



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1976

GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES TO GO COMPUTERISED SOON

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THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IS TO GO 'COMPUTERISED' SOON WITH THE AIM TO ATTAIN MORE EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL INVENTORY CONTROL AND TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICES TO VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

THE CHANGE-OVER WILL INITIALLY AFFECT ONLY THE DEPARTMENT'S 'UNALLOCATED STORES' IN THE MAIN DEPOTS - THE NORTH POINT HEADQUARTERS AND KOWLOON CENTRAL STORES. THIS WILL INVOLVE SOME 7,400 ITEMS VALUED AT \$47.1 MILLION - ABOUT EIGHT PER CENT IN VOLUME OR 70 PER CENT IN VALUE OF THE TOTAL STOCKHOLDING.

THE TOTAL STOCK HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN DEPOTS AND SUB-DEPOTS AT THE BEGINNING OF FINANCIAL YEAR 1976/77 COMPRISED ABOUT 96,000 ITEMS VALUED AT \$67.3 MILLION.

THE COMPUTERISED SYSTEM IS NAMED 'IMPACT' WHICH MEANS INVENTORY, MANAGEMENT, PROCUREMENT, ACCOUNTING, CONTROL AND TECHNIQUES.

THE 'IMPACT' SYSTEM WILL IN ITS INITIAL PHASE OF IMPLEMENTATION DEAL WITH COMMODITIES UNDER GROUP 'C' HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN DEPOTS WHICH INCLUDE DRUGS, PHARMACEUTICALS, CHEMICALS, DRESSINGS, LABORATORY AND HOSPITAL INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT.

COMMENTING ON THE COMPUTERISATION SCHEME, MR. STEPHEN TAM, SENIOR SUPPLIES OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DATA PROCESSING DIVISION SAID THAT THE SYSTEM WILL PROVIDE THE MANAGEMENT WITH IMMEDIATE ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF STOCKHOLDING, DEMAND HISTORY, PROVISIONING AND ORDERING STATUS THUS THE BEST INVENTORY CONTROL TECHNIQUES CAN BE DETERMINED AND EXERCISED TO THE EFFECT OF IMPROVED SERVICES WITH MINIMUM STOCKHOLDING.

THE PROVISIONING AND PROCUREMENT SEGMENT OF THE SYSTEM, IN WHICH VARIOUS ORDERING AND FORECASTING FACTORS AND STRATEGIES ARE INCORPORATED ACCORDING TO THE NATURE OF INDIVIDUAL COMMODITY, CONTRIBUTES SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PROCUREMENT FUNCTION AND THEREFORE EVERY REPLENISHMENT OF STOCK CAN BE TIMED TO ACHIEVE THE BEST PURCHASE.

FURTHERMORE, THE SYSTEM WILL ALSO TAKE CARE OF THE FORECAST AND PROJECT REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE USER DEPARTMENTS. THE MANAGEMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE REMINDED FROM TIME TO TIME OF ANY CHANGES OF THESE REQUIREMENTS AND ANY NECESSARY REPLENISHMENT OR PROGRESS ACTION.

THE SYSTEM WILL ALSO REPORT DELAY WHEN CONFIRMATION OF PICKING AND DELIVERY ARE NOT INPUT WITHIN SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE FEEDING IN OF THE REQUISITIONS FROM THE USER DEPARTMENTS.

+THIS MEANS A REQUISITION SHOULD BE CLEARED IN SEVEN DAYS INSTEAD OF THE PRESENT TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS,+ MR. TAM POINTED OUT.

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THE 'IMPACT' SYSTEM IS UNDERGOING VARIOUS ELABORATE TESTS. THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE 'IMPACT' SYSTEM COVERING GROUP 'C' (MEDICAL) ITEMS HELD IN THE DEPARTMENT'S MAIN DEPOTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR. GROUPS 'A' AND 'B' ITEMS WILL BE PHASED IN BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

COMMODITIES UNDER GROUP 'A' INCLUDE GENERAL STORES, CLOTHING MATERIALS, STATIONERY, SPORTS AND OFFICE INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT, WHILE GROUP 'B' COVERS MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, AND BUILDING ITEMS AS WELL AS FIRE-FIGHTING INSTRUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT.

MANUAL RECORDS OF THE THREE GROUPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN FED INTO THE SYSTEM.

AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE THREE GROUPS, MR. TAM SAID, THE DEPARTMENT'S DATA PROCESSING DIVISION WOULD SPEND ABOUT A YEAR TO REVIEW THE 'IMPACT' SYSTEM BEFORE DECIDING TO EXTEND IT TO THE SUB-DEPOTS IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, THE WATERWORKS OFFICE AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE.

+OUT TARGET DATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE ENTIRE COMPUTERISATION SCHEME IS 1981,+ HE ADDED.

THE 'IMPACT' SYSTEM WILL INITIALLY RUN IN 'BATCH' MODE. THAT IS VOUCHERS/INPUT DOCUMENTS ARE BATCHED AND DATA ARE PUNCHED ON MAGNETIC TAPES WHICH ARE THEN FORWARDED IN BATCHES TO THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT'S COMPUTER CENTRE AT NEW MERCURY HOUSE FOR PROCESSING. FROM THERE THE DEPARTMENT COLLECTS THE PRINTOUT REPORTS THE NEXT DAY FOR NECESSARY ACTION.

MR. TAM SAID THAT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, A FEASIBILITY STUDY IS CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED INTO AN ON-LINE AND POSSIBLY REAL-TIME EXTENSION OF THIS SYSTEM IN THE NEXT PHASE COVERING THE DEPARTMENT'S SUB-DEPOTS IN THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, THE WATERWORKS OFFICE AND THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE.

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NEW MAP ENTITLED +NEW TERRITORIES - EAST+ TO BE PRODUCED

MORE SCENIC AREAS IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPENED UP FOR RECREATION THROUGH A NEW COUNTRYSIDE MAP TO BE PRODUCED BY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MAP MAKERS.

MR. LO KWOK-HUNG, P.W.D. CARTOGRAPHER, SAID TODAY PLANNING FOR THE NEW MAP, ENTITLED +NEW TERRITORIES - EAST+, WAS ALREADY IN HAND AND PRELIMINARY WORK WOULD BEGIN LATER THIS YEAR.

HE SAID THE NEW MAP WOULD COVER POPULAR AS WELL AS LESSER KNOWN PICNIC SPOTS AT SHA TAU KOK, SAI KUNG AND CLEARWATER BAY.

+THE AREA COVERED BY THE NEW MAP OFFERS SOME OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR SCENERY TO BE FOUND IN HONG KONG, AND THE MAP IS INTENDED TO HELP PEOPLE EXPLORE AND ENJOY THE COUNTRYSIDE AND AT THE SAME TIME DEVELOP A GREATER APPRECIATION AND UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR ENVIRONMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE +NEW TERRITORIES - EAST+ MAP IS THE FOURTH IN A SERIES OF COUNTRYSIDE MAPS PRODUCED BY THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE TO PROMOTE OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE OTHER THREE MAPS -- +HONG KONG ISLAND+, +NEW TERRITORIES - WEST+ AND +LANTAU AND ISLANDS+ -- HAVE PROVED SO POPULAR THAT REPRINTS HAVE HAD TO BE ORDERED.

ALMOST THE ENTIRE FIRST PRINTING OF THE LANTAU MAP WAS SOLD OUT WITHIN A WEEK OF ITS ISSUE IN APRIL. +TO MEET DEMAND, WE HAVE HAD TO ORDER 10,000 MORE COPIES OF THE 'LANTAU AND ISLANDS' MAP AND THESE ARE ALREADY ON SALE,+ MR. LO SAID.

HE SAID THAT REPRINTS FOR 5,000 COPIES OF EACH OF THE FIRST TWO COUNTRYSIDE MAPS COVERING HONG KONG ISLAND AND NEW TERRITORIES WEST HAD ALSO BEEN ORDERED AND WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE LATER THIS MONTH.

ALL OF THE COUNTRYSIDE MAPS ARE IN COLOUR WITH LEGENDS IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH. THEY HAVE DELIBERATELY BEEN MADE SIMPLE SO THAT EVEN THE MOST INEXPERIENCED MAP READER CAN USE THEM.

AS WELL AS LANTAU ITSELF, THE POPULAR +LANTAU AND ISLANDS' MAP FEATURES THE PICTURESQUE ISLANDS OF CHEUNG CHAU, PENG CHAU, LAMMA AND MA WAN -- REGARDED BY MANY AS PROBABLY THE MOST BEAUTIFUL OF HONG KONG'S OUTLYING ISLANDS.

A SMALL HANDBOOK OF GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ISLANDS IS DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE WITH THE MAP. THIS CONTAINS BRIEF DESCRIPTIONS OF PLACES OF SPECIAL INTEREST, TOURIST FACILITIES, FERRY AND +KAI-DO+ SERVICES AND EVEN THE TYPE OF HOSPITALITY OFFERED BY THE ISLANDS' VARIOUS MONASTERIES AND OTHER RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

A PROMINENT FEATURE OF THE LANTAU MAP IS A SECTION LISTING SAFETY HINTS FOR HIKERS IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH. THE MAP ALSO INCLUDES A COUNTRY CODE TO ENCOURAGE PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.

THE NEW EDITIONS OF THE +LANTAU AND ISLANDS+ MAP ARE NOW ON SALE AT \$4 A COPY AT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S SALES COUNTER ON THE 19TH FLOOR OF THE MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD-- AT THE KOWLOON CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN YAU MA TEI, AND AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT STAR FERRY.

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RE-ROUTING OF TAI CHEONG STREET

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 21), THE FOLLOWING TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN SHAUKIWAN.

FIRST, THE SECTION OF TAI CHEONG STREET NORTH OF SHAUKIWAN ROAD WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.

SECONDLY, THE SECTION OF THE UNNAMED ROAD ALONG THE SEA-FRONT BETWEEN TAI CHEONG STREET AND TAI HONG STREET WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT
TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE

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THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT THE TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE FOR RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING NEARBY.

THE TEAM WILL BE THERE FOR NINE DAYS FROM SEPTEMBER 27 TO OCTOBER 1- AND FROM OCTOBER 5 TO OCTOBER 8.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN/WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND ALSO ENABLE HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

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