



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONIES

Special Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held throughout Hong Kong on Sunday (November 11) in honour of those who died during the two world wars.

The main memorial service will take place at the Cenotaph in Statue Square.

Among those attending will be the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose; the Colonial Secretary, Mr. D.T.E. Roberts; the three Service Commanders led by the Commander, British Forces, Lt. General Sir Richard Ward; the Chief Justice, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, the Chairman of the Commanding Officers' Committee, a representative of the Merchant Navy, Commonwealth Commissioners, the Doyen of the Consular Corps and representatives of the British Legion and ex-servicemen's associations.

Two honour guards will be provided by the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) and the First Battalion The Black Watch. The Band of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment and the Pipers from the Black Watch will be in attendance.

There will be four Cenotaph sentries, one each from the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force, the Army and the Royal Hong Kong Regiment.

The ceremony will begin with the arrival of the Governor at 10.58 a.m. Following the playing of the National Anthem and the sounding of the Last Post, a two-minute silence will be observed at 11 a.m. The beginning and ending will be marked by the firing of a gun from H.M.S. Tamar.

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During this period , all shipowners, shipmasters and people in charge of small craft are requested to co-operate in reducing to the minimum the sounding of whistles, horns or sirens in the vicinity of the Cenotaph.

After the ceremony at the Cenotaph, the Governor will attend a Remembrance Day service in St. John's Cathedral.

Members of the public and all service officers, apart from those officially invited, who wish to lay wreaths at the Cenotaph may do so after the Service departments have moved away from the Statue Square area.

Prior to the Cenotaph tribute, a short ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at the Chinese War Memorial in the Botanic Gardens. There, the Governor and the Commander, British Forces, will lay wreaths. They will be followed by the Colonial Secretary, the Secretary for Home Affairs and Chinese Unofficial Members of the Executive, Legislative and Urban Councils.

At Sek Kong, units of the 48 Gurkha units will be taking part in a Drumhead Service outside St. Martin's Church.

During the ceremony, which begins at 11 a.m., music will be provided by the Brigade of Gurkha Staff.

At Stanley, the annual service of remembrance will be held at the Stanley Club at 10.45 a.m. After the service, wreaths will be laid on the graves of the fallen in Stanley Military Cemetery. The Band of the Cape Collinson Training Centre will be in attendance.

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Note to Editors: For the Cenotaph ceremony, there will be limited accommodation for newspaper reporters and photographers at the western end of the first floor balcony of the Supreme Court.

There will be no special Press position within the Statue Square perimeter.

For their part, Press representatives are requested to observe the solemnity of the occasion, and not talk unnecessarily during the service, particularly during the two-minute silence.

Newspapers wishing to station representatives on the Supreme Court balcony, should supply their names to the Duty Officers, Government Information Services, by noon on Friday (November 9).

In view of the limited space available on the Supreme Court balcony, it may be necessary to restrict accommodation to photographers only. Special lapel badges will be issued on Friday afternoon. G.I.S. officer, Mr. Ben Fu, will be on hand to assist Press representatives.

Chinese War Memorial Ceremony:

Editors are advised that Press reporters and photographers will not be allowed inside the rope cordon around the Chinese War Memorial in the Botanic Gardens.

Press representatives will stand either on the east or west side of the rope cordon. They will not be able to stand on the south side of the Memorial Arch.

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Press representatives are particularly requested, in view of the limited accommodation, to observe the direction of police officers on duty.

Service at Stanley:

The Press are invited to cover the service, but photographers will not be allowed to take pictures inside the Club during the service. However, they are welcome to take pictures at the wreath-laying ceremony at the cemetery.

Service at Sek Kong:

The Press are welcome to cover the ceremony, which starts at 11 a.m.

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CHRISTMAS AEROGRAMMES

Christmas pictorial aerogrammes will be on sale at all post offices from November 12.

The aerogrammes, designed by a Government artist, will be available in two attractive varieties --- one depicting Father Christmas with a small boy and the other a Chinese festive scene.

A spokesman for the Post Office said today that these aerogrammes were a convenient and inexpensive way of sending Christmas greetings abroad.

"They combine both a personal letter and a greeting and can be posted to any part of the world as first class airmail for only 50 cents," he said.

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NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (GENERAL) OF SOCIAL WELFARE

Mr. Frederick Clark, a Principal in the Department of Health and Social Security in Britain, has arrived in Hong Kong to take up the post of Assistant Director (General) in the Social Welfare Department from today.

He is on temporary transfer to the Hong Kong Government for a period of two and a half years and replaces Mr. Strachan Heppell who returned to Britain on July 18 this year.

During his time here, Mr. Heppell was responsible for advising on and carrying through the implementation of the public assistance and disability and infirmity allowance schemes which the department now operates through its Social Security Division.

Mr. Clark, who is 46 and single, has been working in the policy division of the Department of Health and Social Security since 1969 and has considerable experience in dealing with public assistance.

In the Social Welfare Department, he will be responsible for the administration of the social security schemes as well as planning, research and departmental training.

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MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT IN NEXT DECADE

Dr. Choa Tells Rotarians Of Major Projects Envisaged

Dr. G.H. Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, said today Hong Kong could look forward with confidence to a phased development of medical services in the next ten years consistent with the population's growth.

He made this point at a luncheon talk to members of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong Island East in the Lee Gardens Hotel.

Dr. Choa discussed the major aspects of the recently-published report of the Medical Development Advisory Committee, and supplemented his remarks with film slides of the Medical and Health Department carrying out its various responsibilities.

Dr. Choa said the new target of 5.5 hospital beds per 1,000 population would be achieved by 1983 not only by building four new government hospitals, but also by further development of assisted hospitals such as those in the Tung Wah group and the Caritas Medical Centre.

In addition, new clinics were being planned for Lam Tin, Ngau Tau Kok, Lei Muk Shue and Ha Kwai Chung. He envisaged other clinics being incorporated in plans with regard to new towns, and the redeveloping and reprovisioning of old clinics, such as the Violet Peel Polyclinic.

Dr. Choa noted that day beds had been recommended for psychiatric, geriatric and non-acute general cases for the new clinics, in addition to, or instead of, maternity beds because the time had come to take account of the needs of an ageing population.

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He described how the proposed regionalisation of the hospital and clinic services would work.

In the eastern district of Hong Kong Island, for example, patients from the Shau Kei Wan general clinic would be referred to the nearest specialist clinic, the Violet Peel, and after that either to the district hospital -- in this case the Tung Wah Eastern, in Sookunpoo -- or the regional hospital, the Queen Mary. The hospital would depend on the nature and condition of the illness.

It should also be possible for a patient to be transferred from a district to a regional hospital if specialist treatment was required, or vice versa from a regional to a district hospital for convalescence following the end of the acute phase of an illness.

Dr. Choa made it plain that the problem of staff to meet these developments would be serious, illustrating the point with a number of significant figures.

"It is hoped that we shall have 100 more doctors a year in addition to the present output of 150 by 1983," he said. "In the Government sector, the number of nurses in the establishment by 1983 is estimated at 6,000 general and 1,600 psychiatric nurses."

To train them, a third general nurses training school should be set up, and a second psychiatric nurses training school was already in the planning stage.

Dr. Choa referred to the proposals to establish a dental nurses training school, a school children's dental clinic, and the need for Hong Kong to train its own dentists.

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"To give you some idea," he said, "if we start producing an output of 80 dentists in 1980, we shall have one dentist per 6,000 population by 1987."

The talk concluded with brief references to plans in regard to family planning, drug addiction and rehabilitation.

Dr. Choa is an honorary member of the Club.

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KOWLOON HOSPITAL ANNUAL SPORTS MEETING

Director of Medical and Health Services To Present Trophies

The seventh annual athletic meeting of the Kowloon Hospital will be held at the sports ground of the hospital, Argyle Street, on Sunday (November 11).

The whole-day event is part of the staff welfare programme sponsored by the hospital's sports committee.

Dr. G.H. Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, will present trophies to winners.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the meeting covered. It will begin at 10.30 a.m., and the presentation of trophies will be at 4 p.m.

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CLOSURE OF PUBLIC PIERS

Queen's Pier will be closed to marine traffic from 8.30 a.m. to 10 a.m. next Wednesday (November 14) when the Commander, British Forces, Lt. General Sir Richard Ward, leaves Hong Kong to take up a senior post in the United Kingdom.

On the other side of the harbour, the Kwun Tong Public Pier will be closed to marine traffic between 10 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. so that Sir Richard may disembark there on his way to Kai Tak Airport.

On Tuesday (November 13), the day before Sir Richard's departure, Queen's Pier will also be closed for one and a half hours starting from 8.30 p.m. for a rehearsal.

Coxswains and operators of small craft who normally use Queen's Pier during the periods of closure are advised to use Blake Pier instead.

Those wishing to use Kwun Tong Public Pier during the half-hour closure period are advised to use alternative landing facilities nearby.

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO ADDRESS CHINESE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

The Director of Education, Mr. J. Canning, will address about 200 students and staff of the School of Education of the Chinese University of Hong Kong at Ma Liu Shui, New Territories, on Friday (November 9) evening.

Mr. Canning will speak on the recommendations of the Board of Education on the proposed expansion of secondary school education in Hong Kong over the next decade.

This will be followed by a discussion.

The lecture and discussion will last about two hours.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a representative to cover the lecture which begins at 6 p.m. on November 9 in Room 611 in the sixth teaching block of Chung Chi College, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

On arrival, press representatives are requested to contact Mr. Y.S. Hsia or Dr. David.K.C. Kan in Room 112 in the first teaching block of Chung Chi College. This teaching block is opposite the Chung Chi administration block.

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