



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HONG KONG JOINS ASIAN CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Hong Kong has joined the Asian Centre for Development Administration in Kuala Lumpur to provide more opportunities for local officers to receive advanced management training abroad.

The Asian Centre was set up at the 28th Session of ECAFE in March, 1972, and offers training, research and consultancy for senior civil servants, businessmen and managers of public corporations who work at a policy-making level.

The major value of the Centre for Hong Kong is its specialist training courses and seminars. The courses will last from one to eight weeks accordingly, and aims at increasing the knowledge and skills of senior managers in both public and private sectors.

Hong Kong will gain training fellowships which total about 15 man weeks a year. These fellowships include passages, subsistence, and other allowances and course fees.

The Centre expects to make extensive use of the staff of universities and other institutions in Singapore and Malaysia so as to maintain a high standard of training.

The main users of the Centre will be senior civil servants, but officers from franchised public utility companies may also find the training courses valuable.

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As an associate member of ECAFE, Hong Kong will pay a sum of \$56,000 a year for five years, beginning in 1972-73, to cover the operating cost of the centre, which is estimated at about US\$3 million a year for the first five years.

The operating cost is to be met from three sources: special contributions in cash by the host country, Malaysia; funds allotted from the United Nations Development Programme; and the rest to be contributed by members of the ECAFE region based on per capita income.

Five countries - the Philippines, Ceylon, Singapore, Thailand and New Zealand - will also contribute to the centre.

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CHANGES IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Mr. P.G. Williams, an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, has ceased to be a temporary member of the Executive Council, following the return to Hong Kong of Sir Douglas Clague.

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MORE MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS FOR HONG KONG

The Building Authority approved 78 new building plans of all types in August and certified 57 completed buildings for occupation.

Of the plans approved, 42 were on Hong Kong Island, 14 in Kowloon, 6 in New Kowloon and 16 in the New Territories.

They include plans for a 21-storey apartment-commercial building at 468-470 Des Voeux Road West; a 24-storey building at 31-33 King's Road and a 20-storey apartment block at 374-388 Reclamation Street.

Buildings certified for occupation included 17 for domestic use, 15 for non-domestic use and 25 for combined domestic and non-domestic purposes.

In addition, the Building Authority approved the demolition of 40 buildings. Of these, 18 are on Hong Kong Island, eight in Kowloon, 11 in New Kowloon and three in the New Territories.

Lists giving brief particulars of all buildings concerned may be inspected at the Public Enquiry Service on the ground floor of the Central Government Offices, West Wing.

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PRESENTATION OF MEDALS FOR THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

Thirty-nine members of the Social Welfare Department's Princess Alexandra Community Centre in Tsuen Wan will receive bronze awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme at a ceremony in the Mariner's Club on Thursday (September 28).

This is the first presentation in connection with the scheme since the Social Welfare Department became an operating authority in February this year.

The department began the scheme with two working committees chaired by award supervisors in the Group and Community Work and the Probation and Corrections divisions. Their work was later co-ordinated by the departmental representative.

As a result of the smooth launching of the scheme, most departmental community youth, and social centres, and homes and institutions have been able to work on the scheme or start plans for the recruitment of members.

The Duke of Edinburgh award scheme is intended to help the young and others who take an interest in their welfare. It is designed to help give some constructive purpose to leisure-time activities, and is a challenge to the individual for personal achievement.

The scheme serves as a guide to people and organisations concerned with the development of future citizens.

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Mr. Thomas C.Y. Lee, Deputy Director of Social Welfare, will address the gathering at the presentation ceremony on Thursday, and Mr. Wilson T. S. Wang, Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Committee, will present certificates to the 39 winners of the bronze award.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the ceremony covered. The Mariner's Club is in Middle Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, and the ceremony will be held in the ballroom, beginning at 5.30 p.m.

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PUBLIC MEETING OF HOUSING AUTHORITY

Note to Editors: The Hong Kong Housing Authority will hold its Annual Public Meeting at the Urban Council Chamber, Central Government Offices, West Wing, 12th floor, Hong Kong at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday (September 28).

Members of the public who wish to attend are requested to be in their seats before 2.20 p.m.

Representatives of the press, radio and television are invited to cover the meeting.

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DEMONSTRATION SPRINKLER SYSTEM FOR FARMERS AT FANLING

The government is to set up a small irrigation sprinkler system at Lau Shui Heung near Fanling in a further move to encourage farmers to replace the traditional "bucket and sump" method of irrigating crops.

The sprinkler system will serve as a demonstration unit for vegetable farmers in the area.

A government spokesman said that from this demonstration the farmers will learn how the improved irrigation facilities reduce production costs and increase efficiency.

Over 150 sprinkler units have been established in the New Territories by the Agriculture and Fisheries Department with thousands more installed by the farmers themselves.

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SENIOR GOVERNMENT SURVEYOR RETIRES

Mr. B.C. Allen, a senior estate surveyor of the Public Works Department, is to retire soon after serving the Government for more than 11½ years.

Mr. Allen joined the Public Works Department in March 1961 as an estate surveyor and was promoted to his present post in January 1969. He is currently Acting Chief Estate Surveyor of the Resumption Division.

To mark his retirement, a souvenir contributed by his colleagues will be presented to Mr. Allen on Thursday (September 28).

The presentation will be made by the Director of Lands and Survey, Mr. W.L.T. Crunden.

Note to Editors: The presentation ceremony will be held at 4.45 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Works Department Headquarters located on the 21st floor, Murray Building. You are cordially invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the occasion.

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Release Time: 6.30 p.m.