



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SECOND PUBLIC BALLOT FOR 250 N.T. TAXIS
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A SECOND PUBLIC BALLOT FOR 250 NEW TERRITORIES TAXI LICENCES WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 17).

THE BALLOT WILL START AT 2.30 P.M. ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

ONLY THOSE APPLICANTS WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL IN THE FIRST PUBLIC BALLOT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23 WILL BE INCLUDED ON THIS OCCASION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE BALLOT NUMBER IN RESPECT OF EACH APPLICANT WOULD REMAIN THE SAME.

HE SAID THAT LETTERS OF CONFIRMATION WOULD BE SENT TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOLLOWING THE BALLOT.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THOSE UNSUCCESSFUL AT THE SECOND PUBLIC BALLOT ON FRIDAY WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN LATER BALLOTS, THE DATES FOR WHICH WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

OF THE 250 N.T. TAXI LICENCES PUBLICLY BALLOTTED ON SEPTEMBER 23, 240 HAVE NOW BEEN REGISTERED. THE OTHER TEN HAVE BEEN GIVEN UP AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN LATER BALLOTS.

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION SITES
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL AGAIN CONDUCT A SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT IN PRIVATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK SITES BETWEEN WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY (DECEMBER 15 - 17).

THE SURVEY IS THE SECOND OF ITS KIND IN THREE MONTHS.

THE PREVIOUS ONE WAS CARRIED OUT IN SEPTEMBER. THE RESULT SHOWED THAT OF THE 45,848 PEOPLE ENGAGED AT VARIOUS WORK SITES, 29,829 WERE INVOLVED IN PRIVATE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

THE FORTHCOMING SURVEY COVERS ALL WORK SITES ON RECORD OF THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE AND REFERS TO ALL SITE WORKERS ENGAGED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE ENGAGED IN PROFESSIONAL WORK, SUCH AS ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, CONTRACT MANAGERS AND SURVEYORS.

CIRCULAR LETTERS TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF THE SURVEY FORM HAVE BEEN SENT TO THOSE CONTRACTORS IN CHARGE OF BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE SITES. CONTRACTORS ARE REQUESTED TO ASSIGN A RESPONSIBLE PERSON AT EACH SITE TO COMPLETE THE FORM WITH THE NUMBER OF SITE WORKERS BY SEX BY WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 15). SURVEY OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL THEN VISIT THE RESPECTIVE SITES TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED SURVEY FORMS AND RENDER ASSISTANCE IF NECESSARY.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS TODAY APPEALED TO CONTRACTORS AND THEIR SITE STAFF FOR CO-OPERATION.

HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE INFORMATION OBTAINED WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD ONLY BE USED FOR THE COMPILATION OF STATISTICAL TABLES.

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ROADS IMPROVEMENTS IN KOWLOON
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN WORK ON A SERIES OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN KOWLOON.

MR. NG YEE-YUM, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION, SAID TODAY WORK WOULD BEGIN IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND WOULD MAINLY INVOLVE RESURFACING OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ROADS WHICH WERE DETERIORATING AS A RESULT OF NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR.

THE AFFECTED SECTIONS INCLUDE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD BETWEEN YUEN NGAI STREET AND EMBANKMENT ROAD= CANTON ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FERRY STREET AND JORDAN ROAD= PUBLIC SQUARE STREET BETWEEN TEMPLE STREET AND SHANGHAI STREET= AND SHANGHAI STREET BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA STREET AND PITT STREET.

MR. NG SAID THAT AT LEAST ONE LANE WOULD REMAIN OPEN DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD AND EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO MAINTAIN SMOOTH TRAFFIC FLOW.

MR. NG SAID THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE WOULD ALSO IMPROVE THE SECTION OF CANTON ROAD BETWEEN KOWLOON PARK DRIVE AND PEKING ROAD.

+THIS SECTION REPRESENTS AN IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL NORTH-TO-SOUTH TRAFFIC ROUTE IN TSIM SHA TSUI, AND THE INTENTION IS TO RECONSTRUCT IT TO FOUR LANES SO AS TO PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO THE EXISTING AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THE SECTION WOULD BE REBUILT IN REINFORCED CONCRETE AND WIDENED TO 13.5 METRES.

WORK ON THIS SECTION, HE SAID, WOULD BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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LAND FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES TO BE AUCTIONED
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THE GOVERNMENT IS SOON TO SELL THREE LOTS OF LAND TO COMPLETE THE FORMATION OF THE OFFENSIVE TRADES AREA IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS ALREADY CALLED FOR TENDERS FOR THE FIRST LOT OF 1,919 SQ. METRES AND THE TENDER CLOSES AT NOON ON JANUARY 11 NEXT YEAR.

AN ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT TWO FURTHER LOTS OF 3,159 SQ. METRES AND 523 SQ. METRES WOULD BE PUT UP FOR TENDER EARLY NEXT YEAR.

THIS TENDER WOULD BE RESTRICTED TO HOLDERS OF GOVERNMENT LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT DOCUMENTS, HE ADDED.

+THE DISPOSAL OF THESE THREE LOTS WILL MEAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE SOLD OFF ALL THE 27,870 SQ. METRES OF LAND WHICH HAS BEEN SET ASIDE AT KWAI CHUNG FOR OFFENSIVE TRADES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+MUCH OF THIS LAND HAS GONE BY PRIVATE TREATY GRANT TO THE FORMER OPERATORS OF THE TANNERIES AT SHEUNG SHUI, ALTHOUGH ONE ACID FACTORY IS ALREADY IN OPERATION IN THE OFFENSIVE TRADES AREA.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE SITE CURRENTLY OUT TO TENDER WOULD NOT BECOME ANOTHER TANNERY BECAUSE THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SALE SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT SUCH AN INDUSTRY.

THE LOT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$3 MILLION OVER 30 MONTHS, HE ADDED.

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ALL NIGHT BUS SERVICE FOR KOWLOON
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KOWLOON'S FIRST ALL NIGHT BUS SERVICE WILL BE INTRODUCED ON FRIDAY MORNING (DECEMBER 17).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE NEW ROUTE, KMB NO. 2B, WOULD OPERATE BETWEEN JORDAN ROAD FERRY AND KOWLOON CITY FERRY VIA TSIM SHA TSUI, HUNG HOM AND TO KWA WAN EVERY 15 MINUTES BETWEEN 12.15 A.M. AND 5.15 A.M. DAILY. THE FARE WILL BE 50 CENTS.

AS WELL AS PROVIDING CONNECTING FACILITIES FOR LATE NIGHT AND EARLY MORNING FERRIES, THE NEW SERVICE WILL CATER FOR NIGHT WORKERS IN THE BUSY RESTAURANT AREAS OF NATHAN ROAD AND MA TAU WAI ROAD. IT WILL ALSO CONNECT AT HUNG HOM WITH THE ALL NIGHT CROSS HARBOUR BUS ROUTE TO CAUSEWAY BAY AND NORTH POINT (ROUTE 122) AND WAN CHAI, CENTRAL AND WESTERN MARKET (ROUTE 121).

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW ROUTE WOULD BE OPERATED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS FOR THREE MONTHS AND KMB WOULD ONLY CONTINUE OPERATION AFTER MARCH 1977 IF THERE WAS ENOUGH PASSENGER SUPPORT.

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EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE
ON JANUARY 1
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1976 WILL COME INTO FORCE ON JANUARY 1.

UNDER THE NEW LAW EMPLOYEES WILL BE ENTITLED TO FOUR MORE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS ANNUALLY.

THESE ADDITIONAL HOLIDAYS ARE THE THIRD DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL, THE CHINESE WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL OR ALTERNATIVELY CHRISTMAS DAY, AND A FLOATING HOLIDAY TO BE DESIGNATED BY EMPLOYERS FOR EACH YEAR.

REFERRING TO THE FLOATING HOLIDAY, MR. PRICE SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE DESIGNATED BY THE EMPLOYER AND NOTIFIED TO EACH OF HIS EMPLOYEES BY A NOTICE PLACED IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE BY THE END OF DECEMBER EACH YEAR.

+ IF THE EMPLOYER DOES NOT DESIGNATE THE FLOATING HOLIDAY, IT WILL FALL ON THE FIRST WEEK DAY IN JULY OR THE FIRST MONDAY IN AUGUST AT THE OPTION OF THE EMPLOYER, + MR. PRICE ADDED.

UNDER THE EXISTING LAW, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION, INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, AND IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AS WELL AS ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO SIX STATUTORY HOLIDAYS A YEAR BUT WITH THE COMING INTO OPERATION OF THE NEW AMENDMENT ORDINANCE THE NUMBER HAS BEEN INCREASED TO 10.

THE WORKERS MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR A HOLIDAY IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYER FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

ANY ENQUIRIES OR COMPLAINTS REGARDING STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: 3-205638 (FOR KOWLOON EAST), 3-201652 (FOR KOWLOON WEST), 3-898520 (FOR KWUN TONG), 12-422096 (FOR TSUEN WAN), 12-760261 EXT. 82 (FOR YUEN LONG) AND 5-282523 EXT. 60 (FOR HONG KONG ISLAND).

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LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS FOR FIREMEN
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL PRESENT COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADE LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS TO OVER 70 SERVING AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 15).

FORTY-SIX OF THEM WHO HAVE 18 YEARS' SERVICE, WILL BE AWARDED LONG SERVICE MEDALS. 17 OTHERS WITH 25 YEARS' SERVICE WILL RECEIVE FIRST CLASPS TO THEIR MEDALS WHILE THE REMAINING 10 WHO HAVE OVER 30 YEARS' SERVICE, WILL RECEIVE SECOND CLASP TO THEIR MEDALS.

AMONG THE RECIPIENTS IS THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. F.M. WATSON, WHO IS AWARDED FIRST CLASP TO HIS MEDAL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 9 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY AT HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION.

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MEMBERS OF REGIMENT TO BE DECORATED
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THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, LT. GEN. SIR JOHN ARCHER, WILL PRESENT EFFICIENCY DECORATIONS, MEDALS AND CLASPS TO 31 MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 16).

THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE REGIMENT'S HEADQUARTERS AT SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY AT 7 P.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. CAPTAIN C.F.T. EDWARD-COLLINS, ADJUTANT OF THE REGIMENT, WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

COPIES OF A LIST OF THE OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS TO BE DECORATED WILL BE PLACED IN THE PRESS BOXES FOR COLLECTION ON THURSDAY EVENING.

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MOBILE EXHIBITION ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION
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A FOUR-DAY EXHIBITION ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION WILL BE HELD AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TSUEN WAN STARTING THIS WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 15).

IN ORDER TO INTRODUCE TO MORE RESIDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THE CONCEPT AND SIGNIFICANCE OF FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION, THE EXHIBITION WILL BE MOVED TO SIX OTHER DISTRICTS - YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, TAI PO, SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICE DISTRICT OFFICE FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE FOR TSUEN WAN, THE PROJECT IS A JOINT EFFORT OF 13 SCHOOLS AND WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

ITEMS ON DISPLAY WILL TOUCH ON, AMONG OTHER TOPICS, GENERATION GAP, FAMILY PLANNING, HOW TO CHOOSE A CAREER, WAYS TO HANDLE PROBLEM CHILDREN, AND HOW WORKING MOTHERS SHOULD LOOK AFTER THEIR CHILDREN.

DURING THE EXHIBITION, A SOCIAL WORKER WILL BE ON HAND TO ANSWER QUERIES IN CONNECTION WITH FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION AND PROBLEMS OF INDIVIDUALS OR THEIR FAMILIES.

MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MOBILE EXHIBITION AT 4 P.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PRINCESS ALEXANDRA COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TAI HO ROAD IN TSUEN WAN THIS WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 15) AT 4 P.M.

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