



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PRECAUTIONS AGAINST TROPICAL CYCLONES AND HEAVY RAINSTORMS

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, MR. JOHN PEACOCK REMINDED PEOPLE TODAY (MONDAY) THAT PRELIMINARY PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE DANGERS OF HIGH WINDS, LANDSLIPS AND FLOODING DUE TO TROPICAL CYCLONES AND HEAVY RAINSTORMS SHOULD BE TAKEN.

PREPAREDNESS IS THE KEYNOTE FOR MINIMISING DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, INJURIES AND LOSS OF LIFE WHICH CAN RESULT FROM THESE STORMS.

1979 IS FORECAST TO BE A WET YEAR WITH RAINFALL FOR THE YEAR IN THE RANGE 2,500-2,900 MILLIMETRES COMPARED WITH THE 30-YEAR AVERAGE OF 2,246 MILLIMETRES.

THOSE WHO HAVE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES DURING STORMS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDING RELEVANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS, ARE UP-TO-DATE.

GUTTERS AND DRAINS SHOULD BE CLEARED AND CHECKED FOR DAMAGE. WINDOW AND DOOR FASTENINGS SHOULD BE CHECKED AND, IF NECESSARY, REPAIRED.

OWNERS OF SMALL CRAFT SHOULD ENSURE THAT THEIR MOORINGS ARE IN GOOD CONDITION AND THAT MOORING BITTS AND CLEATS ARE STRONG AND SECURELY FIXED TO WITHSTAND TYPHOON CONDITIONS.

ON THE HOISTING OF A NUMBER 8 TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL OR DURING PERIODS OF PROLONGED HEAVY RAIN, SHELTERS WILL BE OPENED FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES TEMPORARILY FOR SAFETY REASONS.

ANYONE IN ANY DOUBT AS TO WHERE TO GO SHOULD CONTACT THE NEAREST CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR POLICE STATION.

CARDS AND LEAFLETS EXPLAINING THE TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SERVICE AND THE THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNING SERVICE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

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GOVERNOR ACCEPTS \$2M CHEQUE FOR ACADEMY OF BALLET

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE TODAY (MONDAY) ACCEPTED A \$2 MILLION CHEQUE ON BEHALF OF THE ACADEMY OF BALLET DURING A LUNCHEON MEETING.

THE CHEQUE, FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WAS PRESENTED BY MR. ERIC CUMINE, ONE OF THE CLUB'S STEWARDS.

WELCOMING SIR MURRAY AND OTHER GUESTS AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING, SIR YUE-KONG PAO WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE ACADEMY'S BOARD OF GOVERNORS, SAID THE GENEROUS DONATION WOULD BE A GREAT HELP TO THE WORK PROGRAMME THE ACADEMY HAS LINED UP FOR ITSELF IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD IN THE ENRICHMENT OF THE CULTURAL LIFE OF HONG KONG.

DURING THE LUNCHEON, THE ACADEMY ALSO RECEIVED NUMEROUS OTHER DONATIONS FROM PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (MONDAY) DECLARED SIX BUILDINGS TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND ANOTHER LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS WERE POSTED THIS MORNING, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID.

THE BUILDINGS ARE:

\* NOS. 120 AND 122 KENNEDY ROAD, HONG KONG

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTED WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOORS AND ROOF SUPPORTED ON LOAD-BEARING WALLS, HAD BEEN KEPT UNDER REGULAR OBSERVATION SINCE 1966.

+THERE ARE FRACTURES IN MOST LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND RECENTLY SERIOUS NEW MOVEMENT HAD BEEN DETECTED IN THE REAR OF THE BUILDINGS. AS THERE IS NOW A DANGER OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE ORDERS WILL BE HEARD AT VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JUNE 11.

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\* NO. 2, KAU U FONG, HONG KONG

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS THREE-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING WAS FIRST INSPECTED IN 1967. FOLLOWING A RECENT EMERGENCY REPORT OF FALLING CONCRETE THE BUILDING WAS RE-SURVEYED.

+THIS BUILDING IS VERY DILAPIDATED AND IN PARTICULAR THE REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS ARE BEYOND REPAIR. FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS OF ACTIVE MOVEMENT WITHIN THE BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

+AS IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATION FOR A CLOSURE ORDER WILL ALSO BE HEARD AT VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JUNE 11.

\* NOS. 209 AND 210 TAI HOM ROAD, TAI HOM VILLAGE, KOWLOON

THIS PAIR OF TWO-STOREY BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS, HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RECENTLY, FRACTURES IN THE WALLS HAD OPENED UP, INDICATING ACTIVE MOVEMENT.

+AS IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS,+ HE SAID.

APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE ORDERS WILL BE HEARD AT KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JUNE 11.

\* NOS. 114 AND 116 TEMPLE STREET, KOWLOON

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THESE FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS, CONSTRUCTED WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE FLOORS AND ROOF SUPPORTED ON LOAD-BEARING WALLS, WERE FIRST INSPECTED IN 1964 AND THE REAR KITCHEN BLOCKS WERE CLOSED AND DEMOLISHED AS DANGEROUS IN 1967.

+NO. 114 TEMPLE STREET IS NOW IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF DILAPIDATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS ARE BEYOND REPAIR. AS THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

+AS NO. 116 TEMPLE STREET WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE COLLAPSE OR DEMOLITION OF NO. 114 IT IS ALSO NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

APPLICATION FOR CLOSURE ORDERS WILL BE HEARD AT KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JUNE 11.

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GOVERNOR RETURNS TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY (MONDAY) MOVED BACK TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE FROM HIS TEMPORARY RESIDENCE AT FLAGSTAFF HOUSE.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE WAS VACATED IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR FOR RENOVATION.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER, 5-232031, REMAINS UNCHANGED.

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CONSTRUCTION STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

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STUDENTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION DISCIPLINE AT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL HAVE A CHANCE IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP DONATED BY A LOCAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

THE CHEE CHEUNG HING SCHOLARSHIP, WHICH WILL BE AWARDED ANNUALLY STARTING FROM THE 1979-80 ACADEMIC YEAR, IS TO BE GIVEN TO A STUDENT PURSUING A FULL-TIME CONSTRUCTION COURSE AT THE TECHNICIAN (POST-FORM V) LEVEL.

IT IS BEING DONATED BY THE CHEE CHEUNG HING AND CO. LTD., THE CONTRACTOR WHO BUILT THE HAKING WONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT 702 LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE SCHOLARSHIP IS VALUED AT \$800 AND THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES WILL BE NOMINATING A STUDENT FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE 1979-80 SESSION AT A LATER DATE.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT A SECTION OF SHING MUN ROAD ADJACENT TO CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY FOR ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOR FORMATION WORKS AT CHEUNG PEI SHAN.

DURING THE CLOSURE, ALL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, INCLUDING KMB ROUTE NOS. 32 AND 32B, WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA SHING MUN ROAD, CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST, LO WAI ROAD, TUNG PO TO ROAD AND SHING MUN ROAD.

THESE ROADS WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

THE EXISTING BUS STOP FOR KMB ROUTE NO. 32B ON SHING MUN ROAD WILL BE RESITED TO THE PRESENT STOP FOR ROUTE NO. 32A ON CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST. TWO BUS STOPS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR BOTH DIRECTIONS OF ROUTE 32 AT THE EXISTING STOPS FOR ROUTE 32A ON CHEUNG SHAN ESTATE ROAD WEST.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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QUEEN ST. TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WITH UNLADEN WEIGHTS EXCEEDING TWO TONS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SECTION OF QUEEN STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST BETWEEN 7.30 P.M. AND MIDNIGHT FROM WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY FOR ROAD WORKS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 11 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY WAN CHAI ROAD, SOUTH SIDE OF JOHNSTON ROAD, LEE TUNG STREET, NORTH SIDE OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST INCLUDING SPRING GARDEN LANE, TAI YUEN STREET, STONE NULLAH LANE, TAI WO STREET AND CROSS STREET.

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