



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REPORT ON CLERKS SUBMITTED TO GOVERNMENT

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THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE CLERICAL CLASS WHICH BEGAN WORK ON OCTOBER 28, 1974 HAS SUBMITTED A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. ALAN SCOTT.

THE REPORT, WHICH HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE 14-MAN JOINT COMMITTEE, ANALYSES THE VIEWS OF HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS AND THE RESULTS OF INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE INTO THE STRUCTURE AND LEVELS OF REMUNERATION OF THE 10,000 STRONG CLERICAL CLASS.

THE REPORT COVERS THE KINDS OF WORK THE CLASS IS DOING, A COMPARISON OF THE CLERICAL CLASS WITH OTHER GRADES OF GOVERNMENT WHOSE WORK IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE CLERICAL CLASS AND STAFF RELATIONS WITHIN DEPARTMENTS IN SO FAR AS THEY AFFECT THE CLERICAL CLASS.

THE JOINT COMMITTEE PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON A STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF THE CLERICAL CLASS AND AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENTS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WHICH WOULD PRODUCE BETTER TRAINED AND BETTER MOTIVATED OFFICERS WHOSE PRODUCTIVITY WOULD BE INCREASED AND WHO WOULD GIVE BETTER SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT. THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THESE ASPECTS COMPRISE THE GREATER PART OF THE REPORT.

THE REPORT FORMS THE CULMINATION OF MORE THAN THREE AND A HALF MONTHS WORK ON THE PART OF THE TWO SIDES, OFFICIAL AND STAFF, MAKING UP THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

FOUR OF THE SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE STAFF SIDE, ALL OF WHOM ARE OFFICE BEARERS OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT CLERICAL STAFF ASSOCIATION, WERE PERMANENTLY DETACHED FROM NORMAL DUTIES TO CONCENTRATE EXCLUSIVELY ON THE WORK OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE. TOGETHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH THEY CONSIDERED DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS AND INTERVIEWED DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES TO ASSIMILATE AND ANALYSE THE MASS OF CONSIDERED OPINIONS, FACTS AND FIGURES ON WHICH THE REPORT IS BASED.

THE STATEMENT, ISSUED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE CONCLUDED :  
+IT IS HOPED THAT WHEN THE REPORT HAS BEEN GIVEN CONSIDERATION BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE DECISIONS TAKEN ON THE PROPOSALS IT MAKES AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS IT CONTAINS, WILL LEAD TO A MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE, BETTER TRAINED AND BETTER MOTIVATED CLERICAL SERVICE, BRINGING GREATER PRODUCTIVITY AND INCREASED EFFICIENCY WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES AND GIVING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CLERICAL CLASS A SENSE OF SATISFACTION IN THEIR WORK AND IN THEIR CAREERS+.

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TOP BRITISH ENGINEER TO VISIT HONG KONG

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SIR WILLIAM HARRIS, THE HEAD OF THE BRITISH PROFESSIONAL BODY REPRESENTING CIVIL ENGINEERS, WILL BE VISITING HONG KONG NEXT MONTH TO MEET COLLEAGUES IN ALL BRANCHES OF THE ENGINEERING PROFESSION AND TO SEE FOR HIMSELF SOME OF THE MAJOR ENGINEERING PROJECTS HERE.

SIR WILLIAM, WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (I.C.E.) -- THE WORLD'S OLDEST ENGINEERING INSTITUTION -- WILL ARRIVE ON MARCH 19.

DURING HIS FIVE-DAY VISIT HE WILL MEET AND ADDRESS MEMBERS OF THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG. HE WILL ALSO MEET THE GOVERNOR, AND AMONG THE SITES WHICH HE WILL VISIT ARE THOSE OF THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME AND THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL.

MUCH OF SIR WILLIAM'S PROFESSIONAL CAREER HAS BEEN CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE SEA. THE SON OF A MASTER MARINER, HE JOINED THE ADMIRALTY IN 1937 AND HIS WARTIME WORK INCLUDED THE PLANNING OF THE FLOATING DOCKYARDS WHICH ENSURED THE SUCCESS OF THE NORMANDY LANDINGS IN 1944.

HE BECAME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF NAVY WORKS IN 1960 AND IN 1963 TRANSFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND WORKS AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WORKS. HIS LAST GOVERNMENT POST WAS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF TRANSPORT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT. HE BECAME PRESIDENT OF THE I.C.E. LAST NOVEMBER.

HIS MAIN PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS IN HONG KONG WILL BE WITH MR. J.R. WHITAKER, DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE I.C.E.'S HONG KONG ADVISORY COMMITTEE-- AND MR. G.B. O'RORKE, ALSO OF P.W.D., WHO IS PRESIDENT OF THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG.

MR. WHITAKER SAID TODAY THAT IT WAS HIGHLY APPROPRIATE THAT SIR WILLIAM'S FIRST OVERSEAS TOUR AS PRESIDENT OF THE I.C.E. SHOULD INCLUDE HONG KONG.

+IN THE FIRST PLACE,+ HE POINTED OUT, +WE HAVE MORE THAN 700 MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTION HERE - WHICH IS CERTAINLY THE HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP ANYWHERE OVERSEAS IN PROPORTION TO SIZE OF TERRITORY. SECONDLY, THERE IS NO LACK OF EXCITING THINGS FOR HIM TO SEE.+

SIR WILLIAM, 62, WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, AND BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INSTITUTION, MR. J.G. WATSON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF SIR WILLIAM'S PHOTOGRAPH WILL BE  
BOXED FOR COLLECTION LATER TODAY.

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'LUCKY' CAR NUMBERS FOR SALE  
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ANOTHER 20 SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION THIS WEEK TO PROMOTE A CHARITABLE CAUSE.

THE AUCTION, THE 22ND ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 22) AT THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM NORTH, 8TH FLOOR, HIGH BLOCK.

THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ARE :-

BH 3	BH 8	BH 3333	BH 666	BE 333
BE 5225	BD 2222	BD 888	BD 77	BC 7
BB 99	BB 28	BB 3366	AG 300	AF 555
HK 656	2202	1170	BH 999	AB 5678

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIDDING.

POTENTIAL BIDDERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARK WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND.

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FACTORY VISIT BY MR. DAVID JORDAN  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, WILL BE MAKING ANOTHER OF HIS PERIODIC VISITS TO FACTORIES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THIS TIME, HE WILL SEE THE KONG SUN WEAVING FACTORY LIMITED AT YAU TONG BAY, KOWLOON. THE FACTORY PRODUCES COTTON DENIM FABRIC FOR MARKETS MAINLY IN BRITAIN, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND AFRICA.

IT ALSO HAS FACILITIES FOR BLEACHING, DYEING, SIZING OF YARNS, WINDING AND SO ON.

MR. JORDAN MAKES THESE VISITS TO FACTORIES AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH IN ORDER TO KEEP HIMSELF IN CLOSE AND CONSTANT TOUCH WITH HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES AND THE STATE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, EXPORTS AND EMPLOYMENT.

MR. JORDAN WILL ARRIVE AT THE FACTORY, SITUATED ON THE 4TH TO 6TH FLOORS OF THE LONG LIFE BUILDING AT NO. 15, KO FAI ROAD, YAU TONG BAY, AT 3 P.M. AND WILL SPEND ABOUT AN HOUR THERE.

HE WILL BE MET (ON THE 5TH FLOOR) BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY, MR. LAU SAI-YAN, AND THE DIRECTOR, MR. STEPHEN LAU MAN-LUNG.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. THE D.C. AND I.'S PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, MR. GERRY XAVIER, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST YOUR REPRESENTATIVE.

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DANGEROUS VERANDAH TO BE DEMOLISHED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY HAS DECLARED THE VERANDAH OF NO. 62 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

ACCORDING TO THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, THE FRONT VERANDAHS OF THIS FOUR STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR SOME TIME AND NOW SHOWED SIGNS OF EXTENSIVE RECENT MOVEMENT. IT WAS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THEM.

IT HAD NOT PROVED NECESSARY, HE ADDED, TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THE MAIN BUILDING DESPITE SOME SIGNS OF MINOR MOVEMENT AT THE REAR. HOWEVER NEW ENCLOSURES WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED TO THE EXPOSED FRONT MAIN WALL OF THE BUILDING UPON THE REMOVAL OF THE VERANDAHS, HE SAID.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN HONG KONG DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON MARCH 17 WAS POSTED YESTERDAY (MONDAY).

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