



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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'SPECIAL REGISTER' FOR HONG KONG JOB-SEEKERS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S 'SPECIAL REGISTER' LAST MONTH HELPED PLACE 13 GRADUATES IN JOBS WITH SALARIES AVERAGING \$1,300 PER MONTH, THE BEST MONTHLY RECORD ACHIEVED THIS YEAR.

THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WERE ALL BETWEEN 21 TO 26 YEARS OF AGE.

ONE OF THE 13, A YOUNG TEACHER WHO GRADUATED FROM A UNIVERSITY IN CANADA, WAS PLACED WITH A LOCAL SECONDARY SCHOOL AND HIS POST CARRIED A STARTING SALARY OF \$2,440 A MONTH.

IN JULY, THE SERVICE HELPED PLACE ANOTHER NINE CANDIDATES IN JOBS WITH SALARIES OF OVER \$1,000 A MONTH.

EXPLAINING THE WORK OF THE 'SPECIAL REGISTER', MR. ALFRED CHAN, LABOUR OFFICER SAID : +ALL GRADUATES, ESPECIALLY HONG KONG STUDENTS WHO ARE COMPLETING THEIR UNIVERSITY OR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OVERSEAS AND WISH TO RETURN TO HONG KONG FOR WORK, ARE INVITED TO USE THE FREE SERVICES OF THE SPECIAL REGISTER WHICH IS, IN FACT, AN EXTENSION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE.

+THIS SERVICE, ESTABLISHED IN 1973, IS RUN ON THE LINES OF THE PROFESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE REGISTER MAINTAINED BY EMPLOYMENT EXCHANGES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.\*

+OUR OFFICERS CALL ON LARGE FIRMS REGULARLY FOR INFORMATION ON VACANCIES AND, AFTER CAREFUL MATCHING THE EMPLOYERS ARE GIVEN DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT SUITABLE CANDIDATES,+ SAID MR. CHAN.

+DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS EFFORTS HAVE BEEN STEPPED UP TO FIND VACANCIES FOR REGISTRANTS,+ HE CONTINUED.

+DETAILED LISTS OF REGISTRANTS TOGETHER WITH THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCES, HAVE BEEN SENT TO POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS AND ADVERTISEMENTS PLACED WITH A LOCAL CHINESE NEWSPAPER,+ SAID MR. CHAN.

+OUR SPECIAL REGISTER IS NOW GETTING BETTER KNOWN TO BOTH YOUNG GRADUATES AND EMPLOYERS WHOSE ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN TO THIS SERVICE THROUGH OUR PUBLICITY EFFORTS.+

MR. CHAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE NO FORMALITIES IN REGISTERING WITH THE SPECIAL REGISTER. ALL THAT A CANDIDATE HAS TO DO IS TO APPEAR IN PERSON AT A LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICE TO GET A REGISTRATION FORM. IN ADDITION THEY ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE A COPY OF A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH AND THE NUMBER OF THEIR IDENTITY CARD.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, CAN OBTAIN THEIR FORMS AT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICE IN LONDON WHILE THOSE IN OTHER COUNTRIES LIKE THE U.S.A. CAN OBTAIN THEIR FORMS FROM THE VARIOUS TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL OFFICES THERE.

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THEY CAN ALSO MAKE DIRECT ENQUIRIES BY WRITING TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

LOCAL CLIENTS CAN APPROACH ANY EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

+IN CERTAIN CASES WHERE NO SUITABLE JOBS ARE AVAILABLE WE WILL GO SO FAR AS TO HELP THEM ADVERTISE, WITHOUT CHARGE, OVER THE RADIO AND IN A LOCAL CHINESE NEWSPAPER WHICH HAS KINDLY OFFERED A FREE JOB ADVERTISEMENT COLUMN,+ MR. CHAN ADDED.

MR. CHAN INVITED ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF THE SERVICE OR TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE SPECIAL REGISTER TO RING 5-282523, EXTENSION 87, OR WRITE TO THE 'SPECIAL REGISTER', LABOUR DEPARTMENT, HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE, NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG.

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DROP IN NUMBER OF MARRIAGES  
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THE NUMBER OF MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1975-76 AMOUNTED TO 36,479, WHICH WAS 1,077 LESS THAN THE RECORD FIGURE OF 37,556 IN 1974-75.

THE DECREASE MIGHT BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT 1975-76 HAPPENED TO BE A +BLIND YEAR+ IN THE CHINESE LUNAR CALENDAR WITH NO FIRST DAY OF SPRING (LAP CHUN) IN IT AND THEREFORE UNPOPULAR FOR MARRIAGES BETWEEN CHINESE.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER REGISTERED, 34,110 MARRIAGES WERE PERFORMED IN REGISTRIES WHILE 2,369 WERE CELEBRATED IN LINCENSED PLACES OF WORSHIP OF VARIOUS DENOMINATIONS.

AMONG THESE, 36,203 WERE BETWEEN PARTIES OF CHINESE RACE, 56 WERE BETWEEN NON-CHINESE GROOMS AND CHINESE BRIDES AND 12 BETWEEN CHINESE GROOMS AND NON-CHINESE BRIDES AND THE REMAINING 208 WERE BETWEEN PARTIES BOTH OF WHOM WERE NON-CHINESE.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE MOST POPULAR AGE GROUP FOR WIVES WAS 20-24 AND FOR HUSBANDS, IT WAS THE 25-29 GROUP.

THERE WERE 1,140 MEN AND 6,463 WOMEN WHO WERE UNDER 21 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION, AND THEREFORE REQUIRED THE CONSENT OF THEIR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OR OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE OR THE REGISTRAR.

THE TOTAL NUMBER ALSO INCLUDED 5,387 +REMARRIAGES+, MEANING THAT THE COUPLES WERE ALREADY MARRIED BY CUSTOMARY CEREMONIES OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER BUT REMARRIED NOW IN A REGISTRY IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

OF THE NEW MARRIAGES, THERE WERE THREE CASES IN WHICH THE AGE OF THE HUSBAND AND THE WIFE WAS BOTH IN THE 70 AND ABOVE, MAKING THEM THE OLDEST COUPLES OF THE YEAR.

AS FOR THE YOUNGEST, THERE WERE FIVE COUPLES WHO WERE ONLY 16 AT THE TIME OF THEIR MARRIAGES.

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PUBLIC BALLOT FOR N.T. TAXIS  
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A PUBLIC BALLOT FOR THE FIRST BATCH OF 250 LICENCES FOR NEW TERRITORIES TAXIS WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 23.

THE BALLOT WILL START AT 2.30 P.M. ON THE 8TH FLOOR OF THE HUNG HOM MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING.

IT WILL BE HELD IN THE PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A TOTAL OF 2,792 APPLICATION FORMS FOR N.T. TAXI LICENCES WERE SENT OUT BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. OF THIS 1,847 FORMS WERE COMPLETED AND RETURNED.

AFTER CHECKING THE INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION FORMS, 292 APPLICATIONS WERE REJECTED LEAVING A TOTAL OF 1,555 QUALIFIED FOR THE BALLOT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT LETTERS OF CONFIRMATION WOULD BE SENT TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS FOLLOWING THE BALLOT.

HE ADDED THAT THOSE WHO WERE UNSUCCESSFUL AT THE PUBLIC BALLOT ON SEPTEMBER 23 WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN LATER BALLOTS, THE DATES FOR WHICH WOULD BE ANNOUNCED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

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CAMP FOR OVER 360 DISABLED CHILDREN  
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THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-TWO DISABLED CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PART IN A THREE-DAY CAMP AT THE WU KWAI SHA YOUTH VILLAGE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE CAMP, STARTING TODAY, IS ORGANISED BY THE REHABILITATION DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

VARIOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SPORTS GAMES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR THE 290 MENTALLY-RETARDED, 60 DEAF AND 12 PHYSICALLY DISABLED CHILDREN.

THIS ANNUAL EVENT HAS BEEN PLANNED AND ORGANISED BY 13 REHABILITATION CENTRES. DURING THE CAMP SOME 70 STAFF FROM THESE CENTRES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOOKING AFTER THE CHILDREN.

TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), MR. JIMMY SWEETMAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS OF VARIOUS COMPETITIONS AND GAMES AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT 3.15 P.M. AT THE SITE.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY FOLK DANCES, PANTOMIME AND LION DANCE PERFORMED BY THE CHILDREN.

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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITS LEATHER GARMENT FACTORY  
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LADY MACLEHOSE PAID AN HOUR-LONG VISIT TO A LEATHER GARMENT FACTORY IN KWUN TONG THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

SHE WAS JOINED BY LADY BRYAN, WIFE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ANGLO-HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, SIR PAUL BRYAN, WHO IS HERE ON AN EIGHT-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT.

THE FACTORY VISITED TODAY IS JARDINE WICKING LTD., SITUATED AT NO. 4 HUNG TO ROAD. IT PRODUCES LEATHER JACKETS AND COATS OF SUEDE, SHEEPSKIN, GOATSKIN, PIG SKIN, LEATHER AND TEXTILE FABRICS. ITS PRINCIPAL MARKETS ARE THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND HONG KONG IN THAT ORDER.

LADY MACLEHOSE AND LADY BRYAN WERE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. NICHOLAS YEK, PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. THEY WERE MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE FACTORY BY THE MANAGER AND ASSISTANT PRODUCTION MANAGER, MR. MICHAEL SCHAPIRA AND MR. EDMUND LEUNG.

LADY BRYAN, WHO SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN HONG KONG'S MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, INDICATED AT THE END OF TODAY'S VISIT THAT SHE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT ANOTHER GARMENT FACTORY.

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS  
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THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE INTRODUCING A NEW TYPE OF ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS NEXT MONTH WITH THE COMPUTERISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS OF PASSENGER MOVEMENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: +STARTING FROM OCTOBER 1, ALL PASSENGERS PRESENTED FOR IMMIGRATION CLEARANCE WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE NEW CARDS WHICH ARE PRINTED ON TWO-FOLD NO-CARBON-REQUIRED PAPERS.+

+ON ARRIVAL, PASSENGERS ARE REQUIRED TO FILL IN ONLY TRANSPORT DETAILS ON THE ARRIVAL PORTION OF THE NEW FORM. WHEN THEY LEAVE, THEY ONLY HAVE TO SIGN ON THE DEPARTURE PORTION WHICH WILL HAVE ALREADY BEEN ATTACHED TO THEIR PASSPORTS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+HOWEVER, TRAVELLERS TO AND FROM MACAU WILL ONLY NEED TO COMPLETE A SMALL PORTION OF THE NEW ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE CARDS WHICH ARE PRIMARILY BASED ON THE FORMAT OF TICKET STUBS PRESENTLY REQUIRED,+ HE ADDED.

COMMENTING ON THE ARRANGEMENT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THESE NEW PROCEDURES SHOULD RESULT BOTH IN A MORE EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF MOVEMENT RECORDS AND MORE CONVENIENT AND FASTER PROCESSING OF PASSENGERS AT THE CONTROL POINTS.+

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EMPLOYMENT UP IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES  
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A TOTAL OF 254,535 PEOPLE WAS ENGAGED IN THE IMPORT/EXPORT, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES IN JUNE 1976, AN INCREASE OF 4,504 OR 1.8 PER CENT COMPARED WITH JUNE 1975.

ACCORDING TO A RECENT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, 123,910 OF THE TOTAL NUMBER ENGAGED WERE IN THE RETAIL SECTOR, 73,991 IN IMPORT/EXPORT BUSINESSES AND 21,466 IN THE WHOLESALE SECTOR.

THE OTHER 35,168 PEOPLE WERE ENGAGED IN A COMBINATION OF IMPORT/EXPORT, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL ACTIVITIES.

THE SURVEY ALSO RECORDED 103,289 PEOPLE BEING ENGAGED IN RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS, COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR, THE FIGURE WAS HIGHER BY 12,583 OR 13.9 PER CENT.

OF THESE 103,289 PEOPLE, 86,806 WORKED IN RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS, AND 16,483 IN HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.

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