



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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EMBARGO NOTE TO EDITORS :-

THE FOLLOWING IS AN EMBARGOED ITEM WHICH MUST NOT BE USED BEFORE 8 A.M. MONDAY (MARCH 13).

QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE

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THE QUEEN, IN HER COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE THIS YEAR, SAID THAT THE COMMONWEALTH TAKES ITS YOUNG PEOPLE SERIOUSLY -- AND RIGHTLY SO -- BECAUSE THEY MADE UP ABOUT HALF OF ITS POPULATION OF NEARLY 900 MILLION.

+I AM GLAD THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, WHO GATHERED IN LONDON IN JUNE, HAVE DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH ENCOURAGES THE PARTICIPATION BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETIES.+

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE :-

+DURING ALL OUR VISITS TO MANY PARTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE COURSE OF MY VERY HAPPY JUBILEE YEAR I WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED AND DEEPLY MOVED BY THE LIVELINESS AND THE SPONTANEOUS ENTHUSIASM OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO GREETED US.

+THE COMMONWEALTH TAKES ITS YOUNG PEOPLE SERIOUSLY - AND RIGHTLY SO - BECAUSE THEY MAKE UP ABOUT HALF ITS POPULATION OF NEARLY 900 MILLION. I AM GLAD THAT THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, WHO GATHERED IN LONDON IN JUNE, HAVE DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME WHICH ENCOURAGES THE PARTICIPATION BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR SOCIETIES.

+THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED SO GENEROUSLY TO THE JUBILEE APPEAL ALSO HAD IN MIND THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SILVER JUBILEE TRUST, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE PRINCE OF WALES, WILL BENEFIT THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL COMMONWEALTH COUNTRIES. IT WILL HELP THEM TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND TO BROADEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR FELLOW-CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THEIR WAYS OF LIFE.

+ON THIS COMMONWEALTH DAY - THE SECOND TO BE OBSERVED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN ALL MEMBER-COUNTRIES - AND IN A YEAR WHEN OUR YOUNG ATHLETES WILL LATER BE GATHERING AT THE GAMES AT EDMONTON IN CANADA, IT IS NATURAL THAT MY THOUGHTS SHOULD BE WITH THE MILLIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE COMMONWEALTH. I WISH THEM COURAGE, HAPPINESS AND FULFILMENT AS THEY MEET THE CHALLENGE OF FASHIONING A BETTER SOCIETY FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.+

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RAF KAI TAK TO BE HANDED OVER TO GOVERNMENT IN JUNE
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THE ROYAL AIR FORCE STATION AT KAI TAK WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE GOVERNMENT AT THE END OF JUNE, THREE MONTHS LATER THAN ORIGINALLY INTENDED.

REVEALING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE DATE HAD BEEN PUT BACK BECAUSE SOME OF THE QUARTERS AND OPERATIONAL BUILDINGS AT SEK KONG, WHERE THE STATION IS BEING RELOCATED, WOULD BE COMPLETED A FEW WEEKS LATER THAN SCHEDULED.

HE SAID THAT, BECAUSE OF THE HIGH LEVEL OF ACTIVITY IN THE LOCAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY, CONTRACTORS HAD EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING SUFFICIENT SKILLED LABOUR.

+HOWEVER IT IS COMMENDABLE THAT THE VERY TIGHT SCHEDULE LAID DOWN FOR COMPLETION OF THIS COMPLEX PROJECT HAS SO NEARLY BEEN ACHIEVED,+ HE STATED.

SUPPORT FACILITIES WILL NOW START MOVING TO SEK KONG ON APRIL 10, WHILE PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES WILL BEGIN MOVING AT THE SAME TIME AS THE HELICOPTERS IN THE MIDDLE OF MAY.

+THE ROYAL AIR FORCE STATION AT KAI TAK WILL BE FULLY RELEASED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT ON JUNE 30 WHEN THE MOVE WILL HAVE BEEN FINALLY COMPLETED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE PLAN TO START BUILDING A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE ON PART OF THE VACATED AREA AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR WOULD NOT BE DELAYED. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT PART OF THE STATION HAD BEEN HANDED OVER NINE MONTHS EARLIER THAN ORIGINALLY AGREED TO ALLOW THE WIDENING OF KWUN TONG ROAD TO GO AHEAD.

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CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND HONG KONG
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THE CHAIRMEN OF THE CANADIAN AND HONG KONG DELEGATIONS IN HONG KONG MR. C.D. ARTHUR, DIRECTOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF SPECIAL IMPORT POLICY, CANADA AND MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, DIRECTOR OF TRADE, HONG KONG ANNOUNCED THAT A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PROVIDING FOR RESTRAINTS ON CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS EXPORTED FROM HONG KONG FOR IMPORT INTO CANADA HAD BEEN INITIALLED.

FULL DETAILS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ARE EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED AS SOON AS IT HAS BEEN FORMALLY SIGNED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS LATER IN THE YEAR.

AS AN IMMEDIATE MEASURE, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO RESTRAIN EXPORTS TO CANADA OF BED SHEETS, COTTON TERRY TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS AND SETS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT DETAILS OF THE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE INTRODUCED FOR BED SHEETS, COTTON TERRY TOWELS, WASH CLOTHS AND SETS WILL BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY IN A NOTICE TO EXPORTERS IN THE USUAL WAY.

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OVER 40,000 SUMMONSES ISSUED TO LAP SAP CHUNGS LAST YEAR
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TSUEN WAN'S LAP SAP CHUNGS RECEIVED THE LARGEST NUMBER OF LITTER SUMMONSES ISSUED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS PUBLISHED TODAY.

A TOTAL OF 41,870 SUMMONSES WERE ISSUED BY THE USD DURING THE 12 MONTH PERIOD AND 4,984 WENT TO LITTERBUGS IN TSUEN WAN.

AREAWISE, THE BREAKDOWN OF STATISTICS SHOWS THAT 15,435 WERE ISSUED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, 15,211 ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 11,224 IN KOWLOON. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FINES PAID BY LITTER OFFENDERS WAS \$2,049,687.

COMMENTING ON THESE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE USD CLEANSING DIVISION SAID : +THERE IS AN INDICATION THAT LITTER OFFENDERS ARE USUALLY FOUND IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS.

+AND ON AVERAGE, ABOUT 3,074 LITTER OFFENDERS ARE CONVICTED EACH MONTH.+

SINCE MID-MARCH LAST YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT MOUNTED A SERIES OF OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, IN A BID TO DETER PEOPLE FROM LITTERING. MORE THAN 700 OPERATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE USD LITTER WARDENS.

+THE BLITZ OPERATIONS WERE PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL AT BEACHES BECAUSE THE PRESENCE OF THE LITTER SQUADS HAD A DETERRENT EFFECT ON BEACH-GOERS AND AS A RESULT MORE PEOPLE MADE USE OF THE LITTERBINS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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CROWN LAND SALES FORECAST
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NINETEEN LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 38,000 SQUARE METRES ARE TO BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS FROM APRIL 1 TO SEPTEMBER 30 BY THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, MR. F.D. ROOME, P.W.D.'S GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, SAID THE LOTS COMPRISED 17 NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES, ONE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE AND ONE FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

HE SAID THAT THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES COMPRISED A TOTAL AREA OF 29,822.2 SQUARE METRES.

OF THE 17 NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES, FIVE ARE ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND 12 IN KOWLOON.

THE MAJOR NON-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES ARE LOCATED AT QUEENSWAY, WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AND TSIM SHA TSUI EAST.

MR. ROOME SAID THAT THE AREAS FOR THESE SITES VARIED FROM 1,500 SQUARE METRES TO 5,800 SQUARE METRES.

+THE PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL SITE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE, MEASURING ABOUT 4,400 SQUARE METRES, IS LOCATED AT TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD,+ HE SAID.

+THE INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN SITE IS SITUATED AT YIP KAN STREET, ABERDEEN. IT HAS AN AREA OF 3,750 SQUARE METRES.+

MR. ROOME EMPHASISED THAT THE PROGRAMME WAS ONLY A PROVISIONAL ONE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

SALES DATES FOR EACH LOT WOULD BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND ADVERTISED IN NEWSPAPERS, HE SAID.

DETAILS OF CONDITIONS OF SALE AND SALE PLANS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF ADVERTISING, FROM THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE AND AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, ICE HOUSE STREET.

PARTICULARS OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST TOGETHER WITH PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE LOTS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE MAY BE SEEN AT THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND AT THE KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THEY MAY BE INSPECTED AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AT NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, AND AT THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

COPIES OF THE SIX-MONTH FORECAST MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM ANY OF THESE OFFICES OR BY WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

NEW BUFFER HALL OF AIRPORT TO OPEN
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THE NEW 11,000 SQUARE-FOOT BUFFER HALL AND A ROW OF NEW CUSTOMS CHECK POINTS AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL COME INTO USE ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 15).

AS THE BUFFER HALL WILL BE RESTRICTED TO THE PUBLIC, A PRESS PREVIEW OF THE AREA WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY (MARCH 14).

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF TERMINAL BUILDING BEFORE 11 A.M. ON TUESDAY WHERE STAFF OF CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE :-

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
MARCH 16 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 17 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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