



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AIMS DEFINED
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EXISTING LEGISLATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION WOULD NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED AND EXTENDED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF CHANGES THAT HAD OCCURRED IN RECENT TIMES AND LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FUTURE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISER, DR. STUART REED, SAID TODAY.

DR. REED WAS EXPLAINING TO MEMBERS OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA DURING A LUNCH MEETING THE ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT WHICH HE IS SETTING UP.

HE SAID THE BASIS FOR THE NEW LEGISLATION WOULD BE FORMED BY THE FINAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTANTS, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES LIMITED, TOGETHER WITH THE COMMENTS BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSING THE REPORT AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

THE NEW LEGISLATION, HE ADDED, WOULD BE SHEPHERDED THROUGH THE NECESSARY STAGES BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT, IN CONSULTATION WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND INDUSTRY.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO SWINGING RESTRICTIONS ON INDUSTRY. THE AIM WAS TO PLACE APPROPRIATE LIMITS ON NEW INDUSTRY WHERE CONTROL PROVISIONS COULD BE INCORPORATED AT THE DESIGN STAGE IN THE MOST-COST-EFFECTIVE MANNER, HE SAID.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE STARTING POINT FOR DECIDING AT WHAT LEVEL EMISSION LIMITS SHOULD BE SET WOULD BE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

+THAT IS, WE SHALL SEEK TO ESTABLISH THE NATURAL ABSORPTIVE AND PURIFYING CAPACITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN VARIOUS AREAS AND FOR THE SPECIFIC POLLUTANT IN QUESTION AND WORK BACKWARDS FROM THIS TO DETERMINE WHAT TOTAL EMISSION LOAD FROM EXISTING AND PROJECTED INDUSTRY CAN BE ALLOWED BEFORE THE NATURAL PURIFYING AND ABSORPTIVE CAPACITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT IS OVERLOADED AND POLLUTION BUILDS UP TO AN UNACCEPTABLE LEVEL.

+THUS THERE MAY BE DIFFERENT LIMITS IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF HONG KONG, AND IT IS IN THIS SENSE THAT THE CONTROLS WILL BE FLEXIBLE,+ HE SAID.

BESIDES LEGISLATION AND OVERALL POLICY DEVELOPMENT, THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT ALSO EMBRACE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLANNING AND MONITORING, DR. REED EXPLAINED.

PROTECTION PLANNING, +A POSITIVE TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTION AT THE DESIGN STAGE OF MAJOR PROJECTS,+ IS THE APPROACH WHICH WILL PRODUCE THE GREATEST ENVIRONMENTAL GAINS IN THE LONG RUN, DR. REED SAID.

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HE ELABORATED: +WHAT I HAVE IN MIND IS THAT WHEREVER THERE IS A PROPOSAL FOR A SUBSTANTIAL NEW PROJECT SUCH AS A MAJOR NEW ROAD, OR A NEW POWER STATION OR CHEMICAL COMPLEX, OR A NEW AIRPORT OR INCINERATOR AND SO ON, WE SHOULD HAVE AVAILABLE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT SUFFICIENT EXPERTISE AND MANPOWER TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION, ON ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS, TO THE OVERALL PLANNING OF THE PROJECT.+

BY ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING, DR. REED CONTINUED, +I MEAN OBTAINING DATA ON EXISTING LEVELS OF CONTAMINATION IN THE ENVIRONMENT WITH A VIEW TO ASSESSING THE CURRENT OVERALL POSITION AND ESTABLISHING TRENDS.+

+THE MONITORING IN WHICH THE UNIT WILL NEED TO BE INVOLVED WILL ALLOW US TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EXISTING POLICIES AND TO IDENTIFY AT AN EARLY STAGE THE NEED FOR NEW SAFEGUARDS AND NEW POLICIES,+ HE ADDED.

HE FELT THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE UNIT SHOULD HAVE THE FULL SUPPORT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE IN HONG KONG.

+FIRSTLY BECAUSE IT SHOULD ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE UNNECESSARY CONTROLS BASED ON AN UNCRITICAL ACCEPTANCE OF WHAT IS DONE IN OTHER COUNTRIES AND, SECONDLY, IT SHOULD LEAD TO AN ORDERLY AND SOUNDLY-BASED DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES, THUS PROVIDING A STABLE HORIZON FOR INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

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SAI KUNG DEVELOPED FOR BETTER CLASS RESIDENCES
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THE GOVERNMENT IS OPENING UP 61 HECTARES OF LAND IN SAI KUNG FOR LOW-DENSITY PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. ROBERT UPTON, SAID THIS TONIGHT WHEN HE SPOKE OF THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENTS AT A MEETING OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ROTARY CLUB AT THE PENINSULA HOTEL.

THE LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT IS WITHIN A SERIES OF SO-CALLED +MINOR RESIDENTIAL LAYOUTS+ WHICH HAVE HELPED TO INTRODUCE A SUBURBAN CHARACTER IN PARTS OF SAI KUNG.

MANY SITES WITHIN THESE LAYOUT AREAS HAVE BEEN GRANTED, AND SIX MORE SITES WILL BE COMING UP EITHER FOR AUCTION OR TENDER WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS - TWO AT SILVERSTRAND, THREE AT FEI NGO SHAN AND ONE AT PAK SHEK WO.

MR. UPTON EXPLAINED THAT THE MINOR RESIDENTIAL LAYOUTS WERE A LAND USE FOR WHICH SAI KUNG WAS PARTICULARLY SUITABLE AND ATTRACTIVE MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE FINE VIEWS AND PEACEFUL SURROUNDINGS IN THE DISTRICT.

+THERE IS AN EVER-GROWING DEMAND FOR HOUSING WHICH IS NOT IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS FROM PEOPLE WHO WISH TO LIVE OUT OF THE CITY BUT TO MAKE THE DAILY JOURNEY TO THE CITY TO WORK,+ HE SAID.

BECAUSE OF ITS CLOSENESS TO KOWLOON AND THE LOW DENSITY OF POPULATION IN THE AREA, HE SAID, SAI KUNG IS ALMOST UNIQUELY SUITED TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR THIS TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT.

MR. UPTON LISTED THE AREAS EARMARKED AS MINOR RESIDENTIAL LAYOUTS WHICH INCLUDE FEI NGO SHAN, PAK SHEK WO, TA KU LING, SILVERSTRAND NORTH AND SOUTH, PAN LONG WAN, KAU SAI SUN TSUEN, SHA HA, TAI MONG TSAI AND TSO WO HANG.

+THESE ARE THE ACTIVE LAYOUTS, AND MANY OF THEM ARE RAPIDLY APPROACHING COMPLETION, FOR EXAMPLE AND IN PARTICULAR, SILVERSTRAND NORTH= OTHERS LIKE TAI MONG TSAI AND TSO WO HANG ARE REALLY ONLY JUST BEGINNING,+ HE SAID.

MR. UPTON ALSO OUTLINED SOME OTHER DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR SAI KUNG WHICH INCLUDE:

- * RECLAMATION WORKS WELL UNDERWAY IN SAI KUNG TOWN, WITH A NUMBER OF SITES EARMARKED FOR COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES,
- * BUILDING A TEMPORARY SPORTS AREA IN THE TOWN PROBABLY LATER THIS YEAR AS AN INTERIM MEASURE BEFORE A PERMANENT SPORTS STADIUM SIMILAR TO THE ONE AT YUEN LONG IS BUILT,

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- * A PROPOSED PUBLIC PIER AND A BUS STATION WHICH SHOULD DO A GREAT DEAL TO ASSIST RECREATIONAL TRAFFIC THROUGH THE DISTRICT,
- * DEVELOPING TUI MIN HOI INTO A RURAL TOWNSHIP, WITH A CENTREPIECE OF RURAL PUBLIC HOUSING AND A ROAD TO BE CONSTRUCTED AROUND THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, FOR WHICH SITE FORMATIONS ARE WELL UNDERWAY,
- * FORMING LAND IN CHUNG MEI TUK - THE INNERMOST AREA OF SAI KUNG HARBOUR - TO PROVIDE A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 2.3 HECTARES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH SHOULD MAKE GOOD THE PRESENT DEFICIENCY OF EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT,
- * THE PREPARATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE LANDSCAPE PLAN FOR TUI MIN HOI DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA AND TO MAKE IT A MUCH MORE PLEASANT PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE AND WORK,
- * RECLAMATION IN TUI MIN HOI, WHICH SHOULD START BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, TO PROVIDE SITES FOR A SMALL ABATTOIR, A SAND DEPOT, A MARINE FUELING STATION AND AN ICE STORAGE PLANT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SAI KUNG'S LARGE FISHING COMMUNITY, AND
- * THE CREATION OF 182 SITES AT TUI MIN HOI FOR NEW TERRITORIES EXEMPTED HOUSES - THOSE NOT MORE THAN 700 SQUARE FEET AND THREE STOREYS HIGH.

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BETTER FACILITIES FOR ARRIVING AIR PASSENGERS OPENING TOMORROW
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THE NEW ARRIVING PASSENGER PROCESSING AREA AT THE EXTENDED PASSENGER TERMINAL, KAI TAK AIRPORT, WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE OPENING, MARKING ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE AIRPORT'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, FOLLOWS THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW DEPARTURE AREA WHICH WAS BROUGHT INTO USE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID WITH INCREASED NUMBERS OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS STAFF MANNING THE NEW COUNTERS AT THE EXTENSION, IT WOULD HELP IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY THE FLOW OF PASSENGER TRAFFIC AT THE AIRPORT.

FORTY-FOUR ADDITIONAL IMMIGRATION DESKS AND 22 MORE CONVEYORISED CUSTOMS BENCHES WILL BE BROUGHT INTO USE TO SPEED UP THE PROCESSING OF ARRIVING PASSENGERS.

ONE OF THE TWO NEW BAGGAGE RECLAIM UNITS WITH AUTOMATIC DISPLAYS TO INDICATE THE LOCATION OF ARRIVING PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY WOULD BE INCREASED TO 4,500 PERSONS AN HOUR WHEN THE NEW ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AREAS BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL TOWARDS THE END OF THE YEAR.

HE SAID: +CONTINUING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL AND THE AIRPORT IS ESSENTIAL TO KEEP PACE WITH THE ANTICIPATED GROWTH IN AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC THROUGH HONG KONG.

+THE OBJECTIVES ARE TO ENSURE THAT THE FACILITIES AND SERVICES PROVIDED WOULD BE UP TO INTERNATIONAL STANDARD AND TO THE CUSTOMERS' FULL SATISFACTION.+

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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITS HIGH FASHIONS DESIGN WORKSHOP

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LADY MACLEHOSE THIS MORNING VISITED THE WORKSHOP OF THE HOUSE OF MARGUERITE THURSBY, A LOCALLY-OWNED HIGH CLASS LADIES' FASHION DESIGNER IN HONG KONG.

ORIGINAL DRESS PATTERNS ARE CUT AND SEWN UP IN THE WORKSHOP AND SAMPLES ARE SENT TO SUB-CONTRACTING GARMENT MANUFACTORIES FOR PRODUCTION TO SUPPLY MAINLY OVERSEAS MARKETS.

LADY MACLEHOSE WAS RECEIVED BY MR. GEOFFREY THURSBY AND MRS. MARGUERITE THURSBY, CHAIRMAN, AND DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY, AND WAS SHOWN THE VARIOUS STAGES OF DRESS-MAKING IN THE WORKSHOP, AS WELL AS MADE-UP DRESSES AND SUITS FROM PREVIOUS COLLECTIONS.

THE SMALL BUT HIGHLY SKILLED AND CLOSELY INTEGRATED WORKFORCE CAN PRODUCE SOME 60 SETS OF PATTERNS IN SIX WEEKS - ABOUT HALF THE TIME NORMALLY REQUIRED.

HONG KONG IS NOW THE WORLD'S LARGEST EXPORTER OF GARMENTS AND OUR GARMENT MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY IS THE MOST IMPORTANT LOCALLY, BOTH IN TERMS OF DOMESTIC EXPORT AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED.

A WIDE ARRAY OF ITEMS, RANGING FROM HIGH FASHION WEAR TO ORDINARY DRESSES AND CLOTHING ACCESSORIES, WORTH SOME \$14,288 MILLION (44 PER CENT OF TOTAL EXPORT VALUE), WAS PRODUCED LAST YEAR FOR OUR OVERSEAS BUYERS, MAINLY IN THE UNITED STATES, WEST GERMANY AND BRITAIN.

IN DECEMBER 1976, THE INDUSTRY EMPLOYED 280,060 PEOPLE IN OVER 9,500 FACTORIES, ACCOUNTING FOR 36 PER CENT OF TOTAL EMPLOYMENT IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

PRESS CONFERENCE ON 1976 BY-CENSUS

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MR. DAVID WHITELEGGE, COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF +1976 BY-CENSUS BASIC TABLES+, TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.

ALSO ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. JOSEPH M.K. LEE, SENIOR STATISTICIAN, AND MR. TAM SIU-MING, STATISTICIAN.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONFERENCE. IT WILL BE HELD AT 3 P.M. IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, 5TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

COPIES OF A SUMMARY OF SOME OF THE RESULTS AND COMPARISONS OF THE 1976 BY-CENSUS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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NO. 1 SAI TAU NEW VILLAGE BUILDING DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO.1, SAI TAU NEW VILLAGE, KOWLOON CITY, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THIS TWO STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING ON CROWN LAND WAS INSPECTED FOLLOWING A COMPLAINT FROM ONE OF THE TENANTS. THE STRUCTURAL TIMBERS AND LOAD BEARING WALLS WERE FOUND TO BE IN SUCH A DECAYED AND DEFECTIVE CONDITION THAT IT WAS CONSIDERED THERE WAS A RISK OF A COLLAPSE.

ACCORDINGLY A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1977 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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ADULT EVENING SCHOOLS OPEN
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A NUMBER OF EVENING SCHOOLS RUN BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RESUME CLASSES TODAY WHILE THE GOVERNMENT CHINESE EVENING SCHOOLS AND ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRES WILL OPEN ON NEXT MONDAY AND TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 12 AND 13) RESPECTIVELY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID ADMISSION EXAMINATIONS FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS WERE CONDUCTED DURING THE SUMMER VACATION AND ONLY A FEW VACANCIES ARE STILL OPEN IN THE LOWER FORMS OF THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE EVENING SCHOOLS.

ENQUIRIES ON THE VACANCIES AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS CENTRES AND SCHOOLS COULD BE MADE IN PERSON DURING CLASS HOURS (FROM 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M.) OR BY CALLING 3-884111, EXT. 280 OR 266.

MEANWHILE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN COURSES ARE STILL OPEN IN SOME ADULT EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRES.

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THIRD HK YOUTH ARTS AND CULTURE COMPETITION

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THE THIRD ANNUAL HONG KONG YOUTH ARTS AND CULTURE COMPETITION SPONSORED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND JOINTLY ORGANISED BY VARIOUS COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS WILL START SOON.

THE COMPETITION DIVIDED INTO EIGHT-GROUPS, PROVIDES A CHANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DISPLAY THEIR TALENTS IN DEBATING, MAKING SPEECHES, TRANSLATION, CHINESE COMPOSITION, CALLIGRAPHY, AND WESTERN AND CHINESE PAINTING. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITION ON CHINESE LITERARY KNOWLEDGE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT SAID PAST COMPETITIONS RECEIVED GOOD RESPONSE FROM YOUTHS AND IT WAS EXPECTED THAT MORE THAN 3,000 YOUNG PEOPLE WOULD PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE COMPETITION WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 3 P.M. AT THE INDIA ROOM OF THE HONG KONG HILTON HOTEL.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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