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RESETTLEMENT ESTATE FOR AP LEI CHAU

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The Government is to spend $49 million on a new resettlement estate on Ap Lei Chau, near Aberdeen.

The estate will house some 21,600 people in the latest Mark VII type accommodation. It is due for completion in 1976.

The project will comprise four 20-storey and two seven-storey blocks with individual cooking facilities and toilets.

The Mark VII design, which has been adopted for all future resettlement estates, has additional space for recreational purposes and amenities.

There will be two primary schools, one kindergarten, a clinic and a combined welfare and community hall. Tenants in the estate will also be served by a modular market, two restaurants and cafes, a post office and a bank.

More than three acres will be reserved for local recreational areas.

The Ap Lei Chau estate has been upgraded to category A of the public works programme and work is expected to start some time next year.

Plans for linking Ap Lei Chau and Aberdeen by a bridge are also under consideration.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH EDUCATION AMONG YOUTH

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The Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr. G.H. Choa, today urged young people entering the teaching profession to help the medical authorities promote health in the community by playing an active part in propagating health education.

He was speaking at the annual speech day of the Grantham College of Education.

He told the graduates that in his opinion, health education in schools should be based on the health needs and interests of children and youth -- normally met by the home, the community, and the school working in co-operation.

Dr. Choa divided these needs and interests into two categories -- physical needs, and mental and emotional needs.

Of the first, he said they include adequate nutrition, a healthy environment, rest and sleep, suitable physical activity, protection from disease, and appropriate medical and dental care.

To meet the mental and emotional needs, a child should feel that he is wanted, understood, accepted and respected as a person, and is in effect a member of his family, school and community.

"The teacher should know that good health contributes to happy living and effective learning, while basic health habits and attitudes are formed during the period of childhood and youth," he said.

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Dr. Choa reminded the graduates, who would be going as teachers into Government schools, that in their daily contacts with their pupils, they would have opportunities to notice early changes in the health and vivacity of their charges, so that, from this point of view, their roles were obviously important. For example, a teacher would be in a position to be suspicious of defective eye sight or even heart disease among his pupils, because of poor performance in the classroom or in the playground.

Dr. Choa said he thought it was important that future teachers should know something about infection, immunity and communicable disease control.

"It is clearly the teacher's job to help the health workers to ensure and verify that BCG for tuberculosis, smallpox vaccination and immunisation against whooping cough, diptheria, tetanus, poliomyelitis and measles, have taken place," Dr. Choa said.

He gave credit to the co-operation from parents that had enabled the Department to achieve success in controlling infectious diseases in Hong Kong.

Dr. Choa also stressed the need for teachers to assist the authorities to spread news of the importance of environmental and personal hygiene because of the danger that lack of proper appreciation of hygiene could lead to cholera, dysentery and typhoid fever.

He recommended that instructions such as keeping the hands clean, protecting food and water, and keeping the garbage bin closed, be continuously given to the young in a language that they could easily understand.

Keeping the city clean was a slogan which they should learn not only early but also remember for the rest of their lives.

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GOVERNMENT QUARTERS FOR JUNIOR STAFF IN TAI PO

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Two five-storey blocks are to be built in Tai Po to house junior staff of the government working in the area.

The site on which the buildings will stand has been reclaimed from the sea next to the existing Plover Cove Village resettlement blocks.

Site formation and piling were completed last month and the main pant of the work is expected to begin in September.

The new staff quarters will contain 91 units of various sizes, a children's play area, an open-air car park and a turfed flower bed.

The project, which will cost the Government some $1.5 million is expected to be completed by the end of 1973.

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GOVERNOR TOURS SHA TIN

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The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, today visited Sha Tin in the New Territories seeing for himself the works now in progress there to transform the market township into an important commercial and industrial centre.

During his tour, Sir Murray inspected sites for government and private housing projects, as well as for community facilities, and was briefed on the development that has been taking place.

The satellite town is now undergoing rapid development under Phase 1, Stage 1 of the Sha Tin New Town Development Scheme which will provide about 100 acres of reclaimed land with roads and services for commercial, industrial and residential needs.

Accommodation for 35,000 people in both government and private housing schemes will be provided on the reclamation.

The Governor was accompanied on his tour by the District Commissioner, New Territories, Mr. D.C. Bray; the District Officer, Tai Po, Mr. H.S. Grewal; the Chief Engineer, Development and Airport Division of the Public Works Department, Mr. Ng Teck-sheng; and the Senior Planning Officer (N.T.) of the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Dr. E.G. Pryor.

He began his visit at 2.30 p.m. and went to the Development and Airport site office for a briefing before touring the area.

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Following the Sha Tin visit, the Governor went to the Outward Bound School near Sai Kung.

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Note to editors: Copies of pictures showing the Governor during today's visits are available for collection in the G.I.S. Press room at 8 p.m.

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NEW JURY LIST POSTED

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A list of new jurors is to be posted in the Supreme Court from next Monday (July 24).

The list, containing about 700 names, will remain posted 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 of the Supreme Court building.

At the beginning of June the common jury list contained some 27,900 names.

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ESTATE RESTAURANT OUTSIDE SEATING PERMIT CANCELLED

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The Resettlement Department has cancelled the outside seating permit of one of the largest estate restaurants when its operator ignored repeated warnings to abide by the permit conditions.

The restaurant is situated in Wong Tai Sin and occupies 10 shop spaces.

The outside seating extension is completely enclosed by aluminium gates and no pedestrians can walk through. One of the conditions said there should be no enclosures and pedestrian thoroughfare must be maintained.

At the same time, the operator was using the rear extension for cooking when the permit stipulated that it should be used for outside seating.

The first written warning was sent to the restaurant three months ago and this, and another letter a month later, were both ignored.

A visit was then made by a senior staff member of the Resettlement Department who explained that the department was determined to clear the estates of all obstructions which were causing health and cleansing problems, and to end this constant abuse of outside seating permit conditions.

The department has received many complaints from estate tenants that these illegal enclosures by the restaurant operators are creating a lot of nuisance and they want the department to take action.

The operator of the Wong Tai Sin restaurant has now been given one week to clear all his seating equipment outside the restaurant. If he fails to do so his tenancy will be terminated.

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AVOIDING ACCIDENTS ON BUILDING SITES

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The Labour Department announced today that 362 workers were injured and seven were killed while working on building construction sites in June.

Of this number, 71 were injured while handling material without the aid of machinery.

The Industrial Safety Training Officer of the Labour Department, Mr. A.H. Carter said today that many of the injuries could have been avoided if workers were taught the correct methods of lifting and handling.

He emphasised that it was not enough to protect workers by legislation or by requiring them to wear special protective clothing.

"Safe methods of work lie completely in the hands of workers and it is, therefore necessary that they be trained and educated in order to reduce the number of accidents caused by adopting incorrect working methods."

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20 DISABLED PEOPLE FOUND WORK

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Twenty disabled were found jobs by the Social Welfare Department's Liaison and Placement Unit during June.

Of the total, 16 were crippled, three deaf, one had just recovered from mental illness, and one was slightly retarded.

The jobs ranged from telephone operator to work in textile firms.

Mr. Paul Leung, Officer in charge of the Liaison and Placement Unit, says the June placements were affected by the bad weather and rainstorm disaster, and as a result completion of certain placements were held up.

He urged the disabled seeking employment to get in touch with the Unit in the World Rehabilitation Fund Day Centre in Kwun Tong, or its sub-office in the Causeway Bay Magistracy Building, Hong Kong.

They can do this directly, or through various welfare organisations and the medical social workers of hospitals.

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RALLY FOR 1,000 YOUTHS

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More than 1,000 youths will take part in a Civil Aid Services Cadets Day to be held at the C.A.S. Kowloon Training Centre on Sunday, (July 23).

The day's events will include games, magic shows, drama and folk dance performances. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the rally.

A C.A.S. spokesman said the events were designed to develop the talents of the boys, to test their organising and conducting abilities and to promote a sense of brotherhood.

The Commissioner of Civil Aid Services, Mr. P.C. Woo, will officiate at the opening ceremony and the Deputy Commissioner, Mr. R.H. Lobo, will present the prizes.

The rally begins at 9 a.m. and continues until 1 p.m.

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Note to Editors: You are welcome to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the events, which will be held at the C.A.S. Kowloon Training Centre, 204 Argyle Street, Kowloon.

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LAW GOVERNING POWERS OF ATTORNEY TO BE SIMPLIFIED

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Provisions to simplify the law governing powers of attorney have been included in a bill to be introduced into the Legislative Council shortly.

This bill, the Powers of Attorney Bill 1972, is modelled on the United Kingdom Powers of Attorney Act 1971, which is itself based on a report in 1970 of the English Law Commission on Powers of Attorney.

The bill covers the manner in which a power of attorney may be executed by or on behalf of the donor and it also simplifies the manner in which the contents of a power of attorney may be proved.

It contains a short form of power of attorney which may be used to confer authority to do anything which the donor could lawfully do by an attorney.

A Government spokesman said today powers of attorney are governed partly by statute and partly by common law.

"Consolidation in one ordinance should prove a convenience to those who have occasion to draft powers of attorney," he said.

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BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS

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The Building Authority today declared Nos. 7 and 8 Ladder Street Terrace, Hong Kong to be in a dangerous condition.

The Principal Government Building Surveyor said that in the course of routine inspection, it was found that the load bearing brick and masonry walls of these two buildings were extensively fractured.

No. 7 is a three storey pre-war domestic building and the party wall separating it from No. 8 showed signs of recent movement. No. 8, which is a two storey domestic building reconstructed in 1952, showed signs of failure of the bearing of the reinforced concrete beams supporting the first floor and roof.

Although both of these buildings are extensively shored, there is a risk of collapse and notices of intention to apply for Closure Orders in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on August 23, 1972 were posted today.

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Release Time: 6.30 p.m.