



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FIRE

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+THE BEST FORM OF PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE IS PREVENTION+.

THIS IS THE MESSAGE OF A NEW BOOKLET ON FIRE PREVENTION PRODUCED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

ENTITLED 'HOW TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FIRE', THE 12-PAGE BOOKLET OUTLINES SOME SIMPLE GUIDELINES TO PREVENT FIRE IN THE HOME AND WHAT ACTION TO TAKE IF FIRE DOES OCCUR.

THE BOOKLET IS IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH, WITH SIMPLE ILLUSTRATIONS, AND HAS BEEN PRODUCED TO COINCIDE WITH THIS YEAR'S FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN. IT WILL BE AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, AND AT THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU IN ASIAN HOUSE.

THE BOOKLET EMPHASISES THAT GOOD HOUSEKEEPING IS A VITAL REQUISITE OF FIRE PREVENTION AND LISTS A NUMBER OF SAFETY POINTS TO WATCH, SUCH AS MAKING SURE THAT ALL FIRES, INCLUDING CIGARETTES, ARE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED AND ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES ARE SWITCHED OFF BEFORE GOING TO BED.

IT POINTS OUT THAT FIRE IN THE HOME CAN BE PREVENTED BY :

- \* TAKING CARE WHEN COOKING - DON'T LEAVE PANS, ESPECIALLY FAT PANS, UNATTENDED.
- \* CHECKING THAT ALL FIRES ARE SAFELY GUARDED.
- \* BEING ESPECIALLY CAREFUL WITH ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT - MISHANDLING IT IS THE CAUSE OF SOME OF HONG KONG'S DISASTROUS FIRES.
- \* BEING CAREFUL WITH CIGARETTE ENDS, PIPES AND MATCHES. ALL SHOULD BE PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED AFTER USE.
- \* KEEPING MATCHES, LIGHTERS, LIGHTED CANDLES, ETC. OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.
- \* NEVER FILLING A KEROSENE STOVE OR HEATER WHEN IT IS ALIGHT.
- \* MAKING SURE THAT PORTABLE HEATERS ARE NOT PUT IN PLACES WHERE THEY CAN BE KNOCKED OVER, ALSO THAT THEY ARE NOT CLOSE TO COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS SUCH AS CURTAINS, BEDDING, ETC.
- \* NOT ACCUMULATING RUBBISH.

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- \* NOT USING FAULTY ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT (IF YOU SUSPECT SOMETHING IS WRONG, STOP USING THE EQUIPMENT AND CONSULT A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN).
- \* STORING COOKING FUEL SUCH AS KEROSENE, LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS (NOT MORE THAN ONE CONTAINER AT ANY TIME) WELL AWAY FROM ANY SOURCE OF HEAT.
- \* TEACHING YOUR CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY AND THE ROUTE TO ESCAPE.
- \* MAKING SURE THAT, WHEN CHILDREN ARE LEFT UNATTENDED, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO REACH, HANDLE OR TAMPER WITH ANY SOURCE OF IGNITION (INCLUDING ELECTRICAL APPARATUS).
- \* NEVER LOCKING CHILDREN BEHIND IN THEIR HOME= THEY CAN EASILY GET INTO MISCHIEF AND THEIR LIFE IS ENDANGERED.

MEANWHILE, ANOTHER BOOKLET ON FIRE EXTINGUISHERS HAS BEEN PRODUCED FOR THE GUIDANCE OF FIRE SERVICE (INSTALLATION AND EQUIPMENT) CONTRACTORS.

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## SEPTEMBER BANKING STATISTICS

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BANK DEPOSITS AS AT THE END OF LAST MONTH STOOD AT \$35,064 MILLION, COMPRISING \$9,671 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, \$13,263 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND \$12,130 MILLION IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS, THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING ANNOUNCED TODAY.

AT THE END OF THE MONTH THERE WERE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS FOR SEPTEMBER.

		MONTH ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1975
		\$MILLION
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
1. DEPOSITS		35,064
2. AMOUNT DUE TO BANKS ABROAD		20,256
3. OTHER LIABILITIES		8,443
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>63,763</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
1. CASH		667
2. AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD:		
(I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS	18,444	
(II) TIME DEPOSITS	2,278	20,722
		<u>20,722</u>
3. LOANS AND ADVANCES:		
(I) HONG KONG	24,343	
(II) ABROAD	9,686	34,029
		<u>34,029</u>
4. INVESTMENTS:		
(I) HONG KONG	2,549	
(II) ABROAD	50	2,599
		<u>2,599</u>
5. OTHER ASSETS:		
(I) HONG KONG	4,458	
(II) ABROAD	1,288	5,746
		<u>5,746</u>
	TOTAL ASSETS	<u>63,763</u>
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH		48.90%

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49 GRADUATE FROM INSTITUTE  
FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:-

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 10.30 A.M.

FORTY-NINE GRADUATES OF THE FIRST COURSE RUN BY THE INSTITUTE WILL RECEIVE THEIR CERTIFICATES.

DURING THE CEREMONY, REPRESENTATIVES FROM EIGHT LIONS CLUBS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WILL PRESENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS NOW ENROLLED IN THE INSTITUTE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

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WATER CUT  
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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE WITHOUT WATER BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY (NOVEMBER 1) WHEN A TEST FOR LEAKAGE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD, PRATAS STREET, CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD, WING LUNG STREET, UN CHAU STREET, HING WAH STREET AND CHEUNG FAT STREET.

NORMAL SUPPLY WILL BE RESTORED TO THE PREMISES AS SOON AS THE LEAKAGE TEST HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

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FIRE SERVICES DRILL COMPETITION  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ANNUAL DRILL COMPETITION ORGANISED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES FIRE SERVICES COMMAND WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 31) AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL AT PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, BEGINNING AT 2.30 P.M.

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF FIVE DRILLS -- ONE-MAN HYDRANT DRILL, MAJOR PUMP DRILL, 35-FOOT LADDER DRILL, RESCUE ESCAPE DRILL AND HOOK LADDER DRILL.

AMONG THOSE PRESENTING TROPHIES TO THE WINNING DIVISIONS WILL BE MR. CHAN YAT-SUN, CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE COMPETITION. THEY SHOULD MEET MR. DONALD STRANGE, FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AT THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL NOT LATER THAN 2.20 P.M.

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