



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HOUSING AUTHORITY WILL NOT MEET SHOPKEEPERS  
UNDER THREAT OF DEMONSTRATION

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A HOUSING AUTHORITY SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE AUTHORITY WOULD CANCEL ITS SCHEDULED MEETING WITH ESTATE SHOPKEEPERS ON JULY 4 IF THE SHOPKEEPERS CARRIED OUT THEIR PLANNED DEMONSTRATION IN LARGE NUMBERS IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.

THE MESSAGE WAS FORMALLY CONVEYED TO THE SHOPKEEPERS TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE AUTHORITY WAS PREPARED TO MEET AND DISCUSS AMICABLY WITH THE SHOPKEEPERS BUT WAS NOT PREPARED TO BE PRESSURISED BY THE KIND OF DEMONSTRATION WHICH IS REPORTED BEING PLANNED.

THE SPOKESMAN REITERATED THE VERY CONSIDERABLE MODIFICATIONS WHICH THE AUTHORITY, AT THE REQUEST OF THE SHOPKEEPERS, HAD MADE TO THE NEW SHOP TENANCY AGREEMENT WHICH WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WAS TO PUT THESE TENANCIES ON A PROPER FOOTING.

THE MODIFIED AGREEMENT, HE CONTINUED, NOW CONTAINED ONLY TWO MAIN CONDITIONS. THESE ARE:

- (1) THAT ALL NEW SHOP TENANTS SHOULD SIGN A NEW TENANCY AGREEMENT (EXISTING TENANTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SIGN BUT MAY IF THEY WISH)=
- (2) THAT ALL RE-LETTINGS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BY TENDER WHICH WILL ENSURE THAT ALL PROCEEDS OBTAINED, FROM THE HIGHEST BIDDER, GOES TO THE OUT-GOING TENANT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE MODIFICATIONS WERE MADE AFTER EXTENSIVE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE AUTHORITY AND THE GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST TEN MONTHS.

THE PURPOSE FOR THE SHOP TRANSFERS, OR RE-LETTINGS, TO BE HANDLED BY THE AUTHORITY IS TO REMOVE POSSIBLE SCOPE FOR IRREGULARITIES, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE SAID THAT THE OUT-GOING SHOPKEEPER LOST NOTHING UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM SINCE THE RE-LETTING WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC TENDER AND THE PREMIUM - FROM THE HIGHEST BIDDER - WOULD ALL GO TO HIM.

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THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW TENANCY AGREEMENT WHICH THE IN-COMING SHOPKEEPER MUST SIGN WAS NO DIFFERENT AND, IN FACT, LESS STRICT THAN ANY AGREEMENT ANY LANDLORD WOULD REQUIRE OF A BONA FIDE TENANT TO ENTER INTO.

THE SPOKESMAN FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE NEW AGREEMENT WAS NOW MORE FAVOURABLE TO TENANTS IN THAT IT NOW MAKES SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SUCCESSION AND INHERITANCE BY FAMILY MEMBERS.

+MOREOVER, TO ALLAY TENANTS' FEARS ABOUT THE LOSS OF SECURITY, THE NEW AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE FOR A FIXED TERM AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED, BUT ON MONTHLY TERMS, CONTINUING IN FORCE INDEFINITELY, JUST LIKE THE OLD TENANCY CARD,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN RECALLED THAT SHOP TENANTS HAD BEEN WORRIED THAT THEY MIGHT BE EVICTED BY THE AUTHORITY AT THE END OF A FIXED TERM AGREEMENT, SO THAT THE AUTHORITY COULD RE-LET THEIR SHOPS AT A PROFIT.

+THE NEW ARRANGEMENT,+ HE POINTED OUT, +COMPLETELY REMOVES THESE FEARS SINCE ALL THE RE-LETTING PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE OUT-GOING TENANT.+

HE FURTHER SAID THAT RE-LETTINGS CARRIED OUT BY THE AUTHORITY SHOULD PRODUCE HIGHER BIDS FOR THE TENANCY SINCE ANYONE, NOT JUST ESTATE TENANTS, COULD BID FOR THE TENANCY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A CHINESE TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE IS NOW AVAILABLE FOR YOUR COLLECTION FROM THE PRESS ROOM ON THE 6TH FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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**INTERNATIONAL STANDARD TRAFFIC SIGNS FOR HONG KONG**  
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THE TWENTY THOUSAND PLUS TRAFFIC SIGNS CURRENTLY USED IN HONG KONG WILL BE COMPLETELY REPLACED BY NEW SYMBOLIC SIGNS OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARD IN THE COURSE OF THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

THE REPLACEMENT OF THESE SIGNS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO A PHASED PROGRAMME BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE FIRST OF THESE SIGNS WILL APPEAR IN CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICTS IN ABOUT A WEEK. NEW SIGNS WILL BE GRADUALLY INTRODUCED TO OTHER AREAS WHEN THE EXISTING ONES ARE DUE FOR RENEWAL.

A P.W.D. SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WOULD BE ABOUT 40 DIFFERENT TYPES OF NEW SIGNS IN ALL, BUT ONLY THE MORE IMPORTANT ONES SUCH AS +STOP+ AND +ONE WAY ONLY+ WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE INITIAL TRANSITION PERIOD.

THE REST WILL BE INTRODUCED IN PHASES OVER A PERIOD OF EIGHT MONTHS TO AVOID CONFUSING THE MOTORISTS WITH TOO MANY NEW SIGNS ALL AT ONE TIME, HE EXPLAINED.

A PUBLICITY DRIVE WILL ALSO BE LAUNCHED TO FAMILIARISE MOTORISTS WITH THE NEW SIGNS WHICH ARE BASED ON THE USE OF VISUAL TECHNIQUE TO THE MAXIMUM BENEFIT.

WHEN THE SCHEME IS FULLY OPERATIONAL, HONG KONG'S TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE BROUGHT IN LINE WITH THOSE OF OTHER MAJOR CITIES IN THE WORLD.

THE NEW SIGNS ARE BEING MANUFACTURED AT THE STANLEY PRISON WORKSHOP.

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**COLLECTION OF WATER CHARGES**  
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TEMPORARY COLLECTION CENTRES WILL BE SET UP BY THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AT SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING FOR THE COLLECTION OF WATER CHARGES FOR THE 1ST PERIOD OF 1974.

THE SHEUNG SHUI COLLECTION CENTRE, LOCATED AT THE SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE AT SHEK WU HUI, WILL OPERATE FOR TWO DAYS ON JULY 11 AND 12.

THE FANLING CENTRE WILL BE AT THE FANLING RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AT LUEN WO HUI, OPERATING FOR TWO DAYS ON JULY 15 AND 16.

THE HOURS OF BUSINESS ON THESE FOUR DAYS WILL BE FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICTS ARE INVITED TO USE THESE FACILITIES WHICH ARE SPECIALLY PROVIDED FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE.

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## RELIEF WORK STRENGTHENED FOR DISASTER VICTIMS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY STRENGTHENED ITS ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE RELIEF OF VICTIMS OF DISASTERS.

FIRST THE CAPACITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND SWIFTLY AND EFFECTIVELY HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED THROUGH DOUBLING THE NUMBER OF STAFF ON CALL IN AN EMERGENCY. THE TOTAL IS NOW 600.

THIS INCREASE HAS BEEN ACHIEVED BY INVOLVING ALL DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT WHEREAS UNDER PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS ONLY STAFF OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY DIVISION CARRIED OUT EMERGENCY DUTIES.

AT THE SAME TIME, EXPLAINED MR. FREDERICK CLARK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, THE OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE RELIEF PROVISION ITSELF.

WHEN A DISASTER STRIKES, VICTIMS ARE REGISTERED FOR ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF BASIC NECESSITIES SUCH AS FOOD AND BEDDING EITHER ON THE SPOT OR AT A NEARBY CONVENIENT LOCATION.

THE DEPARTMENT HANDS OUT A RELIEF KIT FOR EACH PERSON AND THIS HAS NORMALLY INCLUDED A BOWL, CHOP-STICKS, FACE TOWEL, SOAP, TOOTHBRUSH AND AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF BLANKETS DEPENDING UPON THE SEASON. COOKING POTS ARE ALSO ISSUED, AND HOT FOOD SUPPLIED FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S KITCHENS.

THE UTENSILS ISSUED WILL NOW INCLUDE DRINKING MUGS= THE DIETARY CONTENT HAS BEEN REVIEWED SO AS TO ALLOW MORE VARIED MEALS TO BE PROVIDED= AND SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HOLD SUPPLIES OF MILK POWDER TO MEET THE NEEDS OF INFANTS.

TO MAKE THINGS A LITTLE EASIER WHEN EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION IS IN USE, SLEEPING MATS WILL ALSO BE ISSUED TO ALL VICTIMS.

A FURTHER IMPROVEMENT WILL TAKE THE FORM OF A SUPPLY OF HOT WATER AVAILABLE FROM 3-GALLON ELECTRIC URNS WHICH CAN BE SET UP IN EMERGENCY LOCATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE VICTIMS.

MR. CLARK ADDED THAT DURING 1973, THE DEPARTMENT'S EMERGENCY RELIEF TEAMS RESPONDED ON 141 OCCASIONS AND IN ALL HELP WAS GIVEN TO WELL OVER 8,000 PERSONS INVOLVING 2,000 FAMILIES WHO HAD TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES AS A RESULT OF FIRE AND OTHER DISASTERS.

THIS HAD ENTAILED A GREAT DEAL OF HARD AND DEVOTED WORK BY THE STAFF CONCERNED FREQUENTLY LATE INTO THE NIGHT OR DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING. SUCH RELIEF WORK CHEERFULLY UNDERTAKEN WAS BY STAFF WHO ON RETURN TO NORMAL DUTIES HAD TO COPE WITH THEIR ORDINARY WORK.

THE EMERGENCY SERVICES, WHICH ARE ONE INCLUDED IN THE 5-YEAR PLAN, WILL CONTINUE TO BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW AND, WHEN APPROPRIATE, STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THEY MATCH THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS OF ALL VICTIMS.

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KNOWING OUR NEW TERRITORIES WEEK  
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ABOUT 4,000 SECONDARY PUPILS WILL TAKE PART IN A +KNOWING OUR NEW TERRITORIES WEEK+ WHICH IS BEING JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK'S EVENTS HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH GENEROUS DONATIONS BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF NEW TERRITORIES AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION HAS PRINTED POSTERS TO PUBLICISE THE WEEK. IT IS ALSO DONATING THE FIRST PRIZE TO BE AWARDED TO THE WINNING SCHOOL PARTICIPATING IN A SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT EXHIBITION.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE WEEK'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE IS MR. PATRICK BIRNEY, COMMANDANT OF THE POLICE CADET SCHOOL= THE CHAIRMAN IS MRS. ANGELINE WONG HA LIN-YING, AN INSPECTOR (ECONOMIC AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT= AND THE VICE CHAIRMAN IS MR. LO CHI-CHUNG, LIAISON OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND PRESIDENT-DESIGNATE OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: FULL DETAILS OF THE PROGRAMME WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE WEEK WILL BE GIVEN BY MR. BIRNEY, MRS. WONG AND MR. LO AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AT 3 P.M. ON JULY 2 IN THE 35 MM. THEATRE, GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESS CONFERENCE COVERED.

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C.Y.O. HELPS ORGANIZE SERVICES FOR YAU MA TEI BOAT PEOPLE  
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ONE SECTION OF OUR COMMUNITY WHICH APPARENTLY TENDS TO BECOME OVERLOOKED IN COMMUNITY FUNCTIONS OR ACTIVITIES ARE THOSE PEOPLE LIVING ON BOATS IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

WHILE THEY CAN, OF COURSE, PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE DISTRICT WITHIN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED, THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY SPECIAL DIRECT SERVICES TO THEM, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG PEOPLE, SO FAR.

WITH THIS IN MIND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER FOR YAU MA TEI, MR. YEUNG WAI-TSANG, HAS MOTIVATED A GROUP OF YOUNG VOLUNTEERS TO WORK EXTENSIVELY WITH BOAT FAMILIES OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS.

THIS GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS HAS NOW ESTABLISHED A RELATIONSHIP WITH A GROUP OF INDIGENOUS YOUTH IN THE TYPHOON SHELTER WHOM THEY WILL BE ASSISTING IN MAKING A STUDY OF THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR BOAT CHILDREN.

ACCORDING TO MR. YEUNG, THE 140-ACRE TYPHOON SHELTER IS POPULATED BY SOME 11,746 BOAT PEOPLE MAKING A TOTAL OF 1,750 FAMILIES.

+AN ORDINARY FAMILY OF SEVEN TO EIGHT MEMBERS LIVING IN A SMALL HOUSEBOAT ALLOWS LITTLE ROOM FOR ACTIVITY. A LARGE NUMBER OF BOAT CHILDREN ARE NOT AT SCHOOL NOR AT WORK. SURELY, WHAT THEY NEED IS SOMEWHAT MORE THAN RECREATION+, HE REMARKED.

WITH ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE C.Y.O. AND WORKING WITH THE VOLUNTEER YOUTH WORKERS, THE GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM AMONG THIS FLOATING POPULATION HAVE ORGANIZED AN OUTING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR THE YOUNGER CHILDREN LIVING IN THE HOUSEBOAT IN THE SHELTER.

MR. YEUNG SAID THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING ON THE WATER HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, AND THE CONFIDENCE, TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES IN VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE.

HE SAID THE SAME GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE HAS ALSO INDICATED THEY PLANNED, IN THE FUTURE, TO PROVIDE A WIDER RANGE OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES FOR BOAT DWELLERS.

APART FROM THIS OUTING TO THE COUNTRY-SIDE, THE GROUP HAS ALSO PLANNED A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES CONSISTING OF HOLIDAY CAMP AND EXCURSIONS INTO THE CITY FOR BOAT PEOPLE.

+BY INVOLVING THE INDIGENOUS YOUTH OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER FLOATING POPULATION IN VOLUNTARY SERVICES+, MR. YEUNG SAID, +IT IS HOPED THAT EVENTUALLY THEY WILL BE HELPED TO DEVELOP INTO RESPONSIBLE AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THEIR OWN COMMUNITY.

+THE DWELLERS IN THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER AND THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN PARTICULAR, ARE QUITE CAPABLE AND WILLING TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES TO AMELIORATE THEIR SOCIAL CONDITIONS,+ HE SAID.

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TSUEN WAN SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES

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THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN TSUEN WAN, ORGANIZED BY THE DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE, STARTS TOMORROW (SUNDAY) WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY IN THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND BEGINNING AT 10.00 A.M.

A FUN FAIR FOR 10,000 CHILDREN WILL FOLLOW THE CEREMONY AND LAST THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

MORE THAN 240 EVENTS HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED AND THESE COVERED A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES INCLUDING TRAINING, COMMUNITY SERVICES, COMMUNITY SURVEYS, INDOOR AND OUTDOOR GROUP ACTIVITIES, VISITS, ART AND CRAFT COURSES AND SO ON.

THE TOTAL COST FOR THE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES AMOUNTS TO SOME \$74,000, ALMOST HALF OF WHICH HAS BEEN RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE, WITH THE OTHER HALF BEING DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF 30 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE TSUEN WAN AREA AND IS ASSISTED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER IN THE ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING OF THESE SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES ALONG THE SAME LINES OF SIMILAR COMMITTEE IN OTHER DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY ON SUNDAY.

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REVISED ROUTE FOR ABERDEEN BUS

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ROUTE 7 BUSES OF THE CHINA MOTOR BUS COMPANY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE RE-ROUTING OF TUNG SHING ROAD IN ABERDEEN NEXT WEEK.

WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JULY 2) ROUTE 7 BUSES WILL ENTER TUNG SHING ROAD FROM ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, OBSERVE A NEW BUS STOP THERE FOR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS ONLY, TURN LEFT INTO SAI ON STREET, AND AGAIN INTO ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD, THIS TIME PICKING UP PASSENGERS AT THE EXISTING BUS STOP.

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