



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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VAST DATA-COLLECTING PROCESS STARTS TOMORROW

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THE BIG SAMPLE-TAKING OPERATION FOR THE 1976 BY-CENSUS STARTS TOMORROW (FRIDAY) WHEN 2,150 ENUMERATORS WILL SET ABOUT CONDUCTING INTERVIEWS ALL OVER HONG KONG.

A TOTAL OF ABOUT 100,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN THE DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON AND NEW TERRITORIES HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY A RANDOM PROCESS FOR THIS SAMPLE CENSUS AND THE INTERVIEWS WILL TAKE PLACE FROM JULY 30 TO AUGUST 8.

QUESTIONS INCLUDED IN THE CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE ARE MAINLY ON HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION, HOUSING AND RENT, INCOME, LABOUR FORCE, TRANSPORT, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND OTHER RELATED TOPICS.

+ INFORMATION OBTAINED IS ESSENTIAL FOR FUTURE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, BUT THE USE OF CENSUS DATA IS NOT CONFINED TO THE GOVERNMENT, + A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID. + REQUESTS FOR THESE HAVE BEEN CONSTANTLY RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC BOTH LOCAL AND ABROAD. +

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO CO-OPERATE BY GIVING ACCURATE ANSWERS, AND PEOPLE INTERVIEWED NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THE PERSONAL NATURE OF THE QUESTIONS, AS ALL ENUMERATORS ARE UNDER OATH OF SECRECY AND INFORMATION OBTAINED ABOUT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR HOUSEHOLD WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

HE STRESSED THAT CENSUS DATA WOULD NOT BE REVEALED TO ANY PERSON OR BODY OUTSIDE THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT. EACH ENUMERATOR WILL CARRY A CENSUS IDENTITY CARD WHICH HE IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE WHEN ENTERING PREMISES.

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SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN INCIDENCE OF MEASLES
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THE PRESENT OUTBREAK OF MEASLES COULD BECOME MORE SERIOUS IF PARENTS DID NOT BRING THEIR CHILDREN TO GOVERNMENT HEALTH CENTRES FOR VACCINATION IMMEDIATELY.

THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ISSUED THIS WARNING TODAY IN YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO ALERT THE PUBLIC IN THE PREVENTION OF THE HIGHLY INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

DESPITE REPEATED PLEAS FROM THE DEPARTMENT, A LARGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN STILL HAVE NOT BEEN IMMUNISED AND THUS REMAIN SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE DISEASE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE INCIDENCE OF MEASLES HAD SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS, FROM 60 IN APRIL TO 130 IN MAY AND 260 IN JUNE.

THE INCIDENCE REMAINED HIGH THIS MONTH WITH SOME 250 CASES IN THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS, HE ADDED.

SIX CHILDREN HAVE DIED SO FAR THIS YEAR AS A RESULT OF THE DISEASE.

+IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PARENTS TO ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN ARE IMMUNISED SO THAT LIVES ARE NOT NEEDLESSLY LOST,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT MEASLES, THOUGH NOT FATAL BY ITSELF, COULD CAUSE COMPLICATIONS SUCH AS BRONCHITIS, PNEUMONIA, MIDDLE-EAR INFECTION AND ENCEPHALITIS.

ALL CHILDREN BETWEEN NINE-MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS OF AGE SHOULD BE VACCINATED AS THIS AGE GROUP IS MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO THE ATTACK OF MEASLES.

ONE VACCINATION CAN GIVE LIFELONG PROTECTION.

VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE FREE AT ALL MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES.

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FIRE STATION FOR CHUNG HOM KOK

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD A NEW FIRE STATION AT CHUNG HOM KOK TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FIRE COVER TO THE REPULSE BAY AND STANLEY AREAS.

MR. K.M. TSENG, CHIEF P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY BUILDING WORK WOULD BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

HE SAID THE STATION WOULD BE A THREE-STOREY STRUCTURE OCCUPYING A SITE OF ABOUT 1,395 SQ. METRES OFF CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN THE TWO DISTRICTS.

+AS THE SITE IS SITUATED IN A LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL AREA AMONG GARDEN FLATS AND ABUNDANT GREENERY, AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO DESIGN THE BUILDING COMPLEX TO BLEND IN WITH THIS RURAL SETTING, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME RETAINING THE CHARACTERISTICS COMMON TO A STANDARD FIRE STATION,+ HE SAID.

TO ACHIEVE THIS, HE SAID, THE HOSE DRYING TOWER OF THE STATION — NORMALLY A BULKY FEATURE — WOULD BE MADE AS SLENDER AS POSSIBLE AND THE RAKING WALLS OVER THE APPLIANCE ROOM WOULD BE SO DESIGNED AS TO FURTHER REDUCE THE APPARENT BULK OF THE BUILDING.

THE UPPER FLOORS OF THE STATION, HE SAID, WOULD CONTAIN GENERAL OFFICES, WATCH ROOMS, OFFICERS ACCOMMODATION AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL AND CANTEEN FACILITIES.

OTHER FACILITIES WOULD INCLUDE STAND-BY ACCOMMODATION FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF DURING EMERGENCIES AND A DRILL YARD OF ABOUT 650 SQ. METRES.

FOUR FIRE APPLIANCES AND TWO AMBULANCES WOULD BE BASED AT THE NEW STATION, HE SAID.

AT PRESENT, THE ABERDEEN FIRE STATION PROVIDED THE MAJOR FIRE COVER FOR THE TWO DISTRICTS.

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TANNERS' OBLIGATIONS UNDER EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS WRITTEN TO ALL THE TANNERY OPERATORS AT SHEUNG SHUI WHO ARE DUE FOR REMOVAL OR CLOSURE POINTING OUT THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. DAVID LIN, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, SAID THAT EMPLOYERS ARE REQUIRED TO GIVE PROPER NOTICE OR WAGES IN LIEU IF THEY DECIDE TO LAY OFF THEIR WORKERS. IN ADDITION SEVERANCE PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE.

OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE WORKERS' UNION CONCERNED.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR AN OFFICER FROM THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE TO BE STATIONED AT THE SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE FULL TIME DURING THE CLEARANCE OPERATION TO ANSWER ANY ENQUIRIES FROM THE TANNERY WORKERS AND TO DEAL WITH LABOUR RELATIONS PROBLEMS.

MR. LIN ADDED, +THIS ACTION REFLECTS THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF LABOUR RELATIONS PROBLEMS WHICH MAY ARISE AS A RESULT OF THE CLOSURE OF THE TANNERIES.+

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CROWN LAND SALE
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FOUR LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA OF OVER 43,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON AUGUST 27 (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE LECTURE ROOM, 8TH FLOOR, CITY HALL.

ONE LOT, MEASURING 13,790 SQUARE FEET, IS SITUATED IN SHEK KU STREET, HO MAN TIN, KOWLOON. IT IS EARMARKED FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

DETAILS OF THE OTHER THREE LOTS, TO BE USED FOR NON INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- * HAI TAN STREET, KOWLOON, 2,458 SQUARE FEET,
- * YEE KUK STREET, KOWLOON, 2,874 SQUARE FEET AND
- * KING'S ROAD, HONG KONG, 24,000 SQUARE FEET.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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MRS. NORMA HILL RETIRING

MRS. NORMA HILL, AN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL ASSISTANT CLASS II WHO HAS WITNESSED THE BIRTH AND GROWTH OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS RETIRING AFTER MORE THAN 28 YEARS OF SERVICE.

SHE IS AMONG THE FEW REMAINING LONG SERVICE STAFF WHO HAVE SEEN KAI TAK UNDERGO MANY CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAVE LED TO THE PRESENT BUSY MODERN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

A GRANDMOTHER OF TWO, MRS. HILL SAID THAT IF ONLY SHE WAS YOUNGER, SHE WOULD CERTAINLY LOVE TO CONTINUE HER WORK IN CIVIL AVIATION.

+MY JOB HAS BEEN SO INTERESTING AND EXCITING. IT ENABLES ME TO LEARN NEW THINGS ALMOST EVERY DAY,+ SHE SAID.

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE WAS STILL CONTROLLING ALL AVIATION ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG WHEN SHE JOINED THE R.A.F. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN LATE 1947.

ABOUT SIX MONTHS LATER, THE GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER THE CIVIL AVIATION RESPONSIBILITY AND MRS. HILL, TOGETHER WITH FIVE R.A.F. GIRL COLLEAGUES, THEN JOINED THE NEWLY FORMED CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT AS WOMAN CONTROL ASSISTANT IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL BRANCH AT KAI TAK.

THEY WERE REGRADED TO THEIR PRESENT RANK IN LATE 1962 WHEN THE PRESENT AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING WAS OPENED.

TO BID FAREWELL TO HER, A PARTY WAS HELD AT THE AIRPORT STAFF CANTEEN TODAY WHEN THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR. BRIAN KEEP, PRESENTED HER WITH A RETIREMENT GIFT - A STEREO AMPLIFIER.

MRS. HILL TOLD HER COLLEAGUES THAT SHE WOULD JOIN HER DAUGHTER IN ENGLAND TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR BUT WOULD LEAVE WITH MIXED FEELINGS. +I HAVE MANY FRIENDS AND RELATIVES HERE AND I WILL MISS THE DEPARTMENT AND HONG KONG,+ SHE SAID.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONDAY (AUGUST 2), A GENERAL HOLIDAY, WERE ANNOUNCED BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL TODAY.

THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON THAT DAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, 32 POST OFFICES, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAUKIWAN AND MONGKOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JULY 31) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN SHAUKIWAN, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ALDRICH STREET TO SUN SING STREET AND SHAUKIWAN ROAD TO THE SEA-FRONT, INCLUDING FU TAU WAT VILLAGE, TSIN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGE AND ALDRICH VILLAGE.

IN MONGKOK, PREMISES BOUNDED BY TAI KOK TSUI ROAD, LARCH STREET, WALNUT STREET, BEDFORD STREET, LIME STREET, TUNG CHAU STREET, TONG MEI ROAD, FUK TSUN STREET, PINE STREET, IVY STREET AND BEECH STREET, INCLUDING FIR STREET WILL BE AFFECTED.

SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL ALSO BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JULY 31) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED WILL BE THOSE IN ELECTRIC ROAD, JAVA ROAD BETWEEN LAU SIN STREET AND TIN CHIU STREET, NORTH POINT ROAD, CHUN YEUNG STREET, TONG SHUI ROAD, SHU KOK STREET, KAM HONG STREET, SOUTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD MING YUEN WESTERN STREET TO MODEL LANE, INCLUDING TSAT TSZ MUI ROAD, TANNER ROAD AND PAK FUK ROAD.

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