



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1976

APPOINTMENTS OF DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION AND NEW DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES * * * * *

MR. DAVID FORD, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, HAS BEEN APPOINTED DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION IN THE HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION BRANCH. HE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SUPERVISING GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK.

MR. FORD WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW POST LATER THIS MONTH. MR. RICHARD LAI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PUBLIC RELATIONS), HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO BE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES FROM THE SAME DATE.

AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, MR. FORD WILL ALSO BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION FOR THE CO-ORDINATION OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS WORK OF THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND RADIO HONG KONG.

THIS RESPONSIBILITY IS AT PRESENT SHARED BETWEEN THE HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION BRANCH AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

MR. FORD JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IN 1967 AND SERVED IN THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT UNTIL 1968 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER IN THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT. HE WAS APPOINTED AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN JUNE, 1972 AND DIRECTOR LATER THE SAME YEAR.

MR. LAI, THE FIRST CHINESE OFFICER TO BE APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, JOINED THE DEPARTMENT AS A PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER IN 1962 AND WAS PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR IN 1974.

BEFORE JOINING HONG KONG GOVERNMENT, MR. LAI WORKED WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK AND THE BRITISH BROADCASTING CORPORATION IN LONDON.

MR. LAI IS THE AUTHOR OF 'A HISTORY OF CHINESE LITERATURE' PUBLISHED BY CASSELL IN LONDON AND JOHN DAY IN NEW YORK AND IN PAPERBACK BY CAPRICORN OF NEW YORK.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DRAGON YEAR GOLD COIN
CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY
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APPLICATIONS FOR THE GOLD COINS TO MARK THE YEAR OF THE DRAGON, THE FIRST IN A SERIES THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO DEPICT THE 12 ANIMALS TRADITIONALLY REPRESENTING THE LUNAR NEW YEARS, WILL CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7.

COLLECTORS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING THE COIN, OF WHICH THERE WILL BE UNCIRCULATED AND PROOF ISSUES, CAN OBTAIN APPLICATION FORMS AT THE HEAD OFFICE OR ANY BRANCH OF THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT RESPONSE SO FAR HAS BEEN GOOD SINCE APPLICATIONS OPENED LAST MONDAY.

THE DRAGON YEAR GOLD COINS WILL HAVE A LIMITED CIRCULATION OF NO MORE THAN 30,000 ABOUT 10,000 OF WHICH WILL BE PROOFS.

THE COINS WILL BE LIMITED TO ONE FOR EACH APPLICATION AND IF THE ISSUE IS OVERSUBSCRIBED THEY WILL BE ALLOCATED BY BALLOT.

THE COINS ARE MADE OF 22 KARAT GOLD. EACH WILL HAVE A STANDARD WEIGHT OF 15.976 GRAMMES AND MEASURE 20.4 MM IN DIAMETER. EACH COIN, WHICH WILL COST \$1,000 FOR THE UNCIRCULATED ISSUE AND \$1,500 FOR THE PROOF, WILL BE SUPPLIED WITH AN ATTRACTIVE PRESENTATION CASE AND DESCRIPTIVE BOOKLET.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COINS WERE ALSO BEING SOLD OVERSEAS AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT ABOUT HALF THE COINS MINTED WILL BE AVAILABLE TO COLLECTORS IN HONG KONG.

HE SAID THAT THE ROYAL VISIT COIN WAS SOLD IN NINE OVERSEAS COUNTRIES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DRAGON YEAR COIN WILL BE SOLD IN AT LEAST THE SAME NUMBER.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE COIN WAS SOLD OVERSEAS TO HELP PROMOTE HONG KONG GENERALLY AND TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS A GOOD AFTERMARKET IN THE COIN.

ON THE SUBJECT OF AFTERMARKET PRICE HE SAID THAT THIS WOULD DEPEND ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS AND IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT THE PRICE WOULD BE IN THIS MARKET, BUT HE NOTED THAT THE ROYAL VISIT COINS WERE SELLING OVERSEAS AT A SUBSTANTIAL PREMIUM OVER THE ISSUE PRICE.

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TWO MORE WASTE DISPOSAL TIPS TO BE SET UP IN N.T.

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TWO MORE CONTROLLED TIPS FOR THE SYSTEMATIC DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTES WILL BE SET UP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ONE OF THE TIPS WILL BE LOCATED AT SHIU LANG SHUI IN TUEN MUN AND THE OTHER AT MA TSO LUNG IN YUEN LONG.

MR. NG TECK-SHENG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S DEVELOPMENT AND AIRPORT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT PRELIMINARY ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS ON THE TWO SITES WERE EXPECTED TO START IN FEBRUARY.

+THE MA TSO LUNG TIP SHOULD BE READY FOR USE BY MID-1976 WHILE THE LARGER TIP AT SHIU LANG SHUI IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY LATE 1977 OR EARLY 1978,+ HE SAID.

+WHEN FULLY COMPLETED AND CLOSED,+ HE ADDED, +THE TWO TIPS WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN SEVEN HECTARES OF NEW LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE.

+THIS IS ONE OF THE ADDED ADVANTAGES IN CONTROLLED TIPPING,+ HE SAID, +BECAUSE NOT ONLY DOES THE SYSTEM PROVIDE FOR AN ECONOMICAL AND SANITARY MEANS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, BUT IT ALSO ENABLES FULL USE TO BE MADE OF THE SITES FOR THE BENEFIT OF RESIDENTS ONCE THE TIPS ARE CLOSED AND TOPPED OFF.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT IN CONTROLLED TIPPING, REFUSE IS SPREAD IN LAYERS AND COMPACTED BY DULLDOZERS TO A THICKNESS OF ABOUT SIX FEET EACH TIME. THIS LAYER IS THEN COMPLETELY COVERED WITH INERT SOFT EARTH TO PREVENT NOXIOUS SMELLS AND TO ELIMINATE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS.

THE MA TSO LUNG TIP, HE SAID, WOULD HAVE A CAPACITY OF 160,000 TONNES AND WAS SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED WITHIN THREE YEARS WHEN IT WOULD PROVIDE ALMOST 1.5 HECTARES OF FORMED LAND FOR USE AS OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION.

+THE TIP AT SHIU LANG SHUI WILL BE MUCH BIGGER WITH A CAPACITY OF 560,000 TONNES.

+IT WILL HAVE A LIFE EXPECTANCY OF SIX OR SEVEN YEARS AND EVENTUALLY SHOULD YIELD AN ADDITIONAL 5.6 HECTARES OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE,+ HE SAID.

MR. NG, SAID BOTH TIPS WOULD BE LINED WITH A WATERPROOF PLASTIC MEMBRANE TO PREVENT SURFACE WATER SEEPING THROUGH THE COMPACTED REFUSE FROM REACHING THE GROUND WATER.

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THE INTERCEPTED WATER, WHICH MIGHT CONTAIN DISSOLVED AND FINELY SUSPENDED SOLID WASTES AND MICROBIAL WASTES, WILL BE CHANNELLED OFF THROUGH A NETWORK OF SUB-SOIL DRAINS TO SEWERS.

MR. NG NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH CONTROLLED TIPPING HAD BEEN USED IN BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES FOR MANY YEARS, IT WAS BASICALLY A NEW CONCEPT IN THE FAR EAST AND WAS FIRST ADOPTED BY HONG KONG IN 1973.

+REFUSE DISPOSAL EXPERTS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS AUSTRALIA, THAILAND, INDIA AND MACAU, HAVE VISITED HONG KONG ON MANY OCCASIONS TO STUDY THIS METHOD,+ HE SAID.

SO FAR, THREE CONTROLLED TIPS HAVE BEEN SET UP IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AT A COST OF \$14 MILLION. THEY ARE LOCATED AT GIN DRINKER'S BAY IN TSUEN WAN, SHUN WAN IN TAI PO, AND NGAU TAM MEI IN YUEN LONG.

THE TIP AT NGAU TAM MEI WAS CLOSED LAST FEBRUARY AND MADE AVAILABLE 1.1 HECTARES OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE.

THE OTHER TWO ARE SCHEDULED TO BE CLOSED TOWARDS THE END OF 1976 AND IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THEY WILL PROVIDE MORE THAN 20.2 HECTARES OF ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL SPACE.

ANOTHER TIP IS ALSO BEING DEVELOPED AT NGAU CHI WAN NEAR CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND EVENTUALLY SHOULD YIELD ABOUT 7.3 HECTARES OF OPEN SPACE.

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TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN THE NEXT DECADE

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A PROGRAMME PLAN FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE NEXT DECADE IS AT PRESENT BEING PREPARED AND HOPEFULLY THIS SHOULD BE FINALISED EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR, MR. DANIEL WATERS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), SAID THIS EVENING.

SPEAKING AT THE DINNER AND BALL OF THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION, MR. WATERS SAID THAT A STAFFING REVIEW FOR THE TECHNICAL BRANCH OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS CARRIED OUT RECENTLY.

+THE POLYTECHNIC, THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS DO IN SOME WAY AFFECT EACH OTHER. IT IS VERY NECESSARY THAT TECHNICAL EDUCATION BE VIEWED AS A 'SEAMLESS GARMENT' AND NOT AS A DISJOINTED WHOLE,+ MR. WATERS STRESSED.

REVIEWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG MR. WATERS SAID, +ANOTHER MAJOR STEP FORWARD CAME ON THE 1ST OF AUGUST 1973 WHEN THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE WAS HANDED OVER TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC. IT WAS THUS NO LONGER UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND BECAME AN AUTONOMOUS INSTITUTION.

+IN 1973 THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WAS SUPERSEDED BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL,+ HE SAID.

ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1974 THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WAS ESTABLISHED.

THE WHITE PAPER ON SECONDARY EDUCATION WAS PUBLISHED IN OCTOBER 1974. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS DOCUMENT RECOMMENDED THAT 25-30 PER CENT OF THE CURRICULUM IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE OF A TECHNICAL/PRACTICAL NATURE.

IN SEPTEMBER 1975 TWO MORE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES OPENED, ONE AT KWAI CHUNG AND ONE AT KWUN TONG.

+THE CHEUNG SHA WAN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS DUE TO OPEN IN 1977 AND THE SAN PO KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, HOPEFULLY, A YEAR LATER IT IS EXPECTED THAT THREE MORE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WILL OPEN, ONE AT SHA TIN, ONE AT TUEN MUN AND ONE AT TSUEN WAN IN THE EARLY 1980'S,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

HE ADDED: +WHEN THE APPRENTICESHIP BILL, PREPARED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, SHORTLY COMES INTO BEING, IT IS HOPED THAT THIS WILL MAKE ITSELF FELT ON THE NUMBERS OF PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDENTS IN TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS.+

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE SHOUSON HILL ROAD AREA ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS NEXT TUESDAY (JANUARY 6) FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M.

THE PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY MILITARY ROAD, DEEP WATER BAY ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD AND SHOUSON HILL ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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WITH EFFECT FROM 9 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 6), SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC IN KAM HONG STREET WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO JAVA ROAD FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS BECAUSE OF RE-CONSTRUCTION OF A SECTION OF JAVA ROAD BETWEEN KAM HONG STREET AND TONG SHUI ROAD.

DURING THIS PERIOD, BUSES ON ROUTES 23 AND 23B WILL BE RE-ROUTED ALONG KAM HONG STREET AND KING'S ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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