



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW COINS BECOME LEGAL TENDER NEXT MONTH

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THE NEW \$2 AND 20-CENT COINS WILL START JINGLING IN PEOPLE'S POCKETS FROM AUGUST 18 - THE DATE THESE LIGHTER-WEIGHT AND SMALLER-SIZE COINS BECOME LEGAL TENDER.

THE COINS EASILY RECOGNISABLE THROUGH THEIR SCALLOP EDGE WILL BE ISSUED THROUGH THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION TO ALL THE BANKS IN HONG KONG.

WHEN THE NEW COINS ARE INTRODUCED, THE MAN IN THE STREET WILL BENEFIT FROM A WIDER RANGE OF COINS FOR MAKING PAYMENT.

ANOTHER MERIT OF THE NEW COINS IS THAT THEY WILL NOT WEIGH PEOPLE'S POCKETS DOWN BECAUSE THE 20-CENT COIN IS 40 PER CENT LIGHTER THAN THE 10-CENT PIECE AND THE \$2 COIN IS 20 PER CENT LIGHTER THAN THE \$1 PIECE.

IN ADDITION, THE NEW COINS WILL MAKE CASH TRANSACTIONS EASIER AND SIMPLER.

TO ILLUSTRATE THIS POINT, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, MR. GEOFFREY EDEN GAVE TWO EXAMPLES.

IN THE FIRST CASE, TWO COINS CAN BE SAVED IN THE CHANGE REQUIRED FOR A PAYMENT MADE WITH A \$5 NOTE FOR A \$1 ITEM. THE CHANGE REQUIRED IN THE EXISTING RANGE OF COINS IS FOUR \$1 PIECES WHILE IN THE NEW RANGE ONLY TWO \$2 COINS ARE NEEDED.

IN THE SECOND EXAMPLE, TWO \$2 AND ONE 20-CENT COINS CAN DO THE JOB OF FOUR \$1 AND TWO 10-CENT PIECES IN THE TRANSACTION OF AN ITEM PRICED AT \$4.20 - THREE COINS LESS THAN REQUIRED AT PRESENT.

MR. EDEN ALSO STATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ORDERED 60 MILLION \$2 AND 70 MILLION 20-CENT COINS FROM THE ROYAL MINT IN THE U.K. AND A SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF THESE COINS HAS ALREADY ARRIVED.

+QUITE A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE NEW COINS WILL BE RELEASED IN AUGUST, BUT THE EXACT NUMBER WILL DEPEND ON THE INITIAL DEMAND,+ HE SAID.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE NEW COINS WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF COINS IN CIRCULATION.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COINS NOW IN CIRCULATION IS 840 MILLION. THIS WORKS OUT AT AN AVERAGE OF 193 PIECES FOR EACH PERSON IN HONG KONG, COMPRISING 20 FIVE-CENT, 100 TEN-CENT, 32 FIFTY-CENT, AND 41 \$1 COINS.

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IT IS ESTIMATED THAT WITH THE AUGMENTED RANGE OF COINS, THE NUMBER OF COINS PER PERSON WILL BE 137 -- A REDUCTION OF 56 COINS.

WITH FEWER AND LIGHTER COINS NEEDED FOR TRANSACTION, THE WEIGHT OF COINS IN ONE'S POCKET WILL BE MORE THAN 40 PER CENT LIGHTER.

TO ACHIEVE UNIFORMITY IN THE METAL CONTENT OF THE CENT AND DOLLAR DENOMINATION COINS AS PROPOSED BY COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE, THE 20-CENT COIN IS MINTED OF NICKEL-DRASS, THE SAME AS THAT FOR 10-CENT AND FIVE-CENT PIECES WHILE CUPRO-NICKEL IS USED IN THE \$2 COIN, THE SAME AS THAT FOR \$1.

IN THE PHASED NEW COIN INTRODUCTION PROGRAMME, THE NEW CUPRO-NICKEL \$1 COIN, A LIGHTER AND SMALLER ONE THAN THE EXISTING \$1 PIECE, WILL COME INTO CIRCULATION IN AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

THE NEW 50-CENT AND A \$5 COIN WILL BE INTRODUCED IN AUGUST 1977, THE NEW 50-CENT PIECE WILL BE MINTED OF NICKEL-DRASS AND THE \$5 COIN, CUPRO-NICKEL.

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WOMEN ATTAIN HIGHER STATUS IN SOCIETY
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, TODAY PRAISED THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL ORGANISATIONS FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR HONGKONG WOMEN TO ATTAIN A HIGHER STATUS IN SOCIETY.

IN THE PAST, THE PLACE OF WOMEN WAS IN THE HOME. BUT NOW THEY HAD A GREATER ROLE TO PLAY IN SOCIETY. WOMEN WITH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE WERE IN DEMAND, HE SAID.

MR. TOPLEY WAS SPEAKING AT THE CITY HALL DURING THE JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE TACK CHING GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL, THE PRECIOUS BLOOD GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOL, HOLY TRINITY COLLEGE AND THE TACK CHING EVENING SCHOOL.

THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD HAD GIVEN GOOD SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE MEDICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL WELFARE FIELDS DURING THE PAST 53 YEARS, MR. TOPLEY SAID.

AS EDUCATORS, THE SISTERS OPERATED FOUR GIRLS' MIDDLE SCHOOLS, SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND THREE KINDERGARTENS WITH THE TOTAL ENROLMENT OF OVER 10,000 PUPILS.

MR. TOPLEY CONGRATULATED THE SCHOOL LEAVERS AND SAID HE WAS SURE THAT THE EDUCATION THEY RECEIVED IN THE SCHOOLS RUN BY THE SISTERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD WOULD STAND THEM IN GOOD STEAD TO ASSUME THEIR PLACES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN SOCIETY.

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FACTORY OWNERS WARNED AGAINST OVERTIME EMPLOYMENT

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A LABOUR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY WARNED FACTORY OWNERS AGAINST USING EXCESSIVE OVERTIME TO COPE WITH THE CURRENT RUSH OF ORDERS THEY WERE RECEIVING.

THE SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRY DIVISION, MR. Y.N. YIU, ALSO SAID THE DEPARTMENT WAS RECEIVING REPORTS OF SOME FACTORIES REQUIRING WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS TO WORK ILLEGAL OVERTIME TO MEET DELIVERY DATES.

+EXCESSIVE OVERTIME IS NO SOLUTION TO A SUDDEN INCREASE IN PRODUCTION REQUIREMENTS,+ HE SAID. +IN FACT, IT REDUCES THE WORKERS' PRODUCTIVITY AND LOWERS THEIR MORALE.

+IT IS FAR BETTER TO INTRODUCE AN ADDITIONAL SHIFT OF EIGHT HOURS OR LESS TO COPE WITH PRODUCTION PRESSURE.+

MR. YIU SUGGESTED A FIVE-HOUR SWING SHIFT TO FACTORY PROPRIETORS. HE SAID FACTORIES WHICH HAD INTRODUCED SUCH A SCHEME HAD NOT ONLY BEEN ABLE TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED WORKLOAD, BUT HAD ALSO FOUND THEMSELVES IN A POSITION TO MEET ADDITIONAL DEMANDS.

HE ADDED: +THE FIVE-HOUR SWING SHIFT IS POPULAR WITH EMPLOYERS BECAUSE IT IS EASIER TO RECRUIT WORKERS, AND WOMEN AND YOUNG WORKERS EMPLOYED ON A FIVE-HOUR SHIFT CAN WORK STRAIGHT THROUGH.+

HE ADVISED FACTORY PROPRIETORS WHO WERE UNDER PRODUCTION PRESSURE TO CONSULT A LABOUR INSPECTOR OR AN OFFICER OF THE WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT.

+OUR OFFICERS WILL BE PLEASED TO HELP FACTORY MANAGEMENT TO DRAW UP SCHEMES OF WORK WHICH ARE BOTH LEGALLY ACCEPTABLE AND EFFICIENT TO OPERATE,+ HE SAID. +ENQUIRIES MAY BE MADE TO 3-672793+.

HE REMINDED PROPRIETORS THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE IN LAW TO EMPLOY WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS BEYOND THE LEGAL LIMITS OF OVERTIME.

UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS, YOUNG PERSONS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 14 AND 15 ARE NOT ALLOWED TO WORK OVERTIME. THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE OVERTIME FOR WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 AND 17 IS TWO HOURS A DAY AND 250 HOURS A YEAR.

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WATER CUT IN SHAM SHUI PO

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE STOPPED FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. THIS SATURDAY (JULY 5).

THE TEMPORARY WATER STOPPAGE IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT LEAKAGE TESTS IN THE AREA.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY PO ON ROAD, CHEUNG FAT STREET, KWONG LEE ROAD AND PRATAS STREET INCLUDING BLOCKS 3-7 AND 16-19 OF LI CHENG UK ESTATE.

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NEW MAXI-CAB SERVICES PROVE AN INSTANT SUCCESS

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THE TWO NEW MAXI-CAB SERVICES BETWEEN ABERDEEN, CENTRAL AND CAUSEWAY BAY BEGAN OPERATION TODAY AND PROVED AN IMMEDIATE SUCCESS WITH RESIDENTS IN THE AREAS.

MANY COMMUTERS, TRYING OUT THE MAXI-CAB, TELEPHONED THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKS AND SATISFACTION WITH THE NEW SERVICES.

THE MAXI-CAB, CLEARLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM OTHER PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES BY THEIR GREEN TOP, CREAM BODY AND GREEN WAISTBAND, WILL OPERATE FROM MONDAYS TO FRIDAYS AT PEAK FREQUENCIES OF 10-15 MINUTES.

A FLAT FARE OF \$1 IS CHARGED FOR THE SERVICES WHICH RUN MAINLY VIA ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, SHOUSON HILL ROAD, SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, WONG NEI CHUNG GAP ROAD AND STUBBS ROAD.

THE ABERDEEN-CENTRAL SERVICE, WITH TERMINAL POINTS AT ABERDEEN OLD MAIN STREET AND AT PEDDER STREET, OPERATES AT A PEAK FREQUENCY OF 10 MINUTES. THE FIRST RUN FROM ABERDEEN LEAVES AT 6.15 A.M. AND THE LAST RUN FROM CENTRAL AT 7.30 P.M.

THE ABERDEEN-CAUSEWAY BAY ROUTE, TERMINATING AT ABERDEEN OLD MAIN STREET AND AT JARDINE'S CRESCENT, RUNS AT A PEAK FREQUENCY OF 15 MINUTES, WITH THE FIRST MAXI-CAB LEAVING ABERDEEN AT 9.15 A.M. AND THE LAST LEAVING CAUSEWAY BAY AT 12 MIDNIGHT.

STOPPING PLACES FOR JOURNEYS LEAVING ABERDEEN INCLUDE SHOUSON HILL ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG CHUK HANG ROAD= 42 AND 9D SHOUSON HILL ROAD= 5 SHOUSON HILL ROAD EAST= THE LAYBYE OUTSIDE 34 STUBBS ROAD= AND THE LOCATIONS ON STUBBS ROAD NEAR TUNG SHAN TERRACE ACCESS ROAD, OUTSIDE LING NAM COLLEGE, NEAR SHUI FAI TERRACE AND OPPOSITE THE A.I.A. BUILDING.

STOPPING PLACES FOR ABERDEEN-BOUND JOURNEYS INCLUDE THE FIRST PARKING PLACE ON STUBBS ROAD= THE LAYBYE OUTSIDE WATER PUMPING STATION NEAR THE TAI HANG ROAD ROUNDABOUT= AND THE LOCATIONS ON SHOUSON HILL ROAD NEAR NO. 16A, OPPOSITE UNICORN GARDEN, NEAR NO. 8, AND NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH WONG CHUK HANG ROAD.

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TWO MORE PLB STANDS IN KWUN TONG

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A FOURTH AND FIFTH NEW PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STANDS ARE BEING SET UP IN KWUN TONG TO PROVIDE YET MORE ALTERNATIVE SPACES FOR PLBS TO OPERATE TO AND FROM THE INDUSTRIAL TOWNSHIP, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY.

LOCATED AT HIP WO STREET, THEY ARE ADDITIONAL TO THE THREE ALTERNATIVE TERMINAL STANDS OPENED TO PLBS LAST FRIDAY FOLLOWING THE CANCELLATION OF THE FORMER STANDS ON KWUN TONG ROAD EAST OF TUNG YAN STREET, HE SAID.

FROM NEXT MONDAY (JULY 7), A SMALL PORTION OF ANOTHER PLB STAND ON KWUN TONG ROAD ON THE OTHER SIDE OF TUNG YAN STREET JUNCTION, WILL BE TEMPORARILY FENCED OFF FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS WHEN A VERANDAH AND SUPPORTING PILLARS THERE ARE TO BE REMOVED AS PART OF ROAD WIDENING WORKS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FIVE ALTERNATIVE PLB TERMINAL STANDS NOW PROVIDED IN KWUN TONG WERE SUFFICIENT FOR PLB DRIVERS TO CONTINUE OPERATING WITHOUT DIFFICULTIES.

THE TWO AT HIP WO STREET, NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH TUNG YAN STREET, HAVE ABOUT 12 SPACES, HE SAID, BRINGING TO ABOUT 52 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE TERMINAL SPACES FOR THE VARIOUS PLB ROUTES OPERATING TO AND FROM KWUN TONG.

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LOTTERY SALES CLOSE TOMORROW

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TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY TO BUY A LOTTERY TICKET AND GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE TO WIN A FORTUNE IN THE THIRD GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR.

SALE OF TICKETS WILL CLOSE AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB BOOTHS. DURING THE DAY, TICKETS MAY ALSO BE BOUGHT AT THE HEAD OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF 30 BANKS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

UP TO 4 P.M. TODAY (THURSDAY), A TOTAL OF 600,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD.

WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN BY FOUR COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON SATURDAY (JULY 5).

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KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES START ON SUNDAY

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HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN WILL GATHER AT THE TSUI PING ROAD PLAYGROUND IN KWUN TONG ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON (JULY 6) FOR THE FIRST EVENT IN THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME. IN ALL ABOUT A THOUSAND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN THE VARIETY OF OUTDOOR GAMES THAT BEGIN AT 3 P.M.

THE EVENT IS BEING HELD AS PART OF THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KWUN TONG SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE EARLIER IN THE DAY AT 9.30 A.M. AT THE PLAYGROUND.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING WILL BE MR. A. CHUI KAM, DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS= MISS ANNIE CHAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND BRIGADIER D. BOORMAN, COMMAND HQ, 51 INFANTRY BRIGADE.

ALSO TAKING PART WILL BE SEVEN HONORARY DIRECTORS OF THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, MR. JACK TENG, MR. WONG WAH-SENG, MR. LO CHING-HO, MR. CHANG KIN-WAH, MADAM CHAN SIU, MR. LEE SANG, MR. LEUNG SIU-HUNG AND MR. CHEUNG SEK-FU, THE COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN.

MISS GOT KIM-CHING, A STAR OF THE TELEVISION SERIES +UNDER THE LION ROCK+ WILL BE THE COMPERE.

ASIDE FROM THE CEREMONY ITSELF THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND, THE ARMY DOG UNIT AND A DISPLAY OF AEROBATICS BY A HELICOPTER. MILITARY VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT WILL ALSO BE ON SHOW.

THE KWUN TONG DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 94 ORGANISATIONS AND HAS PLANNED MORE THAN 500 DIFFERENT ITEMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH DURING THE SUMMER THIS YEAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY.

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