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REPORT ON GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF HK PUBLISHED

The study of Hong Kong's geology is given a new dimension with the recent publication of a comprehensive report together with a detailed geological map.

Entitled the Report on the Geological Survey of Hong Kong, 1967-9, the report seeks to present a precise panoramic view of Hong Kong's geology. It also carries a larger-scale geological map of Hong Kong at a scale of 1:50,000.

The report is the outcome of a joint research effort by two geologists - Dr. E.A. Stephens and Dr. P.M. Allen - seconded to the Crown Lands and Survey Office of the Public Works Department from the Overseas Division of the Institute of Geological Sciences in London between 1967-69.

A spokesman for the Crown Lands and Survey Office said today that in terms of geological mapping of Hong Kong, the map that went with the report represented a significant achievement.

"This is because at the time of the survey the only then existing geological map of Hong Kong, published in 1936, was considerably generalised and its accuracy opened to expert criticism," the spokesman added.

He described the publication of the report as "opportune" in view of the recent interest displayed in landslides and geological information of Hong Kong.

The geological survey was arranged in 1966 as a technical assistance project between the British Ministry of Overseas Development and the Hong Kong Government.

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The Crown Lands and Survey Office, among others, extended support during the survey and preparation stages of the report and the map by putting its various facilities and labour at the disposal of the authors. The base-map of Hong Kong used in the report was designed and produced by the cartographic staff of the Survey Branch of the Crown Lands and Survey Office.

The geological information was then added by the Directorate of Overseas Surveys in England under the guidance of the geologists from the Institute of Geological Sciences and the multi-coloured map was finally printed by the Ordnance Survey department. In the meantime the report was being printed in Hong Kong by the Government Printer.

"The whole exercise was a good example of technical co-operation between the Hong Kong and British Governments," the spokesman commented.

He further pointed out that the report stood in its own right as a substantial contribution to the study of the geology of Hong Kong.

It will be distributed to various academic institutions, universities, libraries and national organisations throughout the world.

The report - including the map which is in two sheets - is now on sale for \$30 in Hong Kong. The unfolded map can be purchased separately for \$8.

Copies of the report are available at the following places: the Crown Lands and Survey Office, 19th Floor, Murray Building; its Kowloon Office located on 11th Floor, Kowloon Government Offices, Nathan Road and the Government Publications Centre, Star Ferry Concourse.

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CAMPAIGN TO RECRUIT MORE POLICE INSPECTORS

A report setting out guidelines for a campaign to recruit more Inspectors in Britain for the Royal Hong Kong Police Force is now being prepared for submission to the Hong Kong Government.

The report is being compiled by Mr. Alan Hamilton, a consultant appointed by the Crown Agents, to handle all recruiting needs in Britain on behalf of the Hong Kong Government.

Mr. Hamilton has just returned to Britain after spending a week in Hong Kong, studying specific requirements for the 200 Police Inspectors which it is hoped to recruit in Britain during a forthcoming campaign to commence in October.

During his stay in Hong Kong, Mr. Hamilton was fully briefed by the Police, the Establishment Branch of the Colonial Secretariat and Government Information Services.

His report is expected to contain proposals on the methods for publicising the recruiting drive in Britain, together with the extent of coverage and the expenditure involved.

Commenting on the prospects for young Police Inspectors from Britain, Mr. Hamilton said: "I believe service in the Royal Hong Kong Police Force offers a young man just as much challenge as service in the British Army.

"In fact a young Police Inspector in Hong Kong can expect to exercise command far sooner than he would if he enlisted in the services back home."

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POSITIVE ROLE OF TELEVISION

The Commissioner for Television and Films, Mr. Nigel Watt, today spoke about the positive role of television in Hong Kong.

Addressing the luncheon meeting of the Y's Men's Club at Mandarin Hotel today, he said that if used wisely by viewers and stations alike, television could be an educator, a purveyor of information and an entertainer.

In 1975, he said, Hong Kong's three television stations would transmit a total of over 12 hours of educational programmes each day.

A further seven hours will be made available each week by each station for transmitting public affairs programmes.

In addition, Commercial Television Ltd. will devote two hours every night from Monday to Friday to vocational training or other educational programmes.

Mr. Watt praised a number of locally produced programmes for providing dramatic entertainment together with useful social comment and information on topical affairs.

However, he added that more could be done in this field.

He suggested that discussion programmes on the lines of "Meet the Press" and "On the Spot", in which young people can participate actively, should be used more widely on the Chinese channels.

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Commenting on the fact that viewers will have a choice of five channels within two years, Mr. Watt said that they, particularly the young and developing, must exercise their choice in selecting programmes thoughtfully.

At the same time, they should also divide their time between passive viewing and active participation in other educational and recreational pursuits.

Mr. Watt went on to remind television producers "to wield their immense power of influence responsibly", and urged members of the public to exercise their right of choice and opinion to effect improvements in programme standards.

"Provided their opinion is heard, I am sure the stations and the advertisers will respond to their needs," he said.

With three television companies operating within the next two years, Mr. Watt suggested that designs of public buildings in future should include facilities to meet the specialised needs of television reporting, which serves as the eyes and ears of the public.

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DR. CHOA TO ATTEND MEDICAL CONFERENCE IN NEW ZEALAND

Dr. G.H. Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, left this (Thursday) evening for Wellington, New Zealand, to attend the 24th annual session of the World Health Organisation's regional committee for the Western Pacific.

The conference is due to begin on August 28, and will continue until September 5.

On his way, Dr. Choa will stay three days in Sydney to visit drug addiction treatment centres in the general area of New South Wales.

The WHO regional committee for the Western Pacific conference is an annual event designed to enable an exchange of views among administrators of medical and health services in the area.

Dr. Choa will be attending as a member of the United Kingdom delegation, led by Dr. D.J. Kilgour, Chief Medical Adviser of Britain's Overseas Development Administration.

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REMOVAL AND RENAMING OF SWD SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT

The Chai Wan Social Security Field Unit of the Social Welfare Department, situated in the Causeway Bay Magistracy Building, will move to its new office in Shau Kei Wan tomorrow (Friday) afternoon.

It will begin operating from the new address at No. 53-55 Kam Wah Street, ground floor, the following morning.

The telephone numbers for the new office will be 5-693623, 5-693750 and 5-693758.

To coincide with the move, the Unit will be appropriately renamed the Shau Kei Wan Social Security Field Unit.

However, there will be no change in its sphere of operation which covers Shau Kei Wan, Chai Wan, Shek O and Stanley.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Postmaster General announced today that there will be one delivery of correspondence on Monday (August 27) which is a general public holiday.

Certain post offices will be closed on that day.

However, for the convenience of the public, 31 post offices, including the General Post Office, the Kowloon Central Post Office and the Tsim Sha Tsui Post Office, will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

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MEMBERSHIP OF I.E.E.T.E. IN LONDON

The Institution of Electrical and Electronics Technician Engineers in London has given official recognition to a number of diplomas and certificates awarded by the Morrison Hill Technical Institute to enable holders to become members or associates of the Institution.

Announcing this today, the Acting Deputy Director of Education (Technical), Mr. Norman Barnes said that holders of either the Technician Diploma in Electronic Engineering or the Final Certificate for Electrical/Electronic Technicians issued by the Institute could apply for Technician Associate membership of the Institution.

Holders of the Electrical/Electronics Technicians' Endorsement Certificate together with either the Technician Diploma in Electronic Engineering or the Final Certificate for Electrical or Electronic Technicians could obtain Graduate and Corporate membership.

Corporate Members and Technician Associates of the Institution are eligible for registration in the Technician Engineer and Technician Sections respectively of the Engineers Registration Board's Composite Register in London.

Holders of these diplomas and certificates who wish to become Technician Associates or Graduate and Corporate members of I.E.E.T.E. should apply to the Secretary of the Institution, 2 Savoy Hill, London W.C.2.

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Mr. Barnes said: "These additional recognitions have further enhanced the reputation and status of the Morrison Hill Technical Institute.

"No doubt the recognitions will further improve the professional standing and employment of its graduates."

The I.E.E.T.E., formed in 1965, is the largest of all technician engineering organisations in the United Kingdom.

The Institution, an independent learned society and qualifying body, helps members, by practical means, to keep up-to-date with technical developments, management aspects of engineering and changes in the fields of technical education and training.

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ADDITIONAL OFFICES FOR CHEUNG SHA WAN ABATTOIR

Five more offices will be added to the Cheung Sha Wan Abattoir in Kowloon shortly to cope with the increase in the number of staff.

The rooms are to be built on the roof of the existing refrigeration block.

Adjoining these new offices will be a room where lockers and changing facilities will be provided.

A spokesman for the Urban Services Department said: "With the increase of workload in the slaughtering services, more health inspectors and workers have been posted at the abattoir, and expansion of office accommodation is, therefore, necessary."

The expansion work, estimated to cost about \$145,000, is expected to begin in October and will take about five months to complete.

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