



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD  
OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION  
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED TODAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1975, AS THE DAY ON WHICH THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION ORDINANCE 1975 IS TO COME INTO OPERATION.

THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHES THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY IN HONG KONG. THE CORPORATION WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY.

THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED MR. N.S. THOMPSON AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 1975. MR. THOMPSON WAS, PRIOR TO HIS ARRIVAL IN HONG KONG IN OCTOBER 1974, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CUNARD STEAMSHIP COMPANY LTD. SINCE HIS ARRIVAL HERE HE HAS HEADED THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY SECRETARIAT.

THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION, WHEN APPOINTED BY THE BOARD, WILL BECOME AUTOMATICALLY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

THE GOVERNOR HAS ALSO APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING PERSONS AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE CORPORATION FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 26, 1975 TO APRIL 30, 1977 :

SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN,  
MR. OSWALD CHEUNG,  
MR. M.G.R. SANDBERG,  
MR. Y.K. PAO,

THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED AS MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF THE MTR CORPORATION WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 26, 1975:

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND  
MR. D.W.A. BLYE.

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TIGHTER CONTROL ON OVERCROWDING IN VEHICLES

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AMENDING LEGISLATION WHICH PROVIDES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL ON OVERCROWDING IN VEHICLES IN ORDER TO ENSURE GREATER SAFETY FOR PASSENGERS, WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SHORTLY.

THE ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) BILL, GAZETTED TODAY, SEEKS TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT REGULATIONS MAY BE MADE RESTRICTING THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS WHO MAY BE CARRIED IN ANY VEHICLE, AND TO MAKE THE VEHICLE OWNER LIABLE FOR THE OFFENCE OF CARRYING EXCESS PASSENGERS.

IT ALSO ENABLES A POLICE OFFICER TO SUPPLY BY CERTIFICATE CERTAIN EVIDENCE RELATING TO PLANS OR DRAWINGS MADE BY HIM OR TO STATEMENTS MADE TO HIM AS TO THE DRIVER OR OWNER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PARTICULAR OCCASION.

IF THE BILL IS PASSED, IT IS ENVISAGED THAT AMENDMENT REGULATIONS WILL BE MADE IN RESPECT OF OVERCROWDING IN OMNIBUSES SO AS TO IMPOSE LIABILITY ON THE REGISTERED OWNER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT VEHICLES CARRYING EXCESS PASSENGERS WOULD CREATE A POTENTIAL DANGER TO PASSENGERS AND OTHER ROAD USERS IN THE EVENT OF THE VEHICLE BECOMING INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT.

HE SAID THAT WHILE DRIVERS COULD BE SUCCESSFULLY PROSECUTED UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION ON OVERCROWDING IN OMNIBUSES, THIS WAS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY TO REMEDY THE SITUATION AS THE OWNER SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTROL AND OPERATION OF THE BUS SERVICE AND THE DISCIPLINE OF HIS STAFF.

DRIVERS OF ONE-MAN-OPERATED BUSES HAVE LITTLE SCOPE FOR CONTROLLING BOARDING PASSENGERS AT BUSY BUS STOPS AND THIS HAS TO BE DONE BY REGULATORS EMPLOYED BY THE OPERATOR, HE SAID.

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE CONTROL THUS ENSURING GREATER SAFETY FOR PASSENGERS, THE AMENDING BILL MAKES IT CLEAR THAT WHERE A VEHICLE CARRIES EXCESS PASSENGERS THE REGISTERED OWNER IS LIABLE FOR THE OFFENCE, HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE ADDED, THE TWO MAJOR BUS COMPANIES HAVE PROGRAMMES FOR BUYING ADDITIONAL BUSES WHICH SHOULD GO FURTHER TO MEETING THE DEMANDS OF THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

AS TO THE PROPOSED PRODUCTION OF FORMAL EVIDENCE BY CERTIFICATE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THIS WOULD SERVE TO CUT DOWN THE COURT'S TIME AND TO MINIMISE THE INCIDENTS REQUIRING THE DIRECT EVIDENCE OF POLICE OFFICERS WHO COULD BE MORE USEFULLY EMPLOYED ON OTHER DUTIES.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, EVIDENCE BY CERTIFICATE WOULD NOT PRECLUDE THE CALLING OF A POLICE OFFICER TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN PERSON SHOULD HIS EVIDENCE BE CONTESTED.

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HEAVIER PENALTIES PROPOSED FOR COPYRIGHT OFFENCES  
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THE COURT WILL BE EMPOWERED TO IMPOSE HEAVIER PENALTIES ON PERSONS CONVICTED OF HAVING IN POSSESSION FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES INFRINGING COPIES OF COPYRIGHT WORKS OR PLATES USED OR INTENDED TO BE USED FOR THE MAKING OF INFRINGING COPIES.

THIS IS ONE OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF A NEW BILL -- THE COPYRIGHT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975 -- PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S (FRIDAY) GAZETTE FOR GENERAL INFORMATION.

THE BILL PROPOSES THAT THE MAXIMUM FINE WHICH MAY BE IMPOSED IN THE CASE OF AN INFRINGING COPY, TO BE \$1,000, AND IN THE CASE OF A PLATE, \$50,000.

UNDER THE PRESENT LAW, A FINE ONLY MAY BE IMPOSED ON A FIRST CONVICTION OF AN OFFENCE OF HAVING IN POSSESSION FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES INFRINGING COPIES OF COPYRIGHT WORKS OR PLATES. THE BILL WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF REMOVING THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN FIRST AND OTHER OFFENDERS SO THAT A FIRST OFFENDER WHO POSSESSED INFRINGING COPIES MAY BE LIABLE ON CONVICTION TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 12 MONTHS.

IT ALSO PROVIDES FOR A HEAVIER MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF TWO YEARS FOR THE MORE SERIOUS OFFENCE OF POSSESSION OF PLATES FOR DUPLICATING PURPOSES. ANOTHER PROVISION IS THE FORFEITURE OF ANY ARTICLE SEIZED BY AN AUTHORISED OFFICER WHICH IS USED IN CONNECTION WITH AN OFFENCE UNDER THE PRINCIPAL ORDINANCE OR THE COPYRIGHT ACT.

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ALDRICH BAY RECLAMATION

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PLANS ARE IN HAND TO RECLAIM ABOUT NINE ACRES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED ALONG THE COASTLINE OF ALDRICH BAY IN SHAUKIWAN TO PROVIDE MORE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE AND LAND FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENTS.

THE PROPOSED RECLAMATION, WHICH FORMS PART OF THE OVERALL ALDRICH BAY RECLAMATION SCHEME, WILL ALSO PROVIDE SITES FOR USE AS BOAT-BUILDING YARDS.

THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THE UNSANITARY CONDITIONS IN THE AREA AND TO PROVIDE LAND REQUIRED FOR DEVELOPMENT.

DUE CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN IN THE PLANNING OF THE PROGRAMME OF WORK SO THAT INTERFERENCE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EXISTING BOAT-BUILDING YARDS IN THE AREA WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM WHILE RECLAMATION IS IN PROGRESS.

THE EXTENT OF THE RECLAMATION AREA INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTICE IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

ANYONE WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR CLAIMS OF PRIVATE RIGHT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS AS FROM TODAY.

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GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS TO LEGCO POSTPONED

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THE GOVERNOR'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL NOW BE MADE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, ONE WEEK AFTER THE NEW SESSION BEGINS.

THE GOVERNOR WAS ORIGINALLY DUE TO MAKE THE SPEECH AT THE OPENING SESSION THIS WEDNESDAY, BUT THE RECENT INJURY TO HIS LEG WILL NOT NOW PERMIT THIS.

IN VIEW OF THIS, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SITTING ON OCTOBER 1 WILL BE A REGULAR MEETING AT WHICH 11 GOVERNMENT BILLS PLUS ONE UNOFFICIAL MEMBER'S BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED. ALSO ON THE AGENDA WILL BE TWO MOTIONS AND THREE QUESTIONS.

THE MEETING WILL BE PRESIDED OVER BY THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS.

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COURSE ON MODERN CHEMISTRY TEACHING METHODS  
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THE SCIENCE INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS ASSISTING THE CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT AND THE EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY TO ORGANISE AN INTENSIVE COURSE ON MODERN CHEMISTRY TEACHING IN SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. JOHN WINFIELD, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY IN THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY EXTRA-MURAL TOWN CENTRE, STAR HOUSE, 8TH FLOOR, ROOM 809, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9.30 AM TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

AS SPACE IS LIMITED, ONLY 80 CHEMISTRY TEACHERS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED ALTHOUGH THE COURSE IS OVERSUBSCRIBED.

THE AIM OF THE COURSE IS TO INTRODUCE TO CHEMISTRY TEACHERS MODERN IDEAS IN TEACHING THE SUBJECT AT SECONDARY LEVEL IN U.S.A. AND OTHER COUNTRIES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE AMERICAN CHEM STUDY CURRICULUM PROJECT.

THE PRINCIPAL LECTURER OF THE COURSE IS PROFESSOR J.A. CAMPBELL WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHEM STUDY PROJECT AND PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY AT THE HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE, CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

APART FROM LECTURES, DEMONSTRATIONS, FILM SHOWS AND GROUP DISCUSSIONS, PARTICIPATING TEACHERS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM SOME OF THE EXPERIMENTS IN THE CHEM STUDY PROJECT.

PROF. CAMPBELL IS DISTINGUISHED BOTH IN THE FIELDS OF CHEMICAL RESEARCH AND CHEMICAL EDUCATION. HIS RESEARCH AREAS ARE CONNECTED WITH CRYSTAL STRUCTURE, X-RAY DIFFRACTION, INFRA RED SPECTRA AND SOLUTION EQUILIBRIUM.

HE HAS PUBLISHED NUMEROUS OUTSTANDING ARTICLES ON STRUCTURAL CHEMISTRY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER AND CHEMICAL EDUCATION. HE HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER OF MANY NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND SOCIETIES. HE IS ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCIENCE EDUCATION IN OVERSEAS COUNTRIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COURSE.

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PICNICKERS WARNED OF FIRE DANGER  
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WEEK-END PICNICKERS WERE TODAY URGED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT FIRE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE HUMIDITY LEVEL WAS DROPPING WHICH MEANS THAT FIRES COULD BE STARTED MORE EASILY BY CARELESSLY DISCARDED CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES AND BY BARBECUE FIRES NOT PROPERLY CONTROLLED.

+SEVERAL COUNTRYSIDE FIRES OCCURRED DURING THE LAST HOLIDAY WEEK-END BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANTIAL DROP IN HUMIDITY,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +ONE ENGAGED FIREMEN FOR ABOUT SIX HOURS AND AT ONE STAGE POSED A THREAT TO HILLSIDE DWELLINGS.+

HE URGED SMOKERS VISITING RURAL AREAS TO MAKE SURE CIGARETTE BUTTS AND MATCHES WERE PROPERLY OUT BEFORE DISPOSING OF THEM. IF A BARBECUE IS PLANNED, IT SHOULD BE HELD IN AN AREA DESIGNATED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND SOMEONE SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO WATCH THE FIRE ALL THE TIME IT IS BURNING. EARTH AND WATER SHOULD BE USED TO EXTINGUISH IT BEFORE LEAVING, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IT IS AN OFFENCE TO LIGHT OR USE A FIRE IN OR NEAR A FOREST, PLANTATION, PROHIBITED AREA OR AREA OF OPEN COUNTRYSIDE, OR TO BE IN A GROUP OF PEOPLE USING SUCH A FIRE.

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BE CONSCIOUS OF COMMUNITY PROBLEMS, STUDENTS TOLD

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A VITAL PART OF ANY STUDENT'S EDUCATION IS THE CONSCIOUSNESS HE DEVELOPS OF THE PROBLEMS OF HIS COMMUNITY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. JOHN WINFIELD SAID TODAY WHEN HE OPENED THE JOINT SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY ASSOCIATION'S EXHIBITION ON +SATELLITE TOWN DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG+ AT QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

MR. WINFIELD SAID: +IDEALLY THIS SHOULD LEAD TO HIS PLAYING AN ACTIVE PART IN RECORDING AND ANALYSING THOSE PROBLEMS AND PROPOSING (OR AT LEAST PREDICTING) SOLUTIONS TO THEM - GEOGRAPHY LENDS ITSELF TO THIS PROCESS MORE THAN MOST SUBJECTS OF THE CURRICULUM.+

MR. WINFIELD SAID THAT THE THEME FOR THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION WAS WISELY CHOSEN.

+THERE IS A GROWING CONCERN IN THE GEOGRAPHY CURRICULUM WITH URBAN STUDIES AND THIS SEEMS TO ME TO BE APPROPRIATE, CONSIDERING THAT SO MANY OF US SPEND PRACTICALLY THE WHOLE OF OUR LIVES IN TOWN OR CITY AND THAT OUR PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IS HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS OF URBAN LIFE.

+I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN 'URBANISATION' IN THE ABSTRACT AS YOUR THEME BUT THAT YOU HAVE RELATED IT TO THE ACTUAL AND POTENTIAL GROWTH OF THE SATELLITE TOWNS OF HONG KONG - IN OTHER WORDS, YOU ARE LOOKING AT GEOGRAPHY IN A LIVING CONTEXT, SEEING IT IN TERMS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH YOU LIVE, RATHER THAN AS A STERILE TEXTBOOK EXERCISE.+

MR. WINFIELD URGED MEMBERS OF THE JOINT SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY ASSOCIATION TO TRY TO STIMULATE INTEREST AMONG YOUNGER PUPILS IN THEIR OWN SCHOOL OR IF THEY WERE AT UNIVERSITY, AMONG INCOMING STUDENTS, SO THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVITIES WERE CONSTANTLY REFRESHED BY NEW IDEAS AND NEW APPROACHES.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN NORTH POINT  
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SECTIONS OF TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD AND JAVA ROAD IN NORTH POINT WILL BE IMPROVED TO PROVIDE BETTER SAFETY CONDITIONS FOR BOTH MOTORISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS INVOLVE THE WIDENING OF A 300-METRE STRETCH OF TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH CLOUD VIEW ROAD, AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF A 240-METRE SECTION OF JAVA ROAD BETWEEN KAM HONG STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD.

SEPARATE TENDERS FOR THE WORKS WERE CALLED FOR IN NOTICES IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

IN BOTH CASES, THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS.

THE CARRIAGEWAY OF THE TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD SECTION IS TO BE WIDENED TO 13.5 METRES AND SURFACED WITH BITUMINOUS MATERIAL. FOOTPATHS MEASURING 2.4 METRES IN WIDTH WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED ON EITHER SIDE.

WORK ON THE TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD PROJECT IS SCHEDULED TO START IN NOVEMBER AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED SIX MONTHS LATER.

THE 240-METRE SECTION OF JAVA ROAD, BETWEEN KAM HONG STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD, WILL BE REBUILT IN REINFORCED CONCRETE AND CONCRETE FOOTPATHS WILL BE PROVIDED ON EITHER SIDE OF IT.

SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION WORKS AND TEMPORARY TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED.

THE JAVA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER AND SHOULD TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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FRIST PRIZE OF LOTTERY WORTH \$336,800  
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A TOTAL OF 421,000 TICKETS FOR THE NINTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY WAS SOLD UP TO 9 P.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN SALES CLOSED. THE TOTAL PROCEEDS REACHED \$842,000.

THE FIRST PRIZE IS WORTH \$336,800, THE SECOND PRIZE \$33,680 AND THE THIRD PRIZE \$3,368.

EACH OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES FETCHES \$842 AND EACH OF THE 212 CONSOLATION PRIZES \$421.

THE FIRST THREE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FOUR RADIO HONG KONG ARTISTES -- MISS KIMMY GOT, MISS YEUNG LAI-SIN, MR. WONG SIU-KEUNG AND MR. HUNG LEUNG-SHEK.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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