



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT PROCESSES PROVE SUITABLE FOR H K SEWAGE  
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EXPERIMENTS CARRIED OUT BY THE PILOT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT SHEK WU HUI NEAR FANLING HAVE PRODUCED SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

THE FOUR TYPES OF BIOLOGICAL TREATMENT PROCESSES ADOPTED BY THE PLANT HAVE PROVED TO BE SUITABLE FOR THE SEWAGE PREVAILING IN HONG KONG.

ANNOUNCING THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROJECT, SAID THAT EACH OF THE PROCESSES HAS BEEN ABLE TO REMOVE 90 PER CENT OF THE POLLUTANTS IN THE SEWAGE.

HE ADDED THAT THE FINAL EFFLUENT FROM THE TREATMENT PLANT IS NOW WELL WITHIN THE DESIGNED STANDARD SET FOR IT.

THE FOUR TYPES OF BIOLOGICAL PROCESSES ARE DIFFUSED AIR AERATION, DIRECT OXYGENATION, HIGH RATE BIOLOGICAL FILTRATION AND OXIDATION PONDS. THEIR MAIN FUNCTION IS TO UTILISE MICRO-ORGANISM TO ASSIMILATE THE POLLUTANTS IN THE SEWAGE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SINCE ITS OPENING IN JUNE LAST YEAR, THIS \$13.5 MILLION PLANT HAD PROVIDED NOT ONLY FULL TREATMENT FACILITIES TO THE SEWAGE FROM THE POPULATION IN SHEK WU HUI BUT ALSO PROVIDED THE WORKS STAFF WITH ADEQUATE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MODERN TECHNIQUES IN SEWAGE TREATMENT.

+IT IS ALSO USED AS AN EXPERIMENTAL CENTRE FOR SUCH TECHNIQUES,+ HE ADDED.

THE EXPERIMENTAL OPERATIONS AT THE PLANT WILL CONTINUE FOR ANOTHER 18 MONTHS DURING WHICH FULL-SCALE TESTS OF THE PROCESSES AT VARYING LOADING AND SEASONAL CONDITIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED, HE SAID.

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**BONA FIDE SHA TIN HOI FISHERMEN COMPENSATED**

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COMPLAINTS OF ALL FISHERMEN WHO CLAIMED TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE RECLAMATION PROJECTS AT SHA TIN HOI HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED AND COMPENSATION HAS ALREADY BEEN PAID OUT TO THOSE WITH VALID CLAIMS.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WHEN COMMENTING ON PRESS REPORTS OF COMPLAINTS MADE BY SOME FISHERMEN YESTERDAY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER HAS NEVER PROMISED AS REPORTED IN SOME NEWSPAPERS TO COMPENSATE THOSE FISHERMEN WHO WERE INVOLVED IN YESTERDAY'S INCIDENT AT SHA TIN HOI.

HE SAID: +INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE CLAIMS OF THIS GROUP OF FISHERMEN ESTABLISHED THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY BASED IN THE TAI PO AREA. THEIR LIVELIHOOD HAS NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THE PROJECTS. THEREFORE, THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THEIR CLAIMS CANNOT BE ENTERTAINED.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT FOLLOWING THE FISHERMEN'S PETITIONS TO THE UMELCO OFFICE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BUT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE TO WARRANT THE CHANGE OF THE PREVIOUS DECISION.

THESE FISHERMEN HAVE SINCE JULY 22 CAUSED SOME OBSTRUCTIONS TO WORKS ON THE SEAWALL. POLICE WERE CALLED IN YESTERDAY BY THE CONTRACTORS TO CLEAR THE AREA SO THAT WORKS COULD BE CARRIED OUT AS SCHEDULED.

THE SPOKESMAN WARNED THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION TO IMPEDE THE PROGRESS OF THE RECLAMATION WORKS WOULD BE DEALT WITH SWIFTLY AND FIRMLY.

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SKILLED WORKERS - PILLARS OF HK'S INDUSTRY  
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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING), MR. T.Y. CHUI TODAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF SKILLED WORKERS, DESCRIBING THEM AS THE PILLARS OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY.

MR. CHUI WAS SPEAKING DURING A CEREMONY AT WHICH CERTIFICATES WERE PRESENTED TO EIGHT YOUNG LIFT MECHANICS WHO HAVE JUST FINISHED A THREE-YEAR APPRENTICESHIP AT THE RYODEN ELECTRIC ENGINEERING COMPANY LTD.

HE SAID THE CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES IN THE PAST 20 YEARS HAD TURNED HONG KONG INTO ONE OF THE WORLD'S MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CENTRES.

+IF HONG KONG IS TO CONTINUE TO PROSPER, ITS PRODUCTS MUST REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN BOTH QUALITY AND PRICE IN WORLD MARKET,+ HE SAID.

+TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL, WE NEED GOOD ENGINEERS TO WORK ON THE DESIGN AND PLANNING. AT THE SAME TIME THERE MUST BE PROPERLY TRAINED TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN TO DO THE WORK.+

MR. CHUI SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD LONG RECOGNISED THE NEED TO TRAIN SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT OF INDUSTRY.

+WE HAVE RECENTLY EXPANDED THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION TO ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN INDUSTRY TO START PROPER APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME TO TRAIN THE SKILLED MANPOWER INDUSTRY NEEDS,+ HE SAID.

MR. F.K. HU, AN URBAN COUNCILLOR AND THE SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR OF RYODEN PRESENTED THE CERTIFICATES TO THE EIGHT APPRENTICES IN THE CEREMONY HELD AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION IN ASIAN HOUSE, WANCHAI.

THE CERTIFICATES WERE AWARDED TO POON CHI-HANG, LAI PING-KWAN, KAM KAM-HUNG, LAM PING-WAI, TSE SAI-WING, AU CHI-WAI, LEUNG SIU-KI AND CHU KING-HON, WHO HAD COMPLETED PRACTICAL ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AT THE COMPANY AND ATTENDED RELATED TECHNICAL COURSES IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

MR. HU SAID THE APPRENTICE TRAINING SCHEME PROPOSED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAD HELPED TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF SKILLS OF HONG KONG'S CRAFTSMEN, AND HE URGED OTHER EMPLOYERS TO SET UP SIMILAR SCHEMES.

+HONG KONG INDUSTRIES ARE IN NEED OF WELL-TRAINED CRAFTSMEN,+ HE SAID. +WITH LIFT INSTALLATION, FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE SAFETY SHOULD BE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY, IT IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT THE LIFT MECHANICS SHOULD EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF TECHNICAL SKILLS AND THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE.+

EMPLOYERS INTERESTED IN BUILDING UP THEIR SKILLED MANPOWER SHOULD CONTACT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION BY RINGING TEL: 5-278760 OR 5-278747.

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ANTI-DRUG BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT STARTS THURSDAY  
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THE 1975 E.P. HO CUP/ANTI-NARCOTICS CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT WILL GET UNDER WAY ON THURSDAY (JULY 31) WITH TEN TEAMS REPRESENTING VARIOUS CITY DISTRICTS COMPETING FOR TOP HONOURS.

THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE JOINTLY OPENED AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND IN WANCHAI BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, THE PRESIDENT OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION, MR. CHAM SIU-LAM, AND A MEMBER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, REV. K. L. STUMPF.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY TWO MATCHES - ONE BETWEEN WANCHAI AND KWUN TONG AND THE OTHER BETWEEN WONG TAI SIN AND WESTERN.

DURING THE INTERVALS OF EACH GAME, ANTI-ADDICTION PUBLICITY PAMPHLETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO SPECTATORS.

THE TOURNAMENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE SPORTS AMONG THE YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO EDUCATE THEM ON THE DANGER OF DRUG ADDICTION.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND AT 6.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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THE SECTION OF TONG MI ROAD BETWEEN MONG KOK ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WILL BE MADE A CLEARWAY BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 7 P.M. DAILY AS FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 31).

FROM THAT DAY, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS DURING THE CLEARWAY HOURS.

MEANWHILE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, TRAFFIC ROUTING IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUS TERMINUS/CAR PARK WILL BE REVERSED SO THAT ALL VEHICLES WILL ENTER VIA HING FAT STREET AND LEAVE VIA LAU SIN STREET. THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS COME INTO FORCE FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 1).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUTS  
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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT AND IN KWUN TONG IN KOWLOON WILL BE WITHOUT WATER BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 31) WHEN TESTS FOR LEAKAGE WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE TWO DISTRICTS.

PREMISES AFFECTED IN CENTRAL DISTRICT ARE BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL FROM GARDEN ROAD TO POTTINGER STREET, AND THE SOUTH SIDE OF DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL TO ICE HOUSE STREET.

IN KWUN TONG, PREMISES BOUNDED BY NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, JORDAN VALLEY NORTH ROAD, INCLUDING JORDAN VALLEY ESTATE BLOCKS 10 TO 16, WILL BE AFFECTED.

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