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HONG KONG GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES

DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FORMER-MILITARY HOSPITAL SITE AND BUILDINGS FOR SALE

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The buildings and site of the former Military Hospital at the junction of Mount Kellett Road and Homestead Road on the Peak will be put up for public auction next month.

The property covers about 78,310 square feet and its upset price is $2 million, with an annual rent of $1,798.

The hospital buildings themselves comprise a total floor area of some 111,000 square feet on four floors and a site of 48,000 square feet.

The property can be used for residential or hospital and sanatorium purposes if the existing buildings are retained.

If the purchaser wishes to redevelop the site, use will be restricted to private residential accommodation only.

The hospital -- originally the Hong Kong War Memorial Nursing Home -- was erected to the memory of those who served and fell in the First World War.

A special committee was set up to raise funds for the project with a donation by the Government. The foundation stone was laid on April 24, 1930 by the wife of the then Officer Administering the Government, Mrs. W.T. Southorn.

The hospital was used by the British Navy and Army and in 1967 was handed over to the Government by the Ministry of Defence on the opening of a new British Military Hospital in Kowloon.

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A block of flats lower down Mount Kellett Road, previously used as sisters' quarters, was renovated for use as government quarters.

The hospital itself was intended to be converted into an infectious diseases and convalescent hospital for the Medical and Health Department, but the project was later dropped on the advice of the Medical Development Plan Standing Committee.

The land with the hospital buildings is to be put up for sale because no economic government use could be found for the buildings.

Full particulars and conditions of the sale may be obtained from the Public Enquiry Sub-office, Central Government Offices (West Wing), ground floor, Hong Kong, and at the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, 405, Nathan Road, 10th floor, Kowloon.

A sale plan may also be inspected at these two places.

The premises will be open for viewing on the mornings of August 4, 8 and 11.

The auction will take place at 2.30 p.m. on August 25 (Friday) in the Lecture Room of the City Hall High Block on the 8th floor.

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POLYTECHNIC TAKES OVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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Advanced technical education in Hong Kong will enter a new phase next week when the Polytechnic Board assumes responsibility for the Technical College at Hung Hom.

On Tuesday (August 1), the Deputy Chairman of the Board, Mr. James Wu Man-hon, will unveil a plaque at the college to commemorate the occasion.

The new Director and his staff have already moved into the college for the transfer of management.

When it takes over, the Polytechnic Board will set in motion its plans for increasing the enrolment to 8,000 full time and 20,000 part-time students by 1976.

The Polytechnic Director, Mr. C. Old said today the Board will assume direct responsibility for all staff appointments, all buildings and equipment, and for the funds made available by the Government through the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee. It will also handle other functions required to support the academic work of the Polytechnic.

He said it was the Board's intention to expand the teaching in the Polytechnic as soon as teaching staff can be recruited and temporary accommodation found.

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Note to Editors: The Polytechnic Board will hold a press conference at 4 p.m. on August 1 in the Director's Office at the Polytechnic (Technical College). You are welcome to have the conference covered. The plaque will be unveiled at 4.30 p.m.

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MAIL FOR LANDSLIDE DISASTER VICTIMS

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The Post Office announced today that it still has a quantity of undeliverable mail for premises which were evacuated last month due to the landslide disasters.

A spokesman for the Post Office said that generally mail which had arrived since the disasters had been redirected to new addresses and this would continue for as long as required.

However, in a number of cases, no redirection requests had been received and all attempts by the Post Office to trace addresses who are believed to have survived the landslides have so far failed.

The spokesman advised anyone affected in this matter to contact the General Post Office Enquiry Bureau on H-247116 or H-247117.

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GOVERNOR TO VISIT CARITAS

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Note to Editors: The Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, is to visit the Caritas Centre in Caine Road on Monday (July 31).

He will arrive at Caritas at 2.30 p.m. where he will be met by the Roman Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong, Bishop Francis Hsu, the President of Caritas, Hong Kong, the Reverend Father F. Lerda, and the Secretary-General of Caritas, Mr. A.E. Perry.

During the visit, the Governor will see activities in the family services department, the dental clinic, the handicrafts section and the machine shops of the pre-vocational training section. He will also call at other sections of the centre. The visit will continue until 3.50 p.m.

You are invited to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the event.

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51ST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY RESULTS

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The first prize of $464,400 for the 51st Government lottery was won by ticket No. 85652.

This and other winning numbers were drawn this morning at the City Hall Concert Hall by four Radio Hong Kong artistes -- Miss Kimmy Got, Miss Stella Chan, Miss Katherina Tsang and Miss Monita Miu.

Ticket Nos. 261038, 414485, 479752, 520809 and 565897 won the five second prizes of $30,960 each.

The three-digit special prize number was 711. Holders of 774 tickets ending with this number get $100 for each ticket.

Winning numbers for the 50 third prizes of $4,644 each are as follows:

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259845	270873	293008	315464	344222	347566	364154
407364	412426	414904	418550	421931	436676	452276
452314	462279	474318	484792	485158	485467	494551
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URBAN COUNCIL MONTHLY PROGRAMME OF ENTERTAINMENT

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The Urban Council has organised by a programme of variety shows, film shows and Chinese band concerts and operas to be held in a number of playgrounds during August.

The variety shows begin at 8 p.m. and conclude with a lucky draw in which toys and other prizes are given away. A total of eight shows will be held in the urban areas and in the New Territories.

The film show of the month will be screened at 10 different locations beginning at 8 p.m.

The six Chinese band concerts and operas are expected to attract more than 1,000 people to each show. The programme also begins at 8 p.m.

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KOWLOON CITY WATER CUT

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Water supply to a number of premises in the Kowloon City area will be switched off for eight hours between 10 p.m. on Monday and 6 a.m. the following day.

The temporary stoppage is to allow the Waterworks Office to connect the ends of the existing sub-mains with a new 12-inch main at the portion of Nga Tsin Wai Road between Nga Tsin Loong Road and Fuk Lo Tsuen Road.

The following buildings will be affected by the interruption: Nos. 31-49A Nga Tsin Wai Road, Nos. 2-46 Junction Road, Nos. 1-49 Fuk Lo Tseun Road, Nos. 1-43 and Nos. 1-42 Lion Rock Road, Nos. 1-43 and Nos. 2A-26 Hau Wong Road, Nos. 1A-25 Nga Tsin Loong Road, the Kowloon City Market, the Kowloon City Dispensary and Nos. 320-402 Prince Edward Road.

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PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE MOSQUITO MENACE

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The Urban Services Department today issued a list of hints on ways to help eliminate the mosquito menace.

A spokesman for the department said insecticides and repellents were ineffective against mosquitoes while their breeding ground -- stagnant water -- was allowed to stand.

He said that it only took one week for the eggs to hatch in stagnant water.

"A weekly check in your house to locate and remove possible mosquito breeding places can eliminate the nuisance," the spokesman added.

The list of hints covers the removal of water from areas inside and outside the house and in the garden.

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BOOKS PRINTED IN HONG KONG EXHIBITION

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Mr. A. de O. Sales, member of the Cultural Affairs Select Committee of the Urban Council, will present prizes for the best produced books in the "Books Printed in Hong Kong Exhibition" in a ceremony to be held in the City Hall Library on Monday afternoon.

The exhibition was held as part of the Hong Kong Arts Festival, 1972 to mark the 10th Anniversary of the City Hall.

Prizes will be awarded in the following two categories: art books and plain text printing; within each category there will be two prizes: one for an English work and another for a Chinese work.

In addition, there will be a prize for the best produced bilingual book containing both styles, that is, illustrations and text matter. A sixth prize will be awarded to a Chinese book produced on traditional lines.

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Note to editors: The presentation will take place at the City Hall Library on the 5th floor of the High Block at 5.30 p.m. on Monday.

You are welcome to have the presentation covered.

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Release Time: 2.30 p.m.