



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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\$12 MILLION TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT KOWLOON TONG

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A \$12 MILLION TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS TO BE BUILT ON A 160,000 SQUARE FOOT SITE AT RENFREW ROAD, KOWLOON TONG.

THE NEW INSTITUTE, WHICH WILL BE THE FIFTH TO BE RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS EXPECTED TO HAVE FIVE DEPARTMENTS - COMMERCIAL STUDIES, DESIGN, ENGINEERING, INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY AND GENERAL STUDIES. WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, THE INSTITUTE WILL HAVE SOME 1,500 FULL TIME DAY STUDENTS.

SITE FORMATION WORK IS TO BEGIN EARLY NEXT YEAR AND THE INSTITUTE SHOULD BE READY FOR USE IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

THE KOWLOON TONG SITE WAS CHOSEN TO REPLACE THE ONE AT SAN PO KONG BECAUSE OF SITE DIFFICULTIES. THE NEW SITE COULD EASILY BE REACHED FROM WONG TAI SIN AND SHA TIN THROUGH THE LION ROCK TUNNEL.

AMONG THE SUBJECTS BEING CONSIDERED FOR INTRODUCTION AT THE INSTITUTE ARE AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING, RETAIL MERCHANDISING AND MARKETING DESIGN, INCLUDING JEWELLERY AND APPLIED ARTS, FURNITURE DESIGN, INTERIOR DESIGN AND WINDOW DISPLAY, OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS, WATCH REPAIRS, TEXTILES AND FASHION.

+THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IS PART OF A BROAD GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE EXISTING AND FUTURE DEMANDS OF INDUSTRY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES THE EXPANSION OF THE UNIVERSITIES, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLYTECHNIC AND CHANGES IN THE PATTERN OF SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATION.

+THE MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE INSTITUTES IS TO PROVIDE RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION WHICH IS REQUIRED TO COMPLEMENT THE TRAINING PROVIDED BY INDUSTRY,+ HE SAID.

ACADEMIC PLANNING IS BEING CARRIED OUT WITH ADVICE FROM INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL TO ENSURE THAT THE TYPE AND CONTENT OF THE COURSES AT THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE RELEVANT TO THE NEEDS OF INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

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**DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME SUCCESSFUL**  
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THE NUMBER OF YOUNG OFFENDERS BELOW THE AGE OF 21 HAS DROPPED, THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION, MR. P.B. WILLIAMS, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE PASSING OUT PARADE OF OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AT STANLEY, HE SAID THE DROP WAS DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME.

+DURING THE 1974-75 THERE WAS A RAPID RISE IN THE PRISON POPULATION, BUT THIS YEAR -- 1976 -- IT HAS LEVELLED OUT,+ HE SAID.

+THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE DROP IN THE PERCENTAGE OF YOUNG OFFENDERS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE FROM 23 PER CENT IN JANUARY 1974 TO 13 PER CENT AT THE END OF LAST MONTH.

+I THINK THIS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO NO LITTLE DEGREE TO THE VERY SUCCESSFUL DETENTION CENTRE PROGRAMME WHICH HAS SO FAR DEALT WITH OVER 2,000 YOUNG OFFENDERS.

+THESE CENTRES SHOW THE VALUE OF DISCIPLINE AND CLOSE PERSONAL SUPERVISION EXERCISED BY WELL-TRAINED AND COMPETENT OFFICERS.+

HE SAID THE PROGRAMME PROVIDED BY THE CENTRE HAD PROVED VERY SUCCESSFUL, IN PARTICULAR, IN DEALING WITH CERTAIN TYPES OF YOUNG OFFENDERS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE PROBABLY HAVE SPENT A MUCH LONGER PERIOD OF TIME IN SOME OTHER KIND OF CENTRE.

MR. WILLIAMS TOLD THE RECRUITS THAT IN A SOCIETY LIKE HONG KONG, WHERE MORE THAN FOUR MILLION PEOPLE WERE LIVING SO CLOSELY TOGETHER, THE PRESENCE OF A DISCIPLINED SERVICE PLAYED AN ESSENTIAL PART IN THE SECURITY OF THE SOCIETY.

+THE ACTUAL SERVICE THAT YOU GIVE IN THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT NEEDS NO EMPHASIS OR EXPLANATION,+ HE STRESSED.

+BUT OVER AND ABOVE THIS, THE GENERAL INFLUENCE OF YOUR PRESENCE AND YOUR WORK IN UNIFORM IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE.+ MR. WILLIAMS ADDED.

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59 BUILDING PLANS APPROVED LAST MONTH

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT APPROVED 59 NEW BUILDING PLANS LAST MONTH, COMPARED WITH 44 DURING SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR.

OF THE NEW PLANS APPROVED BY THE P.W.D.'S BUILDING ORDINANCE OFFICE, 28 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 14 FOR KOWLOON AND 17 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED PLANS FOR A NUMBER OF APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS OF 20 OR MORE STOREYS AT CENTRAL, SHAU KEI WAN, WANCHAI, AND YAUMATEI, A HOUSING ESTATE BLOCK OF 39 STOREYS AT CHO YUI CHUEN AND 3 FACTORY BUILDINGS OF 22 TO 29 STOREYS AT KWAI CHUNG.

BUILDING PLANS FOR A SCHOOL AT KENNEDY ROAD, A HOME FOR THE AGED AT THE JUNCTION OF KUNG LOK ROAD AND HONG LEE ROAD, AS WELL AS 3 STOREYS QUARTERS AT SHATIN RACECOURSE WERE ALSO APPROVED.

DURING THE MONTH, THE B.O.O. GAVE CONSENT FOR WORK TO BEGIN ON 47 BUILDING PROJECTS, COMPARED WITH 40 DURING AUGUST THIS YEAR. THEY INCLUDED A KINDERGARTEN AT KIU KIANG STREET, A SCHOOL AT TONG YAM STREET, 2 TOURIST PAVILIONS AT LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK, AND A NUMBER OF FACTORY BUILDINGS AT KWAI CHUNG AND CHEUNG SHA WAN.

THE TOTAL USUABLE FLOOR AREA OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED DURING SEPTEMBER AMOUNTED TO 78,782 SQUARE METRES, COMPRISING 48,960 SQUARE METRES OF DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA AND 29,822 SQUARE METRES OF NON-DOMESTIC FLOOR AREA.

THE TOTAL DECLARED COST OF THE NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED AMOUNTED TO \$92.82 MILLION, COMPARED WITH \$112.43 MILLION DURING AUGUST THIS YEAR.

THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE ISSUED 43 OCCUPATION PERMITS FOR COMPLETED BUILDINGS, INCLUDING A SCHOOL AT LAMTIN, A RESTAURANT AT LION ROCK ROAD, A PUBLIC PAVILION AT THE PEAK, AND A HOSPITAL AT TUNG LO WAN ROAD.

THE B.O.O. ALSO GAVE CONSENT FOR DEMOLITION OF 32 BUILDINGS, INCLUDING FOUR DECLARED DANGEROUS BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY.

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11 BLIND PLACED TO WORK IN SEPTEMBER

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ELEVEN BLIND PEOPLE WERE PLACED TO WORK BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S JOB PLACEMENT UNIT IN SEPTEMBER -- THE HIGHEST FOR A SINGLE MONTH.

MOST OF THESE BLIND PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED IN ASSEMBLY WORK SUCH AS WATCH-CASING AND FINISHING-LINE REELING, AND ONE IS EMPLOYED BY THE COUNTRY CLUB AS A MASSEUR.

APART FROM THE BLIND, 22 DEAF, 19 PHYSICALLY DISABLED, TWO MENTALLY RETARDED AND THREE FORMER MENTAL PATIENTS WERE PLACED TO WORK, MAKING A TOTAL OF 57 SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER.

OF THESE, 42 ARE EMPLOYED ON DAILY RATE RANGING FROM \$12.50 TO \$34 WHILE TWO ARE ON PIECE-RATE BASIS. THE SALARY OF THE OTHERS AVERAGE \$550 A MONTH.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT SAID: +IT IS ENCOURAGING TO NOTE THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS FOR THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1976 REACHED 170, AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN FOUR TIMES AS COMPARED WITH THE FIGURE OF 38 FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

+IT IS ALSO COMFORTING TO KNOW THAT EMPLOYERS ARE MORE WILLING TO ACCEPT DISABLED WORKERS NOWADAYS.+

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT SIU LEK YUEN ROAD IN SHA TIN, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL BE OPENED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES FROM MONDAY (OCTOBER 18).

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CROSS COUNTRY RACE IN WONG CHUK HANG

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MORE THAN 200 PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE WILL TAKE PART IN A CROSS COUNTRY RACE ROUND WONG CHUK HANG AREA TOMORROW (SUNDAY) MORNING.

THE EVENT IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SOUTHERN) AND WONG CHUK HANG/SOUTHERN AREA COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN SPORT ACTIVITIES.

THE RACE WILL START AT 10.00 A.M. TOMORROW AT ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND, PASSING THROUGH WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, HEUNG YIP ROAD, NAM LONG SHAN ROAD, SHUM WAN ROAD THEN BACK TO NAM LONG SHAN ROAD AND HEUNG YIP ROAD BEFORE RETURNING TO ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND, COVERING A TOTAL DISTANCE OF ABOUT THREE MILES.

THE DISTANCE FOR WOMEN COMPETITORS IS TWO-AND-A-HALF MILES.

THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SOUTHERN), MR. WILLIAM YAPP AND OTHER RELEVANT OFFICIALS WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVE ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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