



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1976.

SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME

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THE SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY, MR. DEREK HOGAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (DEVELOPMENT) SAID TODAY.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, 33 NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS WILL BE BUILT BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER 1978. IN ADDITION, 18 UNDER-UTILISED PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE TO BE CONVERTED TO PROVIDE 13 NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND TWO ANNEXES TO EXISTING SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

+THESE NEW BUILDINGS AND THE CONVERTED PREMISES WILL PROVIDE A FURTHER 52,000 SECONDARY PLACES,+ MR. HOGAN SAID.

THIS FIGURE, HE ADDED, INCLUDED 3,000 PLACES CREATED BY THE FLOTATION OF CLASSES AND EXTENDED-DAY OPERATION.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID: +THIS SECONDARY SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAMME WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE IN A COURSE OF THREE YEARS DURATION FOR EVERY CHILD LEAVING PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 1978.

+THIS WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DISPENSE WITH THE SECONDARY SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATION IN THAT YEAR.+

DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS EIGHT NEW SECONDARY GRAMMAR SCHOOLS PROVIDING MORE THAN 7,000 SCHOOL PLACES AND ONE NEW PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL PROVIDING 1,000 PLACES HAVE BEEN BUILT WITH GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

IN ADDITION, TWO TECHNICAL INSTITUTES - ONE AT KWUN TONG AND THE OTHER AT KWAI CHUNG - HAVE BEEN BUILT BY GOVERNMENT. THESE EACH PROVIDE THE EQUIPMENT OF 1,500 FULL-TIME PLACES.

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SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT NEEDED TO GUIDE MARINE TRAFFIC
IN HK WATERS

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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PLANS TO ENGAGE A SPECIALIST CONSULTANT FIRM TO CARRY OUT A DETAILED STUDY ON THE TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT WHICH CAN HELP IMPROVE THE EXISTING SERVICE TO SHIPS USING THE HARBOUR IN VARIOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS.

AT PRESENT, A V.H.F. RADIO SYSTEM AND VISUAL CONTACT ARE THE PRINCIPAL MEANS OF MONITORING MOVEMENTS OF SHIPS IN THE HARBOUR.

THE NEED FOR A COMPREHENSIVE AND SOPHISTICATED SYSTEM IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY EVIDENT AS STATISTICS SHOW THAT NOT ONLY THE NUMBER OF VESSEL CALLS HAS INCREASED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS, BUT THE SIZE OF CERTAIN VESSELS AND AMOUNTS OF CARGOES SHIPPED IN AND OUT HAVE ALSO GONE UP.

DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, OVER 15,000 VESSELS REPRESENTING 68.4 MILLION NET REGISTERED TONS ENTERED AND LEFT HONG KONG. THIS COMPARED WITH 14,637 VESSELS AND 64 MILLION TONS IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

WITH A VIEW TO FINDING THE RIGHT TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER PORTS IN ALL CORNERS OF THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY IN ARMERICA AND EUROPE.

IN APRIL THIS YEAR, MR. ROGER PARRY, OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANNING DIVISION, VISITED THE HAGUE TO ATTEND A FOUR-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON VESSEL TRAFFIC SYSTEMS.

THE CONFERENCE, ATTENDED BY MORE THAN 300 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 25 COUNTRIES, DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS, THE SAFETY OF VESSELS MOVING IN AND OUT OF CONGESTED WATERWAYS SUCH AS THE APPROACHES TO MAJOR PORTS AROUND THE WORLD, AS WELL AS SUCH INTERNATIONAL WATERWAYS AS THE ENGLISH CHANNEL AND THE MALACCA STRAITS.

DURING HIS STAY IN THE EUROPEAN CITY, MR. PARRY MET A WEST GERMAN PROFESSOR WHO WAS AT THE TIME TESTING ONE OF THE LATEST PIECES OF V.H.F. EQUIPMENT USED FOR IDENTIFYING AND LOCATING SHIPS IN ALL-WEATHER CONDITIONS, WHICH IS SAID TO HAVE AN EXTREMELY HIGH DEGREE OF ACCURACY.

+WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR IS AN OVERLAPPING SYSTEM PROBABLY CONSISTING OF RADAR, DAY AND NIGHT REMOTE CONTROLLED TELEVISION AND V.H.F. RADIOLOCATION EQUIPMENT,+ MR. PARRY SAID.

/+HE EXPLAINED

+HE EXPLAINED THAT THE THREE SYSTEMS, WHEN COMBINED, SHOULD PROVIDE ONE COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM TO GIVE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE CAPABILITY IN ALL SITUATIONS. +THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO IMPROVE SAFETY OF SHIPPING IN THE PORT,+ HE POINTED OUT.

MR. PARRY SAID THE RADAR WAS FOR ALL WEATHER TRACKING AND LOCATING VESSELS. THE T.V. SYSTEM WOULD BE USED TO GET A CLEAR PICTURE OF SHIPS IN THE HARBOUR AND APPROACHES, EVEN AT NIGHT, WHILE THE V.H.F. RADIO SYSTEM WOULD PROVIDE MEANS OF LOCATING AND IDENTIFYING VESSELS IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

V.H.F. RADIO IS NOW BEING DEVELOPED TO SUCH A LEVEL THAT MORE AND MORE PORTS ARE EXPECTED TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION MAKING IT MANDATORY FOR VIRTUALLY ALL VESSELS TO CARRY AND USE IT WHILST NAVIGATING IN OR NEAR THEIR TERRITORY.

COMMENTING ON THIS, THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER (PLANNING), MR. GORDON MILWARD, SAID THAT SIMILAR LEGISLATION WAS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO HONG KONG IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

HE ALSO EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FUNDS WOULD SOON BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYING A SPECIALIST CONSULTANT FIRM TO CARRY OUT THE STUDY AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE MOST VIABLE OVERALL SCHEME.

MR. MILWARD SAID THE STUDY WAS ESSENTIAL BECAUSE IT WOULD HELP AVOID UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURE BY BUYING THE WRONG TYPE OF EQUIPMENT.

HE ADDED THAT SOME PORTS HAVE EXPERIENCED SUCH LOSSES AS A RESULT OF INSUFFICIENT PREPARATION.

+IF MATTERS, ESPECIALLY PROVISION OF FUNDS AND CHOICE OF CONSULTANTS PROCEED SMOOTHLY, A CONSULTANTS REPORT SHOULD BE READY SOMETIME NEXT YEAR,+ MR. MILWARD SAID.

THE REPORT AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS WILL THEN BE STUDIED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, AND BY THE POSTMASTER GENERAL WHO WILL MAKE TECHNICAL DECISIONS ON EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED. THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE CHOICE OF SITES AND RELATED MATTERS.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) TO ENABLE THE WATER WORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, WESTERN STREET CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET.

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ESCAP SEMINAR ON PORT DEVELOPMENT FOR UNIT LOADS AND
CONTAINERISATION

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HONG KONG IS TO HOST A REGIONAL SEMINAR ON PORT DEVELOPMENT FOR UNIT LOADS AND CONTAINERISATION FROM SEPTEMBER 6 TO 15.

THE SEMINAR IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (ESCAP) IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND HONG KONG.

THE COST OF PARTICIPANTS' ATTENDANCE, LECTURERS, ETC. IS BEING FINANCED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING THE FACILITIES.

THE SEMINAR IS DESIGNED FOR SENIOR PORT PLANNERS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE ESCAP REGION WHO ARE EITHER FROM THE RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR PLANNING OFFICES OF CENTRAL PORT AUTHORITIES.

THERE WILL BE 18 PARTICIPANTS FROM 12 OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, PLUS FIVE FULL TIME PARTICIPANTS AND TWO OBSERVERS FROM HONG KONG.

THE LECTURERS FOR THE SEMINAR WILL INCLUDE OVERSEAS AND LOCAL EXPERTS ON PORT PLANNING, CONTAINERISATION, AND THE RELATED AREAS. AMONG THEM ARE MR. LOH HENG KEE, DIRECTOR OF THE PORTS AUTHORITY OF FIJI, AND MR. TOM BAXTER FROM THE PORT OF BRISBANE IN AUSTRALIA.

LOCAL SHIPPING COMMUNITY AND PORT USERS IN HONG KONG HAVE ALSO GIVEN TREMENDOUS SUPPORT TO THE SEMINAR BY HELPING TO ARRANGE PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION PAPERS, SITE VISITS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO PROVIDE A FORUM AND A FOCUS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF SOME OF THE MAJOR PLANNING ISSUES RELATED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF UNIT LOADS AND CONTAINERISATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

THE PROGRAMME WILL AIM TO MAKE THE PARTICIPANTS FAMILIAR WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES WHICH OPERATE WITHIN THE PORT OF HONG KONG IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES REQUIRED IN THE PLANNING OF PORTS FOR CONTAINERISATION.

THE SEMINAR WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS, AND SITE VISITS TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE PORT, INCLUDING THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER TERMINAL, CONTAINER FACILITIES AT NORTH POINT AND OTHER AREAS, AND PUBLIC CARGO HANDLING AREAS.

A SHORT OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10.00 A.M. ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6. WELCOMING ADDRESSES WILL BE DELIVERED BY MR. DEREK JONES, SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC SERVICES= MR. FUJIO HARA, THE CONSUL GENERAL OF JAPAN= AND MR. R.H. GONTHA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO MR. J.B.P. MARAMIS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ESCAP.

MR. JONES, WILL HOST A DINNER RECEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS OF THE SEMINAR ON MONDAY EVENING AT HONG KONG HOTEL.

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LABOUR LEGISLATION TALKS ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVE
LABOUR RELATIONS
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OFFICERS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A TOTAL OF 22 TALKS AND LECTURES TO WORKERS AND MANagements ON LABOUR LEGISLATION AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S WORK DURING MAY, JUNE AND JULY.

THIS LITTLE KNOWN ASPECT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN IMPROVING LABOUR RELATIONS IN HONG KONG IS MOST ESSENTIAL IF THE PUBLIC ARE TO BE AWARE OF THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN HONG KONG, THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. LAO MOU-CHI, SAID TODAY.

+THESE TALKS AND LECTURES GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS HELPING THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE LAW,+ MR. LAO ADDED.

MR. LAO ALSO SAID THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WELCOMED ANY ORGANISATION SENDING IN REQUESTS FOR LABOUR OFFICERS TO GIVE TALKS AND LECTURES TO ORGANISED GROUPS.

AMONG THE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAD REQUESTED TALKS AND LECTURES DURING THE THREE MONTHS WERE: THE YOUNG WORKERS CENTRE, THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE, THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS INSTITUTE, THE NGAU TAU KOK CARITAS CENTRE, THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED, THE SHEK LEI CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, THE HONG KONG CHINESE Y.M.C.A., THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL WORKERS RECREATIONAL SCHEME COMMITTEE, THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, THE NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND ST. MATHEW'S LUTHERAN PRIMARY SCHOOL.

DURING THE SAME THREE-MONTH PERIOD A TOTAL OF 28 RADIO TALKS AND TELEVISION INTERVIEWS WERE ALSO GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICERS.

THE SUBJECTS COVERED INCLUDED WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, SAFETY FOR STUDENTS TAKING UP SUMMER JOBS IN INDUSTRY, WORK IN COMPRESSED AIR, CHILD EMPLOYMENT, WORKING HOURS FOR WOMEN AND YOUNG PERSONS IN INDUSTRY, WORK OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE, APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING, WORK OF THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, SAFETY PRECAUTIONS IN WORKING INSIDE WELLS, WORK IN CONFINED SPACES, FACTORY REGISTRATION, AIR POLLUTION AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING VENTILATION IN WORKROOMS OF FACTORIES.

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HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION 1977
LIST OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD ISSUED TODAY A LIST OF SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED TO ENTER FORM FIVE AND MIDDLE FIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE 1977 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION.

COPIES OF THIS LIST ARE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, HONG KONG AND AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 11TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

SCHOOLS WHICH HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ENTER +ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE LIST.

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OPENING OF THE NEW WING OF ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL

NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE GOVERNOR, AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL ATTEND THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW EXTENSION OF ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL IN CAUSEWAY BAY AT 3.30 P.M. TOMORROW.

TO COMMEMORATE THE OPENING OF THE NEW WING, SIR MURRAY WILL UNVEIL A PLAQUE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE ADVISED THAT ACCESS TO THE NEW WING IS FROM THE AMBULANCE ENTRANCE (COTTON PATH) OF ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL MAIN BUILDING.

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