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VITAL MEETING TODAY

300 Govt survey men threaten work disruption

ABOUT 300 GOVERNMENT surveying assistants have threatened to take industrial action if a meeting today fails to resolve their title and salary claims.

It will be the assistants' third industrial action this year over their demands.

The chairman of the Association of Government Land and Engineering Surveying Officers, Wong Wai-hung said yesterday they would refuse to do outside work until the Government accepted their demands.

He threatened immediate action if today's meeting breaks down.

Mr Wong termed the previous meetings as "ridiculous and unreasonable."

The Association suspended industrial action on March 22 and six meetings have been held since then with the Government.

"The Government had no real intention to solve our problems," he claimed. "Over the past months they only used delay tactics."

The Association has demanded that the Government change their job title from surveying assistants to surveying officers, separate members from the draftsman's group and adjust their salary scale.

Mr Wong said Government has promised to change their title, but has only agreed to part of salary scale demands.

It is proposed that Class Two Assistants will receive \$2,860 and Class One Assistants \$4,380. There will be no change in the Class Three Assistant scale.

It is estimated by the association that over 200 Government projects will be affected if industrial action is taken.