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LABOUR FORCE SURVEY FOR MARCH

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MORE THAN 48,000 PEOPLE OR 2.3 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LABOUR FORCE WERE UNEMPLOYED IN HONG KONG IN MARCH, ACCORDING TO A SAMPLE LABOUR FORCE SURVEY CONDUCTED IN THAT MONTH BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

+THIS ESTIMATED FIGURE IS SUBJECT TO A RELATIVE SAMPLING ERROR OF PLUS OR MINUS EIGHT PER CENT,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

DURING THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 60,000 PEOPLE OR THREE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL LABOUR FORCE UNEMPLOYED, WHEREAS IN SEPTEMBER THE FIGURE DECLINED TO 55,600 OR 2.7 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE REDUCTION IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 0.4 PER CENT (OR 7,400 PERSONS) OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS WAS MAINLY DUE TO SEASONAL EFFECTS.

THERE ARE USUALLY SUBSTANTIALLY FEWER FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS IN MARCH THAN IN SEPTEMBER. THE NUMBER OF FIRST-TIME JOB-SEEKERS ESTIMATED IN THE MARCH 1979 SURVEY WAS 4,500 AS COMPARED WITH 13,100 IN THE SEPTEMBER 1978 SURVEY (A DECREASE OF 8,600 PERSONS).

IF THE SEPTEMBER 1978 RATE IS PUT ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE MARCH 1979 RATE, IT ALSO BECOMES 2.3 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE SURVEY, PERSONS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 64 AND NOT IN EMPLOYMENT OR WHO HAD WORKED FOR LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE SEVEN DAYS BEFORE THE SURVEY DATE BUT WERE LOOKING FOR WORK, WERE CLASSIFIED AS UNEMPLOYED.

HE FURTHER DREW ATTENTION TO THE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT USED BY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES.

IN HONG KONG +UNEMPLOYED+ INCLUDED PEOPLE WHO HAD JUST LEFT SCHOOL AND WHO REALLY HAD NOT HAD MUCH CHANCE TO FIND A JOB- OR WHO HAD JUST, BUT ONLY JUST, TAKEN UP WORK- OR WHO HAD TEMPORARILY BEEN LAID OFF WORK (WORKING LESS THAN 15 HOURS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS)- OR WHO WERE AVAILABLE FOR WORK, BUT WERE NOT ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR WORK BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS NONE TO BE HAD OR BECAUSE THEY WERE TEMPORARILY SICK.

HE SAID THAT A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE SURVEY IS NOW AVAILABLE AND COPIES COULD BE OBTAINED ON REQUEST FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

HE ADDED THAT SIMILAR INFORMATION ON UNEMPLOYMENT IS SOUGHT AT REGULAR SIX-MONTHLY INTERVALS.

THE NEXT LABOUR FORCE SURVEY WILL BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

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SIGNING OF \$61.6 MILLION PWD CONTRACT

A \$61.6 MILLION ENGINEERING CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD AT 10.30 A.M.

THE CONTRACT, FOR SITE FORMATION WORK IS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONTRACT-SIGNING CEREMONY FOR A \$61.6 MILLION ENGINEERING PROJECT AT THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AT 6 TUNG LO WAN HILL ROAD AT 10.30 A.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THE FACILITY SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE OPEN CAR PARK, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, NOT LATER THAN 9.45 A.M.

OFFICERS FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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SWD OFFICER WINS POLYTECHNIC'S TOP STUDENT AWARD

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A FEMALE OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WHO HAS JUST FINISHED A DIPLOMA COURSE AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, HAS EMERGED AS +STUDENT OF THE YEAR+ AMONG THE INSTITUTION'S 7,000 STUDENTS.

MISS DONNA TSANG YUK-FUN WAS SELECTED WINNER OF THE 1978-79 DIRECTOR'S AWARD GIVEN EACH YEAR BY THE POLYTECHNIC TO THE BEST OF NOMINEES FROM ITS 15 DEPARTMENTS FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AND LEADERSHIP.

MISS TSANG, A WELFARE ASSISTANT, IS AMONG THE DEPARTMENT'S FOUR OFFICERS WHO HAVE EARLIER THIS MONTH COMPLETED A TWO-YEAR FULL-TIME DIPLOMA COURSE IN SOCIAL WORK ON PAID STUDY LEAVE AT THE POLYTECHNIC'S SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK.

SHE WILL RECEIVE THE \$2,000 CASH AWARD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLYTECHNIC, DR. KEITH LEGG, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY TO BE HELD ON JULY 5 AT THE INSTITUTION'S LIBRARY BUILDING.

IN ADDITION, MISS TSANG'S NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THOSE OF THE PREVIOUS WINNERS ON A PLAQUE DISPLAYED IN DR. LEGG'S OFFICE.

MISS TSANG, WHO SCORED FIRST IN HER CLASS OF 59, WAS NOMINATED TO COMPETE FOR THE HONOUR WITH NOMINEES FROM THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE POLYTECHNIC.

IN THE NOMINATION, THE 26-YEAR-OLD SOCIAL WORKER WAS RECOMMENDED FOR HER ACADEMIC ABILITY, INTELLIGENCE AND LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.

HER LEARNING ATTITUDE WAS DESCRIBED AS KEEN AND SHE WAS ABLE TO COMPREHEND HER SUBJECT FROM A WIDE PERSPECTIVE WITH CRITICAL EXAMINATION.

IN FIELD WORK PRACTICE, MISS TSANG DEMONSTRATED WARM COMMITMENT, ORGANISED THOUGHT AND GENUINE INTEREST IN HELPING PEOPLE.

WITH REGARD TO LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, SHE WAS DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN HEAVILY INVOLVED IN STUDENT AFFAIRS AND VOLUNTARY SERVICE, HOLDING RESPONSIBLE POSTS WHICH DEMANDED ABILITY IN LEADERSHIP AND ORGANISATION.

MISS TSANG IS NOW ON LEAVE AND WILL RETURN TO WORK IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT NEXT (JULY) MONTH.

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EXHIBITION ON ACTIVITY APPROACH

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A THREE-DAY EXHIBITION ON ACTIVITY APPROACH WILL BE HELD NEXT (JULY) MONTH TO INTRODUCE THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THIS METHOD OF TEACHING.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE ACTIVITY APPROACH, LEARNING PROCESSES IN THE VARIOUS SUBJECT AREAS, TEACHING MATERIALS AND PUPILS' WORK.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH ALL THE PRIMARY SCHOOLS ADOPTING THE ACTIVITY APPROACH.

MR. T.L. LAM, SENIOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS AND SERVICES) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION ON JULY 18 AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

+THE ACTIVITY APPROACH AIMS TO ADOPT A LESS FORMAL APPROACH TO LEARNING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, TO ENCOURAGE LEARNING THROUGH PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITIES CONDUCIVE TO THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIVIDUAL CHILD, AND TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AT THEIR OWN PACE ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN ABILITIES.+

THE TEACHER'S ROLE IN THIS LEARNING PROCESS IS TO GUIDE RATHER THAN TO INSTRUCT, HE ADDED.

THE ACTIVITY APPROACH ALSO AIMS TO PROVIDE A STIMULATING ENVIRONMENT TO PROMOTE SELF-INITIATED LEARNING, AND TO RELATE CHILDREN'S DAILY EXPERIENCES TO THEIR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

THIS METHOD OF TEACHING WAS FIRST EXPERIMENTED IN SEPTEMBER 1972, IN SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IN THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR 56 PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAVE ADOPTED THE ACTIVITY APPROACH, INVOLVING 17,000 PUPILS IN 447 CLASSES.

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PLB PROHIBITIONS IN KOWLOON

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING A NUMBER OF STREETS AND ROADS IN KOWLOON UNLESS AUTHORISED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THEY ARE:

- * BROADCAST DRIVE-
- * LA SALLE ROAD BETWEEN RENFREW ROAD AND LANCASHIRE ROAD-
- * NAM KOK ROAD BETWEEN NGAN TSIN WAI ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD-
- * THE ACCESS ROADS TO THE KAI TAK AIRPORT PASSENGER AND CARGO TERMINAL AREA FROM A POINT 61 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE AIRPORT PUBLIC CAR PARK-
- * THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE AIRPORT CARGO TERMINAL FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD OPPOSITE BLOCK SIX OF THE SAN PO KONG FACTORY ESTATE-
- * THE GRADE SEPARATED ACCESS ROAD TO THE AIRPORT CARGO TERMINAL FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD OUTSIDE BLOCK SIX OF THE SAN PO KONG FACTORY ESTATE-
- * THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO THE AIRPORT CARGO TERMINAL FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD OUTSIDE THE AIRPORT POLICE STATION-
- * THE PLB +MAXICAB+ STAND IN THE TAI KOK TSUI FERRY CONCOURSE-
- * THE PUBLIC CAR PARK IN THE KOWLOON CITY FERRY CONCOURSE, AND
- * THE PUBLIC CAR PARK ADJACENT TO BLOCK 12 OF TUNG TAU ESTATE.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITIONS.

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