DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 1984

CONTENTS — PAGE NO.

BIGGER ROLE SEEN FOR DISTRICT BOARDS 1

MUCH WORK DONE FOR ELDERLY 1

BEACH-GOERS WARNED AGAINST ILLEGAL CAMPING 2

MUSICAL TREAT FOR MANY 3

RESTAURANT OPERATOR NEEDED 3

CALL FOR LIFE GUARDS 4

SUMMER COURSES ON SCIENCE TEACHING OFFERED 4

TAI PO PLAZA ON SALE 5

EARLY MORNING ROAD CLOSURE 6

CHAI WAN MAINS WORKS 6

LEAKAGE TEST IN TSIM SHA TSUI 7

NEW GARDEN FOR EAST TSIM SHA TSUI 7

BIGGER ROLE SEEN FOR DISTRICT BOARDS

* * * *

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK OF THE DISTRICT BOARDS WILL HAVE TO BE EXPANDED TO COPE WITH THE CHANGING NEEDS OF SOCIETY, THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER OF YUEN LONG, MR RICHARD YUEN, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING.

HE SAID THAT DISTRICT BOARDS WOULD BECOME MORE AND MORE IMPORTANT IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

+BUT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOARDS DEPENDS GREATLY ON THE CONTINUED SUPPORT FROM THE RESIDENTS,+ HE SAID, AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT AMATEUR SINGING CONTEST.

HE SAID SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICT BOARDS, RESIDENTS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGED TO GIVE THEIR VIEWS ON LOCAL PROBLEMS SO THAT IMPROVEMENT COULD BE MADE AND AN IDEAL COMMUNITY COULD BE BUILT.

+THE DISTRICT BOARDS HAVE PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SEEKING RESIDENTS' VIEWS AND WISHES, AND ENSURING THAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT,+ HE SAID.

THIS YEAR, HE SAID, THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT BOARD WAS ALLOCATED $3 MILLION, AND $1.36 MILLION WOULD BE SPENT ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS. FUNDS WOULD ALSO BE SPENT ON SPONSORING RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

TONIGHT'S CONTEST WAS ORGANISED TO ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND TO PUBLICISE THE COMING REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, AND NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS.

ASIDE FROM THE CONTEST, MR YUEN SAID, THE DISTRICT OFFICE HAD ALSO STARTED PAYING DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS TO ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS TO SUPPORT THE ELECTIONS.

THE CONTEST IS ORGANISED BY THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE, RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND SING TAO NEWSPAPERS LIMITED.

- - - - o - - - -

MUCH WORK DONE FOR ELDERLY

* * * *

A GREAT DEAL HAD BEEN DONE IN RECENT YEARS TO IMPROVE WELFARE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SIXTH MENTAL HEALTH WEEK ORGANISED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION, HE SAID THE EFFORT WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE STEADY RISE IN THE PROPORTION OF ELDERLY PEOPLE AND SOCIAL CHANGES.

/THE GOVERNMENT'S .....

THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY, HE SAID, WAS TO ENABLE ELDERLY PEOPLE TO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, EITHER INDEPENDENTLY OR WITH THEIR FAMILIES, FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

+TO THIS END WE PROVIDE SERVICES SUCH AS COMMUNITY NURSING, HOME HELP, SOCIAL CENTRES AND DAY CENTRES AS WELL AS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,+ HE SAID.

+WE ALSO HAVE A VARIETY OF FORMS OF HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY, FROM SHELTERED HOUSING AND HOSTELS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES, TO CARE AND ATTENTION HOMES FOR THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO MANAGE WITHOUT REGULAR PERSONAL AND NURSING CARE.+

THE THEME FOR THE SIXTH MENTAL HEALTH WEEK IS +MENTAL HEALTH AND OLD AGE.+

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE COMING WEEK PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND TO HONG KONG'S EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY.

IT EXAMINES NOT ONLY THE BIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC ASPECTS OF AGING BUT ALSO THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT, AND PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE TO MEET THE CHALLENGE POSED BY THE INCREASING NUMBERS OF ELDERLY PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

+IT IS ALWAYS A SALUTARY EXPERIENCE FOR THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE DETAILS OF PLANNING AND PROVIDING PARTICULAR SERVICES TO STAND BACK OCCASIONALLY AND SEE THEIR EFFORTS IN A WIDER PERSPECTIVE,+ MR CHAMBERS SAID.

THOSE PARTICIPATING IN THIS WEEK'S PROGRAMME WOULD BENEFIT CONSIDERABLY FROM IT, HE ADDED.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION FOR ITS WORK OVER THE YEARS TO EDUCATE THE COMMUNITY IN ALL ASPECTS OF MENTAL HEALTH, WHICH HE SAID WAS +JUST AS IMPORTANT AS PHYSICAL HEALTH+ IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL AND CONTENTED SOCIETY.

----o----

BEACH-GOERS WARNED AGAINST ILLEGAL CAMPING

****

CAMPING AT ALL THE 29 GAZETTED BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND ON OUTLYING ISLANDS IS AN OFFENCE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT WARNED TODAY.

OFFENDERS ARE LIABLE TO A FINE OF $500 AND TWO WEEKS' IMPRISONMENT, HE SAID.

SIXTY-NINE OFFENDERS WERE BROUGHT TO COURT LAST YEAR AND WERE FINED A TOTAL OF $8 000.

/ACTION AGAINST .....

ACTION AGAINST ILLEGAL CAMPING WILL BE STEPPED UP AT ALL THE GAZETTED BEACHES.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED HOLIDAY-MAKERS TO USE DESIGNATED CAMP SITES NEAR THE BEACHES.

HE ALSO REMINDED THE PUBLIC THAT LIGHTING BARBECUE FIRES OUTSIDE DESIGNATED BARBECUE PITS AT THE GAZETTED BEACHES IS AN OFFENCE.

THIRTY-SIX PEOPLE WERE CAUGHT COMMITTING THE OFFENCE LAST YEAR AND WERE FINED A TOTAL OF $6 000.

----0----

MUSICAL TREAT FOR MANY

* * *

A CELEBRATION CONCERT, AND THE FIRST MUSICAL MARATHON OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG, WERE HELD TODAY TO MARK THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY.

THE MUSICAL MARATHON, JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE OF THE RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW WORLD CENTRE, AND HELD DURING THE DAY, ENTERTAINED A LARGE AUDIENCE WITH FIVE HOURS OF UNINTERRUPTED MUSICAL SELECTIONS AT THE NEW WORLD PLAZA.

ALTOGETHER 13 CHINESE AND WESTERN YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, AND BANDS AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS OF THE MUSIC OFFICE PERFORMED IN THE 'MARATHON'. IT WAS OPENED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, DR HENRIETTA IP, WHO PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS ORCHESTRAS AND BANDS.

IN THE EVENING, THE MUSIC OFFICE AND THE CULTURAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT PRESENTED A CONCERT AT THE TSUEN WAN TOWNHALL AUDITORIUM.

PRESENT WERE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR DENIS BRAY, AND OTHER GUESTS.

----0----

RESTAURANT OPERATOR NEEDED

* * *

THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE OPERATION OF A GENERAL RESTAURANT AT THE YUEN LONG PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

LAST YEAR, ABOUT 250 000 PEOPLE USED THE POOL.

BUSINESS MAY BE STARTED FROM AUGUST 1, ON A CONTRACT WHICH WILL EXPIRE ON FEBRUARY 28, 1987.

/TENDER FORMS.....

TENDER FORMS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE NTSD HEADQUARTERS ON THE THRID FLOOR OF SWIRE AND MACLAINE HOUSE (AUSTIN CENTRE), 19-23 AUSTIN AVENUE, KOWLOON, OR AT THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, ROOM 314, YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING, 269 CASTLE PEAK ROAD, YUEN LONG.

THE TENDER DEADLINE IS 9 AM ON JULY 13.

ENQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE WITH THE YUEN LONG URBAN SERVICES OFFICES ON TELEPHONE 0-792261, EXT. 173.

----o----

CALL FOR LIFE GUARDS

* * * *

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS RECRUITING LIFE GUARDS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN SAID THE LIFE GUARDS, WHO MUST BE AGED 35 OR UNDER, WILL BE REQUIRED FOR DUTY AT GAZETTED BEACHES AND SWIMMING POOLS.

APPLICANTS SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST PRIMARY 6 EDUCATION AND HOLD A BRONZE MEDALLION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE ROYAL LIFE GUARD SOCIETY AND A VALID FIRST AID CERTIFICATE.

THE STARTING SALARY FOR THE POST IS $109 A DAY OR $2 755 A MONTH.

THOSE INTERESTED IN THE POST MAY APPROACH ANY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON TELEPHONES 3-666615, 3-265123, 5-270276 AND 0-429154.

----o----

SUMMER COURSES ON SCIENCE TEACHING OFFERED

* * * *

FOUR SUMMER COURSES ON THE TEACHING OF SCIENCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL BE HELD BETWEEN JULY 17 AND AUGUST 31 BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

EACH COURSE WILL INCLUDE TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS AS WELL AS FIELD TRIPS TO THE URBAN COUNCIL PLANT NURSERY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE WORKSHOPS ON THE PRODUCTION OF SIMPLE TEACHING AIDS AND A COMPETITION ON THE DESIGN OF TEACHING AIDS.

/EACH COURSE .....

EACH COURSE WILL BE LIMITED TO 25 PLACES. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES OF ATTENDANCE UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE COURSE.

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ARGYLE CENTRE ANNEXE, 688 NATHAN ROAD, ARGYLE CENTRE (PHASE I), 9TH FLOOR, MONGKOK, KOWLOON.

TEACHERS WHO WISH TO ATTEND THE COURSES SHOULD APPLY, THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL HEADS, TO THE INSPECTOR (PRIMARY SCIENCE), PRIMARY SCIENCE SECTION, ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, 5TH FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, BY JUNE 25.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

ENQUIRIES ON THE COURSES MAY BE MADE TO THE SECTION ON 5-8392466.

----0----

TAI PO PLAZA ON SALE

***

A SHOPPING ARCADE BUILT WITH TWO CINEMAS AT TAI PO PLAZA, TAI PO, WILL FURTHER IMPROVE THE SHOPPING AND ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES IN THE FAST-DEVELOPING NEW TOWN.

THE SHOPPING CENTRE, THE LARGEST IN TAI PO, WILL INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF SHOPS, MEANING THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS CAN BE SATISFIED IN THIS SELF-CONTAINED MODERN COMPLEX.

TAI PO PLAZA IS ONE OF THE FOUR ESTATES ON SALE IN THE PHASE VIA OF THE HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME. IT IS DEVELOPED UNDER THE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION SCHEME.

FLAT SIZES RANGE FROM 41.3 TO 53.4 SQUARE METRES, AND PRICES FOR THE 1 408 UNITS IN FIVE BLOCKS RANGE FROM $156 500 TO $248 800.

THE FIVE 32-STOREY BLOCKS ARE BUILT ON TOP OF THE TWO-FLOOR MODERN COMMERCIAL PODIUM.

THE PODIUM GARDEN IS CAREFULLY DESIGNED AND LANDSCAPED WITH FLOWERS AND PLANTS TO PROVIDE A RESTFUL AREA FOR THE ESTATE'S RESIDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY POINTED OUT THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF TAI PO NEW TOWN WOULD BE HASTENED UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE COMPLEX.

THE UNITS ARE OPEN TO APPLICATION BETWEEN JUNE 19 AND JULY 3 AND CONSTRUCTION IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

/+DEVELOPMENT IN .....

+DEVELOPMENT IN TAI PO NEW TOWN HAS BEEN BLOOMING IN THE PAST FEW YEARS AS PRIVATE DEVELOPERS CONSTRUCT MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS. IN EFFECT, THERE ARE MORE FACILITIES TO COPE WITH THE DEMAND. ABOVE ALL, THE NEW TOWN STILL KEEPS ITS TIDINESS AND CLEANLINESS FOR IDEAL LIVING,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED POTENTIAL BUYERS THAT SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS MIGHT OBTAIN MORTGAGE FACILITIES FROM SPECIALLY ARRANGED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR UP TO 90 PER CENT OF THE PURCHASE PRICE, REPAYABLE UP TO 15 YEARS.

USUALLY BUYERS CAN ALSO BENEFIT FROM LOWER MORTGAGE INTEREST RATES AVAILABLE FOR HOS BUYERS.

----0----

EARLY MORNING ROAD CLOSURE

* * *

THE SECTION OF ROAD 4B IN TUEN MUN, BETWEEN THE BUS STOP FOR KMB ROUTES NOS. 50M, 53, 61 AND 67M AND ITS SOUTHERN JUNCTION WITH ROAD D9 WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 12.30 AM AND 5.45 AM FROM MONDAY TO THURSDAY (JUNE 18 - 21), TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

MOTORISTS HEADING FOR CASTLE PEAK ROAD ARE ADVISED TO OPERATE ON ROAD D9.

THE SECTION OF WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD BETWEEN JUNCTION ROAD AND FU MEI STREET EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1 AM AND 5 AM FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (JUNE 18 - 22) TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

MOTORISTS ON JUNCTION ROAD HEADING FOR THE WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD AREA WILL BE DIVERTED TO PROCEED VIA HENG LAM STREET AND FU MEI STREET EAST.

----0----

CHAI WAN MAINS WORKS

* * * *

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN CHAI WAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 10 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO FACILITATE WATER MAINS WORK.

PREMISES WHICH WILL BE AFFECTED ARE AT CHAI WAN ROAD, SAN HA STREET, HONG PING STREET, SUN ON STREET, FUNG YIP STREET, SHEUNG ON STREET, WING TAI ROAD AND YEE SHING STREET, INCLUDING YUE WAN ESTATE, CHAI WAN ESTATE EAST, CHAI WAN EXTENSION LICENSED AREA AND CAPE COLLINSON.

----0----

/7 .....

LEAKAGE TEST IN TSIM SHA TSUI

* * * *

FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO SOME PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (JUNE 19) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, PEKING ROAD, CANTON ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD.

----0----

NEW GARDEN FOR EAST TSIM SHA TSUI

* * * *

TSIM SHA TSUI EAST WITH ITS MANY FINE BUILDINGS INTERSPERSED WITH PLEASANT PARKS HAD QUICKLY BECOME A FAVOURITE SPOT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND TOURISTS, AND ITS ATTRACTION WOULD BE FURTHER ENHANCED BY THE OPENING OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WING ON PLAZA GARDEN.

THIS WAS SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) BY MR KENNETH T.C. LO, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN COUNCIL'S RECREATION SELECT COMMITTEE, WHEN HE PERFORMED THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE GARDEN IN A JOINT CEREMONY WITH MR LAMBERT KWOK, CHAIRMAN OF THE WING ON GROUP.

EXPRESSING THE COUNCIL'S GRATITUDE TO WING ON'S FOR THEIR DONATION OF $3.63 MILLION TOWARDS THE COST OF THE PROJECT, MR LO SAID: +THIS GARDEN WITH ITS LANDSCAPING, FOUNTAIN, ARBOURS, SITTING-OUT AREAS, PAVILION AND CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND WILL BE WELL USED BY RESIDENTS AND VISITORS ALIKE.+

TURNING TO THE EMERGENCE OF EAST TSIM SHA TSUI AS A DRAWCARD FOR LOCAL PEOPLE AND TOURISTS ALIKE, MR LO SAID THAT AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS THE COUNCIL HAD PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN MAKING THE AREA ATTRACTIVE BY PROVIDING GARDENS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

HE SAID: +TO MARK THE CELEBRATION OF THE COUNCIL'S CENTENARY YEAR IN 1983, THE URBAN COUNCIL UNDERTOOK TO DEVELOP 10 SITES IN EAST TSIM SHA TSUI WHICH HAVE BEEN COLLECTIVELY NAMED THE URBAN COUNCIL CENTENARY GARDEN. SEVERAL OF THESE SITES HAVE ALREADY BEEN OPENED WITH THE REMAINING SITES DUE TO BE COMPLETED VERY SOON.

+THESE AMENITY AREAS, TOGETHER WITH THE URBAN COUNCIL WING ON PLAZA GARDEN, WILL BE INTERCONNECTED AT GROUND LEVEL OR BY FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS, AND WILL FORM AN EXTENSION TO THE OTHER URBAN COUNCIL FACILITIES NEARBY, NAMELY THE MIDDLE ROAD PLAYGROUND AND THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE AT THE WATERFRONT.

+THE URBAN COUNCIL HAS ALWAYS HAD VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH ESTABLISHED ENTERPRISES AND ORGANISATIONS. ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS IS THE JOINT PROJECT OF DEVELOPING THE TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE WHICH HAS UNDOUBTEDLY BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR AND FREQUENTLY USED AREAS IN KOWLOON.+

----0----