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#### DEVELOPMENT OF A REMOTE ISLAND

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The feasibility of building a fishermen's village or government low cost housing estate on Po Toi is being studied by the government as yet another step to further develop the remote island.

Revealing this today, Mr. Mayer Ng, the District Officer, Islands, said the living conditions of the residents there will be greatly improved if the project is implemented. At present, houses on the island are generally old wooden huts.

The population of Po Toi is about 200. Most of them are elders and children as many of the young people have gone to 'the city' for work.

In the past few years, Po Toi, the southernmost part of Hong Kong has seen many changes, especially in community activities.

The island was 'adopted' by the Royal Air Force in 1968. Since then RAF rural patrols have visited the island at frequent intervals and have done a lot of community work for the residents.

A generator and power lines have been installed, bringing not only light but also television programmes to the homes of the islanders.

"The construction of a community centre early this year is one of the good examples of the combined efforts of the RAF and the government," Mr. Ng said.

It is the only concrete building on the island and can also be used as a shelter for the villagers during typhoons.

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The RAF members are now building a concrete podium in front of the community centre as an open-air theatre-cum-children's playground.

They are also rebuilding a small bridge which was damaged some time ago. Flt. Lt. Jack Larner of the RAF Kai Tak Station is in charge of the project and construction work will be completed within the next few months.

The government is building a village-type incinerator to solve the problem of refuse disposal and keep the island clean.

A micro-wave telephone will also be installed soon to improve communications between Po Toi and other parts of Hong Kong.

At the same time, the island is becoming more popular with urban people who flock there during weekends and holidays. On these occasions, 'visitors' always outnumber the local population.

In view of this, the District Office, Islands, is considering the possibility of extending the present jetty or building a new dual purpose pier at Tai Wan Bay.

A dual purpose pier will facilitate the landing of ferry passengers and serve as a breakwater to shelter the fishing fleet from strong winds and rough seas.

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RECRUITING CAMPAIGN FOR PRISONS DEPARTMENT

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The Prisons Department is again looking for young man to join the service.

In order to attract more recruits, the department has simplified its recruiting procedures.

The Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. T.G. Garner said today that the prisons service is offering better than ever promotion prospects to young people of good calibre.

"Vacancies in the upper grades are generally filled by officers who start from the bottom rank," Mr. Garner said.

He recalled that when he took the salute at a recent passing-out parade, he found that the turn-out was the largest ever in any one parade.

He said the fact that so many came forward to serve in the department indicated public confidence in a progressive service which offers a sound career to Hong Kong's youth.

Candidates for the post of Assistant Officer Class II (Male) should have a minimum of primary six education. The starting salary is \$570, but those who possess a Certificate of Education may join at a higher entry point.

Successful candidates can now be engaged on day-to-day terms at full pay within four weeks of posting their application forms.

Apart from discharging the custodial aspect of their duties to protect the community, officers must also be ready to play an effective part in the treatment and rehabilitation of the offenders.

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To prepare them for their work, all new recruits are required to undergo a six-month induction training course in the Prisons Department.

Once in the prisons service, staff members can enjoy all the benefits provided for civil servants, including housing, free medical treatment and holidays.

There are also other departmental benefits such as welfare funds and free sports facilities.

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TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS TO LEGCO

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Mr. H.M.G. Forsgate has been appointed a temporary Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence of Mr. G.M. Sayer.

The appointment is effective from last Friday (May 4) until about June 10.

Mr. I.F.C. Macpherson has been appointed a temporary Official Member from tomorrow (Tuesday) until about mid-August during the absence of Mr. D.C. Bray.

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JURY LIST TO BE POSTED

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A list of new jurors is to be posted in the Supreme Court from next Monday (May 14).

The list will remain there for 14 days during which time any person can apply in writing to the Supreme Court Registrar seeking the removal or posting of his name or the name of some other person.

It will then be left to the discretion of the Registrar whether the list will be altered.

The jury list will be posted on the notice board near the lift inside the south-west entrance to the Supreme Court building.

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Release Time: 7.00 p.m.