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HONG KONG INCREASES CONTRIBUTION TO ASIAN INSTITUTE

ON DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

The Hong Kong Government has agreed to contribute US\$16,250 (approx. HK\$90,700) to the Asian Institute for Economic Development and Planning for the five-year period beginning in 1974.

This is an increase of some 25 per cent over previous contributions to the Institute, established under the auspices of the United Nations' Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE).

The increase was recommended in the report of the Institute's Governing Council to the ECAFE's 28th Plenary Session held in Bangkok in March this year.

The money will be used to meet the expenses which the Institute will incur in catering to the rising demands of Asian countries for training programmes.

Since its formation in January, 1964, the Institute has offered a wide variety of courses on subjects related to development problems faced by member countries in the region.

In the past two years, Hong Kong has been awarded six fellowships which enabled middle and senior officers from the civil service to attend courses in fields such as agricultural, industrial and social planning and development.

The Institute is to become a permanent body and its headquarters now being built in Singapore should be ready for use by the end of next year.

The Government's continuing support for the Institute will enable many of Hong Kong's planning personnel to take advantage of the expanding training facilities which the Institute will provide in future.

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SEVERANCE PAY DISPUTE SETTLED

The question of wages in lieu of notice of termination of services and severance pay for 430 workers of the Tung Hoi Textiles Company Limited, which is winding up its operations, has been settled through direct negotiation between the management and workers' representatives.

During the negotiation, officers of the Labour Relations Service of the Labour Department visited the factory in Tsuen Wan and the company's offices in the Central to advise the management on the provisions of the Employment Ordinance.

"As a result of direct negotiation, the workers will receive ex-gratia payment of long service bonus and year-end bonus, in addition to the wages payable to them in lieu of notice," a Labour Department spokesman said.

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SALE OF LOTTERY TICKETS BY HK-TVB STARS

Four well-known HK-TVB personalities will be selling Government Lottery tickets at the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club selling booth at the Star Ferry concourse on Monday (September 4) between 1 p.m. and 1.30 p.m.

They are Miss Pearl Au, Miss Gigi Wong, Mr. Fung Shui-fan and Mr. Leung Tin.

The lottery tickets now on sale are the 54th Government Lottery and the special lottery commemorating the 10th anniversary of the Government Lottery. The tickets are selling at \$2 each.

The lucky draw for the special lottery will be held on September 23. The lucky draw for the 54th Government Lottery will be held on September 9 by the four HK-TVB artistes.

A total of 256,000 tickets for the 54th Government Lotteries has been sold up to noon today.

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Note to editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to the Star Ferry selling booth on Monday to cover the event.

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NON-INDUSTRIAL WORKFORCE INCREASES

There has been an increase of 718 establishments, 5,873 employees and 470 reported vacancies in the non-industrial sector since November last year.

This was revealed in a survey carried out in May by the Labour Department on certain selected trades and services in the sector. The total number of establishments recorded was 13,555 and these employed 257,495 people. The total reported number of vacancies was 2,850.

Commenting on the survey, the Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Paul Tsui, said that the response rate, which was 97 per cent, was encouraging.

The main increases in employment were in the import and export business, which registered a rise of over 3,200 employees; and in the day schools, and restaurant and cafe businesses, each with an increase of over 1,200 workers.

Other businesses included in the survey were banks, hotels, hospitals, airfreight and travel agencies, transport and airline companies.

Women accounted for about 29 per cent of the labour force in the non-industrial sector, compared with 48 per cent in the industrial sector.

Only about 4,500 young people under the age of 18 were employed in the establishments in the survey, a drop of over 300 from the figure of November, 1971.

Mr. Tsui said that this survey, together with the survey of industrial employment carried out by the Labour Department in June this year, covered some 870,000 workers in Hong Kong.

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NEW RENT CONTROL BOOKLET PUBLISHED

A revised explanatory booklet on the Rent Increases (Domestic Premises) Control Ordinance is now available to the public free of charge.

The booklet is written in both English and Chinese. It includes notes on the new legislation which extended the life of the Ordinance until May 31, 1974 and which provided for further increases in rent.

The Commissioner of Rating and Valuation said today that copies of the new booklet have been posted to some 50,000 owners and occupiers affected by rent increases under the Ordinance.

Free copies are obtainable from City District Offices, Tenancy Enquiry Bureaux, New Territories District Offices and Offices of the Rating & Valuation Department.

Note to Editors: Copies of the booklet are distributed separately in the Press Boxes, G.I.S., this afternoon.

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TRUE LIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOLS CENTENERY CELEBRATION

Note to Editors: Copies of the full text of a speech by the Acting Governor, Sir Hugh Norman-Walker, at the centenary celebration of the True Light Middle Schools at the Hong Kong Football Club Stadium are distributed separately today as a supplement to the Daily Information Bulletin.

The text is embargoed and must not be used until delivery at about 6.15 p.m.

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