



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE REST GARDENS TO BE BUILT

A strip of land at the southern end of Stone Nullah Lane in Wan Chai will soon be developed into a rest garden and children's playground.

The facilities provided will include park benches, flower beds, seesaw, swings and cabin slide. The slope adjacent to Kennedy Road will be turfed and planted with trees.

Work is expected to begin early next year and will take two months to complete.

At the same time, the existing rest garden and playground in Tai Wan Resettlement Estate in Hung Hom will be renovated to meet the needs of the residents.

Sitting-out areas with wooden pergola, flower beds and seats are to be built in both the rest garden and the playground, with the former having a new basket ball court.

Work is expected to begin next February and will take about seven months to complete.

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SIX TO BE COMMENDED FOR BRAVERY AT SEA

Director Of Marine To Present Certificates

Five members of the public and a Marine Department officer are to be commended for their bravery and public spirit in helping to rescue people from drowning in the harbour.

They will each be presented with a Certificate of Commendation by the Director of Marine, Mr. A. Fletcher, at a special ceremony on Thursday (December 28).

In addition, the five members of the public will also receive cash awards of \$100 each.

The incidents occurred during the past nine months and in all but one case, the victims were rescued alive.

The five members of the public are Mr. Yau Wing-kwai, Mr. Ko Tin-fuk, Mr. Lee Muk-shing, Mr. Cheng Ah-tao and Mr. Leung Kau. The latter three are crew members of the Hong Kong and Yau Ma Tei Ferry Company.

The Marine Department officer is Mr. To Kan, Coxswain I.

Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the presentation ceremony which will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday (December 28) in the Examination Hall, 10th floor, Rumsey Street Multi-Storey Car Park, Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong.

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7,500 TAKE PART IN SWD CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Theme Of "Service" Stressed In Activities This Year

More than 7,500 residents are having a brighter Christmas this year as a result of the efforts of 900 volunteers working through the Group and Community Work Division of the Social Welfare Department.

Guests at a continuous round of Yuletide activities, now near the half-way mark, include 6,500 children and 1,000 elderly.

Emphasis this year is being placed on the theme of "service through a good turn," and the volunteers -- all young people -- are determined to implement the theme as far as possible.

"The idea of doing 'a good turn' at Christmas," says Mr. Stephen Law Chi-kin, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer and head of the Group and Community Work Division, "came from the young members of our community, social and youth centres, our district community work offices, and other units.

"These young people have come to understand the value of service to others as contributing not only to better community relations, but also to their own comfort and pleasure."

For this reason, the activities this year, apart from Christmas parties, include visits to homes for the aged, receptions for the handicapped in institutions and hospitals, fun fairs, picnics and rural visits, and rallies centring on the extra theme of a clean Hong Kong.

More than 100 items make up the list, more than half requiring devoted effort on the part of the volunteers.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS

The Transport Department today announced new traffic arrangements in Western District on Hong Kong Island, which will be effective from Tuesday (December 26).

The southern half carriageway of Queen's Road West, as well as the section of Water Street between Queen's Road West and Second Street, will be re-opened to through traffic.

The arrangements have been made as Stage I of the road reconstruction work at the junction of Queen's Road West and Water Street is expected to be completed by Tuesday.

To facilitate Stage II of the work (northern half carriageway), the section of Water Street between Des Voeux Road West and Queen's Road West will be closed to through traffic for about six weeks from Tuesday.

On Wednesday (December 27), all motor vehicles with unladen weights exceeding two tons will be prohibited from entering Babington Path between Lyttleton Road and Robinson Road.

This arrangement, which will last about one month, is to facilitate the laying of drainage connection pipes in Babington Path.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to guide motorists.

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ANTI-DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS CAMPAIGN

Figures For Tenth Week Announced

During the week ending on December 16, a total of 15,274 doses of the combined anti-diphtheria and tetanus vaccine was administered, according to statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department.

Of these, 1,066 doses were administered on the Island, 8,438 in Kowloon, and 5,770 in the New Territories.

In the ten weeks since this routine campaign began on October 9, a total of 191,228 doses has been administered. The campaign will continue for another two weeks.

Free vaccine is available at all government maternal and child health centres and clinics.

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DUTY FREE BOTTLE OF BRANDY FROM MACAU

The Director of Commerce and Industry today announced that passengers arriving from Macau during the two days following Christmas Day, (i.e. Dec. 26 and 27) may bring into Hong Kong free of duty one bottle of Portuguese brandy containing not more than one litre.

This is in lieu of the customary one quart bottle of ~~grape~~ wine at present allowed.

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D.I.B. ON X'MAS DAY

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin on Christmas Day (Monday) which can be collected at the G.I.S. Press Room at 3 p.m.

The D.I.B. staff is taking this opportunity to wish every member of the press a Merry X'mas and Happy New Year.

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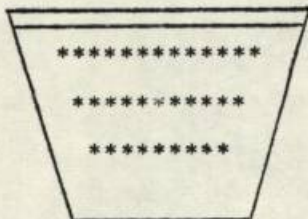
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