



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MIDNIGHT PARKING METERS IN CONGESTED AREAS

A number of parking meters in Wan Chai and Mong Kok will be working up to midnight as from tomorrow (October 1).

These will be the first batch of meters to be converted to the extended operating times, and changes will be made progressively beginning in the areas where the demand for short-term parking in the evening is greatest.

The work involved in the conversion covers the fixing of a new description plate on the meter to show the operating times and the various charges.

For this reason, the Acting Commissioner for Transport, Mr. Richard Butler, today advised motorists to check the time of operation shown on the parking meter, before leaving their vehicles in a metered space.

The extended hours for meter operation follows a statement by the Financial Secretary, Mr. C.P. Haddon-Cave, in the Legislative Council earlier this year.

In his speech, he said that not only would metered time be extended to midnight in certain areas, but would also include Sundays and public holidays.

"The reason for this is that the demand for parking in many areas is very often just as high, or even higher, during these periods as during daylight hours on weekdays," the Financial Secretary said.

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IMPROVEMENT IN WATER SUPPLY TO EASTERN DISTRICT

The water supply to North Point, Quarry Bay, Shau Kei Wan, and Chai Wan, is to be improved with the laying of a new large diameter fresh water main from the cross-harbour supply system.

A spokesman for the Waterworks Office described the work as the second step in a big project to improve supplies and cater for increasing demand in these areas.

Recently the capacity of the Shau Kei Wan service reservoir was increased by an additional 5.7 million gallons as a first step to the project.

While the water mains are being laid, the opportunity will be taken to put down a new large diameter sewer to serve development in the Quarry Bay area and improve facilities in North Point.

The total length of mains to be laid will be about 20,000 feet, with the diameter ranging from 24 to 36 inches.

Construction work is expected to begin in November, and will take about 18 months to complete. The estimated cost of the project is \$4.5 million.

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NEW TYPHOON SHELTER TO BE STUDIED

The Government will be carrying out studies on the feasibility of building another typhoon shelter within the south-western approaches to the harbour.

The possible locations to be investigated include Cheung Chau, Peng Chau, Penny's Bay, Shah Long and Tai Pak.

A shelter at one of these sites may be able to accommodate fishing boats based on Cheung Chau, and those unable to reach Hong Kong harbour or Aberdeen on the approach of a typhoon.

It will also reduce the demand for shelter space within the harbour, enabling the port to stay open for a longer period before the approach of a typhoon and to become operational more quickly after the danger has passed.

The fishing fleet too can similarly benefit from having a shelter closer to its base.

The proposed shelter is expected to cover about 50 acres, depending on the site to be chosen.

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ST. JAMES' SETTLEMENT VISIT

Note to Editors: Mrs. G.T. Rowe, wife of the Director of Social Welfare, will visit the St. James' Settlement, 98A Kennedy Road, Wan Chai, on Monday, October 2 at 10 a.m. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Evelyn Doe, Principal Social Welfare Officer. The Settlement is run by the Church Body of the Chinese Anglican Church. It was inaugurated at the end of 1949 to provide recreational, literacy, and practical training facilities for children in the Wanchai district. From a small beginning, it was extended as the need arose and the funds became available. The workshops were completed in 1961, the main building in 1963, and the Stone Nullah Centre in 1969. The Settlement has been receiving a Government subvention for many years. You are invited to have the visit covered, and your news team should arrive at the Settlement by 9.45 a.m.

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WEEKLY MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS

Statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department for the week ending on September 16, 1972 are as follows:-

* Notifications of infectious cases (previous week's figures in brackets) -- total 170 (179); bacillary dysentery -- 11 (11); chickenpox -- 1 (nil); tuberculosis 147 (157); enteric fever (typhoid) -- 8 (9); measles -- 1 (1); ophthalmia neonatorum -- 2 (nil); and poliomyelitis -- nil (1).

* Births -- total registered 1,583; 436 on Hong Kong Island, 926 in Kowloon, and 221 in the New Territories.

* Deaths -- 416 from all causes; 131 on the Island, 272 in Kowloon and 13 in the New Territories.

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SUNDAY ISSUE OF D.I.B.

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (October 1). At the same time copies of an article written for the Clean Hong Kong campaign with photographs will also be available for collection at 3 p.m.

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