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UNREPORTED OVERTIME WORK FOR WOMEN PROHIBITED

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) REMINDED FACTORY PROPRIETORS NOT TO ILLEGALLY EMPLOY WOMEN TO WORK OUTSIDE THEIR NORMAL, PERMITTED HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT.

"THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN WORKERS IN INDUSTRY FIXED BY THE EMPLOYER AND SET OUT IN A PRESCRIBED NOTICE POSTED AT THE WORKPLACE MUST BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO," THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER (PROSECUTIONS), MR TSANG KIN-WOO, SAID.

"IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS FOR AN EMPLOYER TO CHANGE THE PRESCRIBED WORKING HOURS OF WOMEN WORKERS, OR TO ENGAGE THEM IN OVERTIME EMPLOYMENT, WITHOUT NOTIFYING THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT BEFOREHAND," HE SAID.

MR TSANG SAID FOUR MANUFACTURERS WERE FINED HEAVILY BY THE COURTS LAST MONTH FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT CONCERNING OVERTIME EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN.

THE HERMES TEXTILE INDUSTRY (HK) LIMITED IN TSUEN WAN, WHICH WAS FOUND DURING A ROUTINE INSPECTION TO HAVE EMPLOYED WOMEN WORKERS OUTSIDE THEIR PERMITTED WORKING HOURS, WAS FINED \$8,400 BY A TSUEN WAN MAGISTRATE.

THE DO DO FASHION LTD AND TUNGTEX TRADING COMPANY LTD IN KWUN TONG WERE FINED \$7,000 AND \$8,000 RESPECTIVELY FOR THE OFFENCE, WHILE THE WINNERTEX FASHION LTD WAS GIVEN THE MAXIMUM FINE OF \$10,000 BY A KWUN TONG MAGISTRATE.

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LEAVE NO CHILDREN AT HOME ALONE

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A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (SUNDAY) APPEALED TO PARENTS TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE, INSTEAD OF LEAVING THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN UNATTENDED AT HOME.

"FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN, THEY SHOULD NOT BE LEFT ALONE AT HOME, EVEN FOR A SHORT WHILE," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A POSTER TO DRIVE HOME THE MESSAGE AND COPIES OF IT ARE ON DISPLAY AT ALL THE DEPARTMENT'S SERVICE UNITS.

"THE DEPARTMENT HAS EXPANDED ITS OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE, WHICH IS AN EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT AIMING AT ELIMINATING THE RISK OF HAVING YOUNG CHILDREN LEFT UNATTENDED AT HOME," HE SAID.

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A TOTAL OF 50 GOVERNMENT AIDED NURSERIES THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY IS TAKING PART IN THE PROJECT, OFFERING 150 PLACES TO CHILDREN AGED TWO TO SIX.

HE POINTED OUT THAT AN INFORMATION SHEET LISTING OUT THE CENTRES RUNNING THE SERVICE WAS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FAMILY SERVICES CENTRE AND ALL DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT.

"THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO PREPARING A LEAFLET FOCUSING ON THE OCCASIONAL CHILD CARE SERVICE, WITH A VIEW TO ENHANCING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE SERVICE," HE ADDED.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN THE SERVICE MAY CALL THE SWD HOTLINE ON TEL. 343 2255 OR THE DEPARTMENT'S CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE ON TEL. 578 1892.

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MONG KOK SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME BEGINS * * * * *

THE MONG KOK DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME (SYP) WHICH PROVIDES MORE THAN 140 ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTHS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 25 WAS LAUNCHED TODAY (SUNDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND, A MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL SYP COMMITTEE, MR CHU KWOK-CHING, SAID YOUNG PEOPLE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY'S POLITICAL SYSTEM.

IT WAS HOPED THAT THE YOUTH, BY TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES, WOULD DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS, POTENTIAL AND CIVIC AWARENESS, HE ADDED.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR WONG SHEUNG-HUNG, ENCOURAGED YOUNGSTERS TO SPEND A MEANINGFUL AND ENJOYABLE SUMMER VACATION BY TAKING PART IN THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

HE NOTED THAT THIS YEAR'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDED FILM SHOWS, VISITS, LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMPS, QUIZ COMPETITIONS, TALKS, PICNICS AND SPORTS.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MORE THAN 20,000 YOUNGSTERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE SPONSORED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE DISTRICT BOARD.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (YAU TSIM/MONG KOK), MRS CECILIA TONG AND URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR CHAN KWOK-MING.

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MEANWHILE, SYP'S WERE ALSO LAUNCHED IN WAN CHAI AND TSUEN WAN THIS AFTERNOON IN THE FORM OF CARNIVALS.

HELD AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND, THE WAN CHAI PROGRAMME WAS KICKED OFF BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL SYP COMMITTEE, MR PETER LEE; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MRS PEGGY LAM; ASSISTANT WAN CHAI DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS CECILIA YEN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT'S SYP CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR CHIU WAI-SHING.

THOUSANDS OF YOUNGSTERS TOOK PART IN THE CARNIVAL WHICH FEATURED A KARAOKE CONTEST, A CHILDREN'S DRAWING CORNER, SINGING, TAEWOONDO DEMONSTRATION AND STALL GAMES.

THE TSUEN WAN SYP WAS LAUNCHED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR RAYMOND YOUNG AT A CEREMONY IN SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND.

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IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTIVE WORKS TO SAI TSO WAN LANDFILL COMPLETED
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COMPLETED WORKS ON THE IMPROVEMENT AND REHABILITATION OF THE SAI TSO WAN LANDFILL ADJACENT TO THE LAM TIN MTR STATION.

THE COMPLETION OF THE \$38 MILLION PROJECT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT AN OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT, MAKING THE AREA SAFE FOR EXISTING AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS.

THIS PROJECT, WHICH INCLUDES BOTH LANDFILL GAS CONTROL MEASURES AND REFUSE SLOPE STABILISATION WORKS, IS THE FIRST OF ITS TYPE IN HONG KONG.

THE COMPLETED RESTORATION WORKS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE HAZARDS TO ADJACENT DEVELOPMENTS POSED BY THE LANDFILL GAS GENERATED WITHIN THE REFUSE.

THE STABILITY OF THE LANDFILL SLOPE HAS ALSO BEEN UPGRADED TO CURRENT SAFETY STANDARDS.

SAI TSO WAN WAS A REFUSE DISPOSAL SITE IN THE 1970S.

THE LANDFILL WAS FORMED BY INFILLING AN OLD VALLEY WITH REFUSE. COMPLETED IN 1981, IT COVERS AN AREA OF 5.7 HECTARES.

ON THE WESTERN SIDE, THERE IS A 60-METRE HIGH SLOPE OF REFUSE COVERED WITH SOIL.

AS THE REFUSE DECOMPOSES LANDFILL GAS IS GENERATED, THE GROUND SETTLES AND THE SURFACE WATER CHANNELS CRACK.

THE MAJORITY OF THE GAS GENERATED IN THE PAST DISSIPATED THROUGH THE SOIL COVER AND VENT PIPES, BUT SOME MIGRATED THROUGH THE EXISTING SOIL AND ROCK INTO SURROUNDING AREAS.

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ALTHOUGH THE FREE VENTING GAS HAD A STRONG ODOUR, IT DID NOT GIVE RISE TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN AS THERE WAS LITTLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA DURING THE EARLY 1980S.

WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EASTERN HARBOUR CROSSING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS WERE PLANNED IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE LANDFILL SITE WHICH WOULD RESULT IN A POPULATION OF AROUND 40,000 LIVING WITHIN 500 METRES OF THE LANDFILL.

IN 1987, THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT COMPLETED AN INITIAL FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH SHOWED POTENTIAL RISKS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS FROM REFUSE SLOPE INSTABILITY AND THE MIGRATION OF LANDFILL GAS.

IN ORDER TO MINIMISE THESE RISKS AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SURROUNDING DEVELOPMENTS, THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE IMPLEMENTED A PROGRAMME OF LANDFILL RESTORATION WORKS WHICH STARTED ON SITE IN JUNE 1989.

THE MAJOR WORKS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- * RECOMPACTION AND REGRADING OF THE SOIL COVER OVER THE ENTIRE LANDFILL AREA TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE STABILITY AND ALLOW THE WHOLE AREA TO BE USED FOR PASSIVE RECREATION IN FUTURE.
- * PROVISION OF A LANDFILL GAS EXTRACTION SYSTEM CONSISTING OF GAS WELLS, GAS PIPES AND AN ABSTRACTION PLANT TO EXTRACT AND DISPOSE OF THE GAS THROUGH CONTROLLED FLARING.
- * PROVISION OF A GAS CUT OFF BARRIER AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE SITE.
- * PROVISION OF ON-SITE AND OFF-SITE GAS MONITORING POINTS.
- * PROVISION OF A SURFACE DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF FLEXIBLE POLYETHYLENE PERFORATED PIPES CAPABLE OF TOLERATING THE ONGOING SETTLEMENT OF THE LANDFILL.

THE STUDY AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN OF LANDFILL GAS CONTROL MEASURES WERE UNDERTAKEN BY A SPECIALIST LANDFILL GAS CONSULTANT, EMPLOYED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT.

THE CIVIL AND GEOTECHNICAL WORKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GAS CONTROL MEASURES AND SLOPE STABILISATION WORKS WERE DESIGNED AND SUPERVISED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL CONTROL OFFICE, AND THE INSTALLATION OF THE GAS EXTRACTION AND FLARING EQUIPMENT WAS SUPERVISED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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CONTESTS TO PROMOTE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION HAS ORGANISED TWO COMPETITIONS TO ENCOURAGE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER.

THESE INCLUDE A QUIZ TO TEST PARTICIPANTS' KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE COUNCIL AND ITS ELECTIONS, AND A COLOURING COMPETITION.

THE QUIZ, WHICH OFFERS 50 PRIZES TO WINNERS, IS OPEN TO THOSE AGED 12 OR ABOVE WHO LIVE, STUDY OR WORK IN THE DISTRICT.

STUDENTS AGED BETWEEN SIX AND 12 ARE WELCOME TO TAKE PART IN THE COLOURING COMPETITION. THERE WILL BE ATTRACTIVE PRIZES FOR THE WINNERS.

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE TWO CONTESTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MEI FUNG COURT, ABERDEEN CENTRE AS WELL AS FROM THE DISTRICT'S SCHOOLS AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

THE DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES IS AUGUST 16.

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NEW IDENTITY CARDS FOR WOMEN BORN IN OR BEFORE 1915

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WOMEN BORN IN OR BEFORE 1915 ARE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR NEW IDENTITY CARDS FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO SEPTEMBER 7.

WOMEN OF THE ABOVE AGE GROUP SHOULD CALL AT ANY ONE OF THE EIGHT NEW IDENTITY CARD ISSUE OFFICES DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM, MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAY.

ALL OFFICES CLOSE ON SUNDAY AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

APPLICANTS MAY MAKE USE OF THE PHONE-IN SERVICE TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT BY CALLING THE OFFICES OF THEIR CHOICE.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE ISSUE OFFICES ARE:

HONG KONG : BASEMENT, 151 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI
TEL. NO. 574 7070

EAST KOWLOON : AMOY PLAZA, SECOND FLOOR, 77 NGAU TAU KOK ROAD,
NGAU TAU KOK
TEL. NO. 755 3669

/WEST KOWLOON

WEST KOWLOON : CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SECOND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD, YAU MA TEI
TEL. NO. 723 2424

TSUEN WAN : EAST ASIA COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR
29-37 TSUEN FU STREET
TEL. NO. 498 0117

SHA TIN : SHOP 8A, SECOND FLOOR, CHANWAY SHOPPING CENTRE
11-17 SHA TIN CENTRE STREET
TEL. NO. 605 9108

YUEN LONG : HOP YICK CENTRE, SECOND FLOOR, 31 HOP YICK ROAD
TEL. NO. 477 1543

TUEN MUN : CHI LOK COMMERCIAL CENTRE, GROUND FLOOR
CHI LOK FA YUEN
TEL. NO. 458 0646

SHEUNG SHUI : TSUEN WO TAI LAU, GROUND FLOOR,
82-84 SAN FUNG AVENUE, SHEK WU HUI
TEL. NO. 672 7191

"APPLICANTS NORMALLY NEED TO BRING ALONG THEIR EXISTING IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR CARDS WERE FIRST REGISTERED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO AND BEAR THE *** SYMBOL," A SPOKESMAN FOR THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

"HOWEVER, IF THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CARD WAS FIRST REGISTERED LESS THAN SEVEN YEARS AGO OR DOES NOT HAVE THE *** SYMBOL, SHE IS REQUIRED TO FURNISH MORE PERSONAL PROOFS.

"IN ADDITION TO PRODUCING HER EXISTING IDENTITY CARD, SHE MUST PRODUCE HER TRAVEL DOCUMENT AND EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING (IF ANY) - HONG KONG BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HONG KONG NATURALISATIONS CERTIFICATE OR HONG KONG REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE.

"IN SOME CASES, APPLICANTS MAY BE REQUIRED TO PRODUCE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIM TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ABODE IN HONG KONG. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY WILL BE ADVISED INDIVIDUALLY."

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED: "AS THE APPLICANTS IN THE COMING PHASE ARE OVER 75 YEARS OLD, SOME MAY, DUE TO HEALTH REASONS, FIND IT INCONVENIENT TO GO TO THE ISSUE OFFICES AND WISH TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THE REGISTRATION OF NEW IDENTITY CARDS.

"THEY MAY APPLY IN WRITING FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION UNDER THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS REGULATIONS."

FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED TO TELEPHONE THE DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION OFFICE ON 824 6111.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO AMNESTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.

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IRD YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN SUB-OFFICES TO CLOSE

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THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT'S YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN SUB-OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FROM AUGUST 1, THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CLOSURE OF THESE TWO SUB-OFFICES WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO CENTRALISE ITS OPERATIONS AND MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF EXISTING RESOURCES, A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ADVISED THAT AFTER THE CLOSURE OF THE YUEN LONG AND SHA TIN SUB-OFFICES THERE WILL STILL BE THREE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OFFICES AT WHICH THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE SERVICE IN RESPECT OF PAYMENT OF TAXES, REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS, STAMPING OF DOCUMENTS, PURCHASE OF TAX RESERVE CERTIFICATES AND GENERAL ENQUIRIES.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THESE IRD OFFICES ARE:

* HONG KONG HEADQUARTERS

THIRD FLOOR, WINDSOR HOUSE, 311 GLOUCESTER ROAD,
CAUSEWAY BAY.
(TEL. NO.: 894 1111)

* KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE

FIRST FLOOR, MONG KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
30 LUEN WAN STREET, MONG KOK.
(TEL. NO.: 399 2222)

* TSUEN WAN SUB-OFFICE

GROUND FLOOR, FOU WAH CENTRE, 210 CASTLE PEAK ROAD,
TSUEN WAN.
(TEL. NO.: 416 0854)

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