



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE  
TO CELEBRATE THIRD ANNIVERSARY  
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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH WITH A MONTH-LONG PROGRAMME FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN HONG KONG.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, MR. DICKEN YUNG, SENIOR RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, SAID THAT THE AIM OF THE SERVICE WAS WELL ILLUSTRATED IN ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMMES WHICH INCLUDE CAMPING, AQUATIC MEETS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE ORGANISED UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF VARIOUS VOLUNTARY AND SPORTS AGENCIES AND WITH THE CO-ORDINATION OF SEVERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, ARE EIGHT DISTRICTS SWIMMING GALAS, SEVEN MAJOR GAMES COMPETITIONS, EIGHT SPORTS CAMPS FOR YOUTHS AND FAMILIES, A DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET AT STANLEY, A LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL-FOR-ALL DAY, TWO SPECIAL GAMES DAYS FOR THE HANDICAPPED IN MONG KOK, AN ANGLING COMPETITION IN SAI KUNG, AND TWO OVERNIGHT EXPEDITIONS ROUND MA ON SHAN AND CHEUNG SHEUNG.

OTHER ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES INCLUDE OUTDOOR PURSUITS FOR ALL AGES, DISTRICT AND REGIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS AND REGULAR SPORTS TRAINING CLASSES.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN OCTOBER, 1974, THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE HAS LAUNCHED MORE THAN 5,000 PROJECTS INVOLVING THE PARTICIPATION OF 600,000 PEOPLE.

MR. YUNG SAID WITH AN AVERAGE OF 2,700 PEOPLE TAKING PART IN 30 TO 50 ACTIVITIES EACH DAY, THE TOTAL SESSION ATTENDANCE AT RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE EVENTS IN THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN AS HIGH AS THREE MILLION.

ALL THE EVENTS ARE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SERVICE'S DISTRICT OFFICES, THE NUMBER OF WHICH WAS INCREASED FROM SIX IN OCTOBER, 1974 TO 17 IN SEPTEMBER, 1976.

AGE OF THE PARTICIPANTS RANGED FROM NINE TO 66 BUT THE VAST MAJORITY FELL IN THE 16-24 AGE GROUP.

HOWEVER, MR. YUNG POINTED OUT, ONE SIGNIFICANT TREND HAS BEEN THAT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGE OF 25 AND 45 PARTICIPATED IN PHYSICAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE SERVICE.

+THIS TREND SHOWS THAT MORE ADULTS AND WORKING PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE BEGINNING TO REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF RECREATION AND SPORT,+ HE NOTED.

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APART FROM PROVIDING AS WIDE A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES FOR THE PUBLIC AS POSSIBLE, THE SERVICE HAS ALSO TRAINED MORE THAN 3,000 VOLUNTEERS AS COACHES, REFEREES AND LEADERS TO ASSIST IN RUNNING VARIOUS PROGRAMMES.

ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SERVICE, MR. YUNG DISCLOSED THAT PLANS ARE NOW IN HAND TO PROMOTE THE SERVICE IN RURAL AND NEW TOWNS AS WELL AS PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES.

+WITH THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR WORKERS, THE SERVICE PLANS TO PROVIDE MORE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THEM,+ HE SAID.

+FURTHERMORE, WE HOPE TO PROVIDE BETTER QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR OFFICIALS IN SPORTING EVENTS AND TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF PROGRAMMES,+ HE ADDED.

+LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST, THE SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE AND INTRODUCE NEW SPORTS AND GAMES AS WE HAVE BEEN DOING IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.+

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GOVERNMENT HELPS VILLAGERS TO GET NEW BOAT

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS COME TO THE AID OF THE VILLAGERS ON A REMOTE ISLAND OFF SOUTH LANTAU COAST TO SOLVE THEIR TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM.

WITH A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY, THE VILLAGERS OF TAI AH CHAU WILL SOON HAVE A NEW MOTORISED FERRY - THE ONLY MEANS BY WHICH THEY GET THEIR FARM PRODUCE TO THEIR TRADITIONAL MARKET PLACE ON CHEUNG CHAU. THE NEW FERRY WILL ALSO CARRY PASSENGERS TO AND FROM CHEUNG CHAU.

THE EXISTING BOAT WHICH THE VILLAGERS HAVE USED FOR SIX YEARS IS IN POOR CONDITION OF REPAIR AND THEY HAVE BOUGHT THEMSELVES A 76-FOOT SECOND HAND BOAT FOR CONVERSION INTO A FERRY.

IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY THE VILLAGERS, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE HAS ARRANGED FOR A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY OF \$35,000 TO HELP MEET THE CONVERSION COST.

THE SUBSIDY COMES FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION'S LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS VOTE.

WITH ADVICE BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, THE USED BOAT IS TO BE CONVERTED INTO A +KAI DO+ TYPE FERRY WITH SPACES FOR CARGO AND PASSENGERS.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. VICTOR YUNG, SAID TODAY, +TAI AH CHAU HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 150 PEOPLE WHO ARE MAINLY ENGAGED IN FARMING ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BREEDING PIGS AND GROWING PINEAPPLES.+

+THEY WANT A NEW FERRY TO REPLACE THE ONE THEY HAVE BEEN USING, SO THEY HAVE BOUGHT A USED BOAT FOR \$8,000 FOR CONVERSION.

+THE CONVERSION COST IS ESTIMATED AT \$66,000. WITH A GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY OF \$35,000, THE VILLAGERS HAVE UNDERTAKEN TO MEET THE REST OF THE COST,+ HE SAID.

MR. YUNG SAID THE AIM IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE COST OF ACQUIRING A REPLACEMENT VESSEL WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE VILLAGERS WOULD HAVE A PROPER VESSEL FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS AND THEIR GOODS.

THE SERVICE WILL BE OPERATED ON A NON-PROFIT MAKING BASIS AND ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE OPERATION WILL BE USED TO MEET THE RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VESSEL, HE SAID.

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CLOTHING INDUSTRY MANPOWER SURVEY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S CLOTHING INDUSTRY WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND OCTOBER 31 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY, THE FOURTH IN THE SERIES, WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS WERE SENT TWO WEEK AGO TO ALL SELECTED CLOTHING MILLS. INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CALL AT EACH OF THESE MILLS DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD TO HELP COMPLETE AND TO COLLECT THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE INFORMATION WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INCLUDES: THE NUMBERS OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED OR UNDER TRAINING- THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES- AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL WORKERS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS.

MR. FRANCIS TIEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL MILL.

+AS THE INFORMATION TO BE COLLECTED FROM THIS SURVEY IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE FOR FORMULATING MEANINGFUL TRAINING PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INDUSTRY, CO-OPERATION OF THOSE COVERED IN THE SURVEY IS SINCERELY SOUGHT,+ MR. TIEN SAID.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF QUEEN'S PIER

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THE QUEEN'S PIER IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MARINE TRAFFIC BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 9 P.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 11) ON THE OCCASION OF THE OPENING OF THE FESTIVAL OF ASIAN ARTS AT EDINBURGH PLACE.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT COXSWAINS AND OPERATORS OF SMALL CRAFT ARE ADVISED TO USE BLAKE PIER DURING THIS PERIOD.

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FLUSHING WATER STOPPAGE

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FLUSHING WATER SUPPLY TO SEVERAL AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR 26 HOURS BEGINNING AT 10 P.M. TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE DIVERSION OF A SALT WATER MAIN AT SAN SHAN INTERCHANGE.

THE AREAS AFFECTED ARE: FUNG WONG ESTATE, WONG TAI SIN, WANG TAU HOM, LOK FU, KOWLOON TONG, TUNG TAU TSUEN, KOWLOON CITY, TO KWA WAN, HUNG HOM, AND MA TAU WAI ESTATE.

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