



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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A SECOND CARGO WORKING AREA FOR HK

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HONG KONG IS TO HAVE A SECOND PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA IN EARLY AUGUST WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW ONE AT YAU MA TEI.

IT IS SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING ONE IN WAN CHAI WHICH HAS PROVED TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS.

THE YAU MA TEI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA, SITUATED AT FERRY STREET, HAS A FRONTAGE OF 2,000 FEET AND IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING MORE THAN 45 MOTOR CARGO BOATS AND EIGHT DUMB STEEL LIGHTERS SIMULTANEOUSLY. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE PARKING SPACES FOR ABOUT 100 LORRIES.

MR. BERNARD TANG, SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (CARGO HANDLING), SAID THAT NEARLY ONE THIRD OF THE CARGO FOR HONG KONG ISLAND WAS AT PRESENT HANDLED AT THE WAN CHAI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA.

+IT USED TO HANDLE AN AVERAGE OF 33,000 TONS OF CARGO PER MONTH BUT SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR THE AMOUNT HAS RISEN TO 50,000 TONS,+ HE SAID. +THIS IS PROBABLY DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM WHICH MAKES FAST HANDLING POSSIBLE AND ALSO THE RECOVERY OF THE ECONOMY.+

ON AN AVERAGE DAY, SOME 80 VESSELS AND OVER 300 LORRIES, USE THE AREA WHICH BRINGS IN A REVENUE OF APPROXIMATELY \$600,000 EACH YEAR.

MR. TANG NOTED THAT PEOPLE PREFERRED THE CARGO WORKING AREA WHICH WAS MANAGED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO OTHER PUBLIC SEAWALLS CHIEFLY FOR SPEED AND SECURITY IT PROVIDED.

+INSTEAD OF HAVING TO SCRAMBLE FOR BERTHS AT THE PUBLIC SEAWALLS, EVERYTHING IS CARRIED OUT IN AN ORDERLY WAY UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A MARINE ASSISTANT I, WHO ENSURES THAT THE BERTHING OF LIGHTERS AND CARGO BOATS IS ON FIRST-COME FIRST-SERVED BASIS,+ HE EXPLAINED. +FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE ATTENDANTS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DIRECTING LORRIES TO THE RIGHT BERTHS.+

+SINCE WE KEEP RECORD OF EACH INCOMING LORRY, A CONSIGNEE CAN CHECK EASILY WHETHER HIS GOODS HAS BEEN PICKED UP OR NOT SHOULD HE LOSE TRACK OF THEM,+ MR. TANG SAID.

THE OPENING OF THE YAU MA TEI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA IS TO CATER FOR THE INCREASED ACTIVITIES OF CARGO HANDLING IN KOWLOON.

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THE CHARGES FOR THE USE OF THE AREA WILL BE THE SAME AS THOSE OF WAN CHAI. FOR LORRIES A PARKING FEE OF \$4 PER HOUR OR PART THEREOF IS CHARGED BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 7 P.M. AND \$1 BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 7 A.M. FOR VESSELS USING THE WORKING AREA, A CARGO WORKING PERMIT WHICH COSTS \$10 EACH DAY IS REQUIRED.

MR. TANG SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO YAU MA TEI, CARGO WORKING AT CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND AT HOI BUN ROAD IN KWUN TONG WOULD SOON COME UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

SINCE THESE TWO PLACES WOULD NOT BE FENCED OFF THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ONLY CONTROL THE BERTHING OF VESSELS.

HOWEVER, IT IS HOPED THAT THESE TWO PLACES WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO STANDARD CARGO HANDLING AREAS SIMILAR TO THE ONE IN WAN CHAI WHEN THE WESTERN RECLAMATION AND THE WIDENING OF HOI BUN ROAD ARE COMPLETED.

MR. TANG REVEALED THAT IT WAS THE HOPE OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES BY THE END OF THIS YEAR.

TWO NEW AREAS HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR TSUEN WAN AND RAMBLER CHANNEL AND THAT SITES HAVE ALREADY BEEN EARMARKED FOR TWO MORE IN TUEN MUN AND CHAI WAN.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, MR. TANG SAID, WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH JUST INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CARGO WORKING AREA BUT WAS ANXIOUS TO IMPROVE ITS SERVICES. THIS WAS WHY THE DEPARTMENT WAS PLANNING TO INTRODUCE A SERVICE WHEREBY CONSIGNEES COULD RING UP FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION REGARDING BERTHING SITUATION IN ALL CARGO WORKING AREAS.

+THIS WILL ENABLE CARGO OPERATORS TO DECIDE WHERE TO SEND THEIR VESSELS SO AS TO AVOID WASTING TIME,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING LIGHTERS AND LORRIES WORKING IN THE WAN CHAI CARGO WORKING AREA ARE AVAILABLE AT GIS PRESS ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF SHIPBUILDING AND
SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY TO BEGIN THIS WEEK
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A THIRD MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT BETWEEN JULY 6 AND 27 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

IT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE SHIPBUILDING AND SHIP REPAIRS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR AND CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE TRAINING BOARD SAID THAT THE INFORMATION IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE TRAINING BOARD IN MAKING FUTURE PLANS GEARED TO THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY.

THE SURVEY WILL COVER ALL SHIPYARDS, BOATYARDS AND REPAIRS PONTOONS AS WELL AS SHIP SURVEYOR AND CONSULTANT FIRMS, SHIPPING FIRMS WHICH RECRUIT ENGINE ROOM STAFF LOCALLY AND COMPANIES WHICH SERVICE MARINE ENGINES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT QUESTIONNAIRE FORMS, EXPLANATORY LETTERS AND A LIST OF DESCRIPTIONS FOR PRINCIPAL JOBS IN THE INDUSTRY, IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WERE SENT OUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS COVERED BY THE SURVEY.

HE CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO EXTEND FULL SUPPORT TO THE SURVEY BY READILY PROVIDING THE REQUIRED INFORMATION WHICH WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE.

THE INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED TO SUPPLY INFORMATION INCLUDING :

- * THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT EMPLOYED=
- * THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT PRESENT UNDER TRAINING=
- * THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES= AND
- * A FORECAST OF THE NUMBER OF WORKERS REQUIRED BY JULY 1977.

DURING THE SURVEY PERIOD, INTERVIEWING OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS ON PRE-ARRANGED DATES TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED FORMS AND HELP EMPLOYERS TO COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS :

CLEAN-UP IN TAI HANG
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A SIX-DAY CLEAN-UP OPERATION IN A SQUATTER AREA IN TAI HANG WILL START TOMORROW (MONDAY).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CDO (WAN CHAI) AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CLEAN-UP IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE SANITARY CONDITION OF ABOUT 200 HUTS IN THE SQUATTER AREA WHICH IS ONE OF THE LITTER BLACK SPOTS IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT.

DURING THE OPERATION, USD STAFF WILL CLEAR AWAY JUNK AND LITTER IN THE AREA AS WELL AS DRAIN OFF POOLS OF DIRTY WATER.

STAFF OF THE CDO (WAN CHAI) HAVE EARLIER INFORMED THE RESIDENTS ABOUT THE OPERATION IN ORDER TO ENLIST THEIR CO-OPERATION. IN ADDITION TO THIS, LITTER BOXES AND PUBLIC LAVATORIES HAVE RECENTLY BEEN SET UP THROUGH THE EFFORT OF THE CDO (WAN CHAI) AND THE USD.

THE USD WILL CONTINUE ITS CLEAN-UP OPERATIONS IN VARIOUS CITY DISTRICTS IN DUE COURSE.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JULY 6) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY 20-62 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, 1-21D AND 2-44 STANLEY STREET, 1-49 AND 2-76 WELLINGTON STREET, D'AGUILAR STREET, WO ON LANE, LAN KWAI FONG, 1-31B AND 2-16 WYNDHAM STREET, ON HING TERRACE AND ON LAN STREET.

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