



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNMENT SPENDS \$2 MILLION MORE
ON GRANTS AND ALLOWANCES TO SECONDARY SCHOOLS
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOR \$2,046,000 ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE ON GRANTS AND ALLOWANCES TO PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING AND AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVEN-MONTH PERIOD ENDING MARCH 31, 1977.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT FOR A FULL FINANCIAL YEAR THE EXPENDITURE ON SUCH GRANTS AND ALLOWANCES WOULD BE IN THE REGION OF \$3.6 MILLION.

ANNOUNCING THE HIGHER CAPITATION GRANTS FOR THE 36 ASSISTED PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH ARE BEING CONVERTED IN STAGES TO FULLY AIDED STATUS AND FOR SCHOOLS UNDER THE CODE OF AID FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE RATES OF CAPITATION GRANTS HAD BEEN INCREASED ON AVERAGE BY 25 PER CENT PER PUPIL PER ANNUM.

+THE HIGHER GRANTS TAKE ACCOUNT OF INCREASES IN PRICES OF VARIOUS ESSENTIAL ITEMS REQUIRED FOR THE OPERATION OF CLASSES, SUCH AS CONSUMABLE STORES, FUEL, LIGHT AND POWER, PRINTING AND STATIONERY, MINOR REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS, EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND INSURANCE PREMIA,+ HE SAID.

THE REVISED RATES OF CAPITATION GRANTS EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1976 (OLD RATES IN BRACKETS) ARE AS FOLLOWS:

SECONDARY GRAMMAR - FORMS 1 TO 5 : \$80 (\$64) PER PUPIL PER ANNUM, FORM 6: \$160 (\$128)= SECONDARY TECHNICAL - FORMS 1 TO 5: \$80-\$110 (\$64-\$85), FORM 6: \$160 (\$128)= SECONDARY MODERN - FORMS 1 TO 3: \$80-\$100 (\$64-\$85)= PRE-VOCATIONAL - FORMS 1 TO 3: \$110-\$130 (\$85).

THE REVISED RATES OF CAPITATION GRANT TO AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL INVOLVE ADDITIONAL GRANTS TOTALLING \$1.28 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AND AN ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF \$362,000 IN SIMILAR GRANTS TO THE 36 ASSISTED PRIVATE SCHOOLS.

FOR THE REMAINING FIVE ASSISTED PRIVATE SCHOOLS, THEIR CLASSROOM/SPECIAL ROOMS ALLOWANCE HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM \$200 PER MONTH PER ROOM TO \$267. AS A RESULT OF THIS REVISION, ALSO EFFECTIVE FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 1976, THE GOVERNMENT IS COMMITTED TO AN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF \$84,000 IN THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE PER CAPITA GRANT TO PRIVATE NON-PROFIT-MAKING SCHOOLS OFFERING THREE-YEAR BOUGHT PLACES HAD BEEN INCREASED FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR FROM \$345 TO \$365 PER PUPIL PER ANNUM.

THE ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FOR THIS REVISION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR IS \$320,000, HE SAID.

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HONG KONG - NOWEGIAN
TEXTILE AGREEMENT EXTENDED ANOTHER YEAR

THE HONG KONG - NOWEGIAN TEXTILE AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRES AT THE END OF THIS MONTH HAS BEEN EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR, THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

THE RENEWED AGREEMENT GOES INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1977 AND COVER 14 CATEGORIES, MAINLY GARMENTS.

THE RENEWED AGREEMENT INCLUDES FOUR NEW ITEMS NAMELY NIGHT GARMENTS, BED LINEN, DRESSES AND SKIRTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DETAILS OF THE 1977 AGREEMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

IN THE MEANTIME LICENSING OF THE NEWLY AFFECTED ITEMS HAS BEEN SUSPENDED IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO CALCULATE ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE SEEKING THE ADVICE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD ON THE METHOD OF ALLOCATION.

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DSW OPENS COMMUNITY CENTRE IN ABERDEEN

RESIDENTS IN ABERDEEN CAN CONSTRUCTIVELY USE THEIR LEISURE TIME BY PARTICIPATING IN VARIOUS KINDS OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS ORGANISED BY THE NEW ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY CENTRE, SAID THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE TODAY (SATURDAY), MR. LEE SAID THE RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG ONES, WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY WORK.

+THIS,+ HE SAID, +NOT ONLY WILL IMPROVE THEIR LIVING ENVIRONMENT, BUT ALSO PROMOTE THEIR SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND BELONGING RESULTING IN A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT IN THEM, BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY.+

MR. LEE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE ABERDEEN KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION WHO PLANNED THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTRE AND HAVE UNDERTAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO OPERATE IT.

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THE OPERATIONS DIRECTOR OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION, MR. JOHN PRENDERGAST THIS MORNING PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

ADDRESSING 74 PRISONS OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS AT A PASSING OUT PARADE AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY, MR. PRENDERGAST SAID THAT IN THE LAST 36 YEARS OR SO HE HAD SERVED IN A GOOD MANY COUNTRIES AND IN EACH HE HAD HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LOCAL PRISONS DEPARTMENT.

+I CAN SAY WITHOUT ANY FEAR OF CONTRADICTION THAT I HAVE FOUND NONE WHICH IS MORE EFFICIENT OR MORE UP TO DATE THAN THAT OF HONG KONG= ALSO NONE HAS HAD TO COPE WITH THE RANGE AND COMPLEXITY OF OPERATIONS AND PROBLEMS WHICH CONFRONT THE HONG KONG PRISONS SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN ONE SPEAKS OF PROBLEMS IN THIS CONTEXT, THE DUAL MENANCES OF DRUGS AND TRIADS NATURALLY FIGURE PROMINENTLY,+ HE ADDED.

REFERRING TO OFFENDERS WHO HAVE LONG SENTENCES TO SERVE OR THOSE SENTENCED TO LIFE, THE I.C.A.C. DIRECTOR SAID: +THEY ARE STILL PEOPLE AND THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES DEMAND THAT SPECIAL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THEIR NEEDS AND THEIR WELL-BEING. FOR THEM, THEIR PRISON CELL HAS BECOME THEIR HOME.

+GOVERNMENT AND THE COMMUNITY HAVE A VERY SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT PRISONERS OF ALL GRADES ARE AT ALL TIMES HOUSED IN CONDITIONS OF A SATISFACTORY STANDARD PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO ARE SERVING LONG TERMS.+

ON RELATIONS BETWEEN I.C.A.C. AND THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, MR. PRENDERGAST SAID THAT CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COULD NOT HAVE BEEN BETTER.

+ANOTHER REASON WHY I AM GLAD TO BE HERE TODAY IS THAT IT GIVES ME AN OPPORTUNITY OF PUBLICLY THANKING THE COMMISSIONER, HIS OFFICERS -- IN FACT, ALL RANKS AT VARIOUS PRISON ESTABLISHMENTS WITH WHICH I PERSONALLY HAVE HAD CONTACT IN THE LAST THREE YEARS,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN I SPEAK FOR MYSELF I ALSO SAY 'THANK YOU' ON BEHALF OF MANY OFFICERS FROM THE I.C.A.C., PARTICULARLY THE OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT, WHO HAVE HAD DEALINGS WITH YOU.

+ALL OF US HAVE AT ALL TIMES BEEN TREATED WITH THE UTMOST COURTESY AND HAVE BEEN GIVEN VALUABLE AND WILLING ASSISTANCE, WITHOUT WHICH OUR TASK WOULD HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT.+

MR. PRENDERGAST EMPHASISED THAT THIS KIND OF CO-OPERATION SHOULD AND MUST EXIST BETWEEN ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME IN HONG KONG. EACH ONE OF US, HE POINTED OUT, WAS IN THE END TRYING TO ACHIEVE THE SAME THING, THAT WAS TO MAKE HONG KONG A BETTER AND SAFER PLACE TO LIVE AND WORK.

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APPEALING YET FURTHER FOR MORE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN ORGANISATIONS, THE I.C.A.C. DIRECTOR CONCEDED THAT EACH DEPARTMENT OR SERVICE HAD ITS OWN +ESPRIT DE CORPS+, ITS OWN PRIDE, BUT +THIS NEED NEVER BE LESSENED OR ERODED IN ANY WAY BY CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES.+

ON CORRUPTION, MR. PRENDERGAST TOLD THE OFFICERS THAT THEY WOULD BE TEMPTED AND EVEN PRESSURED INTO IT AND URGED THEM TO STRONGLY RESIST INVOLVEMENT.

+I HAVE NOW SEEN THE RESULTS OF CORRUPTION IN SOME DEPTH AND I HAVE SEEN THE MISERY WHICH IT CAN CAUSE BOTH TO THE GIVER AND THE TAKER,+ HE SAID. +I ASK YOU TO THINK OF YOUR FAMILIES, THINK OF YOUR CHILDREN. AGAIN I SAY TO YOU -- NEVER START BECAUSE THE FIRST BRIBE TAKEN IS THE BEGINNING OF THE END. I WILL FINISH THIS PIECE OF ADVICE WITH THE PROMISE THAT IF YOU IGNORE IT, THERE IS AN INCREASING LIKELIHOOD THAT YOU WILL BE CAUGHT.

+I.C.A.C. IS GETTING BETTER EVERYDAY AND YOU ARE VERY UNLIKELY FOR LONG TO ESCAPE 'THE NET' OF CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO ORGANISATIONS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION.+

MR. PRENDERGAST THEN SPOKE ABOUT I.C.A.C. AND STRONGLY REFUTED SUGGESTIONS THAT +THERE MAY BE ONE LAW FOR THE STAFF OF THE COMMISSION AND ANOTHER FOR OTHER PEOPLE.+

+LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THIS IS CERTAINLY NOT SO. I.C.A.C. OFFICERS ARE SUBJECT TO THE LAWS OF HONG KONG IN JUST THE SAME WAY AS ANY OTHER CITIZEN,+ MR. PRENDERGAST SAID.

+THERE NEVER HAS BEEN AND NEVER WILL BE ANY QUESTION OF A COVER-UP,+ HE ASSURED.

+I.C.A.C. PERSONNEL ARE EVEN MORE CLOSELY MONITORED THAN ARE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE,+ HE ADDED.

MR. PRENDERGAST ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE COMMISSIONER OF I.C.A.C. HAS THE POWER UNDER THE I.C.A.C. ORDINANCE TO TERMINATE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN OFFICER WITHOUT ANY REASON, PROVIDED THE COMMISSIONER IS SATISFIED THAT IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMISSION TO DO SO.

+THIS MAY SEEM AN EXCEPTIONAL POWER BUT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, I THINK IT IS A NECESSARY ONE. IF FOR ANY REASON CONFIDENCE HAS BEEN LOST IN AN OFFICER, HE SHOULD BE REMOVED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

+THE COMMISSIONER HAS HAD OCCASSION TO EXERCISE THIS POWER IN A NUMBER OF INSTANCES. I THINK IT WILL BE ACCEPTED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT THE I.C.A.C. IS ITSELF CLEAN IN ALL ASPECTS. THERE CAN BE NO RELAXATION OF VIGILANCE AND THERE CAN BE NO HALF MEASURE,+ MR. PRENDERGAST SAID.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL NUMBERS REALISES \$240,000

FIFTEEN SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$240,000 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD IN THE LECTURE ROOM SOUTH OF THE CITY HALL HIGH BLOCK, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER BM 8 FETCH THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$42,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER BM 1 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$35,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$3,000 FOR BL 1414.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

AS 99	\$20,000	1913	\$14,000
8028	\$20,000	AL 2	\$10,000
AT 3	\$19,000	AN 200	\$10,000
AT 3333	\$17,500	EJ 1122 ...	\$ 8,000
AR 777	\$17,000	BH 1122 ...	\$ 5,000
2613	\$16,000	EM 525	\$ 3,500

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 31ST ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY, 1973, BROUGHT TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO \$5,202,032.

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NEW QUARTERS FOR POLICEMEN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MARRIED QUARTERS FOR RANK AND FILE POLICEMEN STATIONED IN SHATIN.

THE NEW QUARTERS WILL BE LOCATED NEXT TO THE NEW SHATIN DIVISIONAL POLICE STATION NOW BEING BUILT BY THE P.W.D. ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

MR. C.S. LEE, A SENIOR P.W.D. ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY CONSTRUCTION WORK WOULD BEGIN IN FEBRUARY AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN AUGUST 1978.

HE SAID THE NEW COMPLEX WOULD PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 400 MARRIED POLICE OFFICERS AND THEIR FAMILIES.

THE BUILDING, HE SAID, WOULD COMPRISE TWO 20-STOREY BLOCKS AS WELL AS CARPARKS, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A GARDEN.

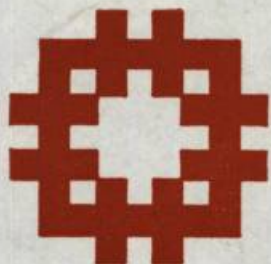
MEANWHILE, THE P.W.D. ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE IS TO BEGIN WORK NEXT MONTH ON SIMILAR QUARTERS FOR THE FIRE SERVICES AT TSUEN WAN.

THIS COMPLEX WILL OCCUPY A SITE OF ABOUT 3,000 SQUARE METRES NEAR THE JUNCTION OF LEI MUK SHUE ROAD AND WO YI HOP STREET, ADJACENT TO THE LEI MUK SHUE SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

MR. LEE SAID THIS PROJECT HAD BECOME MORE URGENT IN VIEW OF THE NECESSITY TO EXTEND ADDITIONAL FIRE COVER TO THE GROWING TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN.

HE SAID THE NEW QUARTERS WOULD COMPRISE TWO 20-STOREY BLOCKS AND PROVIDE ACCOMMODATION FOR ABOUT 400 MARRIED FIRE SERVICES OFFICERS BY AUGUST NEXT YEAR.

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MORE SPACE AND IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT FOR LICENSED AREA RESIDENTS

People taking up temporary housing in licensed areas will have more living space in future as well as improved facilities.

The Housing Authority, after a careful study of the welfare and living standards of tenants in licensed areas, has decided to raise the allocation standard to about 24 square feet per person.

This new space standard will be applied to future allocations in licensed areas currently under construction.

A spokesman for the Authority said the decision followed on another big step taken recently to improve living conditions in licensed areas.

MORE The programme includes the provision of proper house water and electricity supplies to 15 old licensed areas where 25,700 people live and the introduction of new-style licensed areas with part-built structures with facilities such as metered electricity and house water as well as telephone lines.

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The spokesman said such improvements and the raising of space standards were matters under continual review taking into account the availability of land, finance and staff resources.

"This is now possible as some more sites have been made available to the Authority for developing into licensed areas for temporary housing," he said.

Six new licensed areas for 16,000 people are currently under construction. Two of them, at Yau Ma Hom and Shek Lei in Tsuen Wan, will be completed before the end of the year and four others in Ha Kwai Chung, Kowloon Bay, Tin Wan and Aplichau will be ready early next year.

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