



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE PARKING SPACES TO BE PROVIDED

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Another 900 parking spaces will come into operation in Central District within the next few weeks, to relieve the present parking congestion in the area.

The 12-storey Murray Road car park which cost about \$10 million, will be handed over to the Urban Council before the end of this month.

A spokesman for the Public Works Department said today that the lower eight floors will be used for parking. Part of the ground floor, the mezzanine and the two uppermost floors covering a total area of about 90,000 square feet, will be used as government offices.

The building will have four passenger lifts, one goods lift and four stairways to serve motorists and the public.

The parking system will be similar to all other modern multi-storey car parks in Hong Kong with sloping floors and separate up and down traffic ramps.

The pay office, public lavatories and other ancillary facilities will be located on the ground floor.

On completion, it will be the fifth multi-storey car park in Central. The other four are situated at Rumsey Street, Star Ferry, City Hall and Garden Road which provide a total of 2,273 parking spaces.

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### WATER SAFETY CLUBS

#### New Feature In This Year's "Let's Swim" Programme

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The Urban Council intends to make the whole community aware of the importance of water safety this summer.

The formation of water safety clubs is one of the many projects launched in the Urban Council campaign this year called "Let's Swim '73".

Schools, youth organizations and local and district associations have been asked to form water safety clubs aimed at promoting water-safety whenever the water is used for recreational activities.

For some schools and organizations which already have their own life guard clubs or units, they are invited to expand their activities and to make a start in catering for younger members by forming a water safety section in their clubs or units.

A spokesman for the Urban Council said: "The general theme of forming water safety clubs is to promote learn-to-swim programmes, to promote training for survival swimming and proficiency awards, to encourage life-saving training and the gaining of a life-saving qualification, and to ensure that the basic water safety rules are widely known."

The sponsors and organisers of this project are the Urban Council, the Education Department, the South China Morning Post, the Royal Life Saving Society (H.K. Branch) and the Hong Kong Life Guard Club.

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### HONG KONG PUPILS COMMENDED

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Three Hong Kong pupils have been highly commended by the Royal Commonwealth Society for their entries in the 1972-73 Essay Competition.

Mary Chan of Diocesan Girls' School and Ellen Szeto of Sacred Heart Canossian College were "highly commended" in the Class A competition while Ellen's schoolmate, Angela Chan received the same honour in the Class C competition.

Other essays which were "commended" came from Patricia Ho of St. Mary's Canossian College; Rebecca Lo of St. Paul's Secondary School; Viola Wu, Annie Fong, Ruth Yvonne Hsu and Millie Kwan of Sacred Heart Canossian College; Jerina Bas of St. Francis Canossian College and Sabrina Yih of Diocesan Girls' School.

The competition is held annually by the Society with a view to encouraging the progress of Commonwealth studies in the schools of the Commonwealth and among the children of British subjects everywhere.

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce awards book prizes to the first three competitors in each class of the preliminary round held locally.

Hong Kong's participation in the competition is organized by Sir Douglas Clague, the Corresponding Secretary of the Society in Hong Kong.

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KUK DELEGATES TOUR NEW BRITISH TOWNS

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The Heung Yee Kuk delegation, currently on an official visit to Britain, has completed a two-day tour to see new towns and urban developments.

They visited, among others, the Department of the Environment yesterday (June 22) for talks with British officials concerned with land acquisition policy. Questions of controlling environmental pollution were also raised.

On Thursday (June 21), the 35 Kuk representatives visited the Crawley New Town some 30 miles south of London.

Crawley is one of several new towns built since the war to alleviate overcrowding in London and it is of special interest to people from the New Territories who are concerned with the problems of integrating Hong Kong's own urban population overspill.

They also had discussions with staff members of the Crawley New Town Commission. A number of interesting parallels were drawn between the development of new towns in Britain and in the New Territories of Hong Kong.

On Wednesday, the delegation gave a dinner party at a restaurant in Soho in honour of their hosts in London, the Association of Chinese Traders.

Among the guests were the New Territories District Commissioner, Mr. D.C. Bray who is currently on leave in Britain; two former Commissioners, Messrs. K.S. Kinghorn and J.T. Wakefield; the Commissioner for Hong Kong, Mr. A.M.J. Wright, and representatives from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

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Welcoming the guests, the delegation leader, Mr. Chan Yat-san, said the main purpose of their visit was to make direct contact with the Hong Kong Chinese community in Britain and Europe, and to offer whatever assistance the Kuk could give them in solving any problems they might have.

Earlier in the week, the delegation had a meeting with the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Anthony Royle, and discussed various problems concerning Hong Kong.

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ROAD CLOSURE

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The section of Babington Path between Nos. 17 and 27, which was closed to vehicular traffic on June 18, will remain closed for about three months to facilitate emergency road repair works now being carried out.

Barriers and signs have been posted to guide motorists.

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REVIEW OF LAST MONTH'S WEATHER

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May 1973 was wetter and hotter than usual. During the month there were only two days on which no rainfall was recorded at the Royal Observatory.

The month's total rainfall of 516.6 mm is more than 75 per cent above the normal. The mean temperature of 26.8 degree celsius is the 5th highest on record for May.

The month began with mainly fine weather apart from a few showers. A cold front arrived from the north on May 3, bringing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the Colony.

The weather was cloudy and cooler with occasional rain during the next two days. On May 6, a trough of low pressure passed through Hong Kong from the south, resulting in periods of heavy rain and widespread thunderstorms.

There were occasional showers on May 7 and 8. Another cold front passed through Hong Kong from the north on May 9, causing scattered thunderstorms and periods of heavy rain. The weather remained unsettled on May 10 and became cooler on May 11 when the minimum temperature of the month, 21.6 degree celsius, was recorded.

On May 12, a trough of low pressure moved northwards over the South China Sea and widespread thunderstorms and heavy rain were again experienced in the Colony on May 13.

From May 14 to 26, several troughs formed over central and southern China but did not move southwards to affect Hong Kong.

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On May 27, a trough developed over the south China coast and conditions in Hong Kong became unsettled with occasional thunderstorms and heavy showers. However, the trough dissipated and the weather improved with long sunny periods on May 31.

Eleven aircraft were diverted due to adverse weather conditions during the month.

No tropical cyclones developed over the western north Pacific and the South China Sea during the month. This was the first time since 1934 when tropical cyclones were completely absent over the region during the first five months of the year:

Thunderstorm and heavy rain warnings were issued on 15 occasions.

The month's figures and departures from normal were:

Sunshine	132.0 hours; 24.1 hours below normal
Rainfall	516.6 mm; 223.9 mm above normal
Cloudiness	81 per cent; 5 per cent above normal
Relative Humidity	88 per cent; 3 per cent above normal
Mean Maximum Temperature	29.3°C; 1.5°C above normal
Mean Temperature	26.8°C; 1.6°C above normal
Mean Minimum Temperature	25.0°C; 1.7°C above normal
Mean Dew Point	24.5°C; 2.1°C above normal
Total Evaporation	152.5 mm; 17.2 mm below normal

A maximum temperature of 32.4 degrees Celsius was recorded on May 23, and a minimum temperature of 21.6 degrees Celsius was recorded on May 11.

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TRAFFIC RE-ARRANGEMENTS IN NORTH POINT AND TSIM SHA TSUI

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New traffic arrangements and restrictions will be introduced next week in several areas on both sides of the harbour so as to improve local traffic conditions.

In Kowloon, the section of Ashley Road between Salisbury Road and Middle Road will be routed one-way southbound with effect from 10 a.m. on Monday (June 25).

This arrangement is to reduce the hazard to pedestrians crossing Ashley Road at its junction with Salisbury Road.

On the Island, Marble Road between Shu Kuk Street and Kam Hong Street in North Point will be re-routed one-way eastbound and closed to public light buses from 10 a.m. on Tuesday (June 26).

Public light buses will also be prohibited from Kam Hong Street between Java Road and Marble Road. A stand for public light buses will be established in front of Nos. 62-78 Marble Road.

Appropriate traffic signs will be posted in both areas to guide motorists.

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HEALTH REPORT FOR MAY

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Eighty cases of measles, and one death, were reported during May, according to the monthly health statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department.

Also during the month, there were 48 cases of bacillary dysentery and one death, and five cases of amoebiasis and one death.

Tuberculosis accounted for 569 notifications and 103 deaths.

The incidence of all notifiable diseases rose to 790 from last month's 782, and the number of deaths totalled 106 compared with 73 in April.

There were 26 cases of chickenpox, but no reports of diphtheria or poliomyelitis.

Other infectious diseases did not show any appreciable variation.

Hong Kong remained free from cholera and other quarantinable diseases during the month.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

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Water supply to a number of premises in Wanchai will be interrupted for eight hours from 10 p.m. on Monday (June 25) to 6 a.m. the following morning.

The temporary stoppage is to enable the Waterworks Office to make a fresh water connection at Bowrington Road.

All premises in Bowrington Road, Chan Tong Street, and Nos. 3-43 Morrison Hill Road, No. 1 Leighton Road, and Nos. 251-263 and 250-270 Wan Chai Road will be affected.

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SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY DRAWN AT CITY HALL

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The first prize of \$753,600 for the second government lottery this year was won by ticket No. 618853.

This and other winning numbers were drawn this morning at the Concert Hall of the City Hall by four Radio Hong Kong personalities -- Miss Susanna Lung, Miss Elaine Sung, Miss Maria Lo and Miss Lencie Yeung.

The second prize of \$188,400 went to ticket No. 804802.

Ticket Nos. 88,228, 109,055, 523,393, 693,811, and 855124 won the five third prizes of \$18,840 each.

Winning numbers for the 50 special prizes of \$1,884 each are as follows:

9722	136318	345103	621092	856643
16853	143125	410495	635936	864072
18304	158682	423984	667203	865380
41914	178382	440136	674853	866272
84701	192726	457763	676931	870635
90785	199306	501746	719905	871816
115183	288190	516209	785412	876236
116527	289003	527829	797271	882106
118127	299098	533674	816294	897784
133547	338351	539084	839561	906777

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