYERS RETURNING THE FORMS A POSTAGE PREPAID RETURN ENVELOPE IS ENCLOSED WITH EACH FORM.

ANY PERSON WHO REFUSES OR NEGLECTS TO FILL IN THE FORM IS LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$2 000, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE URGED THOSE WHO RECEIVE A REMINDER TO RETURN IT WITHIN THE TIME LIMIT OR TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT IF HE HAS DIFFICULTY IN COMPLETING IT OR IF THE ORIGINAL FORM HAS BEEN RETURNED.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICES AT HENNESSY CENTRE, 17TH FLOOR, 500 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG OR BY TELEPHONING 5-7957888.

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PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION RESULTS OUT NEXT SUNDAY

RESULTS OF ALLOCATION OF DISCRETIONARY PLACES UNDER THE NEW PRIMARY ONE ADMISSION SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED NEXT SUNDAY (DECEMBER 5) BY ALL GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

PARENTS ARE ADVISED TO GO TO THE SCHOOL TO WHICH THEIR CHILDREN HAVE APPLIED FOR A DISCRETIONARY PLACE ON THAT DAY BETWEEN 9 AM AND 12 NOON OR DURING SCHOOL HOURS ON THE FOLLOWING MONDAY OR TUESDAY TO FIND OUT THE RESULTS OF THEIR APPLICATION.

THIS APPLIES TO ALL PARENTS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THEIR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWED BY THE SCHOOL OR NOT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CHINESE CHESS TOURNAMENT FOR TSUEN WAN WORKERS
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A MONTH-LONG CHINESE CHESS TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY FOR INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN TSUEN WAN.

WORKERS MAY ENTER THE COMPETITION EITHER ON THEIR OWN OR IN GROUPS.

ENTRY FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE'S PUBLIC ENQUIRIES COUNTERS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S SUB-OFFICES IN TSUEN WAN AND LOCAL COMMUNITY CENTRES.

THE FORMS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE DECEMBER 19.

THE FIRST MATCH WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 9 AND SUBSEQUENT MATCHES ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS AT THE LADY MACLEHOSE CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG.

WINNERS WILL RECEIVE CASH PRIZES OF \$2 000, \$1 500, \$1 000 AND \$500 AND A TROPHY EACH, AND THERE WILL BE AN INDUSTRIAL CUP FOR THE TEAM WITH THE HIGHEST SCORE.

A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 30.

THE TOURNAMENT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT BOARD'S INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEE, THE FEDERATION OF TSUEN WAN INDUSTRIES AND THE HONG KONG CHINESE CHESS ASSOCIATION.

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FARE REVISION FOR NT MAXICAB ROUTES

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DUE TO RISING OPERATIONAL COSTS, FARES FOR FOUR MAXICAB ROUTES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE REVISED FROM WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE AFFECTED ROUTES ARE NO. 90M (LAI KING HEADLAND - LAI WAN MTR STATION); NO. 91 (LAI KING HEADLAND - TSUEN WAN); NO. 92M (WAH YUEN CHUEN - LAI WAN MTR STATION) AND NO. 93 (WAH YUEN CHUEN - TSUEN WAN).

THE FARES WILL BE INCREASED BY 50 CENTS TO \$1.50. HOWEVER, SECTIONAL FARES OF \$1 WILL BE CHARGED FOR SHORTER JOURNEYS.

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NEW SITTING-OUT AREA FOR ABERDEEN

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A SITTING-OUT AREA WILL SOON BE BUILT ON ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH OLD MAIN STREET.

THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT.

THE AREA WILL OCCUPY ABOUT 330 SQUARE METRES AND WILL HAVE FLOWER POTS, A CHESS TABLE WITH SEATING TOOLS, RAILINGS AND FENCES.

WORK WILL START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SUSPENSION OF SHA TIN BUS STOP

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THE KOWLOON-BOUND BUS STOP ON LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD OPPOSITE KAK TIN VILLAGE IN SHA TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 30) FOR REPAIRS TO A FOOTBRIDGE.

COMMUTERS WISHING TO TRAVEL FROM KAK TIN VILLAGE TO KOWLOON ARE ADVISED TO TAKE NO. 81M, 87 AND 89 AT WORLDWIDE GARDEN.

THOSE TAKING NO. 70, 70M, 72M, 74A, 80, 85 AND 170 FROM OTHER AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO KAK TIN VILLAGE MUST ALIGHT AT THE STOP OPPOSITE SAN TIN WAI ESTATE.

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