



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SEWAGE TREATMENT STUDY MAKES HEADWAY

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GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE ON A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY RELATING TO MODERN TECHNIQUES IN BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT OF SEWAGE NOW BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE SHEK WU HUI PILOT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

INITIAL RESULTS ARE DESCRIBED AS +ENCOURAGING+ AND THE FIRST REPORT ON THE EXPERIMENTS IS EXPECTED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE AUTHORITY CONCERNED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

THE \$13.5 MILLION PLANT WAS OPENED IN JUNE. APART FROM PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR THE 12,500 PEOPLE IN SHEK WU HUI, IT ALSO SERVES AS AN EXPERIMENTAL AND TRAINING CENTRE FOR MODERN TECHNIQUES IN THE BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT OF SEWAGE. THIS IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.

THE STUDY AND THE TRAINING OF THE REQUIRED STAFF ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED IN TWO YEARS.

UNDER TRAINING AT PRESENT ARE 16 P.W.D. STAFF MEMBERS. THEIR WORK INCLUDES SAMPLING, WORKING UP THE PROCESSES AND CONTROL OF MACHINES.

SINCE THE OPENING OF THE PLANT, EXPERIMENTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT ON THREE OF THE FOUR BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES INCORPORATED IN THE WORKS. THEY ARE : DIFFUSED AIR AERATION, HIGH RATE BIOLOGICAL FILTRATION AND OXIDATION PONDS.

EXPERIMENTS ON THE FOURTH ONE, KNOWN AS DIRECT OXYGENATION, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN A MONTH OR TWO.

THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THESE BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES IS TO USE MICRO-ORGANISMS TO ASSIMILATE THE POLLUTANTS IN THE SEWAGE. BY THIS PROCESS THE REMOVAL OF ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF THE POLLUTANTS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

+JUDGING FROM THE AFFLUENTS DISCHARGED FROM THE PLANT, THE INITIAL RESULTS ARE ENCOURAGING,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DRAINAGE WORKS DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE FOUR BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT PROCESSES WOULD BE EXTENSIVELY STUDIED TO ASSESS THEIR SUITABILITY UNDER CONDITIONS PREVAILING IN HONG KONG.

IF THEY PROVE TO BE ECONOMICALLY VIABLE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM EXPERIMENTS ON THE VARIOUS TREATMENT PROCESSES WILL BE USED IN THE DESIGN AND OPERATION OF FUTURE SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS FOR ABATING POLLUTION AND SO CREATE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT FOR HONG KONG.

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WARNING AGAINST IMPOSTOR 'SELLING' ESTATE FLATS

THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT TODAY WARNED APPLICANTS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST PEOPLE IMPERSONATING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND DEMANDING MONEY TO GUARANTEE PUBLIC HOUSING ACCOMMODATION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID A FEW SUCH CASES WERE RECORDED THIS YEAR -- THE LATEST ONE REPORTED ON DECEMBER 3.

USUALLY THE IMPERSONATOR PROMISES EARLY PROCESSING OF PUBLIC HOUSING APPLICATIONS IN RETURN FOR TEA MONEY.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THOSE APPROACHED IN THIS MANNER TO CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT OR THE POLICE IMMEDIATELY AND IN NO CASE SHOULD THEY PAY ANY MONEY.

+THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CHARGE ANY FEES FOR PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS. THIS IS CLEARLY PRINTED IN THE INFORMATION LEAFLET ATTACHED TO THE APPLICATION FORM,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ACCORDING TO POLICE INFORMATION THE CASES REPORTED RECENTLY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THE SAME PERSON.

HE IS TALL AND THIN AND HAS APPEARED IN VARIOUS DISGUISES-- SOMETIMES HE APPEARS TO BE IN HIS TWENTIES AND SOMETIMES IN HIS THIRTIES. HE HAS APPEARED WITH AND WITHOUT GLASSES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ALL INVESTIGATION STAFF OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT CARRIED DEPARTMENTAL IDENTITY CARDS.

+ANYONE BEING APPROACHED SHOULD ASK THE PERSON TO PRODUCE HIS CARD BEFORE LETTING HIM IN,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED.

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SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN COMPLETE NEW COURSE

THE FIRST GROUP OF LOCAL AMBULANCEMEN TO COMPLETE A HIGHER AMBULANCE AID CERTIFICATE COURSE IN HONG KONG GRADUATED FROM THE MORRISON HILL AMBULANCE DEPOT TODAY.

A TOTAL OF 29 SENIOR AMBULANCEMEN ATTENDED THE FOUR-WEEK COURSE, WHICH IS BASED ON A REPORT PREPARED SIX YEARS AGO IN THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE AMBULANCE SERVICE THERE. PERSONNEL ARE TRAINED IN GREATER DEPTH TO DIAGNOSE AND GIVE TREATMENT.

THE CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR. BILL DOORE, SAID THE MEN HAD BEEN REQUIRED TO LEARN SUBJECTS WHICH HAD NEVER PREVIOUSLY BEEN TAUGHT TO AMBULANCE CREWS IN HONG KONG, BUT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROPERLY OPERATE THE NEW AND MORE SOPHISTICATED MEDICAL APPARATUS NOW CARRIED ON AMBULANCES.

MR. DOORE TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THEY WOULD UNDERGO MORE AND MORE SPECIALIST TRAINING TO FURTHER IMPROVE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT. HE ADDED : +YOU WILL NOT GO FAR WRONG IF YOU REMEMBER OUR MOTTO : 'THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON TO AMBULANCE COMMAND IS THE PATIENT'+.

OF THE 29 GRADUATES, 14 JOINED THE AMBULANCE COMMAND ONLY THREE MONTHS AGO AND, BECAUSE OF THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND APTITUDE, WERE SELECTED FOR THE CERTIFICATE COURSE AFTER COMPLETING A BASIC AMBULANCEMAN'S COURSE AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL.

THE OTHERS WERE RECENTLY PROMOTED TO SENIOR AMBULANCEMAN RANK. ALL WILL NOW BE RESPONSIBLE FOR AN AMBULANCE AND ITS CREW.

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TAIPO ROAD REOPENED

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE SECTION OF LUK KENG-BRIDE'S POOL ROAD AT 8-1/2 MILESTONE, TAIPO, HAS BEEN REOPENED TO TRAFFIC.

THE ROAD SECTION WAS CLOSED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS TO FACILITATE EMERGENCY REPAIR WORKS TO THE DAMAGED CUTTING SLOPE.

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CALL TO COMMUNITY LEADERS
TO HELP MENTALLY HANDICAPPED
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY URGED MORE LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS TO COME FORWARD TO HELP THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED WHO, HE SAID, +HAVE THE GREATEST NEED FOR ASSISTANCE BUT HAVE BEEN THE LEAST SERVED SO FAR.+

MR. TOPLEY MADE THE APPEAL WHEN HE OPENED THE CHRISTMAS FAIR AT UNION CHURCH IN AID OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

HE SAID THAT PERSONAL EFFORT WAS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IN THIS WORK WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS +VERY TAXING.+

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, HE SAID, REQUIRED TRAINING WHEN THEY LEFT SCHOOL, FOLLOWED BY OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT. THEY MUST BE ASSISTED TO BECOME INDEPENDENT AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, HE STRESSED.

MR. TOPLEY NOTED THAT THE UNION CHURCH HAD TAKEN THE LEAD WAY BACK IN 1964 AND WAS THE FIRST TO ESTABLISH FACILITIES FOR THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED.

AT THAT TIME MEMBERS OF UNION CHURCH PROVIDED FREE ACCOMMODATION FOR A CLASS FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING CHILDREN. THESE CLASSES BECAME THE LIONS MORNINGHILL SCHOOL WHERE OVER 100 SLOW-LEARNING CHINESE CHILDREN NOW RECEIVE INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE.

AFTER DECLARING THE CHRISTMAS FAIR OPEN, MR. TOPLEY WAS PRESENTED WITH A CAKE BY A LITTLE GIRL. HE ACCEPTED IT AND OFFERED IT FOR SALE. IT WAS BOUGHT FOR \$50.

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OPENING OF NEW SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE BUILDING
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THE NEW BUILDING COMPLEX OF THE SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 16) BY DR. RAYSON HUANG, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE COMPLEX IS LOCATED AT CALDECOTT ROAD, PIPER'S HILL, KOWLOON. IT COMPRISES EIGHT BLOCKS, INCLUDING A HOSTEL FOR 200 STUDENTS AND QUARTERS FOR WARDEN AND MINOR STAFF.

AMONG THE FACILITIES PROVIDED IN THE NEW PREMISES ARE FIVE CLASSROOMS, 22 TUTORIAL ROOMS, FOUR LECTURE ROOMS, 12 SPECIALIST ROOMS FOR ART, DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND HANDICRAFTS, A GYMNASIUM, AN AIR-CONDITIONED LIBRARY AND AN AUDITORIUM.

THE COLLEGE WAS PREVIOUSLY HOUSED IN A PRIMARY SCHOOL IN HOK YUEN STREET, HUNGHOM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED. IT WILL START AT 3.30 P.M. ON MONDAY (DECEMBER 16).

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR STUDENTS

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THE WAN CHAI COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE WILL START AN 11-WEEK YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE ON MONDAY FOR A GROUP OF 50 STUDENT LEADERS FROM VARIOUS SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG.

THE COURSE, WHICH WILL BE IN FOUR STAGES, IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE THEM WITH A THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK AND BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF LEADERSHIP AND GROUPS, AS WELL AS TO HELP THEM BETTER APPRECIATE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND PRACTICAL PROJECTS.

STAGE ONE - LECTURES AND DISCUSSION - WILL BE HELD FROM DECEMBER 16 TO 23 AT ROOM 202 OF THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE AT 44 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE INTRODUCED TO LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY WORK, PROGRAMME PLANNING AND BE GIVEN LECTURES ON +HUMAN BEHAVIOUR FROM THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND SOCIOLOGICAL POINTS OF VIEW+ AND +GROUP DYNAMICS+. SPEAKERS FROM VARIOUS ORGANISATIONS INVOLVED IN YOUTH WORK, INCLUDING THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL GIVE THE LECTURES.

STAGE TWO WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A SEMINAR CAMP FROM DECEMBER 29 UNTIL JANUARY 1. THIS WILL BE HELD AT THE Y.M.C.A. YOUTH CAMP AT WU KWAI SHA IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. TOPICS WILL INCLUDE SOCIAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS ECONOMY, HOUSING, EDUCATION AND DELINQUENCY. SPEAKERS FROM THE VARIOUS FIELDS CONCERNED WILL BE INVITED.

THE FINAL TWO STAGES OF THE COURSE WILL CONSIST OF SOCIAL VISITS TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN THE GROUP AND ORGANISATIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE COURSE AND THE CARRYING OUT OF PROJECTS AS A PRACTICAL EXERCISE ON WHAT THEY HAVE LEARNED.

THE ENTIRE PROGRAMME IS BEING FINANCED THROUGH THE SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND.

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PLB TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YAU MA TEI

A TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW AT SEVERAL ROAD SECTIONS IN YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON, WILL BE INTRODUCED AT 10 A.M. NEXT MONDAY (DECEMBER 16).

THE SCHEME WHICH RESTRICTS KERB SIDE STOPPING ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ALONG THE SECTION OF KANSU STREET BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND TEMPLE STREET, AND ALONG THE SECTION OF TEMPLE STREET BETWEEN KANSU STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 45 METRES NORTH OF KANSU STREET.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS ALONG THESE ROAD SECTIONS BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND MIDNIGHT.

THE NEW MEASURES ARE EXPECTED TO REDUCE OBSTRUCTION TO TRAFFIC AT THE JUNCTION OF NATHAN ROAD AND KANSU STREET.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE PLB DRIVERS.

MORE BEACH FACILITIES FOR SWIMMERS

BETTER FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR SWIMMERS AT STANLEY MAIN BEACH AND BIG WAVE BAY BEACH NEXT SUMMER.

AT STANLEY MAIN BEACH, A NEW BEACH BUILDING WITH CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS WILL BE BUILT ON A SITE NOW OCCUPIED BY THREE TEMPORARY BEACH STRUCTURES. THESE WILL BE DEMOLISHED IN MID-JANUARY TO MAKE WAY FOR THE NEW BUILDING.

THE NEW BEACH BUILDING SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MAY NEXT YEAR. THERE WILL ALSO BE A FREE STANDBY COMMUNAL SHOWER IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING.

ADDITIONAL CHANGING ROOMS AND SHOWERS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED AT BIG WAVE BAY BEACH.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT FEBRUARY, AND WILL BE COMPLETED IN JUNE IN TIME FOR THE SWIMMING SEASON.

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