



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FULL LENGTH OF EXTENDED AIRPORT RUNWAY TO OPEN TOMORROW  
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THE EXTENDED RUNWAY AT HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT COMES INTO FULL USE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN THE ENTIRE 11,130-FOOT STRIP WILL BECOME AVAILABLE FOR INCOMING AND OUTGOING AIRCRAFT.

THIS HAS NOW BECOME POSSIBLE WITH THE COMPLETION OF A ROAD TUNNEL -- A VITAL LINK IN A MAJOR ROAD SYSTEM DESIGNED FOR THE AREA BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT -- UNDER THE NORTH-WESTERN END OF THE RUNWAY.

MR. FONG CHUN-NAM, GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER, P.W.D., SAID TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH THE RUNWAY EXTENSION WAS COMPLETED IN JUNE 1974, A SECTION OF ABOUT 900 FEET AT THE NORTHWEST END HAD TO BE CLOSED TO AIR TRAFFIC ABOUT 18 MONTHS AGO TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE TUNNEL.

+THE CONTRACT FOR THE WORKS, AMOUNTING TO ABOUT \$56 MILLION, WAS AWARDED TO GAMMON (HONG KONG) LTD. WHICH HAVE NOW COMPLETED THE WORKS.

+RESURFACING OF THE CLOSED SECTION OF THE RUNWAY IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED TODAY, AND THE BLAST FENCE WHICH SHIELDED CONSTRUCTION WORKERS FROM THE EFFECTS OF JET TAKE-OFFS WILL BE REMOVED TO ENABLE AIRCRAFT TO UTILISE THE FULL STRETCH OF THE RUNWAY,+ HE SAID.

THE OPENING OF THE FULL LENGTH OF THE EXTENDED RUNWAY WILL MEAN THAT AIRCRAFT WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE OFF WITH HEAVIER PAYLOADS ON LONG SECTORS.

THE TUNNEL BENEATH THE RUNWAY, MR. FONG SAID, WAS ABOUT 420 FEET LONG RUNNING DIAGONALLY ACROSS THE RUNWAY, +AND WILL FORM A CRUCIAL PART OF THE FUTURE HIGHWAY LINKING THE INDUSTRIAL AREAS OF KWUN TONG AND HUNG HOM.+

PLANNING WAS ALREADY IN HAND, HE ADDED, ON CONNECTING ROADS AT BOTH ENDS OF THE TUNNEL.

+WHEN FULLY COMPLETED, THE SCHEME WILL PROVIDE A FAST ROAD LINK BETWEEN KWUN TONG AND HUNG HOM AND SHOULD HELP CONSIDERABLY IN EASING CONGESTION IN THE AREA,+ HE SAID.

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FURTHER STEP TO CUT PERMITTED OVERTIME  
FOR WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS  
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THE FINAL STAGE OF THE PHASED PROGRAMME TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF OVERTIME HOURS FOR WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN INDUSTRY COMES INTO EFFECT ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 1).

FROM THAT DATE, THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE OVERTIME FOR THESE WORKERS WILL BE 200 HOURS A YEAR.

THE PROGRAMME BEGAN A YEAR AGO WHEN THE PERMITTED OVERTIME WAS CUT FROM 300 TO 250 HOURS UNDER THE THEN AMENDED FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS REGULATIONS, WHICH ALSO PROVIDED FOR A FURTHER REDUCTION FROM 250 TO 200 HOURS FROM JANUARY 1976.

THE LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS UNIT, MR. ALFRED CHAN, ADVISED FACTORY PROPRIETORS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THIS FURTHER REDUCTION OF OVERTIME WHEN PLANNING THEIR PRODUCTION SCHEDULES.

+OVERTIME EMPLOYMENT SHOULD ONLY BE USED AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE TO COPE WITH SUDDEN PRESSURE OF WORK AND SHOULD NOT BE USED PRIMARILY TO PROLONG THE DAILY WORKING HOURS.

+A FACTORY WHICH CANNOT COPE WITH THE NORMAL PRODUCTION SCHEDULE SHOULD CONSIDER MORE EFFECTIVE METHODS TO INCREASE PRODUCTION, SUCH AS INCREASING THE LABOUR FORCE, OPERATING A SHIFT SCHEME OR IMPROVING PRODUCTIVITY.

+LONG WORKING HOURS AND CONSTANT OVERTIME WORK TEND TO AFFECT WORKERS' MORALE, EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY. THE QUALITY OF THE PRODUCTS MAY ALSO BE AFFECTED,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHAN ADDED THAT HIS UNIT WOULD BE PLEASED TO HELP PROPRIETORS TO FIND WAYS TO COPE WITH THIS FURTHER REDUCTION OF OVERTIME.

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MORE PEOPLE USING AIRPORT COACH SERVICE

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THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS USING THE AIRPORT COACH SERVICE BETWEEN CENTRAL AND KAI TAK INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT YESTERDAY (MONDAY) WAS 1,512, A 135 PER CENT INCREASE OVER THE AVERAGE OF RECENT WEEKS.

IN A LAST BID TO SAVE THE SERVICE FROM WITHDRAWAL, THE FARE HAS BEEN REDUCED TO \$2 FOR THE WHOLE JOURNEY AND ONLY \$1 AFTER PASSING THROUGH THE TUNNEL.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT AT LEAST 1,500 PASSENGERS A DAY (ABOUT 15 ON EACH TRIP) WERE NEEDED TO MAKE THE SERVICE BREAK EVEN. +BUT IF THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS DOES NOT CONTINUE AT THIS LEVEL UNTIL JANUARY 15 THEN THE SERVICE WILL CEASE.+

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DIPLOMAS FOR AIR POLLUTION CONTROL INSPECTORS

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THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH HAS AWARDED DIPLOMAS IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL TO SIX LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

THEY ARE SMOKE INSPECTOR LAI PING-NAM AND ASSISTANT SMOKE INSPECTORS CHOW KWOK-CHOI, CHU CHI-MING, LAM CHI-YIN, LEUNG PAK-MING AND TONG CHO-YAU.

THEIR SUCCESS MEANS THAT ALL INSPECTORS IN THE DEPARTMENT'S AIR POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT ARE NOW HOLDING THE INTERNATIONALLY-RECOGNISED DIPLOMA.

+THE DIPLOMA IS ACCEPTED AS A HALLMARK OF THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL COMPETENCE IN AIR POLLUTION CONTROL,+ MR. DAVID NEWBURY, HEAD OF THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT, SAID.

+TOGETHER WITH FIELD TRAINING, ATTAINMENT OF THE DIPLOMA IS A SIGNIFICANT STEP IN THE OVERALL DEVELOPMENT OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OFFICERS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SIX OFFICERS SAT FOR A SPECIAL TWO-DAY ORAL AND WRITTEN EXAMINATION IN NOVEMBER CONDUCTED BY EXPERTS IN THE FIELD OF AIR POLLUTION.

THE EXAMINERS WERE MR. EDGAR LAUFER, OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER (TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT), AND DR. A.J. NUTTEN, GOVERNMENT CHEMIST.

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TEMPORARY SEWAGE PLANT FOR SHATIN NEW TOWN

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE EXTRA SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR SHA TIN NEW TOWN AS AN INTERIM MEASURE PENDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT IN THE AREA.

TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL PLANT FOR THE INTERIM TREATMENT WORKS WHICH WILL SERVE ABOUT 60,000 PEOPLE. THE PLANT TO BE SUPPLIED INCLUDES FLOATING AERATORS FOR INTRODUCING AIR INTO THE SEWAGE, PUMPING STATION EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FOR DEWATERING THE SLUDGE.

MR. WONG KWOK-CHOY, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, EXPLAINED TODAY THAT THE INTERIM TREATMENT WORKS WAS REQUIRED TO SUPPLEMENT THE EXISTING TEMPORARY SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT FO TAN UNTIL THE PROPOSED PERMANENT PLANT IS BUILT.

+IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THE PERMANENT PLANT WILL BE READY UNTIL MID-1979 BUT IN THE MEANTIME ADEQUATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL FACILITIES MUST BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE EXPECTED GROWTH IN POPULATION AS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN PROGRESSES+, HE SAID.

THE PRESENT TEMPORARY PLANT, WHICH HAS A SERVING CAPACITY FOR SOME 33,000 PEOPLE, HE SAID, WOULD BE ABLE TO COPE FOR ANOTHER YEAR OR SO BUT THEREAFTER ADDITIONAL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES WOULD BE NEEDED.

+THE NEW INTERIM TREATMENT WORKS IS EXPECTED TO BE OPERATIONAL BY MID-1977 AND WILL FILL THE GAP UNTIL THE PERMANENT PLANT IS SET UP,+ HE ADDED.

MR. WONG SAID THE NEW WORKS WOULD INCORPORATE A COMPLETE SEWAGE PURIFICATION SYSTEM CONSISTING OF PRELIMINARY UNITS FOR REMOVING LARGE FLOATING SOLIDS, BIOLOGICAL TANKS WHERE ORGANIC POLLUTANTS WILL BE REMOVED, AND EQUIPMENT FOR DEWATERING THE SLUDGE.

THE CLARIFIED EFFLUENT WOULD BE DISCHARGED INTO FO TAN NULLAH WHILE THE DEWATERED SLUDGE WOULD BE DISPOSED OF AS LANDFILL IN TIPS.

THE WORKS HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY WATSON (H.K.) CHARTERED CIVIL ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS TO THE GOVERNMENT, UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, P.W.D.

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GRADUATES URGED TO PLAY ADULT EDUCATION ROLE  
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER), MR. WILLIAM FISHER-SHORT, THIS EVENING CALLED ON GRADUATES OF THE EVENING INSTITUTE SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE, KOWLOON ENGLISH SECTION, TO SERVE THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS IN A WIDE RANGE OF ADULT EDUCATION ENTERPRISES.

SPEAKING AT THE SECTION'S SPEECH DAY IN QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, MR. FISHER-SHORT TOLD THE GRADUATES TO REMEMBER THAT HAVING ENJOYED AND BENEFITED FROM A SERVICE WHICH WAS BASED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON VOLUNTARY EFFORT, THEY IN TURN SHOULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION.

+IN THIS WAY, YOUR EDUCATION HERE WILL NOT JUST BE LIMITED TO YOUR OWN PERSONAL ADVANCEMENT, BUT WILL SPREAD TO BENEFIT A FAR WIDER COMMUNITY,+ THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID.

HE RECALLED THAT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE OF THE KOWLOON ENGLISH SECTION HAD EXPANDED PROGRESSIVELY TO THE PRESENT ENROLMENT OF SOME 1,200 STUDENTS FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS IN 1959.

MR. FISHER-SHORT SAID: +WHAT IS PARTICULARLY PLEASING TO ME IS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LAY DOWN THE FOUNDATION FOR FURTHER GROWTH WITH THE OPENING OF TWO NEW CENTRES. I REFER, OF COURSE, TO THE KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND THE CHEUNG SHA WAN POLICE PRIMARY SCHOOL.+

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE 67 TEACHERS AND THE SUPERVISOR WHO HAD GIVEN THEIR TIME AND PROFESSIONAL SKILL TO MAKE THIS EVENING SCHOOL POSSIBLE.

+ALL ARE FULL-TIME TEACHERS DURING THE DAY, AND THEY SERVE THIS SCHOOL ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS FOR VERY MODEST FINANCIAL REWARD, ALTHOUGH I AM SURE THAT THE REWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SATISFACTION MUST BE VERY GREAT INDEED,+ MR. FISHER-SHORT SAID.

AMONG ALL THE MANY PASSES IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION FOR 1974/75, 63 STUDENTS PASSED WITH FIVE OR MORE SUBJECTS AT GRADE E OR ABOVE AND THESE INCLUDED 92 CREDITS AND ONE DISTINCTION.

+RESULTS LIKE THIS MUST GIVE GREAT SATISFACTION TO YOUR TEACHERS, AND ARE A GREAT TRIBUTE TO YOUR OWN HARD WORK AND ABILITY,+ THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID.

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NEW ACCESS ROAD TO AIRPORT DEPARTURES LEVEL  
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AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT WORK AT THE AIRPORT, A NEW ROAD SYSTEM WILL BE PROVIDED LEADING TO THE DEPARTURES LEVEL.

THE NEW SYSTEM WILL COME INTO OPERATION AT 7 A.M. ON JANUARY 2, 1976. THIS WILL INVOLVE A NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE DEPARTURES LEVEL, WHILST THE EXISTING RAMP IS DEMOLISHED AND FURTHER CONSTRUCTION WORK TAKES PLACE.

NEW DIRECTIONAL SIGNS WILL BE PROVIDED AND POLICE WILL BE ON DUTY TO HELP DIRECT TRAFFIC DURING THE CHANGE-OVER PERIOD.

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