



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SECOND ASIAN BADMINTON INVITATION CHAMPIONSHIPS STARTS

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BADMINTON IS A SPORT WHICH IS GROWING IN POPULARITY AMONG LOCAL PEOPLE AND IT IS A VERY SUITABLE ONE FOR HONG KONG'S CROWDED CONDITIONS, SINCE IT DEMANDS LESS SPACE THAN MOST OTHER GAMES.

THIS WAS STATED TONIGHT BY THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, DURING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE SECOND ASIAN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MACPHERSON STADIUM.

FOURTEEN TEAMS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WHICH WILL END ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 26).

IN WELCOMING THE COMPETITORS, SIR DENYS SAID THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME AN INTERNATIONAL BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIP HAD BEEN HELD IN HONG KONG.

+I HOPE THAT THE VERY HIGH STANDARDS OF PLAY, WHICH WE ARE SURE TO SEE DURING THESE CHAMPIONSHIPS, WILL DO MUCH TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THIS EXCELLENT GAME IN HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

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HK AT AIR SERVICES TALKS

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MR. DAVID T.K. WONG, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES, IS LEAVING HONG KONG TONIGHT FOR LONDON TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES.

MR. WONG, TOGETHER WITH MR. B.D. KEEP, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, WILL REPRESENT HONG KONG IN THE U.K. DELEGATION.

MR. KEEP IS ALREADY IN LONDON, HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED SERVICES TALKS BETWEEN U.K. AND JAPAN.

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RECORD NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES HANDLED BY HAD  
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THE 22 PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR HANDLED A RECORD OF 2,025,072 ENQUIRIES AND CASES.

THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 426,796 ENQUIRIES AND CASES OR 26.7 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH THE 1975 FIGURE OF 1,598,276.

OF THE TOTAL, ABOUT HALF CONCERNED ENQUIRIES WHILE THE OTHER HALF INVOLVED THE DISTRIBUTION OF FORMS AND BOOKLETS.

AMONG THE FIVE SUBJECTS ON WHICH MOST QUESTIONS WERE ASKED WERE GOVERNMENT JOBS/VACANCIES (48,537), TECHNICAL EDUCATION (33,340), APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HOUSING (32,121), LOCATION OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES (31,419) AND SCHOLARSHIPS AND AIDS (31,036).

AS FOR FORMS AND BOOKLETS DISTRIBUTED, THOSE IN DEMAND MOST WERE GOVERNMENT POST APPLICATION FORMS (234,156), TECHNICAL INSTITUTES APPLICATION FORMS (122,491), APPLICATION FORMS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING (65,486), WALK FOR A MILLION SPONSOR FORMS (63,750) AS WELL AS G.C.E. AND A.E.B. FORMS (50,608).

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, MRS. DORA TAYLOR, HEAD OF THE INFORMATION SECTION OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SAID :  
+THE INCREASING STATISTICS HAVE REFLECTED UPON THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN HELPING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE VAST NUMBER OF PEOPLE LIVING IN HONG KONG.+

SHE SAID THAT TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND OF THE PUBLIC THE DEPARTMENT INTENDED TO SET UP THREE MORE PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRES IN THE URBAN AREA WITHIN THESE TWO YEARS.

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NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES  
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MR. MORRIS MORGAN TODAY OFFICIALLY TOOK OVER THE POST OF DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE REPLACES MR. JOHN CHAMBERS, WHO HELD THE POST FOR NEARLY THREE YEARS AND WHO IS ABOUT TO TAKE OVERSEAS LEAVE.

MR. MORGAN, WHO JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1961 HAS SERVED IN SENIOR POSTS IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION, CENSUS AND STATISTICS AND COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENTS.

HE HAS SPENT THE LAST FEW WEEKS VISITING THE SEVEN DISTRICTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES FAMILIARISING HIMSELF WITH ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES AND MEETING LOCAL PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS.

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EXHIBITION OF PUPILS' CREATIVE WORK  
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THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ARRANGED AN EXHIBITION OF CREATIVE WORK BY HONG KONG SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 25).

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG, FROM 9 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

A SELECTION OF ART WORK BY FORM 5/MIDDLE 5 STUDENTS WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THIS YEAR'S HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN ART.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE OTHER WORK IN THE FIELDS OF ART, CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK/DRESS BY BOTH SECONDARY AND PRIMARY STUDENTS. IN ADDITION, A NUMBER OF INTERESTING PAINTINGS BY JAPANESE CHILDREN WILL BE ON SHOW.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS, MEMBERS OF STAFF AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. MR. C.L. KWOK, INSPECTOR OF ARTS, WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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TOPLEY TO OPEN NINTH SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' SEMINAR  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY WILL OPEN THE NINTH HONG KONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS' SEMINAR AT MORRISON HOUSE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE THREE-DAY SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY STUDENTS THEMSELVES, WILL BE ATTENDED BY 118 DELEGATES FROM 28 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

AMONG THE LECTURERS ARE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY), MR. LAM TAT-LAU= THE PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM PLANNING OFFICER (SECONDARY), MRS. LOUISE MOK AND THE PRINCIPAL OF THE KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL, MR. PETER HALLIWELL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE SEMINAR COVERED. THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT 2.15 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) IN MORRISON HOUSE, HATTON ROAD, HONG KONG.

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NEW TWIST TO NEW TERRITORIES YAN YAT PARTY

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THE ANNUAL YAN YAT PARTY HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL CELEBRATE ITS 21ST +BIRTHDAY+ IN STYLE -- AND IN A DIFFERENT STYLE -- ON THURSDAY EVENING (FEBRUARY 24).

IN A BREAK FROM THE TRADITIONAL YAN YAT LUNCHESES, MR. AKERS-JONES HAS ARRANGED A 90-MINUTE PROGRAMME OF CLASSICAL CHINESE MUSIC AND DANCING FOR MORE THAN 1,600 INVITED GUESTS BEFORE THEY SHARE A SEVEN-COURSE SPRING FEAST AT A KOWLOON RESTAURANT.

AND THE ENTERTAINERS ALL COME FROM THE AMATEUR ARTS GROUPS THAT ARE NOW FLOURISHING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. AKERS-JONES HAS INVITED PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO THE PARTY, ALONG WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ARMED SERVICES AND POLICE OFFICERS AND UMELCO MEMBERS.

+IN PREVIOUS YEARS, OUR YAN YAT PARTIES WERE LUNCHTIME AFFAIRS,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID. +THEY WERE ALWAYS ENJOYABLE OCCASIONS, BUT WITH SO MANY GUESTS AND SO LITTLE TIME, WE THOUGHT THAT A DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY LOCAL GROUPS WOULD ADD A GREATER NEW TERRITORIES FLAVOUR.

+THERE WILL ALSO BE MORE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO MEET AND MINGLE.

+BUT JUST AS IMPORTANT, IT WILL GIVE MEMBERS OF THE ENTHUSIASTIC AND HARD-WORKING N.T. CULTURAL GROUPS A CHANCE TO DISPLAY THEIR CONSIDERABLE TALENTS.+

THE ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME -- WHICH STARTS AT 5 P.M. -- IS BEING JOINTLY PRESENTED BY THE ARTS PROMOTION ORGANISATIONS OF YUEN LONG, TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN.

CHINESE MUSIC AT THE PARTY WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE CHINESE YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT ARTS COMMITTEE WHILE ORIENTAL FOLK DANCES WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

THE TSUEN WAN CULTURAL AND RECREATION CO-ORDINATION ASSOCIATION HAS ARRANGED A PERFORMANCE BY THE TSUEN WAN GIRLS' CHOIR.

ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENING IS EXPECTED TO BE A RENDITION OF HAKKA FOLKSONGS BY MR. CHAN WAH-HING, A POPULAR HAKKA FOLKSINGER FROM THE TAI PO DISTRICT.

THIS PORTION OF THE PROGRAMME HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY MR. LAU YAM-MAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHA TAU KOK RURAL COMMITTEE.

+THE ARTS PROMOTION ORGANISATIONS IN YUEN LONG, TAI PO AND TSUEN WAN HAVE DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN JOINTLY PUTTING TOGETHER THIS PROGRAMME,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+AS THE NEW TERRITORIES YAN YAT PARTIES STARTED BACK IN 1956, WE THINK THIS IS A FITTING WAY TO CELEBRATE ITS 'COMING OF AGE'.+

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SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND  
APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAINING GRANTS INVITED  
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APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED BY THE SIR ROBERT BLACK TRUST FUND COMMITTEE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES OR RESEARCH EITHER LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS AND GRANTS FOR TRAINING PROGRAMMES SUCH AS ATTACHMENTS AND STUDY TOURS, EITHER LOCALLY OR OVERSEAS.

THE AWARDS ARE FOR THE YEAR 1977/78.

THE PRIMARY AIM OF THESE AWARDS IS TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE OF EXCEPTIONAL MERIT WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR POTENTIAL TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE QUALITIES OF PERSONAL LEADERSHIP TO DEVELOP THEIR INITIATIVE AND CHARACTER SO THAT THEY MAY ACQUIRE GREATER SOCIAL USEFULNESS.

+PRIORITY WILL THEREFORE BE GIVEN TO CANDIDATES OF PROVED ABILITY AND EXPERIENCE IN FIELDS WHICH HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON COMMUNITY LIFE SUCH AS JOURNALISM, SOCIAL WORK, EDUCATION, ARTS, TELECOMMUNICATION AND TOURISM,+ THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMITTEE POINTED OUT.

CANDIDATES SHOULD HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS AND THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PROPOSE THEIR OWN PROGRAMMES OF STUDY OR TRAINING.

APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, WITH THE SUPPORT FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOLS OR COLLEGES, SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE INDIVIDUAL APPLICANT AND APPLICATIONS FOR TRAINING GRANTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE ORGANISATIONS OR FIRMS.

THE AMOUNT OF AWARDS WOULD VARY WITH THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMMES AND MAY OR MAY NOT COVER THEIR RESPECTIVE FULL EXPENSES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

RECIPIENTS OF AWARDS ARE REQUIRED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG AFTER THE AWARD PERIOD AND TO WORK IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS.

APPLICATION FORMS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE TRUST FUNDS OFFICE, HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, 141 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SAME OFFICE NOT LATER THAN APRIL 15.

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