



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TALKS ON HONG KONG AFFAIRS

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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. C.P. HADDON-CAVE, WILL BE LEAVING FOR ENGLAND TOMORROW EVENING (THURSDAY).

HE WILL JOIN THE GOVERNOR IN LONDON AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT WEEK FOR DISCUSSIONS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HONG KONG'S AFFAIRS WITH OFFICIALS OF THE FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE COMPLETED AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK AND THEREAFTER MR. HADDON-CAVE WILL TAKE A FORTNIGHT'S LEAVE BEFORE RETURNING TO HONG KONG.

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EFFICIENCY OF AIRPORT SECURITY SYSTEM FURTHER IMPROVED

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REGULATIONS AIMED AT STRENGTHENING AND PROVIDING ENHANCED LEGAL BACKING TO THE SECURITY SYSTEM AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT CAME INTO EFFECT TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

THE NEW LAW MAINLY IMPROVES THE AIRPORT PERMIT SYSTEM UNDER WHICH AN UNAUTHORISED PERSON IS PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING OR DRIVING A VEHICLE INTO ANY RESTRICTED AREAS AT KAI TAK WITHOUT A PERMIT.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS REGULATION IS A FINE OF \$10,000 AND IMPRISONMENT FOR TWO YEARS.

UNDER THE HONG KONG AIRPORT (RESTRICTED AREAS) REGULATIONS 1976, THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION IS EMPOWERED TO DECLARE ANY AREA WITHIN THE AIRPORT TO BE A RESTRICTED AREA, OR, WHERE THE AREA IS HELD UNDER LEASE OR LICENCE FROM THE CROWN, A TENANT RESTRICTED AREA.

THE DIRECTOR CAN ISSUE AN AIRPORT PERMIT TO AN UNAUTHORISED PERSON FOR ACCESS TO THE RESTRICTED AREAS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATTER'S WORK OR BUSINESS. A FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR EACH PERMIT ISSUED.

HOWEVER, THE DIRECTOR CAN ALSO CANCEL OR WITHDRAW A PERMIT FOR SECURITY OR OTHER REASONS AS HE SEES FIT.

IN A TENANT RESTRICTED AREA, THE AIRPORT TENANT WILL BE REQUIRED TO PREVENT ANY UNAUTHORISED PEOPLE FROM ENTERING THE AREA, AND TO PROTECT THE AREA AGAINST SECURITY OR SAFETY RISKS.

COMMENTING ON THE REGULATIONS, THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, MR. ROY DOWNING, SAID STEPS TO IMPROVE SECURITY AT THE AIRPORT WERE TAKEN IN 1969 BY WAY OF A PERMIT SYSTEM, INTRODUCED BY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING OF RESTRICTED AREAS WITHIN THE AIRPORT.

+THERE ARE NO DRASTIC CHANGES IN THE NEW REGULATIONS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE FURTHER THE EFFICIENCY OF THE EXISTING SYSTEM WITH PROPER LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT,+ HE ADDED.

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POST OFFICE GEARED UP FOR CHRISTMAS RUSH  
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WITH CHRISTMAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, THE POST OFFICE IS ONCE AGAIN GEARING ITSELF UP FOR THE SEASONAL MAIL RUSH.

MORE THAN 120 TEMPORARY LABOURERS AND 25 TEMPORARY POSTAL OFFICERS ARE BEING DEPLOYED IN THE VARIOUS SECTIONS AND COUNTERS OF THE POST OFFICE TO MEET THE SEASONAL PRESSURE, AND SEVEN ADDITIONAL MAIL VANS WILL BE USED TO CONVEY CHRISTMAS MAIL.

FROM EARLY THIS MONTH TO THE VERY EVE OF CHRISTMAS, STAFF OF THE POST OFFICE WILL NO LONGER BE ABLE TO TAKE LEAVE EXCEPT FOR EXTREMELY URGENT REASONS, SO THAT THE SEASONAL GOOD-WILL GREETINGS CAN BE DELIVERED IN TIME.

THEIR BURDEN CAN BE MADE A LITTLE LIGHTER IF ONLY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WOULD REMEMBER NOT TO LEAVE THEIR POSTING TO THE LAST MINUTE.

+THEY CAN ALSO HELP NOT ONLY THE POSTMEN BUT THEMSELVES TOO, BY ENSURING THAT THEIR LETTERS ARE PROPERLY STAMPED AND ADDRESSED,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID.

EACH YEAR AN AVERAGE OF SOME THREE MILLION DEAD LETTERS ARE UNDELIVERABLE BECAUSE THEIR ADDRESSES ARE INSUFFICIENT OR INCORRECT.

+AS IN PAST YEARS, THE LATEST POSTING DATES FOR OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS MAIL ARE PUBLICISED WELL IN ADVANCE IN THE PRESS AND OVER THE RADIO,+ THE SPOKESMAN CONTINUED.

THE POST OFFICE HAS BEEN KEPT BUSY HANDLING THE UPSURGE OF LETTERS AND PARCELS DESTINED OVERSEAS, AND LATEST DATES FOR SENDING SURFACE MAIL IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS TO MOST COUNTRIES HAVE CLOSED, HE SAID.

THE BUSIEST TIME HOWEVER IS YET TO COME LATER THIS MONTH WHEN GREETINGS FROM BOTH OVERSEAS AND LOCALLY FROM AMONG THE COMMUNITY ARE PRESSING TO BE DELIVERED.

LAST DECEMBER, ABOUT 27 MILLION ITEMS OF OUTGOING AND INLAND LETTERS WERE HANDLED BY THE POST OFFICE -- AN INCREASE OF 11 MILLION OR 66 PER CENT OVER THE AVERAGE MONTHLY VOLUME.

INCOMING LETTERS TOTALLED 6.2 MILLION, 1.8 MILLION MORE THAN THE AVERAGE MONTHLY FIGURE.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN SHAU KEI WAN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TAI HONG STREET IN SHAU KEI WAN WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3).

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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INCREASING CONCERN FOR THE DISABLED

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THERE IS AN INCREASING CONCERN IN HONG KONG, BOTH WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT, TO PROVIDE BETTER VOCATIONAL TRAINING AND MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DISABLED IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY BECOME MORE INDEPENDENT AND MAKE A MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTION TO SOCIETY, THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. LI FOOK-KOW, SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

MR. LI WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE REGIONAL SEMINAR ON VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND AND DEAF ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM 13 ASIAN COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG.

HE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD, DURING THE LAST YEAR, FOCUSED GREAT ATTENTION ON THE PLANNING OF EFFECTIVE REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE FUTURE.

TRADITIONALLY, HE SAID, THERE WAS A VERY CLOSE PARTNERSHIP IN HONG KONG BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, SUCH AS EDUCATION, MEDICAL AND HEALTH AND VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICES INCLUDING TRAINING CENTRES AND SHELTERED WORKSHOPS FOR THE BLIND AND THE DEAF.

MR. LI CONTINUED : +MANY OF THE SERVICES WE OFFER THE DISABLED HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED RELATIVELY RECENTLY.

+FOR EXAMPLE, A NON-MEANS TESTED DISABILITY AND INFIRMITY ALLOWANCE WAS INTRODUCED IN 1973. IN 1975, A WORKING PARTY TO EXAMINE THE TRANSPORT NEEDS OF THE DISABLED WAS SET UP AND ITS RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOW BEING IMPLEMENTED.+

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE DELEGATES WOULD BENEFIT BOTH FROM THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS IN THE SEMINAR AND FROM THE LECTURES BY THE VARIOUS EXPERTS.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE CONTRIBUTION YOU WILL MAKE HERE WILL ENRICH OUR IDEAS AND ENABLE US TO IMPROVE OUR SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND THE DEAF IN PARTICULAR,+ HE STRESSED.

THE 17-DAY REGIONAL SEMINAR HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO) AND THE DANISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (DANIDA).

THE 13 ASIAN COUNTRIES TAKING PART ARE AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BRUNEI, BURMA, FIJI, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SINGAPORE, SOLOMON ISLANDS AND SRI LANKA.

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FIRST FULL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE IN TSUEN WAN  
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TSUEN WAN IS TO HAVE ITS FIRST-EVER PERFORMANCE BY A FULL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA THIS SATURDAY EVENING.

THE HONG KONG SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE TSUEN WAN GIRLS CHOIR WILL BE FEATURED IN A CONCERT ORGANISED BY THE TSUEN WAN CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL CO-ORDINATING ASSOCIATION AT THE TSUEN WAN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

THE ORCHESTRA'S PROGRAMME INCLUDES FINLANDIA BY SIBELIUS, TCHAIKOVSKY'S SERENADE FOR STRINGS AND THE BUTTERFLY LOVERS' VIOLIN CONCERT BY HO JIM-HO, WHILE CHOIR WILL SING BOTH WESTERN AND ORIENTAL FOLK SONGS.

MR. JAMES HAYES, TSUEN WAN'S TOWN MANAGER AND DISTRICT OFFICER, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CONCERT, WHICH BEGINS AT 8 P.M.

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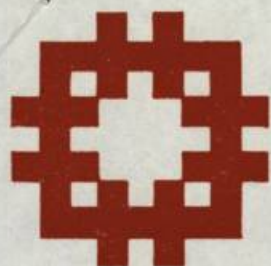
WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT AND HO MAN TIN IN KOWLOON WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (DECEMBER 3) TO FACILITATE NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN NORTH POINT, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE NORTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND MANSION STREET, JAVA ROAD BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND KING'S ROAD, MARBLE ROAD BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND HEALTHY STREET WEST, AND TIN CHIU STREET.

IN HO MAN TIN, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY PUI CHING ROAD, SHEUNG SHING STREET, SHEK KU STREET, PERTH STREET, GULLANE ROAD, SHEUNG HONG STREET, SHEUNG LOK STREET, AND SHEUNG FOO STREET INCLUDING SHEUNG FAT STREET AND SHEUNG HING STREET.

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ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS FOUR  
HOUSING ESTATES

The Acting Governor, Sir Denys Roberts, spent this morning visiting four Housing Authority estates, accompanied by the Secretary for Housing, Mr Ian Lightbody, and the Director of Housing, Mr Donald Liao.

Three of the estates are under construction, while a fourth, almost fully completed, will be accepting its first tenants shortly. Eventually, the four estates will provide housing for 146,000 people.

Sir Denys began his visit on Tsing Yi Island where he watched construction of Cheung Ching Estate going on and toured the site. He was met by officials of the Housing Department.

In the course of his tour, Sir Denys said: "I have been tremendously impressed with all that I have seen today. When you visit the older estates, you realise how far we have come in the past few years. The standards get higher all the time. The older estates were all right in their day, but, if you come around the unconverted ones now, it is no longer good enough both from the Housing Authority's point of view and that of the people involved." Sir Denys added, however, that "they have done their job."

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The first phase of Cheung Ching Estate will be ready for occupation next year; it is due to be fully completed by 1981 when 65,000 people will be living in 12,000 fully self-contained flats at an average density of 1,260 people to the acre.

In this first phase, five blocks - four of them twin tower design - will be constructed; an extension to the first phase, for which a \$32 million contract was signed in October, will consist of two twin tower blocks.

Site formation for Phase II, which comprises nine blocks, has already begun.

The Estate will have its own markets, shops and schools, as well as 15 acres of open spaces.

From Tsing Yi, the Acting Governor travelled to Tsuen Wan where he toured the almost completed Lai Yiu Estate which is due shortly to receive its first tenants. Sir Denys was accompanied by Chief Architect Mr Ng Yee-fook.

Lai Yiu Estate consists of four blocks, three of twin tower design, ranging in height from <sup>12</sup> ~~2~~ - 24 storeys. Ultimately, 16,200 people will live there at a density of only 736 people to the acre. The Estate will have schools, kindergartens and bus termini; commercial facilities, including shops and market stalls, will be centralized on a traffic-free podium.

The Estate is expected to be fully completed by July next year.

The group then moved to Sha Tin where Sir Denys was shown round Wo Che Estate, now being constructed adjacent to Lek Yuen Estate. Building work began there in October, 1975, and will be completed in

four phases by the end of 1978. Planned population of the Estate is 40,000, living on the 38.4 acre site at a density of 1,041 people per acre.

The number of flats on the Estate will be 6,074, catering for small, medium and large sized families; over half the flats will be for 4 - 7 people families.

Besides a shopping complex, the Estate will have kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, a welfare hall, two centres for children, youth centres and nurseries. Space will be provided for social welfare agencies.

A total of 13.3 acres are being set aside for recreational purposes.

Sir Denys's final call was at Tai Hang Tung Estate, Kowloon, which is being redeveloped under a scheme costing close to \$100 million. The Estate, completed 20 years ago, is one of the Housing Authority's most overcrowded, with 35,000 people living there at a density of 2,700 to the acre. Toilet and washing facilities are communal.

Redevelopment will provide existing tenants with self-contained accommodation at an ultimate density of just over 1,000 people per acre. The scheme, begun last year, is due to be completed by 1984. It includes demolition of some blocks as tenants move into the new blocks now being erected just across the road from the existing estate. Full commercial facilities will be provided for the convenience of residents, including a restaurant, supermarket/department store, market stalls and 260 shops. Other facilities will include primary and secondary schools, kindergartens and 600 car parking spaces. Eventually, the 23.8 acre Estate will have a population of 24,650 living in 4,965 flats.