



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SENIOR GOVERNMENT POSTINGS ANNOUNCED

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A NUMBER OF SENIOR POSTINGS IN THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

MR. ERIC P. HO, WHO DURING 1976 HAS BEEN ATTENDING THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF DEFENCE STUDIES IN LONDON, WILL SHORTLY TAKE OVER FROM MR. MORRIS MORGAN AS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES.

MR. HO WILL SUCCEED MR. F.K. LI AS SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES NEXT YEAR WHEN THE LATTER BECOMES SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS.

MR. HO, WHO IS 49, BECAME AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER IN 1957. HIS MOST RECENT APPOINTMENT WAS DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, FROM OCTOBER 1973 TO JANUARY 1976. PREVIOUSLY HE HELD A NUMBER OF SENIOR POSTS IN DEPARTMENTS AND THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING ASSISTANT FINANCIAL SECRETARY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

MR. MORGAN WILL BE POSTED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES AS A DEPUTY SECRETARY TO TAKE OVER FROM MR. J.W. CHAMBERS WHO WILL GO ON LEAVE IN MARCH.

MR. J.R. TODD, AT PRESENT DEPUTY DISTRICT OFFICER, TSUEN WAN, IS POSTED AS A DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES IN PLACE OF MR. E.B. WIGGHAM, WHO HAS BECOME DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION IN PLACE OF MR. DAVID FORD.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE GIS THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5TH FLOOR, AT 3 P.M. TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORT STUDY.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN BY MR. DEREK JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONSULTANTS WHO CARRIED OUT THE STUDY, MESSRS WILBUR SMITH AND ASSOCIATES.

// YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE CONFERENCE.

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EVENING COURSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES HEAVILY SUBSCRIBED  
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PRELIMINARY AND GENERAL STUDIES CLASSES RUN BY THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IN THE EVENINGS AT A NUMBER OF CENTRES IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVE HELPED THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS OVER THE YEARS TO PULL THEMSELVES UP FROM A GENERAL EDUCATION AT LOWER SECONDARY LEVEL TO FORM 5 LEVEL AS WELL AS OBTAINING A QUALIFICATION AT TECHNICIAN LEVEL AND A USEFUL POST IN INDUSTRY.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. DANIEL WATERS, AT THE SPEECH DAY OF THE CONFUCIAN TAI SHING SCHOOL.

+SUCH COURSES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN POPULAR AND HEAVILY SUBSCRIBED AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED A SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR NUMEROUS YOUNG PEOPLE WHO COULD NOT CARRY ON WITH FULL-TIME SCHOOLING,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE AROUND 4,500 STUDENTS ON THE ROLL OF SUCH CLASSES. THE AGE GROUP OF STUDENTS ATTENDING SUCH CLASSES IS FROM 12 TO APPROACHING 40 YEARS OF AGE WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER AT AROUND 17 YEARS OLD.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT WITH EDUCATION FOR ALL UP TO FORM 3 LEVEL ON A FULL-TIME BASIS BY 1978 THAT THE NUMBER OF PRELIMINARY (OR PRE-GENERAL) CLASSES WILL CONSIDERABLY DECREASE.

+IT IS EXPECTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE GENERAL CLASSES RUN IN THE EVENINGS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED EITHER FORM 3 OR FORM 4 IN A SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL INCREASE IN NUMBER,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID THAT AT PRESENT 17 CENTRES PLUS THE THREE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE BUILDINGS WERE USED FOR THE RUNNING OF ALL TYPES OF EVENING CLASSES BY THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

IN ADDITION, THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN RUNNING A NUMBER OF EVENING COURSES IN THE SECONDARY EDUCATION FIELD FOR MANY YEARS.

MR. WATERS SAID THAT THESE INCLUDED THE SECONDARY SCHOOL COURSE - A SIX-YEAR COURSE COVERING FORMS 1 TO 5 FOR THE ELEVEN TO 18 AGE GROUP - WITH AN ENROLMENT OF AROUND 3,800- A CHINESE MIDDLE SCHOOL COURSE FOR ADULTS, MOST OF WHOM ARE 18 YEARS OF AGE OR ABOVE. ABOUT 2,100 ARE ENROLLED IN SUCH COURSES AT PRESENT- AND A YOUNG PEOPLE'S COURSE COVERING FORMS 1 TO 3. ENROLMENTS FOR THIS COURSE NUMBER ABOUT 3,400.

THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION WAS ALSO RUNNING A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE REMOVE COURSE SO THAT UNDER-QUALIFIED STUDENTS COULD RAISE THEIR GENERAL EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS AND WOULD BE ABLE TO ENTER PRELIMINARY YEAR ONE IN THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID IT WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE THAT +THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL, OVER THE YEARS, SO THAT GENERAL EDUCATION FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE EVENINGS.+

THE VOLUNTARY BODIES HAD ALSO DONE A LOT IN THE WAY OF RETRIEVAL EDUCATION, HE SAID.

THE MAIN REASON GIVEN BY YOUNGSTERS FOR NOT ATTENDING FULL-TIME SCHOOLING WAS EITHER THAT THEY COULD NOT AFFORD IT OR THEY HAD NO INTEREST IN THEIR STUDIES. MOST OF THESE YOUNGSTERS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME FORM OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

+IT IS INTERESTING TO SEE THAT THE SCHOOL DROP-OUT RATE HAS GENERALLY DECREASED STEADILY. THE PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN IN THE 12 TO 14 AGE GROUP NOT AT SCHOOL IN MARCH 1976 WAS 10.5 PER CENT COMPARED TO 15.5 PER CENT IN 1970,+ MR. WATERS SAID.

THE 1974 WHITE PAPER ON SECONDARY EDUCATION RECOMMENDED THAT THERE SHOULD BE THREE YEARS OF SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR EVERY CHILD. +WE ARE NOW WORKING TOWARDS THIS GOAL,+ THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SAID.

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EARLY PAY DAYS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
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PEOPLE RECEIVING PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OR THE DISABILITY AND INFIRMITY ALLOWANCES THE PAY DAYS OF WHICH FALL WITHIN THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, WILL BE ABLE TO GET THEIR MONEY EARLIER, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY.

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE POST OFFICES, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND TREASURY OFFICES TO ENABLE RECIPIENTS TO CASH THEIR VOUCHERS EARLIER SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE MONEY FOR THE OCCASION.

THOSE WHOSE PAY DAYS FALL ON DECEMBER 25, 26 AND 27 WILL BE ABLE TO GET THEIR MONEY ON DECEMBER 21, 22 AND 23 RESPECTIVELY.

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DISTRICT OFFICE SYSTEM +INADEQUATE+ FOR TSUEN WAN  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPOINTED A TOWN MANAGER IN TSUEN WAN BECAUSE THE TRADITIONAL DISTRICT OFFICE SYSTEM WAS INADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE RAPID EXPANSION OF THE NEW TOWN, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY.

BUT HE STRESSED THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT THE TRADITIONAL RURAL COMMITTEES WERE BEING DOWNGRADED, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT RECOGNISED THAT THEY HAD A VERY SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE.

ADDRESSING A MEETING OF THE SOUTH KOWLOON LIONS CLUB, MR. AKERS-JONES SPOKE OF A +FERMENT OF ACTIVITY+ IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AIMED AT MEETING THE GOVERNMENT'S HOUSING PROGRAMME TARGETS.

THIS WOULD LEAD TO THE NEW TERRITORIES HAVING A POPULATION OF 2-1/2 MILLION BY 1986 - SIX TIMES THE RECORDED POPULATION OF HALF A MILLION IN 1961.

HE SAID: +IN THIS SITUATION, WITH SO MUCH TO DO SO QUICKLY, THE CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE ARE CLEARLY OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE.

+SO FAR TSUEN WAN HAS CHANGED AND GROWN MORE THAN ANY OTHER PLACE, BUT IT IS STILL PART OF THE AREA COVERED BY THE RURAL COMMITTEE SYSTEM.

+CLEARLY THAT SYSTEM ON ITS OWN COULD NOT COPE WITH ALL THE PROBLEMS AND HOPES AND FEARS OF TSUEN WAN'S HALF A MILLION PEOPLE.

+NEVERTHELESS, THE RURAL COMMITTEE LEADERS, BY REASON OF THEIR LONG ASSOCIATION WITH TSUEN WAN AND BECAUSE THEY HAVE GROWN UP WITH THE PROBLEMS OF ITS PEOPLE, HAVE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE AND THIS IS RECOGNISED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT AT HIS MEETING WITH THE HEUNG YEE KUK LAST WEEK, HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO EXPLAIN THE RECENT APPOINTMENT OF THE TOWN MANAGER AT TSUEN WAN.

HE HAD POINTED OUT THAT TSUEN WAN'S POPULATION HAD ALREADY REACHED HALF A MILLION, BUT THE OLD DISTRICT OFFICE WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPMENT AND LAND ADMINISTRATION, AND INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION WAS BEING PAID TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

//+THERE WAS NO ORGANISATION AT WORK COMPARABLE IN STRENGTH TO THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICES,+ HE SAID.

+WE ARE NOW CORRECTING THIS. TSUEN WAN WILL HAVE THE SAME SORT OF LOCAL OFFICES AT THE SERVICE OF THE PEOPLE THAT ARE A FAMILIAR SIGHT IN KOWLOON AND HONG KONG.+

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THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO PROVIDING EACH DISTRICT WITH A COMMUNITY YOUTH OFFICER, SPORTS AND RECREATION OFFICER, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER AND A SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER.

MR. AKERS-JONES ADDED THAT TSUEN WAN ALREADY HAD 150 MUTUAL COMMITTEES AND THAT THE MAC MOVEMENT WAS GROWING IN STRENGTH ALL OVER THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THERE WERE ALSO DISTRICT FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME COMMITTEES AND IN TSUEN WAN AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RECREATION AND AMENITIES.

IN ADDITION, ORGANISATIONS WERE FORMING AMONG THE PEOPLE OF EACH NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT TO ENCOURAGE THE ARTS, PAINTING AND MUSIC, SPORT AND RECREATION.

+ALL THESE CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROCESSES OF COMMUNICATION AND TO BUILDING UP A COMMUNITY AND BINDING IT TOGETHER, TIGHTENING UP THE FABRIC OF SOCIETY,+ MR. AKERS-JONES SAID.

+THERE IS THUS A FERMENT OF ACTIVITY NOT ONLY TO THRUST ON WITH DEVELOPMENT AND TO CATCH UP AND MAKE GOOD THE DEFICIENCIES IN HOUSING AND IN THE PROVISION OF SCHOOLS, CLINICS, POLICE STATIONS AND THE LIKE, BUT TO PLANT THE SEEDS OF MUTUAL CO-OPERATION AND SELF-HELP- TO REDISCOVER IN A MULTI-STORY ENVIRONMENT THOSE ATTRIBUTES OF ENLIGHTENED SELF-INTEREST THAT EXISTED IN A HORIZONTAL LANDSCAPE, IN THE VILLAGE AND QUIET MARKET TOWNS IN WHICH THE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS OF SO MANY OF OUR PEOPLE WERE BORN AND GREW UP.

+WE HAVE TO REDISCOVER THOSE CHARACTERISTICS OF GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS AND CO-OPERATION WHICH EXISTED IN A RURAL SOCIETY ROOTED IN THE LAND AND THE LANDSCAPE AND TAKE IT INTO THE CONCRETE CORRIDORS AND LIFT LOBBIES, THE STREETS, MARKET PLACE AND PLAYGROUNDS OF TODAY.

+IT IS A DIFFERENT WORLD, BUT A WORLD NONETHELESS WHICH CAN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL FULFILMENT JUST AS MUCH AS THE VANISHED RURAL SOCIETY.

+BUT IT REQUIRES AN AWARENESS AND A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS THE CONCRETE HAS CREATED.

+THUS, THERE IS A WELLING UP, A GREATER CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG THE PEOPLE OF HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF THE URBAN LIFE WHICH WE ARE NOW BOUND TO ENDURE OR ENJOY.

+GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD A COMMUNITY, WORKING TOGETHER TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF TODAY AND TO BUILD A BETTER LIFE TOMORROW.+

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STAMPS TO MARK +THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE+  
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THE ISSUE OF TWO STAMPS TO COMMEMORATE THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE.

THE TWO STAMPS ARE IN THE 20 CENTS AND \$1.30 DENOMINATIONS AND WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES ON JANUARY 6 NEXT YEAR.

THE STAMPS ARE DESIGNED BY MISS JENNIE WONG, A GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN HONG KONG, AND ARE PRINTED IN HORIZONTAL FORMAT.

SPECIAL FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 20 CENTS EACH.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN THEIR REQUIREMENTS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

ADVANCE ORDERS FOR SERVICING OF FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE= KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE, NATHAN ROAD= AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, SALISBURY ROAD.

FOR THIS SERVICE, ADDRESSED FIRST DAY COVERS MUST BE HANDED IN WITH AN ORDER FORM TOGETHER WITH A REMITTANCE TO COVER THE COST.

THE CHARGE WILL BE \$1.70 PER COVER WHICH INCLUDES THE COST OF THE TWO STAMPS TOGETHER WITH A SERVICE FEE OF 20 CENTS. THE COVERS MUST BE FULLY ADDRESSED BY THE APPLICANT, AND NOT LESS THAN 10 COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITH EACH ORDER.

THE ORDER FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

ANY PERSON ORDERING SERVICED COVERS ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL DESTINATION MAY COLLECT THEM ON JANUARY 7 NEXT YEAR FROM THE OFFICE WHERE THE ORDER WAS PLACED.

COVERS ADDRESSED OVERSEAS WILL BE SENT FORWARD BY ORDINARY POST, SURFACE MAIL, UNLESS SUFFICIENT STAMPS ARE AFFIXED TO COVER AIRMAIL AND/OR REGISTRATION CHARGES. THE LATEST ACCEPTANCE DATE FOR ADVANCE ORDERS OF SERVICED COVERS WILL BE 5 P.M. ON DECEMBER 29 (WEDNESDAY).

A SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED ON JANUARY 6 NEXT YEAR AT ALL POST OFFICES WHEREBY FIRST DAY COVERS WILL BE ACCEPTED OVER THE COUNTER, IMPRESSED WITH THE NORMAL POST OFFICE DATE STAMP AND HANDED BACK TO THE PERSON PRESENTING THEM. NO TIME TYPE WILL APPEAR IN THE POSTMARK.

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THE SPECIAL CONDITIONS FOR THIS SERVICE ARE:-

- (A) ONLY ARTICLES BEARING AN INDICATION THAT THEY ARE +FIRST DAY COVERS+ WILL BE SO TREATED=
- (B) THE ARTICLES MUST BE ADDRESSED TO A LOCAL ADDRESS=
- (C) THE ARTICLES MUST NOT BEAR ANY OTHER CANCELLATION=
- (D) NO REGISTERED ITEMS WILL BE PROCESSED BY THIS METHOD.

SPECIAL POSTING BOXES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE ON JANUARY 6 FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE FIRST DAY COVERS CAREFULLY HAND-POSTMARKED BEFORE DESPATCH TO THE ADDRESS ON THE COVERS.

THE NEW STAMPS WILL BE ON DISPLAY ON THE FIRST FLOOR PUBLIC COUNTER OF THE GENERAL POST OFFICE BUILDING, CONNAUGHT PLACE, ON DECEMBER 30, FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M.

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION  
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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION WAS SET UP IN 1970 FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL, SPORT AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO PROJECTS WHICH WILL HELP DEVELOP THE INDIVIDUAL AND ENCOURAGE THE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY, COUNCIL FOR RECREATION AND SPORT, 1A GARDEN ROAD, 1ST FLOOR, HONG KONG BEFORE JANUARY 31 NEXT YEAR.

ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALLOCATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN JULY NEXT YEAR.

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NEW CURRICULUM REPRESENTS MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN EDUCATION  
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THE NEW CURRICULUM FOR FORMS 1 TO 3 REPRESENTS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, SAID TODAY.

ADDRESSING THE SPEECH DAY OF THE SHENG KUNG HUI TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL, MR. TOPLEY SAID THE NEW CURRICULUM WAS FAR MORE SUITABLE FOR A WIDE ABILITY RANGE OF STUDENTS THAN THE EXAM-ORIENTED SYLLABUSES.

BUT, THE DIRECTOR SAID, +THE FULL SYLLABUSES ARE STILL TOO EXTENSIVE FOR THE REALLY LESS ABLE STUDENTS AND, FURTHERMORE, THE APPROACH WITH ITS EMPHASIS ON INTEGRATION OF RELATED SUBJECTS, ALTHOUGH LOGICAL, DOES NOT NECESSARILY SUIT ALL SCHOOLS.

+WE HAVE PRODUCED THIS DETAILED CURRICULUM FIRST, BECAUSE TEACHERS NEEDED GUIDANCE IN NEW APPROACHES AND IT IS EASIER TO EXTRACT ESSENTIALS FROM A DETAILED DESCRIPTION THAN TO ELABORATE ON BARE BONES.

+THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS NOW GOING TO EXTRACT THESE BARE BONES AND PRODUCE FURTHER GUIDANCE TO SHOW WHAT IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL IN THE NEW CURRICULUM, THAT IS WHAT EVERY STUDENT SHOULD LEARN AND EXPERIENCE, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHAT DETAILED APPROACH HIS SCHOOL WISHES TO FOLLOW. THIS WILL GIVE EVERY STUDENT A GENUINE 'COMMON-CORE' COURSE OF STUDY, WHILE STILL ALLOWING INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS TO ADAPT THE CURRICULUM TO THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE SCHOOL.

+IT IS THIS LAST POINT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO LEAVE WITH YOU. EVERY SCHOOL HAS DIFFERENT NEEDS AND GIVEN THE FREEDOM TO ADAPT TO THESE NEEDS WILL DEVELOP AN INDIVIDUALITY OF ITS OWN,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

MR. TOPLEY REFERRED TO CRITICISM OF THE WHITE PAPER ON EDUCATION POLICY FOR NOT SAYING A GREAT DEAL ABOUT THE NATURE OF THE EDUCATION TO BE PROVIDED IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS EXCEPT IN RELATION TO PRACTICAL SUBJECTS, AND THE OMISSION OF SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO HOW QUALITY RATHER THAN JUST QUANTITY SHOULD BE ACHIEVED.

BUT, HE SAID, AN EDUCATIONAL POLICY SET OUT IN A WHITE PAPER, MAINLY CONCERNED WITH THE PROVISION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION FOR ALL, WAS NOT THE PLACE TO DELVE INTO CURRICULUM DETAILS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS QUITE RIGHTLY LEFT TO THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WITH ITS STRONG REPRESENTATION FROM SCHOOLS.

THE DIRECTION OF THE NEW CURRICULUM HOWEVER WAS INDICATED IN THE WHITE PAPER WHEN IT RECOMMENDED 25 PER CENT PRACTICAL WORK IN ALL SCHOOLS, BECAUSE ESSENTIALLY THE NEW CURRICULUM, AS MR. TOPLEY PUTS IT, + IS PRACTICAL, DOWN TO EARTH AND DESIGNED TO FIT STUDENTS FOR LIFE IN HONG KONG. AT THE SAME TIME THE PRACTICAL WORK IS ITSELF DESIGNED TO MAKE STUDENTS THINK.+

HE SAID HE WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE PERSERVERANCE SHOWN BY THE SHENG KUNG HUI IN BUILDING UP THE TANG SHIU KIN SECONDARY SCHOOL TO ITS PRESENT STATURE.

THE OPERATION OF THIS SCHOOL IS YET ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THEIR UNFAILING INTEREST. ON THIS OCCASION I CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE ALSO TO PAY TRIBUTE TO SIR SHIU KIN TANG WHOSE GENEROUS DONATION TO THE SHENG KUNG HUI EDUCATION FUND SOME YEARS AGO HELPED TO MAKE THIS SCHOOL PROJECT A REALITY. IN FACT THERE ARE OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE MORRISON HILL AREA WHICH BEAR TESTIMONY TO SIR SHIU KIN'S GENEROSITY,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF AREAS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE INTERRUPTED ON THURSDAY (DECEMBER 16) TO ENABLE WATERWORKS OFFICE STAFF TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS AND PIPE CONNECTION.

ON THE ISLAND, WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY THE WESTERN SIDE OF MORRISON HILL ROAD, TIN LOK LANE, NUMBERS 95 TO 227 AND 106 TO 236, WANCHAI ROAD= THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF JOHNSTON ROAD BETWEEN NUMBERS 178 AND 288, HEARD STREET, MALLORY STREET, BURROWS STREET, CROSS LANE, BULLOCK LANE, WOOD ROAD, SALVATION ARMY STREET, WING CHEUNG STREET AND THE NORTHERN SIDE OF QUEEN'S ROAD EAST BETWEEN STUBBS ROAD AND SPORTS ROAD.

IN KOWLOON, WATER SUPPLY TO SOME AREAS IN KOWLOON CITY WILL ALSO BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON THE SAME DAY.

AFFECTED WILL BE THE AREA BOUNDED BY ARGYLE STREET, MA TAU CHUNG ROAD, SUNG WONG TOI ROAD, KOWLOON CITY ROAD, MA TAU KOK ROAD, SHING TAK STREET AND FU NING STREET, INCLUDING TAM KUNG ROAD, PAK TAI STREET, PAU CHUNG STREET, MOK CHEONG STREET, FUK CHEUNG STREET, MA TAU WAI ESTATE AND CHUN SEEN MEI CHUEN.

IN YUEN LONG, WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SIX HOURS STARTING FROM 10 A.M. TO FACILITATE THE CONNECTION OF A WATER MAIN.

AFFECTED WILL BE ALL PREMISES IN TAI TONG ROAD BETWEEN KWONG MING SCHOOL AND WAI MAN SCHOOL AND THE SECOND DISTRICT OF TAI KI LING VILLAGE.

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HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

PRESS RELEASE 新聞稿

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ABERDEEN CLEARERS SAY THANK-YOU TO HOUSING DEPARTMENT STAFF

The job of a Clearance Officer is seldom gratifying as his work is rarely appreciated by the people concerned -- the clearers.

However, there are exceptions.

At a brief ceremony held at Housing Department Headquarters today (Tuesday), Officers of the Clearance Section were presented a banner and a shield by representatives of boatyard operators who were cleared recently from Aberdeen to facilitate reclamation work in the area.

The banner carries the words "Good Relations Between the Government and the People" and the shield is inscribed with the characters "Deeply Concerned with the Hardships of the People".

The representatives, Mr Choi Hung, Mr Chan Shu and Mr Shiu Wo Ping, said they were thankful to the clearance staff for making satisfactory arrangements before the clearance.

"The clearance staff showed a high degree of patience and concern throughout," they said.

Mr. Chiu Shing, Senior Housing Manager, Clearance, who received the mementos, thanked the representatives on behalf of his colleagues and said that the clearance could not have been carried out so smoothly without their understanding and co-operation.

The clearance in Aberdeen, involving 19 boat yards, five workshops two shops and nine families, was completed a week ago.

The families have either been offered public housing or temporary housing in licensed areas and the boat builders and shop and workshop operators were offered compensation totalling \$1,070,331.

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香港仔最近受清拆船廠

向房屋署致送錦旗銀盾

從事僑建寮屋管制工作的人员，由於他們的工作很難受到被清拆者所了解，因此不覺很愉快。

但亦有例外的情形。今日在房屋署總辦事處舉行的一項简短的儀式中，僑建寮屋管制組人員接受一批造船廠東主的代表贈送盾牌及錦旗。該批位於香港仔的船廠，最近清拆，以便區內進行填海工程。

他們贈送的錦旗，上面繡有「官民融洽」四字，而盾牌則刻上「僑寮民衆」。

他們的代表蔣雄、陳樹及蕭和平說，他們因為清拆工作人員在進行清拆前作出令人滿意的安排，甚表感謝。

他們指出：「僑建寮屋管制組職員在整個工作過程中，表現高度的耐性與關懷。」

僑建寮屋管制組高級房務經理趙成在接受紀念品時，代表各同事向各代表致謝，他說，如果沒有難行他們的諒解與合作，清拆工作不能如此順利進行。

該次在香港仔進行的清拆工作，涉及船廠十九間、工場五間、店舖兩間及九戶人家，已於一星期前清拆完竣。

受清拆的住戶已獲得提供公共房屋或安置區的臨時住所，船廠、店舖及工場東主則共獲得提供補償金共一百零七萬零三百卅一元。