



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT DONATES 400,000 POUNDS STERLING
WORTH OF EQUIPMENT TO TECHNICAL INSTITUTES

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THE THREE EXISTING TECHNICAL INSTITUTES - MORRISON HILL, KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG - AND THE ONE BEING BUILT AT CHEUNG SHA WAN AS WELL AS THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE 400,000 POUND STERLING WORTH OF EQUIPMENT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.

THIS FOLLOWS APPROVAL OF A GRANT FOR THE AMOUNT BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF MR. GORDON HUNTING, TECHNICAL ADVISER OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ORGANISATION FOR OVERSEAS COUNTRIES (TETOC), WHO VISITED THE INSTITUTES AND THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

WELCOMING THE BRITISH DONATION TODAY, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO TETOC FOR SUPPORTING THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CASE FOR THE GRANT. TETOC OPERATES UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE MINISTRY OF OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT. IT IS AN AGENCY PROFESSIONALLY CONCERNED WITH THE BRITISH CONTRIBUTION TO TECHNICAL EDUCATION, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING AND MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT ISSUES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD.

MR. KINGWELL WAS PLEASED THAT STUDENTS AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WOULD RECEIVE THEIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING ON A WIDER RANGE OF EQUIPMENT.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT FOR INSTALLATION IN THE WORKSHOPS OF THE CLOTHING DEPARTMENTS AT THE KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WAS IN COMMON USE IN MODERN LOCAL FACTORIES.

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AT THE INSTITUTES TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT INCLUDE TEXTILES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, COMMERCIAL STUDIES AND PRINTING.

INCLUDED IN THE DONATION IS EQUIPMENT FOR THE KITCHEN, RESTAURANT AND HOTEL SERVICES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOTEL-KEEPING AND TOURISM AT THE NEW CHEUNG SHA WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OFFER COURSES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SEPTEMBER 1977.

THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WILL RECEIVE AUDIO VISUAL AIDS, PLASTIC FORMING EQUIPMENT, LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR TEACHING ENGINEERING SCIENCE AND POTTERY-PRODUCTION EQUIPMENT.

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DONATION FOR GOVERNMENT MEDICAL PROJECT

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON IS TO CONTRIBUTE A SUM OF \$150,000 TOWARDS THE COST OF A GOVERNMENT MEDICAL PROJECT.

THE MONEY WILL BE USED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT FOR FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING A SPECIAL CLINIC WHICH WILL BE HOUSED IN THE ARRAN STREET EYE CLINIC IN MONGKOK.

AN ADDITIONAL FLOOR IS BEING BUILT ON THE EXISTING ONE-STOREY BUILDING TO PROVIDE THIS EXTRA SPACE. THE SPECIAL CLINIC WILL BE USED FOR EXAMINING THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED. AN EAR MOULD LABORATORY AND A CHILD DEVELOPMENT STUDY CLINIC WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED AT THE CLINIC.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THE ADDITIONAL FLOOR HAS ALREADY BEGUN AND IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER. THE EXISTING EYE CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE PERIOD OF CONSTRUCTION AND ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR PATIENTS TO BE SEEN AT THE YAU MA TEI POLYCLINIC.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR \$150,000 TO THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. K.L. THONG, WHO IS TO RECEIVE THE CHEQUE ON BEHALF OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DURING THE CLUB'S LUNCHEON MEETING AT PENINSULA HOTEL ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, AT 1 P.M. YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPORTER/ PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION.

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RICE IMPORT QUOTA FOR THIRD QUARTER

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THE RICE IMPORT QUOTA FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1976 HAS BEEN FIXED AT 84,987 METRIC TONS, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (TRADE), MR. PETER KIANG, EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW QUOTA - SMALLER THAN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER'S QUOTA BY 6,709.5 METRIC TONS - TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE AMOUNT OF RICE STOCKS IN HONG KONG AND THE OVERSEAS SUPPLY POSITION.

HONG KONG IMPORTED A TOTAL OF 154,448 METRIC TONS OF RICE SINCE JANUARY THIS YEAR. OF THIS AMOUNT, CHINA SUPPLIED 88,125 METRIC TONS AND THAILAND 51,582 METRIC TONS. THE BALANCE WAS MAINLY FROM AUSTRALIA.

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NEW SUBSIDIZED PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL

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A \$7.4 MILLION SIX-STOREY FULLY SUBSIDIZED PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN NAM CHEONG STREET, SHAM SHUI PO, TO BE RUN BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION IS MOVING RAPIDLY TOWARDS COMPLETION.

THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTRIBUTION FOR THIS PROJECT TOTALLED \$6.1 MILLION. THE 19-CLASSROOM SCHOOL IS SCHEDULED TO BE OPENED IN SEPTEMBER 1976. IT WILL HAVE THREE MECHANICAL, THREE FABRICATION AND FOUR ELECTRICAL WORKSHOPS. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE THREE TECHNICAL DRAWING ROOMS AND TWO SCIENCE LABORATORIES.

THE SCHOOL, WITH ACCOMMODATION FOR 1,120 PUPILS, WILL OFFER THREE YEARS SECONDARY EDUCATION TO BOYS IN THE 12-14 AGE GROUP.

THE COURSE CONSISTS OF ABOUT 50 PER CENT GENERAL EDUCATION AND 50 PER CENT TECHNICAL STUDIES IN ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL AND FABRICATION ENGINEERING.

IT WILL BE ONE OF THE LARGEST PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG.

TOMORROW, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL, WILL ACCOMPANY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, MR. C.P. HUNG, ON A VISIT TO THE PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. MR. KINGWELL AND MR. HUNG ARE DUE TO ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL IN NAM CHEONG STREET, OPPOSITE PAK TIN ESTATE, AT ABOUT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

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NEW FIRE STATION FOR KWAI CHUNG

A NEW SUB-DIVISIONAL FIRE STATION AND AN AMBULANCE DEPOT ARE TO BE BUILT AT KWAI CHUNG TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FIRE COVER AND EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS IN TSUEN WAN AND KWAI CHUNG.

MR. K.M. TSENG, CHIEF ARCHITECT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY BUILDING WORK WOULD START NEXT MONTH AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MAY NEXT YEAR.

THE STATION AND THE DEPOT, HE SAID, WOULD SHARE A 3,200 SQ. M. (41,300 SQ. FT.) SITE AT WO YI HOP ROAD. PILING WORK HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND TENDERS WERE NOW BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

MR. TSENG SAID THE NEW FIRE STATION WOULD BE A THREE-STORY BUILDING WITH FOUR BAYS FOR FIRE APPLIANCES.

+THE AMBULANCE DEPOT WILL BE SLIGHTLY SMALLER, CONSISTING OF A TWO-STORY BUILDING WITH COVERED GARAGE FACILITIES FOR FOUR APPLIANCES.

+BOTH BUILDINGS WILL HAVE GENERAL OFFICES, BARRACK ROOMS, LOCKER ROOMS, OFFICERS' ACCOMMODATION, CANTEEN AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES,+ HE SAID.

A DRILL YARD OF ABOUT 580 SQUARE METRES (6,243 SQ. FT.) WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR FIREMEN AND AMBULANCE MEN.

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WATER CUT

WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES IN STANLEY, INCLUDING THE STANLEY PRISON AND THE STANLEY FORT CAMP, WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 10 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JUNE 24) TO 6 A.M. THE NEXT DAY (FRIDAY).

THE INTERRUPTION IS TO FACILITATE THE CONNECTION OF A FRESH WATER MAIN AT STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD.

IN KOWLOON CITY, WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JUNE 24) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY GRAMPAN ROAD, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, NGA TSIN LONG ROAD AND CARPENTER ROAD, INCLUDING JUNCTION ROAD, FUK LO TSUN ROAD, LION ROCK ROAD, HAU WONG ROAD AND NGA TSIN WAI ROAD.

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SHAM TSENG VILLAGERS MOVING INTO NEW HOMES

FOUR OF THE FAMILIES AFFECTED BY ROAD ENGINEERING WORKS AT SHAM TSENG, NEW TERRITORIES, HAVE MOVED INTO NEWLY COMPLETED VILLAGE-TYPE HOUSES NEARBY, BUILT FOR THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE ENGINEERING WORKS ARE CONNECTED WITH THE BUILDING OF A VIADUCT - A VITAL PART OF A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR HIGHWAY WHICH WILL LINK TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN NEW TOWNS WHEN IT IS COMPLETED TOWARDS THE END OF NEXT YEAR.

THE FOUR FAMILIES WHO HAVE SO FAR MOVED INCLUDE THE VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE, MR. FU YUEN-HUNG, A RETIRED SENIOR FIREMAN. THEIR HOMES ARE BEING DEMOLISHED SO THAT THE URGENT WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BUILDING OF THE 1,100-FOOT LONG VIADUCT, WHICH PASSES OVER SHAM TSENG AT A HEIGHT OF 100 FEET, CAN GO AHEAD.

THE GOVERNMENT IS ALSO REPLACING THE CHI TONG (ANCESTRAL HALL) OF THE FU CLAN, WHICH HAS LIVED IN SHAM TSENG FOR SEVERAL GENERATIONS.

A TOTAL OF 60 HOUSES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE BUILT IN TWO PHASES TO REHOUSE THE 300-ODD VILLAGERS WHO LIVE IN SHAM TSENG. EIGHTEEN HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE FIRST PHASE AND THESE ARE BEING ALLOCATED BY BALLOT.

THE SECOND PHASE, COMPRISING THE BALANCE OF 42 HOUSES, IS DUE TO BEGIN IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS' TIME.

EACH HOUSE HAS THREE STOREYS. IT IS COMPLETELY SELF-CONTAINED AND OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 700 SQUARE FEET. A SPECIAL FEATURE OF THESE HOUSES IS THAT THE GROUND FLOORS CAN BE USED FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES. EACH OF THE NEW HOUSES COSTS \$110,000 TO BUILD.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. JAMES HAYES, WHO CONDUCTED NEGOTIATIONS OVER LONG PERIODS WITH THE VILLAGERS, EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE +FULL CO-OPERATION+ THEY HAD GIVEN.

+THEIR HELPFUL ATTITUDE HAS BEEN MOST PRAISEWORTHY,+ HE ADDED.

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INSPECTIONS BY FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT 21,817 INSPECTIONS IN MAY, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR TO 95,018.

MORE THAN 12,950 OF THE INSPECTIONS WERE CONDUCTED AS A RESULT OF COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. OF THESE, 10,921 RELATED TO BLOCKAGES OF MEANS OF ESCAPE IN BUILDINGS.

VISITS WERE MADE TO 376 SCHOOLS, 412 RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS AND 122 PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY. INSPECTIONS OF VENTILATION SYSTEMS AND FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS IN BUILDINGS AND INDUSTRY TOTALLED 471 AND 363 RESPECTIVELY.

DURING THE MONTH, 199 VEHICLES USED FOR CONVEYING COMPRESSED GASES AND INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS WERE INSPECTED. THIS BRINGS TO ALMOST 1,500 SUCH VEHICLES EXAMINED SINCE APRIL LAST YEAR.

THE BUREAU ALSO FINALISED 711 NEW BUILDING PLANS AND ISSUED OR RENEWED 287 DANGEROUS GOODS AND TIMBER YARDS STORAGE LICENCES.

IN ADDITION, FIRE OFFICERS UNDERTOOK 191 PROSECUTIONS RESULTING IN FINES AMOUNTING TO \$96,830 BEING IMPOSED.

THE NUMBER OF FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED WAS 508. THESE ARE SERVED IN CASES WHERE A HAZARD IS FOUND. IF THE NOTICE IS NOT COMPLIED WITH WITHIN A SPECIFIED PERIOD, COURT ACTION MAY RESULT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT URGED THE PUBLIC TO REPORT ANY FIRE HAZARD WHICH THEY OBSERVED TO THE BUREAU. HE SAID THE BUREAU MAINTAINED A ROUND-THE-CLOCK ANSWERING SERVICE AND REPORTS COULD BE MADE AT ANY TIME.

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MORE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY URGED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY URGED THE COMMUNITY TO HELP PROVIDE MORE SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE OLD PEOPLE.

+OLD PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE GIVEN EXTRA CARE AND ATTENTION, AND PROVIDED WITH MORE WELFARE SERVICES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SO THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SPEND THEIR REMAINING YEARS IN GREATER COMFORT.+

MR. LEE WAS SPEAKING AT THE INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE 4TH TERM OFFICE-BEARERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT FEDERATION OF WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE AGED.

THE DIRECTOR NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN PLACING GREATER EMPHASIS ON SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. +PLANS WHICH HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT AND IMPLEMENTED INCLUDE THE INFIRMITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME, RESIDENTIAL CARE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES.+

HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, WE ALL KNOW THAT APART FROM MATERIAL NEEDS, OLD PEOPLE ALSO REQUIRE SPIRITUAL COMFORT. +THEY NEED THE CONCERN AND RESPECT OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION AS WELL AS THE PROVISION OF WELFARE SERVICES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.+

MR. LEE NOTED THAT IT IS A CHINESE CUSTOM THAT OLD PEOPLE LIKE TO LIVE THEIR LAST YEARS WITH THEIR CHILDREN IN PEACE AND COMFORT, BUT BECAUSE OF THE CROWDED LIVING CONDITION AND BUSY LIFE IN HONG KONG, IT IS NOW MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO LEAD SUCH A LIFE HERE.

+IT IS THEREFORE AN URGENT TASK FOR US TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY,+ HE SAID.

+BY SO DOING,+ HE CONTINUED, +NOT ONLY ARE WE DOING THEM A GOOD DEED, BUT ALSO WE HELP TO MAINTAIN A BALANCED DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL LIFE.+

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