



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE LAND OFFERED TO TANNERS

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS OFFERED ADDITIONAL LAND AT KWAI CHUNG TO THE OPERATORS OF 55 TANNERIES AT SHEUNG SHUI DUE TO BE CLEARED BY JULY 31 THIS YEAR.

THE LAND, IN THE OFFENSIVE TRADES AREA, TOTALS 104,500 SQ. FT. THE OPERATORS ARE ALREADY PURCHASING APPROXIMATELY 75,000 SQ. FT. OF LAND IN KWAI CHUNG WHERE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE THEIR OPERATIONS FOLLOWING CLEARANCE.

THE TANNERS HAVE ORGANISED THEMSELVES INTO FIVE CONSORTIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE MOVE TO KWAI CHUNG AND EACH CONSORTIUM HAS BEEN OFFERED AN AREA OF LAND ADJOINING THEIR EXISTING LOT. THE LARGEST AREA - 39,900 SQ. FT. - HAS BEEN OFFERED TO CONSORTIUM NO. 1 - CONSORTIA NOS. 2 AND 3 HAVE EACH BEEN OFFERED 15,500 SQ. FT. AND CONSORTIUM NO. 4 HAS BEEN OFFERED 18,000 SQ. FT. CONSORTIUM NO. 5, WHICH CONTAINS A LARGE NUMBER OF SMALL OPERATORS, HAS BEEN OFFERED 16,500 SQ. FT.

THE OFFER HAS BEEN MADE IN A LETTER TO EACH CONSORTIUM SENT TODAY (WEDNESDAY) BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS.

THE TANNERS' REQUEST FOR EXTRA LAND WAS MADE DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS THEY HAD WITH MR. CHAMBERS AND THE DISTRICT OFFICER TAI PO, MR. CLIVE OXLEY.

IN HIS LETTER, MR. CHAMBERS POINTS OUT THAT THE LAND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH SURRENDER OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS BY THE TANNERS. THEY WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO PAY PREMIUM BY INSTALMENTS OVER TEN YEARS.

+IF YOU WISH TO PROCEED ON THIS BASIS,+ THE LETTER STATES, +I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD FORWARD WITHIN TWO CALENDAR MONTHS A SCHEDULE OF LAND ENTITLEMENTS IN YOUR POSSESSION SO THAT PREMIUM CAN BE ASSESSED AND THE CONDITIONS OF GRANT FORMULATED.+

ALL THE LAND WILL BE RESTRICTED TO TANNING OR OTHER OFFENSIVE TRADES AND BUILDINGS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS.

THE LETTER ALSO POINTS OUT THAT STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE TREATMENT OF TRADE EFFLUENT WILL BE REQUIRED, ADDING: +YOU WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE AT KWAI CHUNG IN THE SAME MANNER AS AT SHEUNG SHUI.+

THE LETTER REMINDS THE TANNERS THAT THE FINAL DEADLINE FOR THEIR REMOVAL REMAINS JULY 31 AND THAT NO EXTENSION OF THIS DEADLINE WILL BE CONSIDERED. +IT IS THEREFORE IN YOUR INTERESTS TO ADVISE ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER YOU WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OFFER OF ADDITIONAL LAND,+ IT CONCLUDES.

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QUOTA UTILIZATION DATA TO BE PUBLISHED
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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WOULD PUBLISH ON A REGULAR BASIS DATA ON QUOTA UTILIZATION BY HONG KONG IN RESPECT OF ALL RESTRAINT MARKETS.

THE INFORMATION WILL BE ISSUED MONTHLY IN THE FORM OF NOTICES TO EXPORTERS UNDER THE FOLLOWING NEW SERIES CREATED FOR THIS PURPOSE :

SERIES 1A (USA)
SERIES 2A (EEC)
SERIES 3A (EUROPE OTHER THAN EEC)
SERIES 4A (CANADA AND AUSTRALIA)

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT COMPANIES WISHING TO RECEIVE THE NOTICES TO EXPORTERS THROUGH THE DIRECT MAILING SERVICE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY SUBSCRIPTION \$15 PER SERIES PER ANNUM.

SUBSCRIPTION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S TEXTILE CONTROLS DIVISION REGISTRY AT ROOM 7, FIRST FLOOR, 46 CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

THE FIRST ISSUE OF THE NOTICES TO EXPORTERS SHOWING THE QUOTA UTILIZATION POSITION AS AT END MARCH 1976 WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL 1976.

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NO NEED TO REPORT LOSS OF I.D. CARD TO POLICE
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THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IN THE EVENT OF THE LOSS OF AN IDENTITY CARD, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC IS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO REPORT THE FACT TO A POLICE STATION.

HE SHOULD APPLY FOR A REPLACEMENT CARD AT ANY BRANCH OFFICES OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER ALSO REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT, RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH MIGHT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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GOVERNOR OPENS NEW SAILING CENTRE

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THE SEA AND ENJOYMENT OF THE SEA IS ONE OF HONG KONG'S GREAT NATURAL ASSETS, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

OPENING THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS' SAILING ASSOCIATION'S NEW SAILING AND CANOEING CENTRE AT TAI MEI TUK, HE SAID HE WAS LOOKING TO THE ASSOCIATION TO ENSURE THAT THE CENTRE +IS USED TO FULL CAPACITY AND GIVE NEW ENJOYMENT AND INTEREST TO AS MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.+

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE GENEROUS BENEFACTOR WHOSE MONEY HAS PAID FOR THIS CENTRE BUT WHO INSISTS ON REMAINING ANONYMOUS. HE WISHED HIS MONEY TO BE SPENT ON PROVIDING INCREASED FACILITIES FOR RECREATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS CENTRE FOR SAILING AND CANOEING IS ONE OF MANY PROJECTS THAT HAVE RESULTED. I AM SURE THAT HE, LIKE ALL THE REST OF US, NOW LOOKS TO THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS' SAILING ASSOCIATION TO ENSURE THAT IT IS USED TO FULL CAPACITY AND GIVES NEW ENJOYMENT AND INTEREST TO AS MANY YOUNG PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. SINCE THE SITE IS RATHER REMOTE THIS WILL NEED EFFORT AND ORGANISATION, BUT IF THE EXCELLENT ORGANISATION OF TODAY'S EVENTS ARE ANY INDICATION I AM SURE IT WILL DO JUST THAT.

+THE SEA AND ENJOYMENT OF THE SEA IS ONE OF HONG KONG'S GREAT NATURAL ASSETS. FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN TAUGHT HOW TO USE IT SAFELY AND HAVE BEEN CAUGHT BY THE SEA'S CHARM ONE YARD FROM THE SHORE AND THEIR CARES FALL AWAY, WHETHER THEY ARE ON IT OR IN IT, OR TEMPORARILY UNDER IT. BEING ONE OF THOSE MYSELF, I DO WISH ALL WHO WILL USE THIS CENTRE AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF WET, HAPPY AND CAREFREE HOURS.

+I NOW HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING OPEN THIS CENTRE.+

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LABOUR CHIEF IMPRESSED BY HAECO'S TRAINING SCHEME

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED THE HONG KONG AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING COMPANY, LTD. AT KAI TAK, AS PART OF HIS PROGRAMME OF KEEPING UP-TO-DATE WITH INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS IN HONG KONG.

THE COMPANY, WHICH HAS A WORKFORCE OF 2,200 EXCLUDING OFFICE STAFF, PROVIDES SERVICING AND OVERHAULING FOR A WIDE RANGE OF AIRCRAFT, AND IS THE ENGINEERING BASE FOR CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS.

MR. PRICE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE COMPANY'S WORK IN APPRENTICE TRAINING, ITS REGARD FOR WORK SAFETY AND ITS EFFORT TO PROMOTE GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS.

THE COMPANY RUNS A THREE-YEAR TECHNICIAN APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME AND OPERATES ITS OWN TRAINING SCHOOL WHERE APPRENTICES ATTEND CLASSES, IN ADDITION TO THE RELATED PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES AT THE POLYTECHNIC.

AS A RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION, IT WILL SOON START CRAFT APPRENTICE TRAINING IN MECHANICAL, ELECTRONIC AND VEHICLE REPAIR TRADES.

MR. PRICE SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT MANY HAECO APPRENTICES HAD BECOME FULLY LICENSED MAINTENANCE AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS AND THAT A HIGH PASS RATE IN OVERSEAS EXAMINATIONS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED.

IN THE FIELD OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY, THE COMPANY HAS SENT SOME 120 WORKERS TO SAFETY TRAINING COURSES RUN BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, AND HAS A GOOD SAFETY RECORD AS A RESULT OF HAVING COMPREHENSIVE SAFETY RULES AND MAKING SAFETY TRAINING AN INTEGRAL PART OF STAFF TRAINING.

APART FROM SUCH WELFARE BENEFITS AS FREE MEDICAL CARE AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT GRANT, THE COMPANY OPERATES A SYSTEM OF JOINT CONSULTATION. SUCH A SYSTEM, SAID MR. PRICE, PROVIDES A MOST EFFECTIVE METHOD OF COMMUNICATING WITH EMPLOYEES AND SO CULTIVATING HARMONIOUS MANAGEMENT-LABOUR RELATIONS.

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SPORTS AND GAMES VITAL TO THE HANDICAPPED

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SPORTS AND GAMES ARE VITAL TO THE MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED BECAUSE NOT ONLY CAN THEY STRENGTHEN THEIR BODY AND IMPROVE THEIR MOVEMENT BUT ALSO HELP INCREASE THEIR CONFIDENCE AND PROMOTE A SENSE OF MUTUAL HELP AND CO-OPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES.

DR. HARRY FANG, LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, SAID THIS TODAY AT THE 1976 SPORTS DAY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION CENTRES AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM.

DR. FANG NOTED THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL SHOULD, IN THE COURSE OF GROWING UP, RECEIVE MORAL, INTELLECTUAL, PHYSICAL AND GROUP TRAINING. +IN SCHOOLS AS WELL AS IN REHABILITATION CENTRES, THE SELECTED SYLLABUS SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDENTS.+

HE WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT ALL THE REHABILITATION CENTRES RUN BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OFFERED TRAINING PROGRAMMES WITH GREAT EMPHASIS PLACED ON SPORTS AND GAMES.

+SPORTS AND GAMES DO HELP THE DISABLED TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL ABILITIES AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES SO THAT THEY CAN RETURN TO THE COMMUNITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,+ HE ADDED.

DR. FANG URGED THE COMPETITORS THAT THEY SHOULD CONSTANTLY TAKE PART IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS PHYSICAL TRAINING PROGRAMMES AND COMPETITIONS ORGANISED FOR THEM SO THAT SOMEDAY THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS.

IN HIS INTRODUCTORY REMARKS, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. FRED CLARK, SAID THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME THAT THE DISABLED UNDER THE CARE OF THE S.W.D.'S 15 REHABILITATION CENTRES GOT TOGETHER ON THE SAME FIELD TO ENGAGE IN FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE SPORTS DAY WAS THE BIGGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE HISTORY OF HONG KONG, WITH SOME 1,300 PARTICIPANTS AND 500 REHABILITATION WORKERS INVOLVED.

MR. CLARK THANKED ALL THE ORGANISERS FOR ARRANGING AND CO-ORDINATING SUCH A HUGE GATHERING AND ESPECIALLY EXTENDED HIS APPRECIATION TO ALL THE VOLUNTARY HELPERS WHO HAD STEPPED IN WITH SUCH ENTHUSIASM.

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