



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SET UP AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT (E.P.U.), IT WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN E.P.U. WAS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CONSULTANTS, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES LIMITED, LATE LAST YEAR AND THE RECOMMENDATION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED BY THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION (EPCOM).

THE CONSULTANTS WERE ENGAGED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN DECEMBER 1974 TO ADVISE ON THE ENACTMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORGANISATION.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID IT IS INTENDED THAT E.P.U. SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE, AMONGST OTHER THINGS, FOR: -

- (A) ESTABLISHING A PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT ON THE BASIS OF OVERALL OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS= AND HAVING REGARD TO LIKELY AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND CAPABILITY FOR ENFORCING ANY NEW LEGISLATION=
- (B) ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY WHERE THESE ARE APPROPRIATE=
- (C) ENSURING THAT THE NECESSARY DATA ARE COLLECTED FOR TAKING DECISIONS ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND STANDARDS, AND DETERMINING WHETHER THESE STANDARDS ARE BEING ACHIEVED=
- (D) CO-ORDINATING AND SUPERVISING THE MONITORING OF POLLUTION, AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF LEGISLATION, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

NOW THAT IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED, APPLICATION WILL BE MADE FOR THE FUNDS NEEDED TO ENGAGE STAFF, WITH A VIEW TO SETTING UP THE UNIT TOWARDS THE END OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THE UNIT WILL COMPRISE A DIRECTOR AND FOUR ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE RESPECTIVELY FOR AIR POLLUTION, WATER POLLUTION, NOISE POLLUTION, AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.

COMMENTING ON THE DECISION, MR. J.L. MARDEN, CHAIRMAN OF EPCOM, SAID HE IS VERY GLAD TO SEE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ENDORSED THIS IMPORTANT EPCOM RECOMMENDATION, WHICH WILL DO MUCH TO STRENGTHEN POLLUTION CONTROL IN HONG KONG.

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TANNERS URGED TO DECIDE EARLY ON LAND OFFER

THE 55 SHEUNG SHUI TANNERY OPERATORS, WHO ARE TO BE CLEARED AT THE END OF JULY, HAVE BEEN URGED TO DECIDE EARLY WHETHER TO ACCEPT AN OFFER OF 104,500 SQUARE FEET OF ADDITIONAL LAND AT THE KWAI CHUNG OFFENSIVE TRADES AREA.

THE TANNERS ARE ALREADY BUYING MORE THAN 75,500 SQUARE FEET IN THE AREA. THE EXTRA PLOTS, OFFERED TO THEM EARLY LAST MONTH AT THEIR REQUEST, ARE ADJACENT TO THEIR EXISTING SITES.

IN A LETTER DATED APRIL 29, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, ASKED THE TANNERS TO INFORM HIM OF THEIR DECISION +IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE IN VIEW OF THE SHORT PERIOD REMAINING BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF JULY 31, 1976.+

MR. CHAMBERS ALSO OFFERED THE FIFTH CONSORTIUM, CONTAINING 33 OF THE SMALLER OPERATORS, A FURTHER 6,200 SQUARE FEET OF LAND IN ADDITION TO THE 16,500 SQUARE FEET THEY WERE OFFERED ON APRIL 13. THEY ARE ALREADY BUYING 3,500 SQUARE FEET.

REITERATING GOVERNMENT'S FIRM RESOLVE TO CLEAR THE TANNERIES ON JULY 31, A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE TANNERS TO BEGIN PLANNING THEIR MOVE TO KWAI CHUNG WITHOUT DELAY.

HE SAID THAT NOT ONLY WAS THE LAND ON WHICH THEY WERE OPERATING HEAVILY POLLUTED, BUT IT WAS ALSO REQUIRED FOR FUTURE HOUSING AND LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. +THE TANNERS CAN NOT CLAIM THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN SUFFICIENT TIME,+ THE SPOKESMAN STATED.

+THEY WERE NOTIFIED MORE THAN FOUR YEARS AGO THAT THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED TO MOVE. CONTINUED OPERATION AT SHEUNG SHUI HAS BEEN PERMITTED IN THE MEANTIME ONLY ON CONDITION THAT THEY MOVE TO KWAI CHUNG.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE TANNERS WERE NOTIFIED AS FAR BACK AS 1973 THAT THE FINAL CLEARANCE DATE WOULD BE JULY 31, 1976.

IN A FURTHER MOVE, THE DISTRICT OFFICE TAI PO HAS WRITTEN TO THE TANNERY OPERATORS FORMALLY NOTIFYING THEM THAT THEIR CROWN LAND LICENCES WILL BE CANCELLED ON JULY 31.

THE TEMPORARY PERMITS WERE ISSUED WHEN GOVERNMENT RE-ENTERED THE LAND IN 1972 BECAUSE, ALTHOUGH BEING AGRICULTURAL LAND, IT HAD BEEN USED FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

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NEW ROAD TO EASE CONGESTION IN KWUN TONG

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MOTORISTS TRAVELLING FROM KWUN TONG TO SAU MAU PING, LAM TIN AND LEI YUE MUN WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO SUFFER THE CONGESTION ON KWUN TONG ROAD.

ON MONDAY (MAY 3) AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WILL BE OPENED. IT IS THE EXTENSION OF WAI YIP STREET WHICH WILL BE OPENED FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH LAI YIP STREET TO ITS JUNCTION WITH KWUN TONG ROAD NEAR CHOI SHEK LANE.

IT WILL BE OPENED TO THROUGH TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY.

THE EASTERN ENTRY/EXIT POINT IS AT THE JUNCTION OF HOI YUEN ROAD AND WAI YIP STREET. THE WESTERN ENTRANCE AND EXIT IS AT KWUN TONG ROAD NEAR CHOI SHEK LANE WHERE EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL ENTER BY WAY OF THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED FLYOVER.

THE NEW ROAD WILL BECOME A VITAL RELIEF ROUTE WHEN MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WORKS REDUCE KWUN TONG ROAD TO ONLY ONE LANE IN EACH DIRECTION LATER THIS YEAR.

ALSO ON MAY 3, AN URBAN CLEARWAY WILL BE INTRODUCED ALONG THE SECTION OF WAI YIP STREET BETWEEN HOI YUEN ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD. NO MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STOP THERE TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE DISPLAYED INDICATING THE NEW SECTION OF ROAD AND URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTION.

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TWO NEW BUS ROUTES FOR HONG KONG ISLAND

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TWO NEW BUS ROUTES WILL BE INTRODUCED ON HONG KONG ISLAND FROM MONDAY (MAY 3) AS PART OF THE CMB ROUTE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW ROUTES, NUMBERED 11A AND 24, WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES FROM LAI TAK TSUEN TO SUPPLEMENT ROUTE 23A, AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING A BUS SERVICE ALONG HOLLYWOOD ROAD FOR THE FIRST TIME.

ROUTE 11A WILL OPERATE ON A BASIC 7/8-MINUTE FREQUENCY FROM LAI TAK TSUEN TO WAN CHAI FERRY VIA CAUSEWAY BAY AND HENNESSY ROAD. THIS SUBURBAN ROUTE WILL HAVE A 30 CENT FARE.

THE NEW ROUTE 24 WILL OPERATE ON A BASIC 10-MINUTE FREQUENCY BETWEEN CAUSEWAY BAY (MAGISTRACY CAR PARK) VIA GLOUCESTER ROAD, CENTRAL DISTRICT, DES VOEUX ROAD WEST, QUEEN STREET, HOLLYWOOD ROAD AND CHATER ROAD RETURNING TO CAUSEWAY BAY VIA HENNESSY ROAD. THIS URBAN ROUTE WILL HAVE A 30 CENT ADULT FARE AND 20 CENT FARE FOR CHILDREN.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT A NEW CROSS-HARBOUR ROUTE NO. 113 WOULD BE INTRODUCED IN MID-MAY BETWEEN CHOI HUNG AND WESTERN DISTRICT VIA WONG TAI SIN, LOK FU AND CENTRAL DISTRICT.

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SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

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MORE THAN 2,500 APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO YOUNGSTERS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SUMMER YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE BRITISH FORCES AND THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE CAMP AIMS TO HELP DEVELOP THE CHARACTER, SELF-RELIANCE AND LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF SELECTED PARTICIPANTS SO THAT THEY WILL BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

TWO RESIDENTIAL CAMPS ARE ORGANISED THIS YEAR FOR BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 18 AND 25. THERE WILL BE 120 PARTICIPANTS FOR EACH CAMP.

THE CAMPS, LASTING FOR THREE WEEKS EACH, WILL BE HELD AT THE ROYAL AIR FORCE, KAI TAK, FROM JUNE 27 TO JULY 17 AND FROM JULY 25 TO AUGUST 14.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH WORK UNIT, CENTRAL POST OFFICES BUILDING, TOP FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON. THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS MAY 7.

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE CHOSEN BY AN INTERVIEW PANEL COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE BRITISH FORCES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS. SELECTIONS WILL BE MADE ON THE BASIS OF COMMAND OF ENGLISH, EXPERIENCE IN YOUTH WORK, KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL AFFAIRS AND PHYSIQUE.

SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED IN THE CAMP WILL INCLUDE EXPEDITION, CANOEING, MAP-READING, PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES, ROCK CLIMBING AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING. A CERTIFICATE WILL BE AWARDED TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE ACTIVITIES IN THE COURSE.

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KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE OPEN DAY

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOME OF THE WORK DONE BY STUDENTS OF THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHICH IS HOLDING ITS OPEN DAY FROM 2 TO 6 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE INSTITUTE HAS FIVE TEACHING DEPARTMENTS - CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, TEXTILE INDUSTRIES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING AND COMMERCIAL STUDIES.

IT IS IN HING SHING ROAD, KWAI CHUNG.

THE INSTITUTE - THE THIRD OF ITS KIND TO BE COMPLETED FOR THE EXPANSION OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG - COMMENCED CLASSES LAST SEPTEMBER.

ALL THREE INSTITUTES HAVE THE MAJOR FUNCTION OF ORGANISING TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO COMPLEMENT ON-THE-JOB TRAINING PROVIDED BY INDUSTRY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPEN DAY COVERED.

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