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WELFARE PREMISES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS INVITING APPLICATIONS FROM VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES FOR PREMISES EARMARKED FOR WELFARE SERVICES IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

PREMISES ARE RESERVED IN VARIOUS ESTATES FOR RUNNING NURSERIES, HOSTELS AND SOCIAL CENTRES FOR THE ELDERLY, CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRES AND HOSTELS FOR THE DISABLED.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS WRITTEN TO THE AGENCIES PROVIDING THE LATEST INFORMATION ON WELFARE PREMISES IN EXISTING ESTATES AND THOSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR TO BE BUILT SHORTLY.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AND HOUSING SOCIETY ON THE ALLOCATION OF WELFARE PREMISES IN THEIR ESTATES TO ENSURE A BALANCED PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES, PARTICULARLY IN NEW TOWNS AND NEW ESTATES.

PREMISES WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 11,623 SQ. FT., WHICH ARE EARMARKED FOR SPECIFIED WELFARE SERVICES, ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN FOUR EXISTING ESTATES OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY.

THEY ARE IN WAH FU ESTATE (4,345 SQ. FT. FOR A CHILDREN'S CENTRE), HING WAH ESTATE (1,730 SQ. FT. FOR A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY), WO CHE ESTATE (4,748 SQ. FT. FOR A CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CENTRE), AND IN SHEK LEI ESTATE (800 SQ. FT. FOR A SOCIAL CENTRE FOR THE ELDERLY).

APPLICATIONS FOR THESE WELFARE PREMISES IN EXISTING ESTATES WILL BE PROCESSED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS AND SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT LEE GARDENS, FOURTH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG.

OTHER WELFARE PREMISES WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF AT LEAST 124,000 SQ. FT. ARE ALSO RESERVED IN 24 HOUSING AUTHORITY ESTATES WHICH ARE EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR TO BE BUILT SHORTLY. APPLICATIONS IN THIS CATEGORY SHOULD REACH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE END OF NEXT MONTH.

IN ADDITION, THE HOUSING SOCIETY WILL MAKE AVAILABLE A 1,300 SQ. FT. WELFARE PREMISES IN ITS CHO YIU CHUEN, TSUEN WAN, EARLY NEXT YEAR. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE HOUSING SOCIETY, GENERAL POST OFFICE BOX 845, HONG KONG, NOT LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT, IN ORDER TO STANDARDISE APPLICATIONS AND TO FACILITATE PROCESSING, CHANGES HAD BEEN MADE IN THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION.

IN APPLYING FOR A PREMISES TO RUN A PARTICULAR WELFARE PROJECT, AGENCIES ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF THE PROJECT AS WELL AS A COPY OF THEIR CONSTITUTION AND MEMBERSHIP, HE SAID.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE WELFARE PREMISES AND THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION (TEL. NO. 5-774659).

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION UNIT HANDLED 53,652
CASES IN 1978
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THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION UNIT (WCU) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IN 1978 DEALT WITH 53,652 COMPENSATION CASES -- 278 FATAL AND 53,374 NON-FATAL CASES, COMPARED WITH 49,854 (265 FATAL) IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

COMPENSATION FOR WORK INJURY OR DEATH OR OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PAYABLE BY EMPLOYERS IS PROVIDED UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ORDINANCE.

ACCORDING TO THE ORDINANCE, AN EMPLOYER SHOULD NOTIFY THE UNIT OF ANY ACCIDENT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER ITS OCCURRENCE.

+THE WCU HELPS INJURED WORKERS OR DEPENDANTS TO OBTAIN COMPENSATION FROM EMPLOYERS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE,+ MR. YIU YAN-NANG, SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER OF THE WCU SAID.

+WHEN NOTIFIED OF OCCUPATIONAL ACCIDENTS, THE UNIT HELPS WORKERS FILE CLAIMS AND TAKE FOLLOW UP ACTION TO ENABLE THEM TO OBTAIN COMPENSATION FROM THE EMPLOYERS PROMPTLY.

+IN A FATAL CASE, THE WCU ADVISES THE DECEASED WORKER'S DEPENDANTS OF THEIR RIGHTS TO COMPENSATION, HELPS THEM TO PRESENT THEIR CASE TO COURT WITH SUFFICIENT DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE AND, IF NECESSARY, REFER THEM TO THE LEGAL AID DEPARTMENT FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE OR TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.+

TO SETTLE A COMPENSATION CLAIM, THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE ON AGREEING TO THE AMOUNT PAYABLE, WHICH SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT LAID DOWN BY THE ORDINANCE, SHOULD SUBMIT THE AGREEMENT TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR APPROVAL.

MR. YIU POINTED OUT THAT SOME EMPLOYERS HAVE NOT BEEN PROMPT IN DRAWING UP AGREEMENTS, RESULTING IN LATE PAYMENT AND SOMETIMES HARDSHIP TO THE WORKERS CONCERNED.

DELAYS HAVE ALSO OCCURRED IN CASES WHERE EMPLOYERS AWAIT REIMBURSEMENT FROM INSURANCE COMPANIES BEFORE MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE INJURED WORKERS, HE ADDED.

TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES IN INDUSTRIAL AREAS, TWO BRANCH OFFICES - THE KWUN TONG AND TSUEN WAN OFFICES - WERE OPENED THIS YEAR.

MEANWHILE, A WORKING PARTY, AIMED AT IMPROVING THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION SERVICES, HAS MADE VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS IN A REPORT WHICH IS BEING STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION.

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NEW PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE FOR KWAI CHUNG

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THE SIXTH PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE OPENED ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 9) TO MEET THE INCREASING NEED FOR ENQUIRY SERVICES FROM RESIDENTS OF THE LEI MUK SHUE AND SHEK YAM ESTATES AND IN NEIGHBOURING AREAS.

SITUATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF BLOCK NO. 1 OF LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, THE NEW CENTRE WILL BRING TO EIGHT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE IN THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT — IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF WIDENING THE SCOPE OF ITS CONTACT WITH THE PUBLIC.

AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, MR. CHAN KAI-CHUNG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW CENTRE TO BE HELD AT THE PODIUM OUTSIDE THE LEI MUK SHUE COMMUNITY HALL AT LEI MUK ROAD AT 10 A.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LEI MUK SHUE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRE ON THURSDAY. PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM 2088, WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO KWAI CHUNG, LEAVING THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 9 A.M.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE

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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A PASSING-OUT PARADE ON THURSDAY AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) PARADE GROUND, SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MR. ALLEN LEE PENG-FEI, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE.

MORE THAN 80 ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WILL TAKE PART IN THE PARADE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF MORE THAN 80 ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) PARADE GROUND, SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY AT 9.30 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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