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DEFECTS BEHIND LIGHT BUSES' EXAM FAILURES

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MECHANICAL DEFECTS AND OLD AGE WERE THE MAIN REASONS WHY MANY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES COULD NOT PASS THE ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S VEHICLE EXAMINATION DIVISION.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY (SUNDAY) BY THE SENIOR ENGINEER IN CHARGE OF THE DIVISION, MR MARTYN UTTLEY.

+A FEW DAYS AGO, AN AGING PLB CAME INTO OUR KOWLOON BAY CENTRE AND WHEN ONE OF OUR EXAMINERS INSPECTED IT, THE STEERING WHEEL CAME LOOSE -- IT HAD BEEN HELD ON WITH THE ALUMINIUM TOP OF A SOFT DRINK CAN,+ HE RECALLED.

+IN ANOTHER INSTANCE, ONE PLB, AFTER FAILING INSPECTION 16 TIMES, BROKE DOWN ON THE WAY TO THE EXAMINATION CENTRE FOR ITS SEVENTEENTH ATTEMPT,+ HE SAID.

A FREQUENT PRACTICE BY REPAIRERS WAS TO CONCEAL LEAKS OR EVEN CRACKS IN BRAKE PIPES WITH A NEW COAT OF PAINT.

MR UTTLEY SAID THAT SOME PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES HAD SO MANY DEFECTS THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO INCLUDE THEM ALL ON THE +REPAIR ORDER.+

RESPONDING TO CRITICISMS RECENTLY BY PLB DRIVERS THAT EXAMINATION STANDARDS WERE TOO HIGH, HE STRESSED THAT THE SAFETY STANDARDS REQUIRED WERE NOT HIGHER THAN THOSE FOR ANY OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES.

+CERTAINLY, TAXIS AND KMB OR CMB BUSES DO NOT REFLECT THE APPALLING PASS RATES THAT MANY PLBS ARE EXPERIENCING,+ HE REMARKED.

ACCORDING TO MR UTTLEY, MORE THAN HALF OF THE PRESENT FLEET OF PLBS WERE OVER NINE YEARS OLD, WITH MILEAGE READINGS OF OVER ONE MILLION.

+A NEW PLB, IF PROPERLY MAINTAINED, SHOULD LAST FIVE TO SIX YEARS WITHOUT TOO MANY PROBLEMS. OLDER VEHICLES SHOULD NOT EXPECT AN EASY RIDE THROUGH OUR INSPECTION AND SHOULD BE REPLACED,+ HE STATED.

MR UTTLEY SAID IT WAS APPARENT THAT WITHOUT THE COMPULSORY ANNUAL INSPECTIONS, QUITE A NUMBER OF THE PLBS WOULD HAVE RECEIVED NO ROUTINE MAINTENANCE OR REPAIR AT ALL.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF SHIPBUILDING, SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN AUGUST 23 AND SEPTEMBER 4 THIS YEAR BY THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIR INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE SURVEY WILL COVER ALL SHIPYARDS, BOATYARDS, REPAIR PONTOONS, SHIP SURVEYORS AND CONSULTANT FIRMS, SHIPPING FIRMS WHICH RECRUIT THEIR SHORE-BASED TECHNICAL STAFF LOCALLY, ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH DEAL WITH MARINE ENGINES AND MARINE ELECTRICAL REPAIRS AND SERVICING, EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

A LETTER, TOGETHER WITH TWO COPIES OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AN EXPLANATORY NOTE, AND A LIST OF DESCRIPTIONS FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WILL BE SENT OUT TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO ALL THE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY.

THE INFORMATION REQUESTED FROM EMPLOYERS INCLUDES:

- \* THE NUMBER OF WORKERS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED,
- \* THE NUMBER OF WORKERS UNDER TRAINING,
- \* THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND
- \* A FORECAST OF THE NUMBER OF WORKERS BY AUGUST 1983.

ON A PRE-ARRANGED DATE WITHIN THE SURVEY PERIOD, INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED FORM, AND, WHERE NECESSARY, TO HELP EMPLOYERS COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED IN THE SURVEY TO CO-OPERATE BY PROVIDING ACCURATE INFORMATION, WHICH IS IMPORTANT FOR FORMULATING MANPOWER TRAINING PLANS TO MEET THE INDUSTRY'S NEEDS.

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NEW OFFICE

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THE YAUMATEI OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES AT 260-264 TEMPLE STREET, GROUND FLOOR, YAUMATEI TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR PUBLIC ENQUIRIES REMAIN UNCHANGED. THESE ARE 3-695525, 3-695526 AND 3-695527.

THE LES PROVIDES A FREE SERVICE TO HELP EMPLOYERS WITH STAFF RECRUITMENT.

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NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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FORTY-FOUR NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN JUNE THIS YEAR, COMPARED WITH 65 IN JUNE LAST YEAR.

OF THESE NEW PLANS, 15 WERE FOR NEW BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 13 FOR URBAN KOWLOON AND 16 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDE A SPORT HALL AT TUNG LO WAN ROAD, A LANDSCAPE GARDEN WITH AN UNDERGROUND CARPARK AT ELECTRIC ROAD, A SCHOOL AT RAZOR HILL, A GOLF CLUB AT DISCOVERY BAY AND A SEA ACTIVITY TRAINING CENTRE AT TSAM CHUK WAN, SAI KUNG.

THE DECLARED COST OF ALL THE NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$880.45 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$1 139.34 MILLION IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

THEIR USABLE FLOOR AREA TOTALLED 413 743.3 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 359 511.4 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC AND 54 231.9 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR SPACE.

IN THE SAME MONTH, THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 51 PROJECTS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL AT BASEL ROAD, A HOTEL AT SHA TIN NEAR WONG UK, A SWIMMING POOL NEAR HO TUNG LAU, A GOLF COURSE AT DISCOVERY BAY, AND A HOSTEL AT MONG TUNG WAN, LANTAU ISLAND.

ALTOGETHER, 52 NEWLY-COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION IN JUNE, INCLUDING A SPORT CENTRE NEAR SHA TIN RACE COURSE, TWO SCHOOLS AT TAI PAK TIN STREET AND HING SHING ROAD IN KWAI CHUNG, AND A SUBSTATION AT THE JUNCTION OF WAI YIP STREET AND HOI YUEN ROAD, KWUN TONG.

THE OFFICE ALSO GAVE PERMISSION FOR 79 BUILDINGS TO BE DEMOLISHED.

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WATER CUT IN CENTRAL

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 10) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY POTTINGER STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, WING WO STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, INCLUDING WING KUT STREET, GILMAN'S BAZAAR, GILMAN STREET, WING ON STREET, TUNG MAN STREET, HING LUNG STREET, AND JUBILEE STREET.

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NTSD INTRODUCES +DESLUDGING+ SERVICE

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) INTRODUCED A SERVICE FOR REMOVING SLUDGE FROM PRIVATE SEPTIC TANKS IN THE RURAL AREA.

NEW +DESLUDGING+ VEHICLES HAVE BEEN IMPORTED FOR THIS NEW SERVICE, WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS IN THE RURAL AREA FOR A FEE, CHARGED TO COVER OPERATIONAL COSTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE SERVICE WAS INTENDED TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MANY HOUSES IN THE RURAL AREA USE SEPTIC TANKS WHOSE SLUDGE MUST BE REMOVED REGULARLY.

UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE, HOUSE OWNERS OR TENANTS WHO HAVE FAILED TO KEEP THEIR PRIVATE TOILETS AND SEPTIC TANKS IN SANITARY CONDITIONS ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$1 000, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

THOSE WHO WISH TO USE THE SERVICE MAY CONTACT THE URBAN SERVICES OFFICES IN THEIR OWN DISTRICTS.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THESE OFFICES ARE 0-210266 FOR KWAI CHUNG, 0-6572511 FOR NORTH DISTRICT, 3-2813604 FOR SAI KUNG, 0-621051 FOR SHA TIN, 0-6577111 (EXT. 162) FOR TAI PO, 0-444281 (EXT. 211) FOR TSUEN WAN, 0-820800 (EXT. 301) FOR TUEN MUN, AND 0-792261 (EXT. 129) FOR YUEN LONG.

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WATER CUT IN MONG KOK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE CUT OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 10) TO 6 AM THE NEXT DAY FOR A WATER MAIN CONNECTION.

THE CUT WILL AFFECT PREMISES ON 1-15 ARRAN STREET, 1-15 BUTE STREET, 62-68 TONG MEI ROAD AND 1145-1163 CANTON ROAD.

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### YUEN LONG SQUASH COURTS HEAVILY USED

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THE YUEN LONG SIR DENYS ROBERTS SQUASH COURT HAS AN OVERALL AVERAGE USAGE RATE OF 95 PER CENT, SAID THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (NORTH REGION) OF THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR BOWEN LEUNG.

SPEAKING AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY OF THE SECOND YUEN LONG DISTRICT SQUASH OPEN COMPETITION AT THE SQUASH COURT TODAY (SUNDAY), MR LEUNG SAID SQUASH HAD BECOME A POPULAR SPORT IN YUEN LONG SINCE THE OPENING OF THE COMPLEX.

AS A RESULT, THE SECOND OPEN COMPETITION ATTRACTED 134 PLAYERS, INCLUDING 42 WOMEN AND 92 MEN, MR LEUNG SAID.

THE THREE WEEK-LONG COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG SPORTS ASSOCIATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAD HELPED TO FURTHER PROMOTE THE SPORT AND UPGRADE THE STANDARDS OF THE PARTICIPANTS, HE SAID.

MR LEUNG ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE INTERNATIONAL SQUASH COACH, MR PETER HARTLEY, FOR ORGANISING A STUDY CLASS ON THE RULES OF THE SPORT TO COINCIDE WITH THE OPEN COMPETITION.

ALSO TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR JAMES WILSON; THE CHAIRMAN OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT SPORTS ASSOCIATION, MR CHIU YUK-CHUEN; AND THE OFFICER OF THE ASSOCIATION'S SQUASH SECTION, MR LEE KEI-BUN.

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### INFORMATIVE SLIDE SHOW FOR TAI PO THA RESIDENTS

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MORE THAN 10 000 TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA RESIDENTS IN TAI PO WILL BE TREATED NEXT WEEK TO A 30-MINUTE INFORMATIVE SLIDE SHOW ON PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE DISTRICT.

ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE, THE SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE BASKETBALL FIELD OPPOSITE BLOCK 95 OF YUE KOK TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AT 8.30 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 10).

IT WILL PROVIDE USEFUL INFORMATION ON EXISTING SERVICES SUCH AS MEDICAL, SOCIAL WELFARE, LEGAL AID, RECREATION, EDUCATION AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

CHANGES IN TAI PO AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT PLANS WILL ALSO BE BRIEFED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THE SHOW WOULD KEEP THE RESIDENTS BETTER INFORMED AND UPDATED ON THE NEW TOWN THEY LIVED IN.

+IF THE RESPONSE IS GOOD, SIMILAR FUNCTIONS WILL BE ARRANGED WHEN THE THA'S TWO NEW EXTENSIONS ARE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR TO ACCOMMODATE ANOTHER 4 000 RESIDENTS,+ HE ADDED.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CONCERT FOR BEACH-GOERS  
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TENS OF THOUSANDS OF BEACH-GOERS AND MANY MORE OF RADIO LISTENERS WERE ENTERTAINED TO AN +ANTI-NARCOTICS BEACH CONCERT+ THIS (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AT REPULSE BAY.

THE CONCERT WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND RADIO 2 OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG, AND SPONSORED BY TOM LEE PIANO CO. PERFORMING AT THE TWO-HOUR CONCERT WERE SEVERAL TOP SINGERS INCLUDING ROMAN TAM, ALBERT AU, TERESA CHEUNG, CHUNG YUEN-YEE, YEUNG SIU-CHING, TERENCE CHOI, AND TANG WAI-YAN.

THE CONCERT WAS BROADCAST +LIVE+ BY RADIO 2 OF RTHK.

TODAY'S CONCERT STARTED AT 3 PM AFTER AN OPENING CEREMONY. OFFICIATING GUESTS INCLUDED SIR ALBERT RODRIGUES, CHAIRMAN OF ACAN; MR HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, CHAIRMAN OF URBAN COUNCIL; MR ROY HENRY, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE; MR KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF ACAN'S PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE; MR HAROLD KWOK, ACTING DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING; AND MR PETER LEE, COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION SAID THE CONCERT IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S OVERALL EFFORTS IN PREVENTING DRUG ABUSE THROUGH EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY.

+EACH YEAR, THE ACAN ORGANISES A VARIETY OF EDUCATIONAL FUNCTIONS USING ENTERTAINMENT MEDIUM SUCH AS CONCERTS AND VARIETY SHOWS TO PREVENT DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG FROM SPREADING, AND THE BEACH CONCERT IS ONE OF THESE ACTIVITIES,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT CONCERTS HAVE PROVED TO BE ONE OF THE VERY EFFECTIVE PUBLICITY TOOLS, PARTICULARLY FOR CONVEYING MESSAGES TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 24 WHO ARE MOST AT RISK TO TEMPTATIONS OF DRUG ABUSE.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO PRAISED RTHK FOR THEIR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT TO THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAUSE AND THE CONCERT IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF HOW THE MASS MEDIA CAN HELP IN THE PREVENTION OF DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG.

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LEARNER DRIVER BAN IN HAPPY VALLEY

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FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 11), LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING BROADWOOD ROAD EASTBOUND AT ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG NAI CHUNG ROAD.

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