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78 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 78 NEW BUILDING PLANS LAST (APRIL) MONTH, COMPARED WITH 47 IN THE SAME MONTH LAST YEAR.

OF THESE, 35 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 24 FOR KOWLOON AND 19 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR TWO HOTELS ON THE ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON, A HOSPITAL AND NURSES' QUARTERS IN WATERLOO ROAD, AN ELECTRIC SUB-STATION IN YAU MA TEI, A HOLIDAY CAMP IN PAK TAM CHUNG, SAI KUNG AND A YMCA CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING THE MONTH WAS \$76.96 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$253.23 MILLION LAST YEAR.

THE TOTAL USABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED LAST MONTH AMOUNTED TO 72,883.3 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 52,897.4 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 19,985.9 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO START ON 44 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS, INCLUDING A CHURCH AT THE JUNCTION OF GRAMPAN ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET, A SCHOOL IN PUI CHING ROAD AND A NUMBER OF APARTMENT-COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID 32 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION DURING THE MONTH, INCLUDING A LECTURE HALL COMPLEX FOR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, A HONG KONG HOUSING SOCIETY HOUSING ESTATE BLOCK IN KWAI CHUNG AND A DORMITORY ON LANTAU ISLAND.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ALSO CONSENTED TO THE DEMOLITION OF 49 BUILDINGS.

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3,954 APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACTS REGISTERED IN 1978

THE APPRENTICESHIP DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT REGISTERED 3,954 APPRENTICESHIP CONTRACTS LAST YEAR, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE FIGURE REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 1,780 CONTRACTS OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND 2,452 MORE CONTRACTS THAN THOSE IN 1976 WHEN THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE WAS FIRST ENACTED TO PROMOTE APPRENTICE TRAINING.

OF THESE CONTRACTS, 3,500 WERE IN DESIGNATED TRADES AND 454 IN NON-DESIGNATED TRADES. OF THE 3,954 APPRENTICES, 3,738 WERE ENGAGED IN CRAFT-MAKING AND 216 WERE TECHNICIAN APPRENTICES.

LAST YEAR, THE APPRENTICESHIP INSPECTORATE CARRIED OUT A SERIES OF ROUTINE INSPECTIONS OF EMPLOYERS OF ALL REGISTERED APPRENTICES TO ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE TRAINING WAS PROVIDED.

+WHERE NECESSARY, THE INSPECTORS ALSO ASSISTED IN THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMMES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

INSPECTIONS WERE ALSO CONDUCTED TO CHECK WHETHER YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN DESIGNATED TRADES WERE WITHOUT VALID CONTRACTS OF APPRENTICESHIP, HE ADDED.

TWO OFFICES WERE SET UP IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND KWAI CHUNG LAST YEAR AS PART OF A CONTINUING EFFORT TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE. ANOTHER OFFICE AT KWUN TONG CAME INTO OPERATION THIS MARCH BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF OFFICES TO FIVE.

+THIS IS TO CATER FOR EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES IN NEIGHBOURING INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, THE TRAINING COUNCIL DIVISION ALSO ASSISTED SOME 210 ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES TO EITHER START OR RE-ORGANISE TRAINING SCHEME ALONG THE LINES OF AN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE DIVISION.

THE SCHEME INCLUDES BOTH PRACTICAL ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND COMPLEMENTARY RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION ON A DAY-RELEASE BASIS.

DURING 1978, 280 TECHNICIANS AND 1,600 CRAFT APPRENTICES WERE PLACED IN THIS SCHEME IN 396 ESTABLISHMENTS IN BOTH DESIGNATED AND NON-DESIGNATED TRADES.

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TWO NEW DRAGON BOATS FOR TAI PO RACES
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TWO NEW DRAGON BOATS SPECIALLY BUILT FOR THIS YEAR'S DRAGON BOAT RACES IN TAI PO WERE BROUGHT OUT FROM THEIR SHELTERS AND 'ACTIVATED' IN A TRADITIONAL CHINESE CEREMONY TODAY (SATURDAY).

GIVING THEM THE TOUCH OF +LIFE+ BY DOTTING THEIR EYES WERE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES AND THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. TED NICHOLS.

THEY WERE ASSISTED BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER JOHNSON AND THE HEUNG YEE KUK CHAIRMAN, MR. STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEUNG IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT DRAGON BOAT RACE COMMITTEE.

THE EYE-DOTTING CEREMONY WAS HELD AT THE TAI WONG YEH TEMPLE IN YUEN CHAU TSAI.

THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL THIS YEAR FALLS ON WEDNESDAY.

A TOTAL OF 36 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART IN THE TAI PO RACES WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO DRAW SOME 30,000 SPECTATORS.

THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ROY REDGRAVE WILL OFFICIATE AT THE RACES AND PRESENT TROPHIES AND PRIZES TO WINNING TEAMS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF MODY ROAD
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT MODY ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR FOUR WEEKS FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY.

THIS IS TO FACILITATE REINSTATEMENT OF THE CARRIAGEWAY AFFECTED BY MTR WORKS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE CLOSURE.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. ON TUESDAY.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

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RESTRICTED ACCESS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING JORDAN PATH EXCEPT FOR LOCAL TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUTS

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MAGAZINE GAP AND CAUSEWAY BAY WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN MAGAZINE GAP, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ROSMEAD ROAD, WATFORD ROAD, GUILDFORD ROAD, COOMBE ROAD, MIDDLE GAP ROAD, CAMERON ROAD, MOST OF THE HOUSES AT 21-50 MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, HOUSE NOS. 52, 54, 56 PEAK ROAD AND 1-3 BARKER ROAD.

IN CAUSEWAY BAY, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY NOS. 2-36 KING'S ROAD, DRAGON ROAD, DRAGON TERRACE, TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD AND NEW EASTERN TERRACE.

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