



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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### A QUIET PLACE TO STUDY

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With the crowded living conditions one of the main worries of parents is that their children have no place in which they could go to study or do their school work.

This concern was expressed recently by some parents in the Tsz Wan Shan Housing Estate who approached welfare associations to see if they could help provide some solution.

One organisation which the parents called on was the Tsz Wan Shan Estate Community Work Office of the Social Welfare Department.

"The parents said their children could not study properly because they did not have anywhere quiet to go. The confined areas of their homes and the noisy environment was a handicap to their children's mood of study," said Mrs. Siu Law Gook-fong, Officer-in-charge of the community work office.

"To provide an immediate solution to this problem, we have turned the assembly hall of the Tsz Wan Shan Estate Welfare Building into a study room for the students," she said.

This study room is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily each week day. With accommodation for more than one hundred students, it is divided into sections for secondary and primary students.

"This study room provides them with a quiet atmosphere in which they can study and concentrate on their school work. Volunteers help the students, providing guidance not only in their studies but in their behaviour and other matters," Mrs. Siu said.

"By doing this, we hope that eventually the older students would also play an active part and guide the younger ones developing the spirit of co-operative relationship while at the same time helping in their character development," she added.

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#### GOVERNMENT HOUSE CUTS ELECTRICITY BY 67 PER CENT

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The example set by the Governor and Lady MacLehose, in economising on the use of fuel, has led to a 67 per cent reduction in electricity for Government House since the start of the current economy drive.

The latest figures show that the 47 per cent reduction achieved in November was improved by a further 20 per cent last month.

Government House's petrol consumption also showed a further drop last month, adding another eight per cent reduction to the 34 per cent saved the previous month.

The Governor's launch, the Lady Maurine, has been retired from service for the duration of the fuel crisis and will only be tried out once a month to keep the engines operational.

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#### PRISONS HEADQUARTERS TO MOVE

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The Prisons Department Headquarters will move from Arbuthnot Road to new premises at Murray Road as from February 8.

It will occupy the 10th floor of Murray Road Multi-Storey Car Park at No. 2 Murray Road, Hong Kong. The new telephone number will be 5-260071.

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MORE TRAINS FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

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Special passenger train services will be operated during the three-day Chinese New Year holiday period starting from January 23 to cope with the expected increase in commuters.

Eleven up-trains will be running from Tsim Sha Tsui to various destinations in the New Territories between 8.54 a.m. and 9.40 p.m., while twelve down-trains will be operating between 10.26 a.m. and 10.30 p.m.

The special up-trains will be operating from Tsim Sha Tsui Station and will not stop at Mong Kok Station. The normal schedule up-trains will also bypass Mong Kok Station between 6.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

During this period, passengers normally boarding at Mong Kok Station should use Tsim Sha Tsui Station. Holders of season or monthly tickets will be allowed to board at Tsim Sha Tsui without extra charge.

A spokesman for the Kowloon-Canton Railway said that during the holiday period additional night trains would be arranged if necessary.

He said all up-trains from Kowloon to the New Territories were expected to be full between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m., while down-trains would probably be full between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

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#### NEW CLEARWAYS IN CENTRAL

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Three roads in Central will be turned into clearways as from 4 p.m. tomorrow (Sunday) to improve traffic flow in the district.

The clearway along the un-named access road at the north of the Central Bus Station, between Vehicular Ferry Pier and Pedder Street, will apply 24 hours a day and no vehicle will be allowed to stop along this section.

Both the section of Stanley Street between D'Aguilar Street and House No. 18A, and the section of D'Aguilar Street between Queen's Road Central and Wellington Street, will be clearways from seven to ten o'clock in the mornings and from four to seven o'clock in the evenings.

Traffic signs will be posted to guide motorists.

Meanwhile in Kowloon, Tak Shing Street between Cox's Road and Tak Hing Street will be-routed to one-way westbound traffic as from Monday (January 14).

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#### TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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Motorists are advised that Tak Yan Street in Wan Chai will be closed for three days as from 8 a.m. next Tuesday (January 15) to facilitate roadworks in the area.

The street is expected to reopen at 6 p.m. on January 17. During this period parking will be suspended in Tak Yan Street.

Traffic signs will be posted to indicate the closure of the street.

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