



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PROPOSED GOVERNMENT RECREATION SERVICE

The Secretary for Information, Mr. Jack Cater, today expressed strong support for a proposal by Mr. A. de O. Sales that government should set up an effective recreation service with District Recreation Officers working "on the ground."

"Not only would this help to involve youth in beneficial activities, but it would also, I believe, be a very effective means of communicating with the young," he said.

Mr. Cater was speaking at the closing plenary session of the Sports Conference of which Mr. Sales is the President.

Commenting on his job as a communicator, Mr. Cater said, "I have interpreted this, not in the narrow sense of merely being in contact with other adults, but in the very broadest sense possible: which inevitably means that one of my tasks - perhaps the major one - will be to reach the young."

"Now how does one set about the challenge of communicating with our young people?

"..... no single channel is likely to be more fruitful and rewarding than that of the sports association and groups which you, present here today, represent."

/Mr. Cater

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Mr. Cater went on to say that government and other organisations had spent a great deal of money and effort this year on the summer youth activities programme which was launched "on a scale never before seen in Hong Kong."

He also outlined some of the activities made available to the youths during the summer.

The overall co-ordination of the programme was undertaken by the Central Committee for Youth Recreation.

This committee was first set up in 1969 and comprised representatives from the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and the major government departments concerned with youth recreation.

This year, the Association of Volunteers for Service was also on the committee.

"But what I think you are suggesting, Mr. President, is not simply a massive effort of this kind for a comparatively short period, you are suggesting a massive effort all the time. A challenge to daunt all but the most stout-hearted of us.

"In giving my whole-hearted personal support to you in this great endeavour, I am confident that if anybody can succeed, it will be you, Mr. President, with the support of all the associations so strongly represented here today."

Mr. Cater also paid high tribute to the efforts in making the Sports Conference possible. "I hope that all of you will regard the past week, not simply as a success, but a fruitful beginning: the basis from which further and greater achievements may be realised.

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Note to Editors: Copies of the full text of Mr. Cater's speech are distributed separately in the G.I.S. Press Boxes this afternoon.

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HOUSEHOLD EXPENDITURE SURVEY TO START IN JANUARY 1973

The Census and Statistics Department will carry out a survey of household expenditure as from January next year to obtain material for the revision of the present Consumer Price Index.

The survey aims at getting the relative proportions of household expenditure spent on various items of commodities and services, from which weights for a new Consumer Price Index will be derived.

It will be conducted among households with monthly spending of \$400 to \$3,000, which will cover about 80 per cent of all households in Hong Kong.

Earlier this year, the Commissioner of Census and Statistics announced that the present Consumer Price Index would be completely revised in order to increase its accuracy and its capacity to reflect current conditions.

A sample of about 5,000 households has been selected for the survey from records maintained in the department.

A department spokesman today appealed to the households concerned to cooperate in the survey by maintaining daily expenditure records continuously for one calendar month.

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Letters have been sent to the selected addresses explaining the purpose and procedure of the survey, he said.

The spokesman said the department will provide free all necessary record forms and stationery, and award each cooperating household \$50 to thank them for their cooperation.

Next month, he said, fully trained survey interviewing officers of the department will visit the households with a view to seeking their cooperation in participating in the survey.

He said all information supplied will be treated as strictly confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes.

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QUARTERS FOR HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME STAFF

Work will begin shortly on the construction of the final block of quarters to house senior supervisory staff members engaged in the High Island Water Scheme.

The block will be four storeys high with two units on each floor, and will be built at Man Kei Terrace, Hebe Haven, Sai Kung.

Three other similar blocks have already been completed and occupied.

Tenders are being invited for the construction work, which is expected to start in January next year and take about 12 months to complete.

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JOINT GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR 14 SCHOOLS

One thousand children and 130 teachers from 14 schools operated by the Fish Marketing Organisation will attend a joint graduation ceremony on Tuesday (November 28) next week.

Mr. Oswald Cheung, a Legislative Councillor, will present certificates to graduates from Junior VI classes, and to Form III students of the F.M.O.'s Secondary Practical School at Aberdeen.

Certificates will also be awarded to four fishermen who have successfully completed the Agriculture and Fisheries Department's most recent adult navigation class.

Mrs. Cheung will present prizes to pupils for "Excellent Application". The joint ceremony will take place on Tuesday at 11.30 a.m. in the City Hall Concert Hall.

This is the third time that the F.M.O. has brought together pupils from all its widely scattered district schools to attend a single joint graduation ceremony.

The presentation ceremony will be followed by a magic show and a "Dim Sum"-and-tea party.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to have the ceremony covered. Press representatives are requested to take their seat by 11.15 a.m. on that day.

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RENOWNED VIOLINIST TO PLAY IN CITY HALL NEXT WEEK

World-famous violinist, Eugen Prokop, will play in a recital at the City Hall Concert Hall next Monday (November 27) under the sponsorship of the Urban Council.

At the piano will be David Gwilt, Chairman of the Chung Chi College's Music Department, Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Eugen Prokop has also been invited by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra to play the Brahms' Concerto in their concerts on December 9 and 10.

In this recital next Monday, he will play Mozart, Bach, Debussy, Wieniawski, Suk, Sarasate and Falla. Tickets at \$1, \$2 and \$3 each are available daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the City Hall Box Office.

Eugen Prokop is an artist of the renowned Czech violin school. He studied under the Czech master, Jaroslav Kocian. Later, he made his home in Belgium and matured his art through constant contact with the famous Belgium school of violin playing.

Laureate of the Jan Kubelik International Violin Competition of Prague, and winner of the coveted Carl Flesch Golden Medal of London, he has made extensive tours in Europe, the Middle and Far East, Australia, and the United States and performed with many world-famous orchestras.

He initiated the Pollensa Festival, which took place every summer in a 16th century cloister of Santo Domingto, on the southern coast of Spain.

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UMELCO MEMBERS TO VISIT ISLANDS

Note to Editors: Three UMELCO members, Sir Sidney Gordon, Mr. G.R. Ross and Mr. Wilson Wang, will visit Lantau and Peng Chau on Monday (November 27) to see for themselves the development on the islands.

They will be accompanied on the visit by Mr. D.C. Bray, District Commissioner, New Territories; and Mr. Ng Chak-lam, District Officer, Islands.

You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the visit. Transport will be provided for Press representatives covering the event. The launch "Sir Cecil Clementi" and landrover have been arranged to take them to join the UMELCO members at Tung Chung. The launch will leave the Marine Department Pier, in Central, at 10 a.m. on Monday.

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ANTI-DIPHThERIA AND TETANUS VACCINATION

During the week ended November 18, a total of 22,074 doses of the combined anti-diphtheria and tetanus vaccine was administered, according to statistics released by the Medical and Health Department today.

Of these, 6,080 doses were administered on Hong Kong Island, 12,107 in Kowloon, and 3,887 in the New Territories.

In the six weeks since the anti-diphtheria and tetanus campaign began on October 9, a total of 98,595 doses has been administered.

The campaign will continue for the rest of the year. Free vaccine is available at all government maternal and child health centres and clinics.

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RUBBLE MOUND PROPOSED FOR SHUEN WAN REFUSE DUMP

The Government proposes to construct a rubble mound on the seaward side of the Shuen Wan Refuse Dump off Ting Kok Road to prevent any refuse from being washed away into the sea.

The construction of the rubble mound will also facilitate the possible future rehabilitation of the site into a recreational area or for other uses on the closure of the dump.

A Government spokesman said that with the growth and urbanisation of the New Territories districts and the extension of refuse collection service to villages, the amount of refuse handled by the Urban Services Department in the New Territories has increased tremendously.

At present, he said, about 10 per cent of the refuse collected in the New Territories goes to the Shuen Wan Refuse Dump, which has almost reached its ultimate dumping capacity.

The boundaries within which the proposed rubble mound will be constructed are fully described in a Notification gazetted on Friday (November 24).

The Gazette Notification also stipulates that all persons having any objections to the proposed rubble mound or any claims of private right in the matter should submit such objections and/or claims in writing to the Director of Public Works within two months of the date of the Notification.

The Notification, in English and Chinese, can also be seen on notice boards posted on the site.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY RETURNING TOMORROW

Note to Editors: The Financial Secretary, Mr. C.P. Haddon-Cave, will return to Hong Kong tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon following discussions in London on the proposed mass transit railway. He left for London on November 15.

Mr. Haddon-Cave is returning by Flight BA/802, E.T.A. 3.10 p.m.

The Financial Secretary will not be making any statement on his return but he is prepared to meet press representatives briefly at the airport V.T.P. press conference room.

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ISSUE OF SUNDAY D.I.B.

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin, in Chinese and English, tomorrow (Sunday).

Copies of the Sunday D.I.B. will be available for collection in the G.I.S. Press Room, sixth floor, Beaconsfield House, as from 3 p.m.

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