



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SWD'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME
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MORE THAN 60,000 YOUNG PEOPLE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR.

THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF THE PROGRAMME IS TO BE ON QUALITY OF SERVICES WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION ON PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT, ENRICHMENT OF LIFE EXPERIENCE AND THE PROVISION OF OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

THE ACTIVITIES, ORGANISED BY THE 19 UNITS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION INCLUDING THE YOUTH WORK UNIT, COMMUNITY/SOCIAL/YOUTH CENTRES, ESTATE WELFARE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICES AND THE LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICES UNIT, WILL BE HELD IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN ALL, THERE ARE ABOUT 590 EVENTS TO MEET VARIOUS NEEDS AND INTERESTS. THE PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF THREE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES - TRAINING COURSES, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

TRAINING COURSES INCLUDE YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING, VOLUNTEER TRAINING CAMPS, EXPEDITION COURSES AND COURSES ON FIRST-AID AND LIFE-SAVING.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS INCLUDE WORK CAMPS, HOME-WORK GUIDANCE FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS AND SERVICES FOR THE AGED AND HANDICAPPED.

SOME OF THE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AND FACTORY WORKERS, OUTINGS AND EXCURSIONS, OBSERVATIONAL VISITS TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, POLICE STATIONS AND FACTORIES AND INTEREST GROUPS TEACHING YOGA, FOLK-DANCING AND TAILORING.

OTHERS ACTIVITIES INCLUDE CARNIVALS, OPEN-AIR CONCERTS AND VARIETY SHOWS.

COMMENTING ON THE ARRANGEMENTS OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME, MR. HENRY AU, HEAD OF THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION, SAID: +WHILE THE EMPHASIS IS STILL ON RECREATION, THE TYPES OF PROGRAMMES ORGANISED HAVE BEEN DESIGNED ALSO TO BE INSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL.+

HE NOTED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY WERE SHOWING GREATER INTEREST IN PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT. SO, THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME SHOULD GIVE THEM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR ABILITIES AND TO DEVELOP SELF-CONFIDENCE.

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AFTER-CARE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES FOR DRUG ADDICTS
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AFTER-CARE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED FOR DRUG ADDICTS ATTENDING THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRES.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SOCIAL WORKERS TO BE ATTACHED TO EIGHT OF THE 12 DETOXIFICATION CENTRES DURING WEEK-DAYS TO HELP ADDICTS SOLVE THEIR PERSONAL PROBLEMS.

THE SOCIAL WORKERS, ALL VOLUNTEERS, COME FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES SUCH AS SARDA, THE DISCHARGED PRISONERS AID SOCIETY, THE HONG KONG FAMILY WELFARE SOCIETY, CARITAS AND THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN COUNCIL SERVICE.

THE EIGHT CENTRES WHERE AFTER-CARE AND COUNSELLING SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ARE KWUN TONG, TSZ WAN SHAN, YAU MA TEI, SHAM SHUI PO, SHEK KIP MEI, KOWLOON CITY AND MONGKOK IN KOWLOON AND CHAI WAN ON THE ISLAND.

THE SERVICES WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE OTHER CENTRES WHEN MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE RECRUITED.

UP TO LAST NIGHT (SUNDAY), A TOTAL OF 1,232 DRUG ADDICTS, INCLUDING 76 FEMALES, HAVE RECEIVED TREATMENT AT THE 12 EVENING DETOXIFICATION CENTRES INCLUDING THE VIOLET PEEL CENTRE WHICH ALSO OPERATES DURING DAYTIME.

THE DAILY ATTENDANCE RATE HAS REMAINED VERY HIGH, AT ABOUT 80 PER CENT.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. G.H. CHOA, DESCRIBED THE RESPONSE AT THE INITIAL STAGE OF THE DETOXIFICATION SCHEME AS +ENCOURAGING+.

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LEGO MEETS ON WEDNESDAY
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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL ASK GOVERNMENT A WIDE RANGE OF QUESTIONS WHEN THE COUNCIL MEETS ON WEDNESDAY.

SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, DR. THE HON. S.Y. CHUNG, WILL ASK WHETHER GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF COMPLAINTS MADE BY SOME BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS ABOUT THE NEED TO FILL IN LONG FORMS, TO PRODUCE EVIDENCE OF THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS AND TO WAIT FOR MANY DAYS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A VISITOR'S ENTRY CERTIFICATE TO BRITAIN AND, IF SO, WILL IT MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO MINIMIZE THE RED-TAPE FOR SUCH APPLICATIONS.

HE WILL ALSO ASK WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE KNOWN THE RESULTS OF ITS INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF AN INTERCHANGE FOR MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY AND THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY AT KOWLOON TONG.

THE HON. ROGER LOBO, WILL ENQUIRE WHETHER GOVERNMENT WILL COMPUTERISE THE RECORDS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT AND INCLUDE IN THE PLAN FACILITIES AT ALL ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DESKS IN HONG KONG IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING OF PASSENGERS AS WELL AS TO ELIMINATE THE NEED TO MANUALLY CHECK THE WATCH LIST (BLACK BOOK).

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE ASKED CONCERN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE GOVERNMENT'S SHARE OF THE MARK SIX LOTTERY SINCE ITS INCEPTION, SUMMER JOBS FOR FORM FIVE AND SIX STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR EXAMINATIONS AND THE PRESENT SITUATION ON TEXTILE EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA.

TWO BILLS -- THE SECURITIES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 AND THE MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS (ROAD TRAFFIC) BILL 1976 -- WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON EIGHT OTHER BILLS. THEY INCLUDE THE METRICATION BILL 1976, THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, THE IMMIGRATION (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976 AND THE PLACES OF PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976.

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TRAINING COURSE ON VOLUNTEER SERVICES

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ONE HUNDRED YOUNGSTERS WILL ATTEND NEXT WEEK A TRAINING COURSE AIMED AT DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS IN ORGANISING RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND GIVING THEM THE KNOWLEDGE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICES.

SPONSORED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE FOR WONG TAI SIN, THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE (EAST) AND THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE COURSE WILL LAST FROM JULY 12 TO JULY 18.

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE THE SKILLS IN ORGANISING CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, BASIC FIRST-AID KNOWLEDGE, ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF VOLUNTEERS.

DURING THE COURSE, LECTURES WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 104 CHING TAK STREET BETWEEN 7.30 P.M. TO 9.30 P.M. DAILY.

AT THE END OF THE WEEK-LONG TRAINING COURSE, YOUNGSTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSIST IN THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND THE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE.

THE COURSE IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE ABOVE 15 YEARS OLD WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST FORM III STANDARD.

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IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES FOR TEACHERS

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ABOUT 200 TEACHERS FROM SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTING OR INTENDING TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR SCIENCE AT FORM I LEVEL WILL ATTEND THE FIRST OF THREE IN-SERVICE TRAINING COURSES BEGINNING TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

THIS EIGHT-DAY COURSE WILL BE OPENED BY THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), MR. ARTHUR BROWN.

THE AIM OF THE THREE COURSES IS TO ACQUAINT THE PARTICIPATING TEACHERS WITH APPROACHES TO AND METHODS OF TEACHING THE SCIENCE SYLLABUS AT THE JUNIOR SECONDARY LEVEL.

THE SECOND COURSE, FROM AUGUST 24 TO SEPTEMBER 1, IS FOR 200 FORM 2 SCIENCE TEACHERS WHILE THE THIRD REFRESHER COURSE FOR 100 FORM 3 TEACHERS WILL TAKE PLACE FROM SEPTEMBER 11 TO OCTOBER 16.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST COURSE AT THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, SASSOON ROAD, HONG KONG, AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW COVERED.

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CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS ON SHATIN PASS ROAD

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IMPOSED ON THE SECTION OF SHATIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN CHOI HUNG ROAD AND LUNG CHEUNG ROAD IN WONG TAI SIN, FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JULY 8).

STARTING FROM THAT DAY, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP AND SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOADING AND UNLOADING GOODS BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 10 A.M. AND BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 7 P.M. DAILY.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AIM TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY STATION IN THE AREA.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTIONS.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON AN EDUCATIONAL TOPIC

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON A MAJOR EDUCATIONAL TOPIC IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

TELEVISION AND RADIO CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT 2.50 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, LEE GARDENS, THIRD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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