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45 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN JANUARY

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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE APPROVED 45 NEW BUILDING PLANS IN JANUARY THIS YEAR.

THE MAJORITY OF THE APPROVED PLANS, TOTALLING 26, WERE FOR APARTMENT/COMMERCIAL, APARTMENT AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

A BASE STATION FOR A TRAIN RADIO COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY CORPORATION AND A PERMANENT BUS DEPOT AT KOWLOON BAY WERE ALSO APPROVED.

OF THE PLANS APPROVED, 16 WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, SIX IN KOWLOON AND 23 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 38 PROJECTS.

THE TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF THESE PROJECTS WAS 259,829.9 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 105,090 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC USE.

USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH TOTALLED 200,867.5 SQUARE METRES, OF WHICH 78,294 SQUARE METRES WERE FOR DOMESTIC AND THE REMAINDER FOR NON-DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

THE COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN THE MONTH WAS \$646.8 MILLION.

ALSO DURING THE MONTH, THE OFFICE ISSUED 52 OCCUPATION PERMITS. ELEVEN OF THESE WERE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, NINE IN KOWLOON AND 32 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ADDITION, THE OFFICE ISSUED 27 DEMOLITION ORDERS AFFECTING 59 BUILDINGS.

DURING THE MONTH, THE CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVED 385 COMPLAINTS REGARDING ILLEGAL BUILDINGS AND ILLEGAL BUILDING WORKS, CARRIED OUT 1,158 INSPECTIONS AND ISSUED 91 REMOVAL ORDERS.

THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS SECTION INSPECTED 364 BUILDINGS AND OBTAINED ONE CLOSURE ORDER.

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NEW TEXTAB MEMBERSHIP
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THE TERMS OF 13 MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING ON THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD (TEXTAB) HAVE BEEN EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR WITH EFFECT FROM APRIL 1 THIS YEAR.

IN ADDITION, FOUR NEW MEMBERS - MR CLEMENT CHEN, MR CHAN WING-KEE, MS LUCY LAU AND DR HARRY LEE - HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO THE BOARD WHILE TWO INCUMBENT MEMBERS - MR NELSON SOUSA AND MR LINCOLN YUNG - WILL RETIRE IN APRIL.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1 WILL BE GAZETTED ON MARCH 31.

THE CHANGE IS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF INJECTING NEW BLOOD INTO ITS ADVISORY BODIES FROM TIME TO TIME.

THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, WHO IS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF TEXTAB, PAID TRIBUTE TO THE OUTGOING MEMBERS FOR THE VALUABLE SERVICE THEY HAVE RENDERED.

MR SOUSA AND MR YUNG HAVE SERVED ON TEXTAB FOR FIVE AND SEVEN YEARS RESPECTIVELY.

ONE OF THE FOUR NEW MEMBERS, MR CLEMENT CHEN (32), IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TAI HING COTTON MILL LTD. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES.

MR CHAN WING-KEE (41), IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF YANGTZEKIANG GARMENT MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

HE IS ALSO MEMBER OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG GARMENT MANUFACTURERS, THE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR INSTITUTE AND THE HONG KONG EXPORTERS' ASSOCIATION.

MS LUCY LAU (37) IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ASIA EXPERT LTD WHILE DR HARRY LEE (45) IS THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF TAL APPAREL LTD. DR LEE IS ALSO MEMBER OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL AND OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TEXTILE AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES.

THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, COMPOSED PREDOMINANTLY OF NON-OFFICIAL MEMBERS, IS CONSULTED ON ALL MATTERS (OTHER THAN LABOUR MATTERS), AFFECTING THE TEXTILES AND GARMENT INDUSTRIES.

THE MEMBERS WHO CURRENTLY SERVE ON THE BOARD AND WHO HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED ARE: MR SAM CHEN, MR CHRISTOPHER CHENG, MR STEPHEN CHEONG, MR FRED K.T. CHIN, MR DAVID CHU, MR WILLIAM FUNG, DR RICHARD LAI, MR STEPHEN LAU, MR FRANK LIN, MR HENRY TANG, MR JAMES TIEN, MISS ELEANOR WONG AND DR JAMES WONG.

THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS COMPRISE THE SECRETARY FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AND THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR DAVID WILSON, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S NEWEST AND LARGEST TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, ON TUESDAY, MARCH 29.

THE INSTITUTE BECAME OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, OFFERING 73 COURSES IN SIX TEACHING DEPARTMENTS - APPLIED SCIENCE, COMMERCIAL STUDIES, COMPUTING STUDIES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, GENERAL STUDIES AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

LOCATED ON A 1.9 HECTARE SITE AND WITH A TOTAL FLOOR AREA OF 21,000 SQUARE METRES, THE INSTITUTE CAN ACCOMMODATE 2,700 STUDENTS AT ANY ONE TIME.

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN, MR CHAN KAM-CHUEN, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MR H.R. KNIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CHAI WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN SHING TAI ROAD, CHAI WAN ON TUESDAY (MARCH 29) AT 2.15 PM. THE INSTITUTE IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF HENG FA CHUEN MTR STATION.

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MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD REPORT PUBLISHED
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THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD HAS PUBLISHED A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON ITS WORK FROM 1985 TO 1988.

THE FULL COLOUR 40-PAGE REPORT ALSO OUTLINES THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AND DESCRIBES THE OPERATIONS OF THE DISTRICT BOARD.

THE REPORT INDICATES THAT THE BOARD HAS SHOWN GREAT CONCERN OVER A WIDE RANGE OF TERRITORY-WIDE POLICIES AND DISTRICT ISSUES.

IT HELD MEETINGS TO DISCUSS, AND REFLECT PUBLIC VIEWS ON, VARIOUS ISSUES CONCERNING TRANSPORT, HOUSING, EDUCATION, POLITICAL REFORMS, AND ON OTHER CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS.

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THE BOARD INITIATED STUDIES ON VARIOUS LOCAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS MULTI-STOREY BUILDING MANAGEMENT, THE PROLIFERATION OF OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS, THE AWARENESS OF CIVIC EDUCATION, COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR YOUTHS, AS WELL AS THE EFFECTS OF VIDEO GAMES CENTRES AND VICE ESTABLISHMENTS.

IT ALSO ALLOCATED FUNDS TO PROVIDE SITTING-OUT AREAS, ORGANISE AND SPONSOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, WIDEN ROADS, AND TO REMOVE ABANDONED SIGNBOARDS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT AND LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

IN HIS FOREWORD TO THE REPORT, MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI, SAID THE REPORT WOULD ENABLE RESIDENTS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARD AND THE EFFORTS OF ITS MEMBERS.

THIS WOULD HELP AROUSE THEIR INTEREST IN SUPPORTING THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SCHEME AS WELL AS IN TAKING PART IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS.

"ALTHOUGH THE BOARD HAS PUT IN A GREAT DEAL OF EFFORT, SUCH PROBLEMS AS VICE ESTABLISHMENTS, THE INADEQUACY OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES, HAWKER NUISANCES AND POOR BUILDING MANAGEMENT HAVE REMAINED UNSOLVED.

"I HOPE THE NEW BOARD WILL CARRY ON THE WORK TO BRING A SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS," HE NOTED.

MR CHOW ALSO THANKED THOSE LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAD ASSISTED IN THE BOARD'S WORK.

COPIES OF THE REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS' ORGANISATIONS, COMMUNITY BODIES AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES FOR REFERENCE.

FREE COPIES CAN BE OBTAINED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY COUNTERS OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE AT 157 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD OR ITS TAI KOK TSUI BRANCH OFFICE AT 85 IVY STREET.

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FIVE SCHOOLS TO BE BUILT IN NT

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MEET INCREASING LOCAL DEMAND.

TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE BUILT IN AREAS 92 AND 103, MA ON SHAN AND THE OTHER TWO AT MEI LAM ESTATE, SHA TIN.

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EACH SCHOOL WILL HAVE 24 CLASSROOMS, 12 SPECIAL CLASSROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND A BASKETBALL COURT.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOLS IS DUE TO START IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT 14 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

AT THE SAME TIME, A STANDARD PRIMARY SCHOOL IS TO BE BUILT IN YUEN LONG.

SITUATED AT FUNG KAM STREET, THE SCHOOL WILL CONSIST OF 24 CLASSROOMS, THREE SPECIAL ROOMS, AN ASSEMBLY HALL AND A BASKETBALL COURT.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MAY AND BE COMPLETED IN JUNE NEXT YEAR.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF TENDERS IS NOON ON APRIL 15.

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CENTRALISED SCHEME OF MUSIC TRAINING FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL AGAIN OFFER THREE MUSIC TRAINING COURSES IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR UNDER THE CENTRALISED SCHEME OF MUSIC TRAINING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS SUBJECT IN THEIR SENIOR SECONDARY AND SIXTH FORM STUDIES.

STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN SECONDARY THREE ARE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR THE TWO-YEAR CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION MUSIC COURSE WHICH FOLLOWS THE SYLLABUS REQUIREMENTS OF THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN MUSIC.

THE ONE-YEAR HIGHER LEVEL MUSIC COURSE AND THE TWO-YEAR ADVANCED LEVEL MUSIC COURSE WHICH FOLLOW THE SYLLABUS REQUIREMENTS OF THE HIGHER LEVEL AND ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATIONS IN MUSIC RESPECTIVELY ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERING SIXTH FORM IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY MORNINGS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR AND AN ADDITIONAL SESSION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A WEEKDAY AFTER SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED LEVEL CLASSES AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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NO FEES WILL BE CHARGED BUT STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COURSES ARE EXPECTED TO PURCHASE PRESCRIBED STUDY SCORES AND RELATED RECORDINGS FOR PRIVATE STUDY.

SCHOOL HEADS ARE REQUESTED TO MAKE NOMINATIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH THEIR MUSIC TEACHERS.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

MORE THAN 240 SENIOR SECONDARY STUDENTS ARE NOW ATTENDING COURSES UNDER THE CENTRALISED SCHEME FOR MUSIC TRAINING.

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REMINDER ON CHING MING HOLIDAY

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CHING MING FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, IS ONE OF THE 11 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS.

UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL WORKERS AND THOSE NON-MANUAL WORKERS EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$11,500 A MONTH ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO AN EMPLOYEE'S EARNINGS ON A NORMAL WORKING DAY AND SHOULD INCLUDE BASIC WAGES AS WELL AS ALLOWANCES THAT CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MONEY TERMS SUCH AS MEALS AND COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCES.

WHERE THE EARNINGS VARY FROM DAY-TO-DAY, HOLIDAY PAY SHOULD BE THE AVERAGE DAILY EARNINGS DURING EVERY COMPLETE WAGE PERIOD, WHICH COULD BE BETWEEN 28 DAYS AND 31 DAYS PRECEDING THE HOLIDAY.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE AT ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND

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TO FACILITATE TRAM TRACK RENEWAL WORK AT THE SHAU KEI WAN TRAM TERMINUS, A NUMBER OF ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE TEMPORARILY DESIGNATED 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY URBAN CLEARWAYS FROM 10 AM ON MARCH 29 (TUESDAY) TO APRIL 4.

THE ROAD SECTIONS ARE:

- * FACTORY STREET BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST AND WANG WA STREET;
- * WANG WA STREET BETWEEN FACTORY STREET AND KAM WA STREET; AND
- * KAM WA STREET BETWEEN WANG WA STREET AND SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST.

NO VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP WITHIN THE ABOVE URBAN CLEARWAYS FOR GOODS OR PASSENGERS.

AT THE SAME TIME, VEHICLES ON SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST NORTHBOUND HEADING FOR A KUNG NGAM ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA FACTORY STREET, WANG WA STREET AND KAM WA STREET.

THE DIVERSION WILL BE IN FORCE UNTIL 10 AM ON APRIL 5.

MEANWHILE, HORNSEY ROAD IN MID-LEVELS WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES BETWEEN 8 AM AND 6 PM DAILY FROM MARCH 29 FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK BECAUSE OF DRAINAGE WORK.

VEHICLES HEADING FOR CONDUIT ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED VIA ROBINSON ROAD.

IN CENTRAL, EDINBURGH PLACE NORTH BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND HMS TAMAR WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FROM 7 AM ON THE SAME DAY TO 6 PM ON MARCH 31 TO FACILITATE A HELICOPTER DISPLAY.

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