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BEWARE OF PITFALLS -- YOUNG JOB-SEEKERS WARNED
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A JOB THAT PROMISES EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH PAY NOT COMMENSURATE WITH ONE'S QUALIFICATIONS COULD BE A TRAP.

PAYMENT OF MONEY FOR SECURING EMPLOYMENT COULD BE A FRAUD AND A NOTORIOUS EXAMPLE OF THIS IS +PYRAMID SELLING.+

THESE WARNINGS WERE GIVEN TODAY (SUNDAY) BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WILL BE LOOKING FOR JOBS AFTER LEAVING SCHOOL THIS SUMMER.

+YOUNG, INEXPERIENCED AND EAGER JOB-SEEKERS ARE EASY PREY FOR TRICKSTERS. THEY SHOULD BE ALERT TO ALL SORTS OF TRICKS AND PITFALLS,+ HE STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL THINGS SCHOOL LEAVERS HAVE TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING ANY EMPLOYMENT.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE ADVISED, THEY SHOULD STUDY THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT, IN PARTICULAR THE NATURE OF WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN, HOURS OF WORK, REST DAYS, WAGES AND NOTICE PERIOD REQUIRED TO TERMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT.

+ABOVE ALL, THEY SHOULD ASK IF THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO OPERATE DANGEROUS MACHINERY. IF SO, THEY SHOULD ASK FOR ADEQUATE TRAINING BEFORE TAKING UP THE JOB. THEY SHOULD ALSO BEAR IN MIND THAT THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF 14 ARE NOT ALLOWED BY LAW TO WORK IN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT +PYRAMID SELLING+ WAS A NOTORIOUS MARKETING METHOD.

+IN THAT INSTANCE,+ HE ADDED, +THE JOB-SEEKER HAS TO PAY A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF MONEY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN, NOT EMPLOYMENT, BUT THE RIGHTS TO SELL THE PRODUCTS OF THE COMPANY. BUT IN THE END HE OR SHE MAY SUFFER SUBSTANTIAL LOSS AS THE PRODUCTS ARE OF A LOW MARKETABLE QUALITY. CASES INVOLVING SALES OF COSMETICS AND DETERGENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED.+

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER WARNED THAT TRICKSTERS MIGHT USE HIGH SALARIES AS A BAIT.

+TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, YOUNG PEOPLE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT FOR THE FIRST TIME SHOULD BE ALERT TO OFFERS OF A JOB THAT PROMISES EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH PAY NOT COMMENSURATE WITH THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

+THEY SHOULD NOT SIGN ANY CONTRACT OR DOCUMENT UNLESS THEY UNDERSTAND THE CONTENTS THOROUGHLY.

+IF IN DOUBT, THEY SHOULD CONSULT THEIR PARENTS, CAREERS TEACHERS OR STAFF OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

LEGAL AID MOVES TO NEW TERRITORIES IN JULY

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LEGAL AID WILL BE MORE ACCESSIBLE TO PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FROM JULY.

THIS WILL BE MADE POSSIBLE WHEN A MOBILE OFFICE STARTS OPERATING TO SERVE THE QUICKLY GROWING NEW TOWNS THERE.

THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AID, MR DESMOND O'REILLY MAYNE, SAID THIS NEW SERVICE IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP PACE WITH THE ENORMOUS POPULATION INCREASES ANTICIPATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERMS.

THE SITUATION WILL BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW AND EXTRA SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED WHEN NECESSARY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE MOBILE OFFICE WOULD ENABLE THE RESIDENTS TO SAVE TRAVELLING.

+HOWEVER,+ HE ADDED, +WHAT IS PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT IS TO EDUCATE THE NEW TERRITORIES PEOPLE ON DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE RULE OF LAW AS WELL AS MAKING THEM AWARE OF THEIR LEGAL RIGHTS. THEY WILL NEED HELP ON ALL MATTERS RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF SUCH RIGHTS.+

MR MAYNE NOTED THAT OF THE TOTAL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED LAST YEAR FROM THE KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE, NEARLY 22 PER CENT WERE FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE DEMANDS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE FOLLOWING ITS RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

TO SERVE THIS PURPOSE, THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HAS DONATED A VEHICLE WHICH IS NOW BEING CONVERTED INTO A MOBILE OFFICE.

STAFFED BY A PROFESSIONAL OFFICER AND A LAW CLERK, THE AIR-CONDITIONED MOBILE OFFICE WILL SPEND ONE DAY A WEEK IN EACH OF THE MAJOR RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

IT IS PLANNED THAT THE OFFICE WILL CALL REGULARLY AT TSUEN WAN, TUEN MUN, YUEN LONG, TAI PO AND SHEUNG SHUI.

A DETAILED VISIT PROGRAMME WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

MEANWHILE, THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE SCHEME, INTRODUCED BY THE LAW SOCIETY IN THE URBAN AREA IN NOVEMBER 1978, HAS ALSO BEEN EXTENDED TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE WAS SET UP LAST MONTH ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGEMENT OFFICE. IT IS MANNED BY TWO LAWYERS EVERY TUESDAY EVENING FROM 6.30 PM TO 9.30 PM TO SERVE TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG, TUEN MUN AND YUEN LONG.

THE SCHEME IS EXPECTED TO BE FURTHER EXTENDED TO THE EASTERN HALF OF THE NEW TERRITORIES NEXT YEAR.

THE LAW SOCIETY IS NOW OPERATING FOUR CENTRES IN THE URBAN AREA AT MONG KOK, WONG TAI SIN, EASTERN DISTRICT AND WAN CHAI.

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SWD PAYS OUT OVER \$13.8 MILLION UNDER +NO FAULT+ TAVA SCHEME
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT MORE THAN \$13.8 MILLION AS QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR PEOPLE APPLYING UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

ANOTHER \$103 600 AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT TO 46 CASES ARE AWAITING COLLECTION AT THE DEPARTMENT.

THE PAYMENTS ALREADY MADE WERE GRANTED TO 375 CASES INVOLVING DEATH AND 3 457 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAVE CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

MRS DIANA LEE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) PAYMENTS FOR FATAL CASES TOTALLED \$2.6 MILLION AND THAT FOR INJURY CASES, OVER \$11.2 MILLION.

SHE SAID THE INJURY GRANTS INCLUDED \$2.3 MILLION AS FURTHER PAYMENTS TO THOSE MEDICALLY CERTIFIED TO REQUIRE EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

IN THE CASES ALREADY PROCESSED, SHE SAID, THE HIGHEST PAYMENT WAS \$21 160 MADE IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$21 100.

+AT PRESENT, 298 OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN A FAIRLY SHORT TIME,+ SHE SAID.

THE NON-MEANS TESTED SCHEME IMPLEMENTED IN MAY LAST YEAR AIMS AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

MRS LEE SAID PEOPLE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS COULD APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE SCHEME CAN BE MADE AT THE TAVA SECTION ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG (TEL NOS 5-222392 AND 5-223254).

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\$6.4 MILLION GAMES HALL READY IN THREE MONTHS

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THE OSMAN RAMJU SADICK MEMORIAL HALL, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE KWAI CHUNG INDOOR GAMES HALL, WILL BE READY IN ABOUT THREE MONTHS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID WORK ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE \$6.4 MILLION INDOOR GAMES HALL HAS VIRTUALLY BEEN COMPLETED AND WORK ON THE INTERIOR IS IN AN ADVANCED STAGE.

BUILT ON A 2 400-SQUARE METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF HING FONG ROAD AND KWAI ON ROAD NEAR KWAI FONG ESTATE, THE HALL WILL PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTING FACILITIES FOR THE YOUTH IN TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WILL HAVE A CENTRAL GAMES AREA CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING TWO BASKETBALL COURTS OR THREE VOLLEYBALL COURTS OR EIGHT BADMINTON COURTS, AND A GRANDSTAND FOR ABOUT 300 SPECTATORS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS, OFFICES, A SEPARATE GAMES ROOM, TRAINING ROOM AND A TABLE-TENNIS ROOM.

THE HALL, JOINTLY FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC, MR C.R. SADICK, WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT ON COMPLETION IN LATE AUGUST.

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KCR-MTR INTERCHANGE STATION SUB-CONTRACT TENDERS

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR FOUR SUB-CONTRACTS TO THE MAIN CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY/MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY INTERCHANGE STATION AT KOWLOON TONG.

THE SUB-CONTRACTS ARE FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL SERVICES, AIR-CONDITIONING SERVICES, FIRE SERVICES AND LIFTS AND ESCALATORS.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT WORK ON THE MAIN CONTRACT, WHICH STARTED EARLY LAST MONTH, INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION AT GROUND LEVEL OF THE STATION BUILDING, RAILWAY PLATFORMS, CANOPIES AND AN AIR-CONDITIONED KCR UNDERGROUND CONCOURSE TO LINK UP WITH THE MTR.

+FRONTING THE ENTRANCE TO THE KCR CONCOURSE WILL BE A LANDSCAPED PLAZA AT THE JUNCTION OF KENT ROAD AND SUFFOLK ROAD, + HE SAID.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1982, THE STATION WILL FORM A VITAL LINK FOR THE NEW ELECTRIC TRAINS OF THE KCR AND THE MTR.

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THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT BY THEN, THE COMBINATION OF FASTER AND MORE FREQUENT ELECTRIC TRAINS ON THE KCR, TOGETHER WITH THE CONVENIENT AND QUICK INTERCHANGE AT KOWLOON TONG, WOULD RESULT IN DRAMATIC REDUCTIONS IN JOURNEY TIMES FOR PASSENGERS USING THE TWO SYSTEMS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY TRANSMARK, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THEIR SUB-CONSULTANT, YUNCKEN FREEMAN HONG KONG, UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

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REFRESHER COURSE FOR ENGLISH TEACHERS
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REFRESHER COURSES FOR FORMS 1-3 TEACHERS OF ENGLISH, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE HELD DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE BRITISH COUNCIL HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED TO RUN THE TWO 40-HOUR COURSES DURING AUGUST. ONE COURSE WILL BE HELD IN THE MORNING AND THE OTHER IN THE AFTERNOON ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM AUGUST 1 TO 29.

THERE WILL BE PLACES FOR 20 TEACHERS ON EACH COURSE. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE COURSES ARE AIMED AT IMPROVING THE PARTICIPANTS' CONFIDENCE IN USING ENGLISH IN THE CLASSROOM, FOCUSSED IN PARTICULAR ON ORAL FLUENCY AND ACCURACY, AND INTRODUCING TEACHERS OF ENGLISH TO COMMUNICATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED ON JUNE 30 TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (ENGLISH), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, FIFTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

HE ADDED THAT ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 5-774001, EXT 30.

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YUEN LONG ROAD WIDENING PROJECT PLANNED
TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

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GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING TO WIDEN A STRETCH OF ROAD BETWEEN YUEN LONG AND THE AU TAU ROUNDABOUT TO HELP EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE. THE 1.7 KILOMETRE STRETCH WILL HAVE TWO LANES IN EACH DIRECTION.

FOOTPATHS AND BICYCLE TRACKS ARE PLANNED ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD.

FOOTBRIDGES ARE TO BE INCLUDED TO PROVIDE SAFE CYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND TO ALLOW A SMOOTHER TRAFFIC FLOW. SUBWAYS ARE ALSO TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

THE PROJECT WILL HELP SOLVE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY INCREASES OF TRAFFIC AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN YUEN LONG AND TUEN MUN.

INTERIM MEASURES TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD HAVE INCLUDED CONVERTING THE JUNCTION AT AU TAU, WHERE THREE ROADS CONVERGE, INTO A ROUNDABOUT AND STOPPING VEHICLES FROM TURNING RIGHT INTO HOK SZE STREET.

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NEW REFUSE COLLECTION POINT

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A REFUSE COLLECTION POINT IS TO BE BUILT AT MAN WAN ROAD, KOWLOON, TO FACILITATE BETTER REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICES AND TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE AREA.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT COMPRISES A REINFORCED CONCRETE BUILDING WITH A LITTER COLLECTION AREA, A PARKING SPACE FOR REFUSE COLLECTION VANS, A ROLL-CALL POINT AND A STOREROOM.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY AND BE COMPLETED IN DECEMBER.

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