



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WATER -- LARGE TRADE CONSUMERS ADVISED  
TO APPLY EARLY FOR CONCESSIONARY TARIFF  
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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS WRITTEN TO LARGE TRADE CONSUMERS ASKING THEM TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR THE CONCESSIONARY TARIFF WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT WITH THE NEW WATER RATES ON APRIL 1.

AT THE SAME TIME THE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED THAT TRADE CONSUMERS WHO DID NOT RECEIVE A LETTER, BUT WHO FELT THEY SHOULD ALSO BE GRANTED THE CONCESSIONARY TARIFF, SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS AS WELL.

THE NEW BASIC RATE FOR TRADE SUPPLY IS \$5.50 PER UNIT OF 1,000 GALLONS, AND THE CONCESSIONARY RATE IS \$4 PER UNIT.

A WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE CONCESSIONARY RATE APPLIED ONLY TO CONSUMPTION IN EXCESS OF 6,000 UNITS PER FOUR-MONTH BILLING PERIOD, AND WAS SUBJECT TO APPLICANTS MEETING OTHER CRITERIA. THESE OTHER CRITERIA WERE LISTED IN THE ADVISORY LETTERS.

+THE CONCESSION IS AIMED AT GIVING TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN TRADES WHILE THEY INTRODUCE, IF THEY SO WISH, MEASURES TO ECONOMISE IN THE USE OF WATER,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

+THE CONCESSION WILL BE WITHDRAWN ON MARCH 31, 1982. THIS IS THE DATE UP TO WHICH THE NEW RATE SCALE APPLIES.+

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THE CONCESSION WOULD APPLY FROM THE START OF THE BILLING PERIOD FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF A VALID APPLICATION.

HE SAID : +IT IS IMPERATIVE, THEREFORE, THAT LARGE TRADE CONSUMERS APPLY TO THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DELAY COULD LEAD TO LATE APPROVAL AND SOME POSSIBLE LOSS TO THE CONSUMER IN RELATION TO THE CONCESSION.+

THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ANY TRADE CONSUMER WHO HAD NOT RECEIVED THE ADVISORY LETTER, OR ANY NEW TRADE CONSUMER WITH AN ANTICIPATED HIGH CONSUMPTION, SHOULD MAKE AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT'S ENQUIRY COUNTER ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE CONCESSIONARY TARIFF CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONTACTING MR. POON KWAI-KUN ON TELEPHONE 5-7900225.

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\$20 MILLION SCHEME TO IMPROVE ROAD  
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THE \$20 MILLION SCHEME TO IMPROVE THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD FROM HO TUNG LAU TO TAI PO CAUSEWAY IS NEARING THE HALF-WAY MARK.

MR. LEE SHU-CHEE, SENIOR ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT WORK ON THE FIRST OF TWO STAGES WOULD BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER.

+SINCE IMPROVEMENT WORK FIRST BEGAN IN SEPTEMBER 1976, A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF STAGE I, INVOLVING THE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN THE HONG KONG CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND TAI PO CAUSEWAY, HAS BEEN COMPLETED,+ HE SAID.

+TRAFFIC ON THIS STRETCH OF ROAD HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED FOLLOWING THE ELIMINATION OF SHARP BENDS AND THE PROVISION OF CLIMBING LANES AT STEEP GRADIENTS,+ HE SAID.

THE ONLY WORK REMAINS TO BE DONE IN STAGE I IS NOW UNDER WAY AT THE BEND AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S HOME.

THIS WORK, MR. LEE SAID, INVOLVED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 300-METRE NEW ROAD BY CUTTING THROUGH A HILL AND WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON STAGE II IS ON THE DRAWING BOARD.

ON COMPLETION OF THE ENTIRE PROJECT, THE SEVEN-KILOMETRE SECTION OF TAI PO ROAD STRETCHING FROM HO TUNG LAU TO TAI PO CAUSEWAY WILL BE 7.3 METRES WIDE WITH AN ADDITIONAL CLIMBING LANE AT STEEP GRADIENTS INSTEAD OF SIX METRES AS IN SOME SECTIONS AT PRESENT.

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LEARNING ABOUT NATURE IN ITS NATURAL HABITAT

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BIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY TEACHERS OF MATRICULATION CLASSES SOON WILL NO LONGER HAVE ANY PROBLEM OF FINDING SITES FOR THEIR PUPILS TO DO FIELD WORK.

+THIS IS BECAUSE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ESTABLISHED A FIELD STUDIES CENTRE, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, FOR USE BY SIXTH FORM STUDENTS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

MR. YAM HOK-KAI, INSPECTOR (FIELD STUDIES), ADDED THAT THESE STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH INTEGRATED FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK WHEN THE NEW CENTRE, SITUATED AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, BECOMES FULLY FUNCTIONAL IN SEPTEMBER.

OVERLOOKING ALMOST THE ENTIRE SAI KUNG PENINSULA, THE TWO-STORY COMPLEX WILL FEATURE A SPECIMEN EXHIBITION AREA, A REFERENCE LIBRARY, A LECTURE HALL, A PREPARATION ROOM AND A WELL-EQUIPPED LABORATORY. SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE.

+THE ENTIRE ARRANGEMENT HAS BEEN GEARED TO PROVIDE EFFICIENT FACILITIES FOR THOSE WHO WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE COURSES,+ MR. YAM STRESSED.

HE ALSO EMPHASISED THAT THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE EVERY FORM SIX STUDENT WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A FEW DAYS IN THE CENTRE.

AT PRESENT, MR. YAM SAID, MANY SCHOOLS ARRANGE ONE-DAY FIELD TRIPS FOR THEIR STUDENTS.

+THIS IS QUITE INADEQUATE BECAUSE THEY ARE LIMITED BY TIME DUE TO THE LONG JOURNEYS AND IT IS ALSO QUITE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CONDUCT PROMPT FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS IN THE LABORATORY. SPECIMENS COLLECTED BECOME DETERIORATED AS A RESULT,+ MR. YAM POINTED OUT.

TO REMEDY THE SITUATION, A WORKING PARTY COMPRISING MEMBERS FROM SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, INCLUDING THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION AND THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, WAS SET UP IN 1976.

THAT SUMMER, A RESIDENTIAL FIELD STUDIES PILOT PROJECT WAS INTRODUCED.

+MANY OF THE STUDENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROJECT WERE FULL OF PRAISES FOR THE COURSE,+ MR. YAM RECALLED.

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AT THE SAME TIME QUESTIONARIES WERE ALSO SENT TO MORE THAN 100 PRINCIPALS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS TO SEEK THEIR VIEWS ON THE DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT FIELD STUDIES CENTRE. ABOUT 85 PER CENT FAVOURED THE IDEA.

THE CENTRE WAS COMPLETED LAST FEBRUARY WITH GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

THE LOCATION FOR THE CENTRE WAS, IN MR. YAM'S WORDS, +EXTREMELY IMPORTANT,+ WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR THE PRESENT SITE WHICH IS SPLENDIDLY SITUATED DUE TO ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A WIDE VARIETY OF HABITATS OF ECOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE.

MR. YAM SAID THE CENTRE WILL HAVE \$165,000 WORTH OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING MONOCULAR AND STEREO MICROSCOPES, WATER QUALITY CHECKERS, AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPARATOR TO MEASURE TEMPERATURE AND LIGHT INTENSITY AT SPECIFIC SPOTS, AND MANY METEOROLOGICAL ITEMS.

THE TENTATIVE LENGTH OF EACH RESIDENTIAL COURSE -- THE FIRST WILL START IN SEPTEMBER -- IS FOUR TO FIVE DAYS. FORTY STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN EACH COURSE.

+THE PROGRAMME WILL BE WELL BALANCED TO COMBINE FIELD AND LABORATORY WORK WITH RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,+ MR. YAM SAID.

+THE NEW CENTRE WILL ALSO SERVE AS AN INFORMATION CENTRE ON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, BIOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY.

+PART OF OUR WORK HERE IS TO PREPARE TEACHING MATERIALS AND GUIDES FOR TEACHERS. OUR REFERENCE LIBRARY WILL CONTAIN JOURNALS ON BIOLOGY, ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AND GEOGRAPHY WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS ALIKE,+ MR. YAM SAID.

TO ENSURE THAT THE CENTRE WILL OPERATE SMOOTHLY AND EFFICIENTLY, THE GOVERNMENT IS SENDING MR. YAM TO BRITAIN IN MID-JULY TO VISIT AND ATTEND COURSES OFFERED TO TEACHERS BY FIELD CENTRES OF THE FIELD STUDIES COUNCIL.

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TREASURE HUNT FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN  
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THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE HONG KONG TANG KING PO COLLEGE AND ST. FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE WILL JOINTLY ORGANISE A +TREASURE HUNT+ COMPETITION FOR ABOUT 50 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN EIGHT AND 12 ALONG BOWEN ROAD TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PARTICIPANTS, MOSTLY WEAK IN SPEECH AND HEARING, WILL BE DIVIDED INTO 10 TEAMS EACH COMPRISING FIVE CHILDREN.

+TREASURES+ WILL BE HIDDEN BEFORE HAND IN DIFFERENT SPOTS ALONG THE BOWEN ROAD AND THE PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO FIND THEM OUT ACCORDING TO THE HINTS INDICATED ON A SKETCH MAP GIVEN TO THEM.

THE FIRST THREE TEAMS TO FINISH THEIR HUNT WILL BE GIVEN PRIZES WHILE THE REST WILL RECEIVE SOUVENIRS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:  
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ABOUT 50 HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN A +TREASURE HUNT+ COMPETITION ALONG BOWEN ROAD IN WAN CHAI AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW (MONDAY). THE COMPETITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, HONG KONG TANG KING PO COLLEGE AND ST. FRANCIS CANOSSIAN COLLEGE.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT THE WAN CHAI GAP PLAYGROUND.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN POK FU LAM WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON TUESDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA STARTS FROM POKFULAM SERVICE RESERVOIR ROAD ALONG POKFULAM ROAD TO WAH FU ESTATE, INCLUDING VILLAGE TAI KOO LAU, WAH HING HOUSE, WAH SANG HOUSE, WAH CHEONG HOUSE AND WAH TAI HOUSE.

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