



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
To Consider Plans To Improve Medical Services

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A new Medical Development Advisory Committee has been appointed to consider programmes for improving and expanding the medical and health services of Hong Kong over the next 10 years.

The committee, under the chairmanship of Sir Albert Rodrigues, has been asked to report on its recommendations by July 31. The basis for its deliberations will be a working paper prepared by the Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr. G.H. Choa, who is Vice Chairman of the committee.

The committee's recommendations will be published in the form of a green paper, providing ample opportunity for discussion by all interested parties before the Government reaches any decision on its content.

Commenting on this announcement today, a Government spokesman recalled that over the past 10 years the medical services had been considerably expanded and the aims of the previous white paper, covering the period 1963-1972, had been broadly achieved.

An overall target of 4.25 hospital beds per thousand population had been attained and developments already in hand would increase this ratio to 4.5 beds per thousand.

"As a result of this expansion in the past decade, the general health of the community has greatly improved, and continues to improve," said the spokesman. "This is strikingly illustrated in the statistics for infant mortality, life expectancy and the incidence of communicable diseases and tuberculosis."

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The committee's terms of reference call for it to keep under continuous review, and to advise on, the development and phased implementation of medical and health services in Hong Kong, having regard to all factors which would determine the progress of expansion.

These factors include the financial implications, the rate of building construction and the availability of qualified staff.

The committee will also be expected to review, and advise on, the principles of subvention by which the Government assists the medical and health facilities provided by voluntary agencies.

Attached to the terms of reference is a remit, from the Governor, which specifies the requirement for recommendations covering the next 10 years.

#### Overall Needs

This seeks, among other things, the committee's proposals for a more even use of government and government-assisted hospital beds, and asks for an estimate of both the overall needs for doctors and nurses and the supply to be expected from existing training establishments.

The provision of a schools dental care service is another aspect which the committee is required to examine. In addition, it is expected to recommend a target for the number of dentists considered appropriate to serve both the public and private sectors over the next decade, commenting on the extent to which overseas training can be expected to contribute and what training facilities should be provided locally.

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Membership of the new Medical Development Advisory Committee  
is as follows:

- \* Sir Albert Rodrigues,  
(Chairman);
- \* Dr. G.H. Choa,  
Director of Medical and Health Services, (Vice Chairman);
- \* Mr. D.G. Jeaffreson,  
Deputy Financial Secretary;
- \* Mr. P.B. Williams,  
Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary (Social Services);
- \* Mr. S.F. Bailey,  
Secretary,  
University and Polytechnic Grants Committee;
- \* Mr. R.H. Lobo,  
Unofficial Member of Legislative Council;
- \* Mr. TAI Kuen;
- \* Mr. LI Fook-wo;
- \* Sister (Dr.) M. Aquinas;
- \* Dr. LI Shu-pui;
- \* Joint Secretaries: Mr. G.M. Tingle, and Dr. S.H. Lee.

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MR. JUSTICE BRIGGS TO BE CHIEF JUSTICE

Mr. Roberts Appointed Colonial Secretary

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Two senior appointments have been announced today.

Her Majesty The Queen has been pleased to instruct that the Hon. Mr. Justice Briggs should be appointed as Chief Justice, Hong Kong, to succeed Sir Ivo Rigby who leaves on retirement in May 1973.

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has appointed Mr. Denys Tudor Emil Roberts, C.B.E., Q.C., to be Colonial Secretary to succeed Sir Hugh Norman-Walker who leaves Hong Kong at the end of the year.

Mr. Justice Briggs, who was born in 1914, is single. He has been a puisne judge in Hong Kong since November 1965. He was educated at Sherborne and Christ Church, Oxford, and was called to the bar of Gray's Inn in 1938. During the Second World War he served in the army. He joined the Colonial Service in Nigeria as a Crown Counsel in 1947. Later he was Attorney General, Eastern Region, Nigeria and appointed a Q.C. in 1955.

He was a puisne judge in Sarawak, North Borneo and Brunei between 1958 and 1962 and was Chief Justice of the Western Pacific (1962-1964) before coming to Hong Kong in 1965.

Mr. Roberts, who was born in 1923, is married and has two children. He was educated at Aldenham School and Wadham College, Oxford: he served in the army from 1943 to 1946.

Mr. Roberts is a Barrister-at-Law of Lincoln's Inn (1950) and was appointed Crown Counsel in Nyasaland in 1953. He was appointed Attorney General in Gibraltar in 1960 and transferred to Hong Kong as Solicitor General in 1962. He has served as Attorney General since November 1966. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1960 and the C.B.E. in 1970.

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MR. CLINTON TO DEFER RETIREMENT

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Mr. Michael Denys Arthur Clinton, C.M.G., G.M., J.P., Deputy Colonial Secretary, who was due to retire in October this year, has agreed to defer his retirement for a further two years and will continue to serve as Deputy Colonial Secretary.

Born in London in 1918, Mr. Clinton was educated at Beaumont College, Windsor, and the University of London. He is married and has four daughters and one son.

During the Second World War he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers; he was awarded the George Medal twice - first in 1942 and again in 1943.

Mr. Clinton joined the Hong Kong Government service in 1946 as an Administrative Officer. Since then he has had wide experience in the Colonial Secretariat and in Government departments. He has served as Assistant Director, Commerce and Industry, Assistant Establishment Officer and Deputy Economic Secretary. He has been Deputy Financial Secretary and has acted as Financial Secretary on a number of occasions. He became Deputy Colonial Secretary in January, 1969 and was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1971. Since last November, as Deputy Colonial Secretary (Special Duties), he has been working with the McKinsey team of consultants.

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MR. SALES ELECTED URBCO CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cheong-Leen To Be Vice-Chairman

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At a meeting of the unofficial Members of the Urban Council held this morning, it was agreed that Mr. A. de O. Sales should be elected as Chairman to the new Urban Council which will be formed on 1st April.

It was also agreed to elect Mr. Hilton Cheong-Leen as Vice-Chairman.

The agreement was reached by a ballot when Mr. Sales, Mr. B.A. Bernacchi and Mr. Cheong-Leen were nominated for Chairman.

Mr. Sales gained a clear majority out of the twenty-four Members present.

Mr. Bernacchi and Mr. Cheong-Leen were then nominated for Vice-Chairman and Mr. Cheong-Leen was voted in with a clear majority.

Mr. Sales was first appointed to the Urban Council on 1st April, 1957, and is now the Senior Appointed Member.

Since his first appointment, Mr. Sales has served on most of the Council's select committees, being most active in the fields of public housing, cultural services, recreation and public entertainment.

He was for many years the Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Select Committee and is still the Chairman of the Recreation and Amenities Select Committee which he will give up on taking the chair of the Council.

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In addition to his many Council and other activities, Mr. Sales is also President of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, and in this capacity showed great courage and initiative in gaining the release of certain members of the Hong Kong Olympic Team when the building in which they were housed was seized by terrorists at the last Games at Munich.

Mr. Cheong-Leen was first elected to the Urban Council on April 1, 1957, and is now the second Senior Unofficial Member.

He has played an extremely active part in all of the Council's affairs and has served as chairman of many of its select committees.

He is at present the Chairman of the Council's Hawkers Select Committee and a member of the Cultural Affairs Select Committee.

Apart from his Council activities, Mr. Cheong-Leen is Chairman of the Civic Association.

The election of Mr. Sales and Mr. Cheong-Leen as Chairman and Vice-Chairman will be formally ratified at a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Whole Council to take place on April 3.

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CHIEF FILM CENSOR TAKING LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Two Film Censors Also Retiring Soon

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The Commissioner for Television & Films, Mr. N.J.V. Watt, disclosed today that the Chief Film Censor, Mr. William Hung, is taking a prolonged leave of absence, and is not likely to return to film censorship in a full-time capacity.

"However," Mr. Watt said, "we are hoping that we will still be able to call for advice occasionally from Mr. Hung's great experience of film censoring in Hong Kong which extends over a period of 15 years. Mr. Hung was recently given a farewell lunch by some of his colleagues in Government and was presented with a commemorative silver bowl."

Mr. Watt also revealed that two further members of the Panel of Film Censors will be retiring shortly and that to fill these and other vacancies on the Panel, he had offered appointment to four qualified applicants who had presented themselves during a recent recruiting exercise.

Mr. Watt said that he had taken the opportunity to select people of a considerably younger age than those customarily chosen in the past.

"It was important," Mr. Watt said, "that the composition of the panel of film censors as far as possible should accurately reflect the diversified ages and tastes found in our rapidly growing and developing society."

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MAJOR TRANSPORTATION STUDIES TO BE UPDATED

Consultants Appointed To Conduct Detailed Surveys

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The Government has employed a consulting firm, Messrs. Wilbur Smith & Associates, to carry out a comprehensive transportation study of Hong Kong which will update the information contained in previous transportation studies.

It will involve a study of all present transportation facilities, the projection of future transportation requirements up to 1991 and the design of a balanced transportation system to best meet these requirements.

The major factors affecting studies of this type, such as population projections and distributions, planned road construction and mass transit construction programmes, transportation policies and future land-use patterns, will all be taken into consideration.

One of the major tasks of the study will be a comprehensive household interview survey which will be conducted to provide statistical information on travel characteristics and use of transportation facilities by the public.

It will be based on an average sample of three per cent which will result in about 25,000 interviews.

Starting from September 1973, trained interviewers will call on members of selected households and ask questions on the details of all the journeys each member of that household made on a particular day.

These will include trip origins and destinations, purpose and time of trips, and mode of transport used.

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In addition to the household interview, roadside interview surveys will also be conducted at strategic points on the road system.

The information to be obtained will include the location of the trip origin and destination, purpose and time of trip, vehicle occupancy, and other relevant data.

Results from these surveys will be used to supplement the findings of the household interview survey.

The end product of the study will be a recommended transportation system together with suggestions for future transportation policies to cater for Hong Kong's internal transportation needs up to 1991.

The study project has just commenced and is expected to take 22 months to complete.

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#### WATER INTERRUPTION

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A number of premises in Wong Tai Sin and Mong Kok will be without water from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Thursday and Saturday (March 29 and 31) respectively.

The temporary water stoppages are to allow Waterworks Office staff to carry out leakage tests in both areas.

The area affected in Wong Tai Sin is bounded by Tsz Wan Shan Road, Wan Wah Street, Sheung Fung Street and Tsz Wan Shan Resettlement Estate Blocks 4 to 32.

The area affected in Mong Kok is bounded by Tung Chau Street, Tong Mei Road, Fuk Tsuen Street and Walnut Street.

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OFFICIAL MEMBERS TO SPEAK IN BUDGET DEBATE

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The Budget debate will be resumed in the Legislative Council tomorrow (Wednesday) when eight Official Members will reply to points raised by the Unofficials two weeks ago.

The order of speakers is as follows: the Hon. J. Canning, Dr. the Hon. G.H. Choa, the Hon. D.H. Jordan, the Hon. Li Fook-kow, the Hon. I.M. Lightbody, the Hon. J.J. Robson, the Colonial Secretary, and the Financial Secretary.

The Appropriation Bill 1973 will be considered in committee stage and given its third reading on Thursday.

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WORKERS END STRIKE OVER PAY

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A strike involving some 180 workers of the hand-tufting department of the Hong Kong Carpet Manufacturer's Ltd. has now been amicably settled.

The strike, which began early this month, arose out of the workers' demand for a wage increase.

Officers of the Labour Relations Service (Kowloon East) visited the factory three times and subsequently conducted two conciliation meetings between representatives of the workers and management.

Under the agreement reached, all workers of the factory will receive a 15-per-cent wage increase, retrospective to March 1, 1973. The management has also undertaken to review the incentive bonus scheme of the hand-tufting department.

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ACCIDENTS INVOLVING CARTRIDGE OPERATED TOOLS

Labour Department Investigation Completed

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The Labour Department has now completed its investigation of the recent accidents involving the use of cartridge operated tools.

Three workers were killed and another seriously injured in the accidents.

Commenting on the findings of the investigation, the Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Mr. David Lin, said today that the tools involved were found to be in proper working order. The safety systems built into the tools were functioning properly, but they were all dirty, dry and even rusty.

Samples of the threaded studs used in the tools had also been tested without any apparent defect being detected.

Mr. Lin said the department's investigation had shown that in all the accidents, the operators of the tools were working in positions which did not permit them to keep the tools pressed evenly and directly against the work surfaces.

In at least two of the accidents the operators had attempted to fire fasteners into reinforced concrete in areas where the concrete was either chipped or crumbling.

The investigation also revealed that none of the operators involved had received any formal training in using this type of tool.

Mr. Lin said that although cartridge operated tools incorporate proper safety devices, these could be rendered ineffective by operators who did not follow the safety rules and instructions recommended by the manufacturers.

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"The tools should also be cleaned at regular intervals and properly oiled," he said.

He said precautions to be taken when using these tools were also included in the safety courses held regularly by the Industrial Safety Training Centre of the Labour Department. A 16-point summary of these precautions was available both in English and Chinese, from the Centre at the Canton Road Government Offices, 4th floor.

The Industrial Safety Training Centre runs basic and advanced training courses on the prevention of industrial accidents. Those who wish to obtain further details should contact officers of the Centre at 3-661438 during office hours.

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BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS

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The Building Authority today declared Nos. 12 and 13 Wu Nam Street to be in a dangerous condition.

In a statement issued this morning, the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that these three-storey pre-war buildings were recently inspected and it was found that the load-bearing brick walls were badly fractured in several places.

The roof timbers were in an advanced state of decay, indicating a risk of collapse.

Notices of intention to apply for Closure Orders in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on April 26, 1973 were posted today.

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DIRECTOR'S WIFE TO VISIT OLD PEOPLE'S HOMES

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Two homes for the aged will be visited by Mrs. Li Fook-kow, wife of the Director of Social Welfare, tomorrow (Wednesday) when she continues a tour of voluntary social welfare agencies.

At 10:45 a.m. Mrs. Li will be visiting the Home of Loving Kindness at Tung Lo Wan, Sha Tin. The Home provides free food and accommodation for 100 elderly women.

On arrival Mrs. Li will be met by the superintendent, Mrs. G. Donnithorne, and the warden, Madam Woo So-wan.

The Home is operated by a missionary organisation, the West China Evangelistic Band.

At 11:45 a.m. Mrs. Li will visit the Kwong Yum Home for the Aged, at No. 122 Sha Tin Pass, Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon. She will be met by the superintendent, Mr. T.K. Fung.

The home can accommodate 450 men and women, and a ten-per-cent quota is allocated to the Social Welfare Department. It is operated by the Charity Department of the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Church Union.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and photographer to cover Mrs. Li's visits.

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Release time: 7.30 p.m.