



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1975

## NEW DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS APPOINTED

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THE APPOINTMENT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY OF MR. JOHN WALDEN AS DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS. HE WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW POST EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR.

MR. WALDEN, 50, SUCCEEDS MR. E.P. HO, WHO IS TO ATTEND A YEAR-LONG ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES COURSE IN LONDON. THE COURSE BEGINS ON JANUARY 13.

AFTER GRADUATING FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY, MR. WALDEN JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS A CADET OFFICER IN 1951. HE SPENT A YEAR STUDYING CANTONESE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND SINCE THEN HAS HELD A NUMBER OF POSTS INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

IN 1972 HE WAS APPOINTED COMMISSIONER FOR RESETTLEMENT AND THE FOLLOWING YEAR WAS MADE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOUSING, A POST HE HAS HELD SINCE.

MR. HO IS ONE OF ONLY A HANDFUL OF SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO ATTEND THE PRESTIGIOUS ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES COURSE. THE COURSE EMBRACES MOST ASPECTS OF MODERN PUBLIC POLICY, INCLUDING SUCH SUBJECTS AS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, ECONOMICS, MANAGEMENT, AND SOCIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.

SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES FROM A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE COURSE EACH YEAR.

THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE COURSE PROVIDES VALUABLE TRAINING FOR SENIOR OFFICIALS TO GIVE THEM AN INSIGHT INTO THE MUCH WIDER FIELD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

MR. HO, 48, WAS EDUCATED AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE AND THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY. ON GRADUATING IN 1950, HE WAS SELECTED FOR TRAINING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER THE COLONIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME. HE RETURNED TO HONG KONG IN 1954 TO JOIN THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

IN 1957, HE TRANSFERRED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, AND SERVED WITH THE FINANCE BRANCH OF THE SECRETARIAT, THE AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT BEFORE BECOMING DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS IN OCTOBER 1973.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF MR. WALDEN ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

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CAR LICENSING OFFICES CLOSE EARLY ON CHRISTMAS EVE  
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VEHICLE OWNERS AND DRIVERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S LICENSING SECTIONS WILL BE CLOSING EARLY ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

THE TWO LICENSING OFFICES, AT 2 MURRAY ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND PUI CHING ROAD IN KOWLOON, WILL CLOSE AT 2 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 24). AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY THE OFFICES WILL RE-OPEN FOR BUSINESS AS USUAL ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 27) AT 9 A.M.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED CAR OWNERS NOT TO DRINK AND DRIVE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AT CHRISTMAS, OR ANY OTHER TIME. AND IF YOU ARE WALKING, TAKE EXTRA CARE IN CROSSING ROADS, ESPECIALLY AFTER AN OFFICE PARTY. +YOU MIGHT HELP PREVENT AN ACCIDENT -- YOUR OWN+ -- SOUND ADVICE AT THIS OR ANY TIME OF THE YEAR.

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