



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SOCIAL WELFARE: MORE EMPHASIS ON QUALITY

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THE EMPHASIS IN SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG WILL IN FUTURE BE MORE ON QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY, THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY.

+WE CONSIDER THAT SINCE WE HAVE NOW A FAIRLY WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF VARIOUS TYPES TO CATER FOR THE NEED OF THE COMMUNITY GENERALLY, THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME THAT INSTEAD OF EXPANDING FURTHER QUANTITATIVELY, WE SHOULD MOVE IN ANOTHER DIRECTION TO TRY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF OUR SERVICES,+ HE TOLD A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE LIONS CLUB OF THE PEAK.

MR. LEE SAID THE NEW APPROACH WOULD BE CARRIED OUT BY AN EVALUATION OF EXISTING WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES AS WELL AS BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+THE CONCEPT ON WHICH WE ARE WORKING,+ HE SAID, +IS THAT EVALUATION OF SERVICE AGENCIES IS PART AND PARCEL OF THE SOCIAL PLANNING PROCESS AND THEREFORE MUST BE ACTIVELY PURSUED SO THAT AGENCIES CAN BE MORE EFFICIENTLY AND MORE ECONOMICALLY RUN, AND CAN PROVIDE A MORE EFFECTIVE SERVICE.+

AS A RESULT, ECONOMIES IN SOME CASES MAY BE PRODUCED TO EFFECT IMPROVEMENT IN THE QUALITY OF SERVICES, HE EXPLAINED.

MR. LEE STRESSED THAT THE EXERCISE WAS NOT A WAY OF SEEING IF THE AGENCIES COULD BE OPERATED MORE CHEAPLY.

+WE ARE NOT TRYING TO FORCE ECONOMIES ON AGENCIES, BUT RATHER WANT TO ENSURE THAT AVAILABLE RESOURCES IN TERMS OF MONEY AND MANPOWER ARE USED TO THE BEST POSSIBLE ADVANTAGE FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY AND IN PARTICULAR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CLIENTS.+

HE NOTED THAT A PILOT STUDY BY A SPECIAL STEERING GROUP ON EVALUATION, SET UP LAST OCTOBER, HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT ON SIX WELFARE AGENCIES INCLUDING ONE GOVERNMENT-RUN INSTITUTION.

THE STUDY, WHICH CONCENTRATED LARGELY ON MANAGEMENT, ORGANISATION, STAFFING, SALARIES AND THE QUALITY OF ACTUAL SERVICES PROVIDED, AIMED AT ESTABLISHING CLEARCUT GUIDELINES IN GENERAL WELFARE UNDERTAKINGS.

REPORTS ON THREE AGENCIES HAVE BEEN FINALISED AND THE OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SOON.

MR. LEE SAID THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE TEST-RUN WAS PROVING INVALUABLE AND THE STEERING GROUP WILL TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE RESULTS IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH FIRM GUIDELINES FOR THE TEAMS TO FOLLOW FOR THE SUBSEQUENT EVALUATION OF OTHER AGENCIES.

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AFTER THE PILOT STUDY, THE STEERING GROUP WILL BE AMALGAMATED WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS ONE OF ITS MAJOR SUB-COMMITTEES.

THE STEERING GROUP COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE AND OTHER EXPERTS.

ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:-

- \* TO BE RESPONSIBLE UNDER THE AGEIS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ADVISING THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE ON THE EVALUATION OF SERVICES.
- \* TO DEVELOP AND REVIEW STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES.
- \* TO GUIDE AND ADVISE THE EVALUATION TERMS TO CARRY OUT EVALUATION STUDIES, AND,
- \* TO PROMOTE THE MAXIMUM USE OF EVALUATION RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE SOCIAL PROGRAMMES WITHIN THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF MR. LEE'S SPEECH ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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REGISTRATION FOR 1976 H.K.C.E. EXAMS BEGINS  
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SCHOOL CANDIDATES FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION 1976 ARE BEING REGISTERED FOR THE EXAMINATION.

PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO OBTAIN ENTRY FORMS FROM THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 10TH FLOOR, 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

IF ANY PARTICIPATING SCHOOL HAS NOT YET RECEIVED THIS NOTIFICATION, THE PRINCIPAL SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE (TELEPHONE NO: 3-688694 OR 3-688796).

ALL ENTRY FORMS SHOULD BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE BEFORE OCTOBER 17, 1975.

REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE CANDIDATES WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 10 TO 21, INCLUSIVE, AT THE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-TREASURY, CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR, ELECTRIC ROAD, HONG KONG, AND THE YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 4TH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

PERSONS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE AS PRIVATE CANDIDATES IN THE EXAMINATION MAY OBTAIN ENTRY FORMS, FROM NOVEMBER 3, 1975 AT ANY OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES OR SUB-OFFICES IN THE URBAN AREA OR DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

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FUN FAIR FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

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SEVERAL HUNDRED DISABLED CHILDREN WILL BE TREATED TO A DAY OF FUN AND GAMES THIS SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 27) AT A SPECIAL FUN FAIR BEING ORGANISED BY THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE.

TAKING PART WILL BE TRAINEES FROM THE REHABILITATION CENTRE TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS AND DISABLED CHILDREN FROM KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE.

SOME 400 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FAIR WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE GROUNDS OF THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE IN WELFARE ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG.

ELEVEN VOLUNTEER GROUPS WILL JOIN STAFF FROM THE CENTRE IN HELPING TO RUN THE VARIOUS STALLS.

THE FAIR WILL BE OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WHO WILL ALSO DISTRIBUTE PRIZES TO THE BEST THREE STALLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE FAIR COVERED. IT WILL OPEN AT 10.40 A.M. ON SATURDAY.

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TEMPORARY WATER CUTS

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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YUEN LONG WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 26) WHEN TESTS FOR LEAKAGE WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU CROSS ROAD AND SAN TIN, KAM TIN SHI, KAM HING WAI, SHUI TAU TSUEN, SHUI MEI TSUEN, PAK WAI TSUEN, KAM TIN MARKET, KAM SHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN KAM TIN ROAD AND TAI PO ROAD, AND KAM TIN ROAD BETWEEN AU TAU CROSS ROAD AND TSUEN KAM. ALSO AFFECTED WILL BE SEK KONG CAMP AND SEK KONG FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL.

MEANWHILE IN TSUEN WAN, WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF FACTORIES AND VILLAGES IN TSUEN WAN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 10 P.M. ON FRIDAY TILL 6 A.M. THE NEXT DAY TO FACILITATE A FRESH WATER MAINS CONNECTION.

AFFECTED WILL BE SOUTH SEA TEXTILE CO. LTD., NAM LEI CO. LTD., HIP SHING CO. LTD., LOK SHUN INDUSTRIAL BUILDING, WING SHING GODOWN, KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN, HONG KONG TEXTILE CO. LTD., SOTEX TEXTILE CO. LTD., HANWAY TEXTILE CO. LTD., HOI BUN GODOWN, CHAI WAN KOK STATION OF CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD., NGAI KAUNG FACTORY, NAM FUNG TEXTILE CO. LTD., AND KIN YIP AND YAU KAM TAU VILLAGES.

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C.A.S. SWIMMING GALA  
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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL SWIMMING GALA AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL IN WAN CHAI FROM 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M. ON FRIDAY (SEPTEMBER 26).

THERE WILL BE 16 EVENTS IN WHICH THE C.A.S. CADETS WILL COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER FOR TROPHIES.

ONE HIGHLIGHT WILL BE AN INVITATION RELAY RACE IN WHICH C.A.S. CADETS WILL BE JOINED BY COMPETITORS FROM 18 GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND FIVE YOUTH ORGANISATIONS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATIONS BY TEAMS FROM THE HONG KONG LIFE GUARD CLUB.

MRS. J.A. FORTUNE, WIFE OF THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER OF THE C.A.S., WILL PRESENT TROPHIES TO THE WINNERS.

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED.

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