



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 1976

OVER \$60M GRANTS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS
FROM LOTTERIES FUND

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THE GOVERNMENT'S LOTTERIES FUND CONTINUES TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE IN HONG KONG.

IN THE FIRST YEAR AFTER ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN 1965, A TOTAL OF \$7.7 MILLION WAS APPROVED IN GRANTS AND LOANS FOR 16 PROJECTS OF 15 VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES.

TODAY, MORE THAN 180 WELFARE AGENCIES HAVE RECEIVED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND. AS AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF \$62.2 MILLION HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR NEARLY 400 PROJECTS INITIATED BY THESE ORGANISATIONS IN HONG KONG.

THE SUM COMPRISED MOSTLY FREE GRANTS RANGING FROM SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS TO OVER \$3 MILLION. A \$3 MILLION GRANT WAS APPROVED FOR FINANCING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MULTI-STOREY DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICES CENTRE IN WAN CHAI IN 1972 TO HOUSE THE HEADQUARTERS OF MANY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

ANOTHER GRANT OF \$2 MILLION, ALLOCATED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL CENTRE OF THE SOCIETY OF BOYS' CENTRES, WAS APPROVED IN JANUARY 1973. THE CENTRE, NOW KNOWN AS THE 'CHAK YAN CENTRE', PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR 160 BOYS, AGED BETWEEN 8 AND 16, WHO ARE DEPRIVED OF NORMAL PARENTAL CARE OR WHO MIGHT BECOME DELINQUENTS.

A GRANT OF \$1.5 MILLION WAS APPROVED IN JUNE THIS YEAR FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING FOR THE CHESHIRE HOME AT CHUNG HOM KOK. THIS HOME PROVIDES RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR 40 SEVERELY DISABLED ADULTS WHO ARE HOMELESS AND INCAPABLE OF REHABILITATION.

OTHER SMALLER GRANTS WERE USED FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES SUCH AS EQUIPPING AND RENOVATING ACCOMMODATION FOR NURSERIES AND YOUTH CENTRES.

A SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FROM THE FUND WOULD BE ENTERTAINED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES: CAPITAL SUBVENTION TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES= RECURRENT GRANTS OF LIMITED DURATION TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES= CAPITAL LOANS TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES= AND GOVERNMENT CAPITAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL SERVICES EXCEPT PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF STATUTORY DUTIES AND GENERAL MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS.

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FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, \$8 MILLION FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR VARIOUS SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS, OF WHICH \$4.6 MILLION ON REHABILITATION SERVICES, \$1.4 MILLION ON GROUP AND COMMUNITY SERVICES, \$1.5 MILLION ON FAMILY SERVICES, \$6,000 ON SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS, \$100,000 ON MINOR ALLOCATIONS, AND THE REST TO BE USED TO MEET ANY CONTINGENCIES DURING THE YEAR.

SO FAR THIS YEAR, THE LARGEST SINGLE GRANT OF ABOUT \$250,000 HAS BEEN MADE TO THE ST. JAMES SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR THE HANDICAPPED. THE OBJECT OF THE WORKSHOP IS TO PROVIDE OCCUPATION AND ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS, WHO BECAUSE OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY, ARE NOT ABLE TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE. THE WORKSHOP AIMS TO GIVE A SENSE OF BELONGING TO ITS MEMBERS AND TO DEVELOP THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE.

ANOTHER GRANT OF \$120,000 HAS BEEN MADE THIS YEAR TO THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS TOWARDS THE SETTING UP OF A YOUTH CENTRE IN THE OI MAN ESTATE.

ON THE SOURCES OF THE INCOME FOR THE LOTTERIES FUND IN THE PAST YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT ABOUT 67 PER CENT HAD BEEN THE PROCEEDS FROM LOTTERY SALES= 4.5 PER CENT FROM AUCTIONS OF SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS= 8.6 PER CENT FROM FORFEITURE OF UNCLAIMED PRIZE MONEY= AND THE REST FROM ACCRUED INTEREST, REFUND OF GRANT AND REPAYMENT OF LOAN.

ALTHOUGH THE TICKETS OF THE FIRST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY WENT ON SALE IN 1962 FOLLOWING THE ENACTMENT OF THE LOTTERIES ORDINANCE, IT WAS ONLY THREE YEARS LATER THAT A RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING OVER UNSPENT MONEY RAISED FROM THE SALE OF THE LOTTERY TICKETS.

THE AIM OF THE FUND WAS TO USE PROCEEDS FROM FUTURE LOTTERIES TO FINANCE SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS.

THE FUND RECEIVED A CONSIDERABLE BOOSTING IN MAY 1973 WHEN THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT STARTED AUCTIONING +LUCKY+ CAR LICENCE NUMBERS TO THE HIGHEST BIDDERS.

SO FAR, 29 AUCTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD AND THE LOTTERIES FUND IS NOW RICHER BY \$4.7 MILLION.

ANOTHER TURNING POINT TOOK PLACE WHEN THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES WERE REPLACED BY THE MARK SIX LOTTERIES IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR. THE NEW LOTTERIES, WHICH ARE DRAWN TWICE WEEKLY, HAVE ALREADY CHANNELLED \$3.3 MILLION TO THE FUND.

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ENROLMENT INTO TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

ENROLMENT OF STUDENTS FOR FULL-TIME, PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND BLOCK RELEASE COURSES FOR THE 1976/77 SESSION ARE BEING INVITED BY THE THREE EXISTING TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

THE COURSES, FOR BOTH CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN LEVELS, COVER A VARIETY OF COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SUBJECTS AND WILL BEGIN THIS SEPTEMBER. THE NEW CLASSES LAST FOR ONE TO THREE YEARS.

THERE ARE VARIOUS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND THEY INCLUDE COMPLETION OF PRIMARY SIX EDUCATION AND THE NEED FOR SPONSORS.

APPLICATION FORMS AND OTHER DETAILS OF THE COURSES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 6 01 KWAN ROAD, WANCHAI ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN HING SHING ROAD, KOWLOON, AND KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN HIU MING STREET, ALSO IN KOWLOON.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD REACH THE INSTITUTE CONCERNED ON OR BEFORE MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 1976. LATE AND INADEQUATELY COMPLETED FORMS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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PLB CLEARWAYS IN PORTLAND STREET

A NUMBER OF PLB CLEARWAYS WILL BE INTRODUCED ALONG PORTLAND STREET IN MONG KOK, FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JULY 27).

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STOP ALONG THE FOLLOWING LENGTHS OF PORTLAND STREET BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT DAILY:-

- * FROM THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT 75 FEET NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION=
- * FROM THE JUNCTION OF DUNDAS STREET AND PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT 75 FEET NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION=
- * FROM THE JUNCTION OF SHAN TUNG STREET AND PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT 75 FEET NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION= AND
- * FROM A POINT APPROXIMATELY 75 FEET SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION OF ARGYLE STREET AND PORTLAND STREET TO A POINT 75 FEET NORTH OF THE SAME JUNCTION.

THE ABOVE RESTRICTIONS ARE TO IMPROVE ENTRY AND EXIT CONDITIONS IN PORTLAND STREET IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC ALONG THE MAJOR THOROUGHFARES WITH WHICH PORTLAND STREET CONNECTS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS DRIVERS.

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SALE OF USED TEXTBOOKS

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THE SHAM SHUI PO YOUTH CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS SPONSORING A USED TEXTBOOKS SALE TO RELIEVE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS OF THE BURDEN ARISING FROM THE PURCHASE OF NEW TEXTBOOKS.

BOOKS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO AUGUST 4 AT THE YOUTH CENTRE AT 88 YU CHAU STREET, 1ST FLOOR, KOWLOON.

COLLECTION TIMES WILL BE FROM 2.30 P.M. TO 5 P.M. AND 7.30 P.M. TO 9 P.M. EVERYDAY.

THE SALE WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN AUGUST 9 AND 14.

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARINE DEPARTMENT

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT ITS WAN CHAI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA WILL BE OPEN AS USUAL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 2) WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

THE VICTORIA SMALL CRAFT LICENSING OFFICE WILL ALSO BE WORKING BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 11 A.M. ON THAT DAY.

ALL OTHER SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE DAY.

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