



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Embargo Note to Editors: The following announcement is being made simultaneously in London tonight. Publication is permitted in Hong Kong newspapers tomorrow (Wednesday) morning but no news agencies or overseas radio transmissions of the announcement may carry the information without the embargo qualification.

The news may be broadcast from 7 a.m. onwards over the local radio and TV stations tomorrow.

On no account should the recipients be contacted for interviews or for information relative to his career or be approached in any way in connection with the award before this has been publicly announced.

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#### SIX POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN HONOURED FOR GALLANTRY

##### In Saving People In "Jumbo" Fire

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Six members of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force and the Fire Services are awarded the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry for the part they played in rescuing a number of people from the Jumbo Floating Restaurant fire in Aberdeen in October 1971.

They are Inspector Peter Michael Mullens, Inspector Leslie Burton, Police Sergeant Lun Kam-yat, Senior Fireman Choy Fut-po, and Firemen Chiu Yu-chip and Yau Shou-kit.

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Another member of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force, Police Constable Luk Kai-lau, also received the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry.

The award was in connection with an armed robbery at the Johnston Road branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank on March 17, 1971.

On the day of the Jumbo Restaurant fire, both Inspector Mullens and Inspector Burton were in the Officers Mess of the Aberdeen Police Station.

Upon learning the fire, they rushed to the Marine Police Base where they boarded a speedboat and headed for the scene.

However, the heat was so intense that they had to enter water about 50 yards from the blazing hull.

In subsequent trips, Inspector Mullens rescued three men and a woman while Inspector Burton managed to bring two men and a woman to safety.

Sergeant Lun, who was off-duty in Aberdeen at the time of the fire, dashed to the Aberdeen Police Station and volunteered for rescue duties when he saw the blaze.

He was taken to the scene in a speedboat and managed to rescue three victims, two of whom were injured.

The three firemen were stationed at the Aberdeen Fire Station at the time of the fire.

On receiving the fire call, they raced to the Aberdeen waterfront where they took a sampan out.

Senior Fireman Choy rescued three people with the help of a colleague of his while Firemen Chiu and Yau together brought a man and a woman to safety.

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RESUMPTION OF BUDGET MEETING

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The debate on the Appropriate Bill 1973 will be resumed in the Legislative Council on Wednesday and Thursday (March 14 and 15) when 15 Unofficial Members will speak on the budget proposals for the new financial year.

Seven Unofficial Members will speak on Wednesday. The order of speakers will be as follows: The Hon. P.C. Woo, the Hon. Szeto Wai, the Hon. Wilfred S.B. Wong, the Hon. Mrs. Ellen Li, the Hon. Wilson T.S. Wang, the Hon. H.J.C. Browne and Dr. the Hon. S.Y. Chung.

On Thursday, eight Unofficial Members will speak. The order of speakers will be as follows: the Hon. Q.W. Lee, the Hon. Oswald Cheung, the Hon. T.K. Ann, the Hon. R.H. Lobo, the Hon. Mrs. Joyce Symons, the Hon. P.G. Williams and the Hon. James Wu.

The Official Members will reply to points raised by their Unofficial colleagues on Wednesday, March 28.

The Council will then consider the Bill in committee stage, to be followed by the formal third reading of the Appropriate Bill.

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HOUSING ESTATE FOR CHEUNG CHAU

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A public housing estate will be built in Kwai Tsai Wan on Cheung Chau to accommodate 5,000 people.

Dumping material derived from the project will be used for a massive reclamation scheme.

It is expected that an area of 200,000 square feet will be reclaimed in Kwai Tsai Wan for the development of light industry, which will also provide employment for local villagers and estate residents.

At present, industries on Cheung Chau include fishing craft repairs and garment manufacturing.

The Cheung Chau Ferry Pier will be extended to meet the rapid economic and social developments on the island, and to cater for the increasing number of visitors on weekends and holidays.

The pier will be fitted with lifts and ramps which can be raised or lowered to suit the tide levels.

Its berths have been designed to accommodate three-deck ferry boats.

Cost for the extension work is estimated at \$1 million.

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DISPUTE IN WIG FACTORY SETTLED

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With the help of the Labour Department, an amicable settlement has been reached in a dispute involving 43 piece-rated female workers of the Woo Kee Company, a wig factory in Sham Shui Po.

The dispute, which began on March 2, arose over the termination of employment of these 43 workers when negotiations on wage increases came to a deadlock.

Officers of the Labour Relations Service made two visits to the factory and managed to bring both parties to the conference table.

Three lengthy conciliation meetings lasting a total of ten hours were subsequently held at the San Po Kong Office of the Labour Relations Service.

Final agreement was reached on March 6, when it was agreed that the workers would each receive seven days' wages in lieu of notice for termination of employment.

Payment was made yesterday (Monday) at the San Po Kong Office of the Labour Department. The total amount involved, including arrears of wages, is about \$10,500.

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#### IMMIGRATION CLEARANCES SET RECORD IN FEBRUARY

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A total of 984,906 sea, land and air travellers received immigration clearance last month.

A spokesman for the Immigration Department said this was the highest figure ever recorded in any one month since the department was formed in 1961.

The previous highest monthly figure was 907,019 recorded in February, 1972.

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#### STREET TO BE MADE ONE-WAY

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With effect from 10 a.m. on Thursday (March 15), Yiu Wah Street will be made one-way eastbound.

The section of Matheson Street between Yiu Wah Street and Leighton Road will be made one-way southbound.

Appropriate signs will be erected to guide motorists.

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BUILDINGS IN QUEEN'S ROAD WEST CONDEMNED

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The Building Authority today declared Nos. 91-97 Queen's Road West to be in a dangerous condition.

In a statement issued this morning, the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that these three-storey pre-war buildings were inspected after buildings damaged by fire earlier this year had been demolished.

The kitchen block of No. 91 was found to be in a dangerous condition and fractures were observed both in the exposed party wall, which is constructed of soft blue brick, and in the front verandah.

The inspection of the adjoining buildings at Nos. 93-97 Queen's Road West revealed that the party walls were badly fractured and there was a considerable amount of defective timber to the roofs.

It is considered that the condition of the buildings is such that there is a risk of failure leading to collapse.

Accordingly notices of intention to apply for closure orders in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on April 12 were posted today.

A closure order has already been granted for No. 91 Queen's Road West.

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DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

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The Governor, after taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Council, has decided that the death sentences passed on February 25, 1972 on Mui Wai-ming and Wan Po-wah should each be commuted to a term of 18 years imprisonment.

Mui and Wan were found guilty of the murder of Fung Yum-yue.

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Release time: 6.30 p.m.