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CNTA HANDLES OVER 495,000 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS

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THE 20 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES (PESCS) OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (CNTA) HANDLED A TOTAL OF 495,418 DECLARATIONS AND OATHS IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF THREE PER CENT OVER THE FIGURE OF 480,724 IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

MOST, OR 201,310 WERE DECLARATIONS FOR TRUE COPIES OF DOCUMENTS.

OTHERS WERE DECLARATIONS FOR EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS PURPOSES (64,036), LOSS OF DOCUMENTS (54,237), FUTURE USE (28,112), EMIGRATION (27,199) AND IMMIGRATION (24,633).

A CNTA SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE SERVICES WERE PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE TO THE PUBLIC FOR PRIVATE USE ONLY.

HE SAID PEOPLE WHO COULD NOT PRODUCE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTARY PROOF TO SUBSTANTIATE THEIR CLAIMS OR TO SUPPORT THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR DOCUMENTS FROM VARIOUS NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS COULD MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE.

IN MAKING THE DECLARATION, THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE HIS OR HER HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD OR OTHER VALID EQUIVALENT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS AND COMPLETE THE CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT EITHER IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE PERSONALLY IN A PRESCRIBED FORM.

"IN THE END, THE DECLARANT MAKES AN OATH IN THE SAME LANGUAGE AS THE DECLARATION IS PRESENTED BEFORE A COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS IN THE DISTRICT OFFICE," HE SAID.

AS REGARDS DECLARATIONS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, HE SAID, INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS HAVE TAKEN OVER THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ADMINISTERING THEIR OWN STATUTORY DECLARATIONS SINCE APRIL 1991.

RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO SEEK ADVICE OR OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE SERVICE MAY APPROACH ANY OF THE PESCS.

THEY MAY ALSO CALL THE CENTRAL TELEPHONE ENQUIRY CENTRE HOTLINE ON 835 2500.

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COMPUTER SOFTWARE DESIGN CONTEST NEARS DEADLINE

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COMPUTER FANS INTENDING TO JOIN A COMPUTER SOFTWARE DESIGN CONTEST ARE REMINDED THAT THE ENTRY DEADLINE IS MAY 13.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CONTEST IS AIMED TO HEIGHTEN YOUNG PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

HE SUGGESTED THEMES SUCH AS URGING PEOPLE TO REGISTER AS VOTERS, THE ELECTION PROCESS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF MONITORING THE PERFORMANCE OF ELECTED MEMBERS.

THERE WILL BE SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND OPEN DIVISIONS. THE TOP THREE WINNERS OF EACH DIVISION WILL BE AWARDED GIFT COUPONS VALUED AT \$10,000, \$7,000 AND \$5,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE SIX CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$1,000 EACH IN GIFT COUPONS.

ALL ENTRIES, APPLICATION FORMS, WITH THE DISKETTES PLUS ALL OTHER NECESSARY SYSTEM AND APPLICATION SOFTWARES, SHOULD BE SENT TO THE COMMITTEE SECRETARIAT ON 31ST FLOOR, SOUTHOEN CENTRE, 130 HENNESSY ROAD, WAN CHAI DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THE WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT A SIX-DAY EXHIBITION ON CIVIC EDUCATION FROM JULY 2 AT THE HONG KONG SCIENCE MUSEUM.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM 20 PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES ACROSS THE TERRITORY AND THE COMMITTEE'S OFFICE IN WAN CHAI.

THE COMPETITION HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE AND THE HONG KONG COMPUTER SOCIETY AND SPONSORED BY AST COMPUTER.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONE 835 1381.

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WARNING ON USE OF UNAUTHORISED LIFTS

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UNAUTHORISED LIFTS SHOULD NOT BE USED IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER THE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS (SAFETY) ORDINANCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT STRESSED TODAY (SUNDAY).

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO USE A LIFT WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES (DEMS), THE SPOKESMAN WARNED.

"THE RESTRICTION IS AIMED AT AVOIDING ACCIDENTS," HE SAID.

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THE WARNING FOLLOWED THE CONVICTION AT THE KWUN TONG MAGISTRACY RECENTLY OF THE OWNER OF AN ANAUTHORISED GOODS LIFT IN AN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING IN KWUN TONG.

FOUR EMPLOYEES OF A TEXTILE COMPANY WERE INJURED IN AN ACCIDENT WHEN THEY WERE USING THE BANNED GOODS LIFT IN THE BUILDING IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

"INVESTIGATIONS REVEALED THAT THE LIFT HAS BEEN PROHIBITED FROM USE SINCE MAY LAST YEAR BY THE DEMS AND THE BAN WAS IN FORCE WHEN THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PROPRIETOR OF THE TEXTILE COMPANY WHO OWNS THE LIFT WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROSECUTED FOR VIOLATING THE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS (SAFETY) ORDINANCE.

USE OF UNAUTHORISED LIFTS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE LIFTS AND ESCALATORS (SAFETY) ORDINANCE SHALL BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR SIX MONTHS.

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BUILDING OWNERS' CORPORATIONS THANKED

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TWO OWNERS' CORPORATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN KWAI TSING WERE PRAISED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT FOR ACHIEVING 100 PER CENT COMPLIANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE ON REMOVAL OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

A TOTAL OF 196 UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS WERE REMOVED FROM THE EXTERNAL WALLS OF MAI ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AT 17-21 KUNG YIP STREET AND HOOVER INDUSTRIAL BUILDING AT 26-38 KWAI CHEONG ROAD.

SINCE SELECTED AS ONE OF THE TARGET INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN KWAI TSING BY THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING MANAGEMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY THE KWAI TSING DISTRICT OFFICER, 71 ADVISORY LETTERS FROM THE BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT WERE SENT ON OCTOBER 20, 1992 TO MAI ON INDUSTRIAL BUILDING REQUESTING REMOVAL OR RECTIFICATION OF UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

WITHIN A 12-MONTH PERIOD, 112 UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS (FOR EXAMPLE, PROJECTING FRAMES SUPPORTING AQUA-COOLING TOWER, ABANDONED METAL FRAMES, METAL CAGES AND FLAT ROOF STRUCTURES) WERE REMOVED AND FOUR SUB-STANDARD METAL GATES RECTIFIED.

THE HOOVER INDUSTRIAL BUILDING WAS SELECTED AS A TARGET BUILDING UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION CATHERINE WHEEL OPERATION IN JUNE 1992.

IT RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MONTH 48 ADVISORY LETTERS REQUESTING REMOVAL OF ALL UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS.

AS OF JANUARY 25, 1994, A TOTAL OF 84 UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS WERE REMOVED, INCLUDING A CLUSTER OF METAL FRAMES SUPPORTING HEAVY AQUA-COOLING TOWERS OVERHANGING A BUSY BUS STOP AT KWAI CHUNG ROAD.

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THE SUCCESS OF THE TWO BUILDINGS' OWNERS' CORPORATIONS HAD CONTRIBUTED TO A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD, BUILDING MANAGEMENT AND SAFETY.

THE TWO OWNERS' CORPORATIONS AND THREE OTHERS WERE EACH AWARDED WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF KWAI TSING ON FEBRUARY 17 FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN ESTABLISHING THE HIGH STANDARD OF BUILDING MANAGEMENT.

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VOTER REGISTRATION BOOTH AT MTR STATION

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A VOTER REGISTRATION BOOTH HAS BEEN SET UP INSIDE THE KOWLOON TONG MTR STATION FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF COMMUTERS WISHING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE ELECTORAL ROLL.

STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL MAN THE COUNTER FROM 2 TO 5 PM ON ALL SATURDAYS THIS MONTH.

MEANWHILE, ACTING KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS SHIRLEY YUNG, TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON YOUNGSTERS WHO REACHED THE AGE OF 18 TO REGISTER WITHOUT DELAY.

SHE SAID MORE THAN 1,800 STUDENTS HAD ALREADY RETURNED THEIR REGISTRATION FORMS AS A RESULT OF HER STAFF MEMBERS' RECENT VISITS TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES IN THE DISTRICT.

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