



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SIR MURRAY SEES DEVELOPMENT IN TAI PO

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY SPENT THE WHOLE AFTERNOON IN TAI PO DISTRICT WATCHING A YOUNG LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP IN SESSION AND INSPECTING THE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE DISTRICT.

HE WAS GIVEN A FULL BRIEFING ON THE DISTRICT'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND ALSO DISCUSSED SOME OF ITS ASSOCIATED PROBLEMS WITH LOCAL RURAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS.

ACCOMPANYING HIM THROUGHOUT THE VISIT WERE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY.

SIR MURRAY STARTED THE TOUR AT TUNG TSE WHERE 200 SCHOOL CHILDREN WERE UNDERGOING A THREE-DAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING.

HE WATCHED THE YOUNG STUDENTS ATTENDING TRAINING SESSIONS WHICH INCLUDED FOLK DANCING, OBSTACLE COURSE TRAINING, MAP DRAWING, USE OF COMPASS AND SCOUT KNOTS, AND LATER MET SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING AT A TEA RECEPTION.

THE NEXT STOP WAS AT THE ROOFTOP OF A HIGH-RISE BUILDING WHICH COMMANDS A PANORAMIC VIEW OF TAI PO. THERE THE GOVERNOR WAS BRIEFED ON THE MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDED:

- \* THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE OF WHICH THE FIRST STAGE RECLAMATION WORK IS ALMOST COMPLETE, PROVIDING 24 HECTARES OF LAND ALONG THE SOUTHERN END OF TING KOK ROAD. THE SECOND STAGE RECLAMATION IS TO START LATER THIS YEAR TO PROVIDE A FURTHER 53 HECTARES OF LAND=
- \* RECLAMATION NOW UNDERWAY AT THE NORTH-WESTERN END OF TOLO HARBOUR, WHICH WILL PROVIDE SITES IN EARLY 1979 FOR A BALANCED +MIX+ OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC HOUSING, AND A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES. THE ESTIMATED POPULATION UPON FULL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ABOUT 50,000=
- \* A \$12 MILLION ALL-SEASON FANLING SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX WHICH WILL SERVE THE NORTHERN PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES. IT SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN TIME FOR NEXT YEAR'S SUMMER SWIMMING SEASON= AND
- \* A \$223 MILLION TRUNK ROAD WHICH WILL LINK SHA TIN AND TAI PO AND THEN GO NORTH TO JOIN YUEN LONG, FANLING AND SHEUNG SHUI. CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN MID-1978 ON THE SECTION FROM YUEN CHAU TSAI TO NORTH TAI PO.

FOLLOWING A MEETING AT THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR WENT ON A BRIEF VISIT TO THE FORMER TANNERY AREA AND THE DODWELL'S RIDGE POLICE CADET SCHOOL IN FANLING.

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THE TOUR THEN TOOK THE GOVERNOR TO A CENTURIES-OLD VILLAGE - SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN - WHERE SIR MURRAY MET THE VILLAGE ELDERS AT THE VILLAGE'S ANCESTRAL HALL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND BEST PRESERVED OF THE ANCESTRAL HALLS (CHI TONG) IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SHEUNG SHUI TSUEN IS ONE OF THE OLDEST VILLAGES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, DATING BACK TO YUAN DYNASTY (1260-1368). IT HAS THE LARGEST POPULATION (ABOUT 5,000) OF ANY SINGLE VILLAGE.

SIR MURRAY ENDED THE TOUR WITH A VISIT TO THE FUNG KAI SCHOOL WHERE HE SAW STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN A NUMBER OF CULTURAL ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS ARTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION.

THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN A REGULAR VENUE FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE ASSOCIATION.

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BANKING STATISTICS FOR JUNE  
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BANKING DEPOSITS AT THE END OF JUNE 1977 STOOD AT \$47,825 MILLION, COMPRISING \$11,275 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, \$18,207 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND \$18,343 MILLION IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

THERE WERE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG AT THE END OF JUNE.

THE FOLLOWING TABLES RELEASED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING TODAY GIVE A DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF BANK LIABILITIES AND ASSETS AND MONEY SUPPLY FOR THE MONTH :-

|                    |                                  |        | \$MILLION |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------|-----------|
| <u>LIABILITIES</u> |                                  |        |           |
| 1.                 | DEPOSITS                         |        | 47,825    |
| 2.                 | AMOUNT DUE TO BANKS ABROAD       |        | 32,286    |
| 3.                 | OTHER LIABILITIES                |        | 9,080     |
|                    |                                  |        | -----     |
|                    | TOTAL LIABILITIES                |        | 89,191    |
|                    |                                  |        | -----     |
| <u>ASSETS</u>      |                                  |        |           |
| 1.                 | CASH                             |        | 793       |
| 2.                 | AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD :   |        |           |
|                    | (I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS | 25,840 |           |
|                    | (II) TIME DEPOSITS               | 4,250  | 30,090    |
|                    |                                  |        | -----     |
| 3.                 | LOANS AND ADVANCES :             |        |           |
|                    | (I) HONG KONG                    | 33,096 |           |
|                    | (II) ABROAD                      | 16,313 | 49,409    |
|                    |                                  |        | -----     |
| 4.                 | INVESTMENTS :                    |        |           |
|                    | (I) HONG KONG                    | 3,430  |           |
|                    | (II) ABROAD                      | 71     | 3,501     |
|                    |                                  |        | -----     |
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5. OTHER ASSETS :

|               |       |       |
|---------------|-------|-------|
| (I) HONG KONG | 4,069 |       |
| (II) ABROAD   | 1,329 | 5,398 |

TOTAL ASSETS 89,191

AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH 44.89%

MONEY SUPPLY

MONTH ENDED  
JUNE 30, 1977

\$MILLION

|   |       |        |
|---|-------|--------|
| 1. LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES IN CIRCULATION (A)                          |       |        |
| (I) COMMERCIAL BANK ISSUES  | 5,140 |        |
| (II) GOVERNMENT ISSUES  | 490   | 5,630  |
| 2. LICENSED BANKS' HOLDINGS OF LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES (B)             |       | 793    |
| 3. LEGAL TENDER COINS AND NOTES IN HANDS OF NON-BANK PUBLIC (A) - (B) = (C) |       | 4,837  |
| 4. DEMAND DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (D)                                  |       | 11,275 |
| 5. MONEY SUPPLY (DEFINITION 1) (C) + (D) = (E)                              |       | 16,112 |
| 6. TIME DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (F)                                    |       | 18,207 |
| 7. SAVINGS DEPOSITS WITH LICENSED BANKS (G)                                 |       | 18,343 |
| 8. MONEY SUPPLY (DEFINITION 2) (E) + (F) + (G) = (H)                        |       | 52,662 |

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### TAI CHI BROUGHT TO THE NEW TERRITORIES

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THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL BE BRINGING THE ART OF TAI CHI TO THE NEW TERRITORIES AS WELL AS TO THE MANY PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS AND HOUSING ESTATES IN THE URBAN AREAS.

OF THE 330 ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR THIS MONTH, ALMOST ONE THIRD ARE NEW PROGRAMMES, INCLUDING 32 TAI CHI CLASSES, MANY OF WHICH ARE OPEN TO THOSE WHO JOIN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THESE CLASSES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, TO BE HELD MOSTLY IN THE EARLY MORNING, WILL BE OPEN TO RESIDENTS IN YUEN LONG, HUNG SHUI KIU, KAM TIN, TUEN MUN, TAI LAM CHUNG, FAN LING, TAI PO, SHEUNG SHUI, AND TO DRUG ADDICT CONVALESCENTS ON SEK KWU CHAU.

TAI CHI LESSONS WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO NEW-COMERS IN HEALTHY VILLAGE IN NORTH POINT, AT THE SHAUKIWAN FACTORY STREET PLAYGROUND, CAUSEWAY ROAD SPORTS CENTRE, ON THE ROOFTOPS OF LAI TAK TSUEN AND KWUN LUNG LAU, AT THE WONG CHUK HANG AND TIN WAN ESTATE RECREATION GROUNDS, BOUNDARY STREET INDOOR GAMES HALL, ANCHOR STREET PLAYGROUND, TAI KOK TSUI FERRY PIER AND THE PICNIC AREA AT ABERDEEN RESERVOIR.

NEW CLASSES IN TENNIS, TABLE TENNIS, BADMINTON, MINI-SOCCER TRAINING, FOLK DANCING, GYMNASTICS AND SWIMMING WILL ALSO BE HELD THIS MONTH.

AT THE SAI KUNG OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE, THERE WILL BE SPORTS OR RECREATION CAMPS FOR THE HANDICAPPED, THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND YOUTH AND FAMILY GROUPS, AND A +RECREATIONAL ART+ CAMP.

THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE WILL ALSO EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES IN DISTRICT EVENTS, BY ORGANISING NEW SPORTS AND GAMES FOR RESIDENTS IN WONG CHUK HANG, WAH FU, LAU FAU SHAN, CHEUNG CHAU, AND FOR YOUNG ISLANDERS ON PO TOI ISLAND, IN ADDITION TO SPORTS DAYS AT MUI WO, SOUTH LANTAU AND PENG CHAU.

THOSE INTERESTED IN JOINING ARE WELCOME TO ENQUIRE AT THE HEADQUARTERS OR THE 17 DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE SERVICE.

A LEAFLET LISTING THE EVENTS LINED UP FOR EACH MONTH AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THESE OFFICES ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICES, AND OFFICES OF THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE.

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LAUNCH CREWS MUST BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

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A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY REMINDED OWNERS, MASTERS AND CREW OF PASSENGER LAUNCHES AND FERRIES OF THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR TRAINING IN EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND MUSTERS AND DRILLS.

+OWNERS AND MASTERS ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT PROPER PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR PASSENGERS AND CREW IN AN EMERGENCY.

+OWNERS ARE TO ENSURE THAT EMERGENCY PROCEDURES ARE LAID DOWN AND THAT CREWS ARE ADEQUATELY TRAINED IN THEIR DUTIES,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT MUSTERS AND DRILLS SHOULD BE PRACTISED AT FREQUENT REGULAR INTERVALS AND IMMEDIATELY AFTER A MAJOR CHANGE OF CREW.

+THE MUSTER AND DRILL IS TO BE SO ARRANGED AS TO ENSURE THAT THE CREW THOROUGHLY UNDERSTAND AND ARE PRACTISED IN THE DUTIES THEY HAVE TO PERFORM,+ HE SAID.

THEIR DUTIES INCLUDE INSTRUCTION IN THE MUSTER OF PASSENGERS, DONNING OF LIFE JACKETS, HANDLING AND OPERATION OF LIFESAVING EQUIPMENT AND FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES, CLOSING OF FUEL VALVES, FIRE DOORS AND SHUTTERS, VENTILATORS AND FANS.

COPIES OF LIFE JACKET DONNING INSTRUCTIONS, SUITABLY PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE, SHOULD BE POSTED CONSPICUOUSLY IN BOTH PASSENGER AND CREW SPACES.

+THE MASTER OF THE VESSEL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRACTICE OF MUSTERS AND DRILLS AND IS TO ENSURE THAT EACH CREW MEMBER KNOWS HIS ASSIGNED EMERGENCY DUTIES WELL.

+THE MASTER IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL SAFETY EQUIPMENT KEPT ON BOARD IS MAINTAINED IN AN EFFICIENT CONDITION READY FOR IMMEDIATE USE,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A PRACTICE MUSTER AND DRILL BY THE COMPLETE CREW WOULD BE WITNESSED BY A SURVEYOR OR AN INSPECTOR OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AT THE FINAL SURVEY BEFORE A CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY IS ISSUED.

IN ADDITION, A MUSTER LIST, CONTAINING INFORMATION ON THE DUTIES ASSIGNED TO EACH MEMBER OF THE CREW IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY, SHOULD BE DRAWN UP AND DISPLAYED CONSPICUOUSLY IN THE NAVIGATING BRIDGE, CREW QUARTERS AND PASSENGER SPACES.

HOWEVER, DUE TO THE SMALL NUMBER OF CREW MEMBERS, A MUSTER LIST MIGHT BE UNNECESSARY FOR SMALL OPEN VESSELS OPERATING WITHIN CLASS I PLYING LIMITS, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THESE SAFETY PRACTICES MUST BE OBSERVED BY VESSELS LICENSED UNDER THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (LAUNCHES AND FERRY VESSELS) REGULATIONS PRESCRIBED BY PART XIII OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG REGISTERED VESSELS ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (MUSTERS) RULES 1965.

SUMMER FUN FOR YOUTHS  
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A PROGRAMME OF SUMMER FUN WITH EDUCATIONAL INTERESTS HAS BEEN ORGANISED THIS MONTH FOR MONG KOK AND LAM TIN YOUTHS TO ENABLE THEM TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THEIR SUMMER VACATION.

THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE IN LAM TIN ESTATE WILL CONDUCT A TOUR OF HISTORICAL SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THIS SATURDAY (AUGUST 6) AND HOLD A SERIES OF LECTURES, VISITS AND STUDY CAMPS FROM AUGUST 10 TO AUGUST 27.

THE NEW TERRITORIES TOUR, INCLUDING VISITS TO TSANG'S HOUSE IN SHA TIN, A HISTORICAL CHINESE FACTORY, SHEUNG SHUI CLAN TEMPLE, KUT HING WALLED VILLAGE IN KAM TIN AND ANCIENT TOMBS IN TSUEN WAN, WILL GIVE 50 YOUTHS OF OVER 14 YEARS OLD AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIDEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND TO HAVE A DAY OF FUN.

THE LECTURES, VISITS AND STUDY CAMPS ARE AIMED AT PROMOTING THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONCERN TOWARDS COMMUNITY AND STIMULATING THEM TO BECOME VOLUNTEERS. THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, HOWEVER, IS LIMITED TO 40 STUDENTS OF FORM 3 LEVEL OR ABOVE.

FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 25 AND LIVING IN MONG KOK DISTRICT, CAMPING IN THE COUNTRY HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SWD'S MONG KOK COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AND THE ARMY.

THE THREE-DAY CAMP STARTS FROM AUGUST 11 AND WILL BE HELD AT SAN TIN. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE MONG KOK COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AT 38-40, SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, MONG KOK.

THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF THE CAMP PROGRAMME WILL BE PLACED ON PHYSICAL TRAINING MIXED WITH ENTERTAINMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT GIRL GUIDES CAMP  
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LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT THE GIRL GUIDES CAMP IN PING SHAN, NEW TERRITORIES, ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 4) MORNING IN HER CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF GIRL GUIDES IN HONG KONG.

ON ARRIVAL, LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BE TAKEN ON A TOUR OF THE CAMP WHERE SHE WILL VIEW AN EXHIBITION OF HANDICRAFTS AND OBSERVE SOME GIRL GUIDES MAKING MACRAME AND DOING FOLK DANCE.

THE TOUR WILL START AT 10 A.M. AND FINISH AT 11 A.M.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER LADY MACLEHOSE'S VISIT. PRESS TRANSPORT HAS BEEN ARRANGED AND WILL LEAVE AT 8.15 A.M. ON THURSDAY FROM THE GIRL GUIDES HEADQUARTERS, 8, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

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