



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PUBLIC REMINDED OF NEW POSTAL RATES

The Post Office has expressed concern that thousands of aerogrammes and letters are being posted without sufficient postage following the increase in some air mail postal rates from January 1.

A Post Office spokesman today reminded the public that the cost of an aerogramme posted to any part of the world was now 60 cents while the basic air mail postal rate of letters to destinations in South-east Asia and India (Zone 1) was 80 cents for the first half ounce.

He said that rather than surcharging all these aerogrammes and letters or sending them by sea instead of by air, the Post Office, wherever possible, returned them to the senders so that they might affix the necessary additional stamps.

"Some short delay is unavoidable in these cases, but the Post Office believes the senders prefer this to several weeks of delay or the imposition of a charge on the addressee at the other end," the spokesman said.

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SUPPORT FOR AIRPORT COACH SERVICE ENCOURAGING

Transport Department officials are "cautiously optimistic" of the KMB airport coach service between Kai Tak and Central District continuing.

In the first week of operation since a \$2 fare and a revised route were introduced, an average of 1,348 passengers used the Route 200 service each day compared to only 640 a day previously. However, at least 1,500 passengers a day or an average of 15 a trip are needed to ensure that the service covers its operating costs.

A spokesman said that a Transport Department research team would be interviewing all passengers using the service on January 7 and 8. "A final decision on the fate of the route would probably be made on January 12 in conjunction with senior KMB officials."

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TOMORROW LAST DAY TO SUBMIT BIDS FOR GOLD COINS

Tomorrow (January 7) will be the last day to submit applications for the gold coins to mark the Year of the Dragon, the first in a series that may be issued to depict the twelve animals traditionally representing the Lunar New Years.

Collectors who are interested in obtaining the coin, of which there will be uncirculated and proof issues, can obtain application forms at the head office or any branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

The Dragon Year gold coins will have a limited circulation of no more than 30,000, about 10,000 of which will be proofs.

Each application will be limited to one coin and if the issue is oversubscribed the coins will be allocated by ballot. The successful applicants will be notified individually.

The coins should be available for collection before the Year of the Dragon actually begins.

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NEW ROAD OPENS ON WAN CHAI RECLAMATION

As part of the Wan Chai reclamation scheme, the final stretch of Harbour Road has been completed and will be opened to traffic on Thursday (January 8).

This newly completed section of road, 180 feet in length, is at the western end of Harbour Road at its junction with Fleming Road.

Traffic signs have been put up in the area to guide motorists.

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REGISTER FOR I.D. CARDS, PUBLIC URGED

The Commissioner of Registration, Mr. John Mitchell, today reminded the public of the need to register for identity cards.

Parents and guardians should register their children at the age of eleven for juvenile identity cards and young people reaching the age of eighteen must register for adult identity cards.

Mr. Mitchell also called on adults who had not yet possessed an identity card to come forward and register themselves.

New arrivals who intend to stay in Hong Kong for more than 90 days are also reminded of their obligation to register for an identity card within 30 days of their arrival. Possession of a travel document, including a British passport, does not absolve a person from registering.

Failing to comply with the regulations of the Registration of Persons Ordinance is an offence.

Those who want to seek advice on these matters can approach the Department's Hong Kong branch office in Causeway Bay Magistracy Building, the Kowloon branch office in Canton Road Government Offices, the San Po Kong sub-office in San Po Kong Government Offices, the Tsuen Wan branch office in the Far East Bank Building, Tsuen Wan or the Tai Po sub-office in Tai Po Market.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE

Note to Editors:

Sixteen Assistant Immigration Officers have completed their training and will take part in a passing-out parade on Thursday (January 8) at the Royal Hong Kong Regiment parade ground.

Legislative Councillor Mr. John Bremridge will inspect the parade and address the recruit officers.

You are invited to cover the parade. It will start at 10 a.m. The Hong Kong Regiment parade ground is at Sports Road, Happy Valley.

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WATER-STOPPAGE IN WONG TAI SIN

A number of premises in Wong Tai Sin will be without water from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Friday (January 9) to allow a leakage test to be carried out.

The area affected is bounded by Kong Fuk Street, Sam Chuk Street, Tsat Po Street, Sze Mei Street and Prince Edward Road including San Po Kong Factory Blocks 1-6.

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