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'MR. INDUSTRIAL SAFETY' RETIRES
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NICK CARTER - HONG KONG'S +MR. INDUSTRIAL SAFETY+ - RETIRES THIS MONTH AFTER 19 YEARS' IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR. CARTER, WHO HAS BEEN THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER FOR EIGHT YEARS, BEGINS PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE ON JANUARY 28.

HE IS LEAVING HONG KONG CONVINCED THAT ATTITUDES TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY ARE CHANGING FOR THE BETTER - IF ONLY SLOWLY.

+GIVEN MORE ENCOURAGEMENT FROM MANAGEMENT, I THINK THEY WILL CHANGE EVEN MORE - AND THIS CAN ONLY BE FOR THE GOOD OF EVERYONE,+ HE SAID.

MR. CARTER IS ONE OF THE BEST QUALIFIED MEN IN HONG KONG TO TALK ABOUT ACCIDENT PREVENTION - HE HAS BEEN INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS AND HAS SPECIALISED IN IT FOR THE PAST 20.

HIS WORK WITH THE INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS MADE HIM A WELL-KNOWN - AND HIGHLY-RESPECTED - VISITOR TO FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND CONSTRUCTION SITES.

A SENIOR COLLEAGUE SAYS, +NICK HAS DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN HONG KONG - HE HAS NEVER TIRED OF TRYING TO ACHIEVE BETTER RESULTS.

+AND HE HAS A GREAT CAPACITY FOR GETTING THINGS DONE= HE KNOWS MANY PEOPLE, AND MANY PEOPLE KNOW HIM.+

MR. CARTER HIMSELF SAYS HE WILL MISS HONG KONG. +BUT,+ HE ADDS, +ONE OF MY REGRETS IS THAT THE NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS IN INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY ON BUILDING CONSTRUCTION SITES HAS NOT SHOWN ANY REAL SIGNS OF DECREASING.

+THIS SITUATION SHOULD IMPROVE, AND WITH CURRENT AND NEW LEGISLATION, EDUCATION AND ENFORCEMENT, I'M SURE IT WILL.+

ONE OF HIS LAST DUTIES WAS TO ASSIST WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

MR. CARTER STARTED HIS CAREER WITH VICKERS LTD. AS AN ENGINEERING APPRENTICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, BUT BEFORE HE CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1956, HE SPENT HIS WORKING LIFE WITH THE ADMIRALTY - NOW THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY).

+FROM THE BEGINNING OF MY WORKING LIFE I WAS MADE TO FEEL CONSCIOUS OF NOT ONLY DOING A JOB WELL, BUT OF DOING IT SAFELY,+ HE SAYS.

/+THE ADMIRALTY

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+THE ADMIRALTY WAS ALWAYS VERY CONCERNED WITH ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND FELT WE WEREN'T DOING OUR JOB PROPERLY IF THERE WERE ACCIDENTS.+

IN 1950, MR. CARTER - THEN AN INSPECTOR OF ENGINEERING FITTERS - WENT TO SRI LANKA (FORMERLY CEYLON) FOR THREE YEARS WITH THE ADMIRALTY - AND IT WAS THIS +SMELL OF THE EAST+ THAT PERSUADED HIM TO +HAVE A GO AT HONG KONG+ IN 1956.

OVER THE YEARS, MR. CARTER HAS PICKED UP AN IMPRESSIVE STRING OF QUALIFICATIONS. HE HOLDS A DIPLOMA IN SAFETY MANAGEMENT, IS A MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OFFICERS AND THE INSTITUTION OF TRAINING OFFICERS, AND A LICENTIATE OF THE INSTITUTION OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

LAST YEAR, HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTION OF TRAINING OFFICERS.

ONE OF THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS HE LEAVES IN HONG KONG IS THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRE AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S KOWLOON REGIONAL OFFICE IN CANTON ROAD.

MR. CARTER HAS BEEN LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING THE CENTRE WHAT IT IS TODAY - ONE OF THE BEST EQUIPPED SAFETY TRAINING CENTRES IN THE FAR EAST.

DESPITE THE SUCCESS OF THE CENTRE - IT RAN ITS 500TH COURSE IN 1974 - MR. CARTER IS STILL DISMAYED BY THE ATTITUDE TO WORK SAFETY IN HONG KONG.

+WORKERS HERE STILL DO NOT SEEM TO APPRECIATE THE HAZARDS THAT SURROUND THEM EVERY DAY, ALTHOUGH THE YOUNGER GENERATION IS BEGINNING TO SHOW DEFINITE SIGNS OF CHANGE,+ HE SAYS.

+BUT UNLESS THE CHANGE COMES AT THE TOP - AT BOARD-ROOM LEVEL - WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE A REAL DENT IN THE PROBLEM.+

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF MR. CARTER'S PHOTOGRAPH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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HOW TO HANDLE L.P.G. CYLINDERS AND STOVES SAFELY
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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE TODAY WARNED TO HANDLE LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS CYLINDERS AND STOVES WITH +PROPER CARE+.

MR. BRIAN FENDER, DEPUTY OF THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, SAID THAT UNLESS A FEW SIMPLE PRECAUTIONS WERE TAKEN ACCIDENTS COULD OCCUR CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY OR EVEN DEATH.

+A STOVE SHOULD NEVER BE PLACED IN A POSITION WHERE IT CAN BE KNOCKED OVER,+ HE STRESSED. +IT SHOULD BE OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN AND AWAY FROM MATERIALS WHICH MIGHT CATCH FIRE IF OVERHEATED.+

AFTER USE, THE STOVE MUST BE TURNED OFF, BOTH AT THE STOVE ITSELF AND AT THE REGULATOR ON THE CYLINDER. THE FLEXIBLE TUBE SHOULD BE CHECKED PERIODICALLY TO ENSURE THAT IT IS IN GOOD CONDITION AND THAT THE CONNECTING JOINTS ARE GAS TIGHT.

+ALWAYS KEEP THE STOVE CLEAN AND FREE FROM GREASE,+ MR. FENDER SAID. +KEEP THE PLASTIC CAP TIGHTLY FIXED TO THE CYLINDER AT ALL TIMES.+ CYLINDERS SHOULD NOT BE STORED OR USED IN BASEMENTS, BELOW GROUND LEVEL, IN FULLY ENCLOSED AREAS OR CLOSE TO AREAS WITH POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS.

MR. FENDER ALSO EMPHASISED THE FOLLOWING SAFETY POINTS :-

- * MAKE SURE ALL GAS TAPS ARE 'OFF' BEFORE TURNING THE REGULATOR LEVER TO THE 'ON' POSITION
- * CYLINDERS SHOULD ALWAYS STAND UPRIGHT
- * KEEP BURNERS AND AIR INLETS CLEAN
- * WHEN USING A MATCH TO LIGHT A STOVE, STRIKE IT FIRST AND PUT IT CLOSE TO THE BURNER BEFORE TURNING ON THE GAS
- * LEARN TO IDENTIFY UNBURNT GAS SO THAT ANY LEAK CAN BE DETECTED (A SPECIAL ODORANT HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE GAS FOR EASY DETECTION).

MR. FENDER SAID THAT IF LEAKAGE OF GAS WAS SUSPECTED, THE REGULATOR MUST BE TURNED OFF IMMEDIATELY, ALL NAKED FLAMES EXTINGUISHED, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES SWITCHED OFF AND ALL WINDOWS AND DOORS MUST BE QUICKLY OPENED.

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+NEVER UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES USE A NAKED FLAME TO TRY TO DISCOVER A LEAK,+ HE STRESSED. +IF SOAP SOLUTIONS ARE APPLIED TO THE SUSPECTED AREA, A LEAK WILL BE INDICATED BY SWELLING OF THE BUBBLES.+

MR. FENDER SAID FAULTY REGULATORS SHOULD NOT BE TAMPERED WITH, BUT LEFT TO THE DISTRIBUTOR TO CHANGE. IF A LEAK PERSISTS, THE REGULATOR SHOULD BE DETACHED AND THE CYLINDER MOVED INTO THE OPEN AIR.

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+LUCKY+ CAR NUMBERS FETCH \$82,600
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TWENTY SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$82,600 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

TODAY'S AUCTION, THE FIRST THIS YEAR HELD AT THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM, SAW REGISTRATION NUMBER AA6633 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$7,000.

AF2 AND AW2828 WERE SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$6,800 EACH. AND THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 FOR THE NUMBER AZ8989.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES: 4500 FOR \$6,500= XX1000 FOR \$6,200= AJ7 FOR \$6,100= AB90 AND 1975 FOR \$6,000 EACH= AJ55 FOR \$5,200= AA868 FOR \$4,000= AX8118 FOR \$3,500= 3915 FOR \$3,000= AC19 FOR \$2,500= AF7711 FOR \$2,400= AY6000 FOR \$2,200= AU2000 FOR \$2,100= AT6789 FOR \$1,900= AND AB5005 AND AG1234 FOR \$1,700 EACH.

SPECIAL NUMBERS SOLD AT AN AUCTION WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 21ST IN A SERIES ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$3.5 MILLION.

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ANTI-DRUG ACTIVITIES

AN EXHIBITION, OBSERVATIONAL VISITS TO TREATMENT CENTRES AND A SEMINAR ARE PLANNED BY A GROUP OF WELFARE AGENCIES IN TSZ WAN SHAN TO CONTINUE DRIVING HOME THE DANGERS OF DRUG ADDICTION.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED BY TSZ WAN SHAN OFFICES OF THE EVANGEL YOUTH CENTRE, THE FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, THE ZION YOUTH CENTRE AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE IN SUPPORT OF THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES' KEEP HONG KONG DRUG FREE CAMPAIGN.

THE FOUR AGENCIES HAVE FORMED A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO ORGANISE SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES.

THE EXHIBITION AND THE SEMINAR WILL BE HELD AT THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING ON JANUARY 29 AND 30 AND ON MARCH 10 RESPECTIVELY. THE OBSERVATIONAL VISITS TO DRUG TREATMENT CENTRES ARRANGED FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ESTATE WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 19, FEBRUARY 3 AND 13.

LAST MONTH, THE COMMITTEE ALSO ORGANISED A YOUNG PEOPLE'S ESSAY COMPETITION ON THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUGS.

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IT'S EASIER TO PAY YOUR TAXES BY POSTAL CHEQUE

SALARY TAXPAYERS CAN SAVE THEMSELVES MUCH INCONVENIENCE BY PAYING THEIR TAX DEMANDS THROUGH THE MAIL BY CHEQUE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

LAST YEAR, HE SAID, POSTAL CHEQUES ACCOUNTED FOR SOME 50 PER CENT OF ALL SALARIES TAX REMITTANCES RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND IT WAS HOPED THAT THIS WOULD RISE TO 70 PER CENT THIS YEAR.

+BY SENDING US A CHEQUE THROUGH THE MAIL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THE TAXPAYER CAN SAVE HIMSELF THE PROSPECT OF A LONG AND TRYING WAIT IN A QUEUE, PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME WHEN COLLECTION OFFICES ARE AT THEIR BUSIEST.+

THERE IS VERY LITTLE EFFORT INVOLVED IN THE MAILING PROCEDURE, HE WENT ON. CHEQUES ARE ENCLOSED WITH THE DEMAND NOTE AND SIMPLY FORWARDED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, CENTRAL MAIL OFFICES, CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG, AND WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS A RECEIPT IS RETURNED TO THE TAXPAYER.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT PAYMENT BY POSTAL CHEQUE WAS SAFE AND SECURE, AND THERE WAS NO SURCHARGE IF THE ENVELOPE WAS POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN THE DUE DATE SHOWN ON THE DEMAND NOTE.

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DESALTER BEING TESTED
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COMMISSIONING TESTS ON THE FIRST UNIT OF THE DESALTER AT LOK ON PAI ARE NOW UNDER WAY AND ARE GOING SATISFACTORILY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WATERWORKS OFFICE SAID TODAY THAT INITIAL TESTS STARTED IN THE MIDDLE OF LAST MONTH. THESE INCLUDED THE +BOILING OUT+ OF THE BOILER - A SORT OF SEASONING OR CONDITIONING PROCESS. AS EVIDENCE OF IT, AT ONE STAGE A PLUME OF SMOKE WAS VISIBLE AT THE TOP OF ONE OF THE PLANT'S TWO 400-FOOT HIGH CHIMNEYS.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TRIALS, WHICH IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT, IS THE RIGOROUS TESTING OF EVERY ITEM OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.

NO WATER HAS YET BEEN DESALTED. THIS COMES UNDER THE THIRD STAGE OF THE TESTS, LIKELY TO START IN THE SECOND HALF OF NEXT MONTH, WHEN THE EVAPORATOR ITSELF UNDERGOES TRIAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SO FAR NO MAJOR DIFFICULTIES HAD BEEN ENCOUNTERED DURING THE TESTS AND THE EQUIPMENT WAS IN GOOD WORKING ORDER.

+THERE IS STILL SOME WAY TO GO, OF COURSE, AND IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO ANTICIPATE THE FINAL RESULTS. BUT WE HAVE OBVIOUSLY GAINED MUCH FROM THE EXPERIMENTAL PLANT WHICH WAS COMMISSIONED AND TESTED IN 1971. WE ARE REAPING THE BENEFITS OF THAT NOW.+

THE FIRST UNIT IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN MARCH. IT WILL BE CAPABLE OF PRODUCING 6.67 MILLION GALLONS OF FRESH WATER A DAY.

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TYPEWRITERS MAINTENANCE COURSE

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS COLLEGE IS RUNNING A SHORT COURSE ON THE MAINTENANCE AND MINOR ADJUSTMENTS OF TYPEWRITERS FOR 30 IN-SERVICE COMMERCIAL TEACHERS.

+IT IS HOPED THAT THE TEACHERS WILL HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS OFFICE MACHINE BY ATTENDING THE COURSE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COLLEGE SAID THIS MORNING WHEN THE COURSE BEGAN.

+NO DOUBT THE PUPILS OF THESE TEACHERS WILL BENEFIT IN DUE COURSE,+ HE SAID.

THE SECOND PART OF THE COURSE WILL TAKE PLACE NEXT SATURDAY MORNING.

TALKS ON THE HISTORY, MAINTENANCE, MINOR REPAIRS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF TYPEWRITERS WILL BE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM TWO OFFICE MACHINES COMPANIES.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE TWO COMPANIES WHICH ARE JOINTLY RUNNING THE COURSE ARE OLYMPIA OFFICE MACHINES (H.K.) LTD. AND THE I.B.M. WORLD TRADE CORPORATION.

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