



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 1977.

QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE

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THE QUEEN, IN HER COMMONWEALTH DAY MESSAGE THIS YEAR, SPOKE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS.

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FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE QUEEN'S MESSAGE:

+I AM GLAD THAT THE DATE FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF COMMONWEALTH DAY SHOULD HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN MY SILVER JUBILEE YEAR. IT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT REAFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH IN THE COMMONWEALTH IF THE PEOPLE OF SUCH DIVERSE COUNTRIES AND TRADITIONS ARE ABLE TO JOIN, ON THE SAME DAY EVERY YEAR, IN REMEMBERING THE OBJECTIVES WHICH WE ALL SHARE.

+TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, I BECAME HEAD OF THE COMMONWEALTH. DURING THOSE YEARS, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SEE MORE OF THOSE COUNTRIES THAN MOST PEOPLE. I HAVE MADE COUNTLESS FRIENDS AND I HAVE LEARNED MUCH FROM THE RICH VARIETY OF THEIR LIFE.

+THE COMPLEX TAPESTRY OF THE COMMONWEALTH HAS MANY THREADS. IN JUNE, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WILL HOLD THEIR CONFERENCE, AND IT IS AN ENCOURAGING SIGN OF THE IMPORTANCE ATTACHED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE COMMONWEALTH THAT THIS CONFERENCE TAKES PLACE EVERY TWO YEARS. I WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT IT WAS DECIDED TO HOLD THE 1977 CONFERENCE IN LONDON AT THE TIME OF MY SILVER JUBILEE.

+IN BETWEEN THESE CONFERENCES, OFFICIALS MEET TO DISCUSS COMMON PROBLEMS AND WAYS OF CO-OPERATION AND A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF VALUABLE WORK IS DONE BY THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT. EQUALLY SIGNIFICANT IS THE WORK OF ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE INDEPENDENT OF GOVERNMENTS. WITH THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOUNDATION, PROFESSIONAL BODIES EXCHANGE PERSONNEL, POOL IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE AND STRIVE TO RAISE THEIR STANDARDS EVEN HIGHER. VALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO MADE BY ASSOCIATIONS CONCERNED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, WELFARE, THE ARTS, SPORT AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES.

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES

THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT IS CONDUCTING A REGULAR QUARTERLY SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION WORK SITES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

RESULTS OF THIS SURVEY, WHICH COVERS MANUAL WORKERS ONLY, WILL BE INCORPORATED INTO A REPORT WHICH WILL INCLUDE THE EMPLOYMENT OF MANUAL WORKERS IN WORK SITES UNDER THE CHARGE OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT AND MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

IN THE PREVIOUS SURVEY CARRIED OUT IN DECEMBER 1976, A TOTAL OF 48,760 WORKERS WERE RECORDED, OF WHICH 29,650 WERE ENGAGED AT WORK SITES IN PRIVATE SECTOR.

LETTERS AND SURVEY FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO CONTRACTORS, SEEKING INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF WORKERS AT EACH SITE UNDER THEIR CHARGE AS AT MARCH 15.

DURING THE PERIOD MARCH 15 - 17, SURVEY OFFICERS OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, EACH BEARING A GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARD, WILL VISIT THE SITES TO COLLECT THE COMPLETED SURVEY FORMS.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS APPEALED TO CONTRACTORS AND THEIR SITE STAFF FOR CO-OPERATION IN SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED.

THE INFORMATION OBTAINED, HE SAID, WOULD BE TREATED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE USED ONLY FOR COMPILATION OF STATISTICAL TABLES.

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SIR DENYS TO ATTEND SPRING RECEPTION

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, WILL ATTEND THE SPRING RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TOMORROW (MONDAY) AT CITY HALL RESTAURANT.

THE GUESTS INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE, LEGISLATIVE AND URBAN COUNCILS, REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY BODIES, CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS KAIFONG LEADERS.

DURING THE RECEPTION, SIR DENYS WILL PROPOSE A TOAST FOR THE OCCASION.

THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. AUGUSTINE KAM CHUI, AND SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE GUESTS.

THE RECEPTION WILL START AT 5.30 P.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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GOVERNOR OFF TO TOKYO TO OPEN H.K. FASHION SHOW

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) FOR TOKYO TO OPEN THE +HONG KONG FASHION COLLECTIONS 1977+ SHOW THERE TOMORROW (MONDAY). HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY LADY MACLEHOSE.

THE FASHION SHOW, ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, WILL BE STAGED AT TOKYO'S IMPERIAL HOTEL AND IS AIMED AT SHOWING THE VERY BEST OF HONG KONG'S TOP FASHION DESIGN AND MANUFACTURING TALENT.

THIS SHOW FOLLOWS THE READY-TO-WEAR FESTIVAL IN HONG KONG THIS YEAR, WHICH HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS ONE OF THE MAJOR ANNUAL EVENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET FOR FASHION GARMENTS. THE LARGEST CONTINGENT OF OVERSEAS BUYERS ATTENDING THE FESTIVAL HERE HAS NORMALLY BEEN FROM JAPAN. IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED TO EXTEND THE FESTIVAL TO JAPAN THIS YEAR.

SIR MURRAY AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG ON TUESDAY (MARCH 15).

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE IN WAH FU ESTATE
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS IN WAH FU ESTATE FOR RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE LIVING NEARBY FOR FIVE DAYS FROM MARCH 21 (MONDAY).

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS. THEY SHOULD REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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JOHN CHAN LEAVES FOR MFA TALKS
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (SPECIAL DUTIES) OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JOHN CHAN, LEAVES THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING FOR GENEVA TO ATTEND THE GATT TEXTILES COMMITTEE MEETING WHICH RESUMES ON MARCH 16 (WEDNESDAY) TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA).

THE MFA IS A SET OF RULES AND GUIDELINES AGREED UPON BY MORE THAN 50 GOVERNMENTS TO ENABLE INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES TO BE CARRIED OUT IN AN ORDERLY MANNER.

MR. PETER TSAO, HONG KONG'S CHIEF TRADE NEGOTIATOR, MAY JOIN THE HONG KONG DELEGATION AT A LATER STAGE.

THE WEDNESDAY MEETING IS THE SECOND TO BE HELD IN GENEVA. THE FIRST, HELD IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, WAS INCONCLUSIVE.

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