



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MID-LEVELS BUILDING RESTRICTIONS

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THE TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT (MID-LEVELS) BILL 1979 WILL BE GAZETTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WHILE THE BUILDING (ADMINISTRATION) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1979 WERE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE BILL PROPOSES RESTRICTIONS ON BUILDING DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING SITE FORMATIONS, FOUNDATION WORKS AND OTHER EXCAVATIONS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF THE MID-LEVELS, WHILE GOVERNMENT CONTINUES ITS STUDIES ON THE STABILITY OF THESE AREAS.

THE RESTRICTIONS MAY BE REMOVED AT ANY TIME BUT MAY REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1981 WHEN THEY WILL LAPSE UNLESS EXTENDED BY A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO IMPOSE THESE RESTRICTIONS WAS ANNOUNCED ON MAY 22. THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WILL INTRODUCE THE FIRST READING OF THE BILL IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JUNE 6.

THE BILL WILL AFFECT ALL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS INVOLVING EXCAVATIONS, FORMATION AND FOUNDATION WORKS IN AN AREA WHICH IS TO BE DEFINED BY A PLAN DEPOSITED IN THE LANDS OFFICE AND WHICH HAS BEEN SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AFTER MAY 22.

THE BILL ALSO INTRODUCES SPECIAL PROCEDURES FOR EXAMINING OR RE-EXAMINING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN SUBMITTED BEFORE WORK IS PERMITTED TO START ON THEM.

LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TO DEVELOPERS WHO HAVE ALREADY SUBMITTED DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS TO INFORM THEM HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE LEGISLATION.

THE REGULATIONS, WHICH COME INTO FORCE TODAY (THURSDAY), EXTEND THE TIME FOR THE EXAMINATION OF PLANS AND FOR GIVING CONSENT TO START WORK IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS ALREADY SUBMITTED.

THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS SUFFICIENT TIME TO EXAMINE PROPOSALS, THE PERIOD FOR AUTOMATIC APPROVAL OF WHICH WOULD HAVE EXPIRED BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF THE NEW ORDINANCE.

COPIES OF THE PLAN OF THE PARTS OF THE MID-LEVELS AFFECTED BY THE BILL AND REGULATIONS ARE DISPLAYED IN THE LIFT LOBBY OF THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD.

ANY GENERAL ENQUIRIES ABOUT THIS MATTER SHOULD BE MADE TO THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE.

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VANDALISM COST GOVT  
\$680,000 IN PARKING METER REVENUE  
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THE GOVERNMENT LOST \$680,000 IN REVENUE COLLECTED FROM PARKING METERS LAST YEAR BECAUSE OF VANDALISM AND THEFT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT REVENUE COLLECTED FROM PARKING METERS FOR THE YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$11.66 MILLION, REPRESENTING A DECREASE OF 5.5 PER CENT. REVENUE COLLECTED IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR WAS \$12.34 MILLION.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE DECREASE WAS MAINLY DUE TO +PILFERAGE FROM METERS+ WHICH HE SAID, +WAS A GROWING PROBLEM.+

TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM, HE SAID, COUNTER MEASURES WILL BE INTRODUCED. THESE INCLUDE A CHANGE IN THE LOCK SYSTEM, INCREASED FREQUENCY OF COLLECTION, INSTALLATION OF IMPROVED METERS AS WELL AS BETTER LAW ENFORCEMENT.

DURING THE YEAR, 799,199 METERS WERE INSPECTED AND REPAIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S METER MAINTENANCE DEPOTS EITHER AS A RESULT OF TELEPHONE COMPLAINTS OR DURING DAILY ROUTINE PATROL BY THE FIELD STAFF.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ON-STREET PARKING METERS AT THE END OF 1978 WAS 10,884 -- 3,619 ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 7,265 IN KOWLOON.

MEANWHILE, THE PRESSURE ON EXISTING PARKING FACILITIES CONTINUED TO GROW DURING THE YEAR, WITH UTILISATION OF OFF-STREET FACILITIES REACHING RECORD LEVELS.

THERE ARE NOW EIGHT GOVERNMENT MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS PROVIDING A TOTAL OF 5,077 SPACES.

THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USING THESE CAR PARKS INCREASED BY 479,929 TO 3,943,236 LAST YEAR.

THERE ARE ALSO MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS OPERATED BY PRIVATE ENTERPRISES. MOSTLY SITUATED IN THE COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN THE URBAN DISTRICTS, THEY HAVE A TOTAL CAPACITY FOR ABOUT 9,120 VEHICLES.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PROVIDES TEMPORARY OFF-STREET OPEN-AIR CHARGEABLE CAR PARKS ON LAND AWAITING DEVELOPMENT. AT PRESENT, FOUR SUCH CAR PARKS ARE IN OPERATION PROVIDING SOME 1,025 PARKING SPACES.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF BANKING  
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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. KENNETH KWOK WAI-KIN AS ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

MR. KWOK WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE DIVISION FOR DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES.

MR. KWOK WHO TAKES UP THE POST TOMORROW (FRIDAY), IS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT AND A COMMERCE GRADUATE. HE STARTED HIS CAREER WITH PRICE WATERHOUSE AND CO. IN MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA. SINCE RETURNING TO HONG KONG, HE HAS BEEN WORKING IN THE BANKING AND FINANCIAL FIELD FOR OVER EIGHT YEARS.

PRIOR TO HIS JOINING THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER OF BANKING, HE WAS AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF TRIDENT INTERNATIONAL FINANCE LIMITED.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE  
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE COURSE STATION ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY.

THE SPECIAL NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 12.30 P.M., 12.51 P.M. AND 1.11 P.M.

THERE WILL BE THREE SPECIAL TRAINS ON THE RETURN JOURNEY TO TAKE PASSENGERS BACK FROM THE RACE COURSE STATION TO KOWLOON STATION ON THESE TWO DAYS.

KCR WILL ALSO RE-ROUTE THREE OF ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE COURSE STATION AT 4.42 P.M., 7.10 P.M. AND 7.45 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

THE RUNNING TIME OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS IS 20 MINUTES AND THEIR TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND AT THE JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

A KCR SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) ENCOURAGED THOSE GOING BY PRIVATE CARS TO MAKE USE OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK ABOVE THE KOWLOON STATION.

HE ALSO REMINDED PEOPLE GOING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ON THESE TWO DAYS OF THE SLIGHT ADJUSTMENT OF THE TIMETABLES ON THEIR RETURN JOURNEYS TO THE URBAN AREA.

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THE REVISED TIMETABLES BETWEEN 10.30 A.M. AND 11 P.M. ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ARE:

SATURDAY -- FROM KOWLOON STATION:	10.57 A.M., 12.10 P.M., 1.18 P.M., * 2 P.M., 2.11 P.M., 3.05 P.M., 4.04 P.M., 5 P.M., 5.34 P.M., 6.30 P.M., 7.04 P.M., 7.56 P.M., 9.08 P.M. AND 11 P.M.
FROM LO WU STATION:	10.47 A.M., 11.53 A.M., 12.58 P.M., 1.55 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.49 P.M., 4.29 P.M., 5.27 P.M., 6.22 P.M., 7 P.M., 8.15 P.M., AND 9.15 P.M.
SUNDAY -- FROM KOWLOON STATION:	10.57 A.M., 12.12 P.M., 1.20 P.M., * 2 P.M., 2.11 P.M., 3.05 P.M., 4.04 P.M., 4.33 P.M., 5 P.M., 5.34 P.M., 6.17 P.M., 7.02 P.M., 7.54 P.M., 9.08 P.M. AND 11 P.M.
FROM LO WU STATION:	10.47 A.M., 11.53 A.M., 12.58 P.M., 1.55 P.M., 2.54 P.M., 3.49 P.M., 4.29 P.M., 5.27 P.M., 6.22 P.M., 6.58 P.M., 7.53 P.M., AND 9.15 P.M.

\* THROUGH PASSENGER TRAIN BETWEEN HONG KONG AND CANTON.

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AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM IN HONG KONG  
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THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE AND THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL WILL JOINTLY PRESENT A CONCERT BY THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA, CONDUCTED BY JOHN HOPKINS, ON JUNE 22.

THE ORCHESTRA, COMPRISING 70 OF THE MOST TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM ALL PARTS OF AUSTRALIA WAS BORN OUT OF THE AUSTRALIAN-WIDE YOUTH MUSIC CAMP MOVEMENT STARTED IN MELBOURNE IN 1948.

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THIS UNIQUE MOVEMENT, WHICH HAS BECOME A NURSERY OF MUSICAL TALENTS, HAS HAD AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE IN AUSTRALIAN MUSIC. MANY OF ITS FORMER STUDENTS ARE FOUND TODAY IN THE LEADING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRAS OF AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE.

EACH SUMMER, THE NATION'S MOST PROMISING YOUNG INSTRUMENTALISTS ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO SPEND A FORTNIGHT OF INTENSIVE PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCES WITH A TEAM OF TOP PROFESSIONAL MUSICIANS AND CONDUCTORS IN THE RELAXED ATMOSPHERE OF A HOLIDAY CAMP.

THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH ORCHESTRA GAVE ITS FIRST PUBLIC PERFORMANCE IN SYDNEY IN 1957 AND WAS IMMEDIATELY HAILED BY CRITICS AS A VITAL NEW FORCE IN AUSTRALIAN MUSIC.

SINCE THEN, IT HAS PRESENTED ITS CONCERT SERIES IN ONE OF THE CAPITAL CITIES EACH YEAR.

THE ORCHESTRA HAS ALSO WON WIDE ACCLAIM IN JAPAN (EXPO '70), THE PHILIPPINES, KOREA AND HONG KONG IN 1975, AND EIGHT STATES OF AMERICA IN 1976.

PRIOR TO ITS VISIT TO HONG KONG, THE ORCHESTRA WILL GO ON A THREE-WEEK CONCERT TOUR IN CHINA.

THE JUNE 22 PROGRAMME, TO BE HELD AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL AT 8 P.M., INCLUDES MOZART'S +MAGIC FLUTE+ OVERTURE, THE WATER MUSIC SUITE BY HANDEL, PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1 IN E FLAT BY LISZT AND DVORAK'S SYMPHONY NO. 8 IN G.

TICKETS AT \$3 EACH ARE AVAILABLE AT THE ACADEMIC COMMUNITY HALL- SING TAO OFFICES AT LI YUEN STREET WEST, MINDEN PLAZA, OCEAN CENTRE, KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION IN HUNG HOM AND MEI FOO SUN CHUEN- AND THE TOM LEE PIANO CO. AT MAN YEE BUILDING, CENTRAL- 6 CAMERON ROAD, TSIM SHA TSUI- 521 HENNESSY ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, AND 389B NATHAN ROAD.

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PLB BAN IN TAI WAN ROAD  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON SUNDAY PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING TAI WAN ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH MA TAU WAI ROAD UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

THIS IS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW ON TAI WAN ROAD.

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

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