



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TWELVE PLAYGROUNDS ABOVE SERVICE RESERVOIRS

Two More Under Construction

Most people may not have noticed, but many of Hong Kong's recreational areas and playgrounds are built on top of service reservoirs in the urban districts.

More and more service reservoirs have been built in recent years to cope with the high rate of water consumption.

The scarcity of land and the rapid growth of the population have, for long, given rise to the problem of finding sufficient and suitable sites for recreational areas.

And the service reservoirs have solved, at least in part, this particular problem.

There are, at present, 12 service reservoir playgrounds on both sides of the harbour - three on the Island and nine in Kowloon - occupying well over 30 acres of land.

In addition, two such playgrounds in the Lok Fu area of Kowloon and in Kennedy Town on the Island are now under construction.

These two, each of about two acres in size, will be open to the public in two months' time.

Another playground in the Yau Tong area has also been proposed.

Of the 12 existing playgrounds, the one in Shau Kei Wan was completed only recently. Although an official opening ceremony will be held in the near future, it has already been opened to the public.

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Taking up about 1.7 acres of land near the Holy Cross Path Village, this is the largest recreation centre in the district.

A typical playground of its kind, it has a turfed soccer pitch and a hard-surfaced basketball court together with changing room and shower facilities.

The other existing playgrounds are located at Conduit Road, North Point, Yau Ma Tei, Shek Kip Mei, Lam Tin, Ma Tau Wai, Lion Rock Hill, Tsz Wan Shan, Wong Tai Sin and Ho Man Tin.

Part of the historical Botanical Gardens is built above a service reservoir.

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NEW ADDRESS FOR FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

The Fire Prevention Bureau will be moving into new premises in Wan Chai on Thursday (March 8).

All correspondence can be sent either to the new address at Asian House, 10th floor, No. 1 Hennessy Road, Hong Kong, or to P.O. Box 20192, Hong Kong.

The new telephone number of the Bureau is 5-281122.

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YWCA CENTRE TO BE SET UP IN CASTLE PEAK

A social centre will be set up in the Castle Peak Resettlement Estate by the Young Women's Christian Association to meet the urgent need for social service and community facilities in the area.

A capital grant of \$150,000 has been allocated from the Lotteries Fund to the Association for furniture and equipment.

The centre is capable of accommodating 200-300 people each day.

It will provide a library, study rooms, and facilities for group and recreational activities and other community programmes.

The centre is expected to be open at the end of this month.

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SECOND PHASE OF ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN

The second phase of the 1973 anti-polio campaign is now in operation, and parents are urged to bring their children for inoculation.

A spokesman for the Medical and Health Department said that children who had received the first inoculation should now come forward for the second.

More than 28,000 children received polio immunisation during the first phase of the campaign.

Polio vaccine is available free of charge from all inoculation centres and maternity and child health centres.

The second phase of the campaign will last until March 31.

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CATEGORY OF "SEAMAN" REDEFINED

The category of "seaman" has been redefined to include all persons comprising the complement of a sea-going ship other than master, certificated mate, engineer and ship's doctor.

The new definition is contained in the Merchant Shipping (Recruiting of Seaman) (Amendment) Ordinance 1973 which was enacted on February 2.

Certain other categories of persons have also been excluded from the provisions of the Ordinance by the Director of Marine, in his capacity as Seaman's Recruiting Authority, following consultations with the Seamen's Recruiting Advisory Board.

These include certificated masters, chief engineers, first mates and radio officers; nurses and musicians; and wives and children of ship's officer personnel properly signed on ship's Article of Agreement as supernumeraries.

All Hong Kong domiciled officers, other than those mentioned above, who wish to register with the Seamen's Recruiting Office should produce their Hong Kong Seamen's Discharge Book together with their Identity Card and Certificate of Service/Competence, if any.

These officers will be subject to the provisions of the Ordinance if they are engaged in the following capacities:

Deck Department

2nd Officer/Mate

3rd Officer/Mate

4th Officer/Mate

Engine Department

2nd Engineer Officer

3rd Engineer Officer

4th Engineer Officer

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Deck Department

Junior Officer/Mate
Deck Cadet or Apprentice
Assistant Radio Officer
Radio Cadet

Engine Department

5th Engineer Officer
6th Engineer Officer
7th Engineer Officer
Junior Cadet
Electrical Officer
Assistant Electrical Officer

Catering Department

Purser
Assistant Purser
Writer
Assistant Writer
Stewardess

Miscellaneous Category

Shop Assistant
Barber

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BUILDINGS IN MAU LAM STREET DECLARED DANGEROUS

The Building Authority today declared Nos. 7, 9 and 11 Mau Lam Street, Kowloon to be in a dangerous condition. No. 5 Mau Lam Street was declared liable to become dangerous.

In a statement issued this morning, the Principal Government Building Surveyor said that these three-storey pre-war buildings were found to be in a dilapidated condition during a routine inspection.

A detailed survey revealed that the brick rear walls of all four buildings had moved out causing fractures to open at the junction with the party walls.

The timber staircases and structural roof and floor timbers of No. 7, 9 and 11 were in such a condition that notices had already been served requiring the owner to provide temporary support.

The condition of Nos. 7, 9 and 11 is such that there is a risk of collapse.

It is further considered that due to the weakness at the junction of the rear wall and party wall between Nos. 5 and 7, No. 5 is liable to become dangerous during or after the demolition of Nos. 7, 9 and 11.

No. 11 would also be affected by the demolition of No. 13, already recommended for closure and demolition.

Notices of intention to apply for Closure Orders in Kowloon District Court at 9.30 a.m. on April 13, 1973 were posted today.

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WATER STOPPAGES

A number of premises in Mong Kok will be without water for five hours on Wednesday (March 7) starting from 1 a.m.

Buildings within the area bounded by Prince Edward Road, Nathan Road, Argyle Street and Tung Choi Street will be affected.

Water supply to a number of buildings in Sham Shui Po will be cut off for five hours on Thursday (March 8) starting from 1 a.m.

Premises within the area bounded by Lai Chi Kok Road, Kiu Kiang Street, Cheung Sha Wan Road and Kweilin Street will be affected.

The stoppages are to enable Waterworks Office staff to carry out leakage tests.

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GOVERNOR TO OPEN PIER ON LANTAO

Note to Editors: The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, will officiate at the opening of the Sha Lo Wan Pier and Footpath on Lantao Island on Wednesday (March 7) at 12.20 p.m.

A launch will be provided to take press representatives to Lantao. It will leave Queen's Pier at 10.40 a.m. Press representatives will be taken back after the ceremony.

Members of the press who wish to have the ceremony covered should contact the District Secretary, District Office, Islands, Mr. Ting Ping, at Tel. No. 5-446412.

As space on the launch is limited, nominations from the press will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis.

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POLLING STATIONS FOR URBCO ELECTIONS

Simple Guide Issued

A simple guide to the location of the ten polling stations for Wednesday's Urban Council elections has been produced by the Government Information Services.

Each candidate has been given copies for distribution, and spare copies are available to registered electors at City District Offices.

The polling stations are:

Hong Kong Island:

- A. King's College Polling Station, No. 63A, Bonham Road, at the junction of Western Street and Bonham Road.
- B. City Hall Polling Station, Edinburgh Place, east of the Star Ferry Hong Kong Concourse.
- C. Hennessy Road Government Primary School Polling Station (Entrance at Thomson Road) No. 169, Thomson Road west of Wallace Harper Co., Ltd. rear entrance on Johnston Road.
- D. North Point Government Primary School Polling Station, No. 888 King's Road between Mansion Street and Mount Parker Road.

Kowloon

- E. Kowloon Public Pier Polling Station, next to Tsim Sha Tsui Railway Station.
- F. Queen Elizabeth School Polling Station, No. 152 Sai Yee Street, at the junction of Prince Edward Road and Sai Yee Street.
- G. Kowloon Technical School Polling Station, No. 332 Cheung Sha Wan Road, between Camp Street and Tonkin Street.

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- H. Perth Street Government Primary School Polling Station, No. 6 Perth Street, between Princess Margaret Road and Shek Ku Street.
- I. San Po Kong Government Primary School Polling Station, No. 17, Tseuk Luk Street, between Choi Hung Road and Tai Yau Street.
- J. Kwun Tong Government Primary School Polling Station, No. 240, Ngau Tau Kok Road, between Ting On Street and Elegance Road, opposite Kwun Tong Garden Estate.

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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR URBCO ELECTIONS

Note to Editors: Members of the press who wish to visit any of of the ten polling stations or to be present at the counting of the votes on March 7 (Wednesday), Urban Council Election Day, must complete Form 20 - Declaration of Secrecy - before a Justice of the Peace, a Presiding Officer or the Returning Officer.

They should have the forms with them when they call at any of the polling stations.

Copies of these forms are now available in the press room, Government Information Services.

For the convenience of representatives nominated by you to cover the election, arrangements have been made for them to see the Returning Officer, Mr. Donald Tsang, who will be pleased to administer the declaration during office hours tomorrow. Nominees are advised to ring H-95544 to make an appointment. Alternatively this declaration can be administered by any Justice of the Peace.

To make recognition easier for staff at the polling stations, special lapel badges have been prepared. These will be distributed to press representatives at the same time when they collect the "Declaration of secrecy" forms. However, the completed declaration form must be produced for admission.

The attention of press representatives is drawn to Regulation 29 of the Urban Council Elections (Procedure) Regulations under which it is an offence inter alia to speak to any elector or take any photograph within the boundaries of any polling station.

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Regulation 29 states:

29. (1) Any person other than -

- (A) The Returning Officer or an Assistant Returning Officer;
- (B) The Presiding Officer or an Assistant Presiding Officer;
- (C) Members of the staff of the Presiding Officer;
- (D) Police on duty at any polling station;
- (E) A companion of a blind voter acting in accordance with Regulation 36,

Who speaks to any elector within the boundaries of any polling station shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction therefor to a fine of five hundred dollars.

(2) Any person who -

- (A) takes any photographs;
- (B) canvasses; or
- (C) displays any poster,

within the boundaries of any polling station shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction therefor to a fine of five hundred dollars.

(3) Any elector who -

- (A) takes any ballot paper, whether marked or unmarked, out of the polling station; or
- (B) deposits in the ballot box any paper other than the ballot paper given to him by the poll clerk,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction therefor to a fine of five hundred dollars and to imprisonment for six months.

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Release Time: 7.00 p.m.