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CODE OF PRACTICE FOR SALE OF TEXTBOOKS

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY ISSUED A CODE OF PRACTICE TO ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS CONCERNING THE SALE OF TEXTBOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS, UNIFORMS, STATIONERY, EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS, IN AN ALL-OUT EFFORT TO STOP PROFITEERING AND MALPRACTICES.

+I STRONGLY DISAPPROVE OF THESE IRREGULARITIES AND SHARE THE CONSUMER COUNCIL'S VIEWS IN THIS MATTER,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID IN A CIRCULAR TO HEADS OF SCHOOLS.

THE CODE OF PRACTICE IS TO ASSIST THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES IN FOLLOWING AGREED STANDARD PROCEDURES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO A GREATER CONTROL OF THE COSTS BORNE BY PARENTS AS WELL AS ENSURING THAT ANY RESULTING PROFITS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUPILS.

MR. TOPLEY ASKED SCHOOL AUTHORITIES TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE WERE IMPLEMENTED.

+IT IS IMPORTANT THAT IN ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE SALE OF TEXTBOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS, EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS AND SCHOOL ACCESSORIES, THESE PROCEDURES MUST BE OBSERVED IN FULL TO AVOID ANY CAUSE OF COMPLAINT,+ THE DIRECTOR STRESSED.

THE CODE RELATES TO THE PURCHASE BY STUDENTS OF THESE ITEMS TO PURSUE THEIR COURSE OF STUDY IN KINDERGARTEN, PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND OTHER SCHOOLS.

IT STATES THAT ALL SCHOOLS MUST KEEP PROPER BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS REFLECTING ALL SALES AND PURCHASES OF SUCH ITEMS.

WHERE AN ARRANGEMENT IS MADE WITH A BOOKSELLER OR OTHER SUPPLIER AND A DISCOUNT OR A BLOCK SUM OF MONEY IS RECEIVED THIS MUST ALSO BE ENTERED INTO THE SCHOOL ACCOUNTS AS AN ITEM OF INCOME.

SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN THE SALE OF ITEMS TO STUDENTS SHOULD OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING POINTS :-

* NO SALE SHOULD BE COMPULSORY AND PARENTS SHOULD BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY=

* AN ADEQUATE DESCRIPTION OF THE ITEMS SHOULD BE GIVEN SO THAT PARENTS/STUDENTS CAN EXERCISE THEIR CHOICE OF PURCHASING THESE ITEMS ELSEWHERE. IF ITEMS ARE MADE UP IN PACKAGES, EACH ITEM MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR SALE SEPARATELY AND INDIVIDUAL PRICES CLEARLY SHOWN=

/ITEMS BEARING .....

* ITEMS BEARING SPECIAL INSIGNIA FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF PUPILS IN ONE PARTICULAR SCHOOL SHOULD BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM=

* ITEMS SHOULD BE SOLD AT A MINIMUM FEASIBLE PRICE.

+SCHOOLS SHOULD ENSURE THAT COMMENSURATE WITH SOUND EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES THE TOTAL COST OF BOOKS, EXERCISE BOOKS, PAPER AND UNIFORMS AND SCHOOL ACCESSORIES ARE KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE,+ THE CODE STATES.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE CODE AND THE DIRECTOR'S CIRCULAR TO SCHOOLS ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES.

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COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION

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A COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION WILL BE STAGED AT THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL IN YUEN LONG BETWEEN JANUARY 10 AND 13.

THE FOUR-DAY PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG AND THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE, WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. A.H. HSU= THE CHIARMAN OF HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. CHAN YAT-SAN= AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR. YUEN KANG-CHUEN AT 3.30 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

ON DISPLAY WILL BE SOME 200 COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS.

THE SHOW WILL BE OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON THE PRESIDENT OF THE PENTAX PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, MR. FRANCIS WU AND THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR. CHU CHAI-KUEN, WILL EACH GIVE A TALK ON THE TECHNIQUES OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED.

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MISUNDERSTANDINGS ON U.P.G.C. ROLE CLEARED UP

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THE UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC GRANTS COMMITTEE HAS SUBMITTED ITS FOURTH REPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT COVERING THE PERIOD JULY 1972 TO JUNE 1974. IT INCLUDES A REPORT ON THE GOVERNMENT SCHEME OF STUDENT FINANCE AND STATISTICS ON THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE POLYTECHNIC.

THE REPORT STATES THAT RECENT PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS HAVE REVEALED +SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDINGS+ OF THE ROLE OF THE U.P.G.C. IT THEN GOES ON TO DESCRIBE THE U.P.G.C. AS A NON-POLITICAL INSTITUTION FOR SUPERVISING THE OVERALL PLANNING OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND FOR ADVISING THE GOVERNMENT ON THE MINIMUM NECESSARY COSTS.

THE COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT MERELY REFLECT THE GENERALLY MORE LIMITED VIEWS OF STUDENTS OR STAFF, OR BE SWAYED BY CURRENT ARGUMENTS IN THE INSTITUTIONS OR IN SECTIONS OF THEM. IT HAS TO SERVE THE WIDER INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE, THE REPORT ADDS.

IT SAYS THAT BOTH UNIVERSITIES HAVE BEEN ASKED TO KEEP TUITION FEES UNDER REVIEW AND TO REPORT TO THE U.P.G.C. IN 1976.

POLYTECHNIC TUITION FEES ARE DESCRIBED AS LOW IN RELATION TO THE UNIVERSITIES, BUT THE POLYTECHNIC BOARD IS CONSIDERING NEW FEES IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE UNIVERSITY STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME TO THE POLYTECHNIC.

THE REPORT SAYS THAT ALMOST ALL THE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITIES ARE FROM HONG KONG AND THE PROPORTION OF NON-HONG KONG STUDENTS HAS DROPPED FROM 2.9 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL UNIVERSITY STUDENT BODY IN 1967/68 TO 1.5 PER CENT IN 1973/74.

THE NUMBER OF POST-GRADUATE STUDENTS HAS INCREASED SLIGHTLY BUT THE UNIVERSITIES REMAIN PREDOMINANTLY UNDER-GRADUATE TEACHING INSTITUTIONS.

AT THE POLYTECHNIC IN 1973/74 THERE WERE 2,419 FULL-TIME STUDENTS AND 1,354 PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDENTS. ABOUT 54 PER CENT OF THE STUDENTS WERE ON THREE-YEAR DIPLOMA COURSES. IN ADDITION THERE WERE 12,612 EVENING STUDENTS, OF WHOM 89 PER CENT WERE ON COURSES OF ONE YEAR OR LONGER.

THE REPORT NOTES THAT FEWER GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITIES ARE GOING INTO TEACHING AND THAT A LARGE NUMBER WHO DO SEEM TO BE DISSATISFIED WITH THEIR WORK. IT SUGGESTS THAT TOO GREAT AN EMPHASIS ON SHORT-TERM MONETARY VALUES CAN BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND STRESSES THAT EDUCATION REQUIRES LONG RANGE OBJECTIVES.

IN THE SEPARATE REPORT ON STUDENT FINANCE IT IS STATED THAT SUCCESSFUL PROSECUTIONS FOR FALSE STATUTORY DECLARATIONS HAVE REDUCED THE NUMBER OF DOUBTFUL CASES.

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THE JOINT UNIVERSITIES' COMMITTEE ON STUDENT FINANCE, WHICH CONTROLS THE STUDENT FINANCE SCHEME, REPORTS THAT THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY MOVEMENT OF STUDENTS' HOME RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES AWAY FROM HONG KONG ISLAND.

IN 1974/75 THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG HAD SLIGHTLY UNDER 25 PER CENT OF ITS STUDENTS WITH HOME ADDRESSES ON THE ISLAND. OF THE REMAINDER 44 PER CENT WERE IN NEW KOWLOON, 18 PER CENT IN KOWLOON AND 13 PER CENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY 41 PER CENT WERE ON THE ISLAND, 33 PER CENT IN NEW KOWLOON, 18 PER CENT IN KOWLOON AND EIGHT PER CENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE BELIEVES THAT IN THE COMING YEARS THERE WILL BE A NEED FOR IMPROVED NON-RESIDENTIAL STUDENT FACILITIES AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND AN URGENT NEED FOR A RELATIVELY DRAMATIC INCREASE IN SUCH FACILITIES AT THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY.

IN HIS COVERING LETTER TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UPGC DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE CONCLUDING PARAGRAPH OF THE UPGC REPORT. THIS SUGGESTS THAT ALTHOUGH UNIVERSITY AND POLYTECHNIC COSTS ARE HIGH IT MAY IN FUTURE BE NECESSARY TO CONSIDER WHETHER AN EVEN LARGER PROPORTION OF THE GOVERNMENT BUDGET SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION OF HONG KONG'S PRIMARY RESOURCE, THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

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WALK FOR THE BLIND

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MORE THAN 100 BLIND PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN A WALKABOUT IN WONG TAI SIN THIS SATURDAY (JANUARY 11) AS PART OF A PROGRAMME TO BUILD UP THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME HEALTHY EXERCISE.

THE WALK IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE IN WONG TAI SIN AND THE PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH C.N. BOSTIC CENTRE.

THE ROUTE WILL BE ABOUT TWO MILES, STARTING FROM BOSTIC CENTRE AT BLOCK 2 OF TSE WAN SHAN ESTATE, VIA PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, TSE WAN SHAN ROAD, SHATIN PASS ROAD, SHEUNG FUNG STREET, SHUNG WAH STREET, AND BACK TO BOSTIC CENTRE. VOLUNTEERS WILL BE LOOKING AFTER THE PARTICIPANTS DURING THE EVENT WHICH STARTS AT 2.30 P.M.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PARTICIPANTS AFTER THE WALK BY MR. I.R. STRACHAN, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, WONG TAI SIN, AT 4.30 P.M. AT THE BOSTIC CENTRE.

NOTE TO EDITORS: PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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OVERNIGHT PARKING FACILITIES FOR TAXIS

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TAXI OPERATORS WILL HAVE MORE OVERNIGHT OFF-STREET PARKING FACILITIES UNDER A SCHEME WHICH COMES INTO EFFECT ON SUNDAY (JANUARY 12).

TAXIS WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARK IN ALL GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY AND TEMPORARY OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS BETWEEN 10 P.M. AND 8 A.M.

THIS PARKING PERIOD FOR TAXIS FALLS WITHIN THE FREE-OF-CHARGE PERIOD AT OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS, AND WITHIN THE CHEAP-RATE PERIOD AT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS DURING WHICH THE FEE IS 50 CENTS PER HOUR WITH A MINIMUM CHARGE OF $1.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE SCHEME WOULD BE TRIED OUT FOR THREE MONTHS, AFTER WHICH THE SITUATION WOULD BE REVIEWED.

THE SCHEME, WHICH HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IS INTENDED TO HELP TAXI OPERATORS FIND OVERNIGHT PARKING SPACES FOR THEIR VEHICLES, THUS REDUCING THE NUMBERS OF TAXIS PARKED ON THE STREETS.

HOWEVER, TAXI OPERATORS WHO PARK THEIR VEHICLES IN A GOVERNMENT CAR PARK ARE WARNED NOT TO CARRY OUT ANY REPAIR OR CLEAN-OUT WORKS IN THE CAR PARK.

AT PRESENT, PARKING IN GOVERNMENT CAR PARKS IS ALLOWED FOR PRIVATE CARS, PUBLIC CARS, GOODS VEHICLES UNDER TWO-TON UNLADEN WEIGHT, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIGHT BUSES.

FROM SUNDAY EVENING, TAXI OPERATORS MAY PARK THEIR VEHICLES OVERNIGHT AT ANY OF THE SEVEN GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS AT RUMSEY STREET, GARDEN ROAD, CITY HALL, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE AND MURRAY ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND MIDDLE ROAD AND YAU MA TEI IN KOWLOON, OR AT ANY OF THE THREE TEMPORARY OPEN-AIR CAR PARKS AT MURRAY BARRACKS AND EX-NAVAL DOCKYARD ON THE ISLAND AND TAI KOK TSUI FERRY CONCOURSE IN KOWLOON.

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NEW WOMAN PRODUCER FOR "BELOW THE LION ROCK"

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FOR CHEUNG MAN-YEE 1975 PROMISES TO BE AN EXCITING YEAR.

AT THE END OF THE MONTH SHE FACES THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE OF HER CAREER IN TELEVISION WHEN SHE TAKES OVER AS PRODUCER/DIRECTOR OF RADIO HONG KONG TELEVISION'S PROGRAMME 'UNDER THE LION ROCK' FROM WONG WAH-KAY WHO STARTED THE SERIES TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO. WITH ITS 2.7 MILLION VIEWERS, 'UNDER THE LION ROCK' IS ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL LOCAL TELEVISION PROGRAMMES TODAY.

MAN-YEE, WHO CELEBRATED HER BIRTHDAY ON CHRISTMAS DAY, FIRST BECAME INTERESTED IN TELEVISION WHEN SHE WAS A STUDENT AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND USED TO TRANSLATE SCRIPTS OF POPULAR OVERSEAS SERIES FOR REDIFFUSION.

+I USED TO GO IN WEEKLY AND COLLECT THE SCRIPTS AND I GOT TO KNOW PEOPLE THERE. SOMEHOW I KNEW THAT I'D END UP WORKING IN TELEVISION,+ SHE SAID.

WHEN SHE GRADUATED THAT CHANCE CAME AND SHE JOINED REDIFFUSION AS COMPERE OF A PROGRAMME CALLED YOUTH TODAY AND PRODUCTION ASSISTANT FOR VARIETY SHOWS. TWO YEARS LATER SHE BECAME A PRODUCER FOR SIX MONTHS.

NEXT CAME A STINT IN ADVERTISING. BUT NOT FOR LONG. TELEVISION STILL HELD ITS OLD ATTRACTION AND 11 MONTHS LATER WHEN HER MOTHER SAW AN ADVERTISEMENT IN A NEWSPAPER FOR A PRODUCTION OFFICER WITH RADIO HONG KONG TELEVISION, MAN-YEE APPLIED.

SHE GOT THE JOB AND JOINED RHKTV IN APRIL 1972. EIGHT MONTHS LATER SHE WAS SENT TO THE BBC FOR THREE MONTHS' TRAINING AND THREE MONTHS' ON ATTACHMENT.

BACK IN HONGKONG, MAN-YEE WORKED ON TELEVISION DOCUMENTARIES AND ALSO HANDLED THE FILMING FOR THE SPECTRUM PROGRAMME.

NOW SHE'S GETTING READY TO TAKE OVER THE REINS OF 'UNDER THE LION ROCK.' COMING FROM A MIDDLE-CLASS BACKGROUND MAN-YEE'S KNOWLEDGE OF LIFE IN THE RESETTLEMENT AREAS, THE SETTING FOR THE SERIES, WOULD SEEM TO BE LIMITED AND TO POSE A PROBLEM IN HER NEW JOB.

BUT SHE QUICKLY DENIES THIS SAYING THAT WHEN SHE FIRST JOINED THE STATION SHE WORKED WITH WONG WAH-KAY, THE MAN SHE'S GOING TO REPLACE, ON A PROGRAMME CALLED 'HOME IS HONGKONG'. UNDER HIS GUIDANCE SHE GAINED A VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO THE LIVES OF HONG KONG'S POORER PEOPLE.

NOT THAT SHE DOESN'T ADMIT HER NEW JOB WON'T HAVE ITS DIFFICULTIES, BUT MAN-YEE'S CONFIDENT SHE WILL SUCCEED.

/+I AM DETERMINED .....

+I AM DETERMINED I WILL DO IT. I HAVE TO,+ SHE SAYS.

HER PLANS FOR THE SERIES IN THE FUTURE INCLUDE BRINGING THE ORIGINAL FAMILY BACK INTO PROMINENCE.

IT'S GOING TO BE A TIME-CONSUMING TASK FOR MAN-YEE. ONE THAT TAKES UP MOST OF THE WEEK PLUS OVERNIGHT EDITING. THOUGH SHE BUBBLES WITH DELIGHT AS SHE CHATS ABOUT IT, SHE ADMITS GETTING THE JOB HAS AFFECTED HER PERSONAL LIFE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF MAN-YEE'S PHOTOGRAPHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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TRAINING CAMP FOR YOUTH LEADERS

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A TWO-DAY CAMP WILL BE HELD THIS WEEKEND FOR A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE UNDERGOING TRAINING AS GROUP LEADERS IN YOUTH WORK.

THE CAMP, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CAMP IN ABERDEEN, IS THE SECOND PART OF THE COURSE WHICH STARTED THIS MONTH.

THE FIRST PART CONSISTED OF CLASSROOM LECTURES. THE COURSE CONTENT DEALS WITH THE BASIC VALUE AND FUNCTION OF GROUPS, LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, COMMUNICATIONS, COMMITTEE WORK AND PROGRAMME PLANNING. PARTICIPANTS ALL TAKE AN ACTIVE PART IN ROLE-PLAYING FOLLOWING THE LABORATORY APPROACH METHOD.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE, THEY WILL CONDUCT A FOLLOW-UP EXERCISE TO PRACTISE WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNT.

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BUILDING INDUSTRY CRITICISED OVER SAFETY STANDARDS

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EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR MR. SZETO WAI TOLD BUILDING CONTRACTORS TODAY THAT THEIR INDUSTRY HAD THE UNENVIABLE DISTINCTION OF HAVING THE WORST WORK ACCIDENT RECORD IN HONG KONG.

MR. SZETO, HIMSELF A CIVIL ENGINEER, TOLD CONTRACTORS ATTENDING THE OPENING OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXHIBITION THAT THEY HAD NOT INVESTED ENOUGH MONEY IN ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAMMES.

+UNTIL RECENTLY, FEW CONTRACTORS PAID MUCH ATTENTION TO SAFETY ON THEIR SITES,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE EXHIBITION, THE FIRST TO BE HELD IN HONG KONG, AT THE WORLD TRADE CENTRE SITE IN CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE EXHIBITION IS BEING STAGED TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS WHICH CAME INTO FORCE ON MAY 1 LAST YEAR. IT IS BEING OFFICIALLY SUPPORTED BY THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION LIMITED.

IN HIS ADDRESS, MR. SZETO POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE THREE YEARS BETWEEN 1971 AND 1973, THERE HAD BEEN 13,455 ACCIDENTS ON CONSTRUCTION SITES, INCLUDING 169 DEATHS.

+NEARLY ONE OUT OF EVERY SIX WORKERS EMPLOYED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SUFFERED INJURIES THROUGH ACCIDENTS WITHIN THIS SHORT PERIOD OF THREE YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+WHAT IS MORE, ONE THIRD OF ALL FATAL INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

+THIS, OF COURSE IS NOT A RECORD TO BE PROUD OF, THOUGH IT MAY BE ARGUED THAT WORKING CONDITIONS IN A CONSTRUCTION SITE ARE LESS CONTROLLABLE THAN THOSE IN AN AVERAGE INDUSTRIAL PLANT.

+IN MY VIEW, HOWEVER, THIS TRAGIC TOLL IS DUE MAINLY TO THE LACK OF ORGANISED EFFORTS ON THE PART OF THE INDUSTRY TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS AND TO PROMOTE SAFETY ON CONSTRUCTION SITES.+

MR. SZETO SAID HE REGRETTED HAVING TO SPEAK SO BLUNTLY IN FRONT OF SUCH A GATHERING OF INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES.

BUT, HE SAID, THE MAJORITY OF CONTRACTORS WERE ONLY TOO WILLING TO LEAVE THEIR FINANCIAL LIABILITIES TO THEIR INSURERS AND THEIR BASIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMPLOYEES' SAFETY TO SUPERVISORS AND MORE JUNIOR STAFF.

+OFTEN, SAFETY HAS BECOME NOBODY'S BUSINESS,+ HE SAID.

/+IT MUST BE .....

+IT MUST BE REALISED THAT SAFETY IS NOT FORTUITOUS. WHILE ACCIDENTS CAN BE PREVENTED BY SAFETY MEASURES, THESE MEASURES MUST BE PLANNED AND SUPERVISED BY TOP MANAGEMENT AND OBSERVED BY EVERYONE ON THE SITE.+

MR. SZETO WELCOMED THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, WHICH PROVIDED MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD THE HEALTH AND IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. BUT HE EMPHASISED THAT THE REGULATIONS ONLY STIPULATED MINIMUM STANDARDS.

MR. SZETO SAID THE EXHIBITION WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

HE ADDED: +IT SHOWS HOW THE GOVERNMENT AND THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY CAN CO-OPERATE TO PROMOTE SAFETY AT WORK.

+IT IS HOPED THAT SUCH CO-OPERATION WILL CONTINUE SO THAT ACCIDENTS CAN BE REDUCED IN NUMBER AND SEVERITY.+

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MORE 'LUCKY' CAR NUMBERS FOR SALE

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ANOTHER 20 SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS WEEK TO PROMOTE A CHARITABLE CAUSE.

THE AUCTION, THE 21ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 11) AT 10 A.M. AT A NEW VENUE - THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM NORTH, 8TH FLOOR HIGH BLOCK.

THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ARE:-

1975	3915	4500	AA868	AA6633
AB90	AB5005	AC19	AF2	AF7711
AG1234	AJ7	AJ55	AT6789	AU2000
AW2828	AX8118	AY6000	AZ8989	XX1000

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

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