



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## ENROLMENT BEGINS FOR NEW INDOOR DRIVING COURSES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IS NOW ENROLLING CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT TWO SERIES OF DRIVING COURSES DUE TO START IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS AT ITS INDOOR DRIVING INSTRUCTION CENTRE IN KOWLOON.

SO FAR, NEARLY 4,900 PEOPLE HAVE ATTENDED COURSES AT THE CENTRE WHERE THEY LEARN FUNDAMENTAL DRIVING TECHNIQUES BEFORE TAKING PRIVATE DRIVING LESSONS ON THE ROAD.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY RECORDS INDICATE THAT THE INDOOR TRAINING COURSE HAD ACHIEVED ITS MAIN OBJECTIVES, ONE OF WHICH IS TO HELP RAISE THE STANDARD OF DRIVING SKILL AND DISCIPLINE OF CANDIDATES PRESENTING THEMSELVES FOR THE ON-ROAD DRIVING TEST.

AN EARLIER SURVEY, HE SAID, SHOWED THAT 33.5 PER CENT OF CANDIDATES WHO HAD PASSED THE INDOOR INSTRUCTION COURSE PASSED THE ON-ROAD DRIVING TEST - 6.4 PER CENT MORE THAN THOSE WHO HAD RELIED SOLELY ON THEIR PRIVATE ON-ROAD DRIVING LESSONS.

THE INDOOR COURSE ALSO REDUCES THE AMOUNT OF ON-ROAD PRIVATE INSTRUCTION NEEDED BY LEARNERS, THUS ABATING TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND ANNOYANCE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS, HE SAID. MORE THAN 60 PER CENT OF THE CANDIDATES PASSING THE INDOOR COURSE HAD TAKEN LESS THAN THE AVERAGE OF 70 - 80 HOURS OF ON-ROAD PRIVATE INSTRUCTION.

THE NEXT TWO SERIES OF INDOOR DRIVING COURSES WILL BEGIN ON NOVEMBER 23 AND DECEMBER 11, RESPECTIVELY. CLASSES, EACH COMPRISING 15 ONE-HOUR LESSONS, ARE HELD BETWEEN 7.30 A.M. AND 10.30 P.M. EACH DAY. THE FEE IS \$200.

LEARNER DRIVERS WISHING TO APPLY MUST ALREADY HAVE PASSED THE PART A WRITTEN TEST FOR PRIVATE CARS. THEY MAY APPLY AT THE LICENSING OFFICE AT PUI CHING ROAD, KOWLOON, BRINGING ALONG THEIR PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE, HONG KONG IDENTITY CARD AND TWO PERSONAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

AT THE END OF THE COURSE, CANDIDATES WILL SIT FOR A SIMULATOR TEST AND THOSE WHO PASS WILL BE PLACED ON A SEPARATE WAITING LIST FOR THE COMBINED ROAD TEST.

+THIS MEANS THAT ONCE THEY HAVE FINISHED WITH THEIR PRIVATE ON-ROAD DRIVING LESSONS FOLLOWING THE INDOOR COURSE, THEY WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE COMBINED ROAD TEST AT A GIVEN DATE EARLIER THAN THE NORMAL WAITING PERIOD FOR SUCH TESTS,+ HE SAID.

THE INDOOR DRIVING INSTRUCTION CENTRE WAS OPENED IN JUNE LAST YEAR AND HAS REMAINED POPULAR. EQUIPPED WITH 16 DRIVING SIMULATORS, A SPECIAL FILM AND A COMPUTER-CONTROLLED PANEL, IT TEACHES CANDIDATES THE USE OF VARIOUS VEHICLE CONTROLS, RECOGNITION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND NORMAL REACTIONS TO DIFFERENT TRAFFIC SITUATION.

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SEMI-AUTOMATED BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM  
FOR KAI TAK  
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THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH A HIGH-CAPACITY SEMI-AUTOMATED SYSTEM TO HANDLE AND SORT BAGGAGE FOR DEPARTING AIR PASSENGERS.

THE NEW SYSTEM WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF ECONOMY, SPEED, ACCURACY AND SECURITY OFFERED BY THE PRESENT MANUAL TROLLEY SYSTEM.

IT WILL BE INSTALLED IN TWO STAGES AS PART OF THE PHASED DEVELOPMENT OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING. INITIALLY IT WILL BE CAPABLE OF TRANSFERRING 3,000 ITEMS OF BAGGAGE PER HOUR FROM THE CHECK-IN COUNTERS IN THE DEPARTURE HALL TO A BAGGAGE MARSHALLING AREA IN THE BASEMENT OF THE BUILDING.

LATER, THE HANDLING CAPACITY OF THE SYSTEM WILL BE EXPANDED TO 6,000 ITEMS OF BAGGAGE PER HOUR, WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO AN HOURLY THROUGHPUT OF 3,000 DEPARTING PASSENGERS.

THIS WILL BE ABOUT THREE TIMES THE CAPACITY OF THE PRESENT MANUAL SYSTEM WHICH WAS INSTALLED IN 1962 AND IS NOW OPERATING ABOVE DESIGNED CAPACITY.

INSTALLATION OF THE FIRST STAGE OF THE SYSTEM IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER NEXT YEAR AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY 1977 TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING EXTENSION.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SYSTEM, WHICH IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS LAID DOWN BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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PRINTING SCHOLARSHIP SET UP WITH \$50,000 DONATION  
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A SCHOLARSHIP FOR FURTHER TRAINING OVERSEAS IN PRINTING TECHNOLOGY FOR STAFF OF A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE'S PRINTING DEPARTMENT IS TO BE ESTABLISHED WITH A \$50,000 DONATION FROM DAI NIPPON PRINTING CO., (HONG KONG) LTD., A JAPAN-HONG KONG JOINT VENTURE.

A CHEQUE FOR THE AMOUNT WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, ON MONDAY BY MR. N. ICHIKI, VICE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DAI NIPPON PRINTING COMPANY, AND MR. ALEX S.C. WU, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMPANY AND AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

+THE COMPANY HAS TAKEN A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TRAINING IN HONG KONG, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIELD OF PRINTING, AND HAS DECIDED TO MAKE THE DONATION WITH SOME OF ITS PROFITS,+ SAID MR. WU.

+WE HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE FACT THAT UNLIKE OTHER INDUSTRIES, THERE HAS BEEN A SHORTAGE OF TEACHING STAFF IN THE PRINTING FIELD, AND WE FEEL THAT OUR SUPPORT TO THE EFFORTS OF BOTH THE LABOUR AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT MAKING FURTHER CONTRIBUTION BY ASSISTING IN THE TRAINING OF SUCH STAFF,+ HE SAID.

THE DAI NIPPON PRINTING SCHOLARSHIP IS TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND COMMITTEE, THE TRUSTEE OF WHICH IS THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

THE DONATION WILL BE PLACED ON FIXED DEPOSIT AND THE INTEREST WILL BE USED AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF AWARD, THE SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL) AND SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND COMMITTEE AND THE PRINTING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHEQUE ON MONDAY AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

AMONG THE GUESTS PRESENT WILL BE THE DEPUTY CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN IN HONG KONG, MR. Y. SATO AND THE CONSUL OF JAPAN, MR. T. INUMARU.

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CANTONESE SPEECH CONTEST

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ABOUT 350 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL TAKE PART IN THE 1975 YOUTH SPEECH CONTEST IN CANTONESE THIS SUNDAY (OCTOBER 19) AT THE Y.M.C.A. IN WATERLOO ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE AIM OF THE CONTEST IS TO PROMOTE INTEREST IN THE STUDY OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND TO GIVE YOUNG PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR ABILITY IN PUBLIC SPEAKING.

SCHOLARSHIPS, WORTH A TOTAL OF MORE THAN \$5,000, AND TROPHIES DONATED BY Y'S MEN CLUBS IN HONG KONG WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WINNERS.

THE CONTEST IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL Y'S MEN CLUBS AND IS ORGANISED BY VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS.

THIS IS ONE OF A SERIES OF CONTESTS SPONSORED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO PROMOTE STUDENTS' INTEREST IN CHINESE CULTURE AND ARTS. OTHERS PLANNED INCLUDE A CHINESE WRITING CONTEST AND TRANSLATION CONTEST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE SPEECH CONTEST WHICH BEGINS AT 2 P.M. ON SUNDAY.

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SUMMER TIME ENDS

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RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT SUMMER TIME WILL OFFICIALLY END AT 3.30 ON SUNDAY (OCTOBER 19) MORNING.

THIS MEANS THAT PEOPLE SHOULD PUT THEIR CLOCKS AND WATCHES BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

UNDER THE INTERPRETATION AND GENERAL CLAUSES ORDINANCE, SUMMER TIME ENDS EACH YEAR AT 3.30 A.M. ON THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER OCTOBER 15.

THE ORDINANCE DEFINES STANDARD TIME, WHICH REPLACES SUMMER TIME FOR THE OTHER SIX MONTHS OF THE YEAR, AS EIGHT HOURS AHEAD OF GREENWICH MEAN TIME.

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CAPACITY OF TUEN MUN TREATMENT WORKS TO BE DOUBLED  
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THE CAPACITY OF THE TUEN MUN TREATMENT WORKS IS TO BE DOUBLED TO 20 MILLION GALLONS TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED GROWTH IN DEMAND FOR FRESH WATER GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND YUEN LONG.

TENDERS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXTENSION TO THE TREATMENT PLANT AT FU TEI, NEW TERRITORIES, ARE INVITED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE. CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND SHOULD TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE EXTENSION, CONSISTING OF ONE CLARIFIER, TWO GROUPS OF RAPID GRAVITY SAND FILTERS AND CLEAR WATER STORAGE TANK, WILL HAVE A CAPACITY OF 10 MILLION GALLONS.

A WATERWORKS SPOKESMAN SAID THE EXTENSION WOULD ENABLE THE TUEN MUN TREATMENT PLANT TO PRODUCE 20 MILLION GALLONS OF FULLY TREATED WATER PER DAY TO MEET THE ANTICIPATED DEMAND GROWTH GENERATED BY THE TUEN MUN NEW TOWN STAGE 1B DEVELOPMENT AND YUEN LONG DISTRICT DURING THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS.

AT PRESENT, YUEN LONG HAS A POPULATION OF ABOUT 140,000 AND THE POPULATION OF TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT (STAGE 1B) IS EXPECTED TO REACH 60,000 BY 1978/79.

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