



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PILOT SCHEME TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO SQUATTER AREAS

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RESIDENTS OF SIX SQUATTER AREAS ON THE SLOPES OF LION ROCK HILL WILL BE ABLE TO LIVE IN GREATER COMFORT UNDER A PILOT ELECTRIFICATION SCHEME.

THIS SCHEME IS RECOMMENDED BY A WORKING PARTY ON ELECTRIFICATION OF SQUATTER AREAS, CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT AND CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD.

IT WILL EVENTUALLY BENEFIT AN ESTIMATED 8,500 PEOPLE OF 1,700 FAMILIES NOW LIVING IN THE SPRAWLING SQUATTER AREAS IN WONG TAI SIN KNOWN INDIVIDUALLY AS MA CHAI HANG, YAN OI, YAN YEE, TAI YUEN AND UPPER AND LOWER LION ROCK HILL VILLAGES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS IS THE BIGGEST ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT UNDERTAKEN IN A SQUATTER AREA BY ANY POWER SUPPLY COMPANY IN HONG KONG.

AT PRESENT, RESIDENTS IN THESE AREAS HAVE TO DEPEND ON PRIVATE GENERATORS OR ILLEGALLY TAPPING OFF PUBLIC LIGHTING FOR THEIR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY.

THE UNSATISFACTORY SITUATION HAS BEEN A SUBJECT OF GRAVE CONCERN TO GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD. ATTEMPTS TO PROVIDE A LEGAL SOURCE OF POWER HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE PAST BUT HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED BY A HOST OF PROBLEMS WHICH HAD TO BE SOLVED.

THE WORKING PARTY ON ELECTRIFICATION OF SQUATTER AREAS WAS SET UP LAST NOVEMBER BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING WITH THE JOB OF SELECTING A PILOT AREA FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A LEGAL POWER SUPPLY AND TO OVERCOME PRACTICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED.

MRS. ELAINE CHIA, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, WAS APPOINTED AS CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS INCLUDE MR. COLIN STEELE, COMMERCIAL ENGINEER AND MR. R.A. PEDDER, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION ENGINEER OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD., MR. MICHAEL SZE, CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KOWLOON) AND MR. R.R.L. POGUE, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF HOUSING.

UNDER THE SCHEME NOW PROPOSED, ELECTRICITY FROM POWER STATIONS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE PILOT AREA VIA OVERHEAD LINES AND FED INTO METER ROOMS AND DISTRIBUTION PILLARS FROM WHERE RESIDENTS CAN ARRANGE TO MAKE THEIR OWN MAINS CONNECTIONS.

ENGINEERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND CHINA LIGHT HAVE ADVISED REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SAFEST AND MOST EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF INSTALLATION.

THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE HAS BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE RESIDENTS, AND IN ORGANISING THEM THROUGH MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES.

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IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE MACS WILL PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN ENSURING THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME. CHINA LIGHT IS SETTING UP TEMPORARY OFFICES IN THE AREA TO FACILITATE THE HANDLING OF APPLICATIONS.

BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE PILOT AREA, INSTALLATION WORK WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN PHASES. THE WHOLE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

UPPER LION ROCK HILL VILLAGE, WHICH IS THE FIRST AREA TO BENEFIT, SHOULD OBTAIN THEIR SUPPLY BY EARLY JUNE. THE OTHER AREAS WILL BE SWITCHED ON IN TURN.

MRS. CHIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING PARTY, EXPECTED THAT MORE SQUATTER AREAS WILL BE COVERED BY THE SCHEME SHOULD THE PILOT PROJECT PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

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#### LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT NEW LIFE FARM

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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BE VISITING THE NEW LIFE FARM IN CASTLE PEAK TOMORROW (MARCH 31) IN HER CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST OF HONG KONG.

SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ON HER VISIT BY MISS JILL BROMLEY, SOCIAL SECRETARY, GOVERNMENT HOUSE AND MR. G.A. HENDERSON, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY CHEST.

THE NEW LIFE FARM, RUN BY THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION, IS IN SIU HANG VILLAGE, CASTLE PEAK. IT OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT TWO ACRES, ADJACENT TO CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL.

THERE ARE TWO DORMITORIES FOR 40 RESIDENTS AND A RECREATIONAL HALL IN THE FARM.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE FARM IS TO HELP EX-MENTAL PATIENTS TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY AGAIN. APART FROM CARRYING OUT THE ROUTINE WORK OF FARMING, PATIENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SELL THEIR PRODUCTS AT A SMALL MARKET NEAR THE FARM, TO DO THEIR OWN SHOPPING, TO MANAGE THEIR OWN MONEY AND TO ATTEND THE PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE IN TOWN BY THEMSELVES.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISIT. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A NINE-SEATER VAN (AM 2157) WILL BE LEAVING THE KOWLOON TRANSPORT SUB-POOL, BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

LADY MACLEHOSE IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT THE FARM AT 10 A.M.

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REVENUE IS 26,700 TIMES WHAT THE FIRST GOVERNOR REPORTED

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IT'S 130 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG OFFICIALLY REPORTED ON THE TERRITORY'S FIRST FULL YEAR OF OPERATION. IT WAS 1845 AND THE TOTAL REVENUE FOR THE YEAR WAS 22,242 POUNDS STERLING 8 SHILLINGS AND 1 PENNY — ROUGHLY \$220,000 AT TODAY'S RATE OF EXCHANGE.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR JOHN DAVIS, WROTE: +UPON THE WHOLE THERE IS FAIR REASON TO ANTICIPATE THAT THE FIXED REVENUE MAY BE RAISED TO ABOUT 30,000 POUNDS STERLING PER ANNUM.+

THIS APPARENTLY SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL POSITION WAS ACHIEVED DESPITE PIRACY — +WHICH INFESTS THE APPROACHES FROM EAST AND WEST+ — AND SIR JOHN WAS ALSO ABLE TO REPORT THAT THERE WAS A GOOD ROAD ROUND HONG KONG ISLAND, 18 OF THE 23 MILES HAVING BEEN COMPLETED. THE POPULATION WAS 23,748.

TODAY HONG KONG'S POPULATION IS MORE THAN 4.3 MILLION. THE TOTAL REVENUE IS ABOUT \$6,000 MILLION. AND THE MODERN COUNTERPART TO THAT 1845 REPORT — THE ILLUSTRATED YEARBOOK HONG KONG 1976, WHICH HAS JUST GONE ON SALE — REPORTS THAT MORE THAN 1,073 KILOMETRES OR MORE THAN 660 MILES OF ROADS ARE NOW MAINTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ALTHOUGH THE LOOK OF THE YEARBOOK — WITH ITS 70 FULL-PAGE COLOUR PICTURES — IS AS REMOTE FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT AS THE FIGURES ARE, IT STILL FOLLOWS THE PATTERN SET BY SIR JOHN IN REPORTING ON VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF LIFE IN HONG KONG.

NO GENERAL INFORMATION IS OVERLOOKED — WHETHER IT'S THE AMOUNT OF REFUSE COLLECTED DAILY, THE NUMBER OF GOATS SLAUGHTERED AT THE ABATTOIRS, THE NUMBER OF TREES DAMAGED BY COUNTRYSIDE FIRES, OR THE NUMBER OF MINI SOCCER PITCHES. ALL THIS IS GIVEN ALONG WITH DETAILS OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE, EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING AND FINANCE.

HONG KONG 1976 IS THE 30TH EDITION OF THE MODERN YEARBOOK — THE FIRST ILLUSTRATED VERSION HAVING APPEARED IN 1946. IT CONTAINED 26 BLACK AND WHITE PICTURES. SOME 300 COPIES WERE SOLD TO THE PUBLIC AT \$10 EACH — A PRICE WHICH HAS SINCE BEEN INCREASED BY ONLY \$5 IN 30 YEARS. TODAY'S PRICE OF \$15 IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR, AND THE PRINT ORDER HAS BEEN INCREASED TO MORE THAN 31,000 COPIES — IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE — BECAUSE OF PUBLIC DEMAND.

THE BOOK HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND THIS YEAR IT IS BEING SOLD FOR THE FIRST TIME THROUGH THE 19 CITY DISTRICT OFFICES. THIS IS PART OF A NEW ARRANGEMENT TO MAKE THE YEARBOOK — AND OTHER GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS OF GENERAL INTEREST — MORE EASILY AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC. HONG KONG 1976 IS ALSO ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE, STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG— THE TOURIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT STAR FERRY IN TSIM SHA TSUI— THE INFORMATION COUNTER IN OCEAN TERMINAL— AND ALL LEADING BOOKSTORES. BULK ORDERS — AND EDITORIAL ENQUIRIES — ARE HANDLED AT THE PUBLICATIONS OFFICE OF GIS AT 1A, GARDEN ROAD, CENTRAL.

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OVER 800 SENIOR STUDENTS ATTEND CAREERS SEMINAR  
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THE DIRECTOR OF HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE, MR. Y.F. HUI, SAID CAREERS GUIDANCE BROUGHT A STUDENT INTO CONTACT WITH INFORMATION ABOUT NECESSARY EDUCATIONAL TRAINING AND OCCUPATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

OPENING A CAREERS SEMINAR ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE TODAY (TUESDAY), MR. HUI SAID THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS IN THE PAST TWO DECADES HAD MADE A GREATER VARIETY OF JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO SCHOOL LEAVERS.

+IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO IMAGINE HOW BEWILDERED A SCHOOL LEAVER IS IF HE IS TOTALLY UNPREPARED TO FACE A WIDE RANGE OF OPTIONS,+ HE ADDED.

MR. HUI SAID CAREERS GUIDANCE HELPED A STUDENT TO FIND HIS OWN WAY BY EXAMINING ALTERNATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSIDERING THE CONSEQUENCES ARISING FROM HIS CHOICE.

BUT HE HOPED SCHOOL LEAVERS WOULD BE EDUCATED TO UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES AND THEIR POTENTIAL SO THEY COULD MAKE INTELLIGENT DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR FUTURE.

TODAY'S SEMINAR, WHICH WERE ATTENDED BY OVER 800 SENIOR FORM STUDENTS FROM SCHOOLS IN THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FEATURED TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN INSURANCE WORK, TELEVISION BROADCASTING, DATA PROCESSING WORK, TOURIST INDUSTRY AND THE CIVIL SERVICE.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE STUDENTS WERE SHOWN FILMS ON THE PRINCIPLES OF CHOOSING A CAREER, AND HOW TO ATTEND JOB INTERVIEWS.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TOURS GARMENT FACTORY

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LADY MACLEHOSE SHOWED KEEN INTEREST IN THE DESIGN AND PRODUCTION PROCESS OF QUALITY LADY GARMENTS WHEN SHE VISITED THE DORCE FASHION LIMITED IN NORTH POINT THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

SHE TOURED SEVERAL SHOP FLOORS OF THE FACTORY AND SAW FOR HERSELF THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS OF LADIES' WEAR, INCLUDING KNITTED JACKETS, SUITS, SKIRTS, PANTS AND COATS.

DURING HER HOUR-LONG TOUR OF THE VARIOUS PRODUCTION DIVISIONS OF THE FACTORY, LADY MACLEHOSE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE SKILL AND EFFICIENCY OF THE WORKERS AND SHE SPOKE TO SEVERAL OF THEM.

LADY MACLEHOSE WAS ACCOMPANIED ON THE VISIT BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ALEX PURVES. SHE WAS SHOWN ROUND THE FACTORY BY THE COMPANY'S MANAGING DIRECTOR, MR. PETER SIMON LEE, AND TWO DIRECTORS, MR. HEILI LEE AND MISS JOYCE YUNG.

THE FIRM'S MAIN MARKETS ARE THE UNITED STATES, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA.

TODAY'S VISIT WAS ONE OF LADY MACLEHOSE'S CONTINUING SERIES OF CALLS TO FACTORIES TO KEEP HERSELF UP TO DATE WITH HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

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INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN NON-INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS  
PAMPHLET ON RULES AND DEFINITIONS PUBLISHED

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A PAMPHLET HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO PUBLICISE THE GOVERNMENT'S STAGED PROGRAMME OF ACTION AGAINST CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS IN NON-INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS.

THE PAMPHLET CONTAINS THE RULES AND DEFINITIONS TO WHICH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL BE WORKING DURING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH BEGAN ON MARCH 1.

COPIES OF THE PAMPHLET, WHICH IS IN CHINESE ONLY, ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM ANY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 200 AND 350 EXISTING DANGEROUS OR OBNOXIOUS INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WILL BE AFFECTED DURING THE FIRST STAGE OF THE PROGRAMME.

OPERATORS OF UNDERTAKINGS WHICH MAY BE AFFECTED ARE ADVISED TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THIS PAMPHLET AND TO CONSULT THE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED IF THEY ARE NOT CLEAR ON ANY POINTS.

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ACTIVITIES FOR SHAM SHUI PO YOUNGSTERS

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THE SHAM SHUI PO YOUTH CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS ORGANISING A SERIES OF PROGRAMMES FOR YOUNGSTERS IN THE DISTRICT WITH AN AIM TO PROVIDE THEM WITH SOME MEANINGFUL ACTIVITIES DURING THEIR LEISURE HOURS.

THE PROGRAMMES INCLUDE PHOTOGRAPHY, JUDO, GUITAR, FASHION DESIGN AND FIRST AID CLASSES.

IN ADDITION, TWO CAMPS WILL BE HELD IN THE MIDDLE OF NEXT MONTH -- ONE AT TAI LONG SAI WAN AND THE OTHER AT TSUEN WAN.

YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN THE PROGRAMMES SHOULD CONTACT THE SHAM SHUI PO YOUTH CENTRE AT 88 YU CHAU STREET, KOWLOON.

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