



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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CLOSURE ORDERS ON 31 FLATS AT GRENVILLE HOUSE LIFTED

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The occupants of 31 flats at Grenville House, Magazine Gap Road, which were closed as a precautionary measure after the May Road landslide on September 2 can now return to their homes.

The Building Authority announced today that the closure orders on these flats had been lifted and notices to this effect were posted this afternoon.

A spokesman for the Building Ordinance Office pointed out, however, that 40 flats remain under closure, but he hoped that a decision on them would be taken soon.

The re-occupation of the 31 flats has been made possible by the progress of work on demolishing the remaining portion of a retaining wall above May Road and on removing landslide debris from the road itself. As this work has advanced, so the potential danger to flats on some upper and middle storeys has receded.

The 31 flats comprise 21 on the 6th to the 12th storeys (inclusive) of Blocks A, B and C, and 10 flats on the 4th and 5th storeys of Blocks D, E, F, G and H.

The spokesman said that if progress on the demolition and removal work could be satisfactorily maintained, it was likely that a decision could be reached within a week on the rest of the closed flats at Grenville House.

As has been previously announced, the effect of the closure orders has already been eased by facilities allowing occupants of closed flats to have access to them during the day time.

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NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN STARTS IN NOVEMBER

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The new registration scheme for juvenile identity cards, under which children will not be required to register until they reach the age of 11, will be introduced on November 1.

Announcing this today, a spokesman for the Registration of Persons Department said that pamphlets explaining the procedure for registering children for their new juvenile identity cards were being sent to all schools, city district offices and district offices, New Territories.

Special arrangements will be made for representatives of the department to visit schools to explain the new scheme.

"At the same time, initial application forms for registration will be made available to children for completion by their parents or guardians. The representatives will return to schools already visited and collect completed forms," the spokesman added.

Parents or guardians will then be advised when and where to attend with their children for completion of registration formalities.

For children not attending school, parents or guardians should attend with their children at any of the Registration of Persons Department's branch offices or sub-offices.

Under the new scheme, the age of registering for a juvenile identity card is raised from six to 11, while the age of re-registering for an adult identity card is raised from 17 to 18.

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In view of the very high number of children between the ages of 11 and 17 years, the spokesman said, the provision of new juvenile identity cards would take some time to complete.

At the start of the scheme, therefore, only 11-year-old children born between November 2, 1961 and November 1, 1962 and children between the ages of 12 and 17 years who have not yet been registered for an identity card will be registered for new identity cards.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CAUSEWAY BAY FLYOVER

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The one-way flyover leading from the waterfront near Victoria Park to the Causeway Bay area will be closed for a few hours early this Friday morning (September 28).

The temporary closure is to facilitate maintenance works.

From 12.30 a.m. to 5 a.m. that day, eastbound traffic on Gloucester Road going to Causeway Bay will be diverted to Victoria Park Road, Wing Hing Street, Electric Road, Hing Fat Street, the slip road opposite Victoria Park Swimming Pool and the westbound carriageway of Victoria Park Road.

Appropriate traffic signs will be posted to guide motorists.

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### MANY STILL IGNORE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

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Managements and workers are still adopting an "indifferent attitude" towards industrial safety, Mr. A.H. Carter, Industrial Safety Training Officer of the Labour Department, said today.

"This is indeed discouraging as it can only lead to unnecessary waste of life and limb."

He was commenting on the number of accidents on construction sites in August when three workers were killed and 395 others injured. This compared with two deaths and 380 injuries in July.

As in previous months, one of the major causes of injury was persons falling from heights.

In one of the fatal accidents the worker fell to his death from a bamboo scaffolding when a series of cross-bars of the scaffolding broke off.

Mr. Carter said scaffolding was not designed to support heavy loads, and heavy materials should never be stacked on it. Furthermore, scaffoldings should be regularly examined to ensure their stability.

"One could well imagine that had the worker worn a safety belt, his life might have been saved," he added.

Mr. Carter said another important aspect of accident prevention on construction sites was "good housekeeping" - general tidiness and organisation.

"A high standard of 'housekeeping' will definitely help reduce the number of accidents caused by workers tripping over objects or being struck by falling objects," he said.

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MEET THE MEDIA

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Note to Editors: A Meet the Media session will be held tomorrow (Wednesday) when the Sub-Committee on Social Causes of Crime will introduce its interim progress report.

The Sub-Committee was set up in March this year to study the root causes of crime and recommend ways of reducing them.

Attending the meeting will be Mr. David Lai, chairman of the Sub-Committee; Mr. K.S. Yeung, Assistant Director of Education; Mr. W.M. Ross, Senior Superintendent of Police and Miss S.M. Chan, Assistant Director of Social Welfare.

The session will start at 3 p.m. in the G.I.S. theatre, Beaconsfield House, 5th floor.

You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the meeting. Television crews are requested to arrive early so that they will have ample time to set up their equipment.

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H.K. DELEGATION BACK FROM EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN FIJI

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Hong Kong took an active part in the recent Third Symposium in Fiji of the Standing Conference of Inspectors of Schools in the Far Eastern and Pacific Areas of the Commonwealth.

This was stated today by the leader of the Hong Kong delegation, Mr. J. Winfield, Acting Deputy Chief Inspector, Education Department.

The other members of the delegation were Mrs. Louise Mok, Principal Curriculum Planning Officer (Secondary), and Mr. F.C. So, Head of the Chinese Section of the Advisory Inspectorate. Attending as an observer was Dr. C.J. Su, Principal of Clementi Middle School.

The symposium's theme was "Quality Education for National Development - the Role of the Advisor."

Mr. Winfield said: "A feature of the symposium was the presentation of reports by each delegation, recording recent progress in the field of inspection and advisory work. These enabled participants to appreciate one another's problems and to discuss possible solutions.

"Certain problems, including the quality of teachers, the formulation of appropriate curriculum objectives, the lack of finance, buildings and equipment, appeared to be shared by delegates from several countries."

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Apart from Hong Kong, the symposium at the Nasinu Teachers' College in Fiji was attended by delegates from Australia, the British Solomon Islands, The Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Malaysia, the New Hebrides, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Singapore, Tonga, Western Samoa, the United Kingdom and the host nation Fiji.

The Standing Conference was established in 1969 to meet the need of inspectors and advisors to communicate with each other periodically, to pool their experience, discuss common issues and plan future co-operation on a regional Commonwealth basis.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

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His Excellency the Governor, after taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Council, has decided that the death sentence passed on Wong Yu-hung on February 14, 1973 should be commuted to a term of 20 years' imprisonment. Wong was found guilty of the murder of Ho Kam-wa.

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FACTORY VISITS BY DC & I DIRECTOR

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Note to Editors: The Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. E.P. Ho, will visit two factories in Kowloon on Thursday (September 27).

The visits are part of his regular programme of observing actual day-to-day operations in the factories.

Accompanying him will be Mr. M.D. Sargent and Mr. P.K.Y. Tsao, Assistant Directors of the department.

They will first go to the Jan Sin Mee Garments Manufacturing Co. Ltd., at 17-19, Luk Hop Street, first floor, San Po Kong, at 9.25 a.m., before proceeding to the Chung Nam Weaving Factory at 414 Kwun Tong Road.

You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the visits.

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CHINESE CHESS TOURNAMENT

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A Chinese Chess Tournament for players in the Tsuen Wan area has been organised by the Princess Alexandra Community Centre as part of its recreational activities to promote healthy and creative hobbies.

The tournament starts at 7.30 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday). Spectators will be able to watch the progress of each game on a large chess board in the middle of the hall.

"Chinese Chess goes back a long way in history and by organising such competitions we want them to serve as reminders to the people of their cultural heritage," said Mr. Simon Ki of the Centre.

Applications should be made to Room 213, 2nd floor, Princess Alexandra Community Centre, Tai Ho Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories or by telephone to 12-402786.

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Note to Editors: Reporters and photographers are welcome to cover the tournament.

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"AMSTERDAM" ROSE PLANTED IN KOWLOON PARK

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A new variety of red rose, christened "Amsterdam", was planted in Kowloon Park this morning by the Chairman of the Urban Council, Mr. A. de O. Sales, during a brief ceremony attended by the Consul-General of the Netherlands, Mr. J. Kneppelhout.

The rose was presented to Mr. de Sales earlier this year by the wife of the Mayor of Amsterdam, Mrs. Samkalden-Meijers who herself bestowed the city's name on the new rose.

The gift of ten of these rose shrubs was nurtured in an Urban Council nursery in preparation for today's planting.

Also present at the ceremony were four representatives of the Brisbane City Council, currently visiting Hong Kong.

They are Aldermen R.D. Coutts, Aldermen W.D. Burke, and Messrs. C.F. Sharp and B.P. O'Connell.

In a brief address at the park this morning Mr. de Sales expressed the Council's thanks for the gift from Mrs. Samkalden-Meijers.

The Urban Council Chairman said today was auspicious for the planting in that it was the birthday of Prince Johan Friso, second son of Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands.

In reply, the Netherlands Consul-General, Mr. J. Kneppelhout, said he hoped that the roses would add to the beauty of Hong Kong and the good relations between the two cities.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph of the planting ceremony are boxed for collection.

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THIRTY-MILE SPEED LIMIT IN MID-LEVELS

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A new speed restriction will be imposed on certain sections of roads on Hong Kong Island starting from Friday (September 28).

With effect from 10 a.m. on that day, traffic travelling on those roads will be limited to a speed of 30 mph. The new speed limit will apply to: Stubbs Road; the section of Peak Road between Wanchai Gap and the lamp pole near No. 2 Gough Hill Road; the section of Magazine Gap Road between House No. 2 and Peak Road; the section of Mt. Davis Road between Pokfulam Road and a point east of the St. Clare's Girls' School; and the section of Tai Hang Road between Stubbs Road and Blue Pool Road.

Appropriate traffic signs will be posted to guide motorists.

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Release time: 8.00 p.m.