



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PREVENT FIRES DURING HOLIDAYS

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WITH THE APPROACH OF CHRISTMAS AND LUNAR NEW YEAR, THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS URGED THE PUBLIC TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TO PREVENT ANY OUTBREAK OF FIRE.

ADVICE ON FIRE PREVENTION DURING THE COMING HOLIDAYS HAS BEEN SENT BY THE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU TO THE MANAGEMENTS OF CINEMAS, THEATRES, RESTAURANTS, NIGHT CLUBS, DEPARTMENT STORES AND OTHER PLACES WHERE THE PUBLIC ARE LIKELY TO GATHER IN LARGE NUMBERS.

IN A CIRCULAR LETTER, THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE BUREAU, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER BRIAN FENDER, SAYS THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRE PREVENTION MUST NOT BE DELEGATED TO JUNIOR MEMBERS OF STAFF +AS IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT THAT THEIR LIMITED AUTHORITY DOES NOT ENSURE APPLICATION OF THE HIGH STANDARDS WHICH ARE SO NECESSARY TODAY.+

HE WARNS THAT FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS WILL BE MAKING INSPECTIONS OF PREMISES TO ENSURE THAT FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS ARE BEING MAINTAINED.

MR. FENDER SUGGESTS TEN MEASURES TO PREVENT FIRE:

- * PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR GENERAL FIRE PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE IN THE HANDS OF A SENIOR MEMBER OF STAFF.
- * ENSURE THAT FIRE SERVICES REQUIREMENTS ARE FULLY COMPLIED WITH.
- * REMIND ALL STAFF TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL AND TO WATCH OUT FOR ANY POSSIBLE FIRE DANGER.
- * ENSURE THAT THE LOCATION AND METHOD OF OPERATION OF FIRE-FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IS KNOWN TO ALL STAFF, INCLUDING THOSE ON TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT.
- * EXIT AND EXIT SIGNS MUST NOT BE OBSTRUCTED. CLEAR EXIT ROUTES MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES.
- * ADDITIONAL ELECTRICAL WIRING SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY A COMPETENT ELECTRICIAN, BEARING IN MIND THE DANGER OF FLIMSY DECORATIONS CATCHING FIRE IF PLACED NEAR LIGHT BULBS.

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- * PROVIDE PLENTY OF ASH TRAYS AND BAN SMOKING IN PLACES SUCH AS STOREROOMS.
- * DEVISE A SAFE METHOD TO DISPOSE OF EMPTY CARTONS AND LOOSE PACKING MATERIALS.
- * TO AVOID OVERCROWDING, +FULL HOUSE+ SIGNS SHOULD BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED.
- * SURVEY THE PREMISES THOROUGHLY TO FIND OUT WHAT OTHER ASPECTS OF FIRE SAFETY REQUIRE ATTENTION.

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MORE COMMUNITY PROJECTS STARTING THIS MONTH

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ANOTHER 73 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS WILL START THIS MONTH IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH+ SCHEME.

THE PROJECTS, ALL OF WHICH WILL BE COMPLETED BY MARCH NEXT YEAR, WERE CHOSEN OUT OF 99 WHICH WERE SUBMITTED WHEN APPLICATIONS WERE INVITED RECENTLY.

THE THEME WHICH RUNS THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE PROJECTS THIS TIME IS RURAL SERVICE AND INCLUDE SERVICES IN REMOTE OR ISOLATED VILLAGES, STUDY GROUPS FOR RURAL CHILDREN AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR VILLAGERS.

OTHER PROJECTS INCLUDE SERVICES TO THE AGED, ROOF-TOP DWELLERS, BOAT PEOPLE, THE HANDICAPPED AND RESIDENTS OF LICENSED AND SQUATTER AREAS.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS FINANCING THESE PROJECTS AT A COST OF SOME \$86,000.

THE +OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH+ SCHEME WAS STARTED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR AND IN THE FIRST TWO ROUNDS SOME 76 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS WERE CARRIED OUT BY VARIOUS GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE.

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CROWN LAND SALES
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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY AUCTION EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON JANUARY 9, 1976 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE LECTURE ROOM, 8TH FLOOR, CITY HALL.

ONE LOT, IN SZE SHAN STREET, SAM KA TSUEN, KOWLOON, OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 22,550 SQ. FT. AND IS EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. IT CAN ALSO BE USED AS A GODOWN.

THE OTHER TWO LOTS ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND BOTH ARE SET ASIDE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES. ONE LOT IS BETWEEN UPPER LASCAR ROW AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND MEASURES 4,000 SQ. FT. WHILE THE OTHER, MEASURING 18,850 SQ. FT., IS AT CHAI WAN ROAD.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON. SALE PLANS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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JORDAN LEAVES FOR TEXTILES TALKS WITH THE EEC
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, LEAVES FOR BRUSSELS TONIGHT AT THE HEAD OF A FOUR-MAN DELEGATION FOR A SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE HK/EEC TEXTILE AGREEMENT.

THE FIRST ROUND TOOK PLACE HERE LAST MONTH.

MR. JORDAN WILL STOP IN LONDON FOR ONE DAY FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH BRITISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BEFORE GOING ON TO BRUSSELS WHERE HIS DELEGATION WILL BE JOINED BY HONG KONG'S MINISTER FOR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS, MR. CLAUDE BURGESS.

THE HK/EEC TALKS ARE SCHEDULED TO START ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 15. IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW LONG THESE WILL TAKE, BUT MR. JORDAN SAID BEFORE HE LEFT THAT HE WOULD CERTAINLY BE BACK FOR CHRISTMAS.

THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG TEAM ARE MR. PETER TSAO, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR (COMMERCIAL RELATIONS), MR. DOUGLAS CHAN, PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER AND MR. MICHAEL WU, TRADE OFFICER.

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CAREERS TALKS FOR STUDENTS
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THOUSANDS OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS WILL BENEFIT FROM A SERIES OF CAREERS TALKS ORGANISED BY THE CAREERS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE SERIES OF 14 TALKS WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 7 AND END ON MAY 12, 1976.

THE AIM OF THE TALKS IS TO PROVIDE FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO BROADEN THEIR HORIZONS AND TO MAKE PERSONAL CONTACT WITH PEOPLE FROM HIGHER EDUCATION AND SPECIALISTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF WORK.

THE TALKS, TO BE GIVEN IN CANTONESE, WILL COVER A RANGE OF OCCUPATIONS - JOURNALISM, TOURISM, ADVERTISING, COMPUTER SCIENCE AND LAW - AND POST-SECONDARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES.

STUDENTS WILL BE GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE SPEAKERS PERSONAL QUESTIONS.

COPIES OF A PROGRAMME HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE HEADS OF ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THEIR SENIOR STUDENTS AND CAREERS TEACHERS TO THE PROGRAMME AND A GENERAL SCHOOLS CIRCULAR.

TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WHO WISH TO ATTEND ANY OF THE TALKS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THEIR SCHOOL PRINCIPALS SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE WITH THE CAREERS OFFICER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE TALKS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN SEVEN SCHOOL HALLS, EACH OF WHICH HAS A SEATING CAPACITY OF ABOUT 400. THESE HALLS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS CENTRES FOR THE CAREERS TALKS BECAUSE OF THEIR ACCESSIBILITY TO STUDENTS IN NEIGHBOURING SCHOOLS.

THE HALLS ARE IN HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL, ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE, Y.W.C.A. HIOE TJO YOENG COLLEGE, HEEP WOH COLLEGE, SING YIN SECONDARY SCHOOL, NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK YUEN LONG DISTRICT SECONDARY SCHOOL AND THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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