



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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751 TEACHERS APPOINTED IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SO FAR 751 TEACHERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED TO FILL POSTS IN PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

THIS FIGURE IS 219 MORE THAN THE NUMBER OF 532 VACANCIES ESTIMATED EARLIER THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF AN UNEXPECTED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF RESIGNATIONS AND TRANSFERS FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

UNDER THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO ALL TRAINED TEACHERS, INCLUDING RECENT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION GRADUATES, TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES WHICH WERE OPEN TO ALL TRAINED TEACHERS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT LATEST RETURNS FROM AIDED SCHOOLS SHOWED THAT AS A RESULT OF OPEN COMPETITION AT LEAST 401 RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING MORE THAN HALF OF THE 751 APPOINTMENTS.

HE STATED THAT 51 RECENT GRADUATES HAD SIGNED CONTRACTS WITH PRIVATE ASSISTED AND PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS. ANOTHER ESTIMATED 50 POSTS IN INDEPENDENT PRIVATE SCHOOLS WERE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN FILLED BY RECENT COLLEGE GRADUATES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANOTHER THREE ESTATE PRIMARY SCHOOLS WERE NEARING COMPLETION AND SHOULD PROVIDE SOME 40 TO 50 VACANCIES IN THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR MONTHS.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EXPECTED THAT ALL RETURNS ON APPOINTMENTS TO TEACHING POSTS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR WOULD BE RECEIVED LATER THIS MONTH WHEN AN OVERALL POSITION ON THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION OF TRAINED TEACHERS COULD BE ASCERTAINED.

IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT NEW PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND WILL PROVIDE MORE PLACES FOR PUPILS AND TEACHERS.

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P.W.D. TO REPAIR DAMAGE AT MERRY TERRACE

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REPAIR THE DAMAGE IN MERRY TERRACE AT CASTLE ROAD CAUSED BY THE RECENT RAINSTORMS.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MERRY TERRACE OWNERS AND TENANTS ASSOCIATION LIMITED HAD ADVISED THAT THE OWNERS HAVE NOT YET REACHED ANY AGREEMENT IN THE MATTER OF CARRYING OUT WORKS.

IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION, THE P.W.D. BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE IS TO EMPLOY THEIR OWN CONTRACTOR TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY WORKS AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY AND ON COMPLETION WILL CHARGE THE COSTS TO THE CO-OWNERS OF MERRY TERRACE.

NOTICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE AREA, AND INDIVIDUAL COPIES SENT TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

MR. A.B. LAWRENCE, CHIEF BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE, DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DIVISION, SAID TODAY THAT AN URGENT SURVEY OF THE DAMAGE WAS ALREADY UNDER WAY AND PRELIMINARY PROTECTIVE MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN ON THE SLOPE.

WORK ON A NEW RETAINING WALL, TO REPLACE THE ONE THAT FAILED DURING THE PASSAGE OF TROPICAL STORM ELLEN, WOULD BEGIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. FURTHER REMEDIAL WORKS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE ONCE THE NEW WALL WAS COMPLETED.

MR. LAWRENCE SAID THAT THE OLD RETAINING WALL ADJACENT TO CASTLE ROAD FAILED DURING THE PASSAGE OF TROPICAL STORM ELLEN, AND A SECTION OF THE ROAD COLLAPSED, CAUSING DEBRIS TO SLIDE DOWN THE CARPARK OF MERRY TERRACE. SUBSEQUENT EXAMINATION OF THE OLD WALL REVEALED THAT IT WAS OF VERY POOR QUALITY.

+WORKS NOW NEED TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO LIMIT THE EXTENT OF THE LANDSLIDE TO AVOID ANY FURTHER SLIDE AFFECTING THE BUILDING, OR OTHER NEARBY BUILDINGS AND TO REPLACE THE RETAINING WALL,+ SAID MR. LAWRENCE.

+AS WE CONSIDER THE CASE TO BE ONE OF EMERGENCY, WE NOW INTEND TO ARRANGE TO CARRY OUT SUCH WORKS AS ARE NECESSARY TO LIMIT THE EXTENT OF A LANDSLIDE AND TO REPLACE THE FAILED AND DEFECTIVE RETAINING WALLS OF A STRUCTURE.

+THE COST OF SUCH WORKS, AND ANY SUPERVISORY CHARGES CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE, ARE RECOVERABLE FROM THE BUILDING OWNERS UNDER THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE SECTIONS 26(4) AND 33,+ HE SAID.

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SHOPKEEPERS AT TAI ON MANSION TO GET  
FULL COMPENSATION BEFORE MOVING  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SHOPKEEPERS AT TAI ON MANSION, WHICH IS TO BE DEMOLISHED IN THE COURSE OF MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WORKS, ARE TO BE PAID FULL COMPENSATION BEFORE THEY MOVE.

FINAL OFFERS OF COMPENSATION HAVE NOW BEEN MADE TO SUPERSEDE THE EARLIER OFFERS OF A PROVISIONAL ADVANCE, AT A FLAT RATE OF \$40 PER SQUARE FOOT OF BUSINESS SPACE, WHICH WERE NOT ACCEPTED BY THE SHOPKEEPERS. THE AMOUNTS OF THE OFFERS VARY GREATLY, SOME BEING ONLY SLIGHTLY OVER THE ADVANCE PAYMENT FIRST OFFERED AND SOME BEING BETWEEN TWO AND THREE TIMES THE AMOUNT, DEPENDING ON GOVERNMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE PROFITABILITY OF THE BUSINESSES DAMAGED AND THE EXPENSES OF CLOSING OR REMOVING SHOP.

THE OFFER HAS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THEIR BUSINESS LOSSES THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THE BUILDING WAS RESUMED IN APRIL AND THE LOSS IN PROFIT WHICH WILL LIKELY OCCUR WHILST EXISTING BUSINESSES ARE RE-ESTABLISHED IN NEW PREMISES.

THE SHOPKEEPERS HAVE PAID NO RENT FOR THE PAST FIVE MONTHS, BUT NO DEDUCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE OFFER ON THIS ACCOUNT.

THE SHOPKEEPERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED IN THE LETTER OF OFFER THAT THEY MAY EITHER ACCEPT THE OFFER IN FULL AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THEIR CLAIMS OR THAT THEY MAY ACCEPT PAYMENT OF THE OFFER AND APPEAL AGAINST IT TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL. IN EITHER CASE THEY WILL BE PAID IMMEDIATELY.

THE SHOPKEEPERS AFFECTED DELIVERED A PETITION TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE YESTERDAY SEEKING ALLOCATION OF SHOPS IN PUBLIC HOUSING AND THAT FORMAL OFFERS OF COMPENSATION BE MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. AS PUBLIC HOUSING SHOPS ARE NOW LET BY PUBLIC TENDER AND NOT ALLOCATED TO PERSONS CLEARED, THEY HAVE BEEN INFORMED IN REPLY THAT THIS REQUEST CANNOT BE MET BUT THAT STATUTORY OFFERS OF COMPENSATION HAVE NOW BEEN MADE. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN REMINDED THAT THEY MUST BE OUT OF TAI ON MANSION BY SEPTEMBER 10 SO THAT THE BUILDING MAY BE HANDED OVER FOR DEMOLITION ON SEPTEMBER 13. WORK WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 14.

OF MORE THAN 100 DOMESTIC TENANTS, COMPRISING MORE THAN 400 FAMILY-MEMBERS, ALL BUT FIVE TENANTS HAVE NOW LEFT THE BUILDING OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF MOVING. ALL ELIGIBLE FAMILIES WHO WISHED TO BE REHOUSED HAVE BEEN FOUND NEW FLATS IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN GRANTS TO ASSIST WITH THEIR MOVING. FLAT AND SHOP OWNERS HAVE BEEN OFFERED COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF THEIR PROPERTIES AT FULL MARKET VALUE.

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GOVERNOR INSPECTS BRIDGE WORK

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING VISITED SHA TIN TO SEE PROGRESS ON THE NEW RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SHING MUN RIVER, BEING BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE THE ONE DAMAGED DURING THE RECENT RAINSTORMS.

SIR MURRAY WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, MR. EDWARD YOUDE, WHO ARRIVED IN HONG KONG LATE THIS AFTERNOON ON HIS WAY BACK TO PEKING FROM LEAVE IN LONDON.

THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON WORK PROGRESS BY THE P.W.D.'S CHIEF RAILWAY ENGINEER, MR. VAL MANSFIELD, AND THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER, MR. BRYAN O'RORKE. ALSO PRESENT WAS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MR. REG GREGORY.

THE GOVERNOR WAS TOLD THAT DEMOLITION OF THE OLD BRIDGE HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND WORK WAS WELL UNDERWAY ON DRIVING PILES TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BRIDGE. PILING WOULD CONTINUE AT NIGHT UNTIL THE JOB WAS COMPLETED.

LATER, SIR MURRAY CALLED AT THE K.C.R. RAILWAY WORKSHOPS AT HO TUNG LAU WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY MR. GREGORY ON THE EMERGENCY FREIGHT SERVICE INTRODUCED THERE TO HELP OFF-LOAD CHINESE GOODS FROM TRAINS ON TO TRUCKS THUS BY-PASSING THE DAMAGED LINE.

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\$137,500 EX-GRATIA GRANTS FROM  
EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

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THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND COMMITTEE THIS (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON APPROVED A SUM OF \$137,500 AS EX-GRATIA GRANTS TO SHOP OWNERS AND MARKET STALL HOLDERS WHO LOST THEIR STOCKS DURING THE MUDSLIDE AT SAU MAU PING ON AUGUST 25.

SHOP OWNERS OF THE EIGHT BAYS IN BLOCK 9 OF THE ESTATE WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY OR SEVERELY DAMAGED WILL BE GIVEN \$15,000 EACH- WHILE \$500 WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH OF THE 35 MARKET STALLS OWNERS.

THE MONEY WILL BE PAID OUT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOLIDAY BY HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF.

THE EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND, WHICH WAS SET UP IN 1962, WAS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE HELP FOR VICTIMS OF FIRES AND OTHER DISASTERS.

THE FUND IS ADMINISTERED BY A COMMITTEE OF WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE IS THE CHAIRMAN. OTHER MEMBERS INCLUDE THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THREE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS - MR. CHEUNG WING-YIN, MR. NG CHAN-LAM AND MR. WONG PING-HON.

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SECONDARY SCHOOL COLOUR TV PROGRAMME

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NOTE TO EDITORS:-

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD THIS FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) AT 2.30 P.M. AT THE PREVIEW THEATRE OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG (RTHK) AT BROADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON, TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE SECONDARY SCHOOL COLOUR TELEVISION PROGRAMME.

THE PROGRAMME WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 13).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (TELEVISION) OF RTHK, MR. DONALD KERR, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION), MR. SUN PING-SHU, WILL BE PRESENT AT THE CONFERENCE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SOCIAL WORK STUDENTS

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WAS PRESENTED WITH A CHEQUE FOR \$5,000 TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE YOUTH ORGANISATION FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED. THE DONATION WAS MADE TOWARDS THE SETTING UP OF FIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING IN THE 1976/77 ACADEMIC YEAR.

THE CHEQUE WAS PRESENTED TO MR. LEE BY MR. RONALD LU, CHAIRMAN OF Y.O.U., AT A LUNCHEON HELD AT THE FURAMA HOTEL.

Y.O.U. IS AN ORGANISATION CONSISTING OF YOUNG AND ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE INTERESTED IN HELPING OTHERS WHO THROUGH POVERTY ARE PREVENTED FROM FURTHERING THEIR EDUCATION.

FUNDS ARE RAISED BY THE ORGANISATION EVERY YEAR TO CARRY OUT A NUMBER OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROJECTS WHICH INCLUDES THE DONATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING.

STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE, UNLIKE THEIR COUNTERPARTS AT THE UNIVERSITIES OR COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, DO NOT HAVE ACCESSSES TO BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIP OR LOAN SCHEMES. THEY ARE ALSO UNABLE TO TAKE UP JOBS DURING THE SUMMER AS THE INSTITUTE'S PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SUMMER MONTHS FOR FIELD WORK WHICH IS VITAL IN SOCIAL WORK TRAINING.

IN THANKING THE YOUTH ORGANISATION FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED, MR. LEE SAID THAT THE GENEROUS OFFER OF Y.O.U. TO SET UP SCHOLARSHIPS WAS WELCOMED BY ALL CONCERNED, ESPECIALLY THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

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CLOSURE OF PUBLIC DUMP AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION  
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DUMPING AT KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION IS TO BE SUSPENDED AS FROM NEXT THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 16), THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MR. NG TECK-SHENG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION, SAID A STAGE HAD NOW BEEN REACHED IN THE RECLAMATION WORKS WHERE NO FURTHER DUMPING COULD BE ACCEPTED UNTIL CURRENT CONSTRUCTION WORK ON MAJOR STORMWATER DRAINS WERE COMPLETED.

+IN THE MEANTIME, CONTRACTORS WISHING TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUS EXCAVATION MAY APPLY FOR FREE LICENCES TO DISPOSE OF THEIR SPOILS AT SHA TIN+, HE ADDED.

MR. NG SAID THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION HAD PROVIDED A MAJOR PUBLIC DUMP SINCE 1962. +OVER THE YEARS MORE THAN 10 MILLION CUBIC METRES OF SURPLUS EXCAVATION FROM BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE PROJECTS HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED IN THE BAY TO FORM MORE THAN 180 HECTARES OF LAND FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DUMP REACHED SATURATION POINT ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO BUT DUMPING MATERIAL HAD CONTINUED TO BE ACCEPTED AND STOCKPILED IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN A VENUE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EXCAVATION FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

+HOWEVER, THE CAPACITY OF THE STOCKPILING AREAS HAS NOW ALSO BEEN EXHAUSTED AND IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO CLOSE THE DUMP.+

LICENCES FOR DUMPING AT SHA TIN MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE BY WRITING TO THE PROJECT MANAGER OF THE P.W.D.'S SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, 2ND FLOOR, SHA TIN GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 2 TUNG LO WAN HILL, SHA TIN.

MR. NG SAID ANOTHER PUBLIC DUMP WOULD BE OPENED AT LAI CHI KOK BAY LATER IN THE YEAR.

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RE-ROUTING OF TUNG MING STREET  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) TRAFFIC IN TUNG MING STREET BETWEEN HANG ON STREET AND KUNG KOK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTH-BOUND TO TWO-WAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HAPPY VALLEY AND TSUEN WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 P.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 10) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT ITS WORK.

IN HAPPY VALLEY, THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE NO.34 STUBBS ROAD AND THE WHOLE OF SHIU FAI TERRACE AND TUNG SHAN TERRACE.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF YEUNG UK ROAD FROM WANG LUNG STREET TO MA TAU PA STREET, FUI YIU KOK STREET AND WANG LUNG STREET FROM YEUNG UK ROAD TO MA TAU PA STREET.

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