



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 1974

PITFALLS IN TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF VEHICLE *****

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED VEHICLE OWNERS AND PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS OF HOW TO AVOID A COUPLE OF COMMON PITFALLS IN THE PROCESS OF TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP OF A REGISTERED VEHICLE.

THESE PITFALLS RELATE TO LIABILITY FOR PARKING TICKETS AND THE ACTUAL PROCESS OF REGISTERING TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID.

+A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN BADLY CAUGHT, PARTLY BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT BE AWARE OF THE DANGER AND PARTLY BECAUSE THEY APPARENTLY PUT TOO MUCH TRUST IN ANOTHER PARTY WHOM THEY DON'T REALLY KNOW, + HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THE LIABILITY OF PARKING TICKETS ATTACHED TO THE REGISTERED OWNER OF A VEHICLE. THE PURCHASER OF A VEHICLE WHO REGISTERS TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP MAY FIND HIMSELF SADDLED WITH LIABILITY TO PAY OUTSTANDING PARKING TICKETS WHICH THE FORMER OWNER FAILED TO DISCLOSE AT THE TIME OF THE TRANSACTION.

+A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER CAN GUARD AGAINST THIS BY APPLYING TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE WHICH, VALID FOR 72 HOURS, CERTIFIES THAT THE VEHICLE IS FREE OF PARKING TICKETS AT THE TIME OF ISSUE, + HE SAID.

ISSUED FREE OF CHARGE, HE SAID, THE CERTIFICATE PROTECTS THE PURCHASER AGAINST COURT ORDERS RELATING TO ANY OUTSTANDING PARKING TICKETS IF OWNERSHIP IS TRANSFERRED WITHIN THE 72 HOURS.

HE CAUTIONED THAT A PURCHASER COULD BE TAKEN FOR AN UNHAPPY RIDE IF HE DID NOT SEEK A CERTIFICATE OF CLEARANCE EVERY TIME BEFORE ACQUIRING A VEHICLE.

ON THE ACTUAL PROCESS OF REGISTERING TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE APPLICATION FORM T.D. 25(S), OBTAINABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING OFFICES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR AT MAJOR POST OFFICES, CONSISTS OF TWO HALVES, ONE HALF TO BE COMPLETED BY THE FORMER OWNER AND THE OTHER HALF BY THE NEW OWNER.

HE STRESSED THAT NO TRANSFER COULD BE REGISTERED UNTIL BOTH HALVES WERE HANDED IN TO A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT LICENSING OFFICE.

+TOO OFTEN, THE FORMER OWNER COMPLETES HIS HALF OF THE FORM AND HANDS IT OVER, PLUS THE VEHICLE AND VEHICLE REGISTRATION BOOK, TO THE NEW OWNER, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEW OWNER WILL SUBMIT BOTH HALVES TO THE LICENSING OFFICE.

+TOO OFTEN, THE NEW OWNER FAILS TO DO SO, IN WHICH CASE THE VEHICLE REMAINS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE FORMER OWNER WHO THUS CONTINUES TO BE LIABLE FOR PARKING TICKETS AND FOR SUPPLYING INFORMATION TO THE POLICE IF THE VEHICLE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN AN OFFENCE, + HE SAID.

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THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THAT THE ONLY REAL SAFEGUARD HERE WAS FOR THE FORMER OWNER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE NEW OWNER HAD SUBMITTED HIS HALF OF THE APPLICATION FORM TO THE LICENSING OFFICE AND THAT TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP HAD BEEN REGISTERED. ONLY THEN SHOULD THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION BOOK BE HANDED OVER, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THERE HAD BEEN CASES WHERE THE FORMER OWNERS FAILED TO TAKE THIS PRECAUTION AND THEN FOUND THEMSELVES UNABLE TO TRACE THE OWNER, THE VEHICLE OR THE REGISTRATION BOOK, DURING WHICH TIME THEY MIGHT BE IN TROUBLE WITH PARKING TICKETS AND POLICE ENQUIRIES ABOUT MATTERS BEYOND THEIR KNOWLEDGE.

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THIRD GOVERNMENT LOTTERY
TICKETS NOW ON SALE

TICKETS FOR THE THIRD GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR ARE NOW ON SALE AT \$2 EACH.

THE DRAW FOR THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10.00 A.M. ON JUNE 29 (SATURDAY).

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 159 PRIZES COMPRISING ONE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZE EACH, 50 SPECIAL PRIZES AND 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF PRIZES WILL TAKE UP 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS WITH THE REST GOING TO THE LOTTERIES FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY WELFARE PROJECTS. THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE WORTH 40 PER CENT OF THE PROCEEDS, THE SECOND PRIZE FOUR PER CENT AND THE THIRD 0.4 PER CENT.

EACH SPECIAL PRIZE AND CONSOLATION PRIZE WILL BE WORTH 0.1 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS.

TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SELLING BOOTHS, HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY PIERS, VARIOUS BANK OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND TWO HOTELS IN KOWLOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS: THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT 12.30 P.M. WHEN HE WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS TO PROMOTE THE THIRD GOVERNMENT LOTTERY OF THE YEAR.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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NEW ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRE AT TAI PO

THE PEOPLE OF TAI PO WILL HAVE THEIR OWN ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRE FROM NEXT TUESDAY (JUNE 18) EVENING.

THIS FOLLOWS PERMISSION FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TAI PO NORMAL SCHOOL MEMORIAL SCHOOL FOR THE CENTRE TO BE ESTABLISHED AT THE SCHOOL BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADULT EDUCATION SECTION.

THE CENTRE WILL BE OPEN FROM 7.30 P.M. TO 9.30 P.M. ON TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.

MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18 ARE WELCOME TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP, WHICH IS FREE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE CENTRE'S PROGRAMME IS DESIGNED TO CATER FOR THE RECREATIONAL NEEDS OF ADULTS TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR LEISURE. ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE OF CHARGE.

+VARIOUS INTEREST GROUPS SUCH AS SINGING, MUSIC, DRAMA, GUITAR, FOLK DANCE, MAKE-UP, CHINESE BOXING, PHOTOGRAPHY, CUT-RIBBON FLOWER DESIGN, CANTONESE AND MANDARIN WILL BE ORGANISED WHEN THE NEED ARISES.+

MEMBERS WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO PLAY CHINESE BILLIARD, TABLE-TENNIS, BASKET BALL AND CHINESE CHESS. A SMALL LIBRARY WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

ON JUNE 27, A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE. THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES A LION DANCE, SINGING AND FOLK DANCES.

THERE WILL BE A FUN FAIR ON JULY 17.

FREE ADMISSION TICKETS FOR BOTH EVENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE CENTRE DURING OPENING HOURS.

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER VACATION THE TAI PO CENTRE WILL REMAIN OPEN. BUT THE TSUEN WAN AND URBAN CENTRES WILL BE CLOSED.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE, HOWEVER, FOR SILK-SCREEN PRINTING AND FOLK DANCE CLASSES TO BE HELD AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY EVENINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 15 TO AUGUST 30. HANDICRAFT AND SINGING CLASSES WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE JOCKEY CLUB GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN WOOD ROAD, HONG KONG, ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS.

+THESE CLASSES ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE 14 ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALL THE CENTRES WILL RE-OPEN FOR THE NEXT SESSION FROM SEPTEMBER 10.