



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

A three-member commission of inquiry has today been appointed by the Governor in Council to enquire into the escape of oil from a storage tank at the Shell Oil Installation at Aplichau last Thursday night.

The Chairman of the Commission is Mr. W.S. Collier, District Judge. The other two members are Professor S. MacKey O.B.E., J.P., and Mr. Alex S.C. Wu, O.B.E. Mr. Collier and Prof. MacKey have both agreed to serve on the Commission; a telegram has been sent to Mr. Alex Wu, who is at present out of the Colony, inviting him to serve.

The Commission of Inquiry has been appointed under the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance (Cap. 86) and its terms of reference are as follows:

"To enquire into the circumstances in which a storage tank at the Shell Oil Installation at Aplichau fractured, during the night of 8th/9th November, 1973, to ascertain how oil escaped from that tank into the sea, in spite of the various safety devices provided, and to make recommendations to the Governor for the prevention of similar accidents in the future."

The Commission is required to submit its report to the Governor by January 31, 1974.

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OIL SITUATION IN HONG KONG REVIEWED

The Oil Distribution Committee comprising government officers and representatives of the oil companies met for two hours this morning under the chairmanship of Mr. Roy Porter.

The Committee reviewed the oil situation in Hong Kong and carried out a preliminary examination into ways in which distribution would best be carried out should the supply of oil and petroleum products be seriously reduced.

The Committee initiated a number of research projects associated with distribution and consumption and of details of users of oil and petroleum products. It requested the oil companies to provide data to assist with these research projects.

Measures which would help to counter any black-market activities and profiteering were considered in the event that a system of controls had to be enforced.

A further meeting of the Committee is likely later this week.

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PRE-WAR BUILDING IN WANCHAI CONDEMNED

The Building Authority today declared No. 58 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, to be in a dangerous condition.

In a statement, the Principal Government Building Surveyor said the four-storey pre-war building had been under observation since 1968.

"Despite some earlier repair the reinforced concrete, particularly to the kitchen block, has continued to deteriorate to such an extent that it has reached a condition at which repair cannot be satisfactorily carried out," he said.

It is considered that there is a risk of injury to the occupants and ultimately possible failure of some members which could lead to a collapse.

Notice of intention to apply for a closure order in Victoria District Court was posted today. Hearing will start at 9.30 a.m. on December 19.

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KWUN TONG

New traffic arrangements will be introduced in Kwun Tong on Thursday (November 15) to improve traffic flow in the area.

With effect from 10 a.m. on that day, three streets will be routed one-way. They are Shui Ning Street from Shui Wo Street to Wan Hon Street; Wan Hon Street from Shui Ning Street to Shui Wo Street; and Ka Lok Street from Shui Ning Street to Shui Wo Street.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to guide motorists.

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REFRESHER COURSES FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS

The Education Department's Cultural Crafts Centre has so far arranged 28 refresher courses for more than 500 in-service teachers during the current academic year.

The courses include art and craft, basic design, modern trends in needlework, a general introduction to textiles, pottery-making and demonstrations by renowned artists.

A spokesman for the Education Department said today : "Some of the courses have already started while others will begin during the next few months."

He pointed out that during the past two academic years more than 1,200 primary and secondary school teachers attended 63 courses run by the Centre.

Apart from some of the courses already mentioned, other courses taken by the teachers included creative drawing, screen-printing, woodwork, metalwork, puppetry and Chinese art.

The spokesman said: "The number of teachers attending the courses is encouraging and indicate that such centres can make a positive contribution to education in Hong Kong."

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Seven more Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council will speak tomorrow (Wednesday) afternoon on a motion of thanks for the Governor's address to the Council's new session.

They are Mr. Wilson Wang, Mr. Q.W. Lee, Mr. Oswald Cheung, Mr. P.G. Williams, Mr. James Wu, Mr. Hilton Cheong-Leen and Mr. Li Fook-wo.

Mr. Wang will be speaking in Cantonese.

Six other Unofficial Members spoke on the same motion at the last meeting on October 31.

Officials will reply on November 28 and 29.

Seven bills will receive their first and second reading tomorrow.

They are the Miscellaneous Amendments (Powers of the Governor in Council) Bill 1973, the Supplementary Appropriation (1972-73) Bill 1973, the Rating (Amendment) Bill 1973, the Government Lotteries (Amendment and Validation) Bill 1973, the Interpretation and General Clauses (Amendment) Bill 1973, the Betting Duty (Amendment) Bill 1973 and the Railways (Amendment) Bill 1973.

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AUCTION OF "LUCKY" CAR NUMBERS

Another 20 special car registration numbers will be put up for auction this Saturday (November 17) at the City Hall theatre, Low Block, at 10 a.m.

The numbers to be put on sale are:

5050	2100	AB 15	BD 19	3060
BD 666	HK 121	AE 6	576	AD3366
BD 333	HK 818	BD 1	AE 20	HK6789
BD 777	AA6600	BD 2	AD 800	BD 88

Proceeds of the auction will go to the Government Lotteries Fund for charitable purposes.

Successful bidders at the auction will be required to pay in cash or cheque immediately after the bidding.

The vehicle registration mark will be assigned only to a vehicle which is registered in the name of the successful bidder within 12 months of the date of auction.

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EXPORT OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO THE ENLARGED E.E.C.

The Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. D.H. Jordan, today issued a number of Notices to Exporters announcing the implementation of 1973/74 "Free Quota" Export Authorization Scheme for export of restrained textiles to the Enlarged European Economic Community.

The notices are:

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| Series 1 (Britain) | No. 15/73 | - Export of Restrained Textiles to the United Kingdom |
| Series 3 (E.E.C.) | No. 32/73 | - Export of Restrained Polyester/Cotton Garments to the Federal Republic of Germany |
| Series 3 (E.E.C.) | No. 33/73 | - Export of Restrained Cotton Textiles to the E.E.C. (Six) |
| Series 3 (E.E.C.) | No. 34/73 | - Export of Restrained Shirts to Denmark |

Details of the Scheme, which came into effect yesterday (Monday), are contained in the notices.

Trade associations and companies on the Commerce and Industry Department's mailing lists for Notice to Exporters Series 1 (Britain) or Series 3 (E.E.C. 'Six') will receive copies of these Notices shortly.

Persons who wish to seek advance notice to their contents are invited to obtain copies of these Notices from the Receptionist on the ground floor of the Department at 46 Connaught Road Central, or to contact any of the following officers of the Commerce and Industry Department:-

/Mr. D.T.H. Lee

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Mr. R.K.L. Ho	- Assistant Trade Officer)	
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Mr. Y.H. Law	- Industry Assistant)	Federal Republic
	Tel. No. 5-228513)	of Germany
Mr. W.H. Cheung	- Industry Assistant)	
	Tel. No. 5-448134)	
Mr. T.S.K. Chan	- Assistant Trade Officer)	
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Mr. S.Y. Chiu	- Industry Assistant)	& the Benelux
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RETIREMENT OF INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR CLASS I

Mr. Wong Ming-chee, an Interpreter/Translator, Class I in the Registrar General's Department, will go on pre-retirement leave later this week after 24 years' service in the Government.

To mark the occasion, Mr. P.C. Dowson, Assistant Registrar General, will present Mr. Wong with a farewell gift tomorrow (November 14).

The presentation will be held at the Departmental Conference Room, 13th floor, Central Government Offices (West Wing).

Note to Editors: You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the presentation ceremony. It will take place at the Departmental Conference Room, 13th floor, Central Government Offices (West Wing) at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow.

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F.S. SPEAKS ON HONG KONG'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

Note to Editors: The Financial Secretary, Mr. C.P. Haddon-Cave, spoke on "Hong Kong's Economic Growth: the Next Stage" at the Conference on Managers in a Changing Hong Kong Environment at the City Hall this (Tuesday) afternoon.

Full text of his speech will be distributed separately in G.I.S. press boxes this evening.

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Release time: 7.00 p.m.