



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES NEEDED, SAYS MISS KO

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THE URBAN COUNCIL, SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WERE TODAY URGED TO PROVIDE MORE LIBRARIES OR READING ROOMS TO ENABLE CHILDREN TO PURSUE HEALTHY READING HABITS.

THE CALL CAME FROM THE HON. MISS KO SIU-WAH IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WHEN SPEAKING ON THE OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS BILL WHICH LAYS DOWN STRICT NEW PROVISIONS AGAINST ALL FORMS OF PORNOGRAPHY, PARTICULARLY AGAINST SEX-AND-VIOLENCE COMIC BOOKS AIMED AT CHILDREN.

MISS KO EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR THE BILL, WHICH CARRIES MAXIMUM FINES OF \$100,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR THREE YEARS, AND HOPED THAT THE PROVISIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT WITHOUT DELAY AS SOON AS THE BILL BECAME LAW.

HOWEVER, WHILE SHE REGARDED DETERRENT LEGISLATION AS IMPORTANT, SHE FELT THAT 'POSITIVE MEASURES' WERE EQUALLY VITAL.

+I AM SURE NO ONE WOULD DISAGREE THAT MORE LIBRARIES, ESPECIALLY CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES, ARE NEEDED IF GOOD READING MATERIAL IS TO BE EASILY ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN,+ SHE SAID, URGING THE URBAN COUNCIL AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS NOT TO OVERLOOK +THIS VERY IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT.+

MISS KO SAID SHE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT MANY PRIMARY SCHOOLS DID NOT HAVE LIBRARIES OR READING ROOMS AND SHE CALLED ON THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO LOOK INTO THIS TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE TO RECTIFY THIS DEFICIENCY. IN THE SHORT TERM, SHE SUGGESTED, READING SPACE OR ROTATING DISPLAYS OF READING MATERIAL COULD BE PROVIDED IN CLASSROOMS.

+IT WOULD ALSO BE A GREAT HELP IF PARENTS, TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WELFARE WORKERS WHO WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH WOULD PAY MORE ATTENTION TO WHAT PUBLICATIONS THE CHILDREN ARE BEING EXPOSED TO AND GIVE THEM SOME GUIDANCE,+ SHE ADDED.

IN ADDITION, MISS KO SAID, WAYS SHOULD BE EXPLORED TO ENCOURAGE THOSE IN THE LITERARY FIELD TO PRODUCE MORE ATTRACTIVE, HEALTHY AND INEXPENSIVE PUBLICATIONS ESPECIALLY THOSE AIMED AT CHILDREN. +I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, WORKING CLOSELY WITH PUBLISHERS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS, WILL TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO ENCOURAGE THE PRODUCTION OF WHOLESOME READING MATERIAL IN HONG KONG,+ SHE SAID.

MISS KO ALSO EMPHASISED THAT MORE AND REGULAR INVESTIGATION AND PROSECUTION BY POLICE WERE NECESSARY TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THE BILL'S PROVISIONS.

IN THIS REGARD, SHE FELT THAT THE RELEVANT SECTIONS IN THE POLICE FORCE AND THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AS SHOULD THE NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLICATIONS REGISTRATION UNIT OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, FOR THE EXAMINATION OF ANY PUBLICATION CONSIDERED TO BE OBSCENE.

IN MOVING THE SECOND READING OF THE BILL, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE HON. JOHN HOBLEY, SAID THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION WAS A RESPONSE TO MOUNTING PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT THE INCREASING AMOUNT OF OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG.

HE DESCRIBED THE BILL AS +QUITE SEVERE+ BUT WHILE IT WOULD IN ITSELF DETER SOME, ENFORCEMENT WOULD NOT BE A SIMPLE MATTER, HE SAID.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW RELATING TO OBJECTIONABLE MATTER, HE SAID, MUST BE UNDERTAKEN BY EXPERIENCED POLICE OFFICERS: +THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY WHICH THIS BILL PRESENTS FOR ACTION AGAINST SUCH MATTER, BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE RESOURCES WHICH THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE CAN DEVOTE TO THIS FIELD ARE LIMITED.+

MR. HOBLEY WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT THE BILL DID NOT CHANGE THE TEST BY WHICH PUBLICATIONS IN GENERAL ARE TO BE JUDGED. THE QUESTION WILL CONTINUE TO BE WHETHER THEY ARE OF AN 'INDECENT, OBSCENE, REVOLTING OR OFFENSIVE' NATURE. HE PERSONALLY DID NOT FEEL THAT THE WORDS NEEDED TO BE DEFINED AS THEIR ORDINARY MEANING WAS CLEAR ENOUGH.

HOWEVER, THE BILL WILL ALTER THE LAW AS IT AFFECTS OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS AIMED AT YOUNGER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. THE NEW PROVISION APPLIES TO PUBLICATIONS CONSISTING OF OR CONTAINING STORIES TOLD IN PICTURES, WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS ALSO WRITTEN MATTER.

+THAT IS THE LEGAL DRAFTSMAN'S PARLANCE FOR A STRIP CARTOON, BUT IT EXTENDS TO OTHER PUBLICATIONS CONSISTING OF PICTORIALLY PRESENTED STORIES,+ MR. HOBLEY EXPLAINED. THIS CHANGE WAS PROPOSED BECAUSE STORIES PRESENTED IN THIS WAY ARE READILY ABSORBED, HE SAID.

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THREE BILLS PASSED

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THREE BILLS COMPLETED THEIR PASSAGE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY.

THEY WERE THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL WHICH PROVIDES STIFFER PENALTIES AGAINST TAX EVADERS= THE ACETYLATED SUBSTANCES (CONTROL) (AMENDMENT) BILL WHICH RAISES THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR CERTAIN OFFENCES FROM \$10,000 TO \$100,000= AND THE PHARMACY AND POISONS (AMENDMENT) BILL WHICH ENABLES THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD TO MAKE CONTROLLING REGULATIONS.

FOUR OTHER BILLS WERE TABLED IN COUNCIL FOR THEIR FIRST READING: THESE WERE THE OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS BILL, THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) (AMENDMENT) BILL, AND THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL.

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MID-LEVELS BUILDING FREEZE MAY BE EXTENDED

THE RESTRICTION ON BUILDING DEVELOPMENT IN THE MID-LEVELS AREA IS TO BE EXTENDED FOR TWO MORE YEARS UNTIL JULY 31, 1977 -- SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL APPROVAL.

IN APPLYING FOR THE EXTENSION, THE HON. DAVID MCDONALD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, TOLD COUNCIL THAT ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO THOSE NOW UNDERWAY IN THE AREA WOULD FURTHER AGGRAVATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE CROWDED DISTRICT.

FIGURES SHOWED, HE SAID, THAT THE COMPLETION OF RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION ALREADY UNDER CONSTRUCTION, APPROVED OR POSSIBLE WOULD GENERATE PEAK HOUR TRAFFIC FAR IN EXCESS OF THE CAPACITY OF THE MID-LEVELS TRAFFIC CORRIDOR. +ANY ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT PERMITTED WOULD MAKE THE SITUATION MUCH WORSE.+

MR. MCDONALD POINTED OUT THAT WHEN ALL THE BUILDING PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND APPROVED IN THE AREA HAD BEEN COMPLETED, THE NUMBER OF FLATS WOULD INCREASE TO 11,000 AND THE POPULATION TO 44,000. THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE IN THE AREA'S POPULATION OF OVER 50 PER CENT SINCE THE RESTRICTION CAME INTO FORCE IN 1973.

IF THE RESTRICTION WAS LIFTED, HE SAID, IT WOULD ENABLE ANOTHER 2,800 FLATS TO BE BUILT UNDER EXISTING LEASE CONDITIONS AND PLANNING CONTROLS, AND THE POPULATION WOULD RISE TO ABOUT 55,000 OR NEARLY DOUBLE THE 1973 FIGURE.

MOREOVER, THE RECENT LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS IN THE POKFULAM AREA MEANT THAT ABOUT 1,000 MORE FLATS WILL BE BUILT THERE AND CONSIDERED TOGETHER WITH PLANNED PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BRING THE POKFULAM POPULATION FROM ABOUT 59,000 TO AROUND 75,000.

IT WAS EVIDENT THEREFORE THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT COULD ONLY ADD TO THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN THE AREA.

MR. MCDONALD SAID THAT DESPITE THE SUCCESS OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN THE MID-LEVELS AREA, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN A 30 PER CENT INCREASE IN BUS USAGE, THERE HAD BEEN NO MARKED REDUCTION IN CAR USE IN THE DISTRICT.

FURTHER MANAGEMENT SCHEMES HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED, BUT THOSE WHICH WERE PRACTICABLE WOULD ONLY PRODUCE A SMALL IMPROVEMENT IN TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

+IT CAN THEREFORE BE SEEN THAT EXISTING TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS SYSTEMS SERVING MID-LEVELS AND POKFULAM ARE UNLIKELY TO BE IMPROVED SUFFICIENTLY TO ALLOW THE LIFTING OF THE BUILDING RESTRICTIONS IN THE MID-LEVELS AREA OR THE MODIFICATION OF LEASE CONDITIONS AND EASING OF PLANNING CONTROLS IN POKFULAM,+ HE SAID.

/MR. MCDONALD

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MR. MCDONALD SAID THAT PLANNING FOR ITEMS REQUIRED TO ALLEVIATE THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM IN THE MID-LEVELS AND POKFULAM AREAS HAD REACHED A STAGE WHERE WORKS COULD BE STARTED NEXT YEAR +PROVIDED THAT THE REVENUE POSITION FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR IS AS FORECAST BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGE SPEECH.+

THE ITEMS WOULD INVOLVE EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$400 MILLION.

MR. MCDONALD THANKED THE HON. JAMES WU FOR ALTERNATIVES HE SUGGESTED EARLIER TO THE WATER STREET FLYOVER SCHEME, BUT SAID THEY COULD NOT BE ADOPTED FOR PRACTICAL REASONS. HOWEVER, INVESTIGATIONS INTO MR. WU'S PROPOSALS HAD THROWN A FURTHER AND SIMILAR POSSIBILITY WHICH IS NOW UNDER STUDY AND WHICH MIGHT SHOW CONSIDERABLE SAVINGS BOTH IN COST AND CONSTRUCTION TIME.

DEBATE ON THE MOTION FOR EXTENDING THE MID-LEVELS BUILDING RESTRICTIONS WAS ADJOURNED.

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GOVERNOR PAYS TRIBUTE TO RETIRING WILSON WANG

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY PAID WARM TRIBUTE TO MR. WILSON WANG WHO RETIRED FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AT THE END OF LAST MONTH AFTER SEVEN YEARS' SERVICE.

SIR MURRAY SAID MR. WANG WOULD PARTICULARLY BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS INDEPENDENCE AND INDIVIDUALITY OF HIS CONTRIBUTIONS IN COUNCIL AND +FOR HIS DETERMINED PREFERENCE FOR SHIRT SLEEVES NO MATTER HOW COLD THE AIR-CONDITIONING.+

EXPRESSING HIS GRATITUDE FOR MR. WANG'S SERVICES TO THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNOR NOTED THAT MR. WANG HAD A VERY LONG AND DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE AND WAS PARTICULARLY WELL KNOWN FOR HIS WORK IN THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME AND MANY SCHEMES FOR RECREATION FOR YOUTHKK

THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, DR. THE HON. CHUNG SZE-YUEN, JOINED THE GOVERNOR IN WISHING MR. WANG SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN THE FUTURE.

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW TO BE REVISED
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DELAYS IN THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS WILL BE REDUCED AS FAR AS IS LEGALLY FEASIBLE WHEN THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE IS REVISED, THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF LABOUR, THE HON. NEIL HENDERSON TOLD COUNCIL TODAY.

SPEAKING IN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, MR. HENDERSON DISCLOSED THAT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WAS NOW ENGAGED IN DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR A GENERAL REVISION OF THE ORDINANCE.

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN GENERAL DELAYS IN THE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION WERE INEVITABLE. TIME-CONSUMING LEGAL PROCESSES MUST BE GONE THROUGH TO ESTABLISH THE LEGITIMACY OF DEPENDANTS' CLAIM AND OFTEN SUCH CASES ARE COMPLEX, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION WAS SOMETIMES NOT READILY AVAILABLE.

HE ELABORATED THAT THE LONG TIME TAKEN IN SOME CASES WAS NOT CAUSED BY THE SETTLEMENT OF THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION WITH THE EMPLOYER OR THE INSURANCE COMPANIES, BUT RATHER BY THE NEED TO DOCUMENT THE DEATH, IDENTIFY THE DEPENDANTS, ASCERTAIN THE DEGREE OF DEPENDENCE, AND THE APPORTIONMENT BETWEEN THE DEPENDANTS.

NO ACTION CAN BE INITIATED UNTIL A DEATH CERTIFICATE IS OBTAINED. THIS IS USUALLY WITHIN A WEEK OR 10 DAYS BUT CAN BE MUCH LONGER IF AN INQUEST IS HELD.

FOR THOSE CASES REFERRED TO THE COURTS AND THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT, THE COMMISSIONER POINTED OUT THAT THE SPEED WITH WHICH THEY ARE DEALT WITH DEPENDS ON LEGAL PROCEDURES AND COURT DIARIES WHICH ARE OUTSIDE HIS CONTROL.

MR. HENDERSON NOTED THAT A SPECIAL FACTOR FOR THE DELAY AROSE IN CASES WHERE THE DEPENDANTS LIVE IN CHINA OR THERE ARE ELIGIBLE DEPENDANTS BOTH IN CHINA AND HONG KONG. IN SUCH CASES, CERTIFICATES OF RELATIONSHIP, EXIT PERMITS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FROM CHINA, AND THE COURTS HERE NORMALLY WILL ONLY ACCEPT SUCH DOCUMENTS WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN AUTHENTICATED BY EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN PEKING.

A TOTAL OF 234 CASES WAS REPORTED TO THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION UNIT IN 1974. OF THE 164 CASES REFERRED TO COURTS AND THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT, 92 HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND AWARDS MADE.

THE TIME FOR SETTLING THESE 92 CASES RANGED FROM THREE MONTHS TO MORE THAN A YEAR FROM THE MOMENT OF REPORT TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO RECEIPT OF PAYMENT.

MORE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS PLANNED
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MORE SAFETY REGULATIONS AIMED AT REDUCING THE LEVEL OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS ARE AT VARIOUS STAGES OF CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THIS WAS DISCLOSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TODAY BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, THE HON. NEIL HENDERSON IN REPLY TO A QUESTION FROM THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN.

OF THESE REGULATIONS, MR HENDERSON SAID, THE ONE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE WOULD BE THE 'GUARDING OF MACHINERY REGULATION' WHICH HE HOPED TO INTRODUCE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AFTER THE SUMMER RECESS.

HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT A REDUCTION IN OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENT RATES COULD ONLY RESULT FROM A MULTI-PRONGED ATTACK AND IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS. +IT IS AN UNENDING PROCESS WHICH ULTIMATELY DEPENDS ON THE SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS OF INDIVIDUALS, FROM BOARD CHAIRMEN TO WORKERS.+

LEGISLATIVE STEPS, HE WENT ON, MUST BE BACKED UP BY AN ACTIVE INSPECTORATE WITH A PRAGMATIC AND HELPFUL APPROACH CAPABLE OF GIVING CONSTRUCTIVE ADVICE, USING PROSECUTION ONLY WHERE CO-OPERATION CANNOT BE OBTAINED OR DEMONSTRABLE NEGLIGENCE HAS OCCURRED.

WORKING TOWARDS THIS GOAL, MR HENDERSON SAID AN ORGANISATION AND METHODS SURVEY HAD BEEN MADE ON THE WORK OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE LAST YEAR AND A REPORT HAD NOW BEEN RECEIVED.

THE BULK OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE REPORT, INCLUDING A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OF FIELD INSPECTION TIME, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. +THIS,+ HE SAID, +WILL GREATLY INCREASE THE COVERAGE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INSPECTORATE.+

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, A NUMBER OF REPORTS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WERE NOW BEING PREPARED BY A LABOUR ADVISER FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM FACTORY INSPECTORATE.

+AS RESOURCES CAN BE ALLOCATED OR RE-ALLOCATED TO IMPLEMENT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS, I AM SURE THAT A MORE SUSTAINED AND WELL-DIRECTED OFFENSIVE TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS WILL BE DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

APART FROM THESE, THE DEPARTMENT'S DRIVE TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY BY EXHIBITIONS, PUBLICITY AND INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING COURSES WAS BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT, AS REFLECTED BY THE APPOINTMENT OF SAFETY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES BY EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATIONS.

IN REPLY TO ANOTHER QUESTION FROM MR. CHEONG-LEEN, MR. HENDERSON SAID 82 DEATHS AND 11,619 INJURIES RESULTED FROM OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS (MOST OF THEM INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS) DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1 TO MAY 31 THIS YEAR.

THIS COMPARED WITH 99 FATAL AND 11,717 NON-FATAL ACCIDENTS IN THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAMINATION
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THE NEXT LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAMINATION TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER THIS YEAR.

AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT ENTRIES FOR THE EXAMINATION WOULD CLOSE ON JULY 11.

STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATION BY ATTENDING COURSES IN SCHOOLS SHOULD REGISTER THEIR ENTRIES THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS WHILE CANDIDATES NOT REPRESENTED BY SCHOOLS COULD APPLY AS PRIVATE CANDIDATES.

ENTRY FORMS FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AT NO. 393 CANTON ROAD, GROUND FLOOR FROM JULY 7. COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS FROM PRIVATE CANDIDATES MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH PROOF OF IDENTITY BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FROM JULY 7 TO 11.

ENTRY FEES SHOULD BE PAID TO THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR NOT LATER THAN JULY 14.

SUBJECTS OFFERED BY THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXAMINATION INCLUDE COSTING, ACCOUNTING AND BOOKKEEPING. ENTRY FEES FOR THESE EXAMINATIONS RANGE FROM \$20 TO \$28.

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CERTIFICATES FOR 25 SUPPLIES OFFICERS
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR. F.J. YOUNG, WILL PRESENT CERTIFICATES TO 25 SUPPLY SUPERVISORS AND SUPPLY ASSISTANTS WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A THREE-MONTH IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE ON FRIDAY (JULY 4).

SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE COURSE INCLUDE STORAGE AND STOCK CONTROL, STRUCTURE OF COMMERCE, AND NATURE OF MANAGEMENT.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION COVERED. IT WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY AT THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT CANTEEN IN OIL STREET, NORTH POINT, AT 4 P.M.

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LEARNING NEVER ENDS, STUDENTS TOLD
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YOUNG GRADUATING PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THE LI PING MEMORIAL SCHOOL IN KOWLOON WERE ADVISED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TO CONTINUE LEARNING AND IMPROVING THEMSELVES WHATEVER THEY DECIDED TO DO IN FUTURE, WHETHER IT WAS TO CARRY ON STUDYING OR TO LEARN A TRADE.

FOR ONLY BY SO DOING COULD THEY BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TOLD THEM WHEN HE SPOKE AT THEIR ANNUAL SPEECH DAY.

MR. LEE SAID THAT BY ALSO PARTICIPATING IN GROUP AND YOUTH RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THEIR LEISURE TIME, THEY COULD DEVELOP INTO GOOD AND USEFUL CITIZENS WHILE AT THE SAME TIME SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

HE SAID THEY SHOULD ALWAYS REMEMBER WHAT THEY HAD BEEN TAUGHT AT THEIR SCHOOL WHICH WAS NOTED FOR ITS EMPHASIS ON PRODUCING WELL-BALANCED STUDENTS THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF APTITUDES, STUDIES, MORAL ATTITUDES, SPORTS AND RECREATION.

STUDENTS, TOO, WERE KNOWN FOR THEIR DILIGENCE AND GOOD BEHAVIOUR WHICH, HE SAID, WAS DUE TO THE LEADERSHIP AND CLOSE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN STAFF.

HE ALSO HAD A SPECIAL WORD OF PRAISE FOR THEIR SUPERVISOR, MRS. LI, WHO, HE SAID, WAS THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE SCHOOL FROM ITS FOUNDING IN 1960.

CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO THE GRADUATING STUDENTS BY MRS. LEE.

NOTE TO EDITORS: THE FULL SPEECH BY MR. LEE HAS BEEN BOXED FOR
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LOK SIN TONG HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE KOWLOON LOK SIN TONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY CALLED ON THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS THE SOCIETY'S PROPOSAL TO BUILD AN OLD PEOPLE'S HOME IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. LEADING THE DELEGATION WAS THE CHAIRMAN, MR. LAU SAI-YAN.

IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS, MR. LAU SAID THE SOCIETY HAD BEEN OFFERED A GRANT OF 130,000 SQUARE FEET IN SAI KUNG FOR THEIR PROJECT, BUT THERE WERE STILL SOME PROBLEMS TO BE SETTLED FOR WHICH HE SOUGHT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE. HE SAID IT WAS HOPED TO HAVE THE HOME COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1976 OR EARLY 1977.

WHILE EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT, MR. LEE SAID THE SOCIETY SHOULD ENSURE IT MEETS THE NEEDS OF HONG KONG. HE PROMISED TO HELP IN WHATEVER WAY POSSIBLE AND ADVISED THE COMMITTEE THAT IN VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PRESENT ECONOMIC STRINGENCY, THEY SHOULD ENSURE THE SOCIETY WOULD BE ABLE TO MEET THE COST OUT OF ITS OWN RESOURCES.

MR. LAU WAS CONFIDENT THE SOCIETY WOULD BE ABLE TO DO SO AND SAID THAT AS AN ADDED MEASURE IT PLANNED TO HOLD A FLAG DAY SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE TO RAISE FUNDS.

MR. LEE TOLD THE COMMITTEE HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CLOSER LIAISON BETWEEN THE SOCIETY AND THE DEPARTMENT SUCH AS THOSE EXISTED BETWEEN OTHER LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS.

HE ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE LOK SIN TONG FOR ITS RESPONSIVENESS TO ASSIST FIRE VICTIMS IN KOWLOON CITY AREA BY ALLOWING THE USE OF ITS PREMISES AS TEMPORARY SHELTERS.

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WATER CUT IN WANCHAI

WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WANCHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (JULY 4) TO ENABLE A TEXT FOR LEAKAGE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY LUARD ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, FLEMING ROAD, NORTH SIDE OF JOHNSTON ROAD, O'BRIEN ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD, INCLUDING 189-201 JOHNSTON ROAD, 32-173 THOMSON ROAD AND HENNESSY ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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SWD OFFICER RETIRING AFTER 35 YEARS SERVICE

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. TSAU TSOR-YAN, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, WHO HEADS THE SOCIAL SECURITY DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL BE RETIRING SHORTLY AFTER 35 YEARS OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

MR. TSAU FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A CLERK IN 1940 AND MOVED INTO THE WELFARE FIELD IN 1957. SINCE THEN HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS POSTS BEFORE APPOINTMENT TO HIS PRESENT POSITION TWO YEARS AGO.

TO MARK HIS RETIREMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL PRESENT MR. TSAU WITH A FAREWELL GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES IN THE DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 11 A.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

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NEW POST OFFICE FOR WONG CHUK HANG

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A NEW POST OFFICE WILL BE OPENED THIS SATURDAY (JULY 5) AT BLOCK NO. 4 OF THE WONG CHUK HANG GOVERNMENT HOUSING ESTATE.

THE FULL RANGE OF POSTAL FACILITIES, EXCEPT FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF INSURED LETTERS AND BOXES, WILL BE AVAILABLE AND A STAMP VENDING MACHINE HAS BEEN INSTALLED TO SUPPLY 10-CENT STAMPS AT ALL HOURS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE OPENING OF THE WONG CHUK HANG POST OFFICE IS A FURTHER STAGE IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME OF THE DEPARTMENT.

+IT BRINGS THE TOTAL OF POST OFFICES TO 70, INCLUDING A MOBILE POST OFFICE OPERATING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

BUSINESS HOURS OF THE WONG CHUK HANG POST OFFICE ARE FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AND FROM 2.15 P.M. TO 5 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS= AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAYS. IT WILL BE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

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