



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1976

## WORK OF S.W.D.'S JOB PLACEMENT UNIT

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THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOUND JOBS FOR 417 DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THIS YEAR.

THE FIGURE REPRESENTS MORE THAN A HUNDRED PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE 1975 TOTAL OF 200.

OUTLINING THE WORK OF THE UNIT, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, MR. CHAN SHIU-WING, STRESSED THAT A DISABLED PERSON WAS NOT JUST GIVEN INDISCRIMINATELY ANY JOB THAT CAME ALONG.

+APART FROM VOCATIONAL TRAINING, WE HAVE TO PROVIDE PLACEMENT COUNSELLING WHICH FORMS A MAJOR PART OF OUR WORK,+ HE EXPLAINED.

MR. CHAN POINTED OUT THAT SOME OF THE DISABLED LACKED CONFIDENCE WHILE SOME CHERISHED EXPECTATIONS TOO HIGH FOR THEM.

+THROUGH COUNSELLING, WE HOPE TO HELP THEM GET A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ABILITIES AND DISABILITIES AND TO FIND OUT WHAT IS BEST FOR THEM,+ HE SAID.

SOMETIMES THE PROBLEM COMES FROM THE PARENTS IN THAT THEY TEND TO OVER-PAMPER THEIR DISABLED CHILDREN AND ARE RELUCTANT TO ALLOW THEM TO GO OUT TO BE TRAINED.

IN THIS CASE, PLACEMENT OFFICERS HAVE TO EXTEND THE COUNSELLING SERVICE TO THESE PARENTS.

+ALL THESE EFFORTS,+ HE ADDED, +AIM TO HELP THE DISABLED TO BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY WHICH IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF REHABILITATION WORK.+

ON THE PROCEDURES OF FINDING THE DISABLED A JOB, MR. CHAN SAID THE PLACEMENT OFFICER HAD TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACT WITH THE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYER TO FIND OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB, THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

HE THEN MATCHES THE RIGHT CLIENT WITH THE RIGHT JOB, ENSURING THAT HIS ABILITY AND POTENTIALS ARE DEVELOPED TO THE GREATEST EXTENT AND THAT HIS DISABILITY DOES NOT HANDICAP HIM IN HIS WORK.

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+HE WILL THEN ACCOMPANY THE CLIENT OR WORKER TO THE PLACE OF WORK AND ASSIST HIM TO GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE JOB REQUIREMENTS, HIS COLLEAGUES AND TO OVERCOME ANY INITIAL PROBLEM WHEN HE REPORTS FOR DUTY FOR THE FIRST TIME,+ MR. CHAN EXPLAINED.

+THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER VISIT ONE OR TWO DAYS LATER TO FIND OUT THE RESPONSE OF THE CLIENT AND THE EMPLOYER,+ HE ADDED.

+WE WILL CARRY OUT THESE FOLLOW-UP VISITS FOR THREE MONTHS BEFORE WE CONSIDER A CASE CLOSED.+

+SHOULD THE WORKER FIND THAT HE CANNOT FIT IN THE POST, THE PLACEMENT OFFICER CONCERNED WILL TRY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE EMPLOYER TO FIND AN ALTERNATIVE JOB FOR THE WORKER IN THE SAME ESTABLISHMENT,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHAN NOTED THAT EMPLOYERS WERE NOW MORE ACCEPTABLE TO THE IDEA OF EMPLOYING THE DISABLED THAN BEFORE.

+THEY BEGIN TO REALISE THAT THE DISABLED ARE MORE CAREFUL AND STABLE AND ARE EQUALLY COMPETENT IN MANY AREAS OF WORK.+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE UNIT HAS NEVER RECEIVED ANY SERIOUS COMPLAINT FROM THE EMPLOYERS.

MR. CHAN WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THAT SOME EMPLOYERS EVEN TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO OPEN AN ENTIRE ASSEMBLY LINE FOR THE DISABLED WORKERS.

+MANY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO EMPLOY MORE DISABLED WORKERS SHOULD THE OPPORTUNITY ARISE,+ HE SAID.

MR. SHIMITZ OF THE UNIVERSAL OPTICAL INDUSTRIES LTD., WHICH IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYING MORE THAN 20 DISABLED PEOPLE, STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO EMPLOY MORE DISABLED WORKERS.

+BY EMPLOYING THEM, OUR FIRM WILL BE MAKING CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOCIETY FROM WHICH WE HAVE GAINED SO MUCH,+ HE SAID.

HE FOUND THE PERFORMANCE OF THESE WORKERS SATISFACTORY AND HE DID NOT HAVE TO GO OUT OF HIS WAY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM.

HIS GOOD IMPRESSION OF THE DISABLED WORKERS WAS ECHOED BY MRS. LOUISE KAM OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT OF THE CITIBANK.

+WE DID SPEND SOME MONEY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SPECIAL SWITCHBOARD FOR OUR BLIND OPERATOR, BUT HER EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE MORE THAN OFFSETS THE COST,+ SHE SAID.

EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO EMPLOY THE DISABLED ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT ON TELEPHONE NO. 3-419221.

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MARKERS AND ORAL EXAMINERS FOR  
CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION

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THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD IS INVITING SERVING TEACHERS AND OTHER SUITABLY QUALIFIED PERSONS TO APPLY TO SERVE AS MARKERS AND ORAL EXAMINERS FOR THE 1977 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD, MR. K.C. CHEUNG SAID: +MARKING OF WRITTEN PAPERS WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN MID-MAY AND THE END OF JUNE 1977. THE RATES OF REMUNERATION VARY DEPENDING UPON THE LENGTH AND COMPLEXITY OF THE QUESTION PAPERS AS WELL AS THE EXPERIENCE OF INDIVIDUAL MARKERS.

+ORAL ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD ON WEEK-DAYS BETWEEN JUNE 8 AND 28 FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M. AND THE REMUNERATION FOR AN EXAMINER IS \$70 PER AFTERNOON.+

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON. THE CLOSING DATE IS JANUARY 18, 1977.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT SAP PAT HEUNG

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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT SAP PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE FOR RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING NEARBY FOR THREE DAYS FROM MONDAY (DECEMBER 20).

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS. THEY SHOULD REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO MOST OF THE PREMISES IN WAH FU ESTATE WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 14) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

PREMISES AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN WAH LOK HOUSE, WAH ON HOUSE, WAH KWONG HOUSE, WAH MEI HOUSE, WAH CHUN HOUSE, WAH HON HOUSE, WAH YUE HOUSE, WAH SHUN HOUSE, WAH KAI HOUSE, WAH CHING HOUSE, WAH MING HOUSE, WAH KIN HOUSE AND SHOPPING CENTRE.

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GIANT 'TOASTER' MASS PRODUCES PREFAB WALLS  
FOR TAI HING ESTATE AT TUEN MUN

Can you imagine a production line where walls go in one end as liquid cement and come out the other the finished product in less than three hours?

And where the main part of the process is performed inside a super-heated oven which acts virtually as a giant "toaster" as it dries out and safely solidifies the cement, turning it rock-hard and ready for instant use?

It sounds like something happening overseas but actually this ultra-modern production line is working full-time at Tuen Mun turning out walls for Tai Hing Estate.

Every working day it turns out 220 "quick-built" walls.

The factory, set up at a cost of \$3 million, plays an important part in the phase I construction of Tai Hing Estate in the developing new town of Tuen Mun.

Its main function is to supply ample prefabricated walls for the three 30-storey cruciform blocks and one seven-storey block which will provide a total of 4,446 self-contained flats housing some 29,000 people.

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The heart of the factory is a huge steam oven which covers an area of nearly 4,000 square feet.

Temperatures inside, ranging from 80 to 85 degree Celsius, help to solidify the liquid cement in less than three hours.

A four-wheel cart running on rails transports the steel moulds, interlaced with steel bars, to a giant mixer where liquid cement is poured into the moulds. Electrical vibrators are used to ensure that the moulds are properly filled and that the surface is perfectly smooth.

The cart is then pushed into the super-heated oven and in less than three hours the finished product comes out the other end, is plucked by a crane from the mould and is ready for instant use.

More than 200 different sizes of prefabricated walls are produced by the factory. All are used for external and internal partitions and the floors.

This method of wall making, known as the "Omnia" system, saves both time and manpower and the product is as good as any made by the traditional methods used by contractors in the building industry.

For the construction of the four blocks at Tai Hing Estate, the factory has so far churned out 53,000 concrete slabs of different sizes. Another 6,500 slabs will be required before construction finishes in April next year.

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