



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE CANDIDATES TO SIT FOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION

23,000 More Classroom Seats Needed For Two Subjects

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Some 55,000 candidates are expected to sit for the Chinese Language and English Language subjects in next year's Certificate of Education examination to be held in May.

This number is far in excess of hall accommodation, a spokesman for the Education Department said today.

These two subjects comprise nine papers and three mornings will be required for the examinations. It will be necessary therefore to provide about 23,000 classroom seats in addition to hall space.

"The only way in which this can be done, without delaying the publication of results, will be to close some 74 government and aided secondary schools on May 17 and 20 - Friday and Monday respectively," the spokesman said.

As the schools affected will not, in any case, be having classes on May 18, which is a Saturday, pupils in these schools who are not Certificate of Education examinations candidates will have two extra days holiday in 1974 so that their classrooms may be used for the examinations.

The spokesman pointed out that in the past great difficulty had been experienced in providing sufficient suitable accommodation for large numbers of candidates entering for the examinations.

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"It is for this reason that for some year certificate examinations have had to be held on Saturday mornings when classrooms are available for use in addition to school halls," he said.

The Director of Education has notified the 74 schools of his intention to exercise his powers under Regulation 82 of the Education Regulations to require them to give a holiday to their pupils on May 17 and 20.

Those schools not already notified will operate as usual.

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### SHA TIN RECLAMATION

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More than 75 acres of land will be reclaimed at Sha Tin to provide space for the development of utility projects to serve the new town.

The site to be reclaimed is an area of foreshore and sea bed on the western coast of Tide Cove, about half a mile northeast of Ho Tung Lau -- next to the proposed reclamation for the new race course.

The main public works project to be developed there is a permanent sewage treatment works.

The treatment works will have the capacity to serve the population of the new town, and is designed at the same time to treat sewage from the future race course.

Other uses of the reclaimed land will be for realigning Tai Po Road and for constructing a sand depot, a salt water pumping station and public landing steps by the shore.

The area will be landscaped and planted with trees and flowering shrubs to present an attractive appearance.

Anyone who has objections to the proposed reclamation or has any claim of private right is asked to write to the Director of Public Works within two months.

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#### OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT

##### Workers Advised To Obtain Contracts For Their Protection

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Manual workers proceeding overseas for employment are advised to enter into a contract with their prospective employers in accordance with the provisions of the Contracts for Overseas Employment Ordinance.

The head of the Employment Division of the Labour Department, Mrs. Soo Mok Sau-hau, said today the purpose of a contract was to safeguard the workers' interests and well-being.

She said the contract must be in written form and should set out in full detail the rights and obligations of the parties concerned. It should include, among other things, the right of the employee to repatriation; remittances to the employee's family, hours of work, holidays and restdays, provisions for sick leave, wages, and compensation for injury at work.

The contract must be attested by the Commissioner of Labour, who might require a Hong Kong resident nominated by the employer to furnish him with a guarantee or bond. "This is to ensure that the guarantor will indemnify the employee for all losses, and expenses and meet claims for damages in case the employer fails to carry out any of his obligations under the contract", she said.

Mrs. Soo stressed that the Commissioner had the power to refuse to attest a contract the terms of which were unfair to the employee.

The Overseas Employment Service of the Labour Department administers the Contracts for Overseas Employment Ordinance. Those who intend to take up employment overseas but have not yet drawn up a contract with their employer should as soon as possible contact officers of the Service for advice.

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PROPOSED LAND GRANT TO FERRY CO.

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The government intends to grant about 3.5 acres of land to the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Co. Ltd. in exchange for five lots currently occupied by the company's shipyard in Tai Kok Tsui.

The exchange, representing an increase of about 1.52 acres in favour of the company, is to revise the boundaries of the shipyard to allow for road construction and also for expansion of the repair facilities of the company's ferry fleet.

The 3.5 acres of land, to be reclaimed by the company and known as Kowloon Marine Lot No.112, will include the whole of the proposed reclamation in front of the existing shipyard up to the line of the seawall to be constructed.

The company had applied for a re-grant of the existing lots, the leases of which are due to expire in 1975.

However, these lots are affected to a greater or lesser extent by the longterm proposals for Tai Kok Tsui Road. The marine access of the lots would similarly be adversely affected by the eventual reclamation in that area.

In view of the company's projected expansion and the recognised need of marine frontage for the proper maintenance of its ferry fleet which provides valuable services to the community, the government intends to make a new grant in exchange for the five lots.

The extent of the reclamation was published in a notification in yesterday's gazette which calls upon those having objections to the proposals or any claim of private right to submit them in writing to the Director of Public Works within two months.

The notices, in both English and Chinese, have also been posted near the site.

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HONG KONG HEALTH EXHIBITION IMPRESSES MACAU VISITOR

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Senora Eunice Freire, Social Assistant of the Health Department of the Government of Macau, joined hundreds of school children in the Yuen Long Town Hall yesterday at the end of the Medical and Health Department's latest health education exhibition.

She made the trip especially to see how a show of this sort could be duplicated in the Portuguese province, and to collect information on health education so as to improve training facilities among hygiene staff in Macau.

She spent several hours touring the exhibition, making notes of the various items on display, taking photographs of some of them, and carrying back with her to Macau a handful of the government's latest leaflet on how to avoid accidents in the home.

"I am very impressed," she said.

The exhibition centred on the theme of "home safety," and the message was put across with models, graphs, drawings, all designed in Chinese for easy comprehension by an audience of rural folk. Sections were devoted to food hygiene, nutrition, protection of the eyesight, and the prevention of intestinal diseases.

The department's Health Education Unit, New Territories, was responsible for organising the exhibition. It will be repeated soon in Tsuen Wan.

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HEAVY TRANSFORMER ON ROADS TOMORROW

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A 42-ton transmitter of the Hong Kong Electric Company will be moved from its present location at On Lan Street in Central to Tin Chong Street in North Point tomorrow (Sunday) evening.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said that due to the weight of the load, the transporting vehicle would make very slow progress, and special traffic arrangements had been arranged to regulate traffic flow in the area.

The section of Wyndham Street between On Lan Street and Queen's Road Central will be closed to all traffic between 5.15 p.m. and 9.45 p.m. tomorrow.

Only vehicles seeking access to Wellington Street will be permitted to enter Wyndham Street during this period. All other traffic will be diverted east into Lower Albert Road.

At the same time, since the transporting vehicle will take about 15 minutes to cross Queen's Road Central from Wyndham Street into Pedder Street, east and westbound traffic flow along Queen's Road Central will be stopped from about 9.30 p.m. to 9.45 p.m. tomorrow.

Traffic signs will be posted to guide motorists.

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PART OF LAI CHI KOK ROAD TO BE CLOSED

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A section of Lai Chi Kok Road in Mong Kok, Kowloon, will be closed to through traffic as from Tuesday (December 4).

With effect from 8 a.m. on that day, no vehicles will be allowed to enter the section of Lai Chi Kok Road between Poplar Street and Prince Edward Road, where work will begin on the construction of an elevated road.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said that special traffic re-arrangements and clearway systems would be introduced in the area during the construction period to maintain traffic flow.

Westbound traffic will be routed via Prince Edward Road and Tong Mi Road to Lai Chi Kok Road, and eastbound traffic via Tong Mi Road and Prince Edward Road to Lai Chi Kok Road.

Vehicles wishing to gain access to premises on both sides of the closed section of Lai Chi Kok Road will have to use Cedar Street and Canton Road.

An urban clearway will be introduced daily between 7.30 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Tong Mi Road between Lai Chi Kok Road and Prince Edward Road, and in Prince Edward Road between Tong Mi Road and Nathan Road to improve traffic circulation.

No motor vehicles, except franchised buses, will be allowed to wait on the clearway.

The existing westbound bus stop in Lai Chi Kok Road for KMB routes 2 and 2A will be resited to Tong Mi Road, and the eastbound bus stop for routes 4A, 12, 30, 36B and 50 will be resited to Prince Edward Road.

Traffic signs will be posted to guide motorists.

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VISITS BY LADY MACLEHOSE

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Two member agencies of the Community Chest in Kowloon will be visited by Lady MacLehose, the President of the Chest, on Tuesday morning (December 4).

They are the Yang Social Service Centre at Waterloo Road and the Hong Kong School for the Deaf at Hammer Hill Road.

On arrival at the Yang Social Service Centre, Lady MacLehose will be met by Dr. L.K. Ding, Chairman of the Centre's Board, and Dr. Timothy Chow, the Secretary.

She will be taken on a tour of the facilities provided by the Centre, including the dental clinic, the day nursery, the family service centre and the field work training unit.

The Centre is sponsored by the Ward Memorial Methodist Church, and is named after Rev. Chester Yang who devoted his life to serving the needy people of Hong Kong. It has changed from a relief oriented centre in 1964 to a sophisticated laboratory aiming to improve the quality of life in Hong Kong.

The objectives of the Hong Kong School for the Deaf are to train deaf children to speak and lip-read Cantonese, and to provide a general education up to Form V standard. Vocational training is also provided.

Lady MacLehose will be received at the school by Miss K.E. Barker, Supervisor and Chairman of the School Council; Miss Bow Siu-may, the Principal; and two teachers in charge, Miss K.Y. Ho and Miss K.K. Ip.

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She will see the various primary and secondary classes in progress. Courses offered include rhythm training, composition, typing, domestic science, individual speech and art.

Lady MacLehose will be accompanied on the visits by Miss Susan Hume, Social Secretary of Government House; and Mr. Colin Morrison, Executive Director of the Chest.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the visits covered.

Two cars will leave the car park behind the Tsim Sha Tsui post office at 10 a.m. sharp on Tuesday to take the Press to the Yang Social Service Centre. Miss Brigitta Wong, Administrative Assistant of the Chest, will be on hand to assist Press representatives.

The Yang Social Service Centre is located at 54 Waterloo Road, and the Hong Kong School for the Deaf at Hammer Hill Road on Diamond Hill.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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Three lots of Crown land at Lai Chi Kok in Kowloon and at Aberdeen on Hong Kong Island will be put up for sale later this month.

The two lots in Kowloon are located between Lai Chi Kok Road and Cheung Sha Wan Road, and have been earmarked for industrial and/or godown purposes. They have a total area of more than 25,000 square feet.

The lot on Hong Kong Island is reserved for private residential development. It is situated at Black's Link, and has an area of 47,000 square feet.

The auction will take place on Friday, December 28 at 2.30 p.m. in the lecture room on the 8th floor of the City Hall High Block.

Full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the Public Enquiry sub-office, Central Government Offices (west wing); or at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, 405 Nathan Road.

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Release time: 2.30 p.m.