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ADMISSION TO GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Applications Invited

Applications are now invited for admission to Primary 1 in Government primary schools, including Police primary schools, in Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories for the school year 1972/73.

Application is open to children who are fully six years old and under eight years by western reckoning on September 1, this year.

A spokesman for the Education Department said that application forms could be obtained from all Government primary schools from Monday, May 8, to Saturday, May 20.

"If birth certificates are available, they should be produced at the time application forms are obtained," he added.

All completed forms should be returned, on or before Thursday, May 25, to the school named as the first choice on the form.

"Children will normally be admitted to schools which serve the district in which they live according to the zoning system used in previous years unless the places in a particular school have all been taken up.

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"Care will be taken so that children from the same family are not separated," the spokesman stressed.

Parents or guardians are therefore requested to co-operate by filling up all the particulars asked for in the application form.

"False entries or the submission of more than one application in respect of the same child will result in disqualification," the spokesman warned.

The selected candidates will be informed by letter on or before Friday, June 23. They will be interviewed at the schools concerned on a date specified by the headmaster of the school.

The application forms are free and no entrance fee will be charged for admission to any government school.

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PRISONS DEPARTMENT DETERMINED TO STOP DRUG FLOW

New System Adopted For Persons Remanded

The Prisons Department is determined to stamp out the smuggling of heroin and other dangerous drugs into its institutions, the Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. T.G. Garner, said today.

He said that from May 1 a new procedure was adopted whereby all persons remanded for suitability reports under the Drugs Addiction Treatment Centres Ordinance are remanded at the Tai Lam Addiction Treatment Centre instead of at the Victoria Reception Centre.

The Commissioner pointed out that his Department was well aware of cases in which people remanded in the Victoria Reception Centre carried drugs which escaped detection mainly because of the large number of people admitted to the Centre.

"Under the new system, these people are subjected to very thorough searches and close surveillance by experienced staff at Tai Lam because of the small number of admissions there," he said.

"The new system has produced excellent results," Mr. Garner said. "Two cases have already been reported since the new procedure was introduced on Monday."

"Suspected dangerous drugs were found in the last two days because of prompt action taken by staff at Tai Lam Treatment Centre," he added.

In one case, 27 grammes of suspected heroin and some suspected opium pills and a sum of \$250 were discovered following a thorough search of the dormitory. In the other, some 13 grammes of suspected heroin were found on the remanded persons.

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"There is no question of Tai Lam Treatment Centre staff being involved in the smuggling of drugs," Mr. Garner said.

He emphasised that the persons remanded under the Drug Addiction Treatment Centres Ordinance are entirely different from inmates undergoing rehabilitation at the Treatment Centre.

The cases are now being investigated by the Police.

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TEMPORARY MOTOR BOAT AND BUS SERVICES

For Cha Kwo Ling Villagers From May 5 To May 12

The Transport Department announced today that, in conjunction with the Marine Department, arrangements had been made with a motor boat company to provide a temporary service from Shau Kei Wan to Cha Kwo Ling over the period of Tin Hau Festival from tomorrow (May 5) to May 12.

The Kowloon Motor Bus Company has also agreed to run a shuttle service between Kwun Tong Ferry Pier and Cha Kwo Ling during the same period.

A department spokesman said these arrangements were intended to overcome the difficulties of Cha Kwo Ling villagers arising from the recent stoppage of the private passenger ferry service between Shau Kei Wan and Kwun Tong via Cha Kwo Ling.

"Two vessels, each carrying 50 to 70 persons, will operate a service between 6 a.m. and midnight at a 15-minute frequency, with a flat fare of 30 cents per person," he said.

The bus fare to be charged will also be 30 cents per person. The shuttle service will operate between 7 a.m. and 10.20 p.m. at 20-minute intervals.

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VOCATIONAL TRAINING EXHIBITION

SWD Joining Several Organisations In Week-Long Show

The Second Vocational Training Exhibition to be mounted by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service will open next week at the Kei Heep Secondary Modern School in Wong Tai Sin.

The exhibition will last from May 8 to May 14. It will open daily from 10.30 a.m. until 9.30 p.m.

"The idea is to give members of the general public a better appreciation of the aims and objects of vocational training," says Mr. Ray L. Sadler, chairman of the Exhibition.

"By showing the range of training opportunities available for the young, we hope to help them decide on right careers.

"Our message is also addressed to prospective employers, because correct training contributes to skilled work, and industry here needs skilled workmen."

A special feature of this year's exhibition will be a fashion show to be presented in the grounds of the Kei Heep Secondary Modern School, with the spotlight falling on garments conceived and tailored by trainees in design and tailoring classes in some of the participating centres.

Mr. Sadler says the first such exhibition in the Ocean Terminal in 1969 attracted an audience of about 60,000, and he is sure this year's show will be "equally successful, if not more so."

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The Social Welfare Department, the Labour Department, and the Education Department are taking part, with the first showing aspects of its vocational training programme among the handicapped, the second concentrating on its youth employment service, apprenticeship training, and industrial safety, and the third on liaison between secondary schools and industry for job opportunities among school leavers.

Besides government departments, other participating organisations include the Holy Carpenter Practical Training Centre, the Morrison Hill Technical Institute, the Practical Training Centre of the Churches, the Kwun Tong Vocational Training Centre, the Caritas St. Francis Pre-vocational School, the St. Godfrey Pre-Vocational School and the St. Basil Secondary Modern School.

Stands to be maintained by the organisations will illustrate aspects of work relating to auto mechanics; air-conditioning; the maintenance of diesel engines; hotel services; radio, television and photography; electrical trades; printing; woodwork; metalwork; watch repairing; tailoring; clothing design; and handicrafts.

The SWD stall will include demonstrations of trainees at work on machines for lock-stitching and knitting. There will also be photographs relating to the training of the disabled in radio and TV repairs, machine sewing, mechanics, printing, carpentry and domestic help.

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REGIONAL ELECTIONS OF SPECIAL COUNCILLORS

For The 20th Term Of Heung Yee Kuk

The 19th Term of the Heung Yee Kuk - the statutory advisory body to Government on all matters affecting the New Territories - will cease to hold office on May 31, 1972, and regional elections to fill 21 seats of Special Councillors for the 20th Term will be held on Monday, May 8.

Eighty-two electors, consisting of the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of all Rural Committees and the 11 Unofficial New Territories Justices of the Peace, will be eligible to vote for the candidates in their respective electoral districts.

There are seven seats for each of the three Electoral Districts in Tai Po, Yuen Long and Southern (which comprises the administrative districts of Sai Kung, Islands, and Tsuen Wan). There are altogether 27 candidates, 10 for the Southern District, 10 for Tai Po District and seven for Yuen Long District.

The Returning Officer for these elections is the Hon. D.C. Bray, District Commissioner, New Territories, who will be assisted by staff of the New Territories Administration.

The elections will be held in accordance with a procedure prescribed in the First Schedule to the Heung Yee Kuk Ordinance, Chapter 109 in the Laws of Hong Kong. Electors will vote for their candidates by secret ballot.

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The elections will be held on Monday, May 8, at the New Territories Administration Headquarters, North Kowloon Magistracy Building, Fourth Floor, Tai Po Road, Kowloon, at:-

- (a) 9.00 a.m. Southern District (comprising Sai Kung, Islands and Tsuen Wan Districts)
- (b) 11.30 a.m. Tai Po District

The Yuen Long District election originally scheduled for 3 p.m. will not be held because the number of approved candidates is equal to the number of vacancies in the district following the withdrawal of one of the candidates. The Returning Officer has declared the remaining candidates as duly elected.

Each election is expected to last about one hour. The results of the elections will be announced by the Returning Officer immediately after the votes have been checked and counted.

The procedure for the elections will be explained by the Returning Officer before voting takes place. Electors are reminded to arrive on time.

Members of the public will not be admitted to the election room. Admission will be restricted to election officials, candidates, electors and members of the Press.

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Note to Editors: Admission of press reporters to the election room at the New Territories Administration Headquarters on Monday, May 8, will be by special lapel badges issued at the entrance to the election room. Press representatives should wear these badges throughout the proceedings for identification.

It will NOT be possible to admit Press Photographers into the election room during the polling and counting of votes but there are no objections to photographs being taken outside the election room when the proceedings are over.

Mr. H.F. Chui of the Government Information Services Department will be present to assist the press.

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QUARTERLY SURVEY SHOWS

More Factories, Fewer Workers

The Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Paul Tsui, announced to-day that the quarterly survey conducted by his department in March this year shows that compared with the previous quarter, registered and recorded industrial undertakings have increased by 72 to 19,474.

However, the number of employees has decreased by 6,812 to 598,555. The main decreases were 4,887 in wigs, 3,481 in cotton spinning and weaving, 1,151 in woollen knitting and 1,130 in ship building and repairing.

Employment in garments continued to expand and showed an increase of 2,719. The manufacture of plastic flowers also recorded a rise of 1,032 employees.

The three largest industries, from an employment point of view, remained the manufacture of textiles and textile made-up goods with 257,245 employees, the plastics industry with 69,406 employees, and the manufacture of electrical machinery, apparatus, appliances, and supplies with 52,090 employees.

In the same survey conducted on a voluntary basis, 21,159 vacancies were reported over a wide range of industries, an increase of 3,600 over the previous quarter's figure. The largest number of vacancies occurred in:-

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Number of Reported Vacancies</u>
electronics	4,991
garments	4,522
plastics	2,885
metal products	1,508
cotton spinning and weaving	1,146

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WATER SUPPLY INTERRUPTION

Water supply to an area in Tai Kok Tsui will be turned off for five hours from 1 a.m. on Saturday, May 6, to enable the Waterworks Office to carry out a leakage test in the vicinity.

The area to be affected is bounded by Tai Kok Tsui Road, Fuk Lee Road, the seafront, Chung Wui Street, Larch Street, Walnut Street, Tung Chau Street, Maple Street and Syeamore Street.

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