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LARGE AREA OF LAND FOR SALE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SELL A HUGE SITE IN TUEN MUN FOR HIGH-QUALITY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH COULD PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 5,000 PEOPLE.

THE SITE, MEASURING MORE THAN 1.57 HECTARES, IS THE LARGEST RESIDENTIAL SITE EVER PUT ON THE MARKET IN THE NEW TOWN.

IT WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER TO REGISTERED HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

SITUATED IN CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THE SITE IS ONLY ABOUT A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE POPULAR CAFETERIA BEACH AND ABOUT 10 MINUTES' DRIVE FROM THE FAST DEVELOPING TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. VICTOR LEUNG, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) : +THE SITE IS IN A VERY SCENIC SURROUNDING WITH SEAVIEWS ACROSS THE CASTLE PEAK BAY AND IS SUITABLE FOR MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

+IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$40 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN FOUR YEARS AND A PLOT RATIO OF 3.3 WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH CLASS MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS HAVING A MAXIMUM GROSS FLOOR AREA OF 51,876 SQUARE METRES.+

MR. LEUNG FORECAST THAT THIS SITE SHOULD ATTRACT CONSIDERABLE INTEREST FROM DEVELOPERS AS A MUCH SMALLER SITE IN THE SAME AREA FETCHED MORE THAN \$5,900 PER SQUARE METRE IN A PUBLIC AUCTION IN MAY THIS YEAR.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING UP FOR SALE TWO OTHER RESIDENTIAL AND SIX INDUSTRIAL SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ALSO TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS.

ONE OF THE RESIDENTIAL SITES, OF 3,850 SQUARE METRES, IS IN THE SAME LAYOUT AS THE LARGE TUEN MUN SITE.

AS THE AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED ON A HILLSIDE PLATFORM, IT WILL ALSO OVERLOOK THE SEA.

THE OTHER RESIDENTIAL SITE IS LOCATED ON THE HILLSIDE OPPOSITE THE PROPOSED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT IN SHA TIN, OVERLOOKING SHA TIN HOI.

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IT HAS AN AREA OF JUST OVER 1,800 SQUARE METRES AND THE SALE CONDITIONS STIPULATE THAT THE TOTAL ROOFED-OVER AREA OF THE BLOCKS CONTAINING NOT MORE THAN 18 STOREYS SHOULD NOT EXCEED 17.5 PER CENT OF THE LOT AREA.

THE FIRST SITE IN THIS LAYOUT AREA WAS AUCTIONED EARLY LAST MONTH AND WAS SOLD FOR \$7,445 PER SQUARE METRE AFTER KEEN BIDDING.

OF THE INDUSTRIAL SITES, THREE ARE SITUATED BETWEEN SHEK PAI TAU AND MING KUNG ROADS IN TUEN MUN, TWO IN THE FO TAN INDUSTRIAL AREA IN SHA TIN AND THE OTHER IN KWAI HEI STREET, KWAI CHUNG.

THE LAND RANGES IN SIZE FROM 1,447 TO 3,551 SQUARE METRES.

THE SALE CONDITIONS FOR ALL THE INDUSTRIAL SITES STIPULATE A 9.5 PLOT RATIO ALLOWING FOR MULTI-STOREY INDUSTRIAL OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUDE CLAUSES ON THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION AND PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT.

EXCEPT FOR ONE SITE IN SHA TIN AND ONE IN TUEN MUN, ALL CARRY AN ADDITIONAL CLAUSE REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA TO BE SUB-DIVIDED INTO SEPARATE UNITS OF NOT MORE THAN 75 SQUARE METRES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MORE SMALLER UNITS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT DAY INDUSTRY.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE OF THE SITES MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS AND ANY OF ITS SEVEN DISTRICT OFFICES.

TENDERS FOR THE LOTS WILL CLOSE ON JULY 20.

THEY MUST BE PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, BEFORE NOON ON THE CLOSING DATE.

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SWD PAYS OUT OVER \$651,000 UNDER +NO FAULT+ TAVA SCHEME
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS PAID OUT MORE THAN \$651,000 AS QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR PEOPLE APPLYING UNDER THE +NO FAULT+ TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE SCHEME IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS SINCE ITS IMPLEMENTATION ON MAY 1.

THE PAYMENTS WERE MADE TO 40 CASES INVOLVING DEATH AND 222 CASES INVOLVING INJURIES WHICH HAVE CAUSED AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS' LOSS OF EARNING CAPACITY.

MRS. DIANA LEE, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SECTION, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) PAYMENTS FOR THE FATAL CASES TOTALLED \$196,300, AND THAT FOR THE INJURY CASES, \$455,000.

SHE SAID THE GRANTS FOR THE INJURY CASES INCLUDED SECOND PAYMENTS IN 47 CASES WHEREBY THE APPLICANTS WERE MEDICALLY CERTIFIED TO REQUIRE EXTENDED SICK LEAVE.

IN THE CASES ALREADY PROCESSED, SHE SAID, THE HIGHEST PAYMENT WAS \$12,800 MADE IN ONE FATAL CASE, WHILE OTHER PAYMENTS RANGED FROM \$800 TO \$11,800.

+AT PRESENT, 221 OTHER APPLICATIONS ARE BEING PROCESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND THE APPLICANTS SHOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS IN A FAIRLY SHORT TIME,+ SHE SAID.

THE SCHEME, WHICH IS NON-MEANS TESTED, AIMS AT PROVIDING QUICK CASH RELIEF FOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS OR THEIR DEPENDANTS, REGARDLESS OF WHO WAS AT FAULT IN CAUSING THE ACCIDENT.

MRS. LEE SAID PEOPLE INVOLVED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON OR AFTER MAY 1 THIS YEAR COULD APPLY WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT.

ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE AT THE TAVA SECTION ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE FIRE BRIGADE BUILDING AT 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG (TEL. NOS. 5-222392 AND 5-223254).

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SURVEY OF SQUATTER FACTORIES

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STARTING FROM TOMORROW (TUESDAY), THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A SURVEY OF ALL SQUATTER FACTORIES ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE SURVEY IS TO ESTABLISH THEIR OVERALL ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE, IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING SECTOR, AND TO IDENTIFY THOSE SQUATTER INDUSTRIES THAT MAY HAVE CLEARANCE DIFFICULTIES.

A LISTING OF SOME 11,000 SQUATTER WORKSHOPS HAS BEEN DRAWN UP FROM RECORDS OF THE SQUATTER CONTROL SECTIONS OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION. THE LISTING PROVIDES BASIC ESTABLISHMENT PARTICULARS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH SQUATTER FACTORIES CAN BE ENUMERATED INDIVIDUALLY.

+THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE IS VERY SIMPLE. INFORMATION SOUGHT INCLUDES THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENGAGED, TYPE OF PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES RENDERED, SALES OUTLETS, NATURE OF BUSINESS OF THE PRINCIPAL CUSTOMER, AND SALES AND SERVICE RECEIPTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

STUDENT WORKERS FROM POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES ARE BEING ENGAGED TO CARRY OUT THE FIELD ENUMERATION.

+THEY CARRY AN ENUMERATOR'S IDENTITY CARD WHILE ON DUTY, AND ARE SUPERVISED BY FIELD OFFICERS WHO ARE PERMANENT EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE APPEALED TO ALL PROPRIETORS AND MANagements OF SQUATTER FACTORIES IN HONG KONG FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND CO-OPERATION IN THE SURVEY.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE SURVEY WILL PROVIDE USEFUL AGGREGATE DATA FOR GOVERNMENT POLICY MAKING, WHICH WILL IN TURN BE OF BENEFIT TO THE OPERATORS OF SQUATTER FACTORIES THEMSELVES.

THE STATISTICAL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE USED BY RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS SOLELY FOR ANALYTICAL PURPOSES, AND IS TO BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL, HE ADDED.

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SWD'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) INVITES CIVIC-MINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO JOIN ITS MEANINGFUL VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

UNDER THE SCHEME, STARTED IN 1976 AS A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROJECT, VOLUNTEERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION OFFICERS IN PROVIDING AFTER-CARE REHABILITATION SERVICES TO YOUNG OFFENDERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID WHILE PROBATION OFFICERS ASSUMED THE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OF GUIDING PROBATIONERS IN BEHAVIOURAL DEVELOPMENT, VOLUNTEERS HELPED SOLVE THEIR SOCIAL PROBELMS THROUGH CARE AND UNDERSTANDING.

HE SAID THERE WAS A WIDE SCOPE FOR SUCH VOLUNTARY EFFORTS DEPENDING ON INDIVIDUAL PROBATION CASES.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, VOLUNTEERS MAY HELP PROBATIONERS DEVELOP MEANINGFUL HOBBIES BY JOINING THEM IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS PICNICKING, SWIMMING OR PHOTOGRAPHY.

+THEY MAY ALSO ASSIST THE PROBATIONERS IN SOLVING ANY ACADEMIC PROBLEMS THEY MAY HAVE BY GIVING FREE TUITION,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID VOLUNTEERS WHO WERE THEMSELVES HOUSEWIVES COULD TEACH IN MANAGING HOUSEHOLD CHORES, WHILE THOSE WHO WERE PROFESSIONALS MIGHT PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE IN THE FIELD OF THEIR SPECIALTY.

ANYONE AGED 21 YEARS AND ABOVE, WITH SECONDARY EDUCATION QUALIFICATION AND A FLAIR FOR HELPING OTHERS, PARTICULARLY YOUNG OFFENDERS, IS WELCOME TO JOIN THE SCHEME.

APPLICATIONS OR ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE, EITHER BY WRITING OR IN PERSON, AT THE SCHEME OFFICE AT 64 WELLINGTON STREET, CENTRAL (TEL. 5-240649) OR AT ANY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION OFFICE LOCATED IN EACH MAGISTRACY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID EACH VOLUNTEER WOULD BE TRAINED IN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PROBATION SERVICE BEFORE HE WAS ASSIGNED TO A SUITABLE CASE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS AREA OF INTEREST AND ABILITY.

EACH ASSIGNMENT, HE SAID, NORMALLY LASTS FOR SIX MONTHS, DURING WHICH PROBATION OFFICERS KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE VOLUNTEER ON THE PROGRESS OF WORK.

+IN THE PAST YEARS OF THE SCHEME'S OPERATION, VOLUNTEERS HAVE DISPLAYED IMPRESSIVE CAPABILITY AND CONCERN FOR OTHERS, AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SUCCESSFUL ASSIGNMENTS,+ HE SAID.

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1978 BUSIEST EVER YEAR FOR GOVT LABORATORY
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THE GOVERNMENT LABORATORY LAST YEAR MADE A RECORD NUMBER OF EXAMINATIONS ON ALL TYPES OF IMPORTED AND LOCALLY MANUFACTURED DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

MORE THAN 4,200 LABORATORY EXAMINATIONS - AN INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL - WERE MADE ON A MYRIAD OF PRODUCTS RANGING FROM ANTIBIOTICS TO VITAMIN TABLETS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABORATORY TODAY (MONDAY) POINTED OUT THAT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS REGULATIONS LAST JULY, CLOSE TO 10,000 APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF PHARMACEUTICALS HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

HE SAID THAT PRODUCTS SUBMITTED FOR REGISTRATION HAVE TO UNDERGO STRINGENT EXAMINATIONS TO ENSURE THEY CONFORM TO CERTAIN STANDARDS OF SAFETY, QUALITY AND EFFICACY BEFORE BEING REGISTERED AND MARKETED.

THE ADOPTION OF THESE MEASURES, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, IS TO PROTECT CONSUMERS AGAINST COUNTERFEIT, DEFECTIVE AND SUB-STANDARD PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS.

THIS INCREASED THE WORKLOAD OF THE LABORATORY, AND PRIORITY HAD TO BE GIVEN TO PRODUCTS WHICH HAD NOT BEEN MARKETED IN HONG KONG BEFORE AS THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF THESE PRODUCTS ON HUMAN AND ANIMALS WERE RELATIVELY UNKNOWN HERE.

COMMENTING ON THE VARIETY OF PRODUCTS SUBMITTED FOR STATUTORY TESTING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT 41 PER CENT OF THE ITEMS EXAMINED WERE NUTRITIONAL AGENTS, MAINLY VITAMINS, AND 13 PER CENT ANTIBIOTICS.

+VITAMINS, OF COURSE, PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE AND ANIMALS. BUT IT DOES SHOW THE PUBLIC IS BECOMING MORE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF NUTRITION,+ THE SPOKESMAN REMARKED.

+HOWEVER, ANOTHER REASON FOR VITAMINS BECOMING SO POPULAR IS THAT THEIR SALE IS NOT SUBJECT TO CONTROL,+ HE ADDED.

OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS SUBMITTED, MOST WERE IMPORTED MEDICINES FROM MEDICINE COMPANIES, DISPENSARIES AND WHOLESALE DEALERS IN HONG KONG WHICH ARE AUTHORISED TO SELL PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS TO THE PUBLIC. BUT PRODUCTS FROM LOCAL DRUG MANUFACTURERS ALSO REPRESENT A CONSIDERABLE PROPORTION - SOME 12.2 PER CENT.

+IF THESE PRODUCTS COMPLIED WITH STANDARD REQUIREMENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, +A CERTIFICATE OF DRUG OR PRODUCT REGISTRATION WOULD BE ISSUED TO THE APPLICANTS BY THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD.

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+THIS IS IMPORTANT TO MANUFACTURERS AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO OVERSEAS CUSTOMERS AS IT HELPS THE PROMOTION OF SALES. IN ADDITION, SOME COUNTRIES MAY REQUIRE THE CERTIFICATE FOR THE IMPORT OF THESE PRODUCTS.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM STATUTORY TESTING, THE MAIN WORK OF THE PHARMACEUTICALS SECTION INVOLVED MONITORING PHARMACEUTICAL ITEMS PURCHASED OR COMPOUNDED FOR USE IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS, CLINICS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

THE MEASURE IS TO ENSURE THAT ONLY PHARMACEUTICAL ITEMS OF ACCEPTABLE QUALITY ARE SUPPLIED TO THE GOVERNMENT. IT ALSO ENABLES GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THE MOST ECONOMICAL PURCHASES.

OTHER WORK OF THE SECTION INCLUDES EXAMINATION OF CONFISCATED DANGEROUS DRUGS FOR THE DRUGS DISPOSAL UNIT OF THE POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU, INCLUDING RAW OPIUM AND MORPHINE BLOCKS.

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MORE SPACE MADE AVAILABLE
FOR SPORTS AND RECREATION
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THE GOVERNMENT, IN ITS DRIVE TO ENCOURAGE MORE PARTICIPATION IN SPORTS AND RECREATION, IS MAKING USE OF EVERY AVAILABLE SPACE.

+COURSES ARE RUN ON ROOFTOPS, PIERS, INSIDE ABANDONED GODOWNS, MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS, ON BOARD MILITARY AND FISHING VESSELS, UNDER FLYOVERS AND EVEN INSIDE DRAINED SWIMMING POOLS,+ MR. DAVID CHIU, SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE, THE TOP THREE FLOORS OF THE HUNG HOM CAR PARK WHICH WERE CONVERTED INTO A MODERN SPORTS CENTRE LAST AUGUST.

+THIS PROJECT WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS JUDGING BY THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE OF THE PARTICIPANTS. THE FITNESS TRAINING COURSE ALONE DREW A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 9,000 PEOPLE,+ MR. CHIU SAID.

IN APRIL, THE TEMPORARY CHAI WAN KOK SPORTS CENTRE ON THE TOP TWO FLOORS OF THE OLD KOWLOON GODOWNS WAS OPENED IN TSUEN WAN.

THE CENTRE, FUNDED BY THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND MANAGED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE, HAS A GYMNASIUM, AN INDOOR ARCHERY RANGE, A DANCE STUDIO, 12 BADMINTON COURTS, TABLE-TENNIS, STORAGE AND CHANGING FACILITIES.

+AS MOST OF THE USERS ARE WORKERS, THE OPENING HOURS ARE MAINLY IN THE EVENINGS, WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS,+ MR. CHIU SAID.

+LOCAL RESIDENTS COULD COME AND TRY THEIR SKILLS IN ARCHERY, TABLE-TENNIS OR BADMINTON, OR KEEP FIT IN OUR GYMNASIUM COURSES.+

OTHER RECREATION SITES ARE: BADMINTON AND BASKETBALL COURTS UNDER THE MEI FOO FLYOVER AND ON THE ROOFTOPS OF KWUN LUNG LAU ESTATE.

ACCORDING TO MR. CHIU, ANOTHER NEW PROJECT INITIATED BY THE SERVICE IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO TENNIS COURTS ON THE ROOFTOPS OF BLOCKS FIVE AND SIX, LAI TAK TSUEN IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE COURTS' ALL-WEATHER SURFACE IS MADE OF PERFORATED SYNTHETIC MATERIAL WHICH PROVIDES EXCELLENT FOOTGRIP AND CAN BE RE-LOCATED QUICKLY. THE COURTS, WITH 20-FOOT HIGH FENCING, WILL BE FLOODLIT AND THE PROJECT IS DUE FOR COMPLETION THIS MONTH.

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PLASTICS INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY BEGINS TOMORROW
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THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IS TO CONDUCT THE FIFTH MANPOWER SURVEY OF THE INDUSTRY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

THE BOARD'S CHAIRMAN, MR. DENNIS TING, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SURVEY, WHICH WILL END ON JULY 25, WAS AIMED AT KEEPING TRACK OF THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND THE MANPOWER SITUATION IN THE LOCAL PLASTICS INDUSTRY.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT OUT TO ABOUT 550 ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY RANDOM STRATIFIED SAMPLING.

INTERVIEWERS FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL SOON VISIT EACH OF THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

MR. TING, NOTING THAT THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED WOULD BE VITAL FOR FORMULATING TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, URGED ALL EMPLOYERS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY TO CO-OPERATE BY SUPPLYING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION :

- * THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED=
- * THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING=
- * THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES, AND
- * A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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