



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SIR PAUL BRYAN SEES BIG CHANGES IN TSUEN WAN

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SIR PAUL BRYAN, MP, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ANGLO-PARLIAMENTARY GROUP SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) HE ADMIRER THE SCOPE AND SPEED OF THE TSUEN WAN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE HUMANITY WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WAS TACKLING THE CLEARANCE PROBLEM INVOLVED.

AFTER A VISIT TO TSUEN WAN WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED BY SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SIR PAUL SAID HE WAS TREMENDOUSLY IMPRESSED BY THE BIG CHANGES THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE SINCE HE LAST VISITED THE TOWN MORE THAN TWO YEARS AGO.

+UNLIKE SHA TIN, WHERE YOU ARE STARTING FROM THE PADDY FIELD SO TO SPEAK THERE ARE MANY CLEARANCES INVOLVED IN THE REDEVELOPMENT AREAS OF TSUEN WAN, AND ONE CAN ONLY ADMIRE THE SPEED AND SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME AND I MUST SAY THE HUMANITY WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT IS HANDLING SUCH PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

SIR PAUL AND LADY BRYAN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, FLEW IN BY HELICOPTER TO KEEP HIMSELF UP TO DATE ON THE GROWTH OF THE TOWN.

HE SAW WHAT THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, DESCRIBED AS +DRAMATIC CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS WHICH HAVE CHANGED THE FACE OF THE TOWN.+

MR. HAYES AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES TOOK SIR PAUL AND THE PARTY TO THE ROOF OF THE 25-STOREY FOU WAH CENTRE WHICH COMMANDS A SWEEPING VIEW OF THE SURROUNDING TSUEN WAN AREA. THEY WERE JOINED BY THE TSUEN WAN PROJECT MANAGER, MR. F.E. SHORT, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (OPERATIONS) OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT, MR. JOHN HEYWOOD.

/MR. HAYES.....

MR. HAYES POINTED OUT THAT SINCE SIR PAUL'S LAST VISIT TO TSUEN WAN IN SEPTEMBER, 1976 :

- \* TWO SPORTSGROUNDS, ONE A FOUR-HECTARE COMPLEX, HAVE BEEN OPENED AND WORK HAS STARTED ON A 1,500-SEAT TOWN HALL AND CULTURAL COMPLEX AND AN INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM.
- \* FIVE NEW SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND ANOTHER FIVE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WORK IS ALSO IN PROGRESS ON A LARGE NEW POLYCLINIC.
- \* PUBLIC HOUSING HAS BEEN PROVIDED FOR MORE THAN 60,000 PEOPLE WITH ACCOMMODATION READY FOR ANOTHER 52,000 BY MARCH, 1981.
- \* TWO HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PROJECTS TO PROVIDE 1,000 FLATS BEFORE 1981 HAVE STARTED.
- \* THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY EXTENSION TO TSUEN WAN IS NOW UNDER WAY TOGETHER WITH AN AMBITIOUS REDEVELOPMENT AND URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMME IN NORTH TSUEN WAN ON BOTH SIDES OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

+WORK IS GOING AHEAD FULL STEAM ON ALL MANNER OF PROJECTS EVERYWHERE IN THE TOWN,+ MR. HAYES SAID. +IN SHORT, TSUEN WAN THROBS WITH ENERGY.+

SIR PAUL, WHO IS ON A PRIVATE VISIT, ALSO TOOK TIME OUT OF HIS MORNING SCHEDULE TO HAVE A LOOK AT ANOTHER OF THE GOVERNMENT'S KEY PROJECTS -- THE COUNTRY PARKS PROGRAMME.

WITH LADY BRYAN AND SIR MURRAY, HE FLEW FROM TSUEN WAN TO LEADMINE PASS TO INSPECT THE FACILITIES AT THE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK, ONE OF THE 19 WHICH WILL COVER ABOUT HALF THE TERRITORY BY THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR.

THEY WERE MET BY MR. MARTIN LEWIS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS) OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, WHO GAVE A BRIEFING ON THE PROGRAMME AS THE PARTY STROLLED THROUGH SOME OF THE PARK'S PICNIC AND BARBECUE AREAS WHERE FAMILIES AND GROUPS OF YOUNGSTERS WERE ENJOYING A SATURDAY MORNING +BREAK+.

MR. LEWIS SAID THAT WITH HONG KONG BEING SO HEAVILY URBANISED, IT WAS ESSENTIAL TO PROVIDE AND PRESERVE A COUNTRYSIDE +LUNG+.

ALL THE DEVELOPING NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, HE POINTED OUT, WOULD BE SURROUNDED BY COUNTRY PARKS, GIVING RESIDENTS SATISFYING AND WELL-MANAGED RECREATIONAL OUTLETS +ON THEIR OWN DOORSTEPS+.

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COMPETITION TO PROMOTE AWARENESS OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
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A HEALTH EDUCATION PROJECT COMPETITION HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE URBAN COUNCIL TO PROMOTE THE AWARENESS AND INTEREST IN PUBLIC HEALTH AMONG SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS CAN SUBMIT ENTRIES ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE THEMES: HOW YOU CAN HELP CLEAN HONG KONG- PERSONAL HYGIENE AND YOUR HEALTH- AND SAFETY IN SWIMMING.

THE THEME CHOSEN SHOULD BE ILLUSTRATED TO FORM AN INTERESTING AND EYE-CATCHING DISPLAY IN A FLOOR AREA MEASURING 10 FEET SQUARE, WITH A HEIGHT NOT EXCEEDING SEVEN FEET.

THE DISPLAY MAY INCLUDE PICTURES, PHOTOGRAPHS, MODELS, SPECIMENS, GRAPHS, CHARTS, FEATURE ARTICLES AND OTHER SUITABLE AND RELEVANT MATERIAL. CAPTION MAY EITHER BE IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH, OR BOTH.

EACH PARTICIPATING SCHOOL WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A SUBSIDY UP TO \$150 FOR BUYING ART MATERIALS.

COMPETING SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO PUT UP THEIR DISPLAYS AT THEIR SCHOOLS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 26 AND MARCH 3 WHEN JUDGING WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

THE WINNERS OF THE FIRST FIVE PRIZES WILL EACH RECEIVE A TROPHY AND CASH AWARDS RANGING FROM \$1,800 TO \$700. THERE WILL ALSO BE 10 MERIT PRIZES, AND EACH WINNER WILL RECEIVE \$500.

A JOINT EXHIBITION OF THE PRIZE-WINNING PROJECTS WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL EXHIBITION HALL FROM MARCH 22 TO 25. THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION AT 3 P.M. ON MARCH 22.

SOUVENIR PLAQUES WILL BE PRESENTED TO ALL THE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS AT THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY.

A BEST ARTWORK DESIGN PRIZE IN THE FORM OF A TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE PROJECT WITH THE BEST ARTWORK, AND THE JUDGING OF THIS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE EXHIBITION.

TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE EFFORTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS, THE THREE BEST PROJECTS WILL BE SELECTED AND ARRANGED FOR DISPLAY AT VARIOUS COMMUNITY CENTRES OR SCHOOLS HALLS BY ROTATION AT THE END OF THE JOINT EXHIBITION.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION IS FEBRUARY 12. ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE COMPETITION MAY BE DIRECTED TO THE SENIOR INSPECTOR (HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION), EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TEL: 5-774001 EXT. 33, OR THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR, HEALTH EDUCATION SECTION, URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TEL. 5-279446.

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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY COURSE FOR TEACHERS

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MORE AND MORE STRESS IS BEING PLACED UPON THE NEED TO DEVELOP PROFICIENCY IN LANGUAGE AND TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNICATIVE SKILLS OF TEACHERS, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF A REFRESHER COURSE IN ENGLISH RUN BY THE BRITISH COUNCIL FOR 50 TEACHERS FROM GOVERNMENT AND AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF THE COURSE WITH ABOUT 120 HOURS DURATION SPREADING OVER THREE MONTHS, IS TO IMPROVE THE TEACHERS' ORAL PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH AND TO DEVELOP THEIR COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

IT IS A PILOT PROJECT AND, IF PROVED SUCCESSFUL, THE SCHEME MAY BE EXPANDED SO THAT ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF ENGLISH WHO WISH TO ATTEND MAY EVENTUALLY BE OFFERED PLACES.

MR. TOPLEY SAID: +THE PRIMARY SECTOR HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR THE FIRST OF THESE COURSES SINCE THE ENGLISH TEACHERS HERE HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS OF PUPILS' ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY.+

THE PROGRESS OF THE COURSE WILL BE MONITORED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

+IF ENGLISH IS PROPERLY TAUGHT IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE PUPILS CAN LEARN A GREAT DEAL, AND THE STANDARD OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SCHOOL WILL BE FURTHER IMPROVED,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

HE ALSO COMMENDED THE BRITISH COUNCIL FOR ITS EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING.

NOTING THAT THERE ARE AT PRESENT OVER 6,000 STUDENTS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE ENROLLED IN THE COUNCIL'S COURSES, MR. TOPLEY POINTED OUT THAT THE COUNCIL ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE SOCIAL NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO USE THE FACILITIES AS THEY MIGHT IN A CLUB.

+THERE IS A VERY PLEASANT, INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE HERE WHICH IS SO NECESSARY TO LANGUAGE LEARNING,+ HE ADDED.

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NEW WORKSHOP FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION PUBLISHED IN 1977 HAD POINTED TO THE NEED FOR CONTINUED COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN HELPING EX-MENTAL PATIENTS REGAIN SELF-CONFIDENCE AND WORKING ABILITY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF HONG KONG ISLAND'S FIRST SHELTERED WORKSHOP FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS IN WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE, HE SAID: +SUPPORT IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY FROM VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN PROVIDING VARIOUS FORMS OF REHABILITATION SERVICES.+

MR. LEE SAID THE REHABILITATION WHITE PAPER HAD RECOMMENDED THE PROVISION OF REHABILITATION SERVICES SUCH AS SHELTERED WORKSHOPS AND HOSTELS FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS, APART FROM AN EXPANSION OF MEDICAL FACILITIES.

THE WONG CHUK HANG WORKSHOP, FINANCED BY THE LOTTERIES FUND THROUGH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IS RUN BY THE NEW LIFE PSYCHIATRIC REHABILITATION ASSOCIATION.

MR. LEE PRAISED THE ASSOCIATION FOR ITS WORK IN MENTAL WELFARE AND SAID IT HAD BEEN IN CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN PROVIDING A NUMBER OF REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR EX-MENTAL PATIENTS.

THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS INCLUDE TWO HALF-WAY HOUSES, A +NEW LIFE+ FARM, A HOSTEL AND A SHELTERED WORKSHOP IN KOWLOON.

HE DESCRIBED THE NEW WONG CHUK HANG WORKSHOP AS YET ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION WHICH HELPED EASE THE SHORTFALL OF SUCH FACILITIES.

WITH A MAXIMUM CAPACITY FOR 140, THE WORKSHOP AIMS AT ENCOURAGING THE INTEGRATION OF EX-MENTAL PATIENTS INTO THE COMMUNITY BY ENABLING THEM TO CARRY ON A USEFUL WORKING LIFE.

IT CATERS FOR THOSE AGED BETWEEN 15 AND 60 AND PROVIDES VARIOUS FORMS OF SIMPLE INDUSTRIAL WORK.

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WORK ON PHASE II OF DENTAL TEACHING HOSPITAL  
TO BEGIN SOON  
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THE SECOND PHASE OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DENTAL TEACHING HOSPITAL ADJACENT TO TSAN YUK HOSPITAL IN SAI YING PUN WILL START SOON, THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR. C.C. TAM, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR ARCHITECT IN CHARGE OF THE PROJECT SAID: +WE HAVE ALREADY INVITED TENDERS FOR THE SECOND PHASE -- THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MAIN BUILDING -- AND HOPE TO AWARD THE CONTRACT BY THE END OF FEBRUARY.+

MEANWHILE WORK ON THE CLINIC IS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. THE FIRST PHASE, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATION AND SUBSTRUCTURE TO GROUND LEVEL, IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT TEN WEEKS.

THE 35,000 SQUARE-METRE CLINIC, WHEN COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1980, WILL PROVIDE DENTAL TEACHING FACILITIES FOR ABOUT 80 STUDENTS A YEAR. THE MEDICAL AND TEACHING AREAS OF THE CLINIC WILL BE AIR-CONDITIONED.

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CARNIVAL ON FIRE PREVENTION THEME

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A LARGE-SCALE CARNIVAL ORGANISED AS PART OF THE CURRENT FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AFTERNOON AT TAI HANG TUNG.

THE CARNIVAL WILL CONSIST OF A VARIETY SHOW, AN EXHIBITION AND FIRE DRILLS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

THE VARIETY SHOW WILL FEATURE LION DANCE, A DRAMA, MAGIC SHOWS, SINGING AND DANCING BY TV ARTISTS- AND A PUPPET SHOW WITH THE FIRE PREVENTION THEME.

ON DISPLAY AT THE EXHIBITION WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING THE WORK OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION ON FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES, FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND FIRE ENGINES.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DAY WILL BE DEMONSTRATIONS AND DRILLS BY FIREMEN.

DR. P. HASE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO) AND MR. CHOW WING-CHEONG, DIVISIONAL FIRE OFFICER (KOWLOON WEST), WILL JOINTLY OPEN THE CARNIVAL.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) AND SPONSORED BY FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE CARNIVAL AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE TAI HANG TUNG NO. 1 PLAYGROUND, TUNG YAM STREET, TAI HANG TUNG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LABOUR COMMISSIONER TO VISIT CONTAINER TERMINAL

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, WILL VISIT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS LIMITED IN KWAI CHUNG ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 16) AT 2 P.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT.

AN ELEVEN-SEATER VAN WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 1.15 P.M. OUTSIDE THE LEE GARDENS HOTEL IN HYSAN AVENUE TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO AND BACK FROM THE CONTAINER TERMINAL.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN QUARRY BAY  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY(SATURDAY) NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN QUARRY BAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECLAMATION WORKS NEAR FINNIE STREET FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (JANUARY 15).

UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS THE URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION AT THE NORTHERN END OF HOI WAN STREET WILL BE RESCINDED, AND THE URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTED ZONE IN HOI TAI STREET WILL BE SHORTENED.

THE REVISED RESTRICTED ZONE WILL COVER THE SECTION OF HOI TAI STREET BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH FINNIE STREET AND A POINT ABOUT 49 FEET WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HOI WAN STREET.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY (JANUARY 15 - 19).

THE PRACTICE TIME IS FROM 8 A.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

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