



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FORUM ON COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES TODAY STATED THAT IT IS INTENDED TO HOLD A FORUM ON THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 3.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1976.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING, THE HONG KONG COMMODITY EXCHANGE AND CLEARING HOUSE WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

THOSE WHO WISH TO ATTEND ARE REQUESTED TO TELEPHONE 5-259361 FOR RESERVATION. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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RIVER TRAINING SCHEME ON LANTAU

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS EARMARKED \$2.5 MILLION TO COMPLETE THE TUNG CHUNG RIVER TRAINING SCHEME ON LANTAU, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. DAVID TSUI, SAID TODAY.

MR. TSUI SAID HE HAD INFORMED MEMBERS OF THE TUNG CHUNG RURAL COMMITTEE THIS WEEK THAT SUBJECT TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE RESUMPTION OF ABOUT 60,000 SQUARE FEET OF LAND, WORK WILL BEGIN ON THE PROJECT SOON.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROJECT, WHICH WAS COMPLETED THREE YEARS AGO, WAS SUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING FLOODING OF THE UPSTREAM SECTION OF THE RIVER.

+BUT THE NEXT TWO STAGES ARE NEEDED TO PROTECT THE FARMERS AND THEIR LAND FURTHER DOWNSTREAM,+ HE SAID.

+WE EXPECT THAT WORK WILL COMMENCE SOON AND CARRY OVER THE NEXT TWO DRY SEASONS TO COMPLETE THE TRAINING OF THE RIVER TO THE SEA.

+THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SCHEME HAS ALREADY PRODUCED GREAT BENEFITS AND THE FINAL TWO STAGES WILL BRING EVEN GREATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE LOCAL PEOPLE.+

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WARNING AGAINST BREAKING LABOUR LAWS
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) WARNED FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND BUILDING CONTRACTORS AGAINST REPEATED BREACHES OF LABOUR LAWS.

THE WARNING CAME FOLLOWING TWO RECENT COURT CASES IN WHICH THE OFFENDERS WERE FINED \$1,000 AND \$5,000 RESPECTIVELY.

THE MOST RECENT CASE INVOLVED A GARMENT FACTORY PROPRIETOR IN KOWLOON WHO GAVE FALSE INFORMATION TO A LABOUR INSPECTOR.

HE WAS BROUGHT TO COURT AT THE NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY FINED \$1,000 AND ORDERED TO PAY COURT COSTS.

THE PROPRIETOR HAD DENIED THAT HE WAS THE OWNER OF HIS FACTORY DURING AN INSPECTION BY A LABOUR OFFICER. HE COMMITTED THE SAME OFFENCE EARLY THIS YEAR WHEN A LABOUR INSPECTOR VISITED HIS FACTORY.

THE SECOND CASE INVOLVED A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR WHO WAS FINED A MAXIMUM \$5,000 AT THE TSUEN WAN MAGISTRACY FOR FAILING TO SECURELY FENCE EDGES OF STAIRCASES OF BUILDINGS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE OFFENCE WAS DISCOVERED BY A FACTORY INSPECTOR DURING A ROUTINE VISIT TO HIS BUILDING SITE IN YUEN LONG.

THE CONTRACTOR HAD ONE PREVIOUS CONVICTION FOR A SIMILAR OFFENCE EARLIER THIS YEAR WHEN HE WAS FINED \$3,000.

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MOUNTAIN RESCUE EXPERTS ARE READY TO HELP
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THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES, MR. JOHN FORTUNE, EMPHASIZED TODAY THE IMPORTANCE OF CALLING OUT THE TRAINED EXPERTS TO CARRY OUT A MOUNTAIN RESCUE.

+THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE EARLIER THIS YEAR A SO-CALLED EXPERIENCED CLIMBER FELL TO HIS DEATH IN AN ATTEMPT TO ASSIST ANOTHER CLIMBER IN DIFFICULTY,+ HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT TRAGEDIES OF THIS TYPE COULD BE AVOIDED IF THE C.A.S. EXPERTS TRAINED IN MOUNTAIN RESCUE WERE CALLED IN TO DO THE JOB.

THE C.A.S. MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAMS ARE ALWAYS ON STANDBY DUTY ON SUNDAYS AND OTHER PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND CAN BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE POLICE, OR ON TELEPHONE NO. 3-016030.

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HUMID AND CLOUDY OCTOBER
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HONG KONG EXPERIENCED A HUMID AND CLOUDY MONTH IN OCTOBER.

THE MEAN RELATIVE HUMIDITY - 78 PER CENT - RANKED THE TENTH HIGHEST FOR ANY OCTOBER SINCE 1884 WHILE THE TOTAL DURATION OF BRIGHT SUNSHINE - 151.9 HOURS - WAS THE SIXTH LOWEST ON RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL LAST MONTH WAS ABOUT 35 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL BUT THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 THIS YEAR WAS STILL 4 PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE.

THE WEATHER FOR THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE MONTH WAS FINE AND SUNNY. AN EASTERLY SURGE ARRIVED ON OCTOBER 4, BRINGING CLOUDIER CONDITIONS TO HONG KONG IN THE NEXT FOUR DAYS.

AN INTENSE ANTICYCLONE WHICH DEVELOPED OVER NORTH CHINA THEN BROUGHT A SPELL OF FINE, SUNNY AND DRY WEATHER, WHICH LASTED UNTIL OCTOBER 14, AND FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE IN FORCE CONTINUOUSLY DURING THIS PERIOD.

THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A PERIOD OF CLOUDY AND HUMID WEATHER WITH OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF A COLD FRONT EARLY ON OCTOBER 14.

TEMPERATURE FELL SLOWLY AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF THE MONTH WAS 20.8 DEGREES CELSIUS RECORDED ON THE MORNING OF OCTOBER 21.

HOWEVER, TEMPERATURE ROSE RAPIDLY AS WINDS TURNED SOUTHERLY ON OCTOBER 22 AND FINALLY REACHED 29.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ON THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 23, WHICH WAS THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH.

FOR THE REMAINING PERIOD OF THE MONTH, THE WEATHER WAS MAINLY UNSETTLED.

ONLY ONE TROPICAL CYCLONE WAS REPORTED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC IN THE MONTH AND NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A HEAVY RAIN WARNING WAS ISSUED AT 7.30 A.M. ON OCTOBER 23 FOR A PERIOD OF SIX HOURS.

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FOOTBRIDGE FOR CHOI HUNG ROAD
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS ABOUT TO BUILD A FOOTBRIDGE OVER CHOI HUNG ROAD NEAR TAI SHING STREET TO PROVIDE A SAFE CROSSING POINT FOR PEDESTRIANS IN THE AREA.

MR. NG YEE-YAM, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION, SAID TODAY WORK ON THE FOOTBRIDGE WAS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT EIGHT MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+THE FOOTBRIDGE WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OF STEEL TO SAVE TIME, AND EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO REDUCE INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC AND TRAFFIC TO THE MINIMUM,+ HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, HE ADDED, TWO BUS BAYS WOULD BE BUILT ON THE NORTH-EASTERN END OF THE FOOTBRIDGE FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF BUS PASSENGERS.

+THE NEW FOOTBRIDGE,+ MR. NG SAID, +IS PART OF THE LONG TERM PROGRAMME BY THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE TO PROVIDE MORE AND BETTER PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES AT BUSY JUNCTIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

+AT PRESENT, WORK IS EITHER UNDERWAY OR DUE TO START ON 63 FOOTBRIDGES OR SUBWAYS INCLUDED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME, AND 13 MORE ARE PLANNED. THESE WILL BE IN ADDITION TO THE 94 EXISTING FOOTBRIDGES AND SUBWAYS NOW IN USE.+

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SYMPOSIUM ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION
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THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE IS TO HOLD A SYMPOSIUM ON FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION FOR YOUTHS IN THE DISTRICT NEXT WEEK.

THE SYMPOSIUM WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE EVENING BETWEEN 7.45 P.M. AND 10 P.M. FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 15) TO WEDNESDAY AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE THEMES OF THE SYMPOSIUM ARE 'THE DISTURBING ADOLESCENCE AND I', 'MAKING FRIENDS AND I' AND 'COURTSHIP, LOVE, MARRIAGE AND I'.

SPEAKERS OF THE SYMPOSIUM ARE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION AND THE CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED TO TAKE PART IN THE SYMPOSIUM, AND AT AGE BETWEEN 15 AND 25, ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE COMMUNITY WORK UNIT ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. ADMISSION CHARGE IS \$1 PER PERSON.

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150 PUPILS RECEIVE LUCKY CLUB GRANTS

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ONE-HUNDRED-AND-FIFTY PUPILS IN 12 PREVOCATIONAL AND SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN AWARDED GRANTS OF \$300 EACH THIS YEAR.

THE GRANTS, DONATED BY THE LUCKY CLUB LIMITED - AN ORGANISATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL WELFARE - ARE FOR PUPILS WHOSE FAMILY MONTHLY INCOMES ARE BELOW \$1,200. IN ADDITION, THE PUPILS' CONDUCT, SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AND ABILITY IN TECHNICAL SUBJECTS MUST BE GOOD.

THE TECHNICAL BRANCH OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ASSISTED IN THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDED THE GRANTS.

LAST YEAR, 124 PUPILS BENEFITED FROM GRANTS DONATED BY THE LUCKY CLUB WHICH COMPRISES MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG PLASTIC MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, THE CHIU CHOW PLASTIC MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND MERCHANTS UNITED ASSOCIATION.

THESE THREE ASSOCIATIONS HAVE DONATED MORE THAN \$800,000 FOR VARIOUS SOCIAL WELFARE PROJECTS INCLUDING GRANTS TO NEEDY PUPILS.

SPONSORS OF THE WELFARE CLUB INCLUDE MR. K.S. LI, MR. J.H. LEUNG, MR. P.S. SHUM, MR. H.C. CHIENG, THE LATE MR. H.C. TING AND THE LATE MR. D.C. YIU.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN CENTRAL FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6.00 A.M. BETWEEN NOVEMBER 16 (TUESDAY) AND 18 (THURSDAY) TO FACILITATE THE DEMOLITION OF THE TIMBER FOOTBRIDGE OVER HARCOURT ROAD NEAR ITS JUNCTION WITH MURRAY ROAD.

DURING THESE THREE SIX-HOUR PERIODS, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN EDINBURGH PLACE WEST AND EDINBURGH PLACE EAST WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES. MOTORISTS PROCEEDING EASTWARDS WILL BE DIVERTED VIA STAR FERRY AND QUEEN'S PIER TO HARCOURT ROAD.

THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE HARCOURT ROAD FLYOVER WILL ALSO BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES. MOTORISTS PROCEEDING WESTWARDS DURING THESE PERIODS ARE ADVISED TO USE THE HARCOURT SLIP ROAD.

IN ADDITION, TRAFFIC IN EDINBURGH PLACE BETWEEN THE STAR FERRY CAR PARK AND THE CITY HALL WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP IN THE AREA AND POLICE WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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