



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW LABOUR RELATIONS LAW EFFECTIVE TODAY  
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THE LABOUR RELATIONS BILL -- PASSED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY -- COMES INTO FORCE TODAY.

THE NEW LEGISLATION, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE, GIVES THE GOVERNMENT POWER TO INTERVENE IN AN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE, BUT NOT TO IMPOSE A COMPULSORY SETTLEMENT.

IT PROVIDES HONG KONG WITH PROCEDURES FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES WITH THE MINIMUM OF SOCIAL FRICTION OR ECONOMIC DISRUPTION.

A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE WILL BE ISSUED TO EXPLAIN THE NEW ORDINANCE IN SIMPLE TERMS.

THE BILL WAS PUBLISHED ON MARCH 21 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT, AND INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON MAY 7.

ALTHOUGH THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THE BILL REMAIN THE SAME, A NUMBER OF CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC COMMENT SINCE THE BILL WAS PUBLISHED.

THE NEW ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR A SERIES OF STEPS FOR DEALING WITH INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES. THEY ARE:

- \* CONCILIATION PROVIDED, AS USUAL, BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE,
- \* SPECIAL CONCILIATION BY A SPECIAL CONCILIATOR, TO BE PUBLICLY NAMED, WHEN ORDINARY CONCILIATION FAILS=
- \* VOLUNTARY ARBITRATION, WITH THE AGREEMENT OF BOTH PARTIES, IF SPECIAL CONCILIATION IS UNSUCCESSFUL= OR, AS AN ALTERNATIVE=
- \* A BOARD OF INQUIRY, WITH JUDICIAL POWERS, TO EXAMINE AND REPORT ON THE DISPUTE.

IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, AND IN COMPANY WITH A BOARD OF INQUIRY, ARBITRATION OR OTHER ATTEMPTS TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE, ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL MAY ORDER A 30-DAY "COOLING-OFF" PERIOD DURING WHICH ALL PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE MUST STOP ANY FORM OF INDUSTRIAL ACTION.

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL MAY EXTEND THIS 30-DAY PERIOD BY A FURTHER 30 DAYS IF HE CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY, BUT NOT BEYOND.

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FOLLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE BILL, THE FOLLOWING MAJOR AMENDMENTS WERE MADE TO IT DURING ITS PASSAGE THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL:

- \* THE "COOLING-OFF" PERIOD CAN ONLY BE BROUGHT INTO EFFECT BY A FUTURE DECISION OF THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL, AND IF THERE IS A CLEAR AND PUBLICLY-RECOGNISED NEED FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION=
- \* DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES, EITHER A BOARD OF THREE ARBITRATORS OR THE ORIGINALLY-PROPOSED SINGLE ARBITRATOR CAN BE APPOINTED TO ARBITRATE IN A DISPUTE=
- \* AN AMENDMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE AIM OF PREVENTING VICTIMISATION OF WORKERS DURING A COOLING-OFF PERIOD=
- \* ADDITIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE BILL TO STATE WHO HAS THE RIGHT OF REPRESENTATION BEFORE BOARDS OF INQUIRY AND ARBITRATION TRIBUNALS= AND
- \* THE SCHEDULE TO THE BILL, WHICH PROPOSED THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE FORMER ILLEGAL STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS ORDINANCE BE INCORPORATED IN OTHER LEGISLATION, HAS BEEN DROPPED.

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WORK ON KOWLOON RECEPTION CENTRE  
TO START SOON  
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CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE SUB-STRUCTURE OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT'S LARGEST RECEPTION CENTRE WILL BEGIN IN TWO MONTHS' TIME AT LAI CHI KOK.

THE KOWLOON RECEPTION CENTRE, LOCATED ON A 150,000-SQUARE-FOOT SITE AT BUTTERFLY VALLEY ROAD, WILL BE A MAXIMUM SECURITY INSTITUTION CAPABLE OF ACCOMMODATING SOME 980 PRISONERS. IT SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS RELIEVING OVERCROWDING IN THE VICTORIA RECEPTION CENTRE ON THE ISLAND.

THE SITE FOR THE NEW CENTRE WAS ONCE OCCUPIED BY THE FORMER LAI CHI KOK WOMEN'S PRISON WHICH HAS BEEN PULLED DOWN. PART OF THE ADJACENT HILLSIDE HAS ALSO BEEN CUT BACK TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BUILDING LAND.

SITE FORMATION WORK FOR THE PROJECT IS NOW NEARING COMPLETION AND WORK ON THE SUB-STRUCTURE -- INCLUDING THAT OF MULTI-STORY DORMITORY AND CELL BLOCKS, WORKSHOPS, A HOSPITAL WARD, A KITCHEN, AND AN ADMINISTRATION BLOCK AS WELL AS QUARTERS FOR RESIDENTIAL STAFF -- WILL BEGIN IN MID-SEPTEMBER. THIS PART OF THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SUB-STRUCTURE ARE INVITED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE. IT IS HOPED THAT BUILDING OF THE SUPER-STRUCTURE WILL FOLLOW SOON SO THAT WORK ON THE ENTIRE PROJECT CAN BE CARRIED OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE INSTITUTION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1977.

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MARINE FEES TO BE REVISED

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A REVISION OF CERTAIN FEES, INCLUDING THE IMPOSITION OF A NUMBER OF NEW CHARGES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO THE SHIPPING COMMUNITY, IS SOUGHT TO COVER PART OF THE RISING MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THESE SERVICES.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE CONTAINED IN THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (FEES) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 4) REGULATIONS, THE MARINE HAWKERS (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS AND THE TALLYCLERKS (LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

THE PROPOSED NEW FEES AND CHARGE INCREASES ARE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE ABOUT \$500,000 A YEAR, AND IF APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THE LAST GENERAL REVISION OF FEES CHARGED UNDER THESE REGULATIONS TOOK PLACE IN 1970 ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN A FEW MINOR CHANGES SINCE.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE PROPOSED FEE REVISION FORMED PART OF A CONTINUOUS EXERCISE TO REVIEW FEES CHARGED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LIGHT OF RISING OPERATION COSTS.

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1974 OVERSEAS TRADE REVIEW NOW ON SALE

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE DIRECTION AND COMPOSITION OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1974.

THE PUBLICATION, ENTITLED 'HONG KONG REVIEW OF OVERSEAS TRADE IN 1974,' ALSO GIVES ESTIMATES OF PRICES AND VOLUME CHANGES, AND INCLUDES AN ANALYSIS OF COMPARATIVE MARKET PENETRATION OF HONG KONG PRODUCTS AND THOSE OF COMPETITORS IN THE MAIN EXPORT MARKETS.

THE REVIEW CONTAINS EIGHT GRAPHS AND 24 STATISTICAL APPENDICES SHOWING HONG KONG'S COMPARATIVE EXTERNAL TRADE PERFORMANCE DURING THE LAST AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE REVIEW IS NOW ON SALE AT \$10 PER COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

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DAY RELEASE COURSES AVAILABLE AT  
TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

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THE THREE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES FOR THE 1975-76 SESSION BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. DANIEL WATERS AND THE PRINCIPALS OF THE THREE INSTITUTES - MORRISON HILL AND THE TWO NEW ONES AT KWAI CHUNG AND KWUN TONG - GAVE DETAILS OF THE COURSES AT A PRESS CONFERENCE THIS AFTERNOON.

ALL THREE INSTITUTES WILL OFFER COURSES ON ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.

COURSES ON CLOTHING AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT KWAI CHUNG AND KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WHILE COURSES FOR SECRETARIES/STENOGRAPHERS AND ON OFFICE STUDIES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT MORRISON HILL AND KWAI CHUNG.

CONSTRUCTION COURSES WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY AT MORRISON HILL AND COURSES ON PRINTING AT KWUN TONG.

A VARIETY OF OTHER COURSES INCLUDING RADIO AND TELEVISION MECHANICS, AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION AS WELL AS MOTOR VEHICLE MECHANICS ARE BEING OFFERED BY ONE OR TWO INSTITUTES.

THE ANNUAL FEES FOR FULL-TIME COURSES ARE \$400 (TECHNICIAN) AND \$120 (CRAFT) WHILE THAT FOR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE IS \$80.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR FULL-TIME COURSES AND COPIES OF THE +GUIDE TO APPLICANTS+ CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE THREE INSTITUTES, ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SERVICE CENTRES AT TSUEN WAN, KWAI CHUNG AND SHEK LEI. APPLICATION FORMS FOR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE THREE INSTITUTES AND THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR CRAFT COURSES ARE GENERALLY THE COMPLETION OF FORM 3 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BASIC CRAFT COURSES WHERE COMPLETION OF FORM 2 IS STIPULATED.

FOR CONSTRUCTION CRAFT COURSES, COMPLETION OF PRIMARY 6 IS THE REQUIREMENT.

FOR TECHNICIAN COURSES, COMPLETION OF FORM 5 IS THE MINIMUM ENTRY REQUIREMENT.

APPLICANTS FOR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES SHOULD BE ENGAGED IN WORK APPROPRIATE TO THE COURSE THEY WISH TO BE ENROLLED. IN ADDITION, THEY MUST BE SPONSORED, AND HAVE THE APPLICATION FORMS SIGNED BY THEIR EMPLOYERS.

ALL COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE INSTITUTES SELECTED BY AUGUST 18.

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FIRST PRIZE OF 5TH LOTTERY WORTH \$504,000  
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SOMEONE WILL BE RICHER BY \$504,000 TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN THE FIRST PRIZE OF THE FIFTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY IS DRAWN.

A TOTAL OF 630,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD UP TO 9 P.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN SALES CLOSED. THE TOTAL PROCEEDS REACHED \$1,260,000.

THE SECOND PRIZE IS WORTH \$50,400 AND THE THIRD PRIZE \$5,040.

EACH OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES AND THE 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES IS WORTH \$1,260.

THE FIRST THREE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FOUR RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES -- MISS TERESA WONG SHUI-FUNG, MISS LOUISA CHAN YEE-NOR, MR. CHU PUI-HING AND MR. RAYMOND NG SHEK-FAI.

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UK-INDONESIA AIR TALKS  
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DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY (THURSDAY) BETWEEN THE AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM TO REVIEW THE AIR SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD IN A FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AND CONCENTRATED ON THE UNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE LOCKHEED TRISTAR AIRCRAFT FOR BOEING 707 AIRCRAFT, USED BY CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS BETWEEN HONG KONG AND JAKARTA, LATER THIS YEAR.

ALSO DISCUSSED WAS THE POSSIBILITY OF OPERATING DIRECT AIR SERVICES BETWEEN BALI AND HONG KONG FOR BOTH GARUDA INDONESIAN AIRWAYS AND CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS.

IN ORDER THAT FURTHER STUDY COULD BE GIVEN TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THESE PROPOSED OPERATIONS, IT WAS AGREED TO ADJOURN THE TALKS AND TO MEET AGAIN TOWARDS THE END OF AUGUST IN JAKARTA FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT SUMMER YOUTH CAMP IN HEBE HAVEN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT A SUMMER YOUTH CAMP IN HEBE HAVEN TOMORROW (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CAMP IS ORGANIZED FOR ABOUT 100 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT INCLUDING SOME JUNIOR POLICE CALL MEMBERS AND A GROUP OF 12 TO 13 YEARS OLD CHILDREN.

SIR MURRAY WILL TOUR AROUND THE CAMP SITE AT 12.15 P.M. ACCOMPANIED BY MR. BILLY LAM, C.D.O. (WONG TAI SIN), MR. J.J.E. MORRIN, DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER (KOWLOON), MR. WU SIU-CHEUK, DIVISIONAL POLICE SUPERINTENDENT (WONG TAI SIN), AND MRS. HENRIETTA CHAN, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN).

HE WILL SEE THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THE YOUNGSTERS INCLUDING THE COMPILAION OF THE CAMP NEWSLETTER= THE MAKING OF A SOUVENIR BANNER WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO HIM IN DUE COURSE, AND ALSO SOME PAINTING WORK. HE WILL LATER PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF CAMP GAMES WHICH INCLUDE HIKING AND PAINTING. HE WILL ALSO TALK TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THEIR LIVES IN THE CAMP.

THIS CAMP, ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE, WILL LAST FOR THREE DAYS STARTING FROM TOMORROW (SATURDAY) UNTIL TUESDAY (AUGUST 5). MOST OF THE EXPENSES ARE DONATED BY CIVIC LEADERS IN WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT,

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NOTE TO EDITORS:  
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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE EVENT ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO MISS GIVOUNA KWONG, LIAISON OFFICER, C.D.O. (WONG TAI SIN) OR HER DEPUTY AT WONG TAI SIN POLICE STATION NOT LATER THAN 10.00 A.M.

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ACTIVITIES FOR THE DISABLED

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A GROUP OF 200 TRAINEES FROM THREE REHABILITATION CENTRES OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE HAPPY VALLEY KAIFONG ASSOCIATION TO SEE THE GALA ELEPHANT SHOW TO BE HELD IN CAUSEWAY BAY OPPOSITE THE VICTORIA PARK TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THIS IS ONE OF THE ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BEEN ARRANGED THIS MONTH FOR THE DISABLED UNDER THE CARE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRES.

ALSO ON THIS WEEKEND, 22 EXTENSION SCOUTS AND GIRL GUIDES FROM THE WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE IN KOWLOON WILL BE GOING ON A CAMPING TRIP TO FANLING. THE PROGRAMME PLANNED FOR THEM INCLUDE A WIDE RANGE OF OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES AND A CAMP FIRE. THEY WILL BE JOINED BY SIX STAFF MEMBERS OF THE CENTRE AND A GROUP OF POLICE CADETS.

NEXT FRIDAY (AUGUST 8), 60 TRAINEES FROM THE KAI YIN TRAINING CENTRE WILL BE TAKEN BY THE YOUTH GROUP OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY CHURCH TO SEE A FILM AT THE KWUN TONG THEATRE AND THEY WILL TAKE PART IN A FUN FAIR SPONSORED BY THE Y.M.C.A. SAU MAU PING CENTRE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY.

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