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CODE OF PRACTICE ON WORKING AT HEIGHTS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE AND THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS' ASSOCIATION HAVE JOINTLY TAKEN A MAJOR STEP IN A BID TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

THE JOINT ACTION IS IN THE FORM OF A CODE OF PRACTICE ON SCAFFOLDS AND PLATFORMS, PREPARED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE HONG KONG SCAFFOLDING MERCHANTS GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR CHAN SHIU-LAP, STRESSED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE CODE WAS AIMED AT REDUCING ACCIDENTS WHERE WORKERS FELL FROM HEIGHTS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR MORE THAN 2 000 CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WERE INJURED, SOME SERIOUSLY, IN FALLS WHILE WORKING, AND ABOUT 30 OF THEM DIED AS A RESULT.

+ INVESTIGATIONS INTO THESE ACCIDENTS REVEALED THAT IF THEIR EMPLOYERS HAD MADE CERTAIN SAFETY PROVISIONS AND HAD TAKEN SUFFICIENT PRECAUTIONS, THE TRAGEDIES WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED, + HE NOTED.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THE CODE SET OUT PRACTICAL SAFETY GUIDELINES TO ASSIST CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TO COMPLY WITH SOME OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1978.

IT WAS INTENDED TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THOSE WORKING AT HEIGHTS, IN PARTICULAR ON SCAFFOLDS AND HIGH PLATFORMS, AT CONSTRUCTION SITES.

APPEALING TO CONTRACTORS AND WORKERS TO OBSERVE THE GUIDELINES, MR CHAN EMPHASISED THAT THE CODE WAS MEANT TO PROTECT WORKERS AND BENEFIT EMPLOYERS BY REDUCING LOSS OF WORK-TIME AND COMPENSATION.

HE WARNED THAT FAILURE TO TAKE THESE GUIDELINES SERIOUSLY MIGHT CONSTITUTE AN OFFENCE UNDER THE REGULATIONS FOR WHICH THE MAXIMUM PENALTY WAS \$10 000.

THE CODE SETS OUT THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

1. THE ERECTION, ALTERATION OR DISMANTLING OF A SCAFFOLD SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY A PERSON OR PERSONS COMPETENT IN SUCH OPERATIONS.
2. ALL SCAFFOLDS SHOULD BE PROPERLY MAINTAINED AND INSPECTED BY A COMPETENT PERSON AND A RECORD OF SUCH INSPECTION SHOULD BE KEPT.
3. SCAFFOLD PLATFORMS SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR WORKERS WORKING ON OR FROM A DOUBLE-ROW SCAFFOLD.

4. A SCAFFOLD PLATFORM SHOULD -
 - A. BE OF SOUND MATERIAL, ADEQUATE STRENGTH AND FREE FROM PATENT DEFECT-
 - B. BE AT LEAST 15 IN. (400 MM) IN WIDTH AND 1 IN. (25 MM) IN THICKNESS OR IN CASE OF PLYWOOD PLATFORM BE A SINGLE BOARD OF NOT LESS THAN 15 IN. (400 MM) IN WIDTH AND NOT LESS THAN 3/4 IN. (18 MM) THICKNESS-
 - C. BE SECURELY PLACED IN POSITION- AND
 - D. WHERE PRACTICABLE, BE SECURELY FENCED ON ALL SIDES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE INNER SIDE) FROM WHICH A PERSON IS LIABLE TO FALL A VERTICAL DISTANCE OF 6 FT. 6 IN. (2 M) OR MORE.
5. WHERE IT IS NOT PRACTICABLE TO PROVIDE A WORKING PLATFORM, A PERSON WORKING AT ANY PLACE LIABLE TO FALL A VERTICAL DISTANCE OF 6 FT. 6 IN. (2 M) OR MORE SHOULD WEAR A SAFETY BELT WHICH SHOULD BE SECURED TO AN ANCHORAGE OR AN INDEPENDENT LIFE LINE.
6. SAFETY BELTS SHOULD BE READILY AVAILABLE FOR USE BY SITE WORKERS WORKING AT HIGH LEVELS.
7. ALL REASONABLE STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ENCOURAGE WORKERS TO USE SAFETY BELTS WHILE WORKING AT HEIGHT.

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FIRE OFFICER RECRUITMENT DRIVE BEGINS TOMORROW

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR RESPONSIBLE, ACTIVE AND INTELLIGENT YOUNG MEN TO FILL VACANCIES FOR STATION OFFICER, UNDER A FOUR-WEEK RECRUITING EXERCISE STARTING TOMORROW (MONDAY).

A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID: +WE ARE OFFERING A CAREER FULL OF VARIETY, INTEREST AND OPPORTUNITY TO THOSE WHO WISH TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.+

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE GOOD PHYSIQUE, NORMAL EYESIGHT AND PREFERABLY BE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE. THE NEW RECRUITS WILL BE TRAINED FOR GENERAL FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE WORK BUT THEY ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO PERFORM SUPERVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

THE MINIMUM ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS AN APPLICANT MUST POSSESS IS FIVE SUBJECTS INCLUDING ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SYLLABUS B) AT GRADE E IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR A STATION OFFICER VARIES FROM \$3 250 TO \$4 050 DEPENDING ON QUALIFICATIONS AND RISES TO A MAXIMUM OF \$7 250.

THE OFFICER IS ON PROBATION FOR THE FIRST THREE YEARS, AFTER WHICH, PROVIDED HE HAS CARRIED OUT ALL HIS DUTIES SATISFACTORILY AND PASSED THE REQUIRED EXAMINATIONS, HE WILL BE CONFIRMED TO THE PERMANENT AND PENSIONABLE ESTABLISHMENT.

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APPLICANTS SHOULD APPLY IN PERSON BETWEEN 7 AM AND 7 PM ON ANY DAY INCLUDING SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BETWEEN JULY 28 AND AUGUST 22 AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING RECRUITING CENTRES.

<u>HONG KONG ISLAND</u>	HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION, NEAR WAN CHAI FERRY PIER-
<u>KOWLOON</u>	TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION, CANTON ROAD- AND
<u>NEW TERRITORIES</u>	TSUEN WAN FIRE STATION, TAI CHUNG ROAD, TSUEN WAN.

APPLICANTS CALLING AT THE CENTRES SHOULD BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARDS, A DULY COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM (G.F. 340) OBTAINABLE AT ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR FIRE STATION/AMBULANCE DEPOT AND ACADEMIC DOCUMENTS.

MEANWHILE, MORE THAN 500 YOUNG MEN HAVE SO FAR APPLIED TO BECOME FIREMEN AND THE CURRENT RECRUITING DRIVE WILL END ON AUGUST 22, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TSING YI RECLAMATION WORKS

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS CALLING TENDERS FOR RECLAMATION AND SITE FORMATION WORKS WHICH WILL MAKE 22 HECTARES OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT ON TSING YI ISLAND.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE WORK WILL INCLUDE THE FORMATION OF LAND WEST OF TSING YI LAGOON AND THE RECLAMATION OF PART OF THE LAGOON AND TSING YI BAY.+

+ON COMPLETION, THE NEW LAND WILL BE USED FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, VILLAGE HOUSING, OPEN SPACE AND GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTE AND COMMUNITY PURPOSES.

+THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE SITE FORMATION WORK FOR A SERVICE RESERVOIR, SUBSTRUCTURE WORK OF THE NEW TSING YI FERRY PIER, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TRIPLE CELL BOX CULVERT, STORMWATER DRAINS AND SEWERS, A NEW ROAD AND EXTENSIVE EARTHWORKS.+

WORK ON THE PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN OCTOBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 27 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS, CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR PWD'S TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE.

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NEW LOOK FOR HO MAN TIN PARK
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SHEUNG SHING STREET PARK IN HO MAN TIN WILL SOON TAKE ON A NEW LOOK.

UNDER AN EXTENSION PROJECT FOR THE PARK MORE FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE REST GARDEN. THESE WILL INCLUDE A PAVILION, A FOUNTAIN, FLOWER BEDS AND PARK BENCHES.

TENDERS FOR THE WORK ARE BEING INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

WORK ON THE PROJECT, FINANCED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL, WILL COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER AND BE COMPLETED IN JANUARY NEXT YEAR.

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NORTH DISTRICT LOGO DESIGN COMPETITION
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NORTH DISTRICT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE ITS OWN LOGO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND IS CALLING ON HONG KONG'S DESIGNERS TO ENTER A COMPETITION WITH A \$1 500 PRIZE.

THE DISTRICT COVERS THE BORDER AREA AND INCLUDES THE TOWNS OF SHA TAU KOK, SHEUNG SHUI, SHEK WU HUI AND FANLING.

IT WAS FORMERLY PART OF TAI PO DISTRICT, BUT BECAME A SEPARATE DISTRICT LAST OCTOBER BECAUSE OF THE NEED TO STREAMLINE GOVERNMENT SERVICES TO A GROWING POPULATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE SAID THE LOGO WOULD BE WIDELY USED, APPEARING ON LETTERHEADS, BANNERS AND SPORTS SHIRTS.

DESIGN SHOULD BE BASED ON THE CHINESE CHARACTER FOR NORTH AND BE RESTRICTED TO TWO COLOURS.

BESIDES A WINNER'S PRIZE, THERE WILL BE THREE RUNNERS UP WHO WILL RECEIVE \$200 EACH.

ENTRIES SHOULD BE SENT TO NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE OR SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 3.

THE COMPETITION IS ORGANISED BY NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD.

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EXHIBITION ON KINDERGARTEN TEACHING

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AN EXHIBITION ON KINDERGARTEN TEACHING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY (JULY 30 AND 31) AT HEEP YUNN SCHOOL IN FARM ROAD, MA TAU WAI.

THE EXHIBITION TO PRESENT A MORE ENLIGHTENED APPROACH TO KINDERGARTEN TEACHING THROUGH CONCRETE EXAMPLES IS ORGANISED BY THE KINDERGARTEN SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. ON DISPLAY WILL BE THE WORK OF KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS NOW ATTENDING AN IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSE.

FOUR TOPICS ARE PRESENTED IN THE EXHIBITION : KNOWING MYSELF, GOING ABOUT, SUMMERTIME AND A VISIT TO A SUPERMARKET.

THROUGH THE TOPICS THE EXHIBITORS SHOW HOW A TEACHER CAN ORGANISE ACTIVITIES TO TEACH PUPILS TO KNOW THEIR SURROUNDINGS, TO DEVELOP LANGUAGE SKILLS AND TO LEARN BASIC ARITHMETIC AND CREATIVE ART AND CRAFT.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC BETWEEN 10 AM AND 4.30 PM ON JULY 30 AND 31.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD

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CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC AT TAI WO TSUEN INTERCHANGE NEAR KWAI CHUNG BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5.30 AM DAILY FROM TUESDAY TO THURSDAY (JULY 29-31) TO FACILITATE THE PLACING OF BRIDGE BEAMS THERE.

DURING THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE BOTH KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES BOUND TRAFFIC SHOULD USE KWAI CHUNG ROAD AS AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE.

TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT IN MONG KOK

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (JULY 30) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE PIPE CONNECTION WORK AT KOK CHEUNG STREET.

AREAS TO BE AFFECTED ARE KOK CHEUNG STREET BETWEEN FUK CHAK STREET AND WAI ON STREET, FUK CHAK STREET, LI TAK STREET, HOP KWAN STREET, LOK KWAN STREET, AND TAI KOK TSUI ROAD BETWEEN FUK CHAK STREET AND LI TAK STREET.

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