



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BUILDINGS IN WESTERN DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NOS. 10 CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND 2 TSUI ON LANE, 11 CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND 1 TSUI ON LANE AND 127-133 HOLLYWOOD ROAD LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT AN OLD WALL SUPPORTING CIRCULAR PATHWAY BETWEEN QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND HOLLYWOOD ROAD APPEARS TO BE IN IMMINENT DANGER OF COLLAPSE.

+WATER, FROM AN UNKNOWN SOURCE, IS CLEARLY EXERTING PRESSURE ON THIS WALL, WHICH IS BULGING. SUBSIDENCE AND CRACKS HAVE OCCURRED IN CIRCULAR PATHWAY= THE CRACKS ARE NOTICEABLY WIDENING AND EXTENDING,+ HE SAID.

+SOME OF THE CRACKING IS EXTENDING ADJACENT TO NOS. 10 CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND 2 TSUI ON LANE,+ HE ADDED.

CRACKS HAVE ALSO OPENED IN THE GROUND BETWEEN CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND THE BUILDING AT NOS. 127-133 HOLLYWOOD ROAD (WHICH IS AT A HIGHER LEVEL).

+THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS OLD WALL MAY COLLAPSE AT ANY TIME AND THAT IF IT DOES, CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND THE ADJOINING LAND WILL ALSO COLLAPSE.

+THE FULL EXTENT OF SUCH A COLLAPSE CANNOT ACCURATELY BE PREDICTED BUT THE BUILDINGS AT 10 CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND 2 TSUI ON LANE, 11 CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND 1 TSUI ON LANE AND 127-133 HOLLYWOOD ROAD COULD IN THIS EVENT BE AT RISK.

+THE P.W.D. GEOTECHNICAL OFFICE, WITH CONSULTANTS, IS STUDYING THE PROBLEM IN ORDER THAT REMEDIAL WORK MAY BE COMMENCED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

+BECAUSE OF THIS RISK IT HAS BEEN CONCLUDED THAT NOS. 10 CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND 2 TSUI ON LANE, 11 CIRCULAR PATHWAY AND 1 TSUI ON LANE AND 127-133 HOLLYWOOD ROAD ARE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS AND THEREFORE NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 4.30 P.M. TODAY (TUESDAY) WERE POSTED.

+IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE OCCUPANTS OF THESE BUILDINGS WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES WHEN REMEDIAL WORK HAS REMOVED THE DANGER,+ HE SAID.

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VISITING PROFESSOR IMPRESSED BY CURRICULUM
DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG

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PROFESSOR JOHN LEWIS, HONORARY PROFESSORIAL FELLOW AT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF CARDIFF, WHO RECENTLY SPENT A WEEK HERE, WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEACHING CURRICULUM IN HONG KONG.

IN A LETTER TO THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE, THE PROFESSOR SAID HE WAS +GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE SOUNDNESS OF THE QUIET WORK THAT IS GOING ON IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CURRICULUM.+

HE SAID THE CURRICULUM APPEARED TO HIM TO BE LIKELY TO PROVE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE THAN MANY OF THE VERY EXPENSIVE AND MUCH PUBLICISED EFFORTS HE HAD SEEN ELSEWHERE.

+IT ALSO WAS EXTREMELY HEARTENING TO LEARN OF THE THOUGHT BEING GIVEN OF HOW AT THE END OF THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF GENERAL SECONDARY EDUCATION IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO ASSESS BOTH ATTAINMENT AND APTITUDE AND THEREFORE BE ABLE TO BETTER ADVISE ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE LINES OF SPECIALISATION PUPILS MAY PURSUE TO THE BEST CAREER ADVANTAGE,+ HE SAID.

THE DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO GAIN THE UNDERSTANDING CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS, TEACHERS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE IN THESE AND OTHER MATTERS COMPARED MORE THAN FAVOURABLY WITH WHAT WAS ATTEMPTED ELSEWHERE, HE OBSERVED.

PROFESSOR LEWIS, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, WAS IN HONG KONG DURING A TOUR OF FAR EASTERN COUNTRIES.

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ONE MAIL DELIVERY ON GENERAL HOLIDAY

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 29) WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, 32 POST OFFICES ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR, INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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AWARDS FOR SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY

THREE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TODAY (TUESDAY) RECEIVED CASH AWARDS RANGING FROM \$150 TO \$750 FOR THEIR SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

THE AWARDS, MADE UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S STAFF SUGGESTION SCHEME, WERE PRESENTED TO THE OFFICERS BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. RON BRIDGE, AT A BRIEF CEREMONY IN HIS OFFICE.

THE HIGHEST AWARD WAS TO MR. CHIU YUE-KIN, A CLERICAL OFFICER SERVING IN THE TREASURY, FOR SUGGESTING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TREASURY PERSONNEL FILE COVER DESIGN WHICH INCREASES FILING ACCURACY AND SAVES MANPOWER IN LOCATING AND RETRIEVING FILES FROM FILE RACKS.

A SUGGESTION FOR WHICH A \$200 AWARD WAS MADE CAME FROM MR. E.J. CLOONEY OF THE ENGINEERING AND MECHANICAL OFFICE OF THE P.W.D. AND WAS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES ABOVE \$2,000 BY ORDER CHEQUES IF FOR ANY REASON IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE SALARIES TO BE PAID INTO OFFICERS BANK ACCOUNTS. THIS REDUCES SUBSTANTIALLY THE AMOUNT OF CASH HANDLED BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS ON PAY DAYS.

THE THIRD AWARD OF \$150 WENT TO MR. R.F. HANDFORTH AS AN INTERIM AWARD FOR HIS SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FORM FOR PAYMENT OF RATES. THE IMPROVEMENTS, HOWEVER, INVOLVE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM, WHICH IN TURN DEPENDS UPON THE SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION AT THE NEW TREASURY COMPUTER AND NEW COMPUTERISED RECEIPTING FACILITIES.

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LATEST ISSUE OF GOVT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

THE LATEST REVISED EDITION OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT TELEPHONE DIRECTORY WITH A SLIGHTLY CHANGED FORMAT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED TODAY.

THE 236-PAGE DIRECTORY, COMPILED IN JULY, LISTS IN DETAIL THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, THE ICAC AND A NUMBER OF SEMI-OFFICIAL ORGANISATIONS, AND THE EXTENSION NUMBERS AND NAMES OF THOSE CURRENTLY HOLDING POSTS IN THESE OFFICES.

IT IS ON SALE AT \$7 A COPY AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE.

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WELFARE BUILDING CELEBRATES THIRD ANNIVERSARY

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S LAM TIN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING (WEST) WILL BE CELEBRATING ITS THIRD ANNIVERSARY TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

TO MARK THE OCCASION, AN ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE ORGANISED FOR RESIDENTS IN THE DISTRICT BEGINNING AT 3 P.M.

THE PROGRAMME INCLUDES STAGE DRAMA, FOLK DANCING AND GROUP SINGING. PRIZES WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO WINNERS OF COMPETITIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THE ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN OPEN DAY OF THE AGENCIES OPERATING IN THE BUILDING AND A SLIDE SHOW INTRODUCING THE VARIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE BUILDING.

THE LAM TIN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING (WEST) IS ONE OF THE EIGHT WELFARE BUILDINGS OPERATED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. IT HOUSES A VARIETY OF SERVICES INCLUDING A NURSERY, A LIBRARY, A YOUTH CENTRE, A TRAINING CENTRE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED AND A COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE.

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