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APRIL LABOUR VIOLATIONS COST \$720 000
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OF THE 670 PROSECUTIONS TAKEN OUT IN APRIL THIS YEAR BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOR BREACHES OF LABOUR LEGISLATION, 653 CASES RESULTED IN CONVICTION WITH FINES TOTALLING MORE THAN \$720 000.

MOST OF THE CASES CONCERNED BREACHES OF THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS ORDINANCE AND ITS VARIOUS REGULATIONS, THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE AND THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS (INDUSTRY) REGULATIONS.

THREE HUNDRED AND FOUR CASES WERE FOR VIOLATIONS OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS, RESULTING IN FINES TOTALLING \$497 000. THESE INCLUDED 122 CASES FOR BREACH OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS WITH FINES TOTALLING \$285 860.

OFFENCES IN CONNECTION WITH EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS ACCOUNTED FOR 288 CASES, WITH \$174 225 IN FINES.

OF THE OTHER PROSECUTIONS, 16 CASES RELATED TO FAILURE TO KEEP EMPLOYEE RECORDS, LEADING TO \$13 150 IN FINES.

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DORWARD OPENS PRODUCT DESIGN SEMINAR
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THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, MR BILL DORWARD, TODAY (TUESDAY) STRESSED THE NEED FOR TALENTED ASIAN DESIGNERS TO USE AND ADAPT THEIR HERITAGE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE ASIAN SEMINAR ON PRODUCT DESIGN, MR DORWARD ASKED WHETHER WE HAD DONE ENOUGH TO CAPITALISE ON THE COLOUR AND EXCITEMENT AND STIMULATION THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VISUAL ARTS OF ASIA.

+DO WE GIVE OUR DESIGNERS ENOUGH CHANCE TO DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THAT SOURCE, AND BLEND IT WITH MODERN SKILLS TO PROJECT THE KIND OF IMAGINATIVE AND FANCIFUL IMAGE WHICH WOULD STIMULATE THE SALE OF OUR GOODS IN THE MAJOR MARKETS OF THE WEST?+ HE QUESTIONED.

OUTSIDE OF WHAT COULD BE CALLED TRADITIONAL PRODUCTS, INDUSTRIES IN MANY PARTS OF ASIA - CERTAINLY IN HONG KONG - SELL PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY RATHER THAN PRODUCTS.

+HOW DESIRABLE AND HOW REALISTIC IS IT TO TRY TO WEAN THEM AWAY FROM MAKING MAINLY TO THEIR BUYERS' DESIGNS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO SPEND MONEY ON DEVELOPING AND MARKETING THEIR OWN?+ HE ASKED.

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PROVIDING HIS AUDIENCE WITH MORE THOUGHT-PROVOKING QUESTIONS, MR DORWARD TURNED TO THE ORIGIN OF DESIGNS. +IF THE INDUSTRIALIST IS CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR NEW AND BETTER PRODUCT DESIGN AND PACKAGING, HOW DO YOU PERSUADE HIM TO USE HOME GROWN TALENT RATHER THAN BUYING IT FROM LONDON OR NEW YORK OR ZURICH?+ HE QUERIED.

ORGANISED BY THE ASIAN PRODUCTIVITY ORGANISATION (APO), THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL DESIGN COUNCIL AND THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, THE TWO-WEEK SEMINAR IS BEING HELD AT THE NEW WORLD HOTEL.

THE OBJECTIVE IS TO ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES OF APO IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE THE INDUSTRIAL DESIGN PROFESSION BY ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN PROMOTION, EDUCATION, PROTECTION AND CO-OPERATION.

TWENTY-TWO PARTICIPANTS FROM 11 APO MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE ATTENDING THE SEMINAR. JAPANESE DESIGN EXPERT, PROFESSOR M. YOSHIOKA, HEAD OF THE PRODUCT DESIGN SECTION OF TSUKUBA UNIVERSITY, LEADS THE DISCUSSIONS.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO OPERATE CANTEENS FOR WORKERS

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TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM LOCAL FACTORY OWNERS TO MODIFY THEIR LEASES TO ENABLE WORKERS' CANTEENS TO BE OPERATED.

MANY FACTORIES IN TSUEN WAN ALREADY RUN CANTEENS FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES, ALTHOUGH THEIR LEASES DO NOT CONTAIN SUCH PROVISION.

STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAVE VISITED 100 FACTORIES SINCE FEBRUARY LOOKING AT THEIR CANTEEN OPERATIONS AS PART OF ROUTINE LEASE ENFORCEMENT ACTION.

IN 12 CASES WHERE FAILURE EITHER TO MEET THE CRITERIA FOR OPERATING FACTORY CANTEENS OR TO APPLY FOR LEASE MODIFICATION HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, ACTION TO ENFORCE LEASE CONDITIONS HAS BEEN TAKEN. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN FIVE OUTRIGHT REJECTIONS.

TO DATE, 11 APPLICATIONS TO MODIFY LEASES HAVE BEEN APPROVED AND 31 ARE BEING PROCESSED.

THE CHIEF ESTATE SURVEYOR OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR C.M. MO, SAID FACTORY CANTEENS WERE A MUCH-NEEDED SERVICE FOR WORKERS.

+IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF FACTORY OPERATORS IN ANY INDUSTRIAL BUILDING TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE HYGIENIC EATING FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR THEIR WORKFORCE,+ HE SAID.

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+ON THE WHOLE, THE LOCAL SITUATION IS QUITE PROMISING. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR VISITS TO FACTORY CANTEENS TO ENCOURAGE MORE LANDLORDS TO COME FORWARD AND APPLY FOR LEASE MODIFICATION WHERE REQUIRED,+ HE SAID.

FACTORY CANTEENS SHOULD NOT BE IN AREAS SET ASIDE UNDER THE LEASE CONDITIONS FOR ACCESS, PARKING, LOADING OR UNLOADING OF VEHICLES- THEY SHOULD NOT HAVE AN EXCLUSIVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE STREET EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY USE SINCE CANTEENS ARE INTENDED TO CATER FOR EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE SAME BUILDING- AND THE FLOOR AREA OF THE CANTEEN SHOULD NOT EXCEED 10 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL GROSS FLOOR AREA OF THE FACTORY PREMISES.

FACTORY CANTEENS WHICH COMPLY WITH THESE CONDITIONS ARE ISSUED WITH A 'NO OBJECTION' LETTER AND LICENSED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR MO REMINDED FACTORY LANDLORDS THAT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY, NOT THAT OF FACTORY OPERATORS, TO APPLY FOR LEASE MODIFICATION.

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HONG KONG STUDENTS EXCEL IN EXTERNAL EXAMS
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FOUR STUDENTS TAKING COMMERCIAL SUBJECTS IN MORRISON HILL AND KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HAVE SCORED TOP MARKS IN THE LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY EXAMINATIONS.

THEY HAVE BEEN AWARDED MEDALLIONS BY THE CHAMBER FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE 1980 SPRING/SUMMER EXAMINATIONS.

MISS TAN CHO-WAI OF KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CAME FIRST IN THE WORLD-WIDE EXAMINATION FOR HIGHER STAGE ACCOUNTING IN THE SPRING EXAMINATION WHILE A FELLOW STUDENT MISS CHUI KWOK-CHING TOOK SECOND PLACE IN INTERMEDIATE STAGE BOOK-KEEPING IN THE SUMMER EXAMINATION.

TWO STUDENTS IN MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HAVE ALSO ACHIEVED GOOD RESULTS IN THE SPRING EXAMINATION.

MR WONG FU-MAN HAS BEEN AWARDED FIRST PLACE IN THE HONG KONG REGION IN HIGHER STAGE COSTING- AND MISS LEUNG SAU-SHAN CAME SECOND IN THE HONG KONG REGION IN HIGHER STAGE ACCOUNTING.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR, AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON LY MINH ON MARCH 19, 1980 SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

LY WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF GAHLEB TEYFOUR, A SYRIAN, IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON JUNE 27, 1979.

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