



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WORSHIPPERS WELCOME CONTROLS ON CHINESE TEMPLES

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STEADY PROGRESS IS BEING MADE BY THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE TO EXTEND DIRECT CONTROL OVER MORE CHINESE TEMPLES TO PREVENT WORSHIPPERS FROM BEING EXPLOITED BY UNSCRUPULOUS TEMPLE KEEPERS.

OF THE 42 PUBLIC TEMPLES MANAGED BY THE CHINESE TEMPLES COMMITTEE, 15 ARE NOW UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S DIRECT MANAGEMENT. NINE ARE LET BY ANNUAL TENDER WHILE THE REMAINING 18 ARE DELEGATED TO CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS AND RURAL COMMITTEES.

MR. LEUNG MAN-WAI, ACCOUNTANT OF THE CHINESE TEMPLES TRUST FUNDS, SAID TODAY THAT THE DIRECT MANAGEMENT SCHEME -- FIRST INTRODUCED ON A TRIAL BASIS TO TWO TEMPLES IN 1966 -- WAS PROVING MORE AND MORE POPULAR WITH WORSHIPPERS.

UNDER THE SCHEME, COMMITTEE DONATION BOXES ARE PLACED INSIDE TEMPLES TO COLLECT VOLUNTARY DONATIONS FROM WORSHIPPERS, WITH ALL PROCEEDS GOING TO THE CHINESE TEMPLES FUND.

CARETAKERS ARE APPOINTED TO PERFORM SIMPLE CEREMONIES, DECIPHER ORACLES, AND CARRY OUT FORTUNE TELLING AT FIXED RATES WHICH ARE CLEARLY DISPLAYED.

+THIS HAS SUCCESSFULLY ELIMINATED EXPLOITATION AND LED TO A STEADY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF WORSHIPPERS AND IN REVENUE FROM VOLUNTARY DONATIONS,+ MR. LEUNG SAID.

+DONATIONS COLLECTED FROM TEMPLES DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR AMOUNTED TO A RECORD TOTAL OF MORE THAN \$600,000. ALSO, IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO FIND \$500 BILLS AND CHEQUES FOR BIG AMOUNTS INSIDE THESE DONATION BOXES.+ HE SAID.

+OBVIOUSLY WORSHIPPERS DO NOT MIND DONATING LARGE SUMS VOLUNTARILY, BUT RESENT BEING SQUEEZED FOR 'OIL MONEY' BY UNSCRUPULOUS TEMPLE KEEPERS,+ HE ADDED.

ALL DONATIONS GO INTO THE CHINESE TEMPLES FUND, WHICH IS USED MAINLY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF ALL PUBLIC TEMPLES AND THE COST OF RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES.

+IN REPAIRING TEMPLES THE BASIC PRINCIPLE IS TO RESTORE AND PRESERVE TRADITIONAL DESIGNS AND DECORATIONS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE,+ MR. LEUNG SAID.

+PART OF THE FUND IS ALSO SPENT ON SUBSIDISING THE UPKEEP OF OLD TEMPLES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, FROM WHICH NO INCOME IS DERIVED AT ALL. ANY SURPLUS MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GENERAL CHINESE CHARITIES FUND FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SUITABLE LOCAL CHINESE CHARITIES,+ HE ADDED. +WELFARE PROJECTS RUN BY ANY RELIGIOUS GROUPS CAN APPLY FOR DONATIONS FROM THIS FUND.+

/MR. LEUNG .....

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MR. LEUNG SAID THAT DESPITE RAPID PROGRESS IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THERE IS A DEFINITE NEED FOR THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF TEMPLES BECAUSE THEY CATER FOR THE SPIRITUAL NEED OF A BIG SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY.

+THEY ARE ALSO A VALUABLE LINK WITH THE PAST AND AN INTEGRAL PART OF CHINESE TRADITION, AND A COLOURFUL TOURIST ATTRACTION.

+IN FACT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE VISITING TEMPLES CONTINUES TO INCREASE YEAR AFTER YEAR, + HE SAID. +LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF VISITORS TO TIN HAU TEMPLE AT JOSS HOUSE BAY ON THE FESTIVAL DAY ALONE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE OVER 50,000+.

+ONE REASON FOR THIS INCREASE MAY BE DUE TO A BIGGER NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND TOURISTS ATTENDING RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES JUST TO SHARE IN THE FESTIVE ATMOSPHERE, OR VISITING A TEMPLE TO HAVE THEIR FORTUNES TOLD JUST FOR FUN+, HE ADDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING ONE OF THE DONATION BOXES IN A TEMPLE ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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## H K MUST KEEP UP WITH MODERN DESIGN TECHNIQUES

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY TOLD GRADUATES OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC DESIGN TRAINING COURSE THAT THEY HAD THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF ENSURING THAT HONG KONG DOES NOT FALL BEHIND THE REST OF THE WORLD IN COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DESIGN.

+IF HONG KONG PRODUCTS ARE TO COMPETE IN WORLD MARKETS, NEW MATERIALS AND NEW TECHNIQUES MUST BE INTRODUCED TO KEEP UP WITH THE ADVANCE OF TECHNOLOGY,+ HE SAID.

SUCCESSFUL COMPETITION, HE ADDED, DEPENDED TO A LARGE EXTENT ON DESIGN SINCE NEW CONCEPTS GIVE HONG KONG PRODUCTS A NEW IMAGE.

THE GOVERNOR WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE HONG KONG DESIGN '75 EXHIBITION AT THE CITY HALL WHICH FEATURES WORKS BY POLYTECHNIC GRADUATES.

SIR MURRAY NOTED THAT THE POLYTECHNIC WAS THE ONLY INSTITUTION PROVIDING FULL-TIME TRAINING IN DESIGN IN HONG KONG AND SAID THAT, TO ACHIEVE OUR AIMS, A CONTINUING SUPPLY OF NEW AND CREATIVE DESIGNERS WAS NEEDED.

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH:

+FIRST OF ALL MY WIFE HAS ASKED ME TO PRESENT HER APOLOGIES. SHE IS EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN DESIGN AND HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS OCCASION AND TO MEETING SOME OF HONG KONG'S FUTURE DESIGNERS.

+I DON'T KNOW IF THEY REALISE WHAT A POTENT FORCE IN OUR LIVES DESIGN IS. DESIGN INFLUENCES OUR TASTE, HELPS SHAPE OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND AFFECTS OUR WAY OF LIVING. NEARLY EVERY ARTICLE WHICH WE USE OR SEE EACH DAY IS THE PRODUCT OF A LONG EVOLVING DESIGN PROCESS. EACH HAS BEEN DESIGNED FOR A SPECIFIC PURPOSE= EACH REPRESENTS A GOOD OR BAD SOLUTION TO A HUMAN NEED.

+IF HONG KONG PRODUCTS ARE TO COMPETE IN WORLD MARKETS, NEW MATERIALS AND NEW TECHNIQUES MUST BE INTRODUCED TO KEEP UP WITH THE ADVANCE OF TECHNOLOGY. BUT MORE THAN THAT, SUCCESSFUL COMPETITION DEPENDS TO A LARGE EXTENT ON DESIGN SINCE NEW CONCEPTS GIVE OUR PRODUCTS A NEW IMAGE.

+TO ACHIEVE OUR AIMS, A CONTINUING SUPPLY OF NEW AND CREATIVE DESIGNERS IS NEEDED. AND SURELY NO YOUNG PERSON CAN ADOPT A CAREER THAT OFFERS SUCH SATISFACTION OR SUCH A CHALLENGE.

+AT PRESENT, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC IS THE ONLY INSTITUTION IN HONG KONG PROVIDING FULL-TIME TRAINING IN DESIGN. YOU, AS GRADUATES OF THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, WILL THEREFORE HAVE A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY - TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG DOES NOT FALL BEHIND THE REST OF THE WORLD IN COMMERCIAL, AS WELL AS INDUSTRIAL DESIGN.

+I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS MAGNIFICENT EXHIBITION, AND TO WISH YOU ALL EVERY SUCCESS AND GOOD LUCK FOR THE FUTURE.

+I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING 'DESIGN 75' OPEN+.

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MISS HONGKONG CONTESTANTS TO DRAW SIXTH LOTTERY  
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FOUR BEAUTIES WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE 1975 MISS HONG KONG CONTEST WILL DRAW THE WINNING NUMBERS OF THE SIXTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY.

THEY ARE MISS TERESA CHU TSUI-KUEN, THE FIRST RUNNER-UP= MISS CONNY KWAN SHUK-FAN, THE SECOND RUNNER-UP= MISS LUCIA SZETO LING-CHI, MISS PHOTOGENIC, AND MISS CAROL KWOK LAI-YEE, A FINALIST IN THE CONTEST.

ACCORDING TO MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MORE PEOPLE ARE NOW EXPECTED TO BUY TICKETS AS THEY HAVE A BETTER CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE FOLLOWING THE DOUBLING OF CONSOLATION PRIZES.

UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT, THE NUMBER OF CONSOLATION PRIZES HAS BEEN INCREASED FROM 106 TO 212 AND THE PRIZE IS NOW AWARDED TO HOLDERS OF THE TWO CONSECUTIVE NUMBERS IMMEDIATELY ABOVE OR BELOW A WINNING NUMBER DRAWN IN THE LOTTERY.

TICKETS ARE ON SALE AT \$2 EACH AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TICKET SELLING BOOTHS AND MANY BANK OFFICES.

WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN ON AUGUST 16 AT THE CITY HALL BY THE FOUR BEAUTIES WHO ARE ALSO HKTVB ARTISTES.

THEY WILL ALSO HELP PROMOTE TICKET SALES AT THE SITE BETWEEN QUEEN'S PIER AND THE CITY HALL LOW BLOCK ON AUGUST 11 (MONDAY) BETWEEN 5 AND 6 P.M.

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+MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 7) AT 4 P.M. IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

ATTENDING THE MEETING WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, MR. DONALD LIAO.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE MEETING COVERED. TELEVISION CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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YOUNG PEOPLE TO DESIGN AND OPERATE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS  
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS SUPPORTING A FURTHER 34 PROJECTS PUT FORWARD BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SECOND ROUND OF ITS OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME. GRANTS FOR THESE PROJECTS AMOUNT TO ALMOST \$42,000.

THE PROJECTS WERE SUBMITTED FROM THE YOUTH GROUPS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS THROUGH THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICES.

COMMENTING ON THE PROJECTS, MR. LAM KWOK-WAN, ACTING PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF THE GROUP AND COMMUNITY WORK DIVISION WHICH RUNS THE SCHEME, SAID SOME VERY WORTHY PROJECTS HAD BEEN PROPOSED BY THE YOUNG PEOPLE.

+THESE INCLUDE SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY, THE DISABLED AND CHILDREN LIVING IN BOATS IN TYPHOON SHELTERS. SERVICES ARE ALSO PLANNED FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN RESITE AREAS, OUTLYING ISLANDS, ISOLATED VILLAGES AND ROOFTOPS DWELLERS.+

HE SAID SOME OF THE PROJECTS ARE QUITE INNOVATIVE AND ONE OF THESE INCLUDED THE PRODUCTION OF A 30-MINUTE 8-MM COLOUR FILM TO DEPICT AND REFLECT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND COMMUNITY NEEDS.

OTHER PROJECTS COVER THE PROMOTION OF WATER SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, AND INDOOR AND OUTDOOR SAFETY.

+THESE PROJECTS,+ MR. LAM WENT ON, +NOT ONLY CONTAIN GOOD THEMES, BUT ALSO HELP TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY.+

THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH SCHEME WAS FIRST INTRODUCED IN SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR AND IN THE FIRST ROUND, SOME 42 PROJECTS WERE SUPPORTED AND PROVIDED WITH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL FUND AND THE SIR ROBERT HO TUNG FUND.

THE SCHEME IS DESIGNED FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PROJECTS THAT CAN PROMOTE THEIR PERSONAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY. GRANTS ARE MADE TO GROUPS HELPING THEM TO REALISE PROJECTS WHICH THEY DESIGN AND OPERATE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT A 15-FOOT HEADROOM CLEARANCE IS NOW IN FORCE AT THE TAI WOR PING INTERCHANGE IN KOWLOON.

THE HEADROOM CLEARANCE WILL BE IN FORCE FOR ABOUT A MONTH AND IS INTRODUCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER WHICH FORMS PART OF THE INTERCHANGE.

A GANTRY HAS BEEN ERECTED ON TAI PO ROAD NEAR THE FLYOVER CONSTRUCTION SITE WITH SUSPENDED CLEARANCE BOARDS INFORMING MOTORISTS APPROACHING THE SITE OF THE CLEARANCE HEIGHT.

VEHICLES WHICH ARE OVER 15 FEET HIGH ARE ADVISED TO AVOID THIS AREA.

MEANWHILE, ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE SHORT SECTION OF TUNG STREET BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND LOWER LASCAR ROW WILL BE REROUTED FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 7) TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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RESERVOIRS 97.4 PER CENT FULL

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A TOTAL OF 65,558 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER WERE IN STORE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING, REPRESENTING 97.4 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS.

ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR THE TOTAL STORAGE WAS ONLY 41,097 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE, HONG KONG'S BIGGEST RESERVOIR, HELD 50,330 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 99.7 PER CENT OF ITS FULL STORAGE CAPACITY. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR, IT HELD 31,882 MILLION GALLONS.

TOTAL RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR STANDS AT 2037.2 MM (80.20 IN). THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL THIS YEAR IS 1,410.2 MM (55.52 IN).

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