



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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### DRAGON BOAT RACES

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Traditional dragon boat races will again be held at fishing communities around the shores of Hong Kong tomorrow (June 5) to celebrate Tuen Ng - the fifth day of the fifth moon on the lunar calendar.

The events commemorate the death more than 2,000 years ago of Chu Yuan, a famous Chinese statesman and poet.

Members of the public will be able to watch the festivities tomorrow at a number of places, including Tai O, Cheung Chau, Castle Peak and Stanley. The main races, however, will be at Tai Po, Yau Ma Tei and Chai Wan.

At Yuen Chau Chai, Tai Po, 32 teams will be competing in what will be the biggest programme of the day. The District Commissioner, New Territories, Mr. Macpherson will present banners to the winners.

The races are expected to begin shortly after 11 a.m.

The boat races in the Yau Ma Tei typhoon shelter will be the most spectacular in the urban area. Twenty-two teams have entered the races to be held between 12.45 p.m. and 4 p.m. and the Commander British Forces, Lt. Gen. Sir Richard Ward, will present the prizes.

In Chai Wan, the races will commence at 2 p.m.

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The guests of honour are Mr. Henry H.L. Hu, Urban Councillor; Mr. T.H. Barma, City District Officer (Eastern); and Mr. C.J. Cunningham, Divisional Superintendent (Bay View Division). They will distribute prizes after the races.

Large crowds are expected to watch the boat races at the different locations and the Kowloon Canton Railway is putting on extra trains from Tsim Sha Tsui to Tai Po to cope with the influx of people.

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SCIENTIFIC METHODS FOR PIG BREEDING

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A new wing will soon be added to an all-purpose laboratory of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department in an effort to put pig breeding in Hong Kong on a more scientific basis.

The extension will be built to Tai Lung Farm at Sheung Shui which currently specialises in water, soil and plant analyses.

At the same time, the existing laboratory will undergo minor alterations to bring it in line with a new emphasis on pig feed analysis.

A spokesman for the Agriculture and Fisheries Department said that at present no satisfactory analytical services are available in Hong Kong.

"A scientific approach to livestock breeding is becoming increasingly necessary if the productivity of the industry is to be maximised," he said.

With the completion of the building at the end of this year, the Agriculture and Fisheries Department will be able to provide a free analytical and advisory service to New Territories pig farmers.

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SCIENCE - THE MOST POPULAR TOPIC

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More than two million books were borrowed by registered readers of the Urban Council Public Libraries last year as more and more adults and young people took advantage of the free lending facilities.

A spokesman for the Urban Council said today that five lending libraries issued 1,469,797 adult books out of the total of 2,124,499 for home reading during the year 1972/73. The other 654,702 were junior books.

The total represented an increase of 46 per cent over the previous year. This was due mainly to the introduction of an additional borrower's ticket and the opening of the Ping Shek branch last year.

"In adult libraries, the most popular subjects in English were pure science, technology, fiction, arts and recreation, literature and history," the spokesman said. "The pattern was very much the same for Chinese books."

Picture books were very popular with the youngest readers, while science fiction, mystery and adventure stories attracted the older children.

Books read in the lending libraries also reached a record 1,521,162 last year, an increase of 68 per cent compared with the previous year.

During 1972/73, registered members of the lending libraries increased by nearly 60,000, bringing the total number to 363,634.

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The public also made good use of the reference services in the City Hall and Yau Ma Tei public libraries where a total of 328,471 books were consulted by readers in addition to 32,433 reference enquiries.

Readers also showed great interest in newspapers and periodicals and 184,625 back issues were consulted during the year.

The five public libraries located at the City Hall, Aberdeen/Pokfulam, Yau Ma Tei, Waterloo Road, and Ping Shek are stocked with a total of over 500,000 books of which 65 per cent are in Chinese.

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#### ROAD CLOSED ON ISLAND

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A section of Honiton Road on Hong Kong Island between its junction with Babington Path and House No. 8 of Babington Path has been closed to traffic.

This section of road is considered dangerous for vehicular traffic until repair work on an embankment nearby at 84-86 Bonham Road is completed.

The work is expected to take about two months.

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SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER RETIRES

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Mr. A.W. Campbell, Senior Education Officer (Physical Education) is retiring after working more than 18 years in the Education Department.

He will be presented with a gift from his colleagues to mark his retirement. The presentation will be made by the Director of Education, Mr. J. Canning on Wednesday (June 6).

Mr. Campbell was first appointed Education Officer in December 1954. He became an Acting Senior Education Officer in March 1963 and was confirmed to that post in September of the same year.

Apart from his service in the Education Department, Mr. Campbell has also held a large number of voluntary positions in non-government bodies.

He has been a member of the Urban Council Recreation and Amenity Committee, and a Technical Adviser to the Hong Kong Schools Sports Association as well as the New Territories Schools Sports Association since 1963.

At present, Mr. Campbell is a council member of the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, a member of the Hong Kong Island Advisory Committee for Recreational Development and Nature Conservation.

He is also Chairman of the Hong Kong Physical Education Association, Vice President of the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Handicapped and Honorary Adviser to the Hong Kong Royal Life Guard Club.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the presentation ceremony which will be held at 11.30 a.m. on June 6 in the Education Department's Conference Room, Lee Gardens, 3rd floor, Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay.

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FEWER NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN APRIL

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The incidence of all notifiable infectious diseases fell to 782 in April -- a drop of 358 cases over the previous month.

The monthly health statistics for April released today by the Medical and Health Department also show that there was a total of 73 deaths compared to the 110 in March.

Of the deaths, one was due to typhoid, another to measles, and 71 to tuberculosis.

The incidence of chickenpox rose slightly from 46 in March to 48 in April. Reported cases of measles also increased from 54 to 73. There was no appreciable variation in the incidence of other infectious diseases.

During April, Hong Kong remained free from cholera and other quarantinable diseases.

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LOCAL PIANIST TO GIVE RECITAL

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A young Hong Kong pianist, Frederick Tsai Chung-li, who devotes his studies to Chinese piano music, will give his second recital in Hong Kong at the City Hall Concert Hall next Saturday (June 9).

Mr. Tsai, a winner in the Hong Kong Schools' Music Festival in 1967, was awarded a four-year scholarship the same year which enabled him to further his studies at the Royal College of Music in London.

While attending the Royal College he won a prize in the examination held in 1969 and later studied in Switzerland under Italian pianist, Arturo Benedetti-Michelangeli.

Since his return in February 1972, Mr. Tsai has taught piano at Chung Chi College of the Chinese University.

During next Saturday's concert, for which tickets are now on sale, Frederick Tsai will play works by Chinese contemporary composers, including Yin Cheng Chung and Tsu Wan-hua, in addition to the works of Bach, Beethoven and Liszt.

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DRAW FOR SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY

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Four well-known personalities from Radio Hong Kong will take part in the draw for the second government lottery this year.

They are Susanna Lung, Elaine Sung, Maria Lo, and Lancie Yeung.

This was announced today by Mr. Chau Kai-yin, Chairman of the Government Lotteries Management Committee, at a press conference held at the City Hall Restaurant.

Tickets for the current lottery are on sale now and the draw will take place in the City Hall Concert Hall on Saturday, June 23, at 10 a.m.

After the draw, there will be a half-hour entertainment programme given by Radio Hong Kong artists and this will be followed by the public auction of special car numbers held by the Transport Department.

The proceed from the auction will go to the Government Lotteries Fund.

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