



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

| <u>CONTENTS</u> | <u>PAGE NO.</u> |
|--|-----------------|
| SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND MP VISIT WELFARE INSTITUTIONS | 1 |
| U.K. SOCIAL SERVICES SECRETARY AND MP TO VISIT MORE WELFARE AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS | 2 |
| LAST TWO WEEKS FOR URBCO ELECTION REGISTRATION | 3 |
| NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS TO ISSUE GSP CERTIFICATES FOR EXPORTS TO NEW ZEALAND | 4 |
| NEED TO STRENGTHEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH INDUSTRY ON POLLUTION CONTROL | 5 |
| TUEN NG FESTIVAL IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY | 7 |
| DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT VISITS PWD SITES | 8 |
| ROAD SAFETY SPEECH CONTEST | 9 |
| NEW BUSINESS HOURS FOR KWAI FONG POST OFFICE | 10 |
| TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN FLEMING ROAD | 10 |

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 1 -

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND MP
VISIT WELFARE INSTITUTIONS

* * * * *

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE RT. HON. DAVID ENNALS, M.P., AND MR. RODERICK MACFARQUHAR, M.P. TODAY VISITED FOUR WELFARE INSTITUTIONS AND OBSERVED HOW RESIDENTS THERE WENT ABOUT THEIR DAILY LIFE.

MR. ENNALS AND MR. MACFARQUHAR VISITED THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN SANDY BAY, THE KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE AND THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE IN WONG CHUK HANG AND THE WAH HONG HOSTEL FOR THE AGED IN WAH FU ESTATE.

ACCOMPANYING THEM THROUGHOUT THE VISITS WERE MR. E.P. HO, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND MRS. ROSE GOODSTADT, HEAD OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S REHABILITATION DIVISION.

MR. ENNALS AND MR. MACFARQUHAR WERE SHOWN ROUND THE INSTITUTIONS AND BRIEFED ON THE VARIOUS FACILITIES, TRAINING ACTIVITIES AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR RESIDENTS IN THESE INSTITUTIONS.

THEY SAW THE DISABLED AT THE VARIOUS CENTRES UNDERGOING TRAINING IN DOMESTIC HELP, TAILORING, CARPENTRY AND SEWING.

AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE, THEY WERE TOLD IT WAS A GOVERNMENT-SUBVENTED RESIDENTIAL-CUM-DAY CENTRE RUN BY THE HONG KONG RED CROSS, CARING FOR 110 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AGED FOUR TO 17.

THE CENTRE PROVIDES TWO YEARS OF PRE-SCHOOLING TRAINING AND NINE YEARS OF PRIMARY AND JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION, COMPLEMENTED BY VARIOUS MEDICAL AND THERAPEUTIC CARE.

THE KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN WONG CHUK HANG GIVES BOTH DAY AND RESIDENTIAL TRAINING TO 140 MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN IN SELF-CARE SKILLS, SOCIALISATION, GENERAL KNOWLEDGE, LEARNING HABITS AND WORK TOLERANCE.

THE ADJACENT ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE, WITH A CAPACITY OF 255, PROVIDES THE SOCIAL AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION TO VARIOUS DISABLED PERSONS. THE ORTHOPAEDICALLY DISABLED AND THE MENTALLY RETARDED FORM THE LARGEST GROUPS OF RESIDENTS IN THE CENTRE.

BOTH CENTRES ARE GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS, ADMINISTERED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE WAH HONG HOSTEL FOR THE AGED, RUN BY THE HONG KONG CHRISTIAN SERVICE WITH A GOVERNMENT SUBVENTION, PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR 120 AMBULATORY AND INDEPENDENT PEOPLE AGED 60 YEARS AND OVER.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/2

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 2 -

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES AND MP
CONTINUE VISIT TO WELFARE AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS

* * * * *

THE VISITING SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, THE RT. HON. DAVID ENNALS, M.P., AND MR. RODERICK MACFARQUHAR, M.P., WILL VISIT THE CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE IN WONG TAI SIN AND THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE IN CHAI WAN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

DURING THE VISIT, MR. ENNALS AND MR. MACFARQUHAR WILL INSPECT THE VARIOUS FACILITIES OF THE TWO INSTITUTIONS.

THE CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE, OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES TEMPORARY CARE FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS TO CHILDREN BELOW EIGHT YEARS OF AGE.

THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE, RUN BY THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, PROVIDES CONVICTED YOUNG PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN 17 AND 21 WITH BOTH EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR A PERIOD RANGING FROM SIX TO 36 MONTHS.

.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE VISITS TO CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S RECEPTION CENTRE AND THE CAPE COLLINSON TRAINING CENTRE BY MR. ENNALS AND MR. MACFARQUHAR.

TRANSPORT FACILITIES FOR NEWSMEN WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BOTH THE VISITS. THE PRESS VAN TO CHUK YUEN CHILDREN'S CENTRE WILL LEAVE FROM THE EASTERN ENTRANCE OF LEE GARDENS IN CAUSEWAY BAY AT 9 A.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY). THOSE WISHING TO USE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE AT THE CENTRE, AT LUNG FUNG STREET, WONG TAI SIN, BEFORE 9.35 A.M.

PRESS TRANSPORT FOR CAPE COLLINSON CENTRE WILL LEAVE FROM GUARDIAN HOUSE, OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 10 A.M. SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MR. JOHN PICKARD, WILL BE THERE TO ASSIST THE PRESS. THOSE WHO WISH TO MAKE THEIR OWN WAY TO CAPE COLLINSON CENTRE SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE CENTRE AT CAPE COLLINSON ROAD, CHAI WAN, BEFORE 11 A.M.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/3

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 3 -

LAST TWO WEEKS FOR URBCO ELECTION REGISTRATION

* * * * *

THE REGISTRATION OFFICER FOR THE 1978 URBAN COUNCIL ELECTION REGISTRATION, MR. KUO KET-CHEN TODAY REMINDED ELIGIBLE VOTERS WHO HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS THAT THE CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 15.

MR. KUO SAID: +APPLICATION FORMS FOR REGISTRATION ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT ALL POST OFFICES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT OFFICES AND THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES. THE FORMS MAY BE COMPLETED IN ENGLISH OR CHINESE.

MR. KUO POINTED OUT THAT SINCE REGISTRATION BEGAN IN MID-FEBRUARY, MORE THAN 8,000 PEOPLE HAVE COME FORWARD TO REGISTER AS ELECTORS.

+THIS IS VERY ENCOURAGING AS THE FIGURE NEARLY TRIPLED THAT OF THE CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1976,+ HE ADDED.

MR. KUO ALSO REMINDED REGISTERED VOTERS THAT THEY ARE ENTITLED TO A CHOICE OF POLLING STATIONS.

+REGISTERED VOTERS HAVE UNTIL JUNE 15 TO DECIDE ON WHICH POLLING STATION THEY WISH TO USE.+ MR. KUO SAID.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/4

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 4 -

NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS TO ISSUE GSP
CERTIFICATES FOR EXPORTS TO NEW ZEALAND
* * * * *

THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT FIVE NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS HAVE BEEN AUTHORISED TO ISSUE ENDORSED CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN FOR GOODS SHIPPED UNDER GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES (GSP) TO NEW ZEALAND FROM HONG KONG FROM JUNE 1, 1978.

THE FIVE ORGANISATIONS SO AUTHORISED ARE: THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE= THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES= THE INDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE= THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG AND THE CHINESE GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NEW ZEALAND IS THE FOURTH COUNTRY, FOLLOWING JAPAN, SWITZERLAND AND CANADA, TO ACCEPT GSP CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANISATIONS.

THE NEW ZEALAND GENERALISED SCHEME OF PREFERENCES OFFERS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INCLUDING HONG KONG, TARIFF REDUCTIONS ON ABOUT 3,300 PRODUCTS WHICH INCLUDE MOST OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR EXPORTS SUCH AS TEXTILE PRODUCTS, FOOTWEAR AND TOYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE STAFF OF THE FIVE ORGANISATIONS HAD UNDERGONE TRAINING IN THE DEPARTMENT AND WERE FULLY COMPETENT TO DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS FOR GSP CERTIFICATES.

HE SAID THAT THE FIVE ORGANISATIONS WOULD APPLY THE SAME RULES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THAT CLOSE CO-ORDINATION WOULD BE MAINTAINED THROUGH A +CERTIFICATION CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE+ WHICH COMPRISES SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE FIVE CERTIFICATE-ISSUING ORGANISATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 5 -

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISER TALKS ON
CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY ON POLLUTION CONTROL
* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ADVISER, DR. STUART REED, SAID TODAY HE SAW A DEFINITE NEED TO STRENGTHEN ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION WITH INDUSTRY ON POLLUTION CONTROL.

DR. REED TOLD THE MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES THAT THE POSSIBILITY OF REPRESENTATION FROM THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL BODIES WAS BEING EXPLORED AS WELL AS RECONSTITUTING THE GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EPCOM).

IN THE PAST EPCOM HAD INCLUDED PROMINENT PEOPLE FROM INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND HAD DONE A VERY VALUABLE JOB IN DEVELOPING THE GENERAL STRATEGY FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG.

+BUT FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF WORK, WHICH WILL INVOLVE SETTING QUANTITATIVE REGULATIONS AND THE EARLY STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION, WE ARE GOING TO NEED A RATHER DIFFERENT EPCOM. AMONG THE CHANGES WE ARE CURRENTLY EXPLORING IS THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING IN THE RECONSTITUTED EPCOM FORMAL REPRESENTATION FROM THE MAIN INDUSTRIAL BODIES SUCH AS YOUR FEDERATION,+ HE SAID.

DR. REED SPOKE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LEGAL FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH OVERALL STRATEGY FOR POLLUTION CONTROL COULD BE WORKED OUT. EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN HELD IN EPCOM OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD AND NOW DISCUSSIONS WERE TAKING PLACE WITH REPRESENTATIVE BODIES FROM HONG KONG INDUSTRY, INCLUDING AN AD HOC BODY SET UP BY THE FEDERATION OF HONG KONG INDUSTRIES, AND SIMILAR GROUPS FROM THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION.

+WE ARE TAKING DISCUSSIONS WITH INDUSTRY ON THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ONE ORDINANCE AT A TIME, TO TRY TO AVOID CONFUSING THE ISSUE IN THE DIFFERENT AREAS,+ DR. REED SAID.

+THERE IS CURRENTLY LITTLE IN THE WAY OF CONTROLS ON LIQUID EFFLUENTS IN HONG KONG AND THE POTENTIAL ADVERSE HEALTH EFFECTS IN THIS AREA CAN BE SERIOUS, SO WE HAVE TAKEN WATER POLLUTION AS A PRIORITY AREA.+

THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE WAS THEREFORE THE FIRST OF THE FIVE ORDINANCES BEING DISCUSSED WITH INDUSTRY.

DR. REED SAID THAT AT EACH MEETING WITH THE COMMITTEES SET UP BY THE REPRESENTATIVE BODIES OF INDUSTRY, HE HAD EMPHASIZED THAT, CONTRARY TO THE IMPRESSION SOME MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SEEMED TO HAVE, GOVERNMENT DID NOT EQUATE INDUSTRY WITH POLLUTION.

+INDUSTRY, AND ONLY SOME INDUSTRIES AT THAT, IS ONLY ONE OF THE CONTRIBUTORS TO POLLUTION. IN FACT, IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT ONLY 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS PRODUCE A LIQUID EFFLUENT LIKELY TO GIVE RISE TO WATER POLLUTION. MANY OF THE CONTROLS IN ALL AREAS, AND MUCH OF THE INVESTMENT REQUIRED, PARTICULARLY FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL, CAN BE EXPECTED TO FALL ON THE PUBLIC AND DOMESTIC SECTOR RATHER THAN ON MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

/+I AM PLEASED

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 6 -

+I AM PLEASED TO SAY THAT, IN THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD SO FAR WITH INDUSTRY, THE RESPONSE HAS BEEN MOST ENCOURAGING. I AM NOT SAYING WE HAVE BEEN WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS. BUT THERE HAS BEEN GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE NEED FOR SOME SORT OF CONTROLS AND THE CRITICISMS OF OUR PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN THOUGHTFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE.+

DR. REED SAID THERE WERE TWO IMPORTANT FEATURES WHICH SHOULD BE MENTIONED: THE FIRST IS +THAT WE PLAN TO ARRANGE MATTERS SO THAT THE EFFECT ON EXISTING INDUSTRY AND THE PUBLIC SECTOR IN HONG KONG IS MINIMAL. WE DO NOT PLAN TO INTRODUCE RETROACTIVE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS, EXCEPT IN THE RARE CASES WHERE WE FIND THERE IS QUITE CLEAR EVIDENCE OF A SERIOUS HEALTH HAZARD.

+WHAT WE AIM TO DO IS TO CONTAIN THE PRESENT POLLUTION SITUATION IN THE SHORT-TERM BY LIMITING EXISTING EMISSIONS TO PRESENT VALUES, WITH SOME ALLOWANCE FOR NORMAL PRODUCTION VARIATIONS= WE AIM TO PREVENT SIGNIFICANT DETERIORATION IN THE MEDIUM-TERM BY PLACING APPROPRIATE EMISSION CONTROLS ON NEW INDUSTRIES, NEW SEWAGE WORKS AND OTHER NEW INSTALLATIONS WHERE SUCH CONTROLS CAN BE APPLIED MOST CONVENIENTLY AND ECONOMICALLY= AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LONGER-TERM THROUGH THE NATURAL PROCESS OF URBAN AND INDUSTRIAL RENEWAL WHICH WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW INSTALLATIONS.+

THE SECOND IMPORTANT FEATURE OF THE PROPOSED CONTROLS, DR. REED SAID, WAS THE INTENTION TO USE AN +ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY MANAGEMENT+ APPROACH RATHER THAN THE BLUNT INSTRUMENT OF BLANKET EMISSION LIMITS.

THROUGHOUT THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ORDINANCE, THERE HAD BEEN TWO MAIN ANXIETIES ON THE PART OF REPRESENTATIVES WITH INDUSTRIAL INTERESTS.

+ONE IS THAT, ALTHOUGH THERE IS GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE ENABLING LEGISLATION THAT WE ARE PROPOSING AS A QUALITATIVE FRAMEWORK, IT IS FELT THAT THERE MUST BE MORE THAN JUST ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT SIDE THAT INDUSTRY WILL BE CONSULTED WHEN THE QUANTITATIVE REGULATIONS, WHICH FLOW FROM THE ENABLING LEGISLATION, ARE BEING FORMULATED.

+THE SECOND MAIN ANXIETY IS THAT THE IMPLICATIONS OF AN EXISTING DISCHARGER MODIFYING HIS INDUSTRIAL EFFLUENT BY INCREASING THE EMISSION OF EXISTING COMPONENTS OR INTRODUCING NEW COMPONENTS INTO THE DISCHARGE SHOULD BE SPELT OUT MUCH MORE CLEARLY THAN IT IS AT PRESENT.

+WE VERY MUCH UNDERSTAND THE CONCERN ON THIS POINT AND WE ARE REVISING THE DEFINITIONS INVOLVED IN A WAY THAT WE HOPE WILL MEET THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED WHILST AT THE SAME TIME WE HOPE TO AVOID PLACING THE POLLUTER AND THE CONTROL AUTHORITY IN TOO RIGID A POSITION.+

DR. REED SAID IT WAS PLANNED TO HAVE A CENTRAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT IN THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND TO ESTABLISH CONTROL UNITS IN INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 7 -

TUEN NG FESTIVAL IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY
* * * * *

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL, WHICH FALLS ON JUNE 10, IS ONE OF THE 10 STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. HENDERSON EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLY NOT ONLY TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO TO EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT DISTINCTION AND INCLUDING DOMESTIC SERVANTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS AND ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH, ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON A STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIM 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THAT ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE: FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= TUEN MUN 12-818443 EXT. 82= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/8

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 8 -

DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT VISITS PWD SITES
* * * * *

THE DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR. DAVID STEAD, TODAY TOURED SOME OF THE WORK SITES ON HONG KONG ISLAND TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS P.W.D. PROJECTS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL OFFICE, MR. M.J. HUTTON= CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, MR. HOWARD CHAMBERLAIN= CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE'S CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, MR. WONG KWOK-CHOY AND THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE HIGHWAYS (H.K.) DIVISION, MR. HO KWOK-YU.

AMONG THE SITES VISITED WAS THAT OF THE NEW \$38 MILLION SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL PLANT AT CHAI WAN.

MR. STEAD WAS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK ON THE PLANT, THE FIRST PULVERISING AND COMPOSTING PLANT IN HONG KONG.

PILING WORK FOR THE TWO-STOREY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE AND THE +DIGESTER+, WHERE REFUSE IS PROCESSED, HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE COMPOSTING PLANT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO THE SITE AND INSTALLATION WORK HAS JUST BEGUN.

THE NEW PLANT WHICH OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 9,300 SQUARE METRES ON RECLAIMED LAND AT SUN YIP STREET OFF CHAI WAN ROAD, WAS DESCRIBED BY MR. STEAD AS A MAJOR STEP IN THE P.W.D.'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP BETTER AND MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS OF REFUSE DISPOSAL.

ON COMPLETION IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR, HE SAID, THE PLANT WOULD SUBSTANTIALLY BOOST THE PRESENT REFUSE DISPOSAL FACILITIES.

OTHER PROJECTS INSPECTED BY MR. STEAD TODAY INCLUDED THE SECOND PASSENGER FERRY PIER AT NORTH POINT AND THE AP LEI CHAU BRIDGE, BOTH OF WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION NEXT YEAR.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/9

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 9 -

ROAD SAFETY SPEECH CONTEST FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS

* * * * *

CHILDREN FROM 15 PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO AIR THEIR VIEWS ABOUT ROAD SAFETY WHEN THEY TAKE PART IN A SPEECH CONTEST TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY (JUNE 3) AT CHIU SHEUNG SCHOOL.

EACH OF THE 15 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO GIVE A FOUR-MINUTE SPEECH ON +HOW TO AVOID TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS+.

MR. LEE TAT-YU, WHO HAS ORGANISED THE CONTEST AS PART OF THE SECOND DISTRICT BEAT CRIME CAMPAIGN SAID TODAY: +ABOUT A MONTH AGO I SENT LETTERS TO THE HEADMASTERS OF EACH OF THE SCHOOLS IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS AND THE RESPONSE WAS QUITE ENCOURAGING.

+TEACHERS IN EACH OF THE SCHOOLS TAKING PART WILL STAGE A COMPOSITION COMPETITION ON THE SUBJECT OF THE SPEECH CONTEST AND THE BEST ONE WILL BE CHOSEN AS THE SPEECH TO BE GIVEN ON JUNE 3.+

HE ADDED: +BY DOING THIS I HOPE SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ROAD SAFETY.+

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS ISSUED BY THE POLICE TRAFFIC DIVISION, 286 TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR.

CHIEF STAFF INSPECTOR OF THE TRAFFIC POLICE DIVISION, IU YEE-HUNG SAID TODAY: +IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY TRAFFIC IN CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICTS WHERE MOST SCHOOLS ON THE ISLAND ARE LOCATED I THINK SCHOOL ACTIVITIES LIKE THE ROAD SAFETY SPEECH CONTEST ARE IMPORTANT TO REMIND CHILDREN ABOUT ROAD SAFETY.+

ADJUDICATORS WILL BE DRAWN FROM THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE, THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT BEAT CRIME ORGANISING COMMITTEE.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE FIRST THREE WINNERS WHO WILL RECEIVE TROPHIES AND BOOK TOKENS WORTH \$150, \$100 AND \$50 EACH.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/10

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1978

- 10 -

KWAI FONG POST OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS
* * * *

THE POST OFFICE TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT THE BUSINESS HOURS OF THE KWAI FONG POST OFFICE AT BLOCK 7, KWAI FONG ESTATE WILL BE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS FROM THURSDAY (JUNE 1):

MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.
 2.30 P.M. - 5 P.M.

SATURDAY 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

AT PRESENT, THE POST OFFICE OPERATES IN THE AFTERNOON FROM 2.15 P.M. TILL 5 P.M.

- - - - 0 - - - -

TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN FLEMING ROAD
* * * * *

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE AREA NEAR FLEMING ROAD, WAN CHAI ON JUNE 1, 2, 5 AND 6 BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 6 P.M. DAILY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MAINTENANCE WORKS ON FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER.

ON JUNE 1 THE NORTH-EASTERN RAMP OF FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES. SIGNAL-CONTROLLED SINGLE-LANE TRAFFIC IN ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE NORTH-WESTERN RAMP.

AT THE SAME TIME THE WESTERN CARRIAGEWAY OF THE SECTION OF FLEMING ROAD NORTH OF HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY, AND THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN CARRIAGEWAYS OF FLEMING ROAD NORTH OF HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

ON JUNE 2 THE NORTH-WESTERN RAMP OF FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES. SIGNAL-CONTROLLED SINGLE-LANE TRAFFIC IN ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE NORTH-EASTERN RAMP.

IN ADDITION THE EASTERN AND WESTERN CARRIAGEWAYS OF FLEMING ROAD NORTH OF HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY, AND THE SLIP ROAD BETWEEN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN CARRIAGEWAYS OF FLEMING ROAD NORTH OF HARBOUR ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

ON JUNE 5 AND 6 ONE OF THE TWO LANES ON THE SOUTHERN RAMP OF FLEMING ROAD FLYOVER WILL BE CLOSED TO VEHICLES. SIGNAL-CONTROLLED SINGLE-LANE TRAFFIC IN ALTERNATE DIRECTIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED ON THE OTHER LANE.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -