



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HAS WORLDWIDE REPUTATION IN SPINAL SURGERY -- GOVERNOR
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THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN SANDY BAY HAS ACHIEVED WORLDWIDE REPUTATION IN THE FIELD OF SPINAL SURGERY, THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

+THE FACT THAT MANY DOCTORS FROM OVERSEAS VISIT THE HOSPITAL TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN SPINAL SURGERY IS THE BEST TESTIMONY OF AN INDICATION OF ITS PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE,+ HE SAID.

SIR MURRAY WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ASIAN ANTIQUES FAIR. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL OF THE DIRECTORS TO DONATE THE PROCEEDS OF THE FAIR TO THE HOSPITAL OF WHICH +WE IN HONG KONG ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD.+

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+IT WAS A HAPPY THOUGHT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THIS FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL ASIAN ANTIQUES FAIR THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENING SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO THE DUCHESS OF KENT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT SANDY BAY.

+THE HOSPITAL IS ONE OF WHICH WE IN HONG KONG ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD. IT HAS A REPUTATION WHICH IS WORLDWIDE. THE FACT THAT MANY DOCTORS FROM OVERSEAS VISIT THE HOSPITAL TO GAIN EXPERIENCE IN SPINAL SURGERY IS THE BEST TESTIMONY OF AN INDICATION OF ITS PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE.

+BUT IT IS ALSO A HIGHLY SYMPATHETIC ORGANISATION. THE SOCIETY AND STAFF HAVE DEVELOPED AN ATMOSPHERE AND SPIRIT IN THE HOSPITAL WHICH STRIKE ALL WHO VISIT IT.

+IN THIS CASE VIRTUE HAS TO SOME EXTENT BEEN ITS OWN REWARD, AND THE HOSPITAL HAS BEEN ABLE TO COMMAND THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC WHICH HAS MADE ITS EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE POSSIBLE. THE PROCEEDS OF THIS EVENING COULD NOT GO TO A WORTHER CAUSE.

+I HOPE THAT IN THE CASE OF THE ANTIQUES FAIR TOO, THE VIRTUE OF ITS PUBLIC-SPIRITED DONATION WILL ALSO HAVE AN IMMEDIATE REWARD IN THE SUCCESS OF THIS INTERNATIONAL FAIR.

+HONG KONG IS RAPIDLY BECOMING THE LEADING INTERNATIONAL MART OF ANTIQUES IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD. I AM SURE THAT THE OBJECTS ON OFFER THIS EVENING WILL ENHANCE THAT REPUTATION, AND I WISH THE FAIR EVERY SUCCESS.+

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RESIDENTIAL SITE IN SHA TIN TO BE AUCTIONED

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THE FIRST SITE ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF SHA TIN VALLEY, EARMARKED FOR MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, WILL BE SOLD BY AUCTION EARLY NEXT (JUNE) MONTH.

THE 1,679-SQUARE METRE SITE OVERLOOKING SHA TIN HOI IS ON THE HILLSIDE OPPOSITE THE PROPOSED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. ROGER THOMPSON SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THIS SITE WOULD BE THE FIRST IN THE AREA TO BE PUT ON THE MARKET.

+THE SITE CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1.17 MILLION TO BE FULFILLED OVER 36 MONTHS AND A PLOT RATIO OF 2:1 WHICH ALLOWS FOR THE CONTRUCTION OF FIRST-CLASS MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS,+ HE SAID.

+THE AREA IS AN IDEAL LOCATION FOR GOOD QUALITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND WILL BE CONNECTED BY ROAD TO THE MAIN COMMUNICATION ARTERIES OF SHA TIN AND THE PROPOSED RAILWAY STATION AT FO TAN,+ HE ADDED.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 A.M. ON JUNE 12 AT THE SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND SALE PLAN INSPECTED AT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HEADQUARTERS ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND ANY OF THE SEVEN NTA DISTRICT OFFICES.

MR. THOMPSON POINTED OUT THAT THREE OTHER LOTS IN THE SAME AREA WILL BE SOLD OVER THE NEXT THREE MONTHS EITHER BY AUCTION OR BY TENDER TO LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS.

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AUCTION OF +SPECIAL+ NUMBERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ANOTHER AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR REGISTRATION NUMBERS ON SATURDAY.

THE AUCTION WILL START AT 10 A.M. IN THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CITY HALL.

TWENTY-FIVE NUMBERS WILL BE OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC. THEY ARE:

6848	BM 22	BY 633	BY 1828	BY 3288
8338	BU 888	BY 728	BY 2388	BY 3996
HK 786	BX 9495	BY 1088	BY 2500	BY 6848
AB 8	BY 348	BY 1118	BY 2882	BY 7878
AK 100	BY 450	BY 1588	BY 2888	BY 7890

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SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS MUST PAY IN CASH OR BY CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CLOSE OF BIDDING.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) REMINDED BIDDERS THAT THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBER WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE AUCTION.

PROCEEDS OF THE AUCTION WILL GO TO THE LOTTERIES FUND.

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HK'S RARE EAGLE GOING TO UK WILDLIFE PARK
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A RARE WHITE-TAILED SEA EAGLE WILL BE FLOWN TONIGHT (WEDNESDAY) TO MEET A MATE AT THE NORFOLK WILDLIFE PARK AT GREAT WITCHINGHAM, NORWICH.

THE EAGLE, NAMED +YING,+ IS A GIFT FROM THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TO THE PARK FOR THE PURPOSE OF BREEDING THE RARE SPECIES IN CAPTIVITY.

YING WAS SURRENDERED TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TWO YEARS AGO WHEN ITS OWNER FAILED TO SECURE A POSSESSION PERMIT TO KEEP THE BIRD UNDER THE ANIMALS AND PLANTS (PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES) ORDINANCE.

THE BROWN EAGLE WITH A WHITE-TIPPED TAIL IS THREE FEET HIGH, HAS A WING SPAN OF SIX FEET AND WEIGHS ABOUT 12 POUNDS. THE SPECIES COMES FROM THE LOWER YANGTZE RIVER AREA AND NORTHEAST CHINA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT YING, NOW ABOUT SIX YEARS OLD, HAD ALWAYS BEEN KEPT IN CAPTIVITY AND THUS COULD NOT BE RELEASED IN THE WILD.

HE ADDED THAT SOME TIME AGO THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF WHITE-TAILED EAGLES IN CENTRAL EUROPE AND CHINA BUT THEIR NUMBERS HAVE NOW DIMINISHED TO ONLY A FEW HUNDRED BECAUSE OF TRAPPING, SHOOTING AND POISONING OF THE BIRD.

+IT HAS TAKEN US SOME TIME TO FIND A SUITABLE HOME FOR YING AND WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE OFFER FROM THE NORFOLK WILDLIFE PARK. IF MATING IS SUCCESSFUL, THE YOUNG WILL BE RELEASED TO THE WILD IN CENTRAL EUROPE,+ HE SAID.

WHILE YING WAS KEPT UNDER CONSTANT CARE AT AN AVIARY AT THE GOVERNMENT'S SHEK WU HUI KENNELS, HE ATE ABOUT 400 GRAMS OF MEAT -- RODENTS, CHICKENS AND SHIN BEEF -- A DAY.

TODAY OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOTANICAL AND ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS LOADED YING IN A LARGE CRATE IN PREPARATION FOR THE FLIGHT TO BRITAIN TONIGHT.

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RE-CONSTRUCTION OF PALM STREET
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THE SURFACE OF PALM STREET HAS DETERIORATED TO THE EXTENT THAT IT REQUIRES FREQUENT MAINTENANCE, CAUSING DISRUPTION TO TRAFFIC AND INCONVENIENCE TO THE PUBLIC.

TO REMEDY THE SITUATION, THE ROAD WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED IN REINFORCED CONCRETE IN CONJUNCTION WITH MINOR ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE WORKS AND REBUILDING OF FOOTPATHS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

CONSTRUCTION WORK, TO BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IS SCHEDULED TO START EARLY NEXT (JUNE) MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

DURING THIS PERIOD, ONE TRAFFIC LANE OF THIS ONE-WAY STREET WILL BE KEPT OPEN IN AN EFFORT TO MINIMISE DISRUPTION.

VEGETABLE WHOLESALERS WHO ARE PRESENTLY OCCUPYING PALM STREET FOR TRADING PURPOSES HAVE BEEN GIVEN NOTICE TO VACATE THE AREA TO AVOID OBSTRUCTING THE ROAD WORKS.

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES HAS OFFERED TO ACCOMMODATE THESE WHOLESALERS AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET WHERE THEY MAY LEGITIMATELY CONTINUE TRADING.

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WATER CUT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHEK KIP MEI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TAI HANG TUNG ROAD, LUNG CHU STREET, TO YUEN STREET AND BLOCK NOS. 9 - 14, TAI HANG TUNG ESTATE.

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