



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## CARE IN USE OF ABRASIVE WHEELS

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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT TODAY CALLED FOR CONCERTED EFFORT BY FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS TO PREVENT ACCIDENTS CAUSED BY IMPROPER MOUNTING AND UNSAFE OPERATION OF ABRASIVE WHEELS.

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MRS. SOO MOK SAU-HA, SAID THAT ABRASIVE WHEEL ACCIDENTS HAD KILLED A WORKER AND INJURED 265 OTHERS IN THE LAST 16 MONTHS.

+BURSTING OR SHATTERING OF ABRASIVE WHEELS DUE TO OVERSPEEDING HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF THE ACCIDENTS, SHE SAID.

+MOST OF THEM INVOLVED PNEUMATIC GRINDING MACHINES WHICH WERE NOT FITTED WITH OVERSPEED CONTROL DEVICES AND WERE CONNECTED TO AIR PRESSURE HIGHER THAN THEY WERE DESIGNED FOR, SHE SAID.

ACCIDENTS OFTEN HAPPENED WHEN CLOTHING BECAME ENTANGLED IN A HIGH SPEED MOVING WHEEL OR SPINDLE, SO IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT THERE WAS CONTROL ON THE USE AND MOUNTING OF THESE MACHINES.

TO THIS END, MRS. SOO SAID THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD APPROVED IN APRIL THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (ABRASIVE WHEELS) REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PROPER AND SAFE MANNER OF USING AND MOUNTING THE MACHINES.

THE REGULATIONS, EFFECTIVE FROM NEXT JANUARY, SET OUT THE VARIOUS COMPULSORY SAFETY MEASURES SUCH AS THE PROVISION OF GUARDS AND PROTECTION FLANGES ONTO THE MACHINES.

BESIDES IMPOSING OBLIGATIONS ON PROPRIETORS, THE REGULATIONS ALSO CLEARLY STIPULATE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF EMPLOYEES OPERATING ABRASIVE WHEELS.

HOWEVER, MRS. SOO STRESSED THAT LEGISLATIVE EFFORT ALONE COULD NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM. +EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS SHOULD ALSO PLAY THEIR PART IN ATTAINING THE GOAL OF WORK SAFETY. MANY ACCIDENTS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED HAD MANAGERMENTS RESORTED TO MORE AND BETTER PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES. +

AS FOR THE WORKERS, SHE WENT ON: +IF THEY COULD JUST EXERCISE GREATER PERSONAL CARE IN MOUNTING AND OPERATING THE MACHINE, MUCH MORE WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. +

AN ABRASIVE WHEEL CONSISTS OF ABRASIVE PARTICLES HELD TOGETHER BY MINERAL, METALLIC OR ORGANIC BONDS, AND MOUNTED ON A POWER-DRIVEN SPINDLE.

BECAUSE OF THEIR CONSTRUCTION, THESE WHEELS ARE BRITTLE AND CAN BURST OR SHATTER IF USED WITH INSUFFICIENT CARE OR AT A SPEED HIGHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED BY THE MANUFACTURER.

/+BECAUSE OF .....

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+BECAUSE OF THE HIGH SPEED AT WHICH ABRASIVE WHEELS ROTATE, FRAGMENTS FROM A SHATTERED ONE TEND TO FLY OUT WITH THE FORCE OF A PROJECTILE, AND CAN CAUSE SERIOUS INJURY OR EVEN DEATH,+ MRS. SOO CONTINUED.

ALTHOUGH THESE MACHINES WERE USEFUL AND EXTENSIVELY USED IN INDUSTRIES FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, THEY COULD BE DREADFULLY DANGEROUS WHEN NOT PROPERLY MOUNTED AND OPERATED.

MRS. SOO LISTED THE FOLLOWING SAFETY MEASURES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF BOTH PROPRIETORS AND WORKERS:

- \* WHEEL MOUNTING SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT ONLY BY QUALIFIED COMPETENT PERSONS=
- \* A WHEEL SHOULD BE MOUNTED ONLY ON THE MACHINE FOR WHICH IT WAS INTENDED=
- \* BEFORE MOUNTING, ALL WHEELS SHOULD BE CLOSELY INSPECTED TO ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN DAMAGED IN STORAGE OR TRANSIT=
- \* THE SPEED MARKED ON THE MACHINES SHOULD NOT EXCEED THE SPEED MARKED ON WHEEL, WASHER OR TAG=
- \* PNEUMATIC GRINDING MACHINE SHOULD BE FITTED WITH OVERSPEED CONTROL DEVICE= AND
- \* PRESSURE REGULATOR SHOULD BE SET TO THE CORRECT PRESSURE IN THE AIR SUPPLY LINK TO THE MACHINE.

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H.K. TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE

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MR. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, A LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, WILL BE LEAVING HONG KONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY) TO ATTEND THE 21ST COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN NEW DELHI, INDIA, FROM OCTOBER 27 TO NOVEMBER 4.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. K.H. WHEELER, CLERK TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WHO WILL BE ONE OF THE TWO SECRETARIES TO THE AUXILIARY BRANCH DELEGATIONS AND WILL ALSO SERVE ON THE CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT.

OVER 200 MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION, OF WHICH HONG KONG IS AN AUXILIARY MEMBER, WILL BE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE ON THE INVITATION OF THE 20 INDIAN BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION.

THE ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED IN 1911, WITH THE AIMS TO FOSTER BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND TO PROMOTE PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS.

SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR, IT HAS HELD REGULAR PLENARY CONFERENCES, BIENNIALLY AT FIRST AND ANNUALLY SINCE 1961. EVERY YEAR THE CONFERENCE MOVES TO A DIFFERENT VENUE. THE LAST TIME SUCH A CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN INDIA WAS IN 1957.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA, MR. FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED, WILL FORMALLY DECLARE THE CONFERENCE OPEN IN THE CENTRAL HALL OF PARLIAMENT IN NEW DELHI ON OCTOBER 28. BUSINESS SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE ARE TO BE HELD IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEX. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE WILL BE DR. THE HON. G.S. DHILLON, SPEAKER OF THE LOK SABHA AND PRESIDENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.

SOME OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY SESSIONS AND COMMITTEE'S MEETINGS INCLUDE: THE COMMONWEALTH AND WORLD SECURITY= THE WORLD ENERGY CRISES= BUILDING A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER= SOCIAL PROBLEMS= AND CHALLENGES TO PARLIAMENT.

AFTER THE BUSINESS SESSIONS, DELEGATES WILL BE TAKEN IN GROUPS ON TOURS OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF INDIA FOR SEVERAL DAYS. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE SOME OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE AND OF THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE COUNTRY.

CONFERENCES OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE ARRANGED IN PURSUANCE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S AIMS TO PROVIDE MEMBERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET FELLOW PARLIAMENTARIANS FROM OTHER PARTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION IS THE ONLY ORGANISATION THAT PROVIDES FOR SUCH REGULAR MEETINGS, CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AMONG COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIANS.

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SEMINAR ON SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF FILMS AND TV  
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A YOUTH FORUM ON THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF FILMS AND TELEVISION WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 1 (SATURDAY), AT 2.30 P.M. AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE FORUM IS ORGANISED BY THE WAN CHAI YOUTH SOCIAL SERVICE TEAM, A SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUP OF THE WAN CHAI COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE WHICH IS SPONSORING THE PROJECT.

MISS CHEUNG MAN-YEE, HEAD OF DRAMA GROUP OF RHK-TV= MR. WONG WAH-KEE, PRINCIPAL MEDIA PROGRAMME OFFICER, COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, ICAC AND MR. LUNG KONG, A FILM DIRECTOR, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SPEAK AT THE FORUM.

MR. LAM HARK-CHEE, THE CYO (WAN CHAI) SAYS THE AIM OF THE FORUM IS TO PROVIDE A VENUE FOR YOUTHS TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ON ISSUES OF CONCERN AND TO CHANNEL THEM TO THE GOVERNMENT BY MEANS OF A WRITTEN REPORT.

HE SAID IT IS HOPED THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND THE ISSUE MORE THOROUGHLY AND OBJECTIVELY THROUGH MEANINGFUL AND ANALYTICAL DISCUSSIONS THAT WILL BE HELD AS PART OF THE FORUM.

APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED AND INTERESTED YOUNG WORKERS AND STUDENTS LIVING IN WAN CHAI DISTRICT SHOULD CALL AT THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (WAN CHAI) AT ROOM 203, LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE, 44 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, IN PERSON, OR BY TELEPHONING 5-754321 TO REGISTER.

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OPEN CONCERT  
AT TSIM SHA TSUI  
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE BAND WILL HOLD A FREE OPEN CONCERT AT THE TSIMSHATSUI PEDESTRIAN PRECINT AT HANOI ROAD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON.

THE CONCERT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE YAUMATI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE TO ENTERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND ALSO TOURISTS AROUND THE NEARBY SHOPPING ARCADES.

THE PROGRAMME RANGES FROM LIGHT MUSIC TO POPULAR AND WELL ESTABLISHED AMATEUR GROUP MADE UP OF LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS.

THE CONCERT WILL START AT 1.30 P.M. AND END AT 3.00 P.M.

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

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NEW FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN POSTER

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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED A NEW POSTER FOR ITS FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN WHICH EMPHASISES THE DANGER OF FIRE THROUGH OVER-LOADING ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS.

THE POSTER HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT HONG KONG. IT SHOWS AN EXPLOSION CAUSED BY TOO MANY PLUGS BEING FITTED WITH ADAPTORS INTO ONE SOCKET. THE SLOGAN READS: +OVERLOADING STARTS FIRE.+

+NEXT TO CARELESS SMOKING, ELECTRICAL FAULTS CAUSE THE LARGEST NUMBER OF FIRES IN HONG KONG,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT MANY VERY COSTLY INDUSTRIAL FIRES STEMMED FROM FAULTY ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OVERLOADING OF ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS AND LACK OF MAINTENANCE WERE PRIME CAUSES OF ELECTRICAL FAULT FIRES. +IN FACTORIES, FOR EXAMPLE, ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS ARE OFTEN TOTALLY NEGLECTED, RESULTING IN BREAKDOWN - AND, ULTIMATELY, FIRE.+ TO AVOID SUCH FIRE RISKS, THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED THAT ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS IN HOMES AND FACTORIES SHOULD BE CHECKED PERIODICALLY AND ANY FAULT SHOULD BE RECTIFIED STRAIGHT AWAY, USING GOOD QUALITY MATERIALS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LEVEL OF HUMIDITY HAD DROPPED SUBSTANTIALLY AND WOULD DROP EVEN FURTHER IN THE COMING MONTHS, RESULTING IN MUCH DRIER CONDITIONS AND A GREATER FIRE RISK. HE WARNED: +UNLESS PRECAUTIONS ARE TAKEN, THERE COULD EASILY BE A FURTHER 200 FACTORY FIRES BETWEEN NOW AND THE END OF JANUARY.+

THE CAMPAIGN WILL LAST ONE MONTH. BESIDES THE POSTER, THERE ARE TWO LEAFLETS DEALING WITH INDUSTRIAL AND COUNTRYSIDE FIRES. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION TO BE HELD AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL BETWEEN NOVEMBER 13 AND 17.

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OPENING OF NEW ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING

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THE NEW TSZ WAN SHAN (SOUTH) ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY AT 2.30 P.M.

OFFICIATING WILL BE MR. LAU WING-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE TSZ WAN SHAN SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE= MRS. HENRIETTA CHEN, WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER= MR. MICHAEL SIU, ASSISTANT C.D.O. (WONG TAI SIN)= MR. TSANG KOON-SING, DIVISIONAL INSPECTOR OF THE TSZ WAN SHAN POLICE STATION AND MR. LAU HANG, ASSISTANT HOUSING MANAGER, TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE.

THE ESTATE'S MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE WILL PERFORM A LION DANCE DURING THE CEREMONY.

ABOUT 400 GUESTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND AND WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS, COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, CIVIC LEADERS AND PEOPLE LIVING IN THE ESTATE.

THE NEW ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING HOUSES FIVE WELFARE AGENCIES. THEY ARE THE NEW KOWLOON WOMEN ASSOCIATION DAY NURSERY, THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' ASSOCIATION'S CHILDREN CENTRE AND LIBRARY= THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A. YOUTH CENTRE= THE TSZ WAN SHAN CLINIC OF THE FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE FOR TSZ WAN SHAN SOUTH.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING COVERED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN YUEN LONG

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WITH EFFECT FROM 10.00 A.M. ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 27), THE FOLLOWING ROADS IN YUEN LONG WILL BE RE-ROUTED.

TAI HANG STREET, WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND AND=

TAI FUNG STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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