



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE WATER FROM CHINA

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MORE WATER FROM CHINA BEGAN FLOWING INTO HONG KONG'S RESERVOIRS TODAY UNDER THE RECENTLY REVISED WATER AGREEMENT WITH THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

THE INCREASED FLOW, WHICH RAISES HONG KONG'S ANNUAL FRESH WATER SUPPLY FROM THE EAST RIVER FROM 18,500 MILLION GALLONS TO 24,000 MILLION GALLONS, BEGAN AT 8 O'CLOCK THIS MORNING WHEN THE P.W.D.'S WATERWORKS OFFICE OPENED THE NEWLY EXTENDED PIPELINE SYSTEM AT MUK WU NEAR THE BORDER.

THE INCREASE WAS AGREED ON IN JUNE THIS YEAR DURING TALKS BETWEEN THE NOW RETIRED DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT, AND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WATER AUTHORITIES OF KWANGTUNG PROVINCE.

UNDER THE AGREEMENT, THE WATER WILL BE DELIVERED WITHIN THE 10-MONTH PERIOD FROM OCTOBER TO JULY, LEAVING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER FOR NECESSARY MAINTENANCE WORKS. THE PRICE PAID BY HONG KONG FOR CHINESE WATER REMAINS AT THE PRESENT RATE OF ABOUT \$1.30 PER THOUSAND GALLONS.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LAUNCHED A CRASH CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMME TO EXTEND THE ORIGINAL WATER PIPELINE SYSTEM AND PUMPING FACILITIES AT MUK WU TO COPE WITH THE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES.

MR. TOM TOMLINSON, THE P.W.D.'S PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER WHO HAD HELPED NEGOTIATE THE EXTRA SUPPLY, SAID TODAY THE EXTENSION WORKS WERE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE A FEW DAYS AGO - IN TIME FOR DELIVERY TO START ON THE AGREED DATE.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS, WHICH COST ABOUT \$6.5 MILLION, INCLUDED AN ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY PUMPING STATION AT MUK WU AND A 600-METRE LONG 1370 M.M. DIAMETER PIPELINE ON THE HONG KONG SIDE OF THE BORDER TO CONNECT WITH A SECOND PIPELINE LAID EARLIER BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FROM THE SHUM CHUN RESERVOIR.

+DURING THE ENTIRE OPERATION, WHICH HAD TO CONTINUE ROUND THE CLOCK IN ORDER TO MEET THE OCTOBER 1 DEADLINE, THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES WERE EXTREMELY CO-OPERATIVE AND PROVIDED US WITH INFORMATION AND COPIES OF PLANS SO THAT OUR ENGINEERS COULD CO-ORDINATE WORK WITH THAT CARRIED OUT EARLIER ON THE CHINESE SIDE,+ HE SAID.

MR. TOMLINSON SAID THE MUK WU PUMPING STATION HAD INITIALLY BEEN +BEEFED UP+ WITH TWO TEMPORARY WATER PUMPS TO COPE WITH THE EXTRA FLOW WHICH WOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH THE PLOVER COVE SYSTEM TO THE SHA TIN TREATMENT WORKS AND THEN INTO THE MAINS TO CONSUMERS,+ HE ADDED.

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HE SAID THE TWO TEMPORARY PUMPS WOULD REMAIN IN SERVICE FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS BY WHICH TIME A PERMANENT EXTENSION TO THE MAIN PUMPING STATION WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

IN ADDITION TO THE PERMANENT PUMPING STATION, HE SAID, ANOTHER DELIVERY LINE FROM MUK WU TO TAI PO TAU AS WELL AS AN ADDITIONAL BALANCE TANK AT MUK WU WOULD BE BUILT.

TODAY'S COMMENCEMENT OF EXTRA FRESH WATER FROM CHINA MARKED ANOTHER CHAPTER IN HONG KONG'S WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT WITH THE KWANGTUNG AUTHORITIES WHICH WAS SIGNED IN 1964 TO PROVIDE A SUPPLY OF 15,000 MILLION GALLONS. IT WAS AMENDED IN 1972 RAISING THE LEVEL OF SUPPLY TO 18,500 MILLION GALLONS PER YEAR.

THE LATEST AMENDMENT LAST JUNE RAISED THIS FURTHER TO 24,000 MILLION GALLONS PER YEAR, WHICH REPRESENTS ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF HONG KONG'S TOTAL WATER SUPPLY.

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OBLIGATIONS OF PROPERTY OWNERS  
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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE, MR. VICTOR LADD, TODAY REMINDED OWNER-OCCUPIERS OF DOMESTIC PREMISES THAT THEY MUST INFORM THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT IN WRITING WITHIN THREE MONTHS SHOULD THEY CEASE TO OCCUPY THEIR PREMISES EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THIS APPLIES TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING JOINT OWNERS AND OWNERS IN COMMON, WHO HAVE OCCUPIED PREMISES SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVELY FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES AND FOR WHICH PROPERTY TAX HAS NOT BEEN CHARGED OR HAS BEEN REDUCED, HE SAID.

AS FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY CORPORATIONS WHERE PROPERTY TAX HAS BEEN EXEMPTED, ANY CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OR OF USE WHICH MAY AFFECT THE EXEMPTION MUST BE REPORTED IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE EVENT, HE ADDED.

MR. LADD POINTED OUT THAT UNDER THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE, A FINE OF \$2,000 MAY BE IMPOSED FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS.

ANY PROPERTY OWNERS REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR OBLIGATIONS ARE WELCOME TO TELEPHONE THE ASSESSOR-IN-CHARGE OF PROPERTY TAX ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-222151 EXTENSIONS 57, 69, 71, 84 AND 97, OR WRITE TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 132, G.P.O., HONG KONG.

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FIRST MANUFACTURED SAND NOW ON SALE

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THE FIRST SUPPLIES OF MANUFACTURED SAND UNDER A CONTRACT AWARDED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT GOES ON SALE TODAY (FRIDAY) AT THE SAND MONOPOLY DEPOT AT NORTH POINT.

MR. DICK PILLING, SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S QUARRIES SECTION, SAID TODAY THE PRICE OF MANUFACTURED SAND WOULD BE \$35 PER CUBIC METRE (EQUIVALENT TO ABOUT \$26.75 PER CUBIC YARD).

AT THE SAME TIME, MR. PILLING ANNOUNCED THAT THE PRICE OF NATURAL MARINE SAND FOR BUILDING PURPOSES WOULD BE REDUCED TO \$37 PER CUBIC METRE (EQUIVALENT TO ABOUT \$28.30 PER CUBIC YARD).

+THIS REDUCTION HAS BEEN LARGELY MADE POSSIBLE BY THE USE OF SAND FROM LOCAL WATERS WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE COVERED BY RECLAMATION FOR DEVELOPMENT AT TAI PO,+ HE SAID.

MR. PILLING SAID THE NEW PRICE OF \$37 PER CUBIC METRE WOULD ALSO APPLY TO ROYALTY PAYMENTS FOR SAND COLLECTED FROM AUTHORISED SITES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE COLLECTION OF SMALL QUANTITIES FOR LOCAL VILLAGE AND COMMUNITY WORKS WHICH WOULD REMAIN ABOUT THE SAME AT \$7.50 PER CUBIC METRE.

+THE EFFECT OF THE NEW PRICE STRUCTURE ON BUILDING COSTS IS ESTIMATED TO BE A REDUCTION OF ABOUT 0.5 PER CENT DEPENDING ON THE COMPLEXITY OF THE STRUCTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR. PILLING SAID THAT EXTENSIVE TESTS CARRIED OUT ON MANUFACTURED SAND IN PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT LABORATORIES SHOW IT TO BE OF SUPERIOR QUALITY TO THE MARINE SAND IN CERTAIN ASPECTS, AND HE EXPECTED THAT IT WOULD COME TO BE WIDELY USED.

+IT HAS THE ADVANTAGES OVER NATURAL SAND OF HAVING NO SALT CONTENT, NO SHELLS AND VERY CONSISTENT GRADING CHARACTERISTICS,+ HE SAID.

+OUR OWN TESTS SHOW THAT MANUFACTURED SAND IN HONG KONG IS ACCEPTABLE FOR PLASTERS AND MORTARS, AND THIS IS CONFIRMED BY TESTS CONDUCTED BY CONTRACTORS WHICH HAVE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT MANUFACTURED SAND COMPLIES WITH THE BRITISH STANDARD FOR AGGREGATE USED IN CONCRETE,+ HE ADDED.

THE MANUFACTURED SAND WILL BE LOADED INTO PURCHASERS' LORRIES BY MECHANICAL MEANS. THE CHARGE FOR THE LOADING WILL BE \$1.80 PER CUBIC METRE.

MR. PILLING EXPLAINED THAT MANUFACTURED SAND WAS MADE BY EXTENDING THE NORMAL QUARRYING PROCESS OF CRUSHING AND SCREENING GRANITE TO PRODUCE A MATERIAL IN MANY RESPECTS CLOSELY SIMILAR TO NATURAL SAND. IT WAS NORMALLY SCREENED OUT TO A MAXIMUM SIZE OF THREE MILIMETRES.

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HE SAID THE P.W.D. HAD ENTERED INTO A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH SHEK O QUARRY LTD. FOR THE SUPPLY OF ABOUT 200,000 CUBIC METRES OF MANUFACTURED SAND ANNUALLY, STARTING FROM TODAY.

MR. PILLING SAID THE DECISION TO LET THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR MANUFACTURED SAND FOLLOWED EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATIONS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INTO ITS SUITABILITY.

INITIALLY, MANUFACTURED SAND WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY AT THE P.W.D.'S NORTH POINT SAND DEPOT, WHILE MARINE SAND WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE OTHER FIVE DEPOTS AND ON A LIMITED BASIS AT THE NORTH POINT SAND DEPOT.

IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S METRICATION PROGRAMME, ALL SAND SOLD THROUGH THE SAND MONOPOLY WILL BE MEASURED IN CUBIC METRES INSTEAD OF CUBIC YARDS. LORRY DIMENSIONS WILL BE CHECKED BY P.W.D. STAFF AT THE VARIOUS DEPOTS TO ASSIST IN THE CHANGEOVER.

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LOCKHART ROAD PARKING METER CHARGES  
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PARKING IN METERED SPACES ALONG LOCKHART ROAD IN WAN CHAI WILL BE MORE EXPENSIVE BEGINNING NEXT WEEK.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE TWO-HOUR PARKING METERS WHICH CHARGE 50 CENTS FOR ONE HOUR PARKING WILL BE REMOVED AND REPLACED BY EITHER TWO-HOUR METERS CHARGING 50 CENTS FOR 30 MINUTES OR HALF-HOUR METERS ACCEPTING ONLY \$1 COIN.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESENT METERS WERE BEING REPLACED IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE TURN-OVER RATE OF THE PARKING SPACES IN LOCKHART ROAD DUE TO THE VERY HIGH DEMAND FOR PARKING THERE.

HE SAID THAT THE METERS ALONG LOCKHART ROAD BETWEEN ARSENAL STREET AND CANNON STREET WOULD BE REPLACED.

THE CHANGEOVER WILL START ON MONDAY AND THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED MOTORISTS TO CAREFULLY READ THE REGULATIONS ON THE METAL PLATE ATTACHED TO THE PARKING METERS TO ENSURE THAT THE CORRECT COINS ARE INSERTED.

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NEW REGISTRAR OF SUPREME COURT  
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MR. SIMON HERBERT MAYO HAS BEEN APPOINTED REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT.

MR. MAYO, 38, SUCCEEDS MR. JOHN RAYMOND OLIVER WHO WENT ON LEAVE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT.

MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN, MR. MAYO JOINED THE JUDICIARY IN 1968 AS AN ASSISTANT REGISTRAR OF THE SUPREME COURT. DURING THE PERIOD UP TO JUNE 1974, HE SAT AS MAGISTRATE IN VARIOUS COURTS ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

BEFORE HIS PRESENT APPOINTMENT, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 24, HE WAS ALSO A TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE.

MR. MAYO FIRST CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1963 AND WAS A SOLICITOR IN A PRIVATE LEGAL FIRM UNTIL 1967 WHEN HE WENT TO WESTERN AUSTRALIA WHERE HE WAS BOTH A BARRISTER AND SOLICITOR FOR ABOUT A YEAR.

BEFORE COMING HERE, HE WAS A SOLICITOR IN LONDON.

COMMENTING ON HIS APPOINTMENT, MR. MAYO SAID : +IT IS A BIG CHALLENGE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE OPPORTUNITY OF DOING MY BEST TO MEET ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB.

+THE JUDICIARY IS AT PRESENT EXPANDING AND IT IS GOING TO BE AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE IN MEETING ALL THE VARIOUS DEMANDS THAT WILL ARISE.+

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PROPOSED STREET CHANGES IN WESTERN  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CARRY OUT A NUMBER OF STREET ALTERATIONS IN WESTERN DISTRICT IN PREPARATION FOR A NEW PHASE IN THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME FOR THE DISTRICT.

THE AREA INVOLVED LIES WITHIN THE APPROVED URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT OUTLINE ZONING PLAN AND IS BOUNDED BY PARTS OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND SAI STREET TO THE EAST, PARTS OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO THE NORTH, PART OF QUEEN'S ROAD WEST TO THE WEST, AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD TO THE SOUTH.

THE LAYOUT PLAN FOR THIS PORTION OF THE PILOT SCHEME AREA HAS NOW BEEN ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

IT PROPOSES THAT THE EXISTING POSSESSION STREET BE WIDENED AND RECONSTRUCTED SO AS TO PERMIT VEHICULAR TRAFFIC LINKING QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL WITH HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

THE SECTION OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH QUEEN'S ROAD WEST AND NO. 182-C HOLLYWOOD ROAD IS ALSO TO BE WIDENED AND RE-ALIGNED TO COPE WITH FUTURE TRAFFIC FLOW.

IT IS ALSO INTENDED TO SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASE THE EXISTING LEVELS OF THE SECTION OF LOWER LASCAR ROW BETWEEN NOS. 57 AND 59 LOWER LASCAR ROW AND ON KEE LANE TO ENABLE A NEW PEDESTRIAN WAY TO BE BUILT.

TO RETAIN ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY FROM THE NEW PEDESTRIAN WAY, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER PROVIDING A FOOTBRIDGE LINKING THE COMMON STAIRCASE OF NOS. 57 AND 59 AT ITS FIRST FLOOR LEVEL WITH THE PEDESTRIAN WAY.

WITH THE PROPOSED RE-CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECTION OF LOWER LASCAR ROW AND THE WHOLE LENGTHS OF WA LANE AND ON KEE LANE, A NEW PEDESTRIAN WAY WILL EMERGE ALLOWING THROUGH TRAFFIC FROM QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO HOLLYWOOD ROAD.

IN ADDITION, AN ELEVATED FOOTWAY SPANNING POSSESSION STREET WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO CONNECT WA LANE WITH THE POSSESSION POINT CHINESE RECREATION GROUND.

THE PROPOSALS, IF ACCEPTED, WILL COMPLETELY SEPARATE PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC THUS ENSURING GREATER PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AS WELL AS SMOOTHER TRAFFIC FLOW.

COPIES OF THE LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE AREA MAY BE INSPECTED AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) OR AT THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD.

ANY PERSON OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSALS MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN OBJECTIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

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EXAMINATION OF CURRICULUM IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS  
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A WORKING PARTY HAS RECENTLY BEEN SET UP TO LOOK INTO THE CURRICULUM IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. DANIEL WATERS SAID THIS AFTERNOON.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF AN INDUCTION COURSE FOR NEWLY APPOINTED TEACHERS IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

MR. WATERS SAID MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY +ARE EXAMINING IN DETAIL THE SYLLABUSES OF ALL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. THIS WORKING PARTY, ASSISTED BY PRINCIPALS AND STAFF OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, WILL MAKE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD ANY CHANGES BE FOUND NECESSARY.+

ANOTHER WORKING PARTY WHICH HAS RECENTLY BEEN FORMED WITHIN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT +IS LOOKING CAREFULLY INTO THE BALANCE OF GENERAL EDUCATION IN RELATION TO TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.+

HE SAID IT REMAINED TO BE SEEN IF IT AGREED WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS LAID DOWN BY THE WORKING PARTY OF THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (NOW KNOWN AS THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL).

IN ITS REPORT, THE COMMITTEE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT, IN THE FIRST YEAR OF A PREVOCATIONAL COURSE, THE GENERAL CONTENT OF THE CURRICULUM SHOULD BE 55 PER CENT WHILE THE PRACTICAL CONTENT SHOULD BE 45 PER CENT.

IN THE SECOND YEAR, AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF TIME SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO BOTH GENERAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION= AND IN THE THIRD AND FINAL YEAR, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT 45 PER CENT OF THE TIME SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO GENERAL AND 55 PER CENT TO PRACTICAL EDUCATION.

MR. WATERS CALLED ON PARTICIPANTS OF THE INDUCTION COURSE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

HE WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER THEY AGREED WITH THE PROPORTIONS MENTIONED AS THE MOST SUITABLE AND WHETHER PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION SHOULD PLACE GREATER EMPHASIS ON GENERAL EDUCATION OR SHOULD THERE BE MORE EMPHASIS ON TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EMPHASISED THAT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RELIED A GREAT DEAL ON FEEDBACK.

HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IF IT WERE DECIDED TO REDUCE THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION CONTENT OF THE CURRICULUM OF A PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND CONSIDERABLY INCREASE THE GENERAL EDUCATION CONTENT THEN PUPILS OF SUCH A SCHOOL WOULD POSSIBLY NO LONGER BE ABLE TO ENTER THE SECOND YEAR OF AN APPRENTICESHIP OR THE SECOND YEAR OF A PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSE IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

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+THIS POINT NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED IF THE PRESENT CURRICULUM IN PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IS DRASTICALLY ALTERED,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

THE PRESENT PRACTICAL/TECHNICAL CONTENT IN THE CURRICULUM OF PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ALLOWED SOME EXCELLENT PROJECT WORK TO BE DEVELOPED.

HE ADDED: +APART FROM PRACTICAL SUBJECTS, OTHER SUBJECTS, SUCH AS ENGLISH, CHINESE, MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE CAN BE INTEGRATED.+

MR. WATERS SAID PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH TRADE SCHOOLS IN WHICH A SPECIFIC TRADE OR PROCESS WAS TAUGHT AND WHERE LITTLE EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

+I SHOULD LIKE TO REMIND YOU THAT WE IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ALWAYS TALK ABOUT PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND NOT PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING ABOUT THE POPULARITY OF PREVOCATIONAL PLACES, MR. WATERS SAID THAT THE DEMAND WAS AS HIGH AS 12.7 APPLICANTS FOR EVERY ONE PLACE IN THE FOUR CARITAS PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

+THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION IS POPULAR WITH CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE LOCAL COMMUNITY,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

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USE OF SYNTHETIC FIBRE ROPES ON BOARD SHIPS  
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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF MARINE, MR. MALCOLM ALEXANDER, TODAY DREW THE ATTENTION OF SHIP-OWNERS AND MASTERS TO THE NEED FOR PRUDENCE IN THE HANDLING OF SYNTHETIC FIBRE ROPES.

THE MOVE FOLLOWED A CASE IN WHICH TWO SEAMEN WERE RECENTLY INJURED WHEN A SYNTHETIC FIBRE ROPE BROKE WHILE THEIR VESSEL WAS TRYING TO BERTH.

ONE OF THE SEAMEN WAS SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN HE WAS STRUCK BY THE VIOLENT RECOIL OF A BOW MOORING ROPE WHICH BROKE WHILE BEING USED TO WARP THE VESSEL ALONGSIDE ITS BERTH.

THE BREAKING OF THIS ROPE BROUGHT ADDITIONAL TENSION TO THE STERN MOORING ROPE, WHICH SLIPPED ON THE MOORING WINCH DRUM AND STRUCK ANOTHER SEAMAN, FLINGING HIM TO THE DECK.

MR. ALEXANDER SAID THAT THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A NOTICE ON THE USE OF SYNTHETIC ROPES FOR MOORING AND TOWING. COPIES OF THE NOTICE ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S ENTRY AND CLEARANCE OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

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MAKING CYCLING SAFER AT TAI PO

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A CROWD OF MORE THAN 1,000 IS EXPECTED TO WATCH ABOUT 60 YOUNG CYCLISTS TAKING PART IN A ROAD SAFETY COMPETITION AT TAI PO TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

ORGANISERS OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN IN THE TAI PO DISTRICT HAVE BORROWED EQUIPMENT FROM THE SAU MAU PING +SAFETY TOWN+ SO THAT LOCAL YOUNGSTERS CAN TEST THEIR SKILLS.

EMPHASIS IN THIS YEAR'S CHAMPION HAS BEEN ON CYCLISTS BECAUSE THERE ARE SO MANY IN THE DISTRICT, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, SAID TODAY.

+SETTING UP THE SAFETY TOWN FACILITIES IN TAI PO PLAYGROUND IS A GOOD WAY OF FURTHER EDUCATING CYCLISTS IN THE DISTRICT IN THE RULES OF ROAD-SAFETY,+ HE ADDED.

+OFFICERS FROM THE TRAFFIC POLICE WILL BE SUPERVISING THE COMPETITION AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A SAFETY QUIZ FOR THE 1,000-ODD YOUNGSTERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING AS SPECTATORS.+

THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT (TRAFFIC) N.T., MR. JOHN DUNN, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE SUCCESSFUL ENTRANTS IN THE CYCLING AND QUIZ COMPETITIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THIS EVENT, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE TAI PO PLAYGROUND, OPPOSITE THE SAN PO SING RESTAURANT, STARTING AT 9 A.M. AND CONCLUDING AT 11.30 A.M. WITH THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

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