



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BUDGET DEBATE: OFFICIALS TAKE THE FLOOR TOMORROW  
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DEBATE ON THE APPROPRIATION BILL 1975 RESUMES TOMORROW WHEN SEVEN OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR OFFICIAL COLLEAGUES. ANOTHER FOUR OFFICIALS WILL SPEAK ON THURSDAY.

TOMORROW'S SPEAKERS ARE : THE HON. KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION= DR. THE HON. GERALD CHOA, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES= THE HON. LI FOOK-KOW, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES= THE HON. IAN LIGHTBODY, SECRETARY FOR HOUSING= THE HON. JAMES ROBSON, SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT= THE HON. DAVID McDONALD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS= AND THE HON. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING ON THURSDAY WILL BE THE HON. DAVID JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY= THE HON. DENIS BRAY, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS= THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, THE HON. DENYS ROBERTS= AND THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WHO WILL WIND UP THE DEBATE.

COUNCIL WILL THEN ADJOURN UNTIL APRIL 23 WHEN THE APPROPRIATION BILL WILL BE CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE BEFORE ITS THIRD AND FINAL READING.

AT TOMORROW'S (WEDNESDAY'S) SITTING FIVE NEW BILLS WILL BE TABLED AND DEBATE WILL RESUME ON FIVE OTHERS WHICH WILL THEN BE CONSIDERED IN COMMITTEE BEFORE THEIR FINAL READING.

THESE ARE : THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE CORONERS (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE TRUSTEE (AMENDMENT) BILL, AND THE CHINA FLEET CLUB INCORPORATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

THE NEW BILLS TO BE TABLED ARE : THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE STAMP (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION BILL, AND THE MOCK AUCTIONS BILL.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YAUMATEI WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS AS FROM 1 AM ON FRIDAY (APRIL 4) TO ENABLE A TEST FOR LEAKAGE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

PREMISES BOUNDED BY SAIGON STREET, NATHAN ROAD, JORDAN ROAD AND SHANGHAI STREET WILL BE AFFECTED.

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NEW INDUSTRIAL SAFETY REGULATIONS NOW IN FORCE  
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NEW SAFETY REGULATIONS TO PROTECT WORKERS EMPLOYED IN CARGO HANDLING IN DOCKS, QUAYS AND WHARVES CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY (APRIL 1).

THE NEW REGULATIONS - WHICH CARRY A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 - APPLY TO PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS, FORK-LIFT TRUCK OWNERS, AND WORKERS ENGAGED IN CARGO HANDLING OPERATIONS AT ANY DOCK, QUAY OR WHARF. THEY, HOWEVER, DO NOT APPLY TO THE SEAWARD SIDE OF CARGO HANDLING, NAMELY USING CRANES OR OTHER LIFTING GEAR ON A SHIP OR LIGHTER.

THEY WERE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING USE OF MODERN DEVICES AND SOPHISTICATED TECHNIQUES FOR CARGO HANDLING.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. LAO MOU-CHI, SAID TODAY THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (CARGO HANDLING) REGULATIONS 1975 ARE ANOTHER IMPORTANT PIECE OF SAFETY LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO PROTECT WORKERS.

♦THEIR INTRODUCTION SHOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO INDUSTRIAL SAFETY,♦ HE SAID.

THE REGULATIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 22, ALLOWING TIME FOR PROPRIETORS TO COMPLY WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS.

COMPLEMENTARY TO THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (LIFTING APPLIANCES AND LIFTING GEAR) REGULATIONS 1974, THE NEW REGULATIONS SET OUT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE FOR SAFE ACCESS TO, AND EFFICIENT LIGHTING OF, DOCKS, QUAYS AND WHARVES AS WELL AS FACILITIES FOR RESCUE FROM DROWNING.

UNDER THE REGULATIONS, PROPRIETORS MUST PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER MAINTENANCE, PROTECTION AND USE OF :

- \* ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WHICH MUST BE INSPECTED DAILY BY A COMPETENT PERSON.
- \* THE MAINTENANCE AND USE OF FORK-LIFT TRUCKS.
- \* THE SAFE STACKING OR UNSTACKING OF CARGO OR GOODS.
- \* THE PROHIBITION OF ANY UNAUTHORISED REMOVAL OF SAFETY APPLIANCES OR FENCING.

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+THERE ARE ALSO PROVISIONS FOR FIRST AID FACILITIES SIMILAR TO THOSE IN THE CONSTRUCTION SITES (SAFETY) REGULATIONS 1973 WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON MAY 1, 1974,+ MR. LAO SAID.

+THESE INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF FIRST AID BOXES OR CUPBOARDS IN THE RATIO OF ONE BOX OR CUPBOARD TO EVERY 100 WORKERS OR PART THEREOF EMPLOYED AND THE ATTENDANCE OF FIRST AIDERS DURING WORKING HOURS AT ANY DOCK, QUAY OR WHARF WITH 30 OR MORE WORKERS.

+WE HAVE PREPARED A GUIDE ON THE REGULATIONS TO ENABLE PROPRIETORS, FORK-LIFT TRUCK OWNERS AND WORKERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LAW.

+IT WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK FROM ALL OFFICES OF THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT,+ HE SAID.

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#### TRAIN SERVICES FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN KOWLOON AND WO HOP SHEK DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD THIS WEEKEND TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN COMMUTERS.

ELEVEN UP-TRAINS WILL RUN BETWEEN TSIM SHA TSUI AND WO HOP SHEK CEMETERY BETWEEN 6.15 AM AND 4.44 PM ON APRIL 5 AND 6, WHILE A SIMILAR NUMBER OF DOWN-TRAINS WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN 7.40 AM AND 6.14 PM. THESE SPECIAL TRAINS WILL NOT PICK UP PASSENGERS AT THE MONG KOK STATION.

AT THE SAME TIME, ALL NORMAL SCHEDULE UP-TRAINS WILL NOT PICK UP PASSENGERS AT THE MONG KOK STATION BETWEEN 8 AM AND 3.10 PM ON THESE TWO DAYS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, PASSENGERS NORMALLY BOARDING AT MONG KOK STATION SHOULD GO TO TSIM SHA TSUI STATION. HOLDERS OF MONTHLY TICKETS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BOARD AT TSIM SHA TSUI WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID THAT ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TRAINS WOULD BE OPERATED IN THE LATE EVENINGS IF NECESSARY. THE LOCAL STATION MASTERS WILL GIVE ADVICE ON THE TIMING OF THESE TRAINS.

HE SAID ALL UP-TRAINS FROM KOWLOON TO THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE EXPECTED TO BE FULL BETWEEN 6 AM AND 3 PM, WHILE DOWN-TRAINS WOULD PROBABLY BE FULL BETWEEN 3 PM AND 9 PM.

THERE WILL BE NO ADVANCE BOOKING OF RAILWAY TICKETS.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN N.T.  
TO BEAT CONGESTION ON HOLIDAYS  
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MOTORISTS TRAVELLING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES IN SUMMER SHOULD FIND THEIR JOURNEY TIMES REDUCED WITH THE RE-INTRODUCTION NEXT MONTH OF THE SPECIAL HOLIDAY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME ON TWO MAJOR ROADS -- CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CLEARWATER BAY ROAD.

UNDER THE SCHEME, GOODS VEHICLES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL ALONG CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE ROADS DURING SPECIFIED HOURS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, UNLESS AUTHORISED IN WRITING BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE SCHEME WAS INTENDED TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION CAUSED BY SLOW-MOVING LORRIES AND BY HEAVY VEHICLES BREAKING DOWN.

HE SAID IT WOULD ALSO GIVE PRIORITY TO PASSENGER TRANSPORT FOR A FEW HOURS TO ENABLE PEOPLE TO HAVE REASONABLY QUICK ACCESS TO BEACHES AND OTHER RECREATIONAL AREAS ALONG THE AFFECTED SECTIONS OF THE ROADS.

FOR CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, HE SAID, THE SUMMER HOLIDAY TRAFFIC SCHEME HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND HAS PROVED SUCCESSFUL. SIMILAR ARRANGEMENTS WERE INTRODUCED LAST SUMMER ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND A SURVEY INDICATED THERE WAS A GENERAL INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT IN TRAFFIC VOLUME ON THE ROAD AND JOURNEY SPEED INCREASED BY ABOUT 14 PER CENT.

+BECAUSE OF THE ABSENCE OF SLOW-MOVING LORRIES AND HEAVY VEHICLES BREAKING DOWN, BUS SERVICES IN THIS PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WERE ABLE TO ADHERE MORE CLOSELY TO THEIR TIMETABLES,+ HE SAID.

THIS YEAR, THE SCHEME WILL COME INTO OPERATION FROM MAY 4 UNTIL OCTOBER 14 EXCEPT ON TWO PUBLIC HOLIDAYS - JUNE 14 AND JULY 1.

ON CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, ALL GOODS VEHICLES TRAVELLING IN AN EASTERLY (UPHILL) DIRECTION WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM USING THAT SECTION BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FEI NGOR SHAN ROAD FROM 9 AM TO 2 PM ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS- AND GOODS VEHICLES TRAVELLING IN A DOWNHILL DIRECTION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE THE SECTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN ITS JUNCTIONS WITH HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND ANDERSON ROAD FROM 2 PM TO 7 PM.

ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THEY WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TRAVELLING ALONG THAT SECTION BETWEEN SHA TSUI ROAD AND CAUSEWAY ROAD FROM 11 AM TO 6 PM.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THERE WOULD STILL NOT BE A TOTAL BAN ON THE MOVEMENT OF GOODS VEHICLES TO AND FROM THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. ALTERNATIVE ROUTES ARE AVAILABLE ON TAI PO ROAD, ROUTE TWISK AND ON CASTLE PEAK ROAD OUTSIDE THE RESTRICTED HOURS.

OWNERS OF GOODS VEHICLES REQUIRING TO USE THESE SECTIONS OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND CLEARWATER BAY ROAD DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS SHOULD APPLY IN WRITING TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

IN THE CASE OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD, THOSE LIVING IN YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN AND TSUEN WAN AREAS SHOULD APPLY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICT OFFICERS= AND IN THE CASE OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD, GOODS VEHICLES OWNERS LIVING IN SAI KUNG DISTRICT SHOULD APPLY TO THE DISTRICT OFFICER, SAI KUNG.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID PERMITS FOR USING THE RESTRICTED ROAD SECTIONS WOULD ONLY BE ISSUED WHERE MOVEMENT OF GOODS VEHICLES DURING THE RESTRICTED HOURS WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK STOOD AT 46,427 MILLION GALLONS. THIS REPRESENTS 69.0 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THE SAME TIME LAST YEAR THE TOTAL STORAGE WAS 40,046 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE ALONE HELD 35,799 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 32,326 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 70.9 MILLION GALLONS OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 153.0 MM (6.02 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 149.5 MM (5.89 IN).

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION SEMINAR FOR TEACHERS  
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DR. DANIEL H. HENNING, AN ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERT FROM THE U.S. CURRENTLY ATTACHED TO THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY, WILL BE CONDUCTING A SEMINAR ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION BEGINNING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND SPONSORED BY THE ASIA FOUNDATION, WILL BE OPENED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. A.G. BROWN AT 9 AM.

PARTICIPATING WILL BE ABOUT 120 SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS OF SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO ATTEND AS OBSERVERS.

THE AIM OF THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR IS TO IMPRESS ON TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS THE IMPORTANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SO THAT THEY WILL PASS ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE TO STUDENTS.

DURING THESE TWO DAYS, EIGHT LECTURES WILL BE GIVEN BY DR. HENNING ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, INCLUDING THE GENERAL CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS= ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES= NATURE RESOURCES POLICY AND POLLUTION CONTROL.

IN ADDITION TO SEMINARS, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ALSO ORGANISING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO INVOLVE TEACHERS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN IN HELPING TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. THESE ACTIVITIES CONSIST OF THREE PLANTING PROGRAMMES, CONSERVATION FIELD DAYS FOR SERVING TEACHERS AND STUDENT TEACHERS AND TRAINING CAMPS FOR STUDENT CONSERVATION LEADERS.

IN MID APRIL, THE DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A NUMBER OF AIR POLLUTION PROJECTS INCLUDING THE ACID RAIN PROJECT AND PARTICULATE AIR PROJECT AS PART OF A SERIES OF PURE AIR SURVEY FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

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