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FOREIGN COMPANIES SEEK JOINT VENTURES

Some 20 foreign companies are seeking industrial joint ventures or licensing arrangements with Hong Kong industrialists.

Disclosing this today, a spokesman for the Commerce and Industry Department said that these active enquiries are being processed by the Industrial Promotion Branch.

Most of the enquiries have come from the United States and Britain while the others are from West Germany, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, India and Belgium.

The interests of these foreign companies ranges from the manufacture of food products and pollution-control equipment to the production of suitcases and good quality watch parts.

In addition to these joint ventures and licensing possibilities, the branch is dealing directly with a number of foreign companies specifically interested in setting up wholly owned subsidiaries in Hong Kong.

"Some of these projects are heavily capital intensive and represent advanced technology," the spokesman said.

In the meantime, he said, almost 90 enquiries dealt with in the past few months might hopefully lead to the establishment of manufacturing operations in Hong Kong.

Anyone, who is interested in possible joint ventures and licensing arrangements with the foreign firms, is welcome to contact the branch in writing.

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The following is a list of foreign companies seeking joint venture and licensing arrangements with local industrialists:

<u>Origin</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Nature</u>
1. USA	Product licence and technological exchange	Joint venture
2. USA	Production of lithium dry-cells	Joint venture
3. USA	Manufacture of food products	Joint venture
4. USA	Manufacture of pollution-control equipment	Joint venture
5. USA	Production of telephone equipment	Licensing arrangement
6. USA	Manufacture of lighting products and wiring devices	Joint venture or subcontracting
7. USA	Production of polystyrene foam cups and containers	Joint venture
8. UK	Production of stainless steel food containers	Subcontracting
9. UK	Production of roller-blinds and associated parts	Joint venture
10. UK	Production of suitcases and attaches	Joint venture or licensing arrangement
11. UK	Production of fusable interlinings for garments	Joint venture or licensing arrangement
12. Germany F.R.	Production of cranes	Licensing arrangement
13. Germany F.R.	Production of prefabricated parts for pumps	Subcontracting
14. Germany F.R.	Surface refinement of steel by hot-dip galvanizing process	Joint venture
15. Belgium	Production of good quality watch parts	Joint venture
16. Australia	Manufacture of billiard tables	Joint venture
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<u>Origin</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Nature</u>
17. New Zealand	Manufacture of knitted woollen garments	Joint venture
18. Japan	Manufacture of foundation garments and lingerie	Joint venture
19. Japan	Manufacture of printed circuit boards	Joint venture
20. India	Manufacture of bi-axially oriented polystyrene and polypropylene films	Joint venture

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MOBILE SERVICE PROVIDES ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUNG

A mobile service for the rural areas of Hong Kong operated by the Social Welfare Department is helping to make life more enjoyable this summer for hundreds of children living in the more remote areas of the New Territories.

The special service comes into its own by taking to these areas facilities which the young people would otherwise miss out on because they live too far away from the more established centres where facilities are provided by the Group and Community Work Division.

The Rural Mobile Service Unit operates three mobile lending libraries for children in the New Territories and these "make the rounds" of the various towns each week.

In addition, the unit also arranges programmes of activities for the young people.

During the current summer youth programme, the unit has organised some 15 different activities for those living in such places as Tai Po Chai, Lam Chuen, Castle Peak, Wai Tau, Hung Shui Kiu, and Ho Sheung Heung.

Some of the activities already conducted have been a sight-seeing trip to the Peak and Botanic Gardens, a visit to a local newspaper, picnics and a three-day summer camp.

Others to come this month will include visits to H.M.S. Tamar, and a police station and a beach party which will emphasise the continuation of the Keep Hong Kong Clean Campaign.

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"Many of the young people living in the New Territories are unable to take advantage of the activities provided in the urban areas, so we arrange something for them," said Mr. Nelson Tsang, Supervisor of the rural mobile service.

"In our programmes, we try to provide for children from as many areas in the New Territories as possible," he said.

On top of all this the unit also runs two recreation clubs at the Lam Chuen Youth Centre and at the Nam Chung Youth Recreation Centre in Sha Tau Kok.

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REMOVAL OF LEGAL AID

Part of the headquarters offices of the Legal Aid Department, at present situated on the top floor of the Victoria District Court, and the whole of its branch office at D'Aguiar Place, are moving to the Sincere Company Building.

These offices will resume business in the new premises on Tuesday (August 7).

The telephone number will be 5-457036.

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DEMOLITION OF OLD BUILDINGS FOR FLYOVER PROJECT

Thirteen disused pre-war buildings in the Yau Ma Tei area will soon be demolished to make way for the construction of an elevated road running from Gascoigne Road across Nathan Road to the Yau Ma Tei multi-storey carpark.

These buildings, mostly two and three storey structures, are at 391-399 Nathan Road, 115-121 Battery Street and 630-636 Canton Road.

The five buildings in Nathan Road stand in the path of the proposed flyover and the others in Battery Street and Canton Road will either be directly affected by, or so close to, the later extension of the project that their demolition is necessary.

Work on demolishing them is expected to start in early September and will take about seven weeks to complete.

Construction of the flyover, from the Gascoigne Road and near Wylie Road, will begin at the same time. This is scheduled for completion in two years.

This section of elevated road will form the first phase of the West Kowloon Corridor project to distribute traffic in this part of the peninsula and provide a direct link from the cross harbour tunnel to Kwai Chung and Tsuen Wan.

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NEW SECTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD OPENS

A new eastbound section of the dual carriageway now under construction along Lung Cheung Road will be open to traffic from 10 a.m. on Tuesday (August 7).

The section, measuring about three-quarters of a mile, is part of the Lung Cheung Road widening scheme. It runs from the junction with Nam Cheong Street to a point about 200 yards west of the Lion Rock Tunnel Road.

In another move to improve traffic flow, the Transport Department announced today that a number of traffic re-routings will be made in the Tai Kok Tsui area.

From 10 a.m. on Wednesday (August 8), the section of Kok Cheung Street (extension) between Fuk Chak Street and Pok Man Street will be routed one-way southbound.

At the same time, the section of Pok Man Street between Kok Cheung Street (extension) and house No. 22 Pok Man Street will be open to one-way eastbound traffic only.

Appropriate signs will be posted to guide motorists.

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FOURTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY DRAWN AT CITY HALL

The first prize of \$755,200 for the fourth government lottery this year was won by ticket No. 200833.

This and other winning numbers were drawn this morning at the Concert Hall of the City Hall by four Commercial Radio personalities -- Miss Leung Siu-yung, Miss Yan Wai-ye, Miss Conita Chan Hoi-see, and Miss Wan Fong-ling.

The second prize of \$188,800 went to ticket No. 820389.

Ticket Nos. 164697, 185902, 254156, 380854, and 777295 won the five third prizes of \$18,880 each.

Winning numbers for the 50 special prizes of \$1,888 each are as follows:

17490	158525	396839	534971	739039
23345	168725	401994	553240	791559
52921	186472	406604	556176	797299
54112	190916	415569	579644	808254
87833	215306	432959	610571	841991
105824	230419	435576	611578	852526
110243	267454	445548	611599	877211
151306	316456	451367	644326	884123
153923	364165	523152	678754	892073
156466	386170	525322	733824	917574

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JOBS FOUND FOR 21 HANDICAPPED PEOPLE IN JUNE

A total of 21 handicapped people were placed in jobs by the Social Welfare Department in June. This was six fewer than in the previous month.

Mr. Chan Shui-wing, officer-in-charge of the Job Placement Unit, attributed the drop to employers taking on summer student workers in jobs which could otherwise have been given to some of the handicapped.

Those placed in employment were engaged in open industry in jobs as machine sewing workers, assemblers, packers, labourers and general workers.

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