



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## PRINCESS ALEXANDRA LEAVES

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Princess Alexandra and her husband, the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, left this afternoon at the end of a six-day official visit to Hong Kong.

Shortly after their departure, the Princess sent a message to the people of Hong Kong through the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose.

The message read: "Our stay in Hong Kong has been a particularly happy one for us both, and we leave today with regret, but with so many happy memories.

"It has been a great pleasure for me to become acquainted with the members of the Police Forces of Hong Kong, with which I am so proud to be connected, and in addition we have renewed old acquaintances and made so many new friends. We both of us wish Hong Kong and all her citizens good fortune in the years ahead."

In reply, Sir Murray said: "All of us in Hong Kong are most grateful for your kind message. There is a saying, 'Happiness is a visit from a friend afar'. Thank you for visiting us and for your interest in all of us and our affairs, and for adding this touch of friendly happiness to the lives of so many here.

"Please come again."

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THE PRINCESS GOES SHOPPING

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Princess Alexandra this morning captured the hearts of more Hong Kong people when she mingled with the crowds during an early morning shopping expedition in one of the most densely populated areas on Hong Kong Island.

The Princess, in a carefree mood, strolled along Lyndhurst Street, Gage Street, Graham Street and Wellington Street - an area well known for its fresh fruit and vegetable stalls.

Accompanied by the Governor and Lady MacLehose and Mr. David T.K. Wong, the Hong Kong City District Commissioner, Princess Alexandra again demonstrated the charm which typified her six-day visit to Hong Kong. She stopped to chat with people in the streets and spent some time "shopping around" at the hawker stalls.

At Mr. Ng Ying's stall, she bought a catty of white cabbage and later at the stall of Madam Lee Moon-king, the Princess bought four Chinese apples.

After the visit Mr. Ng said he could not express how happy he was to have a member of the Royal family shopping at his stall.

Madam Lee was equally excited about the visit and added "I'll never forget this".

During the shopping expedition, Princess Alexandra was also attracted by bean curd on sale at another hawker stall and live chickens in a cage outside a meat shop.

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Earlier, the Princess paid a brief visit to an embroidery shop in Lyndhurst Street, and bought a 100-year-old Ching Dynasty porcelain vase and a stone seal from a curio shop.

The whole shopping expedition, lasted for over half an hour, and the large crowds which gathered around the Royal visitor were obviously delighted with her friendly and informal approach to the people she met.

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KOWLOON FOOTHILLS CORRIDOR - ANOTHER THREE PROJECTS

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More than \$28 million will be spent on road works to improve the traffic flow at three points in Kowloon.

The works form part of the \$140-million Kowloon Foothills Road Corridor scheme which will, by 1975, provide a through road linking Kwun Tong and Kwai Chung via Lung Cheung Road.

The first of these road improvement works involves the widening and realignment of a section of Kwun Tong Road between the main entrance of R.A.F. Kai Tak and Choi Wan Road.

In addition to a footbridge across Kwun Tong Road, the proposed scheme includes an elevated roadway linking Kwun Tong Road and the future Wai Yip Street Extension.

The second project covers the building of an overpass, an underpass, two pedestrian footbridges and slip roads at the junction of Nam Cheong Street and Lung Cheung Road.

The existing roads will also be realigned and their widths altered.

The third project includes the construction of a two-lane single carriageway overpass and a pedestrian footbridge on Shatin Pass Road over Lung Cheung Road.

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Construction work on the three projects is expected to start during the first half of next year, taking about 18 months to two years to complete.

Any person objecting to the above undertakings should send his objection in writing to the Director of Public Works not later than November 20.

Claims for compensation must be submitted before December 20.

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ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHOP TENANTS IN THE SHEK KIP MEI REHOUSING SCHEME

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Shop tenants of Blocks 23 to 28 Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Estate whose premises are affected by the first phase of the Shek Kip Mei Rehousing Scheme have been offered alternative trading space at Pak Tin Estate on a foot-for-foot basis.

Details of the offer were given to them by staff of the Resettlement Department and the Housing Authority at a briefing held at the Rehousing Operation Office at Pak Tin today.

A total of 48 shop tenants are affected in the current phase of the rehousing scheme.

They may apply for shopstalls, equivalent in size to their existing shops, at the commercial complex of Pak Tin estate. They may also join or pool their eligibility with other shop tenants for the much larger shop spaces at the estate.

No premium will be charged and the monthly rentals range from \$60 for two small units to \$300 for a large stall of 256 sq.ft in the commercial complex. In the estate the rents are from \$550 a month for a shop of 497 sq. ft. to \$850 a month for a shop of 666 sq. ft.

All tenants involved are free to apply for any of the shops or shopstalls earmarked for the present phase between now and the end of next month.

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An open ballot will be held if there is more than one application for a particular shop or shopstall.

Commenting on the foot-for-foot offer, a spokesman for the Resettlement Department said that this was being made so that the shopkeepers would be no worse off as a result of moving to Pak Tin.

Owing to the very large number of small shops in Shek Kip Mei, it is not possible to offer a large shop at Pak Tin to every shop tenant.

"In order not to cause any hardship, tenants are given ample time to think about their own arrangement before they are required to hand in their application and they will have several months to make preparations for their removal in early 1973," the spokesman said.

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WORLD REHABILITATION FUND DAY CENTRE OPEN DAY

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Mrs. John Marden, wife of the chairman of the Wheelock Marden group of companies, will officiate at a ceremony marking the fourth anniversary and second "open day" of the World Rehabilitation Fund Day Centre tomorrow (Friday).

The Centre is one of the Social Welfare Department's most up-to-date institutions designed to provide vocational assessment, training and sheltered work for the physically and mentally disabled.

It was built and equipped as the result of a donation from the World Rehabilitation Fund Incorporated of the United States. It opened in 1968.

It has a total capacity of 360 places, divided into 160 in pre-vocational training and 100 each in vocational training and sheltered work.

The Department's Liaison and Placement Unit is located within the building and its staff has the responsibility for finding jobs for competent disabled after their training.

Trades taught include woodwork, metal work, tailoring and sewing, printing, mechanics, radio and TV repairs, machine-knitting, industrial machine-sewing, and general handicrafts. In the sheltered workshops, there are tasks both for the skilled and the unskilled.

"The aim of this Centre," says Mr. Ko Ki-chung, Superintendent, "is to make available the opportunity for a type of training best suited to the potential of a particular disabled person so that he is not only adjusted to his handicap but also helped along the road to gainful employment and independence."

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In the past four years, a total of 763 disabled were admitted into the Centre for training or sheltered work, and 221 were placed in "open" employment.

At tomorrow's ceremony, Mrs. Marden will present certificates of merit to 12 manufacturers as a recognition of their community spirit in engaging the largest number of disabled for their factories.

Many industrialists, commercial firms and government departments have also taken on the disabled for a variety of tasks.

"It is hoped," says Mr. Ko, "that these awards will stimulate other employers to do the same."

After the ceremony, the Centre will be opened to the public, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and then again from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the opening ceremony covered. This is to start at 10.30 a.m. The Centre is located at 487 Kwun Tong Road, junction of Tsui Ping Road, Kwun Tong.

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HEALTH REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

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The health report for September released today by the Medical and Health Department showed a decline in the incidence of most infectious diseases compared with August.

Only in the incidence of bacillary dysentery was there a slight advance, 43 against 36 in August, but while in the latter month one death was recorded, in September no case of bacillary dysentery was fatal.

There were three "imported" cases of malaria, and two cases of poliomyelitis were notified.

The incidence of diphtheria was extremely low, with only one case reported. There were no notifications of meningitis.

There was a reduction in the incidence of tuberculosis, from 690 in August to 673 last month.

Hong Kong remained free from cholera in September.

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STAFF QUARTERS AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

FOR SHEK WU HUI SEWAGE SCHEME

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The Government will build an administration building and staff quarters for the Shek Wu Hui pilot sewage treatment plant in the New Territories.

The scheme comprises a three-storey building with a workshop, offices and a laboratory on the ground floor, and junior staff quarters on the upper floors.

Construction will begin next month and the project is expected to be completed in the middle of next year.

It will cost about \$350,000.

The pilot sewage treatment plant, expected to be completed in 1974, is designed to serve a population of 12,500 and can be modified to cope with a future population of 25,000.

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OATH ADMINISTRATION SERVICE AT IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT

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More and more people are now making use of the oath administration service offered by the enquiries section of the Immigration Department headquarters.

Since its introduction in May last year, the average number of oaths administered has risen steadily from some 60 a month to well over 400.

This work is undertaken by the head of the enquiry section, an immigration officer who has been conferred with the authority of a Commissioner of Oaths.

The service makes it unnecessary for people who require a simple statutory declaration to go elsewhere for it, thus saving them a lot of time.

Although it is primarily meant for people who require legal proof of particular items of information for their travel documents, statutory declarations are also issued for other related purposes.

"These are the people who find the location of our office near to their homes or place of work or who find it otherwise more convenient than the courts and city district offices," he explained.

"Of course, priority will be given to those who urgently require statutory declaration to prove the veracity of registered particulars about births, deaths, marriages and jobs."

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OPENING OF LAM TSUEN YOUTH CENTRE

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Young people in the Tai Po area will have more recreational facilities with the opening of the Lion's Lam Tsuen Youth Centre on Saturday (October 28).

Officiating jointly at the ceremony will be Mr. H.G. Grewal, District Officer, Tai Po and Mr. Harold T. Wu, Deputy District Governor, District 303, Lions International.

The 3,000-square-foot single-storey centre is located near the Lam Tsuen Public School. It comprises a stage and auditorium, which can be used for gymnastics and indoor games, and a well-stocked reading room.

The total cost of the centre is \$120,000. This was met by a substantial donation from the Lions International, District 303, and various contributions from the villagers of Lam Tsuen, the Taipo District Office and the Sir David Trench Recreation Fund.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the opening ceremony covered.

The ceremony will take place at 11.30 a.m.

Van AM 2132 will take the Press to and from Kowloon. It will leave the Tsim Sha Tsui sub-pool at 9.50 a.m. sharp.

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Release Time: 7.30 p.m.