



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DRAGON BOAT RACES TO CELEBRATE TUEN NG

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SATURDAY IS TUEN NG FESTIVAL DAY AND THOUSANDS WILL BE CELEBRATING THE OCCASION WITH TRADITIONAL DRAGON BOAT RACES AT FISHING VILLAGES ALONG THE SHORES OF HONG KONG.

THE EVENTS COMMEMORATE THE DEATH OF CHU YUAN, A CHINESE STATESMAN AND POET WHO SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR HIS PEOPLE SOME 2,200 YEARS AGO.

TUEN NG, WITH ITS SPECTACULAR DRAGON BOAT RACES, HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MAJOR HOLIDAYS IN THE LUNAR CALENDAR AND IS OBSERVED EVERY YEAR ON THE FIFTH DAY OF THE FIFTH MOON.

THE MAIN RACES WILL BE HELD AT YAUMATI, TAI PO AND STANLEY.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL WATCH THE EVENTS AT YAUMATI TYPHOON SHELTER WHERE ABOUT 25 TEAMS WILL BATTLE FOR HONOURS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

IN STANLEY, A TOTAL OF 35 TEAMS HAVE ENTERED, INCLUDING NINE ALL-FEMALE TEAMS AND 10 FROM THE ARMED FORCES. AIR COMMODORE B.G. FROW WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

IN OTHER URBAN AREAS, RACES WILL BE HELD AT ABERDEEN AND KWUN TONG.

IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, RACES WILL BE HELD IN TAI PO, TUEN MUN, TSUEN WAN AND CHEUNG CHAU.

THE MAIN EVENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY IN TAI PO WHERE MORE THAN 30 TEAMS WILL TAKE PART. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION RACE BETWEEN MEMBERS OF THE 48 GURKHA INFANTRY BRIGADE AND FILM AND TELEVISION STARS. COMMODORE J.A.G. EVANS WILL DISTRIBUTE THE PRIZES.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR DR. S.Y. CHUNG WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE TUEN MUN RACES WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE TUEN MUN RIVER CHANNEL.

LARGE CROWDS ARE EXPECTED TO GO TO THE NEW TERRITORIES TO WATCH THE RACES IN TAI PO AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS PUTTING ON EXTRA TRAINS TO COPE WITH THE RUSH.

AS PARKING SPACES IN THE AREA IS LIMITED, SPECTATORS ARE URGED TO MAKE USE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR 60 KOWLOON FACTORY UNITS
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SIXTY UNITS AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S KOWLOON BAY FACTORY ESTATE WILL BE OFFERED FOR LETTING BY PUBLIC TENDERS.

ADVERTISEMENTS INVITING TENDERS FROM THE PUBLIC WILL BE PUBLISHED IN A NUMBER OF NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

FIFTEEN UNITS ARE AVAILABLE ON EACH OF THE GROUND, SECOND, FOURTH AND SIXTH FLOORS OF BLOCK 1 OF THE ESTATE, WHICH IS READILY ACCESSIBLE TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

THE SIZE OF EACH UNIT IS 256 SQUARE FEET AND APPLICANTS MAY APPLY FOR A MAXIMUM OF FIVE UNITS PROVIDED THEY OR THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOT ALREADY HOLDING A COMMERCIAL TENANCY WITH THE AUTHORITY.

THE INCLUSIVE MONTHLY RENTAL RANGES FROM \$270 FOR A GROUND FLOOR UNIT TO \$140 FOR A UNIT ON THE TOP FLOOR.

+ALL TRADES, HOWEVER, WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE FIRE SERVICES AND LABOUR DEPARTMENTS,+ A HOUSING DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

TENDERERS MUST STATE THE LUMP SUM PREMIUM THEY ARE PREPARED TO OFFER FOR A THREE-YEAR TENANCY OF THE UNITS. THE TENANCY IS NORMALLY RENEWABLE FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF THREE YEARS, SUBJECT TO A RENT REVIEW ON RENEWAL.

+THIS SMALL NUMBER OF UNITS HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF A REDUCED DEMAND FROM CLEARANCES AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY IS DETERMINED TO MAKE USE OF ITS ASSETS FRUITFULLY INSTEAD OF LEAVING THEM VACANT,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

TENDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE COMMITTEE SECTION, SECOND FLOOR, HOUSING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, NO. 1 MA TAU KOK ROAD, AS WELL AS FROM THE KOWLOON BAY FACTORY ESTATE OFFICE.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS MUST BE DEPOSITED IN THE TENDER BOX LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS. CLOSING DATE OF TENDER IS 12 NOON ON JUNE 27.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY INSPECTS HOUSING ESTATES

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THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. DENYS ROBERTS, SPENT ABOUT TWO HOURS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON TOURING THREE OLD PUBLIC ESTATES TO SEE FOR HIMSELF CONDITIONS THERE.

MR. ROBERTS WAS ACCOMPANIED ON HIS VISIT BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. DONALD P.H. LIAO, AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MR. H.R. HUSBAND.

THE PARTY TOOK IN WONG TAI SIN, TUNG TAU AND TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATES.

AT WONG TAI SIN, THE PROBLEM OF HAWKERS AND THE OVERCROWDED CONDITION IN WHICH TENANTS LIVE WERE POINTED OUT TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY. MR. ROBERTS WAS TAKEN TO AN OLD BLOCK AND A CONVERTED BLOCK TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE IN IMPROVED LIVING ENVIRONMENT THE DEPARTMENT HAS BROUGHT ABOUT.

EN-ROUTE TO TSZ WAN SHAN, THE PARTY STOPPED OVER AT TUNG TAU ESTATE WHERE THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SAW WHAT LANDSCAPING AND EXTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS CAN DO TO IMPROVE THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT. HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE HAWKER RESITING OPERATION WHICH HAS MADE THIS PROJECT POSSIBLE.

THE COLONIAL SECRETARY WAS SHOWN THE VARIOUS TYPES OF PUBLIC HOUSING DESIGN AT TSZ WAN SHAN, RANGING FROM MARK III TO MARK VI AS WELL AS SOME OF THE IMPROVEMENT WORK BEING CARRIED OUT INCLUDING ADDITIONAL PUBLIC LIGHTING TO BRIGHTEN UP THE CORRIDORS AND THE OPEN SPACES AT NIGHT AND COMPLETE OVERHAUL OF THE PUBLIC LATRINES OF THE MARK III BLOCKS.

THIS ESTATE HAS A POPULATION OF OVER 140,000 PEOPLE AND IS THE BIGGEST THE HOUSING AUTHORITY HAS UNDER ITS MANAGEMENT. MR. ROBERTS WAS INFORMED THAT THE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO SUBDIVIDE IT INTO SEVERAL SMALLER ESTATES FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSE AND TO PROVIDE A BETTER SERVICE TO TENANTS.

MR. ROBERTS WAS TOLD THAT DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR THE AUTHORITY SPENT ABOUT \$54 MILLION ON THE IMPROVEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF ITS 54 ESTATES.

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42 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED IN MAY

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A TOTAL OF 42 NEW BUILDING PLANS WAS APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY LAST MONTH - SEVEN MORE THAN THOSE IN APRIL.

THE PLANS INCLUDED EIGHT APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS RANGING FROM SIX TO 26 STOREYS IN HEIGHT, A SCHOOL IN TAI HANG TUNG AND A TEMPLE IN TSUEN WAN.

OF THE 42 APPROVED PLANS, 14 ARE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG, 12 ARE FOR KOWLOON AND THE REMAINING 16 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING THE MONTH, APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR 49 NEW BUILDING PROJECTS TO BEGIN WORK.

THEY INCLUDE 27 APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS, SIX COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND TWO GODOWNS.

IN THE SAME PERIOD, THE BUILDING AUTHORITY ISSUED OCCUPATION PERMITS TO 43 NEWLY COMPLETED BUILDINGS. THE TOTAL DECLARED VALUE OF THESE BUILDINGS AMOUNTED TO \$129 MILLION.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN LAST MONTH FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 23 OLD BUILDINGS - 14 ON HONG KONG ISLAND, FIVE IN KOWLOON AND FOUR IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THESE INCLUDED SEVEN DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS WHICH HAD BEEN DECLARED DANGEROUS BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

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\$1.4 MILLION UNCLAIMED LOTTERY PRIZES

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ABOUT \$1.4 MILLION IS WAITING TO BE CLAIMED BY HOLDERS OF WINNING TICKETS FROM GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES DRAWN IN THE PAST TWO YEARS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SAID TODAY THAT THE PRIZE MONEY INCLUDES ONE FIRST PRIZE, ONE SECOND PRIZE AND SIX THIRD PRIZES FROM LOTTERIES HELD IN 1973 AND LAST YEAR.

THIS AMOUNT WILL BE FORFEITED TWO YEARS AFTER THE WINNING NUMBERS WERE PUBLISHED AND WILL BE CREDITED TO THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR SOCIAL WELFARE PURPOSES.

+ANYONE HOLDING UNCHECKED TICKETS OF THE LAST TWO YEARS SHOULD GO TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB OFFICE AT STAR FERRY CONCOURSE TO LOOK UP THE LISTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE UNCLAIMED MONEY AMOUNTED TO ABOUT TEN PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PRIZE MONEY. THE NET INCOME THAT WENT TO THE LOTTERIES FUND LAST YEAR WAS \$5.8 MILLION AND FOR 1973, \$3.8 MILLION.

THE FUND GOES TO MORE THAN 150 SOCIAL WELFARE AGENCIES IN THE FORM OF GRANT OR LOANS ON THE ADVICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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• COPIES OF FOREIGN COMPENSATION
ORDER AVAILABLE
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THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS AVAILABLE COPIES OF A RECENT BRITISH GOVERNMENT ORDER WHICH ENABLES UNITED KINGDOM NATIONALS TO REGISTER CERTAIN CLAIMS WITH THE FOREIGN COMPENSATION COMMISSION IN LONDON.

THE CLAIMS RELATE TO PROPERTY OWNED BY U.K. NATIONALS IN THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND BERLIN (EAST).

THEY ALSO RELATE TO BANK BALANCES OR OTHER DEBTS - EXCLUDING EXTERNAL BONDS - FROM PERSONS OR INSTITUTIONS RESIDENT IN THE GDR AND BERLIN (EAST) OWED TO U.K. NATIONALS.

A HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT PERSONS WISHING TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION SHOULD WRITE FOR APPLICATION FORMS TO THE SECRETARY, FOREIGN COMPENSATION COMMISSION, ALEXANDRA HOUSE, KINGSWAY, LONDON, WC2B 6TT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID ANYONE WISHING TO OBTAIN A COPY OF THE ORDER - THE FOREIGN COMPENSATION (GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC) (REGISTRATION) ORDER 1975 - SHOULD WRITE TO THE CLERK OF COUNCILS, COLONIAL SECRETARIAT, HONG KONG.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST REACH THE COMMISSION BY JANUARY 30, 1976.

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BRITISH CHIEF FIRE INSPECTOR TO VISIT H.K.
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MR. K.L. HOLLAND, CHIEF INSPECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, ARRIVES IN HONG KONG ON SUNDAY ON A THREE-DAY VISIT TO HONG KONG.

MR. HOLLAND IS ON HIS WAY BACK FROM AUSTRALIA WHERE HE ATTENDED THE OPENING OF THE NEW TRAINING COLLEGE OF THE METROPOLITAN FIRE BRIGADE IN MELBOURNE.

HE WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL AT KAI TAK BY MR. B.G. FENDER, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER IN KOWLOON.

ON MONDAY, MR. HOLLAND WILL MEET THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. HARRY WOOD, AT THE FIRE SERVICES HEADQUARTERS. HE WILL SPEND THE REST OF HIS TIME HERE VISITING FIRE SERVICES ESTABLISHMENTS INCLUDING THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION, FIRE BOATS, THE TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU. HE WILL LEAVE ON TUESDAY (JUNE 17) EVENING.

MR. HOLLAND IS AT PRESENT ATTACHED TO THE HOME OFFICE IN LONDON.

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