



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNOR LAYS FOUNDATION STONE OF MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE
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A FURTHER FOUR SCHOOL DENTAL CLINICS, TWO IN KOWLOON AND TWO IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AS HONG KONG'S DENTAL CONSERVATION SERVICE GETS INTO ITS STRIDE, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE IN MORRISON HILL, HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THIS PROGRAMME COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT THE NECESSARY NUMBER OF TRAINED DENTAL NURSES AND HYGENISTS.

SIR MURRAY SAID THAT THE NINE-STOREY DENTAL CENTRE WOULD BE READY IN 12 MONTHS' TIME.

IT WAS IN THIS CENTRE, HE ADDED, THAT DENTAL NURSES AND DENTAL HYGENISTS WOULD BE TRAINED SO THAT THEY MIGHT STAFF THE DENTAL CONSERVATION SERVICE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

SIR MURRAY SAID THE FIRST INTAKE OF DENTAL NURSES AND DENTAL HYGENISTS WOULD BE NEXT YEAR AND THE SCHEME WOULD START IN 1980.

THE GOVERNOR WAS CONVINCED THAT THE SERVICE WOULD BE OF THE GREATEST BENEFIT TO THE DENTAL HEALTH OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

+TAKEN TOGETHER WITH THE NEW SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NOW BEING PLANNED IN THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, IT HAS WIDE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF DENTAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG,+ HE STRESSED.

IN CONCLUSION, SIR MURRAY SAID THAT TIME AND AGAIN, THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN HONG KONG HAD BENEFITED FROM DONATIONS FROM SIR SHIU-KIN TANG.

A NUMBER OF MEDICAL PROJECTS IN THE VICINITY, SUCH AS TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL AND THE TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC, WERE BUILT WITH HIS CONTRIBUTIONS, THE GOVERNOR SAID.

+ON THIS OCCASION, HE HAS AGAIN DONATED GENEROUSLY TOWARDS THE COST OF BUILDING NOT ONLY THIS CENTRE BUT ALSO THE DENTAL NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DENTAL CLINIC WITHIN IT,+ HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE SAME CEREMONY, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, SAID THE USE OF DENTAL NURSES TO PROVIDE ROUTINE PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE AMONG THE SCHOOL POPULATION HAD PROVED TO BE MOST SUCCESSFUL IN MANY COUNTRIES AND +THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HONG KONG WE WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF SUCH A SCHEME.+

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HE THANKED SIR SHIU-KIN FOR HIS DONATION WHICH, TOGETHER WITH THE ACCRUED INTEREST, AMOUNTS TO MORE THAN \$1.75 MILLION.

DR. THONG POINTED OUT: +DENTAL CARE SERVICES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN PARTICULARLY AT AN EARLY AGE IS RECOGNISED TO BE A MOST APPROPRIATE WAY OF INTRODUCING DENTAL SERVICE TO A COMMUNITY WHERE IT WILL DO MOST GOOD AND AT REASONABLE COST.+

+HERE IS AN AREA WHERE YOUNG RECEPTIVE MINDS WILL BE ABLE TO ABSORB DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND BE INCULCATED WITH GOOD DENTAL HABITS EARLY IN LIFE,+ HE SAID. +ALSO REGULAR DENTAL EXAMINATION AND SIMPLE CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT INCLUDING ORTHODONTIC CAN BE EASILY CARRIED OUT BY PROPERLY TRAINED NURSES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF DENTAL OFFICERS.+

DR. THONG SAID THAT INITIALLY THE SCHEME WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN A GIVEN YEAR AND THEREAFTER IT WOULD BE PROGRESSIVELY EXTENDED TO INCLUDE CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS.

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COURSE FOR 270 LABORATORY TECHNICIANS

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TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY LABORATORY TECHNICIANS WILL ATTEND A TWO-DAY COURSE TO BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AND ON JANUARY 31 AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

THE COURSE, ORGANISED BY THE SCIENCE SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AIMS TO HELP LABORATORY TECHNICIANS TO DEAL WITH PREPARATION WORK FOR SCIENCE TEACHING ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SCIENCE (FORM I TO III).

MRS. LOUISE MOK, PRINCIPAL CURRICULUM PLANNING OFFICER (SECONDARY), WILL MAKE AN OPENING ADDRESS.

THE PROGRAMME OF STUDY WILL INCLUDE LABORATORY MANAGEMENT AND LABORATORY SAFETY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE COURSE WILL START AT 9.30 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY) IN THE HALL OF THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SASSOON ROAD, HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED.

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TWO MANPOWER SURVEY REPORTS NOW ON SALE

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THE REPORTS OF TWO RECENT MANPOWER SURVEYS -- ONE FOR THE PRINTING INDUSTRY AND ANOTHER FOR THE AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY -- ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT \$5 EACH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE NEW GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, HONG KONG.

THE REPORTS WERE PREPARED RESPECTIVELY BY THE PRINTING INDUSTRY AND AUTOMOBILE REPAIRS AND SERVICING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARDS OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

BOTH REPORTS CONTAIN INFORMATION ON THE EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE OF THE RESPECTIVE INDUSTRY AND INCLUDE SUCH STATISTICS AS THE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES IN EACH PRINCIPAL JOB, A FORECAST OF THE FUTURE TRAINING NEEDS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES NECESSARY TO COPE WITH SUCH NEEDS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SLIP ROAD AT FLYOVER

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A SLIP ROAD AT THE WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER WOULD BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY BECAUSE OF ROAD WORKS.

INVOLVED WILL BE THE DOWN RAMP AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCE EDWARD ROAD LEADING FROM WATERLOO ROAD FLYOVER SOUTHBOUND TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD WESTBOUND.

ALSO THE SLIP ROAD FROM COTTON TREE DRIVE TO KENNEDY ROAD WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 6 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY TO FACILITATE THE RESURFACING OF COTTON TREE DRIVE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA TO INCLUDE MERCHANDISE
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA WHICH UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN RESTRICTED TO THE TRANSMISSION OF BUSINESS PAPERS AND SAMPLES WOULD BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE MERCHANDISE WITH EFFECT FROM NEXT MONDAY (JANUARY 31).

THIS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON A CONTRACT BASIS OR +ON DEMAND+.

FOR A CONTRACT SPEEDPOST SERVICE, SENDERS HAVE TO SIGN A CONTRACT FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS, WITH A MINIMUM OF ONE REGULAR PREDETERMINED POSTING PER MONTH.

THE COST OF THE SERVICE IS A BASIC CHARGE OF HK\$80 FOR THE FIRST POUND PLUS HK\$15 PER EACH ADDITIONAL POUND OR PART THEREOF. THIS INCLUDES PICKUP AT THE CUSTOMER'S PREMISES AT A TIME AGREED BY THE CUSTOMER, AND DELIVERY TO THE ADDRESSEE.

AS ITEMS CONTAINING GOODS ARE SUBJECT TO CUSTOMS CLEARANCE, DELIVERY MAY TAKE SLIGHTLY LONGER THAN ORDINARY SPEEDPOST ITEMS.

THE +ON DEMAND+ SERVICE IS PROVIDED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF CASUAL USERS OF SPEEDPOST, OR TO SUPPLEMENT A CUSTOMER'S CONTRACT SERVICE. +ON DEMAND+ ITEMS MAY BE HANDED IN AT THE SPECIALLY DESIGNATED COUNTERS AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WITHOUT THE NEED TO MAKE PRIOR ARRANGEMENT WITH THE POST OFFICE.

FOR +ON DEMAND+ ITEMS A FEE OF \$20 IS PAYABLE IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC CHARGES.

CUSTOMERS WISHING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE POST OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE ON 5-2671105.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. JIM BENTLEY, HEAD OF THE SURVEY BRANCH OF THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING TO LAUNCH THE FIRST OFFICIAL GUIDE OF HONG KONG'S STREETS AND PLACES.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

IT WILL BE HELD AT 11 A.M. IN THE P.W.D. HEADQUARTERS CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE 21ST FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE NEW GUIDE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CONFERENCE.

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DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

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MACLEHOSE DENTAL CENTRE

The following is the full text of the Governor's speech at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the MacLehose Dental Centre today:

"It gives me great pleasure to be with you on this occasion to lay this foundation stone.

"In 12 months' time a nine storey dental centre will be standing on this site. In it dental nurses and dental hygienists will be trained so that they may staff a dental conservation service for primary school children.

"The first intake will be in 1978 and the scheme will start in 1980. The Centre itself will house a dental nurses' training school, a dental clinic for school children as well as the Government Dental Service Head Office and several dental surgeries.

"The construction of this dental centre is a first stage. As the Dental Conservation Service gets into its stride a further four school dental clinics will be constructed, two in Kowloon and two in the New Territories. However, this programme cannot be implemented without the necessary number of trained dental nurses and hygienists, hence the importance of the building whose construction we are celebrating today.

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"I am convinced that the service will be of the greatest benefit to the dental health of the younger generation. Taken together with the new school of dentistry now being planned in the Hong Kong University, it has wide implications for the development of dental services in Hong Kong.

"Time and again, the development of medical services in Hong Kong has benefitted from donations from Sir Shiu-kin Tang. A number of medical projects in the vicinity, such as Tang Shiu Kin Hospital and the Tang Chi Ngong Specialist Clinic, were built with his contributions.

"On this occasion, he has again donated generously towards the cost of building not only this Centre but also the Dental Nurse Training School and the School Children's Dental Clinic within it. Though the Centre will bear my name at Sir Shiu-kin's request, as a token of the Government's appreciation for Sir Shiu-kin's generosity, the School and Clinic will be named after him."