



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PRESENTATION OF INSIGNIA

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SIXTY-THREE LOCAL RESIDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN DECORATED BY THE QUEEN WILL RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT A CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MONDAY (APRIL 3).

THE INSIGNIA TO BE PRESENTED INCLUDE TWO CMG'S, SEVEN OBE'S, TWO ISO'S, FOUR ISM'S AND NINE MBE'S.

SPECIAL PARKING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR GUESTS ATTENDING THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY.

ALL CARS CARRYING GUESTS MAY ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE. AFTER GUESTS HAVE ALIGHTED, VEHICLES BEARING G.H. LABELS MAY PARK IN THE FORECOURT OR TENNIS COURTS AS DIRECTED, OR, IF CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN, RETURN AT 6.50 P.M.

VEHICLES BEARING BLUE LABELS MUST EXIT BY THE EAST GATE AND THEN PARK AT UPPER ALBERT ROAD, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, THE SLIP ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE BUILDING, THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD AND THE CAR PARK AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

ALL VEHICLES PARKED INSIDE GOVERNMENT HOUSE SHOULD LEAVE BY THE EAST GATE. OTHER GUESTS ARE REQUESTED TO WALK TO THEIR CARS AFTER THE CEREMONY.

PARKING FACILITIES IN METERED SPACES IN UPPER AND LOWER ALBERT ROADS AND THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 3 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M. ON THAT DAY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS, PRESS ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 6 P.M. ON MONDAY (APRIL 3).

ONLY PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS WITH SPECIAL PASSES WILL BE ADMITTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THEY SHOULD MEET G.I.S. OFFICERS IN THE GUARD ROOM OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOT LATER THAN 5.30 P.M.

NEWSPAPERS NOT RECEIVING PASSES WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PRINTS IN THE ORDINARY WAY WITH MAINLAND PHOTO STUDIO, 44 CARNARVON ROAD, KOWLOON, TELEPHONE NO. 3-670959 AND 3-671755.

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AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE
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A BILL PROPOSING TO GIVE COURTS THE OPTION OF SENDING PERSONS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 17 YEARS, WHO ARE CONVICTED OF UNLAWFULLY POSSESSING AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON IN A PUBLIC PLACE, TO A TRAINING CENTRE OR TO A DETENTION CENTRE HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

UNDER EXISTING LAW, SUCH OFFENDERS CAN ONLY BE SENT TO A TRAINING CENTRE IF THEY ARE SUITABLE FOR DETENTION IN A DETENTION CENTRE AND NO PLACE IS AVAILABLE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE PUBLIC ORDER (AMENDMENT) BILL WOULD REMOVE THIS RESTRICTION.

HE SAID DETENTION CENTRES PROVIDED A SHORT, SHARP PERIOD OF TREATMENT FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 25, WHEREAS TRAINING CENTRES PROVIDED FOR LONGER TERM TRAINING AND REFORMATION OF YOUNG OFFENDERS AGED BETWEEN 14 AND 21.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID LAST YEAR A SUPREME COURT JUDGE HAD CALLED ATTENTION TO A CASE IN WHICH DETENTION IN EITHER A TRAINING CENTRE OR A DETENTION CENTRE APPEARED APPROPRIATE BUT AS THE 16-YEAR-OLD OFFENDER WAS MEDICALLY UNFIT FOR A DETENTION CENTRE HE WAS CONSEQUENTLY ALSO PRECLUDED FROM BEING SENT TO A TRAINING CENTRE. THE JUDGE HAD SUGGESTED AT THE TIME THAT THE LAW BE AMENDED.

THE BILL WILL ALSO ENABLE A PERSON CONVICTED OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON IN A PUBLIC PLACE TO BE SENT FOR MENTAL TREATMENT. AT PRESENT, MENTAL TREATMENT CANNOT BE ORDERED, HOWEVER DESIRABLE IT MAY BE IN PARTICULAR CASES.

A FURTHER AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC ORDER ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR CASES OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF AN OFFENSIVE WEAPON IN A PUBLIC PLACE TO BE TRIED IN THE DISTRICT AND HIGH COURTS, AS WELL AS IN A MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID SUCH CASES COULD ONLY BE TRIED IN THE DISTRICT COURT AT PRESENT WITH LEAVE OF A MAGISTRATE AND COULD NOT BE TRIED AT ALL IN THE HIGH COURT.

+AS SERIOUS CASES OF THIS OFFENCE DO ARISE, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE PROSECUTION SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST OFFENDERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT AS OF RIGHT,+ HE SAID.

+ALSO, IT IS SOMETIMES APPROPRIATE THAT SUCH AN OFFENCE SHOULD BE TRIED ALONG WITH OTHER RELATED OFFENCES IN THE HIGH COURT,+ HE ADDED.

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LAND RESUMPTION AT SHA TIN

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THE GOVERNMENT WILL SOON DEVELOP THE REMAINDER OF A LARGE AREA IN SHA TIN NEAR THE NEW TOWN CENTRE FOR GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTIONAL AND COMMUNITY USES.

WORK ON SITE FORMATION, ROADS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEM IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY 1980.

PART OF THE AREA HAS ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A GOVERNMENT CLINIC, A CHURCH, A COMMUNITY CENTRE, A TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND TEMPORARY SPORTS AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

TO FACILITATE THE WORK, THE GOVERNMENT WILL RESUME ABOUT 13,120 SQUARE METRES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND NEAR TAI WAI.

AS THE LAND TO BE RESUMED LIES WITHIN THE NEW TOWN BOUNDARIES, OWNERS OF THESE AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVE OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS AND CASH COMPENSATION.

THREE MONTH'S NOTICE OF THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE YESTERDAY (FRIDAY).

THE LAND RESUMPTION WILL INVOLVE THE CLEARANCE OF 30 TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES - TEN ARE ON CROWN LAND AND 20 ON PRIVATE LAND.

TWENTY-NINE FAMILIES OCCUPYING THESE STRUCTURES WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING IN SHA TIN, PROVIDED THEY ARE FOUND TO BE ELIGIBLE. FAMILIES NOT ELIGIBLE WILL BE OFFERED SPACE IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA IN SHA TIN. EX-GRATIA DOMESTIC REMOVAL ALLOWANCE OF UP TO \$1,000 PER FAMILY MAY BE PAYABLE TO THESE FAMILIES.

IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 114 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED. THESE INCLUDE WORKSHOPS, PIGSTIES, CHICKEN AND PIGEON SHEDS.

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KCR ADOPTS TRACK WELDING
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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY IS PRESSING AHEAD WITH ITS FIVE-YEAR IMPROVEMENT PLANS TO REPLACE EXISTING JOINTED TRACK BY WELDED TRACK.

THE FAMILIAR +CLICKÉTY-CLACK+ OF TRAINS RUNNING OVER TRACK JOINTS WILL BE THUS ELIMINATED AND PROVIDE PASSENGERS WITH A SMOOTHER AND QUIETER RIDE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR K.C.R. SAID TODAY THIS IS ONLY PART OF A GENERAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE TRACK WHICH IS BEING UPGRADED TO ACCOMMODATE THE BETTER, FASTER AND MORE FREQUENT TRAIN SERVICE THE K.C.R. PLANS TO PROVIDE IN THE FUTURE.

HE ADDED THAT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE TRACK WELDING SCHEME WILL ALSO REDUCE THE WEAR ON ROLLING STOCK AND THE COSTS OF TRACK MAINTENANCE. ANOTHER ADVANTAGE IS THAT IT WILL INCREASE THE SAFETY AS MOST RAIL FAILURES OCCUR NEAR TO THE JOINTS.

TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION IN HOT WEATHER, PREVIOUSLY ACCOMMODATED BY THE GAPS BETWEEN THE RAILS, THE NEW RAILS ARE STRETCHED SO THAT THEY ARE AT A LENGTH EQUIVALENT TO THE AVERAGE HIGH TEMPERATURE EXPERIENCED.

THE SYSTEM OF WELDING BEING ADOPTED IS THE THERMIT WELDING METHOD WHICH HAS BEEN IN USE FOR MANY YEARS ON TRAMWAYS AND HAS MORE RECENTLY BEEN APPLIED TO RAILWAYS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

WELDING OF K.C.R. TRACK INITIALLY ON SHORT LENGTHS AND SIDINGS STARTED A YEAR AGO. NOW IT IS BEING EXTENDED TO ALL NEW WORKS.

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AN ADVICE FROM RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT
OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE
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SUPERINTENDENT OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, MR. GRAHAM CROOKDAKE, TODAY CAUTIONED A GROUP OF 40 NEW CUSTOMS OFFICERS TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST ONE OF THE MAIN DANGERS THEY MIGHT COME ACROSS IN THE COURSE OF THEIR DUTIES -- BRIBERY.

+YOUR CAREER AND YOUR FAMILIES' RESPECT FOR YOU WILL ABRUPTLY END SHOULD YOU ACCEPT SUCH OFFERS,+ MR. CROOKDAKE SAID AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG.

MR. CROOKDAKE WILL BE RETIRING SOON AFTER 30 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

ADDRESSING THE GROUP, HE SAID: +ONE OF THE MAIN DANGERS YOU WILL NO DOUBT COME ACROSS AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER WILL BE THE OFFERING OF BRIBES BY UNSCRUPULOUS PERSONS IN AN ENDEAVOUR TO DIVERT YOU FROM YOUR DUTIES.

+I SINCERELY HOPE THAT NONE OF YOU WILL EVER COMPROMISE THE TRUST THAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN YOU AS CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

+ALWAYS REMEMBER THE CAREER YOU HAVE CHOSEN DEMANDS HARD WORK, COURAGE, PRESENCE OF MIND, PERSEVERANCE, A COOL TEMPER AND, ABOVE ALL, HONESTY WHEN DEALING WITH MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

+THE REPUTATION OF THE SERVICE IS HELD IN HIGH REGARD AND IS RESPECTED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND YOU MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU ARE A PUBLIC SERVANT,+ HE SAID.

MR. CROOKDAKE POINTED OUT THAT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE IS CHARGED WITH MANY IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES -- PRINCIPALLY THE COLLECTION AND PROTECTION OF REVENUE FROM DUTIABLE COMMODITIES AND THE PREVENTION OF THE ILLEGAL IMPORT OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND OTHER CONTROLLED ITEMS.

HE SAID ~~REVENUE FROM THESE SOURCES FINANCES~~ ABOUT ONE-TENTH OF THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNUAL EXPENDITURE, WHICH IS QUITE A SUBSTANTIAL FIGURE.

THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY HERE BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, + AS DRUG ABUSE IS A SOCIAL EVIL THAT ALL SELF-RESPECTING CITIZENS WOULD WISH TO SEE ERADICATED+.

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GRAVE-SWEEPERS URGED TO KEEP COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN

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THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) APPEALED TO GRAVE-SWEEPERS AND PICNICKERS VISITING THE NEW TERRITORIES DURING CHING MING PERIOD TO KEEP THE COUNTRYSIDE CLEAN.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE AS THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE PREPARE TO FLOCK TO THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING THIS PERIOD.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT MANY PICNICKERS AND VISITORS TO GRAVEYARDS STILL THROW LITTER OR LEAVE LEFTOVER FOOD ON THE GROUND, CAUSING IMMENSE LITTER PROBLEM.

+IF EVERYONE COULD BE MORE CONSIDERATE AND DO HIS BIT BY DISPOSING UNWANTED ITEMS INTO LITTER BINS OR CONTAINERS, WE WOULD HAVE A BETTER ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF VISITORS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE, THE USD WILL PLACE MORE BINS AND CONTAINERS AT ALL THE MAJOR CEMETERIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF SAFETY PRACTICE

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A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CODE OF SAFETY PRACTICE WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (APRIL 3) AT 3 P.M. IN G.I.S. THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

ATTENDING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DANGEROUS GOODS STANDING COMMITTEE, MR. W.D. LEIGHTON= CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE FIRE SERVICES' FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU, MR. B.G. FENDER= EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, MR. C.S.O. CHAN AND MR. T.W. WONG= AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CODE OF SAFETY PRACTICE FOR THE PLASTIC INDUSTRIES, MR. DENNIS TING.

MR. LEIGHTON WILL EXPLAIN AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE THE INTEREST TAKEN IN THE SUBJECT BY THE DANGEROUS GOODS STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER MATTERS THAT MAY ARISE FROM IT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TWO NEW BUS ROUTES FOR SAI KUNG
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TWO NEW BUS ROUTES FOR SAI KUNG WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY (APRIL 3).

THE TWO ROUTES ARE NO. 94 FROM SAI KUNG TO WONG SHEK PIER, AND NO. 99 FROM SAI KUNG TO NAI CHUNG.

THESE NEW ROUTES WILL BRING A HIGHER STANDARD OF BUS SERVICE TO THE RURAL AREAS IN THIS PART OF SAI KUNG PENINSULA.

THEY WILL OPERATE ON A BASIC HOURLY FREQUENCY, AND WILL REPLACE EXISTING BUS ROUTE NO. 93 WHICH OPERATES BETWEEN SAI KUNG AND TAI MONG TSAI. THIS ROUTE WILL BE DISCONTINUED WITH EFFECT FROM MONDAY, APRIL 3.

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TAI KOK TSUI AND TO KWA WAN TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED SEVERAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TAI KOK TSUI AND TO KWA WAN WHICH WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM TUESDAY (APRIL 4).

FROM 10 A.M. ON THAT DAY, THE SECTION OF MAPLE STREET BETWEEN SYCAMORE STREET AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS ON LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

IN TO KWA WAN, THE RIGHT TURN MOVEMENT FROM LOK SHAN ROAD INTO TO KWA WAN ROAD WILL BE BANNED FROM 10 A.M. TO ALLOW THE PROVISION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ACROSS TO KWA WAN ROAD ON THE NORTHEAST SIDE OF LOK SHAN ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO ASSIST MOTORISTS.

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