



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TWO PILOT CENSUSES TO BE HELD
IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO UNDERTAKE A BY-CENSUS IN 1976 TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION FOR FORWARD PLANNING IN SUCH MAJOR AREAS AS EDUCATION, HEALTH AND TRANSPORT FACILITIES.

THE BY-CENSUS, SIMILAR TO BUT MORE COMPREHENSIVE THAN THE ONE TAKEN IN 1966, WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON A 10 PERCENT SAMPLE OF THE POPULATION. THIS WILL INVOLVE ABOUT 78,000 HOUSEHOLDS OR 450,000 PEOPLE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE LAST COMPLETE POPULATION CENSUS WAS UNDERTAKEN IN 1971, AND CHANGES IN MAJOR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE POPULATION MAY WELL HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THEN AND MORE MAY OCCUR BEFORE THE NEXT FULL CENSUS IS TAKEN IN 1981.

ANOTHER MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF THE BY-CENSUS IS TO OBTAIN, FOR CERTAIN TOPICS, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELDS OF FERTILITY AND THE LABOUR FORCE, MORE COMPLEX AND DETAILED DATA THAN IS FEASIBLE IN A FULL CENSUS.

AS IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO TEST, ON THE BASIS OF A SMALL NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS, THE ADEQUACY OF THE PROPOSED QUESTIONS AND THE PROCEDURE AND ORGANISATION OF THE CENSUS WELL IN ADVANCE, TWO PILOT CENSUSES WILL BE HELD DURING THE COMING TWO MONTHS.

THE FIRST - A PILOT MARINE CENSUS - WILL BE TAKEN FROM JUNE 10 TO JUNE 13. IT IS BEING HELD AT THIS TIME TO COINCIDE WITH DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL (TUEN NG), WHEN THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE FISHING FLEET IS IN PORT.

THE MARINE PILOT CENSUS WILL COVER SOME 500 BOAT FAMILIES.

THE PILOT LAND CENSUS WILL BE TAKEN FROM JULY 14 TO 23 AND COVER SOME 6,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN BOTH THE URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

THE PILOT CENSUS WILL ENSURE THAT ANY DEFECTS IN THE SYSTEM CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND RECTIFIED IN AMPLE TIME FOR NEXT YEAR'S BY-CENSUS.

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COMMERCIAL PREMISES AT HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINAL
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SHOPPING, BANKING AND DINING FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR HUNG HOM RAILWAY TERMINAL WHICH IS EXPECTED TO SWING INTO OPERATION LATER THIS YEAR.

TENDERS FOR OPERATING A RESTAURANT, A SNACK BAR, A RAIL BAR A BANK OFFICE AND A BOOKSHOP IN THIS MODERN TERMINAL BUILDING ARE NOW INVITED BY THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

IN ADDITION, AN ARCADE OF MINI-SHOPS IS BEING PLANNED ON THE ELEVATED PASSENGER CORRIDOR ABOVE THE RAILWAY PLATFORMS.

BOTH THE RESTAURANT AND THE SNACK BAR, EACH WITH A FLOOR AREA OF MORE THAN 1,200 SQ. FT. WILL BE LOCATED ON THE MEZZANINE FLOOR.

THE BANK OFFICE, THE BOOKSHOP AND THE RAIL BAR WHICH SUPPLIES SOFT DRINKS, CANDIES AND CIGARETTES WILL BE SITUATED IN THE PASSENGER HALL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID ALL THESE PREMISES HAD CONSIDERABLE COMMERCIAL POTENTIALS AS A RECENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT THE NEW TERMINAL WOULD BE HANDLING MORE THAN SIX MILLION PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST YEAR OF ITS OPERATION. OF THESE PASSENGERS, ABOUT ONE-THIRD WILL BE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM CHINA.

WITH THE ANTICIPATED GROWTH OF POPULATION IN SHA TIN, A SHARP INCREASE IN RAILWAY TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

APART FROM THIS, 100,000 MORE PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO VISIT THE TERMINAL EACH YEAR TO MEET OR SAY FAREWELL TO THEIR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.

OTHER SOURCES OF POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS WILL COME FROM THE MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILT ON TOP OF THE TERMINAL, A BUS TERMINUS ON THE PODIUM AND A NETWORK OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS LINKING THE TERMINAL BUILDING WITH HUNG HOM FERRY PIERS AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

DETAILS OF CONDITIONS FOR THE TENDERS ARE LAID DOWN IN A NOTICE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS WILL BE AWARDED A FIVE-YEAR LEASE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIT OUT THE PREMISES WHICH MUST BE READY FOR BUSINESS BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE TERMINAL.

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A GRACE PERIOD DURING WHICH NO RENT WILL BE CHARGED WILL BE GRANTED TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS TO ENABLE THEM TO FURNISH THE PREMISES AFTER THE TENANCY AGREEMENT IS SIGNED.

EACH TENDER, TOGETHER WITH A DEPOSIT RECEIPT ISSUED BY THE TREASURY, MUST BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD IN A SEALED ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED "HONG KONG RAILWAY TERMINAL BUILDING".

DEPOSITS WILL BE RETURNED TO UNSUCCESSFUL TENDERERS.

ALL SEALED TENDERS MUST BE PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, MAIN WING, BEFORE NOON ON MAY 30.

FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY. ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE MADE TO INSPECT THESE PREMISES WHICH ARE NOT YET OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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FURTHER EXTENSION OF BUS FRANCHISES SOUGHT
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A BILL SEEKING A FURTHER LIMITED EXTENSION, UNTIL AUGUST 31, OF THE EXISTING FRANCHISES OF THE TWO MAJOR BUS COMPANIES — KMB AND CMB — WILL BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEXT WEDNESDAY (MAY 21).

THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION, KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES (EXTENSION OF GRANTS) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1975, WAS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN RECALLED TODAY THAT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAD ALREADY APPROVED A BILL EXTENDING THE FRANCHISES UNTIL THE END OF THIS MONTH. HOWEVER, IT HAD BECOME CLEAR THAT IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE TWO BUS COMPANIES AND ISSUE NEW FRANCHISES BY MAY 31 AND CONSEQUENTLY A FURTHER EXTENSION WAS NEEDED.

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HONG KONG'S DESALTER AROUSES KEEN INTEREST
AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESALTING

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HONG KONG'S DESALTER, WHICH RECENTLY STARTED TO PRODUCE FRESH WATER FROM THE SEA, AROUSED KEEN INTEREST AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESALTING IN PUERTO RICO LAST MONTH, A WATERWORKS OFFICE ENGINEER SAID TODAY.

MR. WU YU-NGONG, ACTING GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER (DESALTING), TOLD THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG ISLAND WEST THAT THE INTENSE INTEREST SHOWN IN THE 40 MILLION GALLONS A DAY DESALTER AT LOK ON PAI HAD COME AS SOMETHING OF A SURPRISE TO HIM.

WE HERE HAVE GOT USED TO THE IDEA THAT IT IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST DESALTER AND PERHAPS WE TEND TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED. BUT THE AMERICAN AND OTHER ENGINEERS AT THE CONFERENCE HAD ENDLESS QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT THE PLANT AND IT WAS BIG NEWS TO THEM THAT THE FIRST EVAPORATOR UNIT IS NOW UNDER TEST AND IS YIELDING FRESH WATER.

THE THREE-DAY CONFERENCE, HELD IN PONCE, PUERTO RICO, FROM APRIL 23 TO 25, WAS CONVENED BY THE AMERICAN-BASED INTERNATIONAL DESALTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION.

HONG KONG WAS REPRESENTED AT IT BY MR. WU AND BY MR. FRANK DRAKE OF BINNIE AND PARTNERS, THE CONSULTING ENGINEERS WHO DID THE DESIGN WORK FOR THE LOK ON PAI PLANT.

IN A REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE, THE LATEST MAY ISSUE OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL WATER DESALINATION REPORT COMMENTS PROMINENTLY ON THE HONG KONG DESALTER.

ONE PASSAGE READS :

WU GAVE DETAILS OF THE RIGID PERFORMANCE TESTS WHICH EACH UNIT MUST PASS : (1) A 24-HOUR CAPACITY-EFFICIENCY EVAPORATOR TEST RUN= (2) SIX MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS PERFORMANCE, TO ENSURE LONG-TERM OUTPUT IS REASONABLY MAINTAINED= AND (3) A FINAL EFFICIENCY TEST TO SHOW THAT THE FUEL REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN MET FOR THE COMPLETE PLANT AND ALL ITS MAJOR COMPONENTS.

SOME PLANTS BEAM PROBLEMATICAL PERSONALITIES, WHILE OTHERS EXUDE A SWEET SERENITY AND SENSE THAT ALL'S WELL. FOR HONG KONG IT'S THE LATTER. EVERY QUESTIONER AT THE CONFERENCE WAS IMPRESSED BY WU AND FRANK DRAKE AND THEIR QUIET, CONFIDENT MANNER.

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H.K. REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE
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A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MR. Q.W. LEE WILL LEAVE TOMORROW (SATURDAY) NIGHT TO REPRESENT HONG KONG AS AN OBSERVER AT THE 13TH AUSTRALIAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE.

THE FOUR-DAY CONFERENCE, WHICH OPENS ON MAY 19, IS BEING HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.

MR. LEE IS ATTENDING IN HIS CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE HONG KONG BRANCH OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.

AMONG THE ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED INCLUDE THE PROSPECTS FOR ESTABLISHING A PACIFIC TRADING COMMITTEE- CONSIDERATION OF THE FORM AND SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL AID IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WORSENING WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND TO EXAMINE WAYS TO HELP- THE CHALLENGE OF THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM- AND THE CHANGING NATURE OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE CONFERENCE IS BEING HELD IN THE QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT HOUSE IN BRISBANE.

MR. LEE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE.

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BASKETBALL COURTS FOR KWAI SHING ESTATE
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WORK WILL BEGIN SHORTLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUS TERMINUS, FOUR BASKETBALL COURTS AND SIX CAR PARKS FOR THE SECOND AND THIRD STAGES OF THE KWAI SHING ESTATE WHICH WILL BE READY FOR OCCUPATION BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

IN ADDITION, A NEW ROAD MEASURING ABOUT 800 METRES WILL BE BUILT. THE NEW ROAD WILL LINK WITH PHASE ONE OF THE ESTATE AND ROADS LEADING TO TAI WO HAU.

THE SIX OPEN CAR PARKS WILL PROVIDE SOME 50 PARKING SPACES FOR FAMILIES LIVING IN THE AREA.

WORK WILL BEGIN IN JULY AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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GOVERNMENT LOTTERY TICKETS ON SALE NEXT WEEK
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TICKETS FOR THIS YEAR'S FIRST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY WILL BE PUT ON SALE NEXT WEEK AT \$2 EACH.

THEY CAN BE BOUGHT AT BRANCH OFFICES AND OFF-COURSE BETTING OFFICES OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB AND THE HEAD OFFICES AND BRANCHES OF 30 BANKS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS OF HONG KONG DURING OFFICE HOURS FROM MONDAY (MAY 19) TO JUNE 6.

THE DRAW FOR THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 A.M. ON JUNE 7.

IN ADDITION TO THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES, THERE WILL BE 50 SPECIAL AND 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES. THE FIRST PRIZE WILL FETCH 40 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS, THE SECOND FOUR PER CENT AND THE THIRD 0.4 PER CENT.

WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN AN EXTRAORDINARY ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ON MONDAY, JUNE 9.

PRIZES MUST BE CLAIMED WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER THE NUMBERS ARE PUBLISHED, THAT IS BEFORE JUNE 9, 1977.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR. KAI-YIN CHAU WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT AT 1 P.M. ON MONDAY (MAY 19).

HE WILL ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF PLANS FOR PROMOTING THIS YEAR'S GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

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PRISON OFFICERS ON PARADE
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A PASSING OUT PARADE FOR 80 PRISON OFFICERS WILL BE HELD AT THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE AT TUNG TAU WAN ROAD, STANLEY, TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

MR. B. SLEVIN, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PARADE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11 A.M.

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CONVERSION OF ANOTHER SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE BLOCK
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ANOTHER OLD MARK I BLOCK IN LOWER SHEK KIP MEI ESTATE IS TO BE CONVERTED INTO A MODERN HOUSING BLOCK WITH SELF-CONTAINED FLATS UNDER THE SHEK KIP MEI REHOUSING SCHEME.

TENDERS FOR THE CONVERSION ARE NOW INVITED AND THE WORK, TO BEGIN IN JULY, WILL TAKE ABOUT SIX MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE CONVERTED BLOCK WILL PROVIDE 434 SMALL LIVING UNITS FOR SOME 1,300 PEOPLE.

EACH FLAT WILL HAVE ITS OWN KITCHEN WITH A SINK AND A COOKING BENCH AND PRIVATE TOILET.

THE BLOCK IS THE SEVENTH TO BE CONVERTED UNDER THE SHEK KIP MEI REHOUSING PROJECT.

SO FAR, ABOUT 22,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REHOUSED TO UPPER PAK TIN ESTATE OR THE SIX CONVERTED BLOCKS SINCE THE PROJECT WAS LAUNCHED IN OCTOBER, 1972.

A NEW PHASE OF THE REHOUSING SCHEME BENEFITING ANOTHER 6,500 TENANTS OF THE OLD PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE WILL BEGIN VERY SHORTLY.

DETAILS ARE BEING FINALISED BY HOUSING DEPARTMENT'S REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION AND WILL PROBABLY BE ANNOUNCED EARLY NEXT MONTH.

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SUMMARY OFFENCES BILL
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THE BURDEN OF PROOF WILL LIE WITH ONE ACCUSED IN COURT OF FALSELY PRETENDING TO BE A PUBLIC OFFICER, IF AMENDING LEGISLATION PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE BECOMES LAW.

UNDER THE SUMMARY OFFENCES (AMENDMENT)(NO.2) BILL, IN PROCEEDINGS FOR THIS TYPE OF OFFENCE IT WILL BE PRESUMED THAT THE DEFENDANT IS NOT A PUBLIC OFFICER AT THE TIME THE OFFENCE IS COMMITTED, UNLESS THE CONTRARY IS PROVED.

IN EFFECT, THIS WILL DISPENSE WITH THE PRESENT TIME-CONSUMING PROCEDURE IN WHICH OFFICERS OF A CERTAIN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT HAVE TO GO TO COURT TO PROVE THAT THE CLAIMS MADE BY THE ACCUSED THAT HE IS AN OFFICER OF THAT DEPARTMENT ARE FALSE.

THE BILL IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SOON.

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