



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVT REPLIES TO CLERKS' PROPOSALS

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THE GOVERNMENT TODAY SAID THAT THE LATEST PROPOSALS OF THE CLERICAL STAFF ASSOCIATION FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WAGE INCREASE WERE NOT A COMPROMISE BUT A REPETITION OF ITS EARLIER REQUEST.

HOWEVER, IN A LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION, THE ACTING SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. RON BRIDGE, REITERATED THAT THE PAY PACKAGE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FROM APRIL 1 NEXT YEAR.

THE ASSOCIATION HAD WRITTEN TO THE GOVERNMENT MAKING TWO PROPOSALS BOTH OF WHICH INVOLVED BACK PAYMENT TO APRIL 1, 1975.

IN THE REPLY, MR. BRIDGE EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPOSALS WERE MERELY A REPETITION, IN A DIFFERENT FORM, OF AN EARLIER REQUEST THAT ALL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO THE GOVERNMENT BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE CLERICAL CLASS SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE FROM APRIL 1, 1975.

HE REMINDED THE ASSOCIATION THAT IN ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION ON APRIL 1, 1976, +THE GOVERNMENT HAS GONE AS FAR AS IT COULD REASONABLY GO+.

+THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO SUBSTANTIAL SALARY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CLERICAL CLASS IN SIX MONTHS' TIME,+ HE SAID.

THE ASSOCIATION SHOULD APPRECIATE THAT AN IMMEDIATE OR BACK-DATED WAGE INCREASE FOR A SEGMENT OF THE CIVIL SERVICE WOULD BE RESENTED BY THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE WHEN SO MANY OTHER EMPLOYEES HAVE SUFFERED A REDUCTION IN INCOME OR SHORT TIME WORKING AND THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNDER-EMPLOYMENT.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE SAID HE HOPED THE COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION WOULD DO ITS BEST TO PERSUADE THE MEMBERS FROM CONTINUED OR FURTHER INDUSTRIAL ACTION.

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TWO MP'S ARRIVE TOMORROW ON FAMILIARISATION TOUR

NOTE TO EDITORS:

TWO CONSERVATIVE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, MR. CHARLES MORRISON AND MR. CHRISTOPHER TUGENDHAT, WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) FOR A NINE-DAY VISIT. MR. TUGENDHAT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE.

THE MP'S, WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT 6.20 P.M. ON FLIGHT BA 950, WILL BE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY THE PROTOCOL OFFICER, MR. L.E. POTTINGER.

THERE WILL BE NO PRESS INTERVIEWS AT THE AIRPORT BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT THEY WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE THEIR DEPARTURE ON SEPTEMBER 21.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST VISIT TO HONG KONG BY THE TWO MP'S. DURING THEIR STAY HERE THEY WILL MEET THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

THEY WILL ALSO MEET MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNCIL AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY, AND TAKE A GENERAL LOOK AT HONG KONG'S DEVELOPMENT IN PUBLIC HOUSING, SOCIAL WELFARE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH, LABOUR, AND LAW AND ORDER.

MR. MORRISON, REPRESENTING DEVIZES DIVISION OF WILTSHIRE, WAS ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT IN 1964 AND HAS HELD HIS SEAT EVER SINCE. HE WAS BORN IN 1932, SON OF THE FIRST BARON MARGADALE, AND WAS EDUCATED AT ETON AND THE ROYAL AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CIRENCESTER.

HE IS MARRIED WITH ONE SON AND ONE DAUGHTER.

MR. TUGENDHAT HAS REPRESENTED THE CITIES OF LONDON AND WESTMINSTER SINCE 1970. HE IS ALSO ADDITIONAL SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR. TUGENDHAT'S PRINCIPAL INTERESTS ARE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE. HE WRITES LEADING ARTICLES AND FEATURES FOR THE FINANCIAL TIMES, AND IS THE AUTHOR OF 'THE MULTINATIONALS' WHICH WON THE MCKINSEY FOUNDATION BOOK AWARD IN 1971.

MR. TUGENDHAT IS A DIRECTOR OF PHILIPS PETROLEUM INTERNATIONAL (UK) AND OF SUNNINGDALE OILS LTD.

HE IS MARRIED WITH TWO SONS.

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WORK ON SHEK KIP MEI MTR STATION TO START SOON

WORK IS EXPECTED TO START SHORTLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF PART OF THE UNDERGROUND SECTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY KNOWN AS SHEK KIP MEI STATION.

THIS STATION WILL BE SITED CLOSE TO THE SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE AT THE INTERSECTION OF WOH CHAI STREET AND WAI CHI STREET.

THE STATION WILL BE LOCATED ALMOST ENTIRELY WITHIN THE ROAD RESERVES OR IN UNDEVELOPED LAND SO AS TO KEEP INTERFERENCE TO EXISTING BUILDINGS TO A MINIMUM.

TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND SOME REDUCTION IN CARRIAGEWAY WIDTHS IN WOH CHAI STREET AND WAI CHI STREET WILL BE NECESSARY THROUGH THE WORKS AREA.

WHEN COMPLETED THE STATION WILL BE ABOUT 200 METRES LONG AND SERVED BY FOUR ENTRANCES PROVIDING THE RESIDENTS OF THE DENSELY POPULATED NEARBY HOUSING ESTATES WITH CONVENIENT ACCESS FOR A FAST AND REGULAR TRAIN SERVICE TO OTHER PARTS OF KOWLOON AND TO HONG KONG.

CONSTRUCTION SHOULD BEGIN IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR FOR COMPLETION IN ABOUT FOUR YEARS' TIME.

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LAND TO BE RESUMED AT NGAU CHI WAN FOR MTR

THE GOVERNMENT TODAY BEGAN THE PROCESS OF RESUMING ABOUT 20 LOTS BELONGING TO NGAU CHI WAN VILLAGERS WHICH ARE REQUIRED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHOI HUNG STATION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DESPITE THE COMMENCEMENT OF STATUTORY PROCEEDINGS, A PREVIOUS OFFER TO THE OWNERS OF THESE LOTS TO GRANT THEM LAND IN EXCHANGE IN THE SAME AREA AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF THE RAILWAY IS COMPLETE, STILL REMAINED OPEN.

RESUMPTION PROCEEDINGS HAVE NOT BEEN INITIATED IN RESPECT OF OTHER NGAU CHI WAN LOTS THE OWNERS OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT'S LAND EXCHANGE OFFER.

DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE VILLAGERS AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, WONG TAI SIN, BEGAN MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO AND HAVE CONTINUED SINCE.

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ADVICE ON PREVENTION OF
+RED EYE+ DISEASE
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY AGAIN URGED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTION IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF +RED EYE+ DISEASE, WHICH HAS BEEN ON AN INCREASING TREND RECENTLY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO RECORD OF THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF CASES IN HONG KONG BECAUSE IT IS NOT A NOTIFIABLE DISEASE, REPORTS FROM TWO GOVERNMENT EYE CLINICS SHOWED A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE INCIDENCE.

THE YAU MA TEI EYE CLINIC REPORTED MORE THAN 900 CASES IN THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, COMPARED WITH 250 IN THE LAST WEEK OF AUGUST, WHILE THE VIOLET PEEL EYE CLINIC ON HONG KONG ISLAND SAW ABOUT 200 CASES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE DISEASE, CLINICALLY KNOWN AS KERATO CONJUNCTIVITIES, IS USUALLY PREVALENT DURING THE SWIMMING SEASON.

HE WARNED THAT THE SWIMMING SEASON IS STILL NOT YET OVER AND THE PUBLIC MUST BE ON THE ALERT AT ALL TIMES IN THE PREVENTION OF THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE, THE PUBLIC MUST OBSERVE THE RULES OF PERSONAL HYGIENE, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE COMMONEST MEANS OF SPREADING THE DISEASE IS THROUGH CONTACT, FOR EXAMPLE IN PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS SWIMMING POOLS, IN SCHOOLS AND AMONG FAMILIES.

+IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM THE DISEASE SHOULD STAY AWAY FROM PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER ADVISED THAT IF A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY HAS CONTRACTED THE DISEASE, THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TAKE CARE NOT TO SHARE THE SAME TOWEL OR HANDKERCHIEF AND SHOULD PAY GREATER ATTENTION TO PERSONAL HYGIENE.

THE DISEASE IS OF ACUTE ONSET, CAUSING REDNESS AND SORENESS ON THE EYES, VARYING FROM SLIGHT IRRITATION TO SEVERE PAIN.

TREATMENT CONSISTS OF APPLICATION OF EYE DROPS AND OINTMENT ON THE EYES AS ADVISED BY DOCTORS.

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MAGISTRATE COURT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE TAPED

TAPE RECORDING EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED IN ALL MAGISTRACIES AS A MEASURE TO EXPEDITE PROCEEDINGS, IF PROPOSED LEGISLATION IS APPROVED.

THE PROPOSAL IS CONTAINED IN THE MAGISTRATES (AMENDMENT) BILL PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.

THE PURPOSE OF THE BILL IS TO ALLOW THE USE OF TAPE RECORDERS FOR THE RECORDING OF EVIDENCE IN SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS BEFORE A MAGISTRATE COURT.

IF THE BILL IS ENACTED, MAGISTRATES WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO TAKE DOWN DETAILED RECORDS OF PROCEEDINGS IN WRITING, AND INSTEAD, IT CAN BE RECORDED ON TAPE. HOWEVER, THE MAGISTRATE WILL TAKE A SUPPLEMENTARY WRITTEN NOTE OF THE SALIENT PART OF THE EVIDENCE GIVEN BEFORE HIM.

THE BILL ALSO PROVIDES THAT IF A FULL MINUTE OF THE EVIDENCE IS REQUIRED AT A LATER STAGE, THE TAPE MAY BE TRANSCRIBED AND CERTIFIED AS BEING AN ACCURATE AND COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT.

TAPE RECORDED EVIDENCE WILL BE RETAINED IN THE SAFE CUSTODY OF THE COURT FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 12 MONTHS FROM THE CONCLUSION OF THE HEARING.

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HONG KONG TO ATTEND ESCAP MEETING ON INDUSTRY, HOUSING AND TECHNOLOGY

AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. K.H. YEUNG, WILL BE REPRESENTING HONG KONG AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRY, HOUSING AND TECHNOLOGY (CIHT) IN BANGKOK.

THE MEETING, HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP), WILL START ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 15) AND WILL LAST ABOUT A WEEK.

MR. YEUNG IS THE HEAD OF THE INDUSTRY DIVISION IN THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. HE LEAVES FOR BANGKOK TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE AIM OF THE CIHT IS TO EXAMINE PROBLEMS CONCERNING INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS, HOUSING AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE REGION AND TO DRAW UP PROGRAMMES OF WORK IN THESE FIELDS.

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FIRST PRIZE OF LOTTERY WORTH \$395,200

A TOTAL OF 494,000 TICKETS FOR THE EIGHTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY WAS SOLD UP TO 9 P.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN SALES CLOSED. THE TOTAL PROCEEDS REACHED \$988,000.

THE FIRST PRIZE IS WORTH \$395,200, THE SECOND PRIZE \$39,520 AND THE THIRD PRIZE \$3,952.

EACH OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES FETCHES \$988 AND EACH OF THE 212 CONSOLATION PRIZES \$494.

THE FIRST THREE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 9 P.M. TOMORROW BY FOUR RTV ARTISTES -- MISS MEG LAM KIN-MING, MISS DEBORAH TANG KIT-LING, MISS CHUM YAN-MI AND MISS AU YEUNG PUI-SAN AT THE STATION'S STUDIO. THE DRAW WILL BE TELEVISED LIVE.

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