



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PLANS CLOSER LIAISON  
WITH PUBLISHERS OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING VARIOUS MEANS BY WHICH IMPROVEMENT CAN BE BROUGHT ABOUT IN THE PRODUCTION, SELECTION AND USE OF SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF MATERIAL TO SUPPORT NEW APPROACHES TO THE CURRICULUM.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. ARTHUR BROWN, TODAY INVITED EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS TO DISCUSS WITH HIM WAYS OF BRINGING ABOUT CLOSER LIAISON WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+ONE OF OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERNS,+ SAID MR. BROWN, +IS TO FIND WAYS OF PRODUCING THE SORT OF MATERIAL WHICH WILL ACTIVELY ENCOURAGE IMPROVED TEACHING TECHNIQUES AND AT THE SAME TIME GIVE ADEQUATE SUPPORT TO NEW CONCEPTS IN CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT.

+NEW IDEAS CAN EASILY BE DESTROYED BY OLD HABITS OR ATTITUDES OF MIND, AND A VITALLY IMPORTANT PART OF CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT IS THE PRODUCTION OF TEACHING MATERIAL WHICH FIRMLY PLACES THE PUPIL AT THE CENTRE OF THINGS, STIMULATING HIS IMAGINATION AND CURIOSITY, AND ENCOURAGING HIM TO LEARN BY DOING - IN FACT, GENERALLY STEERING HIM AWAY FROM THE TRADITIONAL PASSIVE ROLE OF LEARNING BY ROTE.

+WE FEEL THAT IT IS NOW PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND OUR EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS IN ALL ASPECTS OF TEXTBOOK DEVELOPMENT.+

ANY EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHER WISHING TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER MAY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS BY CONTACTING MR. MAK SIK-HON, INSPECTOR (CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG (TEL: 5-774001 EXT. 39).

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IMPROVEMENT OF MEDICAL FACILITIES IN SAI KUNG  
RURAL COMMITTEE DONATES AMBULANCE TO AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE  
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THE RURAL COMMITTEE OF SAI KUNG IS TO DONATE AN AMBULANCE TO THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE LATER THIS MONTH -- A GESTURE WHICH WILL CONSIDERABLY IMPROVE MEDICAL FACILITIES IN THE AREA DURING AN EMERGENCY.

THE GIFT WILL NOT REPLACE EXISTING AMBULANCE SERVICES ALREADY PROVIDED BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, BUT WILL AUGMENT PRESENT FACILITIES.

THE AMBULANCE WILL BE MANNED AND USED BY FULLY-TRAINED MEMBERS OF THE AMS. IT WILL BE BASED IN THE COMPOUND OF THE SAI KUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, AND HAS AN OXYGEN APPARATUS, RESUSCITATION EQUIPMENT, FIRST-AID AND CASUALTY ACCESSORIES.

+THE GIFT IS A TRANSIT VAN, CONVERTED TO ACCOMMODATE ONE STRETCHER, FOUR SITTING PATIENTS, PLUS A NORMAL CREW OF TWO AMS MEMBERS AND A DRIVER,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE SAID TODAY.

+IT IS BEING PRESENTED TO US BY THE RURAL COMMITTEE, BECAUSE IT FEELS THAT AN ADDITIONAL AMBULANCE WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

+WE ENTIRELY AGREE WITH THIS VIEW, BECAUSE THE POPULATION IN THE SAI KUNG AREA IS GROWING, AND THE DISTRICT IS POPULAR WITH URBAN RESIDENTS ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.+

THE AMS SUB-UNIT IN SAI KUNG NOW NUMBERS 82. RECRUITMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL 40 TO 50 MEMBERS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, IS ENVISAGED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:  
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YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3 PM IN THE RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AT SAI KUNG ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 25. DR. RAYMOND MOK, DEPUTY UNIT CONTROLLER, AMS, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL ACCEPT THE KEY TO THE AMBULANCE ON BEHALF OF DR. GERALD CHOA, CONTROLLER OF THE A.M.S.

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SWD'S CREDIT UNION MEETING  
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THE 3RD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE S.W.D.'S CREDIT UNION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 23) AT 4.45 PM AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE, 44, OI KWAN ROAD, WANCHAI, HONG KONG.

MR. THOMAS LEE, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING AND PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO COLLECTORS OF THE CREDIT UNION.

THE PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE THE ADOPTION OF REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND THE ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 1975.

FOLLOWING THIS, THERE WILL BE A LUCKY DRAW AND ENTERTAINMENT, INCLUDING MAGIC SHOWS AND FOLK DANCES PERFORMED BY RESIDENTS OF THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME AND MA TAU WEI GIRLS' HOME. LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE MEETING.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT.

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NEW RULINGS ON TOBACCO AND LIQUOR WITHDRAWALS

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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY LAST FRIDAY ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO REGULATE RELEASES OF TOBACCO FROM BOND IN THE PERIOD PRECEDING THE BUDGET.

SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE REGULATION OF WITHDRAWALS OF LIQUOR FROM BOND HAVE BEEN ISSUED TODAY.

THE INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF AN ORDER UNDER THE PUBLIC REVENUE PROTECTION ORDINANCE MADE BY THE GOVERNOR ON JANUARY 17. THE OBJECT OF THE ORDER IS TO PROTECT THE REVENUE BY PREVENTING DELIVERIES FROM BOND OF ABNORMALLY LARGE QUANTITIES OF DUTIABLE GOODS BEFORE BUDGET DAY.

THE ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN IS PRECAUTIONARY AND DOES NOT IN ITSELF INDICATE THAT A DECISION TO INCREASE DUTIES HAS BEEN TAKEN. IT IS LIKELY THAT SIMILAR ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AS A MATTER OF ROUTINE IN FUTURE YEARS.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 AM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 24) TO FACILITATE A TEST FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE 1-13B QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 2-10 ICE HOUSE STREET, 1A-3 AND 2A-8 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, BLAKE PIER, STAR FERRY PIER, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, STAR FERRY MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, THE CITY HALL, CITY HALL MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, 1-10A CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, AND PREMISES IN CHATER ROAD AND JACKSON ROAD.

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PWD OFFICIAL RETIRING  
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MR. HAROLD SOBEY, ACTING TECHNICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE PWD'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, IS RETIRING THIS MONTH AFTER 23 YEARS' IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, HE WILL BE PRESENTED WITH A MEMENTO FROM HIS COLLEAGUES THIS FRIDAY. THE PRESENTATION WILL BE MADE BY THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDING DEVELOPMENT, MR. JOHN STEAN.

MR. SOBEY FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS CLERK OF WORKS II IN 1952. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CLERK OF WORKS I IN 1964 AND HAS BEEN ACTING TECHNICAL SUPERINTENDENT SINCE LAST YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE WELCOME TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY COVERED. IT WILL BE HELD AT 4 PM ON FRIDAY (JANUARY 24) IN MURRAY BUILDING, 12TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD.

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ALDRICH BAY FIRE VICTIMS OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING

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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT HAS OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING TO 344 PEOPLE WHO LOST THEIR HOMES IN THE FIRE AT ALDRICH BAY IN SHAUKIWAN LAST SATURDAY.

HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF WERE BUSY OVER THE WEEKEND CHECKING THE RECORDS OF THE 504 PEOPLE WHO REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT SHORTLY AFTER THE OUTBREAK OF THE FIRE.

A SITE-IDENTIFICATION EXERCISE WAS CARRIED OUT AT THE FIRE SITE THIS (MONDAY) MORNING AND 344 PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO SATISFY THE FIELD STAFF THAT THEY WERE GENUINE RESIDENTS OF THE AREA.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE FIRE ON SATURDAY, HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF ARRANGED FOR THE SHAUKIWAN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION PREMISES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED OF TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION, BUT ONLY A FEW STAYED THERE OVERNIGHT. THE OTHERS TOOK UP TEMPORARY RESIDENCE WITH FRIENDS OR RELATIVES.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 52,656 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 78.2 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 49,052 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 39,181 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 38,296 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 77.6 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TRACE OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 AM TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 17.2 MM (0.68 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 14.1 MM (0.56 IN).

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