

# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17, 1975

## MORE PEOPLE LICENSED TO DRIVE

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THERE HAVE BEEN MORE PEOPLE LICENSED TO DRIVE DESPITE A CONTINUED DROP IN THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VEHICLES SINCE THE END OF 1973.

THE NUMBER OF DRIVING LICENCE APPLICATIONS HAS REMAINED STEADY EACH MONTH ALTHOUGH MORE PEOPLE CONTINUE GIVING UP THAN ACQUIRING CAR OWNERSHIP.

AT THE END OF JUNE THIS YEAR, THERE WERE 485,321 LICENSED DRIVERS AGAINST 189,995 REGISTERED VEHICLES OF WHICH 116,213 WERE PRIVATE CARS. THIS REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF 34,011 DRIVERS OVER NOVEMBER 1973 WHICH RECORDED THE HIGHEST TOTAL OF 202,953 REGISTERED VEHICLES.

AS DRIVING LICENCES CAN BE ENDORSED FOR DRIVING ADDITIONAL CLASSES OF VEHICLES AFTER THE APPROPRIATE TESTS, 475,929 OF THE LICENSED DRIVERS ARE ENTITLED TO DRIVE PRIVATE CAR= 63,702, MOTORCYCLE= 49,613, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIGHT BUS= 50,105, ALL GOODS VEHICLE= 61,969, TAXI AND PUBLIC CAR= AND 29,000 TO DRIVE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE OMINBUS.

IN JUNE ALONE, THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ISSUED 5,170 PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCES TO APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO UNDERGO DRIVING TRAINING, AND 10,367 TESTS FORMS FOR DRIVING TEST APPOINTMENTS.

DURING THE SAME MONTH, THE DEPARTMENT'S DRIVING TESTS SECTION CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 13,500 DRIVING TESTS FOR VARIOUS CLASSES OF VEHICLES, WHICH INCLUDED 3,239 WRITTEN TESTS AND 6,335 COMBINED ROAD TESTS, BOTH FOR PRIVATE CARS, AS WELL AS 37 TESTS FOR LIGHT BUSES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE STATISTICS INDICATED SOME APPLICANTS MIGHT NOT HAVE AN IMMEDIATE NEED FOR A DRIVING LICENCE AND WERE APPLYING FOR ONE EITHER AS A STATUS SYMBOL OR BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IN THE FUTURE.

HE SAID THERE WERE 79,586 DRIVING LICENCE APPLICANTS ON THE WAITING LIST FOR WRITTEN OR ROAD TESTS AT THE END OF JUNE. THE WAITING TIME FOR A PRIVATE CAR WRITTEN TEST WAS ONE MONTH WHILE THAT FOR PRIVATE CAR ROAD TEST WAS SIX MONTHS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND EIGHT AND A HALF MONTHS IN KOWLOON, HE ADDED.

OF THE 13,500 TESTS CONDUCTED IN JUNE, 6,474 APPLICANTS PASSED THE TEST THE AVERAGE PASS RATE IS 48 PER CENT, HE SAID.

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DURING THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 82,873 DRIVING TESTS OUT OF 107,708 APPOINTMENTS. IT MEANS THAT MORE THAN 24,800 CANDIDATES FAILED TO TURN UP FOR THEIR TESTS.

+ONE REASON COULD BE THAT SOME CANDIDATES MIGHT HAVE CONSIDERED THEMSELVES NOT HAVING ENOUGH DRIVING LESSONS BY THE TIME THEIR APPOINTMENT WAS DUE,+ HE SAID.

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### NEW COINS CIRCULATE TOMORROW

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THE NEW 20-CENT AND \$2 COINS WILL START CIRCULATING TOMORROW (MONDAY). THE LIGHTER-WEIGHT COINS, EASILY RECOGNISABLE THROUGH THEIR SCALLOPED EDGE, CAN BE OBTAINED IN MOST BANK OFFICES.

DESPITE THE SCALLOPED EDGE, THE NEW COINS ALSO HAVE A FEW MORE DISTINCTIVE FEATURES.

ON THE OBVERSE SIDE OF THE COIN IS A NEW HEAD PORTRAIT OF THE QUEEN. IT IS THE SAME EFFIGY AS THAT USED IN THE COMMEMORATIVE GOLD COIN TO MARK THE QUEEN'S VISIT LAST MAY.

ANOTHER DISTINCTIVE FEATURE IS THE WAY IN WHICH THE WORDS +QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND+ ARE PLACED ON THE SIDE BEARING THE PORTRAIT.

ON THE PRESENT COINAGE, THE WORDS START ON A LEVEL WITH THE CROWN AND RUN FROM RIGHT TO LEFT UNDER THE EFFIGY. ON THE TWO NEW COINS, THE SAME WORDING RUNS FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ABOVE THE PORTRAIT.

IN ADDITION, A PLAIN RIM IS USED IN THE NEW COINS INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT COINAGE'S MILLED EDGE.

THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE NEW COINS REMAINS BASICALLY UNCHANGED.

THE COPPERY-COLOURED 20-CENT IS MINTED OF NICKEL BRASS WHILE CUPRO-NICKEL IS USED IN STRIKING THE SILVERY-COLOURED \$2 COINS.

A TOTAL OF 70 MILLION 20-CENT AND 60 MILLION \$2 COINS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FROM THE ROYAL MINT IN BRITAIN. THE INITIAL ISSUE COMPRISES 17 MILLION 20-CENT AND 12.25 MILLION \$2 COINS.

UNDER AN AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AND THE LLOYDS BANK INTERNATIONAL, THE GOVERNMENT RECENTLY NEGOTIATED A EURODOLLAR LOAN FOR THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT HK\$ 17 MILLION PRIMARILY TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW COINAGE.

THE TWO NEW COINS ARE THE FIRST IN A SERIES TO BE INTRODUCED UNDER A THREE-YEAR PHASED PROGRAMME RECOMMENDED BY THE COINAGE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

THE OTHER NEW COINS TO BE INTRODUCED ARE A \$5 COIN TO REPLACE THE \$5 NOTE, AND THE SMALLER AND LIGHTER NEW \$1 AND 50-CENT PIECES TO SUPERSEDE THE EXISTING \$1 AND 50-CENT COINS WHICH ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED TOO LARGE AND HEAVY.

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MANPOWER SURVEY REPORTS ON  
PRINTING AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES ON SALE

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THE REPORTS OF SPECIAL MANPOWER SURVEYS OF THE PRINTING AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIES HAVE NOW BEEN PRINTED AND ARE ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG.

THE REPORTS, THE SECOND CARRIED OUT FOR EACH INDUSTRY, ARE PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

BESIDES STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE TWO INDUSTRIES, THE REPORTS SHOW THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN EACH PRINCIPAL JOB AT TECHNICIAN, CRAFTSMAN AND UNSKILLED LEVELS, THE EDUCATION STANDARD REQUIRED FOR THE DIFFERENT JOBS, AND THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRIES.

THEY ALSO CONTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS, MADE TO BOTH THE INDUSTRIES AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEYS, ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE TWO INDUSTRIES.

THE SURVEYS WERE CONDUCTED IN 1972 AND 1973, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT, BY THE PRINTING AND CLOTHING INDUSTRIAL COMMITTEES OF THE FORMER INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WHICH WAS SUCCEEDED BY THE PRESENT HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE REPORTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE COUNCIL'S PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD AND CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD RESPECTIVELY AND THEIR CONTENTS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED AND ACCEPTED BY THE TRAINING COUNCIL.

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TICKETS FOR 7TH LOTTERY NOW ON SALE  
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TICKETS FOR THE YEAR'S SEVENTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY ARE NOW ON SALE AT \$2 EACH.

THEY ARE AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 29 AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TICKET SELLING BOOTHS AND THE HEAD AND BRANCH OFFICES OF MAJOR BANKS.

THE DRAW FOR WINNING NUMBERS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 A.M. ON AUGUST 30.

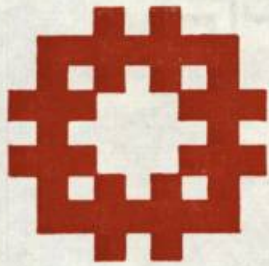
THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 265 PRIZES — A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES TOGETHER WITH 50 SPECIAL AND 212 CONSOLATION PRIZES. THESE PRIZES MUST BE CLAIMED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE NUMBERS ARE PUBLISHED, THAT IS, BEFORE SEPTEMBER 2, 1977.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR. CHAU KAI-YIN, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT AT 1 P.M. TOMORROW (MONDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF PLANS TO PROMOTE THE SEVENTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY. YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

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WATERFALL BAY PARK

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Waterfall Bay Park will be a popular attraction when it opens to the general public at the end of the year.

The park, now under construction on the slope of the headland on which Wah Fu Estate stands, has an area of about seven acres. It is designed and built by the Housing Department on behalf of the Urban Council.

A special feature of the park is its mile-long walkway, interspersed with children playgrounds, sitting-out areas, picnic spots and barbeque pits.

A pavilion, which is now near completion, is located on a site overlooking a 100-foot waterfall from which the park derives its name. Shortly to go up adjacent to the pavilion will be a plaque on which the history of the waterfall will be inscribed.

The project architect has also given much thought to landscaping and the entire park will be planted with trees, shrubs and flowers beautifully laid out.

As the park stretches from Waterfall Bay to Kellet Bay, there will be a number of places from which the public can enter or leave.

The progress of work was slightly held up earlier this year pending the resiting of a group of hawkers who had to ply their trade elsewhere to make way for the development of the public park.

The problem was speedily resolved by the Housing Department and the Urban Services Department.

"In view of the need to provide more marketing facilities for tenants of Wah Fu Estate, additional market stalls were built at the Town Centre and these were let recently by instant tender from these hawkers.

"Those who were successful have already moved in and are doing good business," a Housing Department spokesman said.

The remainder, he added, have been resited to an open-air car park within the Waterfall Bay Park where they are allowed to ply their trade between 8 a.m. daily.

These arrangements have worked out satisfactorily.