



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## PRINCESS ALEXANDRA OPENS BRITISH INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITION

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Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra spoke of the industry and enterprise of the people of Hong Kong when she opened the British Industrial Exhibition in Wanchai this (Monday) afternoon.

She said the people of Hong Kong had achieved much, not only in building up one of the most successful economic structures in the modern world, but also in their determined efforts to improve the quality of life for all who live in this heavily populated area.

The Senior British Trade Commissioner, Mr. T.W. Aston said it was the first time that Britain had staged in Hong Kong an all British Exhibition in their own exhibition hall. He invited all the citizens of Hong Kong to come and see the exhibition.

After declaring open the Exhibition, the Princess spent more than an hour touring the exhibition stalls.

The following is the text of the Princess Alexandra's speech:

"I am pleased to have an opportunity to re-visit Hong Kong, and in the five years since I was last here I realize that a very great deal has been done. The people of Hong Kong have always been noted for their industry and enterprise, and they have achieved much, not only in building up one of the most successful economic structures in the modern world, but also in their determined efforts to improve the quality of life for all who live in this heavily

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populated area. New housing and schools, new factories and new offices have been or are being built, and I understand that plans have been made for many ambitious projects in the future.

"British firms, including many of those exhibiting here today, have for long been closely connected with Hong Kong's growth and development, and today's Exhibition should be the means of continuing and strengthening that tradition of co-operation of which British industry is so proud. The Exhibition covers a very wide range of the most up-to-date goods and services, and I hope that it will prove to be a most useful and successful enterprise for all concerned.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, it gives me much pleasure to declare open the British Industrial Exhibition."

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Note to Editors: Copies of the text of Mr. Aston's speech  
are distributed separately in the Press Boxes, G.I.S.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA PAYS FIRST VISIT TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS  
AS HONORARY COMMANDANT GENERAL

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Princess Alexandra, who is Honorary Commandant General of the Royal Hong Kong Police, visited Police Headquarters this (Monday) morning.

To commemorate her first visit to the Headquarters, Her Royal Highness unveiled a plaque at the building now under construction as an extension to the headquarters complex.

Speaking at the unveiling ceremony, she said:

"I am always amazed at the speed with which things can be done in Hong Kong. I understand that detailed planning for this great building was only started five years ago, that its actual construction began in July 1971, and that in less than a year the work will be finished, and Hong Kong will then surely possess one of the finest Police Headquarters in the world.

"All of you must be very aware that you are Members of a rapidly expanding Force. The new building will make room for many of your specialist branches, including a Criminal Investigation Department equipped with modern scientific and technical aids, and new or enlarged units to deal with the problems of violent crime, narcotics and corruption, and to provide protection and guidance for the youth of the community. It should do much to help you in your important work.

"To commemorate my first visit to the Headquarters, I have great pleasure in unveiling this plaque."

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THE HON. ANGUS OGILVY SEES CHILDREN PLAY AND WORK

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The Hon. Angus Ogilvy, husband of H.R.H. Princess Alexandra, spent 45 minutes this morning seeing the activities and work of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association at the Wah Fu Children's Centre.

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association is one of the affiliated associations of the National Association of Youth Clubs in the United Kingdom of which Mr. Ogilvy is the President.

Accompanying him on the visit were Mr. Peter P.F. Chan, President of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association; Mr. W.I. Cheung, the Chairman, and Mrs. Gennie Lee, General Secretary.

On arrival at the Wah Fu Estate, Mr. Ogilvy stopped outside the Children's Centre to watch a gymnastics display given by some 20 children of the Centre.

He then toured the two-storey centre which offers facilities in cookery, art and craft, singing and dancing for children between 8 and 14 years of age.

At the cooking class, he saw children preparing "Dim Sum".

He also watched children playing chess and joined several teenagers for a game of Chinese billiard (Hong Lok Kei).

During his whole tour, Mr. Ogilvy showed keen interest in children and their work, and on occasions stopped and talked to them.

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He was not only interested in the activities in the Centre but also the life of the people living in the Wah Fu Estate as a whole.

At the end of his visit to the Centre, Mr. Ogilvy was served with "Dim Sum" and sandwiches prepared by children attending the cooking class.

He was also presented with gifts, all handicraft, made by children of the Centre.

Before his departure, Mr. Ogilvy made an unscheduled visit to Wah Hong Kindergarten where he saw some 200 small children attending classes.

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POSTMAN RETIRING AFTER OVER 31 YEARS' SERVICE

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A postman, Mr. Cheung Wai, is retiring shortly after serving the Post Office for over 31 years.

To mark his retirement, Mr. Cheung will be presented with a souvenir by Mr. Li Yun-gun, Senior Controller of Posts (Traffic), on behalf of his colleagues on Wednesday (October 25).

The presentation ceremony will take place at 1.55 p.m. at the Sorting Office, General Post Office, Hong Kong.

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Note to Editors: You are welcome to have the event covered.

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HIGH SETTLEMENT RATE ACHIEVED IN INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

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A settlement rate of 74.9 per cent in industrial disputes has been achieved by the Labour Relations Service of the Labour Department during the third quarter of this year.

Of a total of 1,114 disputes, the Labour Relations Service helped settle 835 during the period.

"This rate is high considering the fact that all cases brought to the Service were taken up in the first instance irrespective of the rights and wrongs of the parties," said Mr. T.F. Tsui, Senior Labour Officer in charge of the Labour Relations Division.

As a result of settlements reached, a total of \$2,119,323 was paid to 2,488 workers as arrears of wages, payment in lieu of notice under the Employment Ordinance or as ex-gratia severance pay.

Mr. Tsui said most labour problems arose out of disagreement over wage rates, changes in conditions of employment, dismissals, prolonged lay-off on redundancy and insolvency of the employer or simply mutual misunderstanding.

The 10 strikes which occurred during the quarter accounted for a total loss of 19,103 man-days, including 18,325 man-days lost as a result of industrial actions in two major dockyards following the announcement by the managements of their intended merger.

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The disputes in these companies, which arose from the question of retirement grant, have since been settled by the parties themselves.

In settling 22 of the 28 major labour disputes which occurred during the quarters, Mr. Tsui said, "Officers of the Labour Relations Service conducted a total of 31 joint meetings of an average duration of three hours each and made 22 visits to the sites of disputes."

To ensure that there would be no undue delay in the payment of wages to workers affected, the officers made nine visits to sites of factory fires, he said.

In addition, he added, the Service responded to 4,861 consultations and enquires initiated by workers and employers.

"Officers of the Service visited 32 industrial and commercial establishments to encourage managements to introduce joint consultative arrangements, to prepare written contracts of employment and to work out grievance procedures in order to preserve industrial harmony."

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HEAVY OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS FOR PRINCESS TOMORROW

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Another heavy round of official engagements awaits Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra tomorrow (Tuesday) -- the fourth day of her official visit to Hong Kong.

She will visit two social welfare institutions in the morning.

Her first call will be at the Ebenezer School and Home for the Blind, in Pokfulam, where blind children between five and 14 are sent.

She will visit the School's gymnasium, the housecraft room, classrooms and the kindergarten.

After the tour, she will fly by helicopter to Kwun Tong for a visit to the Red Cross Residential School which is named after her.

The School was set up ten years ago to provide primary education and residential care for physically-handicapped children.

Emphasis is placed on children taking part in as many normal activities as possible to prepare them for normal life after leaving the school. Extra-curricular activities are varied and include picnics, scouting, camping and swimming.

The Princess will be shown round classrooms and dormitories and see children at work.

In the afternoon, the Princess, accompanied by her husband, the Hon. Angus Ogilvy, will travel through the cross-harbour tunnel to Wong Tai Sin for a visit to the Morse Park swimming pool complex.

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More than 100 boys from the Hong Kong Sea School will put on life-saving demonstrations for the Royal visitors. There will also be life-saving land drills by members of the Royal Life Saving Society.

From the pool side, the Princess will watch young children taking swimming lessons.

Returning to Hong Kong Island, Her Royal Highness will travel to Wanchai to take a personal look at the current "Clean Hong Kong" campaign, which is now in full swing.

She will walk through several "lap sap" black spots in the area and see cleaning operations in progress.

The Princess' last engagement of the day will be a Review of the Royal Hong Kong Police and Auxiliary Police Forces at the Government Stadium.

She will inspect the parade from a landrover. During the hour-long ceremony, she will present medals to a number of police officers.

The Governor and Lady MacLehose will also attend the parade.

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Note to Editors: Full details of tomorrow's programme are distributed separately in the press boxes this evening.

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N.T.A. ANNUAL DEPARTMENTAL REPORT PUBLISHED

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The Departmental Report by the District Commissioner, New Territories, for the year 1971-72 has been published.

The report gives a detailed accounts on the development in the New Territories, including the Lantau and some other small islands, during the last financial year.

Major development projects such as the Kwai Chung Container Port, Sha Tin and Castle Peak new town planning, High Island Water Scheme, Kwai Chung/Tsing Yi bridge and the recommended four country parks, are included in this 63-page report.

It also details the development plans in the voluntary agency sector, the provision of more school places, the low-cost housing programme and some other local public works items.

Copies of the report, at \$8.50 each, can be purchased from the Government Publications Centre at the Star Ferry Concourse and various District Offices of the New Territories Administration.

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VISITS TO FAMILIES INVOLVED IN REHOUSING SCHEME

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Officers of the Rehousing Unit of the Resettlement Department today began a door-to-door visit to some 110 families involved in the first phase of the Shek Kip Mei Rehousing Scheme who have not yet handed in their application for accommodation at Pak Tin Estate.

A spokesman for the Resettlement Department said that most of these families might have some form of personal problem which had delayed them in making their application.

"The purpose of the visit is to find out what their problems are and what form of assistance is needed," he said.

An earlier round of family visit made immediately following the announcement of the rehousing scheme had proved to be very successful.

Resettlement Department officers called on more than 1,800 families involved in the scheme and explained to them purpose of the project and what benefits they can get from it.

"Most of the tenants visited showed appreciation of the officers' effort and their untiring manner," the spokesman said.

"We believe that the co-operation and willingness displayed by the tenants is partly the result of these goodwill visits," he concluded.

The Rehousing Unit at Pak Tin Estate has so far received a total of 1,760 applications covering about 10,400 people.

This represents more than 95 per cent of the total number of application forms the Resettlement Department sent out to the 10,861 tenants of Blocks 23 to 28 of Shek Kip Mei resettlement estate.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR YUEN LONG VILLAGERS

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A 12,000 sq. ft. playground has been built for the benefit of the 3,000 people in Shui Tau and Shui Mei Villages in Yuen Long.

Situated next to the fish ponds in the Shui Mei Village, the playground has an excellent setting.

Its beauty and tranquility are further enhanced by a number of willow trees planted at the water-verge.

Park benches are placed under the shade of the trees for villagers to rest after work.

On the other hand, children in the village can enjoy themselves with the various types of playground equipment like swings, merry-go-round, rocking horse and see-saw.

This playground was completed at a total cost of \$62,000.

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ANTI-DIPHTHERIA AND TETANUS CAMPAIGN

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Figures released by the Medical and Health Department today show that a total of 19,876 doses of the combined anti-diphtheria and tetanus vaccine was administered during the first week of the current campaign against the two diseases.

The campaign began on October 9, and will continue until the end of the year.

Of the total, 959 doses were administered on the Island, 9,458 in Kowloon, and 9,459 in the New Territories.

The vaccine is available free at all government clinics.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN KOWLOON TONG

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Water supply to a number of premises in Kowloon Tong will be turned off temporarily for eight hours from 10 p.m. tomorrow (October 24) to 6 a.m. the next day.

The Waterworks Office will carry out work on connecting fresh water mains at Beacon Hill and Lung Cheung Road during this period.

The premises affected are in Beacon Hill Road, Rhondda Road, Alnwick Road, Eastbourne Road, Ede Road north of Warwick Road, Pilgrims Way, Fessenden Road, Marconi Road and Broadcast Drive, including the Local Government Officers' Housing Blocks.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA BRIEFED ON PROBLEMS OF POLICING

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Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra was today briefed on the problems of policing Wanchai, one of the most densely populated areas on Hong Kong Island.

The briefing was given by Mr. H.K. Cheng, Divisional Superintendent, Wanchai, and Mr. A. Philip, the Assistant Divisional Superintendent, Wanchai, during the Princess' visit to the Wanchai Police Station shortly after noon today.

During her tour of the station, the Princess showed keen interest in the work of the C.I.D. and also the statue of Kwan Tai who is revered by all police detectives in Hong Kong.

The Princess also inspected the report room where she asked many questions about the types of reports received at the station.

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Note to Editors: Copies of a photograph showing H.R.H. Princess Alexandra during her visit to the Wanchai police station today are distributed separately in the G.I.S. Press Boxes this evening.

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PRINCESS ALEXANDRA VISITS POLICEMEN'S FAMILIES

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Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra paid a visit to Sgt. Leung Sung and his family at their home in the Arsenal Street rank and file married quarters this (Monday) morning.

Her Royal Highness made the visit shortly after unveiling a plaque at a building now under construction as an extension to the police headquarters complex.

Sgt. Leung, who has been in the force for 19 years, introduced the Princess to his wife, Mrs. Leung Chan Po-chu, his two daughters, Wai-ching, 11, and Wai-ying, 10 and his nine-year-old son, Wai-yip.

Princess Alexandra asked Sgt. Leung how long he has been in the force and what were his present duties. She asked Mrs. Leung about her housework and the children's education.

After the Princess left the flat, the children were asked how they felt at having met Her Royal Highness. They said that they were very nervous and excited and hoped that they could have an opportunity of meeting the Princess again.

Many of Sgt. Leung's neighbours stood at the doorway of their homes to catch a glimpse of the Princess as she passed by them.

The Princess took the opportunity of making impromptu visits to a number of flats along the way. She asked the occupants many questions about their daily lives.

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The Princess also stopped along the way to speak to children who had gathered along the corridor to see the Princess. They all expressed excitement at being able to speak to the Princess.

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PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRINCESS' ENGAGEMENTS TOMORROW

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Note to Editors:

Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra will visit the Ebenezer School in Pok Fu Lam tomorrow (Tuesday) morning. Official transport will be provided. The press bus will leave Queen's Pier at 9.45 a.m.

From the Ebenezer School, the Princess will drive to the Hong Kong University Sports Ground to board a helicopter for her next engagement at Kwun Tong. Due to the time factor and parking difficulties at the school, it will not be possible for the Press party from the Ebenezer School to follow her to the Sports Ground. Transport will be available at Queen's Pier to take the Press to Pok Fu Lam. The bus will leave from the Pier at 10.30 a.m.

For Her Royal Highness' visit to the Princess Alexandra Red Cross School, transport will be provided. The bus will depart from the Kowloon Public Pier at 10.15 a.m. and return to Tsim Sha Tsui about 1 p.m.

In the afternoon, the Princess will pay a visit to the Morse Park Swimming Pool complex. Official transport will be provided. The bus will leave the Kowloon Public Pier at 1.45 p.m. and return to the Pier at about 4.30 p.m.

From Morse Park, the Princess will visit several streets in Wanchai and see cleansing operations connected with the "Clean Hong Kong" campaign. Press representatives should assemble at the junction of Stone Nullah Lane and Queen's Road East at 3.30 p.m.

For the police review at the Government Stadium tomorrow evening, Press representatives should be in position by 5.30 p.m.

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Release Time: 7.30 p.m.