



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

- 1 - SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 1974

SLIGHT DROP IN INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT

EMPLOYMENT IN HONG KONG INDUSTRY WAS REDUCED BY TWO AND A HALF PER CENT IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THIS REPRESENTS A DROP OF 0.8 PER CENT IN THE WORKFORCE COMPARED WITH THE FIRST QUARTER LAST YEAR.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT 611,205 WORKERS WERE EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED AND RECORDED INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS AT THE END OF MARCH.

THIS COMPARES WITH THE RECORD FIGURE OF 627,230 AT THE END OF DECEMBER AND A FIGURE OF 616,609 AT THE END OF THE MARCH QUARTER LAST YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE FIRST QUARTER DROP IN EMPLOYMENT THIS YEAR -- WHICH COMPARES WITH A 0.5 PER CENT DROP IN THE FIRST QUARTER LAST YEAR AND A DROP OF 1.13 PER CENT THE YEAR BEFORE -- APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN AGGRAVATED BY THE DOWNTURN IN WORLD TRADE.

HOWEVER, THERE WAS A SLIGHT UPTURN IN THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES NOTIFIED BY EMPLOYERS -- 8,406 OR 1.38 PER CENT OF THE WORKFORCE, COMPARED WITH 7,203 OR 1.15 PER CENT OF THE WORKFORCE AT THE END OF DECEMBER.

THE SURVEY SHOWED THAT MOST OF THE REDUCTION IN WORKFORCE HAD BEEN IN TEXTILES AND TEXTILE MADE-UPS (A DROP OF 7,225 OR 2.6 PER CENT TO 261,688) - PLASTIC PRODUCTS (A DROP OF 2,424 OR 3.5 PER CENT TO 65,697) - PRINTING AND PUBLISHING (A DROP OF 846 OR 4.5 PER CENT TO 17,867) - AND ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONICS (A DROP OF 744 OR ONE PER CENT TO 68,387).

EMPLOYMENT IN THE METAL PRODUCTS INDUSTRY, HONG KONG'S FOURTH-LARGEST EMPLOYER, ROSE BY 0.4 PER CENT TO 51,132.

THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ROSE FROM 22,533 TO 22,702. THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS PROBABLY DUE TO THE OPENING OF A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL SMALL ESTABLISHMENTS.

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SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY
TICKETS NOW ON SALE

TICKETS FOR THE SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR
ARE NOW ON SALE.

THE TICKETS, AT \$2 EACH, CAN BE BOUGHT AT ALL ROYAL
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB BRANCH OFFICES AND AT 19 FERRY PIERS
OF THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY.

THEY ARE ALSO OBTAINABLE FROM THE HEAD OFFICE AND
BRANCHES OF VARIOUS BANKS AND TWO KOWLOON HOTELS.

THE DRAW FOR THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE
STUDIOS OF THE REDIFFUSION (HONG KONG) LTD., TELEVISION HOUSE
AT BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON, AT 9.00 P.M. ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14.

IN ADDITION TO THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND 50 SPECIAL
PRIZES, THERE WILL BE 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES TO BE WON THIS
YEAR.

THE FIRST PRIZE WILL AMOUNT TO 40 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL
PROCEEDS WHILE THE SECOND PRIZE WILL AMOUNT TO FOUR PER CENT
OF THE PROCEEDS AND THE THIRD 0.4 PER CENT OF THE PROCEEDS.

EACH CONSOLATION PRIZE WILL BE WORTH 0.1 PER CENT OF THE
TOTAL PROCEEDS, THE SAME AMOUNT AS A SPECIAL PRIZE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE
AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT ON MONDAY (JUNE 3)
AT 12.30 P.M. WHEN HE WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS TO
PROMOTE THE SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY OF THE YEAR.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

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WARNING ON SALE OF ILLEGAL HUTS

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THE PUBLIC ARE AGAIN ADVISED BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT
THAT THEY SHOULD TREAT WITH CAUTION OFFERS TO PURCHASE
SQUATTER-TYPE STRUCTURES, PARTICULARLY COUPLED WITH
PROMISES OF GETTING AT SOME LATER STAGE AN OFFER OF
REACCOMMODATION BY THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO OCCUPY CROWN LAND WITHOUT PROPER
AUTHORISATION OR TO ERECT OR PLACE ANYTHING ON LEASED
LAND OR LAND OCCUPIED BY LICENCE IN BREACH OF A CROWN
LEASE OR LICENCE. ILLEGAL STRUCTURES BUILT IN THIS WAY
ARE SUBJECT TO DEMOLITION.

IF THE OCCUPANTS OF UNLEASED LAND ARE IN BREACH OF
THE NOTICE TO QUIT THEY RENDER THEMSELVES LIABLE ON
CONVICTION TO A FINE OF \$10,000 AND TO IMPRISONMENT FOR
SIX MONTHS.

A LESSEE OR LICENCEE OF OTHER THAN UNLEASED LAND WHO
FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A NOTICE TO DEMOLISH AN ILLEGAL
STRUCTURE RUNS THE RISK OF HAVING THE PROPERTY ON THE LAND
CONFISCATED. HE MAY ALSO BE LIABLE TO PAY FOR THE COST
IN OR ARISING OUT OF THE DEMOLITION.

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