



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**AIRCRAFT FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLE CONTRACT SIGNED**

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED A CONTRACT TO MESSRS. CHUBB (H.K.) LTD. TO SUPPLY AIRCRAFT FIRE-FIGHTING VEHICLES WORTH ABOUT \$3 MILLION.

THE CONTRACT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED TODAY (THURSDAY) BY MR. GRAHAM OSBORNE, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER AND MR. W.E. RANDALL, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY.

MR. OSBORNE SAID THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE WAS PURCHASING THESE VEHICLES ON BEHALF OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT FOR USE AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO MAINTAIN THE AIRPORT'S CRASH FIRE AND RESCUE CAPABILITIES WELL IN EXCESS OF THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS.

THE CONTRACT IS FOR THE SUPPLY OF THREE VEHICLES -- AN AIRFIELD CRASH TENDER AND TWO RAPID INTERVENTION VEHICLES.

THESE VEHICLES, WHICH SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL EARLY NEXT YEAR, WILL ADD TO THE PRESENT STRENGTH OF FIVE CRASH TENDERS, TWO HOSE LAYERS AND THREE RESCUE TENDERS AT THE AIRPORT.

REFERRING TO THE AIRFIELD CRASH TENDER, MR. OSBORNE SAID: +WHILE ACCOMMODATION IS PROVIDED FOR A CREW OF FIVE THE VEHICLE CAN, IN AN EMERGENCY, BE OPERATED BY ONE MAN.+

+THE TENDER HAS THE ABILITY TO DEAL QUICKLY AND DECISIVELY WITH FIRE EMERGENCIES INVOLVING CRASHED AIRCRAFT UP TO JUMBO PROPORTIONS.+

THE RAPID INTERVENTION VEHICLES ARE SIMILAR TO THE RESCUE TENDERS NOW IN USE AT THE AIRPORT.

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**APPLICATION FOR ENTRY FROM CHINA TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED**

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AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT IS NOT ACCEPTING ANY MORE APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION FROM CHINA OF RELATIVES OF HONG KONG RESIDENTS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY (THURSDAY) A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT, SINCE JANUARY 15, 1979, MORE THAN 100,000 APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND MORE THAN 11,000 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR THE ENTRY OF RELATIVES FROM CHINA, AS COMPARED TO 231 IN THE WHOLE OF 1978.

BECAUSE OF THE VERY LARGE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND THE BACKLOG OF WORK CREATED IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO SUSPEND THE ISSUE OF NEW APPLICATION FORMS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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MARCH LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

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THE SEVENTH LABOUR FORCE SURVEY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS OF THIS MONTH.

IT IS PART OF A SERIES OF SIX-MONTHLY LABOUR FORCE SURVEYS TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION.

THE SURVEY WILL BE TAKEN ON A SAMPLE BASIS COVERING ABOUT 16,000 HOUSEHOLDS THROUGHOUT ALL DISTRICTS.

BEFORE THE FIELD ENUMERATION BEGINS, AN OFFICIAL LETTER, IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WILL BE SENT TO HOUSEHOLDS SELECTED IN THE SAMPLE EXPLAINING THE PURPOSES OF THE SURVEY AND SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION IN PARTICIPATING.

A NUMBER OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT ENUMERATORS WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS ON A DAY BETWEEN MARCH 15 - 29.

EACH ENUMERATOR WILL CARRY AN OFFICIAL IDENTITY CARD BEARING HIS PHOTOGRAPH FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSE.

QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED WILL CONCERN PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD DATA SUCH AS AGE, EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, EMPLOYMENT STATUS, SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR MOBILITY, OCCUPATION, INDUSTRY, EARNINGS, HOURS OF WORK AND TENURE AND RENT.

INFORMATION WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT ON EXPENDITURE ON DURABLE GOODS AND TRIPS ABROAD.

ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE KEPT IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE.

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INTENDING TAXI TENDERERS REMINDED TO USE MARCH  
TENDER FORMS  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) REMINDED INTENDING TENDERERS FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES TO OBTAIN UP-TO-DATE TENDER FORMS.

THESE FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED TOMORROW (FRIDAY) ONWARDS FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE AT 2 MURRAY ROAD, OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE IN PARK-IN COMMERCIAL BUILDING, DUNDAS STREET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT URGED TENDERERS NOT TO USE OUT-OF-DATE FORMS. +ONLY TENDER FORMS CLEARLY MARKED 'MARCH TENDER' SHOULD BE SUBMITTED, OTHERWISE THE TENDER WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.+

THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING TENDERS IS MARCH 23 BEFORE NOON.

AS IN PREVIOUS TAXI TENDERS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BIND ITSELF TO ACCEPT THE HIGHEST OR ANY TENDER, AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT ALL OR ANY PART OF ANY TENDER.

+ALSO, TAXI LICENCES MAY BE ISSUED ON A DIFFERENT BASIS AFTER THIS TENDER,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE RECENT PACKAGE OF PROPOSALS ON TAXIS, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF MORE TAXI LICENCES, IS BEING REVIEWED AND THERE MAY BE CHANGES.

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THREE CROWN LAND LOTS SOLD  
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A 1,322-SQUARE-METRE SITE OFF SUN SING STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN WAS SOLD FOR \$25.7 MILLION AT AN AUCTION CONDUCTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE IN THE CITY HALL TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SITE, FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES, WAS BOUGHT BY GILA REALTY LTD. AT \$19,440.24 PER SQUARE METRE.

ANOTHER LOT, AT HONG NING ROAD, KOWLOON, WAS SOLD TO HAMDEN COURT CO. LTD. FOR \$26.4 MILLION OR \$13,894.74 PER SQUARE METRE.

THE SITE, MEASURING 1,900 SQUARE METRES, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THE LAST LOT AT 475 SHANGHAI STREET, KOWLOON, WAS SOLD FOR \$1.04 MILLION TO PRINCE COURT LTD. THE 68.1-SQUARE-METRE SITE IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

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SPECIAL TRAINS TO SHA TIN RACE-COURSE

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL OPERATE THREE SPECIAL TRAINS TO THE SHA TIN RACE-COURSE ON SATURDAY.

THESE NON-STOP TRAINS WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM AT 11.59 A.M., 12.33 P.M. AND 1 P.M. RESPECTIVELY.

THERE WILL BE THREE SPECIAL TRAINS ON THE RETURN JOURNEY TO CONVEY PASSENGERS BACK FROM THE RACE-COURSE STATION TO KOWLOON STATION.

IN ADDITION, KCR WILL RE-ROUTE THREE OF ITS SCHEDULED TRAINS VIA THE RACE-COURSE STATION AT 5.22 P.M., 7.25 P.M. AND 8.08 P.M. TO PICK UP PASSENGERS.

THE RUNNING TIME OF THESE SPECIAL TRAINS IS 20 MINUTES AND THEIR TIMETABLES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAILWAY STATIONS AND AT THE JOCKEY CLUB'S OFF-COURSE BETTING CENTRES.

A KCR SPOKESMAN TODAY (THURSDAY) ENCOURAGED THOSE GOING BY PRIVATE CAR TO MAKE USE OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK ABOVE THE KOWLOON STATION.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAIN SERVICES HAVE BEEN SLIGHTLY AMENDED. THE REVISED TIMETABLES OF THE SCHEDULED TRAINS FROM 10.30 A.M. TO 11 P.M. ARE:

FROM KOWLOON STATION : 11.09 A.M., 12.12 P.M., 1.18 P.M., 2.19 P.M., 3.07 P.M., 3.54 P.M., 5.06 P.M., 6 P.M. 7.04 P.M., 7.46 P.M., 8.36 P.M., 9.20 P.M. AND 11 P.M.

FROM LO WU STATION : 10.52 A.M., 11.50 A.M., 12.49 P.M., 1.43 P.M., 3 P.M., 4.01 P.M., 4.35 P.M., 5.29 P.M., 6.26 P.M., 7.21 P.M., 8.21 P.M., AND 9.28 P.M.

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TEMPORARY WATER CHARGES COLLECTION CENTRES IN TAI PO

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THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE WILL SET UP TWO TEMPORARY COLLECTION CENTRES IN FAN LING AND SHEUNG SHUI TO FACILITATE PAYMENT BY LOCAL RESIDENTS OF WATER CHARGES FOR THE THIRD 1978 PERIOD.

A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THE TWO CENTRES WOULD BE LOCATED AT THE FAN LING RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE IN LUEN WO HUI AND THE SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE AT SHEK WU HUI IN SHEUNG SHUI.

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+THE FAN LING CENTRE WILL OPERATE ON MARCH 12 AND 13 WHILE THE SHEUNG SHUI CENTRE WILL RUN FROM MARCH 14, 15 AND 16,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE HOURS OF BUSINESS FOR BOTH CENTRES WOULD BE FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED LOCAL PEOPLE TO MAKE FULL USE OF THESE TEMPORARY FACILITIES.

+ALTHOUGH PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE TO THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTING OFFICE AS USUAL,+ HE SAID, +THESE TEMPORARY CENTRES ARE SPECIALLY OPENED FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE, AND WILL SAVE THEM THE TROUBLE OF MAKING LONG JOURNEYS AND QUEUEING TO PAY THEIR BILLS.+

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REMOVAL OF INSURANCE REGISTRY AND  
SUB-OFFICE OF COMPANIES REGISTRY  
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THE INSURANCE REGISTRY NOW LOCATED AT KAYAMALLY BUILDING, NINTH FLOOR, 22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, AND THE SUB-OFFICE OF THE COMPANIES REGISTRY AT SINCERE BUILDING, NINTH FLOOR, 173 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WILL MOVE TO THE AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL TOWER, 37TH FLOOR, 16 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL ON MONDAY (MARCH 12).

FILES OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES WILL BE LOCATED AT THE NEW PREMISES:-

- \* LOCAL COMPANIES INCORPORATED BEFORE OCTOBER 21, 1972 AND REGISTERED UNDER NOS. 1 - 30,000-
- \* FOREIGN CORPORATIONS REGISTERED UNDER PART XI OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE-
- \* INSURANCE COMPANIES (INCLUDING INSURANCE COMPANIES OPERATING THROUGH AGENTS IN HONG KONG) CARRYING ON THE REGULATED CLASSES OF INSURANCE BUSINESS --- LIFE, FIRE, MARINE AND MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE-
- \* CORPORATIONS REGISTERED UNDER THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES INCORPORATION ORDINANCE.

FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE NEW PREMISES FOR INSPECTING FILES LOCATED THERE AND FOR PRODUCING COPIES OF ANY OF THE DOCUMENTS IN THOSE FILES.

THE USUAL SEARCH FEES AND FEES FOR COPIES MAY BE PAID AT THE NEW PREMISES.

FILING FEES AND OTHER PRESCRIBED FEES, HOWEVER, SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PAID AT THE ACCOUNTS OFFICE OF THE COMPANIES REGISTRY AT KAYAMALLY BUILDING, 11TH FLOOR, 22 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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BANK EXAMINERS PROMOTED

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THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THE PROMOTION OF THREE BANK EXAMINERS TO THE GRADE OF SENIOR BANK EXAMINER. THEY ARE MR. CHEUNG SHIU-MING, MR. WONG KWAI-KIN AND MR. LO IU-WAH.

MR. CHEUNG IS A SENIOR ASSOCIATE OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS AND HAS BEEN WITH THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1964.

MR. WONG IS AN ASSOCIATE OF THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS AND WAS APPOINTED A BANK EXAMINER IN 1967.

MR. LO IS AN ASSOCIATE OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS AND WAS APPOINTED A BANK EXAMINER IN 1970.

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ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATION ON CHEUNG CHAU

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RECENTLY THE STAFF OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS SECTION OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ASSISTED BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, CARRIED OUT A SALVAGE EXCAVATION IN TAI KWAI WAN, A BAY ON THE NORTH-WESTERN SHORE OF CHEUNG CHAU.

THE BAY IS AT PRESENT THE SCENE OF A LARGE-SCALE DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL AFFECT A SMALL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE ON A SANDBAR ABOVE THE BEACH.

THE PRESENT EXCAVATION WAS CONDUCTED TO RESCUE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RELICS FROM AN AREA MARKED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A ROAD, AND TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION TO PROCEED ON SCHEDULE.

IN A TWO-PHASE EXCAVATION LASTING 12 DAYS, THE EXCAVATION TEAM, LED BY DR. SOLOMON BARD, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS), GATHERED INFORMATION AND RECOVERED A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ARTIFACTS OF STONE AND POTTERY.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ARGYLE STREET  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF ARGYLE STREET BETWEEN YIM PO FONG STREET AND PEACE AVENUE WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC ON SUNDAY AND MONDAY (MARCH 11-12) FROM 1 A.M. TO 5 A.M. FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY BRIDGE.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC DURING THE CLOSURE, CAN USE THE GROUND LEVEL OF THE ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER VIA WATERLOO ROAD, TURN RIGHT INTO YIM PO FONG STREET AND TURN LEFT INTO ARGYLE STREET.

IN ADDITION, EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO YIM PO FONG STREET AND TURN LEFT ONTO WATERLOO ROAD TO REJOIN ARGYLE STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS  
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THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES SUB-DIVISION (KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE) OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, NOW LOCATED IN OCEAN CENTRE, 15TH FLOOR, WILL MOVE TO A NEW OFFICE IN TUNG YING BUILDING, FIFTH FLOOR, WHICH WILL BE OPEN ON MONDAY (MARCH 12).

THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE NEW OFFICE WILL BE 3-676758.

THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES SUB-DIVISION (HONG KONG OFFICE) AT 2 RUMSEY STREET, 10TH FLOOR, HONG KONG, WILL REMAIN WHERE IT IS.

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WATER CUT  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY IN SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE STOPPED FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN, SHEUNG SHUI PO SHEUNG TSUEN, MING TAK TONG, CHUK YUEN TSUEN AND YI YUEN.

MEANWHILE SALT WATER SUPPLY IN SHAM SHUI PO, CHEUNG SHA WAN, MONG KOK AND YAU MA TEI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 1 P.M. ON SATURDAY TO 5 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS EXTENSION WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IN YAU MA TEI IS BOUNDED BY JORDAN ROAD, NATHAN ROAD, WATERLOO ROAD AND WEST OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

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