



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ANNUAL POLICE REVIEW

Princess Proud To Be Connected With Force

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra received a brooch in the form of the badge of the Royal Hong Kong Police to mark her becoming the Honorary Commandant General of the Force this (Tuesday) evening.

The brooch was presented to the Princess by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. C.P. Sutcliffe, during the Annual Police Review at the Government Stadium.

Her Royal Highness was accompanied by her husband, the Hon. Angus Ogilvy.

The Review was attended by the Governor and Lady MacLehose.

Princess Alexandra inspected the 830 men on parade from a landrover and presented medals to 12 officers.

Addressing the men on parade, she said their reputation for courage, steadfastness and devotion to duty stood high not only in Hong Kong but also in the world, and told them she was proud to be connected with such a Force.

The following is the full text of Princess Alexandra's speech:

"I am delighted to be with you today on the occasion of your Annual Review, and to have this opportunity of seeing representatives from every Division and Unit.

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"I would like, too, to tell you all how touched I am to receive from Hong Kong this beautiful brooch to mark my becoming your Honorary Commandant General, and I do thank everyone concerned for such a delightful present.

"The Government has entrusted to you the task of keeping the peace in Hong Kong, and maintaining that stability and safety for all its citizens which the proper observance of law and order can achieve, and in carrying out this duty you deserve the support of every member of the community.

"It is a heavy responsibility for, like most other Police Forces (including those in the United Kingdom) you have to deal with many difficult problems in the complex society of the 1970's, but it is a responsibility which I feel convinced has been placed in the right hands.

"I know that your reputation for courage, steadfastness and devotion to duty stands high in Hong Kong: I also know that it stands high in the world, for men and women of your calibre are rare. I feel very proud to be connected with such a Force."

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GOVERNMENT TO CONDUCT 1973 CENSUS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Government is to conduct a comprehensive census of industrial production relating to the year 1973.

The census, first of its kind in Hong Kong, aims at collecting information about employment, labour cost, materials and products, local sales and exports, investment expenditure and stocks of fixed assets.

A spokesman of the Census and Statistics Department said today the time has come for Hong Kong to collect industrial statistics to enable local manufacturers, overseas buyers, research agencies and intending investors to have a thorough understanding of the manufacturing sector.

He said industrial statistics are also required for purposes of industrial development, Government policy-making and trade negotiations.

During the next few months, the department will carry out a series of consultative talks with local manufacturers.

The first has started this week with textile manufacturers to obtain their views on the suitability of questionnaires to be used for the 1973 census of industrial production.

The spokesman said that manufacturers would be advised by letter in advance before being approached for consultation.

Census Supervisors of the department who have recently completed intensive training will visit those manufacturers who have received a letter of notification.

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While on duty, they will carry with them a Government Identity Card, the spokesman said.

In July and August last year, a census of manufacturing establishments was taken, which enables a master list of factories to be compiled for the purpose of the 1973 census.

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MEDICAL SPECIALIST RETIRING AFTER 18 YEARS' SERVICE

Dr. R.J. Barnes, Specialist (Medicine) in the Medical and Health Department, is retiring after more than 18 years of service to the people of Hong Kong.

He first joined the Government as a Medical and Health Officer in 1954, becoming a Senior Medical and Health Officer five years later.

He was promoted to his present post in 1963.

Dr. Barnes and Mrs. Barnes will be honoured at a tea reception in the canteen of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 27, when friends and colleagues will bid them a happy retirement.

Dr. G.H. Choa, Director of Medical and Health Services, will take the occasion to present Dr. Barnes with a souvenir.

Note to Editors: You are invited to have the presentation ceremony covered.

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PRINCESS TO OPEN POLYCLINIC IN KWAI CHUNG TOMORROW

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra will open a new polyclinic in South Kwai Chung when she spends the whole afternoon tomorrow (Wednesday) in the fast-developing Tsuen Wan/Kwai Chung industrial township.

She will visit a garment factory and the Community Centre which bears her name.

The South Kwai Chung Jockey Club Polyclinic, which the Princess will open, is the fourth Government clinic in the Tsuen Wan/Kwai Chung area.

Built with a \$2.7 million donation from the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club, the Polyclinic will provide essential medical and health services to the 300,000 residents living in the area.

Her Royal Highness will unveil a plaque to mark the opening of the polyclinic in a ceremony to be attended by people closely connected with the project.

Her next stop will be the Manhattan Garments Factory in Kwai Cheong Street, Tsuen Wan, where she will see for herself some aspects of one of Hong Kong's most important manufacturing industries.

From there, she will go on to the Princess Alexandra Community Centre, which was named after her during her 1961 official visit to Hong Kong.

The Centre is one of the six community or social centres run by the Social Welfare Department. It provides facilities for a number of welfare services and serves as a focal point for social, cultural, recreational and community activities.

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The Princess will tour nurseries, libraries and other facilities organised by the Social Welfare Department and voluntary welfare agencies.

To conclude the day, Her Royal Highness and Mr. Ogilvy will attend the Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Ball at the Hilton Hotel with the Governor and Lady MacLehose.

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Note to Editors: Full details of tomorrow's programme are distributed separately in the press boxes this evening.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS

Statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department for the week ended October 7 are as follows:-

* Notifications of infectious cases (previous week's figures in brackets) -- total 185 (157); amoebiasis -- nil (two); bacillary dysentery -- seven (12); chickenpox -- one (one); tuberculosis -- 166 (126); diphtheria -- nil (one); enteric fever (typhoid) -- five(ten); enteric fever (paratyphoid) -- nil (one); leprosy -- three (nil); measles -- nil (one); ophthalmia neonatorum -- two (one); malaria -- (fresh case) -- nil (two); and puerperal fever -- one (one).

* Births -- total registered 1,755; 459 on Hong Kong Island, 1,060 in Kowloon, and 236 in the New Territories.

* Deaths -- 356 from all causes; 131 on the Island, 206 in Kowloon and 19 in the New Territories.

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REMOVAL OF DOG INOCULATION AND LICENSING CENTRE

The dog inoculation and licensing centre in Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong, will move to a new centre located opposite the Canton Road Government Offices at 393 Canton Road, Kowloon, as from 9 a.m. on Thursday (October 26).

The new centre will be open on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 12.45 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. It will be closed on public holidays.

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TOMORROW'S PRESS TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Note to Editors:

Official transport will be provided for Press representatives covering tomorrow's (Wednesday) visits by H.R.H. Princess Alexandra to South Kwai Chung Jockey Club Polyclinic, Manhattan Garments Factory in Tsuen Wan and the Princess Alexandra Community Centre.

For the polyclinic visit, the Press bus will leave from Kowloon Public Pier at 1.15 p.m. taking the Press to Kwai Chung.

Coverage of the visit to Manhattan Garments Factory will be handled by the Press party at the Polyclinic. The Press bus will leave immediately after the opening ceremony and go direct to Kwai Cheung Street to await the arrival of the Royal party. After the factory visit, the Press will be taken back to Kowloon Public Pier.

For the visit to the Princess Alexandra Community Centre, the Press bus will leave the Kowloon Public Pier at 2.45 p.m.

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FIFTY FAMILIES OFFERED TENANCY AT PAK TIN ESTATE TODAY

Mr. and Mrs. Ng Po-wah today became the first tenants of Pak Tin Estate under the Shek Kip Mei Rehousing Scheme when they received the key to their flat this morning.

At a brief ceremony held at the door-step of their new home, they were presented with the key by Mr. Fung Tung, Housing Manager of the Estate.

The couple was among 50 families offered tenancy at the Estate today. Mr. Ng, a carpenter, and his family live at Block 23 of Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Estate.

Under the Rehousing Scheme, tenants of Blocks 23 and 28 are to be rehoused in Pak Tin. The vacated blocks will be converted and improved.

The Ng family will probably move into Pak Tin early next month soon after completing the decoration of their new home.

The family of eight have been offered a double letting at Block A of Pak Tin Estate at a monthly rental of \$76.

Mrs. Ng said she was glad to be able to get a better and larger flat at the Estate in such a short time -- only 20 days after the Rehousing Scheme was announced.

She said that at Shek Kip Mei, they were living in a very crowded condition. "My daughters have to sleep in a cockloft and my sons either on the floor or in the corridor," she said.

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"We have to cook our meals in the corridor and in bad weather, things would be even worse; but all these will become things of the past," she added.

However, the housewife said they were happy that they would be able to live in much better surrounding and "we are looking forward to this."

All 10,861 people involved in the present stage of the rehousing programme will be offered accommodation at Pak Tin Estate.

The Housing Manager of the Estate said about 80 tenancies would be offered daily from now on.

He estimated that at least 800 families - about half of them involved in the current stage of the rehousing scheme - would have already moved into Pak Tin by the end of this month.

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LICENSING OF NEW TAXIS

The Transport Department announced today (Tuesday) that, in connection with the 350 taxi licences for which tenders have been called, only new (not secondhand) vehicles will be licensed.

A department spokesman said taxis cover a high daily mileage and it is unsatisfactory that they should start their life in Hong Kong in less than new mechanical condition.

Although secondhand taxis may pass an initial mechanical inspection by the Transport Department before licensing, the spokesman said, they are likely to deteriorate rapidly, with excessive exhaust smoke.

"This measure will also apply to replacement vehicles in respect of existing taxi licences," he added.

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