



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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QUALITY OF CHILD CARE CENTRES IMPROVED  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THE QUALITY AND SERVICES OF CHILD CARE CENTRES HAVE GENERALLY IMPROVED SINCE THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE CAME INTO OPERATION THREE YEARS AGO.

MR. LEE SAID THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR SPENT OVER \$20 MILLION IN SUBVENTION FOR CHILD CARE CENTRES TO HELP THEM BRING THEIR SERVICES IN LINE WITH THE REGULATIONS AND CODE OF PRACTICE.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PO LEUNG KUK'S FUNG PAK LIM NURSERY IN UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE, IN WHICH HIS WIFE LATER UNVEILED A PLAQUE TO MARK THE OPENING, FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF ITS FACILITIES.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT SINCE THE ORDINANCE CAME INTO OPERATION, MORE THAN 200 CHILD CARE CENTRES HAD REGISTERED WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AS HAVING MET THE REQUIRED STATUTORY STANDARDS.

MORE THAN HALF OF THESE CENTRES ARE SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME FAMILIES WHICH CANNOT AFFORD PAYING HIGHER FEES AT PRIVATE NURSERIES, HE SAID.

THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE, HE SAID, IS TO ENSURE THAT THE CENTRES ARE SAFE AND THE SERVICES PROVIDED ARE UP TO AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD IN THE INTEREST OF THE CHILDREN.

MR. LEE PRAISED THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE, PARTICULARLY IN CHILD CARE.

+THE KUK OPENED ITS FIRST DAY NURSERY AS EARLY AS IN 1964 AND IS NOW RUNNING A TOTAL OF 11 DAY NURSERIES AND TWO DAY CRECHES ALL OVER HONG KONG,+ HE SAID.

WITH A CAPACITY FOR 120 CHILDREN, THE FUNG PAK LIM NURSERY REPRESENTS YET ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT BY THE KUK IN THE FIELD OF CHILD CARE IN RESPONSE TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, HE ADDED.

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LORD CACCIA LOOKS AT TUEN MUN

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LORD CACCIA, LORD PRIOR OF THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN, VISITED TUEN MUN --- ONE OF THE THREE MAJOR NEW TOWNS BEING DEVELOPED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES --- THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, LORD CACCIA STARTED HIS VISIT WITH A HELICOPTER TOUR OVER KWAI CHUNG, TSING YI, TSUEN WAN AND TUEN MUN.

ON LANDING AT THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL IN TUEN MUN LORD CACCIA AND SIR MURRAY WERE MET BY THE ACTING TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GEOFFREY ORR AND THE TUEN MUN PROJECT MANAGER, MR. STAN BARDEN.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO +TOP COURT+ IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN FOR A BIRD'S EYEVUEW AND BRIEFING ON THE NEW TOWN.

LORD CACCIA WAS TOLD THAT THE VAST DEVELOPMENT NOW TAKING PLACE IN TUEN MUN AIMS AT PROVIDING AN IMPROVED URBAN ENVIRONMENT INCORPORATING ADEQUATE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO SERVE A TARGET POPULATION OF MORE THAN HALF A MILLION BY THE MID-1980'S.

EVENTUALLY THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF NINE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES TO ACCOMMODATE 70 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL POPULATION.

LORD CACCIA SEEMED TO BE VERY IMPRESSED BY THE GROWTH RATE OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND INDUSTRY IN THE NEW TOWN. HE WAS INFORMED THAT BECAUSE OF ITS DISTANCE FROM KOWLOON GREATER EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON PROVIDING INDUSTRIAL LAND IN TUEN MUN SO THAT JOBS ARE AVAILABLE FOR IN-COMING RESIDENTS.

INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS COMPLETED INCLUDED THOSE FOR A TEXTILE MANUFACTURING PLANT, PLASTIC FACTORIES, FLATTED FACTORIES, A CLOTH PRINTING FACTORY, A ZIPPER MANUFACTURING PLANT AND A BUS DEPOT.

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HONG KONG'S FIRST REFUSE BALING PLANT OPENED  
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HONG KONG'S FIRST HIGH DENSITY SOLID WASTE BALING PLANT AT SAI TSO WAN IN EAST KOWLOON BEGAN A 12-MONTH TRIAL RUN TODAY (MONDAY) FOLLOWING ITS OPENING BY THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR. DAVID STEAD.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. STEAD SAID THE OPENING OF THE \$16 MILLION PLANT MARKED ANOTHER STEP FORWARD IN THE FULFILMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S 10-YEAR PROGRAMME FOR DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTES.

HE SAID THAT HIGH DENSITY BALING WAS A TREATMENT PROCESS WHEREBY REFUSE WAS COMPACTED IN A HYDRAULIC PRESS TO FORM BALES OF ABOUT 1-1/2 CUBIC METRES/ IN VOLUME AND 1-1/2 TONNES IN WEIGHT.

THE REFUSE TREATED WOULD THEREFORE BE MORE CONVENIENT FOR TRANSPORTATION BY ROAD, RAIL OR SEA TO CONTROLLED TIPPING SITES.

ALSO, THE DENSE BALES PRODUCED WOULD TAKE UP LESS SPACE IN THE CONTROLLED TIP THAN REFUSE IN ITS LOOSE STATE, HE ADDED.

MR. STEAD SAID THE BALING OF REFUSE WAS USED SUCCESSFULLY IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD BUT THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME IT WAS TRIED OUT IN HONG KONG.

+DURING THE NEXT 12 MONTHS,+ HE ADDED, +EXTENSIVE TRIALS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO ESTABLISH WHAT CONTRIBUTION THIS PROCESS CAN MAKE IN DEALING WITH OUR EVER-GROWING REFUSE DISPOSAL PROBLEM AND WHETHER IT IS WORTHWHILE DEVELOPING A MORE PERMANENT INSTALLATION.+

THE PLANT, WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING 600 TONNES OF REFUSE A DAY.

MR. STEAD SAID THAT UNDER THE 10-YEAR PROGRAMME A COMPOSTING PLANT WAS BEING BUILT AT CHAI WAN. IT WOULD BE READY IN A FEW MONTHS.

ACCORDING TO A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY CARRIED OUT BEFORE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BY BALING AND COMPOSTING IS SANITARY AND DOES NOT CAUSE POLLUTION PROBLEMS.

SAI TSO WAN BALING PLANT WILL BE OPERATED BY THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF PWD.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT TODAY'S OPENING CEREMONY WERE THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL ENGINEER, MR. G.J. OSBORNE AND THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER, MR. M.K. WONG.

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### MORE PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREAS

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MORE AND BETTER CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES WILL SHORTLY BE AVAILABLE WITH THE PARTIAL OPENING OF A NEW PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA IN WESTERN DISTRICT IN MAY.

+IN PARTICULAR, THIS WILL BENEFIT THE CARGO OPERATORS DISPLACED BY THE STAGE I WESTERN RECLAMATION,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MARINE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SITE, WITH A SEAFRONTAGE OF 170 METRES AT SHEK TONG TSUI, WILL FORM PART OF A 761-METRE CARGO HANDLING AREA SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN 1982.

THE NEW CARGO HANDLING AREA WILL HAVE 21 UNIT BERTHS FOR LIGHTERS OR MOTOR CARGO BOATS AND PARKING SPACES FOR ABOUT 100 LORRIES. IT WILL BE MANNED DAILY BY MARINE DEPARTMENT STAFF FROM 7 A.M. TO 11 P.M.

MEANWHILE, FOUR OTHER PROJECTS IN CHAI WAN, RAMBLER CHANNEL TYPHOON SHELTERS, TUEN MUN AND CHEUNG SHA WAN RECLAMATIONS ARE PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE.

THE CHAI WAN COMPOUND, WITH AN INITIAL SEAFRONTAGE OF 340 METRES, WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL EARLY NEXT YEAR. THE AREA WILL BE EXTENDED TO 1,122 METRES BY 1985 AND WILL EMBRACE THE ENTIRE PERIPHERY OF THE TYPHOON SHELTER.

COMMENTING ON THE ADVANTAGES OF CONTROLLED PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS, A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID: +PAST EXPERIENCE SHOWED THAT NOT ONLY WAS A HIGHER THROUGHPUT RATE ACHIEVED BUT THESE FACILITIES ALSO HELPED REDUCE CARGO HANDLING COSTS.+

AN +AMENITY BUILDING+ --- THE FIRST TO BE BUILT IN A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA --- COMPLETE WITH CHANGING ROOMS, LOCKERS AND HOT AND COLD SHOWERS, WILL SOON BE OPENED IN THE WAN CHAI PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREA.

+THE PURPOSE OF GOVERNMENT PROVIDING THIS BUILDING IS TO MAKE THESE FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO WORKERS ENGAGED IN HANDLING DUSTY CARGOES SUCH AS CEMENT, LIME AND AGGREGATES,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HONG KONG, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT, IS RATED AS ONE OF THE BUSIEST PORTS IN THE WORLD. IT HANDLED 23 MILLION TONNES OF CARGO LAST YEAR THROUGH ITS MODERN WHARVES, CONTAINER TERMINALS AND PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS.

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