



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PREVENTIVE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL

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Work is progressing smoothly on the construction of the new Preventive Service Training School in Tai Lam Chung, Castle Peak Road.

Located on a 200,000-square-foot site near the 16 milestone, the school will provide residential training facilities for 113 trainees in all aspects of the Service's responsibilities. Refresher as well as induction courses will be conducted.

All facilities in the existing training school in Kwun Tong will be moved into the new premises on completion. These include a museum and an archives office.

Quarters for the trainees will be provided in a four-storey residential block. Accommodation for senior and junior staff will be housed in three separate blocks. Recreational and dining areas have also been planned.

A single-storey gymnasium attached to the residential block will also serve as projection and lecture room.

In addition, a pistol range, a football pitch, a basketball court and a parade ground will be provided.

The new school, costing about \$7 million, is expected to be completed in April next year.

Initial training for Preventive Service staff includes lectures and films to provide an insight into the technicalities of law, smuggling, narcotics and revenue collection. Judo, the use of fire-arms and methods of searching are also taught.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph of a model of the training school will be distributed separately in the press boxes.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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Another 30 special vehicle registration numbers will be auctioned on Saturday (August 25) in the City Hall Theatre following the draw for the government lottery.

It will be the seventh such auction. The proceeds will go to the Government Lotteries Fund for charitable purposes.

The numbers to be auctioned are:-

HK 1	HK 2	HK 14	HK 50	AX 3
AX 5	AX 7	AX 9	AX 20	AX 22
AX 40	AX 44	AX 60	AX 66	AX 80
AX 88	AX 100	AX 111	AX 161	AX 333
AX 777	AX 919	AX 1000	AX 1313	AX 2222
AX 3000	AX 5555	AX 8118	AX 9999	AW 232

Successful bidders will be required to pay in cash or by cheque immediately after the bidding.

A total of more than \$1.2 million was raised in the first six auctions.

Another auction will be held in about three weeks.

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GOODS VEHICLES BANNED FROM COTTON TREE DRIVE AT PEAK HOURS

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New traffic arrangements will be introduced in Cotton Tree Drive during peak hours on weekdays and Saturdays.

Starting from next Wednesday, all goods vehicles will be prohibited from entering the section of Cotton Tree Drive above Kennedy Road from 4.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

Announcing this today, the Commissioner for Transport, Mr. B.D. Wilson, said: "This is one road that is suffering particularly from heavy congestion caused by slow-moving lorries crawling uphill during the afternoon peak hours."

He explained that as densities increased, restrictions on vehicles which "slow down and obstruct other traffic" must be imposed.

"Similar restrictions on other roads are being considered and are likely to come into effect later this year," Mr. Wilson said.

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### HEALTH REPORT FOR JULY

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There was a significant drop in notifications of tuberculosis cases in July, matched by an equally significant decline in the number of deaths from that disease.

Statistics released by the Medical and Health Department today showed that in July there were 584 tuberculosis notifications compared with 727 in June, and 80 deaths compared with 94.

During the month there were two reports of meningococcal meningitis, and one death. In June, there were four such notifications, and also one death.

In the first seven months of this year, there have been seven notifications of meningococcal meningitis, and three deaths.

July saw a slight increase in the incidence of measles, rising to 79 from the 67 cases reported in June. There was also one death. The latter brought the total number of deaths from measles this year to six, one for each month since February.

On the brighter side, July was the fourth consecutive month this year in which no case of poliomyelitis was notified. In addition, there has been no report of diphtheria since October 1972.

Reports of typhoid fever fell from 38 cases in June to 30 in July. Five cases of malaria were reported during the month, all imported (not originating in Hong Kong). No appreciable variation occurred in the notifications of other infectious diseases.

Hong Kong remained free from cholera and other quarantinable diseases during July.

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CHINESE CHESS CONTEST FOR RESIDENTS OF TSUEN WAN

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A Chinese chess contest for residents of the Tsuen Wan district has just started.

The contest, which will last till early September, is being held in the Princess Alexandra Community Centre of the Social Welfare Department in Tsuen Wan.

Players will have to go through single knock-out matches before they qualify for the finals.

The contest is one of the recreational activities in the summer programme organised by the Centre that aims at promoting healthy and creative hobbies.

"It serves to arouse the interest of local residents towards traditional art," said Mr. Alexander Fung, Warden of the Centre.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in the contest.

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FUN FAIR ORGANISED FOR TSZ WAN SHAN CHILDREN

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The Tsz Wan Shan Estate Community Work Office of the Social Welfare Department in conjunction with Zion Youth Centre and Evangel Youth Centre, will hold a fun fair for children living in Tsz Wan Shan.

This will take place at the Tsz Wan Shan Estate Welfare Building on Friday, August 24, from 1.30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

"The fair is being organised for 500 children from 9 to 14 years of age," said Mrs. Siu Law Gook-fong, officer-in-charge of the Tsz Wan Shan Estate Community Work Office.

She said that volunteers from three sponsoring offices had formed a committee to plan, design, decorate, and run the fun fair, which besides providing healthy recreational activities for children would also help to develop the spirit of voluntary services.

"It is indeed a pleasure to see these volunteers coming from different places in Hong Kong to work together to provide these types of services to the community, because by doing so, they will obtain a better appreciation of themselves and the community as a whole," Mrs. Siu said.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to cover the fun fair which will take place at the Tsz Wan Shan Estate Welfare Building on Friday from 1.30 to 6 p.m.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SWIMMING POOLS ON HK ISLAND

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The Victoria Park Swimming Pool will be closed to public use on Friday (August 24) from 6.45 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

During this period, the Police Training School will be using the pool for their swimming gala.

On the same day, the Morrison Hill Swimming Pool will be closed for public use from 5.45 p.m. to 10.15 p.m. when the Civil Aid Services will be using the pool for their swimming gala.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN TSIM SHA TSUI

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Water supply to a number of premises in Tsim Sha Tsui will be interrupted for five hours starting from 1 a.m. on Friday (August 24).

The temporary stoppage is to allow the Waterworks Office to carry out leakage tests.

All premises affected are in the area bounded by Austin Road, Chatham Road, Austin Avenue, Hillwood Road and Nathan Road.

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INTEREST TAX EXEMPTION RATE UP

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The government announced today that the rate which is exempted from interest tax will be raised from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent to four per cent with effect from September 1.

At the same time, the Exchange Banks' Association confirmed that the rate of interest on savings accounts will also be raised from  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per cent to four per cent with effect from the same date.

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BUILDINGS CLOSED AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

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Two houses in Monmouth Terrace, near Kennedy Road, were today closed on an emergency application by the Building Authority as a precautionary measure since the possibility of a landslip in this area could not be ruled out.

This action was taken on the advice of consulting engineers who, as part of the early warning measures instituted by Public Works Department following last summer's landslides, had been keeping a careful watch on the slope below these two houses. There was a slip on the same slope during the June rains last year, though it caused no damage or casualties.

A spokesman for the Buildings Ordinance Office said that it was not certain that a further landslide was either imminent or inevitable. "But as a result of the recent heavy rains, there is a possible risk of a sudden collapse, and this makes it necessary for residents to move out without delay," he said.

The two houses are Nos. 5 & 7 Monmouth Terrace. Further investigations are necessary to decide whether they will have to be demolished.

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