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TWO FIRSTS FOR HONG KONG GOVERNMENT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS SENDING ITS FIRST WORKING LEVEL INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION DEVELOPMENT MISSION TO JAPAN IN MID-NOVEMBER, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IT WILL HAVE A STAND AT THE TECHNO TOKYO FAIR THIS YEAR.

THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE MISSION IS TO INCREASE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY FROM JAPAN TO HONG KONG, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+THE MOVE FOLLOWS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HONG KONG-JAPAN BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEE WHICH IS ALSO TO MEET IN TOKYO IN MID-NOVEMBER, AND THE HIGH-LEVEL HONG KONG ECONOMIC MISSION TO JAPAN A YEAR AGO,+ HE SAID.

LEADING THIS YEAR'S MISSION WILL BE MAJOR C.G. BERNARD, THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER. AFTER TECHNO 1979 WHICH IS TO BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 13 TO 17, HE WILL VISIT COMPANIES THERE DURING THE FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS.

+THIS WILL ALSO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG COMPANIES WHO ARE CONSIDERING THE EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR BUSINESSES,+ MAJOR BERNARD SAID.

+HONG KONG COMPANIES SEEKING NEW PRODUCTS, PRODUCTION PROCEDURES AND TECHNOLOGIES, OR INTERESTED IN JOINT VENTURES OR LICENSING ARRANGEMENTS, ARE INVITED TO CONTACT MR. PATRICK LIN OF THE DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONING 3-671294 BEFORE NOVEMBER 5,+ HE SAID.

APPROACHES HAVE BEEN MADE TO SOME 160 COMPANIES, RANGING FROM THOSE ENGAGED IN LIGHT TO MEDIUM-HEAVY ENGINEERING AND METAL INDUSTRIES, THE ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY, AND INDUSTRIES PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY SUPPORTING AND SERVICING FACILITIES SUCH AS METAL CASTING, FORGING, ELECTROPLATING, TOOL AND DIE-MAKING, PRECISION MACHINING AND HEAT TREATMENT.

+FOR SOME YEARS HONG KONG HAS BEEN MOVING AWAY FROM LABOUR INTENSIVE, LOW TECHNOLOGY ASSEMBLY INDUSTRIES, AND WE ARE THEREFORE ACTIVELY SEEKING TRANSFER OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS JAPAN,+ SAID MR. WILLIAM DORWARD, WHO IS TO SUCCEED MR. DAVID JORDAN AS DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS LATER THIS MONTH.

+WE ENCOURAGE ALL INDUSTRIES ALIKE. SOME OF THOSE WE BELIEVE TO HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT ARE LIGHT ENGINEERING, THOSE PRODUCING GOOD QUALITY STEEL AND IRON CASTINGS, PRODUCTION FOUNDRIES, AND THOSE COMPANIES ENGAGED IN NON-FERROUS CASTINGS, PARTICULARLY OF BRASS AND ALUMINIUM ALLOYS,+ HE SAID.

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+LOW TAX RATES FOR BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, A FREE ENTERPRISE ENVIRONMENT, A FREE MONEY MARKET, FIRST CLASS TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, AND A WIDE CHOICE OF MODERN INDUSTRIAL SITES AND BUILDINGS ARE JUST SOME OF THE MANY ADVANTAGES THAT HONG KONG HAS TO OFFER,+ HE ADDED.

MR. DORWARD SAID MANY JAPANESE COMPANIES WHICH EXPORTED INDUSTRIAL COMPONENTS, PARTICULARLY FOR THE METAL AND ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES, WERE AWARE OF INCREASING DIFFICULTIES IN COMPETING IN THE HONG KONG MARKET BECAUSE OF THE EFFECT OF EXCHANGE RATES ON THEIR PRICES. PRODUCTION OF SOME OF THESE COMPONENTS IN HONG KONG BY JAPANESE COMPANIES WOULD CLEARLY BE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT.

+THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES ARE PROBABLY OFFERED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EXPORT ORIENTATED INDUSTRIES. THESE COULD INCLUDE ELECTRONIC BUSINESS MACHINES, OPTICS, PRECISION INSTRUMENTS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS, TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT, MICRO COMPUTERS, DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT, AND AUTOMOBILE PARTS AND ACCESSORIES, INCLUDING ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS COMPONENTS,+ HE SAID.

IN ORDER THAT TECHNOLOGY CAN BE TRANSPLANTED WITHOUT PROBLEMS, IT NEEDS A STRONG INDIGENOUS INDUSTRY, A DEXTROUS WORKFORCE, AN EFFICIENT COMMERCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE, AND STABLE GOVERNMENT POLICIES PROVIDING THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH NEW TECHNOLOGY CAN BE ABSORBED AND DEVELOPED.

+HONG KONG CAN OFFER ALL OF THESE. ITS ENTERPRISES HAVE PROVED THEIR ABILITY TO DEVELOP PROGRESSIVELY DOMESTIC CAPABILITIES BASED ON IMPORTED TECHNOLOGY,+ MR. DORWARD SAID.

+AND GOVERNMENT POLICIES ARE BALANCED TO BENEFIT BUYER AND SELLER, LOCAL ENTERPRENEUR AND OVERSEAS INVESTOR ALIKE. I HOPE THAT ANY COMPANY CONSIDERING EXPANDING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA WILL NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY OF DISCUSSING THEIR IDEAS WITH MAJOR BERNARD, EITHER AT TECHNO 1979 OR DURING THE REMAINDER OF HIS VISIT IN NOVEMBER,+ HE SAID.

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PLAN FOR MORE SOLAR-POWERED BEACONS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO INSTALL SEVEN MORE SOLAR-POWERED NAVIGATIONAL BEACONS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS TO REPLACE THE CONVENTIONALLY POWERED ONES CURRENTLY IN USE IN HONG KONG.

THIS FOLLOWED THE SUCCESS OF A PILOT SCHEME STARTED IN MAY LAST YEAR WHEN SOLAR ENERGY WAS USED TO OPERATE A BEACON AT KEI YAN SHEK ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF HIGH ISLAND IN SAI KUNG.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE SOLAR MODULE, WHICH HAS A LIGHT RANGE OF EIGHT KILOMETRES, HAS SEVERAL ADVANTAGES AND PROVED TO BE ECONOMICAL IN OPERATION.

+ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES IS THAT THE SOLAR CELLS ARE CAPABLE OF RECHARGING ITS BATTERY THAT OPERATES THE LIGHT,+ HE SAID. +THE PRIMARY CELLS OF CONVENTIONALLY POWERED BEACONS HAVE TO BE CHANGED ANNUALLY.+

+THE MODULE HAS ALSO BEEN FOUND TO BE CAPABLE OF WITHSTANDING VIGOROUS MARINE ENVIRONMENT,+ HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS AN AUTOMATIC BULB CHANGER INCORPORATED IN THE MODULE THUS MINIMISING MAINTENANCE.

+AT CURRENT PRICES, THE CAPITAL COST OF THE SOLAR GENERATOR IS LESS THAN THE COST OF TWO YEARS' SUPPLY OF PRIMARY CELLS REQUIRED TO OPERATE A CONVENTIONALLY POWERED LIGHT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+A COST ANALYSIS STUDY HAS SHOWN THAT AN ANNUAL RECURRENT SAVING OF \$7 000 CAN BE ACHIEVED BY UTILISING THE SOLAR MODULE,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, FOR ECONOMICAL REASONS, THE DEPARTMENT'S NAVIGATIONAL AIDS SECTION HAS DESIGNED AND MANUFACTURED ITS OWN POWER CELLS FOR THE 94 QUICK FLASHING RED LIGHTS INSTALLED ON OUTLYING DISTRICT PIERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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\$3.8 MILLION FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT DUE

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THE FIRE SERVICES FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES WILL BE FURTHER ENHANCED WHEN \$3.8 MILLION WORTH OF EQUIPMENT ARRIVE LATE THIS YEAR AND EARLY NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE EQUIPMENT COMPRISE ONE \$1.6 MILLION 37-METRE TURNTABLE LADDER APPLIANCE AND TWO 15-METRE SNORKEL APPLIANCES COSTING ABOUT \$2.2 MILLION.

HE SAID THE NEW TURNTABLE LADDER APPLIANCE, WHICH IS DUE TO ARRIVE IN DECEMBER, WOULD BRING TO SEVEN THE NUMBER OF SUCH APPLIANCES IN SERVICE. THE TWO SNORKEL APPLIANCES WOULD ARRIVE IN EARLY JANUARY.

THE NEW TURNTABLE LADDER APPLIANCE IS SPECIALLY FITTED WITH WIND-GAUGE TO COUNTER THE DANGER POSED BY FREQUENT WIND GUSTS IN SOME PARTS OF HONG KONG. IT IS ALSO EQUIPPED WITH A REMOTE CONTROL CAGE FOR SMOOTH OPERATION AT VARIABLE HEIGHTS.

+THIS TYPE OF APPLIANCE IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS IN HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE SENIOR ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER OF THE DEPARTMENT, MR. POON NAI-HSI WILL MAKE A SPECIAL TRIP TO WEST GERMANY AND ENGLAND ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 26) TO INSPECT AND TEST THE APPLIANCES BEFORE SHIPMENT. HE WILL ALSO MAKE SURE THE EQUIPMENT WILL ARRIVE ON SCHEDULE.

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DURING HIS TRIP, MR. POON WILL DISCUSS WITH FIRE APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS VARIOUS TECHNICAL ASPECTS RELATING TO IMPROVED OPERATION OF APPLIANCES BEING PURCHASED AS WELL AS THE PROVISIONING OF ADEQUATE SPARE PARTS.

THE MANUFACTURERS WILL ALSO BE ASKED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF INSTALLING REMOTE CONTROL DEVICES TO CAGES FITTED TO FOUR OLD 37-METRE TURNABLE LADDER APPLIANCES CURRENTLY IN USE IN HONG KONG.

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STUDENTS URGED TO JOIN
INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED AN INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION FOR SECONDARY AND POST-SECONDARY STUDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY (SUNDAY) CALLED ON HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO ENCOURAGE THEIR STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE COMPETITION.

+THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 22 ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES, VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES AND SCHOOLS, AND GOVERNMENT, AIDED AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

A STUDENT MAY SUBMIT ANY NUMBER OF DESIGNS, HE SAID.

+INDUSTRIAL SAFETY POSTERS ARE DISPLAYED IN FACTORIES AND CONSTRUCTION SITES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, AND PLAY AN INTEGRAL PART IN THE CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE PANEL OF JUDGES WILL COMPRISE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THERE WILL BE NO LIMIT TO THE SCOPE AND IMAGINATION OF THE ENTRIES, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, BUT THE JUDGES WOULD LIKE TO HAVE DESIGNS DENOTING A CONTRAST BETWEEN SAFE AND UNSAFE CONDITIONS OR PRACTICES WITHIN INDUSTRY.

+ORIGINALITY OF IDEAS IN DESIGN IS WHAT THE JUDGES ARE LOOKING FOR,+ HE ADDED.

DESIGNS, OF 420 MM BY 594 MM IN SIZE, SHOULD BE SELF-EXPLANATORY, AND WORDING SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM.

EACH DESIGN SHOULD BEAR ON THE BACK THE NAME AND SCHOOL OF THE ENTRANT.

CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED. THE FIRST PRIZE IS \$500, THE SECOND PRIZE \$400 AND THE THIRD PRIZE \$300.

THERE WILL ALSO BE 10 CONSOLATION PRIZES OF \$100 EACH.

IN ADDITION, EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF MERIT.

/+ALL ENTRIES

+ALL ENTRIES MUST REACH THE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, ROOM 312, THIRD FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 5, NEXT YEAR,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES WOULD BE NOTIFIED OF THE RESULT OF THE COMPETITION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HE SAID.

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HK'S FIRST JOGGING TRACK PROVES POPULAR * * * *

HONG KONG'S FIRST JOGGING TRACK IN VICTORIA PARK HAS PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR.

+SINCE ITS COMPLETION AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH, IT HAS ATTRACTED A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE INDULGING IN THIS FORM OF EXERCISE TO THE PARK,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE TRACK, BUILT BY PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, IS 630 METRES LONG AND 1.5 METRES WIDE. IT ALSO HAS DISTANCE MARKERS PAINTED ON THE SURFACE AT 100-METRE INTERVALS.

THE PROJECT WAS FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL.

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EQUIPMENT FOR SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS * * * *

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT FOR STAGE I OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN PERMANENT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THIS WILL BE THE THIRD OF FOUR MAIN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONTRACTS FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT.

+THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED TO MONITOR THE SEWAGE AS IT PASSES THROUGH THE TREATMENT PROCESSES TO ENSURE THAT THE WATER FINALLY DISCHARGED INTO TOLO HARBOUR IS OF AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

+SINCE PART OF THE PROJECT IS BEING FINANCED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS FROM MANUFACTURERS IN ADB MEMBER COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

WHEN COMPLETED IN 1981, THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SHA TIN SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS WILL SERVE A POPULATION OF ABOUT 230 000 IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

AT PRESENT, SEWAGE FROM SHA TIN IS BEING TREATED AT THE TEMPORARY AND INTERIM SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED BY WATSON (HONG KONG) CONSULTING ENGINEERS UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF PWD'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE.

THE COMPANY IS ALSO SUPERVISING THE CONSTRUCTION WORK INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF THE EQUIPMENT.

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ANOTHER SERVICE RESERVOIR FOR POK FU LAM

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD ANOTHER SERVICE RESERVOIR IN POK FU LAM TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED DEMAND FOR WATER IN THE AREA BETWEEN QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND WAH FU ESTATE.

THE RESERVOIR IS TO BE BUILT ON THE HILLSIDE ABOUT 250 METRES SOUTHWEST OF THE EXISTING POK FU LAM RESERVOIR, AND WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF 8 000 CUBIC METRES.

IT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN MASS CONCRETE WITH A REINFORCED CONCRETE DECKING.

+TENDERS FOR THE WORK, WHICH ALSO COVERS THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 400-METRE-LONG ACCESS ROAD, ARE BEING INVITED,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE,+ HE ADDED.

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FLUSHING WATER CUT IN EAST KOWLOON

FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN EAST KOWLOON WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 23) TO FACILITATE REPLACEMENT OF VALVES AT KWUN TONG PUMPING STATION.

THE AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE SAN PO KONG, NGAU CHI WAN, JORDAN VALLEY, NGAU TAU KOK, SAU MAU PING, KWUN TONG AND LAM TIN.

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