



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SNT PAYS TRIBUTE TO HEUNG YEE KUK

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY (SATURDAY) PAID TRIBUTE TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK FOR THE VARIETY OF WORK THEY HAD DONE FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING TO OVER 100 RURAL LEADERS AT THE NEW YEAR TEA PARTY OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, HE RECALLED THE PAST YEAR AS +A YEAR OF USEFUL CO-OPERATION AND THE RESOLUTION OF MANY LONG STANDING PROBLEMS+.

HE NOTED THAT IT WAS ALSO A YEAR OF CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORT IN PROMOTING CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND OF SUPPORT FOR MANY CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES.

+I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE IN SO MANY WAYS,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+I AM SURE WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER THIS YEAR, TO BRING ABOUT THE GREATER HAPPINESS, WELFARE AND PROSPERITY OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ HE ADDED.

LATER IN THE EVENING, MR. AKERS-JONES HOSTED A +YAN YAT+ PARTY AT THE OCEANIA RESTAURANT IN KOWLOON FOR ABOUT 1,800 PEOPLE.

HEADING THE GUEST LIST WERE MEMBERS OF UMELCO, MEMBERS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK INCLUDING ALL RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVES, MEMBERS OF THE SEVEN NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN, HEADS OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO WORK CLOSELY WITH NEW TERRITORIES AFFAIRS.

THE PARTY, WHICH IS AN ANNUAL EVENT, BECOMES A FEATURE OF NEW TERRITORIES COMMUNITY LIFE AND MARKS AN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY COMMUNITY LEADERS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

BEFORE THE DINNER, THE GUESTS WERE ENTERTAINED TO A HALF-HOUR PROGRAMME OF CHINESE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE AND CLASSICAL CHINESE DANCING.

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PROGRESS ON BEACON HILL TUNNEL

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WORK ON THE \$78 MILLION BEACON HILL RAILWAY TUNNEL IS ONE-THIRD COMPLETE.

SINCE WORK BEGAN ABOUT A YEAR AGO, SOME 350 METRES OF TUNNELLING HAS BEEN COMPLETED AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE TUNNEL. OF THIS, ABOUT 100 METRES HAS BEEN LINED WITH CONCRETE OF 550 MM THICK.

ON THE NORTHERN END, 230 METRES OF PILOT TUNNEL HAS BEEN DRILLED.

MR. LEUNG MIN-SUN, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE RAILWAY DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE PROJECT, WHICH WILL TAKE TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE, WAS ON SCHEDULE.

ON COMPLETION IN MID-1980, HE SAID, THE 2.3 KM DOUBLE TRACK TUNNEL WOULD REPLACE THE EXISTING SINGLE TRACK TUNNEL, WHICH HAS BEEN IN USE SINCE 1910.

THE NEW TUNNEL WILL BE ABOUT SEVEN METRES HIGH AND JUST OVER 10 METRES WIDE, ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS THE TWO LION ROCK TUNNELS. ITS HEIGHT WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW FOR THE ELECTRIFICATION OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

MEANWHILE FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF DOUBLE TRACKING WORK BETWEEN HUNG HOM AND SHA TIN, WORK ON THE SECTION BETWEEN SHA TIN AND A POINT NEAR THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY IS MAKING HEADWAY.

SO FAR, ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE WORK, WHICH INCLUDES THE LAYING OF A SINGLE TRACK OF THREE AND A QUARTER KILOMETRES, THE RECONSTRUCTION OF AN EXISTING K.C.R. BRIDGE OVER THE FO TAN NULLAH AND THE WIDENING OF TWO EXISTING BRIDGES WITHIN THE FO TAN AREA, FORMS THE FIRST PHASE OF TRACK WIDENING BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO MARKET.

MR. LEUNG SAID THAT ON COMPLETION OF THE TRACK WIDENING WORK BETWEEN SHA TIN AND TAI PO MARKET, PASSENGER AND FREIGHT TRAIN SERVICES WOULD BE GREATLY IMPROVED.

IN SHA TIN, WORK IS ALSO RACING AHEAD TO TRANSFORM THE EXISTING LOW-BLOCK RAILWAY STATION INTO A MODERN HIGH-RISE COMPLEX.

IN KOWLOON, WORK ON PHASE TWO OF THE REMODELLING OF MONG KOK RAILWAY STATION IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE, RAILWAY JOURNEYS INTO THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE INTERSPERSED WITH MODERN STATIONS LINKED WITH EXCELLENT PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE OFFICERS PRAISED
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AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, MR. OSWALD CHEUNG TODAY (SATURDAY) CONGRATULATED THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE FOR ITS SIGNAL SUCCESS IN PREVENTING AND SUPPRESSING THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN DANGEROUS DRUGS.

+IN THIS FIELD THE SERVICE HAS GAINED A HIGH REPUTATION BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHEUNG MADE THIS STATEMENT AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE HELD IN THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL THIS MORNING.

ON PARADE WERE 27 INSPECTORS AND 36 CUSTOMS OFFICERS WHO HAD COMPLETED A SIX-MONTH AND A 10-WEEK INDUCTION TRAINING COURSE RESPECTIVELY.

+THE SERVICE HAS ALSO ACHIEVED MARKED SUCCESS IN OTHER FIELDS, NOTABLY IN THE SUPPRESSION OF COPYRIGHT OFFENCES, WHICH LED TO THE SERVICE BEING PRESENTED IN MAY 1978 WITH TWO 'GOLDEN DISCES' BY THE RECORDING INDUSTRY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR WORK,+ MR. CHEUNG SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DUTIES OF THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE DEMANDED PATIENCE, HARD WORK AND DEDICATION AS WELL AS PERSISTENCE AND IMAGINATION.

+THEY WILL, AT TIMES, BE HAZARDOUS AND PHYSICALLY EXHAUSTING. THEY WILL BRING YOU INTO DAILY CONTACT WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, SOME OF WHOM WILL AT TIMES TRY TO PERSUADE YOU FROM THE STRICT PATH OF DUTY,+ MR. CHEUNG SAID.

+DON'T LET THEM. YOU HAVE BEEN REMINDED IN YOUR TRAINING HERE TO CARRY OUT YOUR DUTIES WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR. STICK TO THAT. REMEMBER THAT THE GOOD NAME OF THE SERVICE IS AT ALL TIMES IN THE HANDS OF EVERY MEMBER OF IT.+

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PUPILS' CREATIVE WORK TO BE ON DISPLAY
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A LARGE ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED AT AN EXHIBITION OF PUPILS' CREATIVE WORK TO BE HELD FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 5 - 9).

THE EXHIBITION IS AN ANNUAL EVENT ORGANISED BY THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN POPULAR WITH TEACHERS, PUPILS AND PARENTS.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE SELECTED ART WORK BY FORM FIVE AND MIDDLE FIVE PUPILS, INCLUDING PAINTINGS, DRAWINGS, DESIGNS, PATTERN MAKING, EMBROIDERY AND POTTERY.

THIS PART OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO TEACHERS AND PUPILS PREPARING FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN MAY.

CREATIVE WORKS BY PRIMARY PUPILS WILL ALSO BE EXHIBITED, INCLUDING PAINTINGS, NEEDLEWORK AND OTHER CRAFTS.

MORE THAN 1,000 ENTRIES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE AND STAFF OF THE CENTRE HAVE SELECTED THE BEST WORKS FOR THE EXHIBITION.

THE EVENT IS ALSO AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TEACHERS AND PUPILS TO MEET AND EXCHANGE THEIR VIEWS AND EXPERIENCES IN CREATIVE WORK.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN DAILY BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. IN THE CULTURAL CRAFT CENTRE AT 4 PAK FUK ROAD, 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS, NORTH POINT, HONG KONG.

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VICTORIA PEAK WALKATHON AND NEW YEAR CARNIVAL
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OVER 1,000 RESIDENTS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WILL TAKE PART IN A VICTORIA PEAK WALKATHON TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THE WALK STARTS AT 10 A.M. AT THE PLAYGROUND OF CHIU SHEUNG SCHOOL IN POKFULAM ROAD, VIA THE ACCESS ROAD BESIDE THE ELLIOT PUMPING STATION, HATTON ROAD, HARLOCK ROAD AND ENDS AT THE VICTORIA GAP CHILDREN PLAYGROUND IN THE PEAK.

MEANWHILE, A NEW YEAR CARNIVAL FOR 5,000 CHILDREN FEATURING A LION DANCE, SINGING AND DANCING BY FAMOUS PERFORMERS AND GAME-STALLS, WILL BEGIN AT 1 P.M. ON THE SAME DAY AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK IN EASTERN STREET.

MR. RICKY FUNG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE START OF THE WALK AS WELL AS THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CARNIVAL.

BOTH EVENTS WERE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (CENTRAL AND WESTERN), CIVIC ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VICTORIA PEAK WALKATHON TO BE HELD AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT CHIU SHEUNG SCHOOL AT 79B, POKFULAM ROAD AND A CARNIVAL AT 1 P.M. AT THE KING GEORGE V MEMORIAL PARK, EASTERN STREET, HONG KONG.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
MONDAY (FEBRUARY 5)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 6)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 7)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.
THURSDAY (FEBRUARY 8)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 9)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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