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NEW DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION

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Mr. R.E. Downing will succeed Mr. T.R. Thomson as Director of Civil Aviation. Mr. Thomson will proceed on pre-retirement leave early next month.

Mr. Downing's promotion has been approved by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Aged 49, Mr. Downing served in the Royal Air Force from 1943 to 1947.

He arrived in Hong Kong in December 1947 on appointment as Air Traffic Control Officer and was promoted to Assistant Director in December 1965.

He acted as Director of Civil Aviation on numerous occasions and represented the department at the meeting of Directors of Civil Aviation at New Delhi in 1970.

He also represented the Government at international meetings including technical meetings of the International Civil Aviation Organization and Air Services negotiations with neighbouring countries.

Mr. Downing is married with three children.

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NEW TOWN PLAN FOR WANG TAU HOM AND TUNG TAU

Future Population Estimated At 317,000

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The Town Planning Board today published a draft outline zoning plan for Wang Tau Hom and Tung Tau which envisages a population of about 317,000 on full development.

The object of the plan is to provide a land use pattern and major road framework within which the use and development of land may be legally controlled. Most of the land in the planning area has already been developed or is being developed.

The draft plan covers an area of 469 acres.

A total of 153 acres has been zoned for residential purposes. This includes the existing Lok Fu, Wang Tau Hom, Tung Tau, Wong Tai Sin estates, the Kaitak Housing Society estate, the proposed Tung Tau Tsuen Road Public Housing Estate and private residential development west of Junction Road.

Most of the 33 acres of land zoned for commercial/residential use is already developed. One new area zoned for this purpose is located to the south-east of Lok Sin Road.

Open space, including the existing Morse Park and Lion Rock Park, covers a total of some 100 acres. Areas zoned for this purpose are evenly distributed to provide centres of recreation within walking distance of the residential zones.

A large area located to the west of Fu Mei Street and an area to the north of Lung Cheung Road, which will serve as an extension to the Lion Rock Park, are zoned for this purpose.

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Another 52 acres have been earmarked for Government, institution and community uses, such as schools, clinics and markets. Two sites adjoining the Wang Tau Hom and Tung Tau Estates have been reserved for community centres. A site for a Civic Centre is located to the west of Tung Tau Tsuen Road.

New Schools, a bus terminus, car parks and other ancillary facilities will be provided on a site to the north of Lung Cheung Road.

A green belt, covering an area of 43 acres, comprises the hillside to the north of Lung Cheung Road. This area is mainly steep hillside but Government, institutional and community uses as well as open space development may be permitted on selected sites.

Road junctions and alignments and boundaries between zones may be subject to minor alterations when detailed planning proceeds.

The draft plan for the area, published in the Government Gazette today, will be exhibited for two months until June 26 at the Public Enquiry Centre, Central Government Offices (West Wing), Hong Kong; at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, Nathan Road; and at the City District Offices in Kowloon City and Wong Tai Sin.

Any person who has objections to anything appearing in the plan may write to the Secretary of the Town Planning Board. He must set out the reasons for his objections and suggest any amendment to the plan that would remove them.

Copies of the draft plan and explanatory statement are available at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Murray Building, at \$3 each uncoloured and \$25 each coloured.

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PRISON DEPARTMENT PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE AT SIU LAM

New Bill Widens Category Of People To Be Admitted

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Amending legislation is to be introduced shortly to enable a wider category of mentally unstable persons to be admitted to the Prisons Department Psychiatric Centre at Siu Lam for detention, observation or specialist treatment.

The Centre was set up in November last year as a permanent institution to replace the temporary Psychiatric Observation Unit at the Victoria Remand Centre and is at present in use for the observation and treatment of people admitted to prison.

The aim of the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill 1973, published in the Gazette today for general information, is to allow those who presently may be admitted to a mental hospital under certain sections of the Mental Health Ordinance and the Criminal Procedure Ordinance.

These include:

- \* Convicted persons, or persons against whom the facts of an offence punishable by imprisonment have been proved.
- \* Persons remanded under the Mental Health Ordinance to a prison or mental hospital for observation, investigation or treatment.
- \* Persons remanded in custody by a court who, at the time of remand, showed no sign of mental disorder, but while in custody develop signs of mental disorder.
- \* Accused persons in respect of whom a special verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity or a finding of disability has been returned.

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- \* Convicted persons in respect of whom, in the opinion of the Full Court on appeal to it, a verdict of not guilty by reasons of insanity or a finding of disability should have been returned.
- \* Persons in respect of whom a verdict of not guilty by reason of insanity has been returned, but in the opinion of the Full Court on appeal to it, a finding of disability should have been returned, and
- \* Those presently detained in a mental hospital under the Health Ordinance or under the Criminal Procedure Ordinance.

Women and persons of either sex under the age of 14 who are suffering from mental disorder will not be admitted to the new Centre; neither will convicted persons who suffer from mental disorder but who have been acquitted by the Full Court on appeal.

Under the Bill, a hospital order will be sufficient authority for the Commissioner of Prisons to admit a person to whom the order relates to the new Centre.

Persons admitted to the Centre would be treated as if they were being legally confined in prison but their discharge from the Centre would require the prior consent of the Governor.

While in the Centre, they would not be granted any leave of absence.

The Bill also incorporates a new clause which empowers a court or magistrate to authorise the detention in the Centre of a person who is in custody awaiting trial, if it is proved that he is mentally unsound.

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GOVERNOR PRESENTS DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

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The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, presented the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Awards to 18 young people at Government House this (Friday) evening.

The recipients comprised seven girls and eleven boys.

Two other girls who have completed their Gold Award requirements are now studying at the International Christian University of Tokyo and are unable to attend the presentation ceremony.

Another girl who has also completed her work at Gold Award level is at present studying in London University. She will receive her Gold Award at the Buckingham Palace next month.

The much coveted Gold Award is the highest award in the Scheme.

The main aim of the Scheme is to provide young men and women over 16 years of age with opportunities to occupy their leisure time in a meaningful and purposful manner.

However, the age limit has been extended since January this year by the Duke and his Co-Trustees so as to allow more young people to take part in the Scheme.

The latest date for entry into all Awards of the Scheme is now the 23rd birthday of a candidate and he will have to complete the Award requirements by his 25th birthday.

Candidates for the three levels of Awards - Bronze, Silver and Gold - have to undergo a series of exercises according to the standards set in the Scheme, before they can qualify for the Awards.

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NEW REGULATIONS TO ENSURE GREATER SAFETY

For Workers In Confined Spaces

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Details of new regulations to ensure greater safety for those required to work in confined spaces were published in the Gazette today following approval by the Legislative Council on Wednesday.

The regulations, entitled the Factories and Industrial Undertakings (Confined Spaces) Regulations 1973, prescribe certain safety measures to be observed by both proprietors and workers.

The Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Mr. David Lin, said that working in confined spaces such as wells, pits, and tunnels was hazardous because workers were known to have been overcome by dangerous fumes in such places.

He said that during the period from January 1968 to February 1973, officers of the Labour Department had investigated 16 such accidents in which 14 workers were killed.

"Had sufficient precautionary measures been taken, such as those prescribed in the present regulations, the number of such sad accidents might have been reduced, if not totally avoided," he said.

Under the regulations, every confined space in an industrial undertaking, unless there are other exits, must be provided with a manhole of adequate size.

Anyone entering a confined space must be authorised by the proprietor and must wear an approved breathing apparatus. Where practicable, he should also wear a belt with a rope securely attached.

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These requirements do not apply if a confined space has been certified safe for entry without breathing apparatus by the proprietor who, before making such a certification, must take steps to test for, and to prevent, the presence of dangerous fumes.

Proprietors are also required to keep a sufficient supply of approved breathing apparatus, suitable reviving apparatus, vessels containing oxygen, belts and ropes.

The regulations will come into effect in six months.

"This is to allow sufficient time for proprietors to make alterations, where necessary, to the manholes in their industrial establishments so as to comply with the requirements of the law," Mr. Lin said.

Contravention of the regulations will result in fines up to \$2,000 for proprietors and \$500 for any person other than proprietor.

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S.S.E.E. EXAMINATION

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Commenting on the statement by the three Church Leaders, a Government spokesman said that the Government fully supported their stand. In confirming that preliminary discussions had been held with the Church Leaders on the pay issue, the Government spokesman said that the Government was not prepared to continue with the discussions unless the boycott was renounced and the S.S.E.E. held in proper conditions. "The children's interests in this matter must be paramount," he said, "the future education of some 85,000 children could be at stake. It is therefore vitally important to their interest that the examination should be held in proper conditions."

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\$1 MILLION GRANT FOR SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club has made a generous grant of more than one million dollars for this year's summer youth activities.

Speaking at a reception this (Friday) afternoon, the Chairman of the Central Co-ordinating Committee for Youth Recreation, Mr. P.B. Williams, said this sum of money has enabled the Committee to recommend a sizable percentage of the financial requirements necessary for the organisation of the programme.

Mr. Williams said that publicity arrangements this year are intended to reach young people from all walks of life.

Besides regular publicity through press releases, films, radio slogans, stickers and advertisements, a special booklet will be prepared to enable youngsters to locate the youth centres within their own district and join in the activities of their choice.

A specially equipped mobile team will also visit industrial areas to give out information of the programme to young factory workers.

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