



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978

<u>CONTENTS</u>	<u>PAGE NO.</u>
CAR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING TO GO COMPUTER	1
ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO	2
DRUG SEIZURES BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE	3
PRINCESS ALEXANDRA ARRIVES TOMORROW	4
FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO ATTEND FINANCE MINISTERS MEETING	5
WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES AT PIK UK TO BE IMPROVED	5
PROPOSAL TO BUILD PIER IN SAI KUNG	6
REGISTRATION SUB-OFFICE IN TAI PO	6
FIRING PRACTICE	7
INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT MAIL OFFICE MOVES TO NEW PREMISES	7

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978

- 1 -

CAR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING TO GO COMPUTER

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL EXTEND ITS COMPUTER SYSTEM NEXT YEAR TO INCLUDE VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING.

THE NEW PROGRAMME, WHICH IS AIMED AT PROVIDING MORE EFFICIENT SERVICES TO MOTORISTS, WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING SECTION TO HANDLE THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHIN MINUTES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE NEW PROGRAMME WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THE EXISTING PROCESS OF ISSUING PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCES AND THE RENEWAL OF DRIVING LICENCES.

HE SAID THAT THE TRANSFER OF ALL VEHICLE RECORDS INTO THE COMPUTER WILL COMMENCE TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR AND THE NEWLY PROGRAMMED SYSTEM IS BEING DEVELOPED.

+HOPEFULLY,+ HE SAID, +AN 'ON-LINE' ISSUING SYSTEM FOR THE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES CAN COME INTO OPERATION IN MID-1979.+

INITIALLY, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED, ABOUT 20 TO 25 'ON-LINE' TERMINALS WILL BE INSTALLED AT BOTH THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICES. THESE TERMINALS WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE ICL 2970 MASTER COMPUTER AT THE GOVERNMENT'S DATA PROCESSING DIVISION.

INFORMATION CONCERNING A CAR OWNER, AS WELL AS OTHER PARTICULARS ABOUT HIS VEHICLE SUCH AS REGISTRATION AND ENGINE NUMBERS, TYPE AND COLOUR WILL BE COMPUTERISED AND MADE AVAILABLE AT THE LICENSING COUNTER INSTANTLY. DURING CAR LICENSING PROCESS, THE INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AN APPLICANT WILL BE CHECKED BY THE COMPUTER, WHICH IS ALSO PROGRAMMED TO REVEAL UNPAID FIXED PENALTY FINES OF THE CAR OWNER, IF THERE IS ANY.

+IF THE RECORD IS CLEAN, A VEHICLE LICENCE WILL BE ISSUED IN A MATTER OF MINUTES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ANOTHER ADVANTAGE OF THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM IS THAT RECORDS OF MISSING VEHICLES CAN BE TRACED MUCH FASTER THAN BEFORE.

NOTING THAT THERE WERE 214,794 VEHICLES AND 569,461 VALID DRIVING LICENCES AS AT THE END OF APRIL THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +WITHOUT THE HELP OF A COMPUTER, WE WOULD NEED EXTREMELY LARGE NUMBERS OF STAFF TO HANDLE THE ISSUE AND RENEWAL OF LICENCES.

+BESIDES, DELAYS AND HUMAN ERRORS WILL CAUSE INCONVENIENCE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

+THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSING WILL THEREFORE BE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S CAPACITY IN HANDLING THE EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF DRIVING LICENCES AND VEHICLES,+ HE ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978

- 2 -

ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN IN TAI PO
* * * * *

AN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN WILL ROAR OFF TO A SPECTACULAR START NEXT SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) WHEN A SPECIAL TRAIN RUMBLES INTO TAI PO WITH OVER 1,000 YOUNG PEOPLE CARRYING PLACARDS, BANNERS AND LEAFLETS TO PUT ACROSS THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) AT A PRESS CONFERENCE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE, MR. LIU YUN-SUM.

MR. LIU SAID THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BEGIN WITH A 'PRESENTATION OF COLOURS' TO OVER 1,000 COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB MEMBERS AT THE KOWLOON STATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IN HUNG HOM, WHERE THEY WILL TAKE A SPECIAL TRAIN TO TAI PO. THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY.

MR. LIU SAID THE 1,000 CYC MEMBERS, TOGETHER WITH HUNDREDS OF LOCAL YOUNG VOLUNTEERS WHO WILL MEET THEM WHEN THE TRAIN ARRIVES IN TAI PO, WILL HAND OUT LEAFLETS TO AS MANY OF THE 230,000 TAI PO RESIDENTS AS POSSIBLE.

+BY SO DOING, WE SHALL MAKE THE RESIDENTS AWARE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CAMPAIGN AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND THE FORTH-COMING PROMOTIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE CAMPAIGN,+ MR. LIU SAID.

DURING THE THREE-WEEK-LONG CAMPAIGN, MORE THAN 60 EVENTS WILL BE HELD IN THE SIX DISTRICTS, I.E. TAI PO PROPER, FAN LING, SHEUNG SHUI, TA KWU LING, SHA TAU KOK AND SAI KUNG NORTH. THESE EVENTS INCLUDE EXHIBITIONS, STREET THEATRE SHOWS, FILM SHOWS, COMPETITIONS AND A SEMINAR.

MORE THAN 50,000 LEAFLETS, 3,000 POSTERS AND SCORES OF LARGE BANNERS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AND DISPLAYED IN THE DISTRICTS.

THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE CAMPAIGN, ACCORDING TO THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. CANICE MAK, IS TO PROMOTE A GREATER AWARENESS OF THE PROBLEM AND TO FOSTER GREATER SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY IN FIGHTING IT.

+THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WAYS THE PUBLIC CAN HELP IN FIGHTING THE PROBLEM, SUCH AS EDUCATING THEIR CHILDREN OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE, OFFERING SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT TO FORMER DRUG ADDICTS, AND REPORTING DRUG TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES TO THE POLICE,+ MR. MAK ADDED.

MR. MAK SAID THE TAI PO CAMPAIGN IS THE FIRST OF THREE DISTRICT-LEVEL CAMPAIGNS BEING HELD THIS YEAR BY THE ACTING COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) IN CO-OPERATION WITH DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING RURAL COMMITTEES, KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS, AREA COMMITTEES, YOUTH CENTRES, SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE OTHER TWO CAMPAIGNS WILL BE HELD ON HONG KONG ISLAND SOUTH AND IN WONG TAI SIN.

/HE POINTED

HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT ACAN IS HOLDING THREE DISTRICT CAMPAIGNS IN ONE YEAR. SINCE 1973, IT HAS BEEN CARRYING OUT ONE DISTRICT CAMPAIGN EACH YEAR.

EXPLAINING THE EXPANSION THIS YEAR, HE SAID: +WE ARE CONVINCED THAT A CAMPAIGN OF THIS KIND WHICH INVOLVES SUBSTANTIAL CO-OPERATION FROM THE DISTRICT COMMUNITY IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PUTTING ACROSS THE ANTI-DRUG MESSAGE.+

MR. LIU YUN-SUM SAID HE IS CONFIDENT THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL ACHIEVE ITS DESIRED IMPACT.

+IT HAS TAKEN US MORE THAN FIVE MONTHS OF HARD WORK TO ORGANISE THE CAMPAIGN AND WE HAVE MOBILISED THE MANPOWER AND OTHER RESOURCES OF PRACTICALLY ALL MAJOR ORGANISATIONS, SCHOOLS, YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRES AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATIONS IN OUR DISTRICTS,+ HE SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

DRUG SEIZURES BY CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE

* * * *

OFFICERS OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE SEIZED MORE THAN 130 KG OF DANGEROUS DRUGS WITH AN ESTIMATED RETAIL VALUE OF \$14 MILLION ON THE ILLICIT MARKET, DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR.

THE HAULS, DOUBLE THE QUANTITY FOR THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD LAST YEAR, CONSISTED OF 28.2 KG OF MORPHINE, 1.9 KG OF HEROIN (NO. 4), 42 KG OF HEROIN (NO. 3), 6 KG OF RAW OPIUM, 51 KG OF PREPARED OPIUM, 0.16 KG OF CANNABIS AND 0.7 KG OF HEROIN BASE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THESE SEIZURES, 536 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH VARIOUS OFFENCES UNDER THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ORDINANCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE SAID: +THE DRUGS WERE SEIZED DURING SEARCHES ON PASSENGERS, LUGGAGES AND CARGO BY OUR OFFICERS AT THE AIRPORT, ON SHIPS ENTERING HONG KONG AND ON LAND.+

THE DRUGS ARE USUALLY CONCEALED IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS OF LUGGAGES, SEALED CANS OF GOODS OR STRAPPED AROUND THE LEGS OF THE COURIER.

DRUG SMUGGLERS ARE BECOMING SOPHISTICATED AND THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LATEST METHOD DISCOVERED IS BY SOAKING TOWELS IN HEROIN SOLUTION.

+THESE HEROIN SOAKED TOWELS ARE THEN DRIED AND IF THEY WERE SUCCESSFULLY SMUGGLED INTO HONG KONG, THESE TOWELS ARE PUT INTO WATER AGAIN SO THAT THE DISSOLVED HEROIN CAN BE EXTRACTED,+ HE EXPLAINED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978

- 4 -

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA ARRIVES TOMORROW
* * * * *

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR A TWO-DAY PRIVATE VISIT ON THEIR WAY TO AUSTRALIA FOR OFFICIAL VISIT STARTING WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 20).

THEY ARE DUE TO ARRIVE TOMORROW AFTERNOON AND WILL LEAVE AT 8.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND MR. OGILVY WILL STAY AT FAN LING LODGE.

THEY WILL HAVE NO PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS DURING THEIR STAY IN HONG KONG.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRINCESS ALEXANDRA AND MR. OGILVY WILL ARRIVE ON BA3 ETA 1630 HOURS AT THE AIRPORT. THERE WILL BE A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY FOR THE PRESS TO COVER THEIR ARRIVAL. PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING ONE HOUR BEFORE THE ETA OF THE AIRCRAFT THE PRINCESS IS TRAVELLING ON. THEY SHOULD BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARD OR PASSPORT FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THEM.

----- 0 -----

/5

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978

- 5 -

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH
FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETING
* * * * *

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19) TO ATTEND THE COMMONWEALTH FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETING WHICH BEGINS IN MONTREAL ON WEDNESDAY.

MR. HADDON-CAVE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS, MR. DOUGLAS BLYE.

AFTER THE MEETING MR. HADDON-CAVE WILL LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON FOR A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND THE INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 24 - 28.

MR. HADDON-CAVE WILL ALSO VISIT NEW YORK AND LONDON ON GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL BUSINESS BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG ON OCTOBER 6.

DURING HIS ABSENCE, MR. HENRY CHING, DEPUTY FINANCIAL SECRETARY, WILL ACT AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY. MR. C.D.W. MARTIN, COMMISSIONER FOR BANKING, WILL ACT AS SECRETARY FOR MONETARY AFFAIRS WHILE MR. BLYE IS AWAY.

- - - - 0 - - - -

WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES AT PIK UK TO BE IMPROVED
* * * * *

WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES BETWEEN FEI NGO SHAN AND RAZOR HILL NEAR THE PIK UK PRISON WILL SOON BE IMPROVED.

A SERVICE RESERVOIR, A BREAK PRESSURE TANK AND NEW PUMPING AND DISTRIBUTION MAINS, ARE AMONG THE FACILITIES PLANNED TO MEET INCREASED DEMANDS GENERATED BY NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE AREA.

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY INVITED TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 3,650-CUBIC METRE REINFORCED CONCRETE SERVICE RESERVOIR AT FEI NGO SHAN.

THE WORK ALSO INCLUDED BUILDING 350 METRES OF ACCESS ROADS, THE LAYING OF 2,400 METRES OF PUMPING MAIN OF 300 MM IN DIAMETER FROM SHUN LEE TSUEN PUMPING STATION TO THE RESERVOIR, DISTRIBUTION MAINS RANGING FROM 150 MM TO 400 MM IN DIAMETER AND ABOUT 3,200-METRES-LONG FROM THE RESERVOIR TO PIK UK, AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 29 CUBIC METRE BREAK PRESSURE TANK AT PIK UK.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN NEXT MONTH AND TAKE ABOUT 15 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/6

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978

- 6 -

PROPOSAL TO BUILD PIER IN SAI KUNG

* * * *

THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO BUILD A NEW PUBLIC PIER IN SAI KUNG TOWN TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING SMALL PIERS WHICH HAVE BECOME INADEQUATE.

THE INTENTION TO BUILD THE PIER IN AN AREA OF ABOUT 0.37 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED WAS ANNOUNCED IN A NOTIFICATION IN YESTERDAY'S GAZETTE.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN THE NOTIFICATION WHICH ALSO CALLS ON PERSONS HAVING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL, OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT, TO SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM SEPTEMBER 15.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA CONCERNED HAS BEEN POSTED NEAR THE SITE. IT CAN ALSO BE SEEN AT THE FIRST FLOOR (PORT WORKS DIVISION) OR THE 19TH FLOOR (CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE), MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, OR THE DISTRICT OFFICE, SAI KUNG, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 692 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, FIRST FLOOR.

- - - - 0 - - - -

REGISTRATION SUB-OFFICE IN TAI PO

* * * * *

RESIDENTS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ADVISED TO MAKE USE OF VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS SUB-OFFICE IN TAI PO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE SAID THE TAI PO SUB-OFFICE AT DRAGON COURT, 89-91 WAN TAU STREET, GROUND FLOOR WAS SET UP FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS IN SHA TIN, TAI PO, FAN LING, SHEUNG SHUI, SHA TAU KOK AND SAI KUNG NORTH.

THE SERVICES IT PROVIDES INCLUDE REGISTRATION OF JUVENILES ON ATTAINING THE AGE OF 11, AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING THE AGE OF 18 FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS. THE OFFICE ALSO HANDLES REPLACEMENT OF IDENTITY CARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN DEFACED, LOST, OR REQUIRE ALTERATION OF PARTICULARS LISTED IN THE CARD.

IN ADDITION REGISTRATION OF NEW ARRIVALS AND NOTIFICATIONS OF CHANGES OF REGISTERED PARTICULARS ARE ALSO HANDLED BY THE SUB-OFFICE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1978

- 7 -

FIRING PRACTICE
* * * * *

FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FOUR DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
SEPTEMBER 19 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 20 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 21 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.
SEPTEMBER 22 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 6 P.M.

- - - - 0 - - - -

INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT'S MAIL OFFICE MOVES TO NEW PREMISES
* * * * *

THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ITS CENTRAL MAIL OFFICE WILL OPERATE FROM NEW PREMISES IN ICE HOUSE STREET FROM TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

THE OFFICE WILL MOVE FROM CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) THIRD FLOOR TO CLUB LUSITANO BUILDING, THIRD FLOOR, 16 ICE HOUSE STREET. ITS NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER WILL BE 5-248001.

- - - - 0 - - - -