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NEW LABOUR TRIBUNAL SET UP IN KOWLOON

KOWLOON'S FIRST LABOUR TRIBUNAL, SET UP FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS ON THE PENINSULA, WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON TUESDAY (JUNE 25).

IT IS THE THIRD LABOUR TRIBUNAL TO BE ESTABLISHED IN HONG KONG WITH THE OBJECT OF PROVIDING A QUICK, INEXPENSIVE AND INFORMAL METHOD OF SETTling MONETARY DISPUTES BETWEEN WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS. THE FIRST TWO ARE BOTH LOCATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE KOWLOON TRIBUNAL IS SITUATED IN A SINGLE-STORY BUILDING AT WHITFIELD BARRACKS, JUST INSIDE FROM THE JUNCTION OF AUSTIN ROAD AND NATHAN ROAD. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IS K-691514.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JUDICIARY, OF WHICH THE LABOUR TRIBUNALS ARE PART, SAID THE SITE HAD BEEN CHOSEN BECAUSE IT IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AND IS EASILY ACCESSIBLE FROM ALL PARTS OF KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE NEW TRIBUNAL WILL SERVE MOST PARTS OF KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, BUT THE EXISTING ONE ON THE ISLAND, LOCATED AT PERMANENT COMFORT BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT CLAIMS FROM LAI CHIKOK, SHAMSHUIPO, TAIKOKTSUI, MONGKOK, YAUMATI AND TSI MSHATSUI AREAS FROM KOWLOON, AS WELL AS FROM HONG KONG ISLAND.

IN THE 15 MONTHS THAT THE TRIBUNAL HAS BEEN IN OPERATION, IT HAS PROVED A GREAT SUCCESS DEALING WITH 1,531 CLAIMS INVOLVING \$3.5 MILLION.

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SURVEY OF LONG-HAIRED BEGGARS

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THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION BEGINS A SURVEY OF LONG-HAIRED BEGGARS IN THE STREETS OF HONG KONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY A GROUP OF 120 STUDENTS FROM THE SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF THE HONG KONG BAPTIST COLLEGE, WHO HAVE TAKEN A COURSE IN RESEARCH METHODOLOGY AND HAVE RECEIVED A SPECIAL BRIEFING. PAIRED IN TEAMS OF TWO THEY WILL TOUR THE STREETS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON INTERVIEWING ANY LONG-HAIRED BEGGAR THEY SEE, USING A QUESTIONNAIRE AND AN OBSERVATION RECORD FORM THAT HAS BEEN SPECIALLY COMPILED BY A GROUP OF PSYCHIATRISTS.

TEN CITY DISTRICT OFFICERS ARE CO-OPERATING IN THE PROJECT BY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON DISTRICTS, STREETS, ETC.

COMMENTING ON THE SURVEY, MR. LEO LEE, PRESIDENT OF NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, SAID THE ASSOCIATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE PIONEER IN THE VARIOUS TYPES OF REHABILITATION WORK FOR MENTAL PATIENTS AND IS UNDERTAKING THIS PROJECT TO FIND OUT SOME FACTS IN RESPONSE TO A SUGGESTION FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

+THE PROBLEM OF LONG-HAIRED BEGGARS HAS LONG BEEN REALIZED BY BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SUCH AS OUR ASSOCIATION. BUT OPINIONS VARIED GREATLY AS TO THE NATURE OF THE PROBLEM. IS IT A MEDICAL PROBLEM OR A SOCIAL PROBLEM? ARE THESE PEOPLE MERELY BEGGARS, OR OF PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOUR VARIANT, OR ACTUALLY MENTALLY ILL OR MENTALLY RETARDED? THIS IS WHAT WE HOPE TO FIND OUT, BUT FIRST OF ALL WE WILL BE STUDYING THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM IN THIS ONE-DAY SCREENING SURVEY OF THE URBAN AREAS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON,+ HE SAID.

THE RESULTS OBTAINED IN THE SURVEY WILL BE ANALYSED TO FIND OUT WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE, WHETHER THEY HAVE HAD ANY HELP PREVIOUSLY, IF THEY CAN BE HELPED IN ANY WAY AND IF THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT HELP.

THE ASSOCIATION PLANS EVENTUALLY TO TAKE INTO ITS CARE THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO BE HELPED. THIS MAY BE AT ITS FARM FOR FORMERLY MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITALS. THE AIM WOULD BE TO ASSIST THEM AND PREPARE THEM FOR RE-INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY. THE ASSOCIATION ALSO RUNS A HALF-WAY HOUSE FOR WOMEN AND ANOTHER FOR MEN AND A SHELTERED WORKSHOP.

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ACCIDENTS ON BUILDING SITES
CLAIM 21 LIVES

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THREE WORKERS WERE KILLED AND 488 INJURED LAST MONTH IN ACCIDENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES - THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF SUCH INJURIES IN ANY MONTH SINCE LAST OCTOBER, AND THE SECOND HIGHEST FIGURE IN THE LAST TWO AND A HALF YEARS.

THE TOLL FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE YEAR WAS 21 DEAD AND 1,759 INJURED, COMPARED TO 13 KILLED AND 1,656 INJURED IN THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING OFFICER OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, MR. NICK CARTER SAID TODAY THAT 92 OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITE ACCIDENTS LAST MONTH WERE THE DIRECT RESULT OF THE MISUSE OF HAND TOOLS.

MR. CARTER POINTED OUT THAT HAND TOOL INJURIES RESULTED FROM THE USE OF TOOLS WHICH WERE DEFECTIVE OR UNSUITABLE, OR FROM UNSAFE METHODS OF USE.

+IN THEMSELVES, THESE TOOLS ARE INCAPABLE OF CAUSING ACCIDENTS,+ HE SAID. +ACCIDENTS INVOLVING HAND TOOLS ARISE FROM HUMAN FAILINGS - FROM NEGLIGENCE, SHEER CARELESSNESS, LACK OF COMMONSENSE, AND IGNORANCE OF SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

+TOO OFTEN THERE IS A FAILURE TO APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING HAND TOOLS IN GOOD CONDITION.

+ON ANY CONSTRUCTION SITE, ALL TOOLS SHOULD BE CHECKED BEFORE BEING ISSUED. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY'S WORK, TOOLS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO A CENTRAL TOOL STORE TO BE CLEANED, REPAIRED, SHARPENED AND LUBRICATED BEFORE RE-ISSUE.

+DAMAGED TOOLS SHOULD NEVER BE ISSUED FOR USE AT ANY TIME.+

MR. CARTER ADDED: +I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH THAT ACCIDENT PREVENTION IS A TEAM EFFORT, NEITHER MANAGEMENT NOR WORKERS CAN AFFORD TO THINK IN TERMS OF 'THEM' AND 'US' IF THEY WANT TO PREVENT DEATHS AND INJURIES.

+WORK SAFETY CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED WHEN MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISORY STAFF AND WORKERS MAKE A JOINT EFFORT.

+MANAGEMENT MUST PROVIDE THE CORRECT TOOLS FOR THE WORK= SUPERVISORY STAFF MUST ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY USED AND MAINTAINED= AND WORKERS MUST BE TRAINED IN THEIR SAFE AND EFFICIENT USE.+

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DESIRES OF THE YOUNG MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
SAYS DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR HOME AFFAIRS

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YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE MANY POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO MAKE IN MANY AREAS OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITY AND THEIR WISHES AND ASPIRATIONS SHOULD BE RESPECTED, MR. DAVID T.K. WONG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT YOUTH SERVICES COUNCIL AT THE CARITAS IN KOWLOON WHICH WILL CO-ORDINATE YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS.

MR. WONG SAID THAT MANY PEOPLE SOMETIMES OVERLOOKED THE FACT THAT HONG KONG IS AN INCREASINGLY YOUNG SOCIETY, WITH OVER 55 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION UNDER THE AGE OF 25.

+IT IS RIGHT, THEREFORE, THAT YOUTH SHOULD PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN SHAPING THE SOCIETY IN WHICH WE ALL LIVE.

+THEIR WISHES AND THEIR POINTS OF VIEW OUGHT TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.+

MR. WONG WAS CONFIDENT THAT, GIVEN SUITABLE CHANNELS OF EXPRESSION LIKE THE COUNCIL, +THE ENTHUSIASM, THE ENERGY AND THE IDEALISM OF THE YOUNG WILL BRING IMMENSE BENEFIT TO OUR SOCIETY.+

THE FORMATION OF THE COUNCIL, HE SAID, MARKED A SIGNIFICANT MILESTONE IN THE SPHERE OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG. +IT IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THE COUNCIL REPRESENTS ONE OF THE FIRST ATTEMPTS TO CO-ORDINATE DISTRICT YOUTH ACTIVITIES ON A CONTINUING YEAR-ROUND BASIS.+

IT WAS ALSO SIGNIFICANT IN THAT THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY OF RUNNING THE COUNCIL AND ORGANISING ITS PROGRAMMES WOULD EVENTUALLY DEVOLVE ON THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHOM THE COUNCIL IS TO SERVE.

+THIS WILL PROVIDE AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE YOUNG TO EXERCISE BOTH CHOICE AND RESPONSIBILITY,+ HE SAID.

MR. WONG NOTED THAT WHEN OLDER PEOPLE ORGANISED ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG, THEY WERE APT TO BE +UNDULY CONSERVATIVE AND PROTECTIVE.+ THEY WERE LIKELY TO THINK IN TERMS OF ACTIVITIES WHICH THEY REGARDED AS BEING GOOD FOR THE YOUNG RATHER THAN ACTIVITIES WHICH THE YOUNG REALLY ENJOY.

+THIS TYPE OF REACTION IS, I THINK, NOTHING MORE THAN A CONFIRMATION THAT THE HABITS AND MANNERS, THE VALUES AND MORALS OF SOCIETY ARE UNDERGOING CONSTANT CHANGE AND CHANGE IS LIKELY TO BE MOST SHARPLY REFLECTED IN THE YOUNG,+ HE SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. WONG'S SPEECH ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

SALE OF TEXTBOOKS AND EXERCISE BOOKS IN SCHOOLS

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. CHARLES LOWE HAS REMINDED PARENTS AND SCHOOL MANagements THAT THE SERVICE OFFERED BY SOME SCHOOLS TO BUY TEXTBOOKS AND EXERCISE BOOKS ON BULK PURCHASE TERMS AND THEN SELL THEM TO STUDENTS, IS BEING DONE ON AN ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY BASIS.

IN A CIRCULAR TO SUPERVISORS OF GRANT AND SUBSIDIZED SCHOOLS, MR. LOWE TOLD THEM TO MAKE THIS QUITE CLEAR TO BOTH PARENTS AND PUPILS.

HE DESCRIBED IT AS +A USEFUL SERVICE+ FOR PUPILS, ESPECIALLY IF ANY DISCOUNT WAS PASSED ON TO PUPILS IN THE SHAPE OF REDUCED PRICES.

+IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT ANY INCOME DERIVED BY WAY OF PROFITS ON SUCH SALES MUST BE EXPENDED ON THE PROVISION OF APPROVED EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE SCHOOL ITSELF AND MUST NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES WITHOUT MY WRITTEN APPROVAL,+ HE ADDED.

SCHOOLS OPERATING SUCH A SERVICE MUST KEEP PROPER ACCOUNTS OF ALL TRANSACTIONS RELATING TO THE SALES AND PURCHASES OF TEXTBOOKS AND EXERCISE BOOKS. THEY MUST DISCLOSE THE RESULT IN THEIR ANNUAL ACCOUNTS BY WAY OF A STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS.

MEANWHILE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S SUB-COMMITTEE WHICH IS STUDYING THE WHOLE QUESTION OF TEXTBOOKS IN HONG KONG.

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WONG TAI SIN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
KICKS OFF TOMORROW

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SOME 1,500 CHILDREN UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL HAVE A DAY OF FUN TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON DURING A SPECIAL 'CHILDREN GAMES DAY' AT CHOI HUNG PLAYGROUND IN SAN PO KONG, KOWLOON.

ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT YOUTH AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, THE DAY'S PROGRAMME MARKS THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF A SERIES OF SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR YOUTHS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT.

THE EVENT BEGINS AT 4 P.M. AND WILL FEATURE GAMES STALLS AND VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES AND ENTERTAINMENT SHOWS.

MR. I.R. STRACHAN, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, WONG TAI SIN, MR. WAI MIN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT YOUTH AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, AND MR. HENRY YU, WONG TAI SIN DIVISIONAL SUPERINTENDENT, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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CAREER GUIDANCE THROUGH FILMS
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SOME 400 FORM FIVE STUDENTS FROM SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN WEST KOWLOON HAVE BEEN INVITED TO VIEW A SERIES OF FILMS PRODUCED BY RADIO HONG KONG TELEVISION AS A GUIDE ON CHOOSING CAREERS.

THE FILMS, 12 IN ALL, WILL BE SHOWN IN TWO SEPARATE SESSIONS, THE FIRST TO BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 2.30 TO 4.30 P.M. AT THE HALL OF CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN TAI HANG TUNG ROAD. THE SECOND SESSION WILL BE HELD NEXT SUNDAY (JUNE 30) AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE.

THESE FILMS ON +CAREER OPPORTUNITIES+ ARE BEING SPONSORED BY THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE WEST KOWLOON YOUTH GUIDANCE COUNCIL.

MR. SIT SUI-LUN, WARDEN OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, SAID THIS PROGRAMME IS PART OF THE YEAR LONG SCHEDULE PLANNED UNDER THE GUIDANCE PROJECT ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND FURTHER STUDIES WHICH STARTED LAST DECEMBER AND WHICH INCLUDES A SERIES OF SEMINARS ON BOTH LOCAL AND OVERSEAS FURTHER EDUCATION.

THE PROJECT IS PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT BY A SUB-COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF 14 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE EITHER COLLEGE STUDENTS OR WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS.

MR. SIT SAID THE FILM SHOW APPROACH WAS CHOSEN IN PREFERENCE TO ON-THE-SPOT VISITS BECAUSE IT MAY ENHANCE DEEPER AND MORE THOROUGH INSIGHT INTO CERTAIN WALKS OF LIFE.

HE SAID A DISCUSSION MEETING IS PLANNED AT A LATER DATE AT WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO AIR THEIR FEELINGS AND SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES AFTER GRADUATION.

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STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MRS. ANGELINE WONG MA LIN-YING, INSPECTOR (ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, WILL ADDRESS THE WEEKLY MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL ON MONDAY AT 6 P.M.

SHE WILL SPEAK ON + STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE NEW TERRITORIES. + MRS. WONG WILL SPEAK IN CANTONESE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE MEETING COVERED.

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