



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW MAXICAB ROUTES

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TWO ADDITIONAL MAXICAB ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 17) TO SERVE PEOPLE TRAVELLING BETWEEN CENTRAL DISTRICT AND THE OLD PEAK ROAD AREA, AS WELL AS BETWEEN CENTRAL AND PO SHAN ROAD AND CONDUIT ROAD IN THE MID-LEVELS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE EXISTING MAXICAB ROUTE NO. 2 SERVING MOUNT AUSTIN ROAD, PLANTATION ROAD AND BARKER ROAD WILL BE WITHDRAWN BECAUSE OF LACK OF PATRONAGE.

THE EXISTING ROUTE NO. 1, BETWEEN THE PEAK AND CENTRAL, WILL BE AMENDED ALSO WITH EFFECT FROM THE SAME DATE SO AS TO OPERATE VIA UPPER ALBERT ROAD, ALBANY ROAD AND WYNDHAM STREET ON THE JOURNEY TO CENTRAL.

THE CENTRAL-PO SHAN ROAD SERVICE, DESIGNATED ROUTE NO. 3, WILL OPERATE FROM THE EXISTING STANDS NEAR THE CITY HALL VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, GARDEN ROAD, ROBINSON ROAD, GLENEALY, CONDUIT ROAD AND TERMINATE AT PO SHAN ROAD.

FROM PO SHAN ROAD, THE BUSES WILL TRAVEL BACK TO CENTRAL VIA CONDUIT ROAD, GLENEALY, ROBINSON ROAD, ALBANY ROAD, LOWER GLENEALY, WYNDHAM STREET, PEDDER STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

JOURNEYS LEAVING PO SHAN ROAD AFTER 4.45 P.M. WILL OPERATE VIA CONDUIT ROAD, CASTLE ROAD AND ROBINSON ROAD TO ALBANY ROAD.

THERE WILL BE A FLAT FARE OF \$1. THE OPERATING FREQUENCY WILL VARY FROM 7 TO 10 MINUTES. THE FIRST RUN WILL BE AT 7 A.M. FROM CENTRAL AND THE LAST ONE AT 7.30 P.M. FROM PO SHAN ROAD ON MONDAYS TO SATURDAYS. THE SERVICE WILL NOT OPERATE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

THE CENTRAL-OLD PEAK ROAD SERVICE, DESIGNATED ROUTE NO. 2, WILL OPERATE FROM THE TERMINUS NEAR THE CITY HALL VIA CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, GARDEN ROAD, MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, MAY ROAD, TREGUNTER PATH, OLD PEAK ROAD, RETURNING TO CENTRAL VIA MAY ROAD, MAGAZINE GAP ROAD, GARDEN ROAD, UPPER ALBERT ROAD, ALBANY ROAD, GLENEALY, WYNDHAM STREET, PEDDER STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

THE OPERATING FREQUENCY OF THIS ROUTE WILL VARY BETWEEN 15 MINUTES AND HALF AN HOUR, WITH NO SERVICE ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS. THE FARE WILL BE AT A FLAT RATE OF \$1.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THE NEW ROUTES WERE BEING INTRODUCED FOLLOWING ADVICE GIVEN TO THE MINI-BUS OPERATORS ON THE SUITABILITY OF CERTAIN AREAS FOR THE OPERATION OF FEEDER SERVICES.

+IT IS HOPED THAT WITH THESE MAXICAB SERVICES, MORE MOTORISTS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO LEAVE THEIR CARS AT HOME, THUS HELPING TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN CENTRAL,+ HE SAID.

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NEW ROAD FOR CHAI WAN

A NEW ROAD WILL SHORTLY BE BUILT IN CHAI WAN TO SERVE THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND A RECENTLY DEVELOPED LICENSED AREA IN THE DISTRICT.

SITUATED JUST OFF CHAI WAN ROAD, THE NEW 1,200-FOOT BITUMINOUS-SURFACED ROAD WILL BE RUNNING ALONG THE PERIPHERY OF CHAI WAN INLAND LOTS 46, 50 AND 56.

IT WILL HAVE A CARRIAGEWAY RANGING FROM 24 FEET TO 61 FEET IN WIDTH AND FLANKED ON EACH SIDE BY A FOOTPATH OF NINE FEET TO 12 FEET WIDE.

DURING CONSTRUCTION, THE OPPORTUNITY WILL BE TAKEN TO LAY THE ANCILLARY SEWERS AND STORMWATER DRAINS TO PROVIDE DRAINAGE IN THE AREA.

WORK ON THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO START NEXT MONTH AND WILL TAKE ABOUT NINE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

MEANWHILE, THE STRETCH OF LOK SHAN ROAD BETWEEN PAU CHUNG STREET AND TO KWA WAN ROAD IN KOWLOON WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED AS PART OF AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THIS PROJECT WILL INVOLVE THE REPAVING OF THE ROAD SURFACE, EXCLUDING THE ROAD JUNCTIONS, WITH EIGHT-INCH THICK REINFORCED CONCRETE SLABS ON A SIX-INCH LEAN CONCRETE BASE.

THE WORK WILL ALSO START NEXT MONTH AND IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN FIVE MONTHS' TIME.

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NEW IMMIGRATION BRANCH OFFICE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE KOWLOON CITY BRANCH OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN OPERATION AT ITS NEW PREMISES AT 19-23 NAM KOK ROAD, GROUND FLOOR ON MONDAY (JUNE 17) TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE AND IMPROVED FACILITIES TO RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

MR. LUI FOOK-HONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY KAIFONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION, WILL PERFORM THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 A.M. ON MONDAY IN THE PRESENCE OF A GATHERING OF PROMINENT RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

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

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RICE IMPORT QUOTA FOR THIRD QUARTER

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE RICE IMPORT QUOTA FOR THE 3RD QUARTER OF 1974 HAD BEEN FIXED AT 67,500 METRIC TONS.

COMMENTING ON THIS, A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT RICE STOCKS AT PRESENT AMOUNT TO APPROXIMATELY 92,000 METRIC TONS.

+THE QUOTA IS LOWER THAN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. THIS IS NECESSARY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE RELATIVELY LARGE STOCKS IN HAND AND THE IMPROVING INTERNATIONAL SUPPLY POSITION.+

HE ADDED THAT RICE CONSUMPTION IS USUALLY LOWER THAN AVERAGE IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF THE YEAR BECAUSE OF THE WARM WEATHER.

BETWEEN JANUARY AND JUNE 11 OF THIS YEAR, HONG KONG HAD IMPORTED A TOTAL OF 160,157 METRIC TONS OF RICE.

OF THIS AMOUNT, THAILAND SUPPLIED 45.9 PER CENT AND CHINA ABOUT 44.3 PER CENT. THE BALANCE CAME FROM THE UNITED STATES, AUSTRALIA AND PAKISTAN.

CONSUMPTION IS ON AVERAGE ABOUT 1,000 METRIC TONS PER DAY.

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FIRST PHASE OF ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN ENDED
WITH OVER 24,000 CHILDREN IMMUNISED

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THE FIRST PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGN BEGINNING ON FEBRUARY 18 ENDED AT THE END OF MAY WITH 24,752 CHILDREN IMMUNISED.

OF THESE, 6,107 WERE INOCULATED ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 11,544 IN KOWLOON, AND 7,101 IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE CAMPAIGN HAD BEEN INTENDED TO REMIND THE PUBLIC OF THE NECESSITY TO CONTINUE TO TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST THE DISEASE.

TWO FURTHER ANTI-MEASLES CAMPAIGNS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT LATER THIS YEAR, BUT THE SPOKESMAN REPEATED THAT FREE VACCINE WAS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AT ALL THE DEPARTMENT'S MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON, AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE URGED PARENTS OF SUSCEPTIBLE CHILDREN BETWEEN SIX MONTHS AND FIVE YEARS TO HAVE THEM IMMUNISED IMMEDIATELY.

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NEW SUB-TREASURY IN KOWLOON CITY

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THE TREASURY WILL OPEN A NEW BRANCH IN KOWLOON CITY ON MONDAY (JUNE 17) ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF MAN SANG COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT 348 - 352 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD.

THE SUB-TREASURY, WHICH COMES INTO BEING AFTER A SURVEY JUSTIFIED A NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES IN THE DISTRICT, IS SITUATED AT A CORNER AND ACCESSIBLE FROM BOTH PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND JUNCTION ROAD.

KOWLOON MOTOR BUS ROUTE NOS. 1, 1A, 2D, 3, 6D, 11D, 12B, 12A, 13 AND 40 PASS BY OR CLOSE TO THE NEW OFFICE, AND TUNNEL BUS NO. 103 ALSO PASSES ALONG JUNCTION ROAD AND STOPS A FEW YARDS FROM THE OFFICE.

THE KOWLOON CITY SUB-TREASURY PROVIDES FACILITIES TO COLLECT MONEY DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND MAKE PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT TO THE PUBLIC.

POSTAL REMITTANCES, HOWEVER, SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE ACCOUNTANT GENERAL AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, WEST WING, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

ON THE OPENING OF THE NEW OFFICE, THE PRESENT KOWLOON SUB-TREASURY IN THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN NATHAN ROAD HAS BEEN RENAMED THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY TO AVOID CONFUSION.

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BAN FOR LEARNER DRIVERS

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 17), MOTOR VEHICLES USED BY LEARNER DRIVERS UNDERGOING INSTRUCTION WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER SANDY BAY ROAD.

THE ARRANGEMENT AIMS AT ENHANCING ROAD SAFETY FOR PEOPLE OF THE AREA, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOSPITALS LOCATED THERE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO INDICATE THE BAN.

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HOME PROVIDES COMPANIONSHIP FOR AGED

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. IAN MACPHERSON, TODAY HIGHLY PRAISED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CHUNG SHAK-HEI (CHEUNG CHAU) HOME FOR THE AGED FOR THEIR EFFORT IN SETTING UP THIS INSTITUTION TO CATER FOR THE NEED OF OLD PEOPLE.

ADDRESSING THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE 5TH TERM OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT THIS AFTERNOON, HE NOTED THAT THE NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY WERE MANY AND, IN VIEW OF THE SO-CALLED +GENERATION GAP,+ NOT EASILY PROVIDED FOR.

IN ADDITION TO THE DAILY NECESSITIES OF LIFE, LIKE FOOD, LODGING AND MEDICAL CARE, HE SAID THE HOME ALSO PROVIDED ITS MEMBERS WITH COMPANIONSHIP WHICH IS BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO PEOPLE OF ADVANCED YEARS.

SEEING THAT THE HOME HAD DOUBLED ITS CAPACITY BY PUTTING ON AN ADDITIONAL FLOOR DURING THE PAST YEAR, MR. MACPHERSON SAID THE ACHIEVEMENT OF AN EXPANSION PROGRAMME IN THE DAYS OF RISING BUILDING COSTS WAS NOT AN EASY TASK.

+THE FACT THAT THE JOB IS COMPLETED WITHIN 12 CALENDAR MONTHS MAKES THE WHOLE ENTERPRISE SO MUCH MORE IMPRESSIVE AND VALUABLE.

+IT IS TRUE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS PLAYED A PART IN THIS PROJECT BY MAKING \$95,000.00 AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, BUT THE GREATER PART OF THE CONSTRUCTION COST HAS BEEN BORNE BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTRIBUTING \$210,000.00 WITHOUT WHICH THE PROJECT COULD NOT HAVE MATERIALISED,+ HE ADDED.

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AUCTION OF LUCKY CAR NUMBERS

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THE AUCTION OF 20 +LUCKY+ VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT THIS MORNING NETTED A TOTAL OF \$156,300 TO BE PAID INTO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES FUND FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CHARITY.

AT THE AUCTION HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE, THE HIGHEST BID WENT TO THE REGISTRATION NUMBER 8000, WHICH FETCHED \$30,000. TWO OTHER NUMBERS, BB666 AND A35, WERE SOLD AT \$15,000 EACH.

THE AUCTION WAS PRESIDED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT, MR. BRIAN WILSON.

THE OTHER 17 REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

BB11 AT \$6,500= XX678 AT \$2,500= XX202 AT \$1,900= AT818 AT \$3,300=
AU88 AT \$10,000= AU777 AT \$8,400= AA17 AT 4,200= AA2112 AT \$4,000=
AA2525 AT \$3,400= 5566 AT 6,200= 2228 AT \$9,000= BD100 AT \$3,400=
BD555 AT \$6,800= HK1919 AT \$5,500= AS8 AT \$13,000= AS111 AT
\$5,300= AND AS333 AT \$11,000.

THE NUMBERS SOLD AT THE AUCTION WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO A VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

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