



SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1975

# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

## HOW TO PREVENT FIRE AT HOME

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ONE IN EVERY FOUR FIRES IN HONG KONG OCCURS IN THE HOME AND MOST, IF NOT ALL, CAN BE AVOIDED BY JUST FOLLOWING A FEW SIMPLE RULES.

+HOME FIRE PROTECTION IS EASY TO LEARN AND REMEMBER,+ A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID. +MOST OF IT, AFTER ALL, IS ONLY COMMON SENSE. THE ONLY TROUBLE IS THAT TOO MANY PEOPLE HAVE AN 'IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN TO ME' ATTITUDE AND FOOLISHLY TAKE RISKS WHICH PLACE THEIR OWN LIVES AND PROPERTY, AND THAT OF OTHERS, CONSTANTLY IN DANGER.+

HE URGED PARENTS WHO HAVE TO LEAVE CHILDREN ON THEIR OWN TO TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS BY ENSURING THAT ALL MATCHES AND LIGHTERS ARE OUT OF CHILDREN'S REACH.

+CHILDREN SHOULD BE TAUGHT AT AN EARLY AGE THAT THEY SHOULD NEVER PLAY WITH FIRE,+ HE STRESSED.

PORTABLE HEATERS ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH BURN KEROSENE, SHOULD BE PUT IN A POSITION WHERE THEY CANNOT BE KNOCKED OVER BY CHILDREN. THEY SHOULD BE PLACED FAR AWAY FROM MATERIALS, SUCH AS CURTAINS AND BEDDING WHICH EASILY CATCH FIRE.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED HOUSEWIVES, WHEN COOKING, THEY SHOULD NOT ALLOW FATS TO OVERHEAT. +IF THERE IS A GREASE FIRE, COVER THE FLAME WITH A PAN LID AND TURN OFF THE SOURCE OF HEAT.+

ANOTHER USEFUL TIP TO BEAR IN MIND IS THAT BAKING SODA IS EXCELLENT FOR TACKLING COOKING FIRES. NEVER PICK UP A BURNING PAN AS THIS COULD HELP TO SPREAD THE FIRE. ALSO, NEVER COOK IN LOOSE SLEEVES WHICH COULD EASILY COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE FLAME.

HIGHLY FLAMMABLE ITEMS SUCH AS KEROSENE, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS, OIL AND PAINTS SHOULD BE STORED WELL AWAY FROM SOURCES OF HEAT. NEVER FILL A KEROSENE STOVE WHEN IT IS STILL BURNING. DO NOT SMOKE NEAR FLAMMABLE MATERIALS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT SOME OF THE MOST DAMAGING FIRES IN HONG KONG HAD OCCURED AS A RESULT OF ELECTRICAL FAULTS CAUSED BY BAD MAINTENANCE OR NO MAINTENANCE AT ALL. +WIRING CAN DETERIORATE OVER THE YEARS AND PERIODIC CHECKS BY A COMPETENT ELECTRICIAN ARE ESSENTIAL FOR SAFETY,+ HE SAID.

CORDS AND APPLIANCES SHOULD BE KEPT IN GOOD OPERATING CONDITION AND REPLACED WHEN FRAYED OR WORN. APPLIANCES MUST NEVER BE LEFT ON WHEN GOING OUT. IF TOO MANY ELECTRICAL ITEMS ARE PLUGGED INTO ONE SOCKET, THE WIRING COULD EASILY BECOME OVERHEATED AND FIRE MAY BREAK OUT, ESPECIALLY DURING PERIODS OF LOW HUMIDITY.

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+IF YOU, OR MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY, SMOKE CIGARETTES, DON'T FORGET THAT THOUSANDS OF FIRES OCCUR IN HONG KONG EACH YEAR THROUGH THE CARELESS DISPOSAL OR HANDLING OF LIGHTED CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES.

+MAKE SURE CIGARETTE ENDS ARE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED BEFORE DISPOSING OF THEM - PREFERABLY IN AN ASH TRAY. NEVER SMOKE IN BED. OLD PEOPLE ESPECIALLY HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO FALL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING AND SET THEIR BEDS ON FIRE.+

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT WITH A SMALL AMOUNT OF EFFORT, PEOPLE CAN MAKE THEIR HOMES FREE OF THE RISK OF FIRE. +FAILURE TO TAKE THE TROUBLE CAN - AND TOO OFTEN DOES - LEAD TO DISASTER,+ HE SAID.

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CAREERS SEMINAR FOR N.T. STUDENTS  
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THE NEW TERRITORIES IS TO HAVE ITS FIRST EVER CAREERS SEMINAR ON TUESDAY (APRIL 8).

MORE THAN 600 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS IN TAI PO, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI WILL ATTEND THE ONE-DAY SEMINAR AT THE FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL, SHEUNG SHUI FROM 9.50 A.M. TO 3.45 P.M.

THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN SPECIALLY ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TO BRING UP-TO-DATE CAREERS ADVICE TO STUDENTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, MR. JAMES YEUNG, SAID TODAY THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR WAS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON CAREERS IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES.

+THE INFORMATION INCLUDES THE NATURE OF VARIOUS JOBS, DUTIES, SALARIES, PROSPECTS, TRAINING FACILITIES AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT,+ HE SAID.

+THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES FOUR TALKS ON JOBS IN COMMERCE AND SERVICES, INDUSTRIES AND CIVIL SERVICE AND TWO TALKS ON FURTHER STUDIES.

+IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT MOST SCHOOL PRINCIPALS IN THESE AREAS ARE PREPARED TO RELEASE THEIR STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR.

+STUDENTS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR,+ MR. YEUNG ADDED.

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FOUNDATION WORK FOR KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR  
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THE KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR HAS MOVED ANOTHER STEP FORWARD TODAY WITH THE INVITATION FOR TENDERS FOR THE FOUNDATIONS WORK.

THE WORK WILL CONSIST OF PUTTING IN 800 MM TO 1,200 MM THICK CAISSONS, FOUNDED IN MODERATELY DECOMPOSED AND FRESH SOUND GRANITE, IN THE RECLAIMED SITE AT THE SOUTH END OF RAMBLERS CHANNEL.

LAST MONTH, FIRMS OF INTERNATIONAL STANDING WERE INVITED TO BE INCLUDED IN A SELECTED TENDER LIST FOR THE SUPPLY, FABRICATION AND DELIVERY OF THE STRUCTURAL STEELWORK SUPERSTRUCTURE TO THE INCINERATION BUILDING.

A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT WAS SIGNED IN NOVEMBER 1973.

EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL BY LATE 1978, THE KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR WILL HANDLE 900 TONS OF REFUSE A DAY.

GAS PRODUCED WILL BE DISPERSED AT A HIGH LEVEL FROM A 150-METRE CHIMNEY, WHILE DUST EMISSION WILL BE KEPT TO A MINIMUM BY HIGH-EFFICIENCY DUST EXTRACTION EQUIPMENT.

THE INCINERATOR WILL NORMALLY OPERATE 24 HOURS A DAY AND WILL BE A GREAT HELP IN DISPOSING OF THE GROWING VOLUME OF DAILY REFUSE.

WORKS ON THE INCINERATOR HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANT ASIA.

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