



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNMENT EMPLOYING MORE DISABLED PEOPLE

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MORE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ARE EMPLOYING DISABLED PEOPLE, ACCORDING TO MR. CHAN SHIU-WING, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S JOB PLACEMENT UNIT.

IN HIS MONTHLY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF FINDING WORK FOR THE DISABLED DURING MARCH, HE SAID OFFICERS OF HIS UNIT HAD ARRANGED JOBS OR JOB INTERVIEWS WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FOR 10 PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT DISABILITIES.

OF THIS NUMBER, THREE WERE EMPLOYED AS MESSENGERS BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND ONE, ALSO AS MESSENGER, BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT. ANOTHER STARTED WORK AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS MONTH AS A WATCHMAN WITH THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT.

THE OTHERS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING THE USUAL PROCESSING FOR JOBS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT AT LEAST TWO WILL BE EMPLOYED AS LABOURERS IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE ROYAL HONGKONG POLICE FORCE.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR TOO, MR. CHAN REPORTED, HAD INCREASED ITS INTAKE OF DISABLED PEOPLE WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER BEING TAKEN ON BY INDUSTRY.

THE FRANKI TOYS AND DOLLS MANUFACTURERS AND EXPORTERS LIMITED EMPLOYED 13 DISABLED PERSONS AS PACKERS AND INTENDS ENGAGING MORE THIS MONTH AS MACHINE SEWING WORKERS.

MR. CHAN SAID A TOTAL OF 31 DISABLED PEOPLE WERE FOUND WORK IN MARCH, EIGHT MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THEY COMPRISED AN EX-MENTAL PATIENT, ONE MENTALLY RETARDED, AN EX-LEPER, TWO BLIND, TWO WHO WERE CURED OF TUBERCULOSIS, FIVE DEAF AND 19 CRIPPLES.

THEY WERE GIVEN JOBS AS A CARPENTER, A PROOF-READER, A KEYBOARD TYPESETTER, A LIFT-OPERATOR, A CARETAKER, MACHINE SEWING WORKERS, ASSEMBLERS, PACKERS, MESSENGERS AND GENERAL FACTORY WORKERS.

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SENIOR GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED
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MR. BRIAN WILSON, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, WILL SUCCEED MR. DAVID ALEXANDER AS DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES IN MARCH NEXT YEAR, IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MR. ALEXANDER, WHO WAS FIRST APPOINTED TO HONG KONG IN 1953, HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF URBAN SERVICES SINCE 1968. HE WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG PRIOR TO RETIREMENT IN APRIL 1975.

MR. WILSON, 49, FIRST CAME TO HONG KONG IN 1948 AND HAS HELD A NUMBER OF POSTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE SECRETARIAT FOR HOME AFFAIRS, THE RESETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT.

MR. WILSON, WHO IS MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN, WILL BE ON LEAVE FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR.

HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED IN OCTOBER AS COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT BY MR. IAN MACPHERSON, WHO IS AT PRESENT DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. MACPHERSON, WHO IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN, HAS BEEN IN HONG KONG SINCE 1962.

DURING MR. WILSON'S ABSENCE FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER THIS YEAR, THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. PETER LEEDS, WILL ACT AS COMMISSIONER.

NOTE TO EDITORS

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MR. WILSON AND MR. MACPHERSON ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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ANTI-POLIO CAMPAIGN STATISTICS

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A TOTAL OF 5,367 DOSES OF ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE WAS ADMINISTERED IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE DISEASE THIS YEAR.

DURING THE WEEK ENDING ON MARCH 23, 1,237 DOSES WERE ADMINISTERED AMONG CHILDREN ON THE ISLAND, 2,572 IN KOWLOON, AND 1,558 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

OF THESE, 1,861 WERE FIRST-DOSE, 1595 SECOND-DOSE, AND 1,911 BOOSTER-DOSE.

THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGN BEGAN IN EARLY JANUARY AND LASTED SIX WEEKS. THE SECOND PHASE, INTENDED AS A FOLLOW-UP, STARTED ON MARCH 18 AND WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNTIL AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY: +ANTI-POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE IS AVAILABLE FREE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT ALL THE DEPARTMENT'S MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES, AND THE ANNUAL CAMPAIGNS ARE INTENDED TO REMIND MOTHERS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THIS SERVICE, AND TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.+

CAMPAIGNS ALSO ENABLE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES TO DEAL WITH CASES THAT DO NOT COME UP DURING NORMAL SESSIONS,

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MARCH WEATHER ROUNDUP

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MARCH 1974 WAS SUNNIER AND DRIER THAN USUAL WITH TOTAL SUNSHINE 24.7 HOURS ABOVE NORMAL, ACCORDING TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

THE MONTH WAS THE SIXTH SUCCESSIVE MONTH WITH BELOW NORMAL RAINFALL. A TOTAL OF 31.7 MM OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED DURING THE MONTH -- LESS THAN 45 PER CENT OF THE AVERAGE VALUE.

THE MONTH'S MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 27.5 DEGREES CELSIUS WAS RECORDED ON MARCH 26, AND THE MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 10.5 DEGREES CELSIUS THE NEXT DAY, MARCH 27.

NOTE TO EDITORS: A FULL WEATHER REPORT FOR MARCH, PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, IS AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE PRESS ROOM, G.I.S.

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