



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE LAND FOR LANTAU AND CHEUNG CHAU DEVELOPMENT

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MAJOR RECLAMATION PROJECTS ARE ABOUT TO BEGIN AT MUI WO ON LANTAU AND AT CHEUNG CHAU AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TWO AREAS OVER THE NEXT DECADE.

TENDERS WILL SHORTLY BE CALLED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE RECLAMATION OF SIX HECTARES OF LAND AT CHEUNG CHAU AND THREE HECTARES AT MUI WO.

THE ACTING GOVERNMENT ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, MR. KENNY KWOK SAID TODAY THE RECLAMATION ON CHEUNG CHAU WOULD COMPRISE ABOUT HALF OF THE 12 HECTARES TO BE FORMED THERE FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE HOUSING, LIGHT INDUSTRIAL SITES, AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES INCLUDING SCHOOLS, MARKETS, SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, INCINERATORS, AN ABATTOIR AND OPEN SPACE.

MR. KWOK SAID THE CONTRACT WOULD BE THE FIRST TO BE LET IN THE PLANNED \$140 MILLION DEVELOPMENT OF CHEUNG CHAU OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

THE DEVELOPMENT WOULD PROVIDE ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO HOUSE, EDUCATE AND CARE FOR THE 15,000 PEOPLE WHO WILL EVENTUALLY LIVE IN THE NEW ESTATES.

A 500-METRE SEAWALL AND A RUBBLE REVETMENT 1,100 METRES IN LENGTH WILL FORM THE BOUNDARY OF THE RECLAMATION.

+FILLING MATERIALS WILL BE TAKEN FROM A BORROW AREA ON THE HILLTOP NEAR THE SERVICE RESERVOIR AND THE AREA DESIGNATED FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE EAST OF KWAI TSAI WAN,+ MR. KWOK SAID.

+AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WORKS, THE BORROW AREA WILL ACCOMMODATE A SECONDARY SCHOOL, AND THE HAUL ROAD WILL SERVE AS A PERMANENT PATHWAY FOR THE SCHOOL, PUBLIC HOUSING, AND NEIGHBOURING PAK SHE SUN TSUEN VILLAGE.+

THE PRESENT SCHEME WILL PROVIDE LAND AT CHEUNG CHAU WAN, KWAI TSAI WAN AND TAI KWAI WAN FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 1,200 AS WELL AS PRIVATE VILLAGE TYPE HOUSING AND INDUSTRIAL SITES, HE ADDED.

MR. KWOK SAID THAT IT WAS ALSO PROPOSED TO BUILD A CENTRAL SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS AT KWAI TSAI WAN TO SERVE INITIALLY CENTRAL AND NORTHERN CHEUNG CHAU.

NEW TRUNK SEWERS ARE TO BE CONSTRUCTED FROM NAM WAN TO THE PROPOSED TREATMENT WORKS AND CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE IN NOVEMBER AND BE COMPLETED 20 MONTHS LATER.

AT MUI WO, THE THREE HECTARES TO BE FORMED WILL PROVIDE LAND FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, A SAND DEPOT, A GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE DEPOT AND SITES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING, A HELIPAD AND AN ABATTOIR.

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SEA AND RUBBLE WALLS 700 METRES LONG WILL CONTAIN THE RECLAMATION AREA WHICH WILL BE FILLED WITH MATERIAL FROM A BORROW AREA ON TOP OF BARREN HILL.

THE BORROW AREA WILL FORM PART OF A COUNTRY PARK WHEN IT IS REHABILITATED ON COMPLETION OF THE EXCAVATIONS.

MR. KWOK SAID THAT MUCH WORK WAS ALREADY UNDERWAY AT MUI WO AS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SEVEN YEAR, \$100 MILLION PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE RURAL TYPE HOUSING, AND THE FULL RANGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES THERE.

LAND FOR THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE IS BEING FORMED, WORK HAS STARTED ON A NEW BUS TERMINUS, AND A START WILL BE MADE SOON ON A NEW FERRY PIER.

THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER FOR THIS SECOND STAGE CONTRACT IS EXPECTED TO COMMENCE WORK IN NOVEMBER AND COMPLETE THE CONTRACT IN 12 MONTHS.

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HK'S DRINKING WATER IS TOP QUALITY

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HONG KONG ENJOYS AN ENVIABLE REPUTATION FOR THE QUALITY OF ITS DRINKING WATER, THE P.W.D.'S SENIOR WATERWORKS CHEMIST, MR. DEREK MAKER, SAID TODAY.

+DESPITE ITS RAPID DEVELOPMENT AND HIGH POPULATION DENSITY, HONG KONG ENJOYS A REPUTATION FOR HAVING A WATER SUPPLY OF QUALITY WHICH COMPARES FAVOURABLY WITH THAT OF CITY SUPPLIES IN FULLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,+ HE SAID.

MR. MAKER, WHO HEADS THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL UNIT, SAID THAT +OUR ROUTINE MONITORING INDICATES THAT OVER 99 PER CENT OF TAP SAMPLES ARE OF FIRST-CLASS BACTERIOLOGICAL PURITY WHILE THE CHANCES OF DANGEROUS ORGANISMS BEING PRESENT IN SUB-STANDARD TAP SAMPLES ARE INDEED EXTREMELY REMOTE.+

+TO ENSURE THAT TARGET STANDARDS ARE MAINTAINED,+ HE ADDED, +WATER QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SUPPLY SYSTEM IS CONTINUOUSLY MONITORED BY THE CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER SAMPLES AT INTAKES, STORAGE RESERVOIRS, TREATMENT WORKS, SERVICE RESERVOIRS, TRUNK MAINS AND CONSUMERS TAPS.+

+ABOUT 4,000 SAMPLES ARE LABORATORY TESTED EVERY MONTH BY THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL UNIT, OF WHICH SOME 1,000 ARE TAKEN FROM TAPS,+ MR. MAKER SAID.

HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT HONG KONG WAS FORTUNATE IN HAVING TWO IMPORTANT FACTORS IN ITS FAVOUR WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE GENERAL QUALITY OF ITS WATER RESOURCES, PRIOR TO PURIFICATION TREATMENT.

+FIRSTLY THE BULK OF OUR SUPPLY IS DERIVED FROM PROTECTED UPLAND CATCHMENT AREAS WHERE POLLUTION ARISING FROM MAN'S ACTIVITIES IS VERY LOW, AND SECONDLY, SUBSEQUENT STORAGE OF WATER IN RESERVOIRS PERMITS A DEGREE OF NATURAL SELF-PURIFICATION DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF SEDIMENTATION, AERATION AND SUNLIGHT.

+FURTHERMORE DUE TO LOCAL GEOLOGY, OUR NATURAL WATER RESOURCES ARE BOTH SOFT AND LOW IN MINERAL CONTENT.

+IN ADDITION, THE SUPPLY WE RECEIVE FROM CHINA, ALTHOUGH UNTREATED, IS OF COMPARABLY GOOD QUALITY, WHILE PRODUCT WATER FROM THE LOK ON PAI DESALTER, BEING DISTILLED WATER, IS EXTREMELY PURE,+ HE SAID.

THEREFORE, MR. MAKER SAID THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WAS OFF TO A FLYING START IN ENSURING THAT THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG RECEIVED A PURE WATER SUPPLY.

+THUS AFTER PURIFICATION TREATMENT AT OUR WATERWORKS WHERE THE RAW WATER IS CLARIFIED, FILTERED, STERILISED AND FLUORIDATED, THE FINAL SUPPLY EASILY CONFORMS TO STRINGENT QUALITY STANDARDS FOR DRINKING WATER RECOMMENDED BY THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION.+

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BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE WORK OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL UNIT CAN BE UNDONE LOCALLY, PARTICULARLY BY THE PLUMBING SYSTEM ON CONSUMERS' PREMISES.

MR. MAKER SAID THAT CORRODING PIPES IMPART A YELLOWISH-BROWN DISCOLOURATION AND TURBIDITY OFTEN NOTICED ON FIRST TURNING ON A TAP.

+THIS IS DUE TO IRON RUST AND IS EXPERIENCED IN MOST PARTS OF THE WORLD WHERE GALVANISED IRON PLUMBING IS COMMONLY USED BUT IT IS QUITE HARMLESS TO HEALTH.

+ANOTHER PHENOMENON WHICH SOMETIMES GIVES RISE TO CONCERN DURING THE CURRENT RESTRICTIONS IS "MILKY" OR "WHITE" WATER.

+THIS IS CAUSED MAINLY BY THE SUDDEN RELEASE OF EXCESS DISSOLVED AIR IN THE FORM OF TINY BUBBLES, BUT ON STANDING A MINUTE OR TWO, THE WATER WILL CLEAR,+ MR. MAKER SAID.

TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF BOILING DRINKING WATER, THE SENIOR WATERWORKS CHEMIST SAID THAT WHEN RESTRICTIONS ARE IN FORCE, +ALL DRINKING WATER SHOULD BE BOILED AS A PRECAUTION BECAUSE THERE IS A SLIGHT RISK OF CONTAMINATION ENTERING DE-WATERED PIPES, BUT WHEN FULL SUPPLY IS AVAILABE IT IS PERFECTLY SAFE SO LONG AS ANY PRIVATE STORAGE TANKS ON PREMISES ARE PROPERLY PROTECTED AGAINST CONTAMINATION.+

ASKED TO DEFINE THE CHARACTERISTIC OF A GOOD WATER SUPPLY, MR. MAKER SAID:

- * THE WATER COMING OUT OF THE TAP SHOULD BE CLEAR AND COLOURLESS, FREE FROM TURBIDITY OR OPALESCENCE DUE TO SUSPENDED MATTER=
- * PALATABLE WITH NO UNPLEASANT ODOUR OR TASTE=
- * REASONABLY +SOFT+ IN ORDER TO PRODUCE A GOOD LATHER WITH SOAP= AND
- * FOR INDUSTRIAL USE IT SHOULD HAVE A LOW DISSOLVED MINERAL SALTS CONTENT.

BUT MR. MAKER SAID ABOVE ALL ELSE, THE WATER SHOULD BE SAFE TO DRINK.

+IT SHOULD HAVE NO DISEASE PRODUCING BACTERIA OR OTHER ORGANISMS AND HAVE NO HARMFUL CHEMICAL CONTENT.+

MEASURED BY THESE STANDARDS, HE CONCLUDED, THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT PROVIDES THE CONSUMERS OF HONG KONG WITH A GOOD WATER SUPPLY.

CHANGE OF TITLE DOES NOT ALTER HK'S FREE PORT STATUS

MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, ACTING CHIEF SECRETARY, SAID TODAY THAT THE RETITLING OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE TO CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IN NO WAY REPRESENTS A CHANGE IN HONG KONG'S FREE PORT STATUS NOR DOES IT HERALD ANY CHANGE IN HONG KONG'S FREE TRADE POLICIES.

MR. HADDON-CAVE SAID THAT THE ABSENCE OF A GENERAL CUSTOMS TARIFF AND THE UNRESTRICTED MOVEMENT OF CARGO IN AND OUT OF HONG KONG WOULD CONTINUE, EXCEPT WHERE, FOR ONE SPECIAL REASON OR ANOTHER CONTROL WAS NECESSARY.

MR. HADDON-CAVE SAID HE WAS AWARE THAT MANY SERVING MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE HAD LONG FELT THAT THE PREVIOUS NAME, THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE, WAS OFTEN MISUNDERSTOOD OVERSEAS AND NOT TRULY DESCRIPTIVE OF THE FUNCTIONS THEY PERFORM.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AND OFFICERS AT THE SERVICE'S TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG. IT WAS THE FIRST AND THE LARGEST PARADE OF ITS KIND EVER HELD BY THE SERVICE UNDER THE NEW NAME.

MORE THAN 70 OFFICERS - 16 INSPECTORS AND 57 RANK AND FILE - TOOK PART IN THE PARADE MARKING THE COMPLETION OF A TWO-MONTH INDUCTION TRAINING COURSE.

HE REMINDED THE OFFICERS, HOWEVER, THAT THEY SHOULD NOT ASSUME THE COURSE THEY HAD JUST FINISHED TO BE THE END OF THEIR TRAINING.

+ON THE CONTRARY, ONLY THROUGH EXPERIENCE AS SERVING OFFICERS WILL YOU BECOME TRULY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EFFICIENT IN THE DISCHARGE OF YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS PUBLIC SERVANTS,+ HE SAID.

+THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF YOUR SERVICE ARE MANIFOLD+, MR. HADDON-CAVE ADDED.

+TWO ARE WORTHY OF PARTICULAR MENTION. THE PROTECTION OF EXCISE REVENUE STILL REPRESENTS ONE OF YOUR MORE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES. I SAY THIS BECAUSE THE REVENUE FROM DUTIABLE COMMODITIES - WHICH, THIS YEAR, I HAVE ESTIMATED WILL AMOUNT TO OVER \$730 MILLION - CONSTITUTES ALMOST 10 PER CENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL REVENUE.

+IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DANGEROUS DRUGS, THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR SERVICE IN RECENT YEARS HAVE COME TO BE HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY.

+HOWEVER, THERE IS NO ROOM FOR COMPLACENCY. THIS EVIL OF THE DRUG TRAFFIC IS STILL FAR FROM BEING ERADICATED.

+IN THIS FIELD YOU WILL NEED TO BE EVER VIGILANT AND MORE MINDFUL THAT THOSE WHO CALLOUSLY TRADE IN DRUGS, RUIN MANY LIVES AND CAUSE UNTOLD GRIEF TO THEIR FAMILIES,+ MR. HADDON-CAVE SAID.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THOUSANDS ENJOYED SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
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SOME 1,000 YOUNGSTERS LIVING IN EASTERN DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE ENTERTAINED AT A VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO MARK THE CLOSE OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

MORE THAN 400 EVENTS HAD BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED IN THE SUMMER PROGRAMME BY SOME 60 VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICT AND HAD PROVIDED MEANINGFUL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN IN THE AREA.

THE VARIETY SHOW TOMORROW, WHICH WILL FEATURE MAGIC SHOWS, A LION DANCE, AND PERFORMANCES BY JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS AND WELL-KNOWN LOCAL SINGERS, WILL BE PRECEDED BY A CLOSING CEREMONY TO BE OFFICIATED BY MISS CHRISTINE CHOW, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN).

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW AT THE NORTH POINT KAIFONG ASSOCIATION HALL, JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT.

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LAST ANTI-RABIES OPERATION FOR KOWLOON
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT THE FINAL ROUND OF ITS ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE FOR KOWLOON AT WONG TAI SIN AND TAI HOM VILLAGE NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6).

THE DOG INOCULATION TEAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE CARRIED OUT A TOTAL OF 14 DISTRICT ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ISLAND AND KOWLOON SINCE MAY THIS YEAR.

STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER 19, STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL MOVE ON TO THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE OUTLYING ISLANDS TO COMPLETE THE HONG KONG-WIDE ANTI-RABIES OPERATION BY THE END OF OCTOBER.

DURING THE TWO-DAY OPERATION AT WONG TAI SIN AND TAI HOM VILLAGE, THREE TEMPORARY DOG INOCULATION CENTRES WILL BE SET UP AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

- * JUNCTION OF MUK LUN STREET AND CHUN YAN STREET (AT SIDE OF CHUK YUEN BUS TERMINUS)=
- * JUNCTION OF SHEUNG FUNG STREET AND KAM FUNG STREET (AT SIDE OF HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK)= AND
- * TAI HOM VILLAGE KAI FONG ASSOCIATION, 3A SUN HING ROAD, TAI HOM VILLAGE.

THESE CENTRES WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M. DAILY. DOG OWNERS LIVING IN THESE AREAS ARE ADVISED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET THEIR PETS IMMUNISED AGAINST RABIES.

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FIRING PRACTICE

FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 5) FOR FIVE DAYS.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

DATE	HOURS
SEPTEMBER 5 (MONDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 11 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 6 (TUESDAY)	4 A.M. - 4 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 7 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 11 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 8 (THURSDAY)	4 A.M. - 11 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 9 (FRIDAY)	4 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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SECTION OF MONMOUTH PATH TO BE CLOSED

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE WITH WRITTEN AUTHORITY BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF MONMOUTH PATH SOUTH OF STAR STREET IN WAN CHAI FROM 10 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 12.

MOTORISTS WHO WISH TO REACH PREMISES THERE MAY APPLY TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PERMITS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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