



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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METRO: STREET ALTERATIONS TO FACILITATE WORK IN CENTRAL

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Construction of the Island Stations of the Metro will begin in April this year and will be completed in March 1980.

This part of the Metro system includes the construction by cut-and-cover methods of underground stations at the junction of Des Voeux Road Central and Pedder Street, at Chater Road and in the area bounded by Harcourt Road, Cotton Tree Drive and Queensway.

The running lines between these works will be constructed by bored tunnel methods. The stations include the construction of entrances and ventilation shafts which will appear at permanent ground level structures.

However, before work can start on this section of the Metro, certain street alterations, details of which are notified in today's Government Gazette, will have to be made.

The principal roads affected will be Pedder Street, Des Voeux Road Central, Chater Road, Jackson Road and Murray Road. The widths of the carriageways and footpaths of these streets will be restricted from time to time during the construction period.

Plans showing the areas affected by the project may be inspected at the City District Office (Central and Western), the Enquiry Sub-Office, Central Government Offices, West Wing entrance, Hong Kong, and at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, 19th floor, Murray Building, Garden Road, Hong Kong.

Today's Government Gazette notice stipulates that any person making a claim for compensation must send his claim in writing to the Director of Public Works.

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The claims must reach the office of the Director before the expiration of one year from the date of closure of the street or from the completion of the substantial alteration which is alleged to have caused pecuniary loss or damage.

Note to Editors:

Copies of a sketch plan showing the traffic diversions in Central are distributed separately in the G.I.S. Press Boxes this (Friday) evening.

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LAND SALES FORECAST

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Fifteen lots of Crown land, totalling about 217,000 sq. ft. will be offered for sale by public auction between April and September this year, the Director of Crown Lands and Survey, announced in a land sales forecast today.

Of the 15 lots, six will be for non-industrial development, three for private residential use, and six for industrial purposes.

The total area of the residential sites amounts to 52,000 sq. ft. Two of them -- one 19,500 sq. ft. and the other 18,500 sq. ft. -- are located at Chung Hom Kok, Hong Kong, while the third 14,000 sq. ft. is situated off Shek Ku Street, Ho Man Tin.

The non-industrial lots cover a total area of 37,800 sq. ft. Three are off Hollywood Road, Hong Kong, one (24,000 sq. ft.) is at King's Road opposite Fuk Yuen Street in Shau Kei Wan, and the other two are located near the Sham Shui Po Army Camp.

Of the six industrial sites, totalling 127,200 sq. ft., one is situated at Aberdeen (20,500 sq. ft.), one at Chai Wan (6,700 sq. ft.), and the other four off Sze Shan Street in Sam Ka Tsuen.

Sale dates for the lots will be announced in due course in the Government Gazette and advertised in English and Chinese newspapers.

Detailed conditions of sales and sale plans will be available at the time of advertising from the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Murray Building, Garden Road, and from the Public Enquiry Sub-Office at the Central Government Offices, Ice House Street.

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Particulars of the Land Sales Forecast together with plans showing the location of the lots to be offered for sale may be inspected at the Crown Lands and Survey Offices in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

They may also be inspected at the Public Enquiry Sub-Office in Ice House Street, all City District Offices, the New Territories Administration Offices in North Kowloon Magistracy, and in the Commerce and Industry Department, Fire Brigade Building, Connaught Road Central.

Copies of the forecast may be obtained free of charge from any of these offices or by written request to the Crown Lands and Survey Office, PWD.

Last year, a total of 31 lots with a total area of 481,583 sq. ft. were sold for \$76.10 million. They included 235,870 sq. ft. of residential land, 41,837 sq. ft. of non-industrial land, and 194,400 sq. ft. of industrial land.

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INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS CONTINUES TO DECLINE

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Two overseas experts on chest diseases have recommended "major changes" in the Government Chest Service, necessitated by the continual decline in the incidence of tuberculosis in Hong Kong.

This was disclosed by the Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr. Gerald Choa, in his address to the Hong Kong Anti-TB & Thoracic Diseases Association this evening.

Dr. Choa, who is president of the association, told the annual general meeting that he had appointed a Working Party to consider a report by the two consultants from the United Kingdom, Prof. J.G. Scadding and Dr. Wallace Fox, who visited Hong Kong last year to review the situation concerning tuberculosis.

Both experts were of the opinion that the current decline in new cases of tuberculosis would continue and the policy of reliance on out-patient chemotherapy should be pursued, he said.

They advocated that the existing chest clinics should continue to deal with out-patient treatment of tuberculosis, but they should extend their activities further into other fields of respiratory diseases.

And because of the expected decline, a number of beds for the treatment of tuberculosis should be used for non-TB chest conditions and also heart diseases.

In this connection, Dr. Choa said his view was that the Ruttonjee Sanatorium should remain as the main centre for the treatment of all forms of tuberculosis while the Grantham Hospital, in which there is already an open-heart surgery unit, should further develop in this particular specialty.

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It was also suggested that a new style chest clinic should in future be designed as part of a polyclinic and be associated with beds for respiratory diseases in a hospital.

This meant that the Service should be re-designed to take up the entire field of respiratory medicine instead of restricting itself to pulmonary tuberculosis only, Dr. Choa explained.

Turning to the work and achievement of the Health Service during the past year, Dr. Choa said Government clinics were able to vaccinate almost 100 per cent of all new born babies, which was probably the highest BCG coverage at birth in the world.

The number of deaths from tuberculosis continued to decline, from 974 in 1974 to 646 last year, and the crude death rate from 22.9 to 14.8 per 100,000 population, he said.

In fact, there has been a 50 per cent fall in death rate in the last three years, he added.

Dr. Choa commended the association for its outstanding contribution to the treatment and control of tuberculosis.

"We have not come to the end of the road but we have travelled a long way to reach yet another important milestone," he said.

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SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT CHILDREN'S PARTY

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Children of staff of the Government Supplies Department will be entertained at a fun-filled party this Sunday (February 29) at the department's compound.

Over 1,300 children are expected to turn out at the party, which will open at 1 p.m. with an address by the Director, Mr. Frederick Young.

There will be side shows, magic and acrobatic shows, a lucky draw, and a display of fire engines and vaulting machines.

Music will be provided by the AMS Band and the Cape Collinson band.

Note to Editors:

You are cordially invited to cover the party. The GSD compound is at Oil Street, North Point.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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Firing practice will take place on Castle Peak Range on 15 days next month.

The public are reminded that it is dangerous to enter the area when the red flags are flying during the time of firing practice.

The practice times are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>
March 2 (Tuesday)	9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
March 3 (Wednesday)	8.00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
March 9 (Tuesday) )	9.00 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and 8.00 p.m. - 10 p.m.
March 10 (Wednesday) )	
March 11 (Thursday)	9.00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
March 16 (Tuesday) )	9.00 a.m. - 4 p.m.; and 8.00 p.m. - 10 p.m.
March 17 (Wednesday) )	
March 18 (Thursday) )	
March 22 (Monday) )	8.00 a.m. - 5 p.m.
March 23 (Tuesday) )	
March 24 (Wednesday) )	
March 25 (Thursday) )	
March 26 (Friday) )	
March 29 (Monday) )	8.00 a.m. - 4 p.m.
March 30 (Tuesday) )	

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FUN FAIR FOR 4,000 YOUNGSTERS

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A Lunar New Year Fun Fair will be held to entertain 4,000 youngsters of the Sau Mau Ping Estate tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon.

The fun fair, which has 19 games stalls in all, will take place at the hall and carpark of the Sau Mau Ping (Central) Estate Welfare Building.

The four-hour programme has been organised by 14 welfare associations in the area on the initiation of the Social Welfare Department's Community Work Offices in Sau Mau Ping Central and South.

A brief opening ceremony officiated by representatives of the organisers will be held at 2.30 p.m. before the fair starts. There will be awards for the best designed games stalls.

Note to Editors:

You are welcome to cover the fair at the Sau Mau Ping Central Estate Welfare Building in Sau Ming Road.

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TEN H.K. PRODUCTS EXCLUDED FROM U.S. G.S.P.

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Ten Hong Kong products have been disqualified from duty-free entry into the United States under that country's Generalised Scheme of Preferences.

This is because the items have exceeded their "competitive need" ceilings during the past year. Hong Kong is now obliged to stop issuing the relevant documents (Form A) in respect of these products, a Commerce and Industry Department spokesman said today (Friday).

The ten items include certain precious stones, articles of such stones, glass inners for vacuum flasks, certain metal cabinet locks, certain household and sanitary articles, flashlights and flashlight parts, hair curling devices and umbrella handles, walking stick handles, cane handles and so on. Their specific TSUSA (Tariff Schedule US Annotated) numbers are:

347.28	660.80	520.51	683.70	545.37
702.20	646.88	750.25	653.70	751.15

Details of the latest exclusion and what constitutes "competitive need" are contained in a recent circular (Certificate of Preference Circular No. 2/76) which the Commerce and Industry Department sent out earlier this week.

The Department spokesman said the Department would stop issuing Forms A in respect of these items as from March 1, 1976.

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