



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1976

DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

BETTER NAVIGATIONAL AIDS FOR SHIPPING

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NAVIGATIONAL AIDS IN THE EASTERN APPROACHES TO THE HARBOUR WILL BE AUGMENTED TO ENABLE SHIPS USING THIS PASSAGEWAY TO MANOEUVRE WITH EVEN GREATER SAFETY.

LAST YEAR, SOME 7,000 INWARD BOUND AND ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER OF OUTWARD BOUND VESSELS USED THIS ROUTE AND WERE REPORTED BY WAGLAN SIGNAL STATION WHICH IS NEAR THE SOUTH-EASTERN EXTREMITY OF HONG KONG WATERS.

TO MANAGE THE BUSY SEA TRAFFIC, WAGLAN ISLAND ALREADY HAS THE MOST POWERFUL NAVIGATIONAL AID IN HONG KONG -- A LIGHT WITH A RANGE OF 26 MILES, AND A DIAPHONE FOG SIGNAL TO WARN SHIPS DURING THE EARLY MONTHS OF EACH YEAR WHEN VISIBILITY IS OBSCURED BY FOG.

A SUITABLE SITE FOR ANOTHER LIGHTHOUSE ON ONE OF THE NINEPIN GROUP OF ISLANDS HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND AND IT IS HOPED TO HAVE THE LIGHT COMMISSIONED NEXT YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S NAVIGATIONAL AIDS SECTION SAID IT WOULD BE FED BY ACETYLENE GAS AND WOULD BE VISIBLE WITHIN A RANGE OF TEN MILES.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT TO NAVIGATIONAL SAFETY IN THE EASTERN APPROACHES WILL BE THE INSTALLATION OF A RANGE OF LIGHTED TRAFFIC SEPARATION BUOYS IN TATHONG CHANNEL TO BE ARRANGED BETWEEN WAGLAN LIGHTHOUSE AND THE LIGHTHOUSE AT TATHONG POINT.

THESE BUOYS, WHICH WILL BE VISIBLE AT NIGHTS AS WELL AS DURING THE DAY, WILL MARK OUT THE LANES FOR INWARD AND OUTWARD GOING VESSELS AND WILL MINIMISE THE RISK OF COLLISION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THEIR INSTALLATION WOULD BEGIN ONCE THE EQUIPMENT ARRIVED IN HONG KONG.

ALSO FOR THE BENEFIT OF SHIPS USING THE EASTERN APPROACHES, THE EXISTING LIGHTHOUSE AT CAPE D'AGUILAR WAS REBUILT LAST YEAR AND ITS BEAM CAN NOW BE SEEN SOME 20 MILES AWAY BY APPROACHING VESSELS.

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THE NAVIGATIONAL AIDS SECTION HAD A BUSY WORK SCHEDULE LAST YEAR STRENGTHENING AND RE-ALIGNING TO BETTER POSITIONS LIGHTS IN THE WESTERN APPROACHES TO THE HARBOUR.

THIS ROUTE PASSES THROUGH EAST LAMMA CHANNEL TO GREEN ISLAND AND IS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE EASTERN PASSAGE -- FROM WAGLAN ISLAND TO LEI YUE MUN THROUGH TATHONG CHANNEL.

BEACONS IN THE EAST LAMMA CHANNEL, AT AP LEI PAI, YUEN KOK, SHEK KOK TSUI, WONG CHUK KOK AND PAK LAP PAI WAS INSTALLED WITH MORE POWERFUL LIGHTS, WITH RANGES EXTENDING FROM FIVE OR SEVEN MILES TO TEN MILES, OR FROM 14 MILES TO 20 MILES.

AN EXISTING BEACON ON KAU YI CHAU, FURTHER TO THE NORTH, WILL ALSO BE ALTERED TO HOUSE A BIGGER AND MORE EFFECTIVE MARINE LANTERN.

THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE ENABLED VESSELS USING THE WESTERN ROUTE, PARTICULARLY TANKERS AND CONTAINER SHIPS MAKING THEIR WAY TO KWAI CHUNG TERMINAL, TO PROCEED WITH ADDED SAFETY.

THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED: +OUR NAVIGATIONAL AIDS ARE CONTINUOUSLY BEING REPLACED AND REINFORCED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF EXPANDING SHIPPING AND TO FIT IN WITH THE INCREASING SOPHISTICATION OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ON MODERN VESSELS.

+A DEPARTMENTAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON NAVIGATIONAL AIDS MEETS FREQUENTLY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IT REVIEWS EXISTING INSTALLATIONS AND CONSIDERS IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL AIDS.+

AT THE END OF MARCH THIS YEAR, THE SECTION HAD UNDER ITS MAINTENANCE 224 VARIOUS TYPES OF NAVIGATIONAL AID FOR THE BENEFIT OF SHIPS AND SMALL CRAFT IN HONG KONG WATERS, AN INCREASE OF 30 OVER LAST YEAR.

THE FURTHEST OF THESE, IN KAT O AND PING CHAU IN MIRS BAY, ARE SOME 40 MILES FROM THE SECTION'S OPERATIONAL BASE IN THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD COMPLEX IN YAU MA TEI.

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REGISTRATION OF DEALERS UNDER COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES TODAY REMINDED THAT THOSE WHO WISH TO BE REGISTERED AS COMMODITY DEALERS UNDER PART IV OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE 1976 SHOULD SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE PART IV OF THE ORDINANCE, WHICH WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON JANUARY 1, NEXT YEAR AS ANNOUNCED IN THE GAZETTE LAST FRIDAY, ALSO DEALS WITH COMMODITY TRADING ADVISERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, IT WILL BE AN OFFENCE FOR A PERSON TO CARRY ON THE BUSINESS OF A COMMODITY DEALER, COMMODITY TRADING ADVISER OR A REPRESENTATIVE ON JANUARY 1, 1977, AND THEREAFTER IF HE IS NOT DULY REGISTERED AS SUCH.

ONE OF THE PRE-CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION OF A COMMODITY DEALER IS THAT THE APPLICANT, OR THE CORPORATION OR FIRM TO WHICH HE IS ACCREDITED, MUST BE A SHAREHOLDER OF THE HONG KONG COMMODITY EXCHANGE OR A MEMBER, OR WHOLLY OWNED BY SUCH A MEMBER OF AN OVERSEAS EXCHANGE LISTED IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE, 1976.

ALSO, A COMMODITY DEALER WHO IS NOT A SHAREHOLDER OF THE HONG KONG EXCHANGE COMPANY HAS TO DEPOSIT WITH THE COMMISSIONER \$100,000 ON REGISTRATION.

A GUIDANCE PAMPHLET FOR APPLICANTS TOGETHER WITH APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING AT ROOM 2404, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, CONNAUGHT ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTED TO SEND IN THEIR COMPLETED FORMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR COMMODITIES TRADING TO PROCESS THE APPLICATIONS.

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CAREERS '77 EXHIBITION SUCCESSFUL
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CAREERS '77 EXHIBITION HAS PROVED A SUCCESS IN ITS NEW VENUE IN KOWLOON.

THE ANNUAL EVENT HAS ATTRACTED ABOUT 92,000 VISITORS, MOSTLY YOUNG PEOPLE, AFTER A PERIOD OF 10 DAYS AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS IN HUNG HOM.

THE EXHIBITION CLOSED AT 4.30 P.M. TODAY (SUNDAY).

COMMENTING ON THE ATTENDANCE, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. M.C. LAO SAID: +ALTHOUGH THE NUMBER OF VISITORS IS ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, I THINK WE HAD A BETTER RESPONSE IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE PERIOD OF THIS YEAR'S EXHIBITION WAS SHORTER AND ALSO IT WAS THE FIRST TIME THE EXHIBITION WAS HELD IN KOWLOON.

+I THINK WE HAVE ALSO HIT THE 'TARGETED' AUDIENCE THIS TIME. IN PREVIOUS YEARS, WHEN THE EXHIBITION WAS HELD AT THE CITY HALL DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, THE AUDIENCE WAS A MIXTURE OF YOUNG AND OLD PEOPLE.

+THIS YEAR WE DELIBERATELY HELD CAREERS '77 DURING SCHOOL TERM, AND MOST OF OUR VISITORS WERE STUDENTS WHO CAME SPECIALLY FOR THE CAREERS INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

+I AM PARTICULARLY GLAD TO SEE THE ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE FROM MORE THAN 150 SCHOOLS WHICH HAD ORGANISED SOME 20,000 STUDENTS IN GROUPS TO VISIT THE EXHIBITION,+ SAID MR. LAO.

THIS YEAR, THE NUMBER OF STUDENT GROUP VISITS ALMOST DOUBLED THAT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

SAID MR. LAO: +THIS IS INDEED VERY ENCOURAGING BECAUSE IT SHOWS THAT SCHOOL AUTHORITIES ARE GIVING INCREASING ATTENTION TO HELP STUDENTS CHOOSE A CAREER WISELY.

+I HOPE THEY WILL CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN OUR CAREER-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS TALKS, SEMINARS AND MOBILE EXHIBITIONS.

+THIS IS WHERE THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE CAN COME TOGETHER TO HELP OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR CAREER,+ HE ADDED.

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HUNG HOM TO CENTRAL FERRY SERVICE EXTENDED

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. I.F.C. MACPHERSON, HAS AUTHORISED THE EXTENSION OF THE STAR FERRY COMPANY'S HUNG HOM TO CENTRAL SERVICE FOR A FURTHER YEAR FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

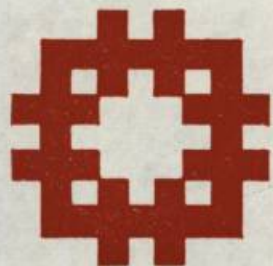
THE SERVICE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION ON A TRIAL BASIS FOR ONE YEAR NOW, BUT A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THIS PERIOD HAD PROVED TOO SHORT TO BASE A DECISION ON THE FUTURE OF THE SERVICE.

THE STAR FERRY RESUMED THE HUNG HOM TO CENTRAL SERVICE ON NOVEMBER 30, 1975 FOR AN INITIAL TRIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS AT THE END OF WHICH A FURTHER SIX-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD WAS GRANTED BECAUSE IT WAS FELT THAT THE SERVICE NEEDED MORE TIME TO SETTLE DOWN IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A STABLE LEVEL OF DEMAND.

AT PRESENT, AN AVERAGE OF 4,545 PASSENGERS ARE USING THE SERVICE DAILY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A FULL REVIEW OF THE SERVICE WOULD BE CARRIED OUT EARLY NEXT YEAR AND IF THE SERVICE PROVED FINANCIALLY UNVIABLE, IT WOULD THEN BE STOPPED AT THE END OF THE ADDITIONAL ONE-YEAR TRIAL PERIOD.

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CONVERSION WORK ON LOK FU BLOCK BEGINS

BETTER LIVING FOR OVER 100 FAMILIES

The "in situ" conversion of Block 11 of Lok Fu Estate has started last week and work is expected to be completed by March next year.

The pilot scheme is aimed at improving the living conditions of tenants in Mark I and II blocks which are not due for redevelopment in the foreseeable future.

"This, in fact, is a supplement to the Redevelopment Programme and if the pilot scheme at Lok Fu proves successful and is welcomed by tenants, other blocks may be similarly converted," said Mr. D.I. McIntosh, Assistant Director of the Housing Department.

Much time and effort have been put into this project by housing staff. Three surveys were carried out on Block 11 over the last couple of months to gauge tenants' reception to the proposal.

Families were fully briefed on details of the scheme and were asked to discuss them with other family members before indicating to estate staff their preference.

Of the 126 families interviewed, 44 indicated a preference to live in the converted flats. The remaining families favoured moving to new flats in Lai King and Lek Yuen or other urban estates.



In the past two to three weeks, some of these families had moved to new homes and the bulk will be moving out next month.

At present, there are about 150 back-to-back type flats in the block, but this number will be reduced by approximately half as a result of knocking out centre walls. When the work has been completed, flat sizes will range from 160 square feet for three persons to 440 square feet for 10 persons, and rents from \$75 - \$190 per month.

Each converted flat will be provided with a private balcony, tap, sink and detached toilet.

A spokesman for the Housing Authority said that, with work going on around them, tenants were bound to experience some inconvenience, but it would be kept to a minimum and he felt they would be willing to accept this in order to get improved accommodation.

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