



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MERCHANDISE COUNTERFEITING CHECKED

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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT IS SUCCEEDING IN CLAMPING DOWN ON MERCHANDISE COUNTERFEITING ACTIVITIES IN HONG KONG.

THIS IS INDICATED BY THE INCREASED NUMBER OF CONVICTIONS FOR SUCH OFFENCES AND THE VALUE OF COUNTERFEIT GOODS SEIZED AND CONFISCATED IN 1978 COMPARED WITH THE AVERAGE ANNUAL FIGURES FOR THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS.

DURING LAST YEAR, THE MERCHANDISE MARKS INVESTIGATION UNIT OF THE TRADE INVESTIGATION BRANCH CARRIED OUT 220 INVESTIGATIONS. OF THESE 60 HAVE RESULTED IN CONVICTIONS UNDER THE MERCHANDISE MARKS ORDINANCE AND SOME 25 PROSECUTIONS ARE PENDING.

THE VALUE OF FALSELY-MARKED GOODS SEIZED LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$2.7 MILLION AND THE COURT FINES WERE SOME \$540,000.

FOUR MANUFACTURERS WERE JAILED FOR FORGING THE TRADE MARK OF A WELL-KNOWN SWISS WATCH-MAKER, IMITATING THE BRAND NAME OF A WORLD FAMOUS ELECTRICAL PRODUCT, AND FRAUDULENTLY LABELLING LOCAL-MADE GARMENTS AS BEING OF FOREIGN ORIGIN.

A TIE MANUFACTURER WAS FINED \$200,000 AND GIVEN A FOUR-MONTH SUSPENDED PRISON SENTENCE FOR ILLEGALLY LABELLING HIS GOODS WITH THE WORDS +PARIS+ AND +FRANCE+.

HEAD OF THE UNIT, CHIEF INDUSTRY OFFICER LEUNG YAU-YAM SAID THE FIGURES COMPARED FAVOURABLY WITH THE ANNUAL AVERAGE IN THE PREVIOUS THREE YEARS DURING WHICH ABOUT 50 CONVICTIONS A YEAR WERE RECORDED AND FINES IMPOSED AMOUNTED ONLY TO ABOUT \$250,000 A YEAR.

MR. LEUNG SAID THERE WERE SEVERAL FACTORS INDICATING THIS ENCOURAGING TREND.

+FOR EXAMPLE MORE PEOPLE ARE NOW AWARE OF OUR SERVICE AND ARE REPORTING SUSPECTED COUNTERFEITING.

+WE ALSO HAVE CLOSE LINKS WITH THE CONSUMER COUNCIL AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS WHICH REFER COMPLAINTS TO US. BUT MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, WE HAVE IMPROVED OUR INVESTIGATIVE METHODS,+ MR. LEUNG SAID.

+A REWARD SCHEME, JOINTLY OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE SWISS WATCH INDUSTRY INFORMATION CENTRE AND TWO MAJOR JAPANESE WATCH MANUFACTURERS, HAS RESULTED IN MORE INFORMATION AND THEREFORE, MORE SEIZURES OF FAKE WATCHES.

+UNDER THIS SCHEME, CASH REWARDS ARE GIVEN TO INFORMERS WHO SUPPLY INFORMATION LEADING TO THE SEIZURE OF FAKE WATCHES OR THE CONVICTION OF THE COUNTERFEITERS.+

/MR. LEUNG.....

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MR. LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE TWO MAIN CATEGORIES OF MERCHANDISE COUNTERFEITING — COPYING A REGISTERED TRADE MARK OR APPLYING A FALSE OR MISLEADING STATEMENT AS TO QUANTITY, WEIGHT, COUNTRY OF ORIGIN AND COMPOSITION.

+A COUNTERFEITING OFFENCE IS COMMITTED IF WE CAN PROVE THAT THE MERCHANDISE IN QUESTION IS NOT PRODUCED BY THE MANUFACTURER OF THE STATED BRAND NAME OR IT IS ESTABLISHED THE ITEM DOES NOT ANSWER ITS TRADE DESCRIPTIONS,+ SAID MR. LEUNG.

HE ALSO SAID THE DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A MAJOR REVIEW OF THE EXISTING MERCHANDISE MARKS ORDINANCE TO GIVE CONSUMERS BETTER PROTECTION AGAINST COUNTERFEITING AND FALSE DESCRIPTIONS.

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SWD PROCESSED 421 LEGAL ADOPTION CASES LAST FISCAL YEAR
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THE ADOPTION UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT PROCESSED 421 LEGAL ADOPTION CASES LAST FISCAL YEAR -- ABOUT 15 PER CENT MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

OF THESE, 41 WERE ADOPTED CHILDREN MATCHED TO APPLICANTS BY THE UNIT AND 380 BY PRIVATE ARRANGEMENT WITH THE CHILDREN'S PARENTS.

MRS. IRENE SIH, HEAD OF THE UNIT, SAID THE INCREASE COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO SEVERAL FACTORS:

- * HONG KONG PEOPLE ARE BECOMING MORE OPEN-MINDED AND WILLING TO ADOPT CHILDREN,
- * MORE PEOPLE ARE AWARE OF THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE ADOPTION UNIT, AND
- * THE INCREASE IN DIVORCES AND RE-MARRIAGES IS LEADING TO THE NECESSITY OF LEGALISING THE STATUS OF STEP-CHILDREN IN THE FAMILY.

EXPLAINING THE ADOPTION PROCEDURE, MRS. SIH SAID INTENDING APPLICANTS MUST BE LEGALLY MARRIED, AGED AT LEAST 25 OR IN THE CASE OF A RELATIVE, AGED 21, AND BE IN GOOD HEALTH.

THE APPLICANTS SHOULD POSSESS SUFFICIENT INCOME TO SUPPORT THE CHILD AND TO MAKE REASONABLE PROVISION FOR THE CHILD'S FUTURE. PREFERENCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO THE CHINESE APPLICANTS AND TO THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO HAVE CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN.

APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED BY AN OFFICER OF THE UNIT WHO WOULD CONDUCT A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INCLUDING HOME VISITS TO ASSESS THE APPLICANTS' MOTIVATION AND CAPABILITY AS ADOPTIVE PARENTS.

IF THE APPLICANTS SUCCEED IN FULFILLING THESE REQUIREMENTS, A CHILD AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION IS THEN PLACED UNDER THEIR TEMPORARY CARE AND CUSTODY FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, OFFICERS OF THE UNIT WILL VISIT THE CHILD AND HIS ADOPTIVE PARENTS TO ASSESS THE PROGRESS OF ADAPTABILITY.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MAKING OF THE ADOPTION ORDER WILL BE MADE TO COURT AFTER THE MINIMUM INITIAL PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS IF THE ADOPTION IS CONSIDERED TO BE IN THE CHILD'S BEST INTEREST.

ADOPTIONS BY COURT ORDERS ENABLE AN ADOPTED CHILD TO ENJOY ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AS THE ADOPTER'S OWN CHILD AND IT IS THE ONLY FORM OF LEGAL ADOPTION IN HONG KONG AFTER CHINESE CUSTOMARY ADOPTION BECAME OBSOLETE IN 1972.

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INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE NEARING COMPLETION
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THE STRUCTURAL WORK FOR THE TWO-STOREY INTERNATIONAL MAIL CENTRE, THE MAJOR SORTING OFFICE FOR HANDLING INTERNATIONAL MAIL TO AND FROM HONG KONG, IS NEARLY 75 PER CENT COMPLETE.

MR. PATRICK LEE, SENIOR ARCHITECT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, SAID THE WORK WAS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST.

+THE MAIL CENTRE IN HUNG HOM NEAR KOWLOON RAILWAY STATION,+ HE SAID, +WILL OCCUPY AN AREA OF 7,300 SQUARE METRES AND WILL ACCOMMODATE A 600 SQUARE-METRE MAIL SORTING AREA.+

THERE WILL BE LOADING PLATFORMS TO RECEIVE MAIL BY RAIL, SEA AND ROAD AS WELL AS SPECIALISED SECURITY AREAS.

+PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR INSURED PARCEL HANDLING AND STORAGE AREAS, RECEPTION AND DELIVERY OF REGISTERED ARTICLES, AS WELL AS SPECIALISED STOREROOMS AND A WORKSHOP,+ MR. LEE ADDED.

THE BUILDING WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED AND THERE WILL ALSO BE A DINING ROOM, A REST ROOM AND RECREATION ROOM FOR STAFF.

THE MOST UP-TO-DATE AUTOMATIC MAIL SORTING EQUIPMENT COSTING \$22 MILLION WILL BE INSTALLED TO HANDLE THE INNUMERABLE ARTICLES OF MAIL WHICH WILL PASS THROUGH IT EACH YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF PWD SAID INSTALLATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT WAS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-MARCH AND TRIALS WERE LIKELY LATE NEXT YEAR.

PLANS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE TO EXTEND THE RAILWAY FROM THE STATION TO THE CENTRE TO HANDLE MAIL FROM CHINA.

FOUR BERTHS WILL ALSO BE BUILT AT THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE SITE TO ACCOMMODATE BOATS WITH SEAMAIL TO AND FROM HONG KONG.

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TWO MORE COMMUNITY HALLS FOR PUBLIC ESTATES
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TWO MORE COMMUNITY HALLS WILL BE OPENED SHORTLY AND ANOTHER TWO ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF PROVIDING A COMMUNITY HALL FOR EVERY PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WITH A POPULATION BETWEEN 20,000 AND 50,000.

THE COMMUNITY HALLS AT TAI HING IN TUEN MUN AND SHEK YAM IN KWAI CHUNG ARE IN FACT ALREADY OPERATING BUT THEIR OFFICIAL OPENING IS SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS YEAR.

THE TWO OTHER COMMUNITY HALLS AT PAK TIN IN SHEK KIP MEI, AND WO CHE IN SHA TIN WILL BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, SAID MR. LAM KWOK-WAN, THE PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER (OPERATION) OF THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

AT PRESENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OPERATES SEVEN COMMUNITY HALLS AT LEI MUK SHUE, LAI KING, KWAI FONG, KWAI SHING, LEK YUEN, YUE WAN AND HING WAH ESTATES.

+A COMMUNITY HALL SERVES AS A FOCAL POINT FOR GROUP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS IN A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE AND PROVIDES A PLACE FOR RESIDENTS TO MEET AND PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF ACTIVITIES, THE RESIDENTS MAY ENHANCE THEIR KNOWLEDGE, DEVELOP A SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, CULTIVATE A SPIRIT OF MUTUAL HELP AND CO-OPERATION AND ENRICH THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE, HE CONTINUED.

THE RESPONSE TO THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED AT THE COMMUNITY HALLS ARE QUITE ENCOURAGING, PARTICULARLY THE EVENING PROGRAMMES.

+SINCE THE COMMUNITY HALLS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS, WE HOPE THEY WILL MAKE FULL USE OF THE FACILITIES,+ MR. LAM ADDED.

A STANDARD COMMUNITY HALL COMPRISES A MULTI-PURPOSE ASSEMBLY HALL, A STAGE WITH TWO CHANGING ROOMS, AND A CONFERENCE ROOM.

THE ASSEMBLY HALL HAS A SEATING CAPACITY OF 350 AND CAN BE USED FOR INDOOR GROUP ACTIVITIES, EXHIBITIONS, BALL GAMES AND A VARIETY OF OTHER PROGRAMMES.

ALL THESE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR LOAN BY LOCAL YOUTH GROUPS, SCHOOLS, VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND LOCAL ORGANISATIONS.

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SPECIAL CHINESE ORCHESTRAL CONCERT FOR SPRING FESTIVAL

THE SEASONAL SPRING FESTIVAL THIS YEAR WILL BE MARKED BY A SPECIAL OPEN-AIR CONCERT OF CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC AT VICTORIA PARK ON FEBRUARY 11 -- WHICH COINCIDES WITH THE LANTERN FESTIVAL.

THE CONCERT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, THE URBAN COUNCIL, EASTERN DISTRICT RECREATION AND SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AND EASTERN CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THOSE ATTENDING WILL BE ABLE TO HEAR SOME OF THE POPULAR CHINESE MUSIC PRESENTED IN A MANNER WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN ATTEMPTED BEFORE --- FOUR LOCAL ORCHESTRAS WILL EACH PLAY FROM A CORNER OF THE GROUND TO PRODUCE A QUADRAPHONIC EFFECT.

CONDUCTING THE ORCHESTRAS, COMPRISING 250 MUSICIANS, WILL BE MR. TONG LEUNG-TAK, A WELL-KNOWN +ER-HU+ EXPERT.

+THE AIM OF THE CONCERT,+ SAID A MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE SPOKESMAN, +IS TO PROMOTE CHINESE MUSIC, TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE NEW YEAR AND TO PRESENT CHINESE MUSIC IN A DIFFERENT MANNER.+

THE DAY'S PROGRAMME ALSO INCLUDES SINGING BY FOUR LOCAL CHOIRS, CHINESE FOLK DANCES AND A LION DANCE.

FREE ADMISSION CARDS TO THE CONCERT, AT THE NO. 5 FOOTBALL PITCH OF VICTORIA PARK AT 2.30 P.M., ARE OBTAINABLE AT THE CITY HALL, THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE (NINTH FLOOR, ARTS CENTRE), CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL BRANCHES OF THE TOM LEE PIANO CO. LTD.

FOR ENQUIRIES, PLEASE PHONE 5-283257.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE +QUADRAPHONIC+ CONCERT OF CHINESE ORCHESTRAL MUSIC AT VICTORIA PARK ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE PARK'S NO. 5 FOOTBALL PITCH (OPPOSITE QUEEN'S COLLEGE) AT 2 P.M. OFFICERS FROM THE ORGANISING GROUPS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THEM.

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SEMINARS FOR YOUNG JOB SEEKERS

THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING A SERIES OF CAREER SEMINARS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ABOUT TO SEEK JOBS.

THE SEMINARS, TO BE HELD IN SIX DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, WILL START ON FEBRUARY 19 AND END IN MARCH.

MRS. ANGELA HO, A LABOUR OFFICER OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, SAID 16 SEMINARS WOULD BE ORGANISED DURING THE PERIOD. MORE THAN 10,000 STUDENTS FROM 166 SCHOOLS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

EACH SEMINAR WILL CONSIST OF FILM SHOWS, TALKS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS CHAIRED BY PROFESSIONALS AND SPECIALISTS IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE CIVIL SERVICE.

MRS. HO SAID THESE SEMINARS WERE AIMED AT PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON A WIDE RANGE OF CAREERS, SUCH AS TELECOMMUNICATION, SOCIAL WORK, HOTEL AND CATERING, BANKING, JOURNALISM, ADVERTISING, INSURANCE, TOURISM, NURSING AND ENGINEERING.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH, IMMIGRATION, CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE, PRISONS, PUBLIC WORKS, EDUCATION AND THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WILL ALSO TAKE PART.

+WE HOPE STUDENTS WILL GET SOME INSIGHT INTO WORKING CONDITIONS THROUGH DIRECT DISCUSSIONS WITH SPECIALISTS IN VARIOUS FIELDS,+ MRS. HO SAID.

+DURING THE SEMINARS, THE SPECIALISTS WILL BE GIVING THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES, TRAINING FACILITIES AND JOB REWARDS. A QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION WILL FOLLOW.

+IN THIS WAY, THE STUDENTS WILL BECOME BETTER PREPARED WHEN THEY CHOOSE A CAREER,+ SHE SAID.

MRS. HO ADDED THAT FOUR OF THE SEMINARS WERE DESIGNED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, FOR FORM 3 STUDENTS WHO MIGHT HAVE TO LEAVE SCHOOL ON COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

+THE THEME OF THESE FOUR SEMINARS WILL BE ON VOCATIONAL AND APPRENTICE TRAINING,+ SHE SAID.

INVITATION LETTERS, TOGETHER WITH ENROLMENT FORMS AND SEMINAR PROGRAMMES, HAVE BEEN SENT TO MANY SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

HEADS OF SCHOOLS WISHING TO HAVE THEIR STUDENTS TAKE PART IN THE SEMINARS SHOULD CONTACT THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AT NEW RODNEY BLOCK, 99 QUEENSWAY, HONG KONG (TEL. NO. 5-281494).

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LUNAR NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

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THE 10 CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT-BASED CIVIC ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS HAVE ORGANISED A SERIES OF RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PEOPLE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR PERIOD.

THE PROGRAMMES, NUMBERING MORE THAN 50, WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE FIRST LUNAR MONTH.

THE NEW YEAR TREAT INCLUDES A GREAT VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TAILORED TO SUIT PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE AND AGE GROUPS.

INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD DIRECT ENQUIRIES TO THE NEAREST CITY DISTRICT OFFICE.

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TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (MONDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF FEI NGO SHAN ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE PRIVATE ROAD +CUSTOMS PASS+ TO ABOUT 580 METRES UPHILL WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY FROM 7 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

THIS TEMPORARY TWO-WAY ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SERVICE RESERVOIR AND ASSOCIATED PIPELINES IN FEI NGO SHAN.

THE ARRANGEMENT WILL BE EFFECTIVE FROM 7 A.M. TO 6 P.M. DAILY AND WILL LAST FOR ABOUT A YEAR.

A MANUALLY-OPERATED TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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