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HONG KONG'S PERSONAL TAXATION SYSTEM

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HIGH TAX THRESHOLDS AND LOW EFFECTIVE TAX RATES HAVE MADE HONG KONG'S PERSONAL TAXATION ONE OF THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD.

THIS WAS POINTED OUT TODAY BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT WHEN HE COMMENTED ON HONG KONG'S PERSONAL TAXATION SYSTEM.

HE RECALLED THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS BUDGET SPEECH HAD PROPOSED INCREASES IN CHILD ALLOWANCES AND THE INTRODUCTION OF A NEW SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE OF \$2,500 FOR A SINGLE PERSON AND \$5,000 FOR A MARRIED PERSON, SUBJECT TO A CLAW-BACK PROVISION OF 20 PER CENT. SUBSEQUENTLY, DURING THE RESUMED BUDGET DEBATE, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY HAD REDUCED THE CLAW-BACK TO 15 PER CENT TO FURTHER BENEFIT TAXPAYERS, PARTICULARLY THE LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME GROUPS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +QUITE APART FROM THE PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCES, THE BASIC ALLOWANCES OF \$10,000 FOR SINGLE TAXPAYERS AND \$20,000 FOR MARRIED TAXPAYERS ARE STILL THE HIGHEST TAX THRESHOLDS WHEN COMPARED, FOR EXAMPLE, WITH THOSE IN SINGAPORE, MALAYSIA, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

+IN SINGAPORE, THE PERSONAL TAX THRESHOLDS, CONVERTED TO HONG KONG DOLLARS, ARE \$5,750 FOR A SINGLE AND \$7,650 FOR A MARRIED PERSON WHILE THOSE IN MALAYSIA ARE \$4,220 AND \$6,330= AND IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, \$6,350 AND \$16,100.

+AS POINTED OUT BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY IN HIS SPEECH WINDING UP THE 1977/78 BUDGET DEBATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL LAST MONTH, THE TAX SYSTEM IN ALL THESE COUNTRIES IS NOT ONLY SHARPLY PROGRESSIVE, BUT REACHES VERY HIGH EFFECTIVE RATES.

+BY CONTRAST, IN HONG KONG THE RATES APPLICABLE TO OUR SCHEDULAR SYSTEM RISE FROM FIVE PER CENT ON THE FIRST PLATFORM OF \$10,000 OF NET CHARGEABLE INCOME TO 30 PER CENT ABOVE THE FIFTH PLATFORM OF \$10,000 AND THE OVERALL EFFECTIVE RATE IS LIMITED TO ONLY 15 PER CENT OF GROSS INCOME.

+THUS, THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF TAX FOR A MARRIED TAXPAYER WITHOUT CHILDREN WILL BE ZERO PER CENT AT INCOMES OF \$25,000 AND BELOW, INCREASING TO ONLY 2.13 PER CENT AT \$36,000= TO 5.14 PER CENT AT \$48,000= TO 8.33 PER CENT AT \$60,000, THE MAXIMUM RATE OF 15 PER CENT NOT BEING REACHED UNTIL \$90,000.+

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+CRITICS OF HONG KONG'S PERSONAL TAXATION SYSTEM WHO SUGGEST THAT IT OPERATES HARSHLY AGAINST THE LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOME GROUPS ARE THEREFORE BEING LESS THAN FAIR,+ HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON THE NEW SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +THIS MEANS THAT A SINGLE PERSON EARNING UP TO \$12,500 A YEAR, OR A MARRIED PERSON EARNING UP TO \$25,000 A YEAR, WILL NO LONGER PAY SALARIES TAX.+

THEREAFTER, FOR EVERY DOLLAR OF INCOME IN EXCESS OF \$12,500 IN THE CASE OF A SINGLE PERSON AND \$25,000 IN THE CASE OF A MARRIED PERSON, THE SUPPLEMENTARY ALLOWANCE WILL BE REDUCED (+CLAW-BACK+) BY 15 CENTS UNTIL THE ALLOWANCE IS ELIMINATED. THIS POINT IS REACHED WHEN A SINGLE PERSON'S YEARLY INCOME REACHES \$29,167 AND WHEN A MARRIED PERSON'S INCOME REACHES \$58,334, ALTHOUGH OF COURSE THE TAXPAYER CONTINUES TO RECEIVE THE BASIC PERSONAL ALLOWANCE OF \$10,000 IF HE IS SINGLE AND \$20,000 IF MARRIED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO GAVE THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES TO HELP THE PUBLIC UNDERSTAND BETTER THE ARITHMETIC OF THE ASSESSMENT FOR SALARIES TAX:

EXAMPLES OF THE CALCULATION OF SALARIES TAX
WITH THE INCREASED ALLOWANCES

EXAMPLE 1 SINGLE PERSON EARNING \$22,000 A YEAR

	SALARY	\$22,000
LESS	SINGLE ALLOWANCE	<u>12,500</u>
		9,500
ADD :	+CLAW BACK+ (15% OF \$9,500)	<u>1,425</u>
	NET CHARGEABLE INCOME	<u>\$10,925</u>
	TAX THEREON	<u>\$ 592</u>

NOTE: (ACTUAL SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE IS THEREFORE
\$2,500 - \$1,425 = \$1,075)

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EXAMPLE 2 MARRIED PERSON, WITH NO CHILDREN, EARNING \$40,000 A YEAR

	SALARY	\$40,000
LESS:	MARRIED ALLOWANCE	<u>25,000</u>
		\$15,000
ADD:	+CLAW BACK+ (15% OF \$15,000)	<u>2,250</u>
	NET CHARGEABLE INCOME	<u>\$17,250</u>
	TAX THEREON	<u>\$ 1,225</u>

NOTE: (ACTUAL SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE IS THEREFORE
\$5,000 - \$2,250 = \$2,750)

EXAMPLE 3 MARRIED PERSON WITH ONE CHILD, EARNING \$45,000 A YEAR

	SALARY	\$45,000
LESS:	MARRIED ALLOWANCE	<u>25,000</u>
		\$20,000
ADD:	+CLAW BACK+ (15% OF \$20,000)	<u>3,000</u>
		\$23,000
LESS: CHILD ALLOWANCE (AS INCREASED)		<u>4,000</u>
	NET CHARGEABLE INCOME	<u>\$19,000</u>
	TAX THEREON	<u>\$ 1,400</u>

NOTE: ACTUAL SUPPLEMENTARY PERSONAL ALLOWANCE IS THEREFORE \$5,000 -
\$3,000 = \$2,000)

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H.K.'S FIRST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN TAI PO
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL SIGN LEASE DOCUMENTS TOMORROW (THURSDAY) WITH THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATE CORPORATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S FIRST INDUSTRIAL ESTATE IN TAI PO.

THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT NOON AT THE RECEPTION CENTRE ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT IN CENTRAL.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. TELEVISION CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT 11.40 A.M. TO GIVE SUFFICIENT TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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AIR MAIL SERVICES TO AUSTRALIA DISRUPTED
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT COULD NOT ACCEPT REGISTERED AIR MAIL LETTERS AND PARCELS FOR AUSTRALIA, CHRISTMAS ISLAND, COCOS (KEELING) ISLAND, NEW HEBRIDES AND TUVALU BECAUSE OF CONTINUING SUSPENSION OF ALL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM AUSTRALIA.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS IN AUSTRALIA AND SUSPENSION OF ALL FLIGHTS TO AND FROM THAT COUNTRY, AIR MAIL SERVICES HAD BEEN INTERRUPTED SINCE LAST FRIDAY (MAY 6).

MAIL FOR NEW ZEALAND, HOWEVER, IS BEING DESPATCHED TWICE WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS AND SUNDAYS BY AIR NEW ZEALAND FLIGHTS, HE ADDED.

+SUITABLE ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE WHEN AIR MAIL SERVICES ARE RESUMED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON THE SECOND STAGE OF A SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH THE MOUNTAIN OF REFUSE GENERATED BY THE RAPID GROWTH OF HONG KONG.

TENDERS ARE BEING CALLED FOR THE SUPPLY, ERECTION AND COMMISSIONING OF A HIGH DENSITY SOLID WASTE BALING PLANT AT SAI TSO WAN, EAST KOWLOON.

THIS PLANT, THE FIRST ONE IN HONG KONG, WILL BALE 600 TONNES OF REFUSE A DAY.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, MR. WONG KWOK-CHOY, TODAY DESCRIBED +HIGH DENSITY BALING AS A PROCESS WHEREBY REFUSE IS COMPACTED IN A HYDRAULIC PRESS INTO BALES ABOUT ONE AND A HALF CUBIC METRES IN VOLUME, EACH WEIGHING ABOUT ONE AND A HALF TONNES.+

+THEY ARE VERY SUITABLE FOR TRANSPORT BY LAND OR SEA TO CONTROLLED TIPPING SITES.+

+ANOTHER ADVANTAGE IS THAT THE SOLID WASTE IS REDUCED TO ABOUT ONE-FOURTH ITS ORIGINAL VOLUME, WHICH MAKES TRANSPORT THAT MUCH EASIER,+ MR. WONG SAID.

EARLIER THIS YEAR THE P.W.D. LET A \$21.25 MILLION CONTRACT IN CONNECTION WITH HONG KONG'S FIRST PULVERISING AND COMPOSTING PLANT AT CHAI WAN.

THE COMPOSTING PROCESS INVOLVES THE TREATMENT OF SOLID WASTE THROUGH GRADUAL DECOMPOSITION INTO HYGIENICALLY SAFE, INERT AND INOFFENSIVE MATERIAL.

THIS METHOD OF WASTE DISPOSAL DOES NOT PRODUCE ANY ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION AND THE COMPOSTED WASTES MAY BE USED AS INTERMEDIATE AND FINAL COVER MATERIAL IN CONTROLLED TIPPING OPERATIONS.

NEARLY \$52 MILLION HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO PLANTS. BOTH THE COMPOSTING AND THE BALING PLANTS SHOULD BE IN OPERATION IN THE LATTER HALF OF NEXT YEAR.

AT PRESENT SOME 4,000 TONNES OF REFUSE ARE COLLECTED IN HONG KONG EACH DAY. AND THIS IS LIKELY TO RISE TO ABOUT 7,500 TONNES BY 1985.

MR. WONG SAID, +TOGETHER WITH EXISTING FACILITIES, NEW PLANTS WHICH INCLUDE A NEW INCINERATOR AT KWAI CHUNG, AND ANOTHER COMPOSTING PLANT AT SHA TIN WILL ENABLE US TO DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH HONG KONG'S REFUSE UNTIL WELL INTO THE EIGHTIES.+

THE NEW PLANTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO ACCEPT DOMESTIC, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL WASTE.

ALONG WITH THE CHAI WAN COMPOSTER, THE SAI TSO WAN BALING PLANT FORMS PART OF AN OVERALL 10-YEAR SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PLAN FOR HONG KONG WHICH WAS RECOMMENDED BY THE P.W.D.'S CONSULTING ENGINEERS, MAUNSELL'S CONSULTANTS ASIA.

MR. WONG SAID +PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS ARE THAT UNIT COSTS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BY COMPOSTING AND BALING ARE GENERALLY LOWER THAN BY INCINERATION, THE PROCESSES ARE SANITARY AND DO NOT CREATE POLLUTION PROBLEMS.+

IN BOTH THE COMPOSTING AND BALING PROCESSES, THE BULK REDUCTION IN VOLUME OF THE TREATED WASTE ALSO RESULTS IN LOWER TRANSPORT COSTS AND ENABLES MORE ECONOMICAL USE TO BE MADE OF LANDFILL SITES.

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PART-TIME EVENING COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES
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THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG, KWUN TONG AND HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR PART-TIME EVENING CLASSES WHICH WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER.

A TOTAL OF 65 COURSES ARE AVAILABLE. THESE INCLUDE COURSES AT CRAFTSMAN LEVEL, THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION OF WHICH IS CHINESE, AND COURSES AT TECHNICIAN LEVEL, WHICH ARE TAUGHT MAINLY IN ENGLISH.

FIELDS COVERED INCLUDE CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES, HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM, MARINE AND FABRICATION, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, PRINTING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE MAY 23. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MORRISON HILL, KWAI CHUNG AND KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AS WELL AS THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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WOMEN'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION STRESSED
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+WOMEN HAVE A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE SHAPING OF AN EDUCATION SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO GENERAL EDUCATION,+ MR. ANDREW KINGWELL, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, TOLD THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE SOROPTIMIST CLUB TODAY.

MR. KINGWELL, WHO IS THE ADVISER ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION, SAID THAT WOMEN WERE MORE INFLUENTIAL IN THE HOME THAN MEN AND COULD INFLUENCE AND ADVISE THEIR CHILDREN ON THE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT +INDUSTRY NEEDS WOMEN AT ALL LEVELS IN INCREASING NUMBERS AS THERE ARE MANY EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR THE WELL-TRAINED AND EDUCATED GIRL SCHOOL LEAVERS AND WOMEN GRADUATES.+

WOMEN, HE SAID, COULD DO MUCH +TO HELP IN A NUMBER OF SUBTLE WAYS TO COMBAT SOCIAL PREJUDICE AND THE INSATIABLE DEMAND FOR WHITE-COLLAR JOBS FROM SCHOOL LEAVERS. THERE SHOULD NO LONGER BE A FEELING OF FAMILY DISGRACE IF THEIR SONS TAKE UP BLUE-COLLAR OCCUPATION- ALSO WOMEN CAN HELP BREAK DOWN THE TRADITIONAL ATTITUDES WHICH MUST PREVENT MANY WOMEN FROM FOLLOWING A WORTHWHILE CAREER IN INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE.+

ALL COURSES IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTES RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE AVAILABLE TO GIRLS OR YOUNG WOMEN.

BUT, HE SAID, THE AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS FOR GIRLS IN SCHOOLS WHICH HAD FACILITIES WERE DEPENDENT UPON TWO MAIN FACTORS - PARENTAL AND PUPIL CHOICE AS WELL AS ORGANISATIONAL PROBLEMS.

+I AM SURE, HOWEVER, THE DIFFICULTIES IN SOLVING THE SECOND PROBLEM WOULD BE OVERCOME-BY THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES PROVIDED THERE IS SUFFICIENT PRESSURE FROM THE PARENTS AND PUPILS. THUS ONCE AGAIN WE SEE THAT THE WOMEN OF HONG KONG, MOTHERS AND THEIR DAUGHTERS, HAVE A GREAT PART TO PLAY IF THEY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIRLS,+ MR. KINGWELL SAID.

TO APPRECIATE THE VAST RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF BOTH SEXES IN THE TECHNICAL FIELD, IT WAS NECESSARY TO STUDY THE LIST OF DISCIPLINES COVERED BY THE FOUR EXISTING TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE POLYTECHNIC.

+THERE ARE 15 DEPARTMENTS LISTED IN THE LATEST POLYTECHNIC PROSPECTUS AND SOME OF THEM ARE MULTI-DISCIPLINED AND MORE ARE PLANNED. TECHNICAL SUBJECTS WILL BE TAUGHT IN ELEVEN DEPARTMENTS IN THE FOUR TECHNICAL INSTITUTES BY THIS SEPTEMBER,+ MR. KINGWELL SAID.

TECHNICAL SUBJECTS ARE NOW BEING TAUGHT AT ALL LEVELS IN SOME SCHOOLS AS AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE CURRICULUM. MORE WILL BE DONE IN THIS DIRECTION QUITE SOON IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY LAID DOWN IN THE 1974 WHITE PAPER.

+TEACHERS HAVE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE TRAINED IN THE NEW TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE TO TEACH IN OUR SCHOOLS THE SUBJECTS OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH IS NEW IN HONG KONG. A GOOD START HAS BEEN MADE AND MORE WILL BE DONE. I SHOULD, HOWEVER, MAKE IT CLEAR THAT AT SCHOOL LEVEL TECHNICAL SUBJECTS ARE TREATED AS PART OF THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL PROCESS,+ THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAID.

GENERALLY SPEAKING IT WAS THE EDUCATOR'S JOB TO PROVIDE A PERSON WHO WAS MORE READILY TRAINABLE AND IT WAS INDUSTRY'S PRIME RESPONSIBILITY TO DO ITS OWN TRAINING.

+INDUSTRIALISTS,+ HE SAID, +CAN AND DO EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO EMPLOY EDUCATED YOUNG PEOPLE. HAVING SAID THIS, IT IS CLEAR THAT IT IS A NECESSITY IN AN INDUSTRIALISING SOCIETY SUCH AS HONG KONG THAT THE GENERAL EDUCATION SYSTEM SHOULD PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH A KNOWLEDGE AND AN APPRECIATION OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS. THIS AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY MUST BE SPREAD THROUGHOUT OUR SOCIETY THUS ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE WORLD OF EDUCATION AND THE WORLD OF WORK.+

THERE ARE NINE GOVERNMENT AND FOUR AIDED SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS WHICH ACCOMMODATE ALTOGETHER ABOUT 7,000 STUDENTS. SEVERAL NEW SCHOOLS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS ARE BEING PLANNED.

+APART FROM SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, A LARGE NUMBER OF GRAMMAR-TYPE SECONDARY SCHOOLS OFFER TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN THEIR CURRICULA, THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY UP TO HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION LEVEL,+ MR. KINGWELL SAID.

SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS NORMALLY PROVIDE FIVE YEARS OF GENERAL SECONDARY EDUCATION, ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE SCHOOLS ALSO HAVE SIXTH FORMS.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR SAID: +ONE OF THE AIMS OF A SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL IS TO DEVELOP IN THE STUDENTS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE TECHNOLOGICAL AND INDUSTRIAL WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE. ON COMPLETION OF THE FIVE-YEAR COURSE THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS COMMENCE THEIR CAREERS IN A WIDE VARIETY OF FIELDS INCLUDING PROFESSIONAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL OCCUPATIONS. SOME ENROL ON FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME COURSES IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OR IN THE POLYTECHNIC. SOME OF THE MORE ABLE STUDENTS GO INTO FORM 6 BEFORE PROCEEDING TO A UNIVERSITY.+

THERE ARE EIGHT PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS WITH A TOTAL OF 5,840 PLACES. FIVE OTHER SUCH SCHOOLS ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGE AND THE TARGET IS TO PROVIDE SOME 10,000 SUCH PLACES BY 1980.

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+PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID, +PROVIDE THREE YEARS OF EDUCATION LEADING FROM PRIMARY SCHOOL MAINLY TO APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES OR DIRECT TO EMPLOYMENT.+

SPEAKING ABOUT THE FUTURE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, MR. KINGWELL SAID THAT MUCH WOULD DEPEND UPON THE ATTITUDES AND THE IMAGE THAT TECHNICAL EDUCATION COULD CREATE FOR ITSELF.

+THE ATTITUDES OF THE PUBLIC, PARENTS, EDUCATORS AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, INDUSTRIALISTS ARE EQUALLY IMPORTANT,+ THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR EMPHASISED.

SOCIETY MUST ACCORD TO TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED PEOPLE EQUAL PRIDE OF PLACE WITH THOSE WHO QUALIFY FOR THE MORE ORTHODOX OR MORE ACADEMIC PROFESSIONS AND, AS MR. KINGWELL PUT IT, +PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, INDUSTRY MUST BE PREPARED TO CHANGE ITS SALARY STRUCTURES AND PROMOTION OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCOMMODATE THE OUTPUT OF GRADUATES FROM THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE POLYTECHNIC.+

HE STRESSED: +IF HONG KONG IS TO HOLD ITS OWN, INDUSTRY GENERALLY (NOT JUST IN THE TECHNICAL FIELD) MUST BE PREPARED TO PAY THE PRICE FOR A BETTER EDUCATED AND TRAINABLE WORK FORCE. INDUSTRY AND HONG KONG GENERALLY WILL OBTAIN ITS REWARD OR DIVIDEND BY BEING ABLE TO 'TRADE UP' AND TO PRODUCE A BETTER ARTICLE MORE EFFICIENTLY AND TO COPE WITH A WIDER RANGE OF PRODUCTS.

+OF COURSE, OUR SCHOOLS MUST NEVER FORGET THAT SOME FORM OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS AN ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT IN ALL EDUCATION. OUR UNIVERSITIES MUST RECOGNISE THE NEWER TECHNICAL SUBJECTS (SUCH AS ENGINEERING SCIENCE) FOR UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS.+

IN CONCLUSION THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR STATED THAT IN ORDER FOR SKILLED CRAFTSMEN, TECHNICIANS AND ENGINEERS TO GAIN PARALLEL RECOGNITION WITH OTHER PROFESSIONS, HONG KONG NEEDED THE HELP AND UNDERSTANDING OF WOMEN +TO ENCOURAGE AND SUSTAIN THE NATURAL AMBITION OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE (INCLUDING THE GIRLS) TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN OUR INDUSTRIALISING SOCIETY.+

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REMOVAL OF CHATER ROAD BUS STOPS

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THREE BUS STOPS OUTSIDE SWIRE HOUSE IN CHATER ROAD WILL BE MOVED TO A BUS BAY OUTSIDE THE STATUE SQUARE ON FRIDAY (MAY 13).

THEY ARE THE STOPS FOR ROUTES 20, 20A AND 17.

HOWEVER, PASSENGERS INTENDING TO BOARD CMB ROUTES 10 AND 10A CAN STILL DO SO AT THE STOPS OUTSIDE SWIRE HOUSE.

THE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY DUE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CHATER STATION.

COMMENTING ON THE CHANGES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BUS STOPS OUTSIDE THE STATUTE SQUARE WITH A WIDER PAVEMENT COULD PROVIDE BETTER QUEUING FACILITIES.

HE ASKED PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL WHEN CROSSING OR PASSING THROUGH CHATER ROAD WHERE MTR TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO AND YUEN LONG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (MAY 13) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS IN THE AREAS.

IN SHAM SHUI PO, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD, PRATAS STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, WING LUNG STREET, UN CHAU STREET, HING WAH STREET AND CHEUNG FAT STREET, INCLUDING FAT TSEUNG STREET, FUK WING STREET AND TONKIN STREET.

IN YUEN LONG, TWO AREAS WILL BE AFFECTED.

THE FIRST IS BOUNDED BY TAI TONG ROAD, MAIN NULLAH, HOP YICK ROAD, KAU YUK ROAD, INCLUDING MA TIN TSUEN WHILE THE OTHER IS IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN TAI YUK ROAD AND THE LEI TSUEN WO BEAN-CURD STICK FACTORY, INCLUDING SHUI PIN TSUEN, SHUI NGAU LING COTTAGE RESETTLEMENT AREA, LAM HAU AND SHAN HA TSUEN.

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