



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TANNERY OPERATORS GRANTED ADDITIONAL LAND

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MEMBERS OF FOUR CONSORTIA OPERATING SHEUNG SHUI TANNERIES WHICH ARE TO BE CLEARED ON JULY 31 WERE TOLD TODAY THAT THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL HAD APPROVED THE GRANT OF ADDITIONAL LAND FOR THEM AT KWAI CHUNG ON A PRIVATE TREATY BASIS ON THE CONDITION THAT THEY COMPLY WITH THE CLEARANCE DEADLINE.

DETAILS OF THE OFFER WERE MADE TO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOUR CONSORTIA AT A MEETING AT THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY.

THE ADDITIONAL LAND COVERS AN AREA OF 88,530 SQUARE FEET AND IS ADJACENT TO THE LOTS ALREADY PURCHASED BY THE OPERATORS IN THE KWAI CHUNG OFFENSIVE TRADES AREA.

THE CONSORTIA REPRESENTATIVES WERE TOLD THAT THE SAME LICENSING AND EFFLUENT TREATMENT CONDITIONS WOULD APPLY TO THE ADDITIONAL LAND AS IN THE LAND THEY ORIGINALLY PURCHASED.

THE FIFTH CONSORTIUM, COMPRISING 33 OF THE SMALLER TANNERIES, DID NOT FORMALLY APPLY FOR ANY ADDITIONAL LAND. +BUT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS CONSORTIUM WERE TOLD AT THE SAME MEETING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO PAY THEM CLEARANCE COMPENSATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES,+ MR. OXLEY SAID.

+THE FIFTH CONSORTIUM ALSO HAS A PARCEL OF LAND IN KWAI CHUNG BUT IT IS MUCH TOO SMALL FOR THEIR OPERATIONS AND AS THEY HAD NOT TAKEN THE OPPORTUNITY OF ACQUIRING MORE LAND, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO CONTINUE IN THE TANNERY INDUSTRY.

+IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PREPARED TO OFFER THIS CONSORTIUM CLEARANCE COMPENSATION FOR A CHANGE OF TRADE IF THEY ADHERE TO THE CLEARANCE DEADLINE.

+THE REPRESENTATIVES LEFT THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE NEW DEVELOPMENTS WITH ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIA.

+DURING THE MEETING WITH THE FIVE CONSORTIA IT WAS AGAIN STRESSED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO ALTERATION OF THE JULY 31 DEADLINE.+

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P.W.D. DIRECTOR SEES BRIGHT FUTURE FOR BUILDING INDUSTRY  
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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, THIS (THURSDAY) EVENING PREDICTED A BRIGHT YEAR AHEAD FOR HONG KONG'S CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

ADDRESSING THE ANNUAL DINNER GATHERING OF THE BUILDING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, HE SAID THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAD SEEN GREATER ACTIVITY IN THE CONTRACTING FIELD.

+AND THE PROSPECT FOR THE YEAR AHEAD IS BRIGHTER STILL,+ HE SAID.

MR. MCDONALD STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT BUILDING EFFICIENCY WOULD HAVE TO IMPROVE FURTHER TO MAINTAIN OUTPUT IN THE SHORTER WORKING PERIOD THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE IF PROPOSALS FOR TIGHTER CONTROLS ON NOISY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND MORE STATUTORY HOLIDAYS FOR WORKERS WERE APPROVED.

AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PROJECTS, HE SAID, WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY MEAN GREATER COMPETITION FOR MATERIALS AND LABOUR AND IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED THAT CONSTRUCTION COSTS WOULD ALSO INCREASE.

HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WOULD STIMULATE MORE INTEREST IN NEW METHODS OF CONSTRUCTION SUCH AS A GREATER DEGREE OF MECHANISATION ON BUILDING SITES.

AS SOME FORMS OF MECHANISATION COULD AGGRAVATE THE PROBLEM OF NOISE POLLUTION, LEGISLATION WAS ALREADY BEING DRAFTED WITH THE AIM OF BANNING THE USE OF ANY MECHANICALLY OPERATED DEVICE BETWEEN 7 P.M. AND 7 A.M. AS WELL AS ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

+THIS, COUPLED WITH THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED EMPLOYMENT (AMENDMENT) BILL WHICH WILL GIVE WORKERS ANOTHER FOUR STATUTORY HOLIDAYS EACH YEAR, WILL MEAN THAT WE SHALL ALL BE ABLE TO REST QUIETLY, BOTH AT NIGHT AND ON OUR DAYS OFF.+

IT WOULD ALSO MEAN, HOWEVER, THAT CONTRACTORS WOULD HAVE FEWER HOURS EACH DAY WHEN PLANT COULD BE OPERATED AND IT WOULD BE UP TO CONTRACTORS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY TO MAINTAIN OUTPUT IN THE SHORTER WORKING PERIOD AVAILABLE, HE SAID.

MR. MCDONALD SAID THAT DESPITE MECHANISATION, HOWEVER, TRAINED CRAFTSMEN WOULD STILL CONTINUE TO BE NEEDED.

+I AM THEREFORE VERY PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE BUILDING OF THE CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTRE IS UNDER WAY AND PROGRESSING WELL.

+FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE LEVY OF 0.25 PER CENT ON THE VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION WORKS ARE BEGINNING TO BUILD UP AND THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF WORK SHOULD RAISE THE CASH FLOW FROM A TRICKLE TO A FLOOD OVER THE NEXT YEAR OR SO,+ HE SAID.

AMONG THE GUESTS AT THE DINNER WAS MRS. MCDONALD WHO DREW THE WINNING NUMBERS OF A RAFFLE.

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CANCER -- NUMBER ONE KILLER DISEASE IN HK  
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CANCER AND HEART DISEASES HAVE NOW TOPPED THE LIST OF 10 LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN HONG KONG, FOLLOWING SUCCESSES IN CONTROLLING INFECTIOUS DISEASES SUCH AS TUBERCULOSIS, ONCE THE NUMBER ONE KILLER DISEASE.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. G.H. CHOA, SAID THIS IN A TALK TO THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG CENTRAL THIS AFTERNOON.

HE POINTED OUT THAT CANCER NOW ACCOUNTED FOR 24 PER CENT AND HEART DISEASE 15.6 PER CENT OF ALL DEATHS IN HONG KONG WHILE TUBERCULOSIS DROPPED TO SEVENTH PLACE WITH ONLY THREE PER CENT.

DR. CHOA SAID THE PRINCIPLES INVOLVED IN PREVENTING CANCER ARE TO AVOID EXPOSURE TO CAUSATIVE AGENTS AND TO PROTECT AGAINST THE ACTION OF CAUSATIVE AGENTS.

HOWEVER, AS THE NATURE OF THE DISEASE WAS NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AND THE CAUSES WERE NOT WELL-DEFINED, THERE ARE AS YET NO DIRECT EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT CANCER OR, SIMILARLY, HEART DISEASE, HE SAID.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT THE COMMONLY OCCURRING CANCERS IN HONG KONG ARE CANCERS OF THE LIVER, NASOPHARYNX, BREAST AND CERVIX, THOUGH BY AND LARGE THE CAUSATIVE AGENTS ARE UNKNOWN.

+IT IS CLEAR THAT UNLESS WE CAN IDENTIFY THE CAUSATIVE AGENTS WE CANNOT AVOID EXPOSURE TO THEM OR BE PROTECTED AGAINST THEM,+ HE ADDED.

DR. CHOA SAID ONE VERY IMPORTANT PREVENTIVE MEASURE AGAINST CANCER THAT COULD BE ADOPTED WAS TO DETECT IT AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE STAGE BY VARIOUS SCREENING METHODS AND TESTS.

CANCERS OF THE BREAST AND CERVIX, FOR INSTANCE, COULD BE DETECTED EARLY, ESPECIALLY THE LATTER THROUGH ROUTINE CYTOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

DR. CHOA ADVISED THE PUBLIC TO WATCH OUT FOR THE FOLLOWING WARNING SIGNALS ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY :  
CHANGE IN BOWEL AND BLADDER HABITS, A SORE THAT DOES NOT HEAL, UNUSUAL BLEEDING OR DISCHARGE, THICKENING OR LUMP IN BREAST OR ELSEWHERE, INDIGESTION OR DIFFICULTY IN SWALLOWING, OBVIOUS CHANGE IN A WART OR MOLE AND HAGGING COUGH OR HOARSENESS.

TURNING TO HEART DISEASE, DR. CHOA SAID PEOPLE SHOULD BE AWARE OF SUCH RISK FACTORS AS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, RAISED BLOOD FATS, SMOKING, OBESITY AND PHYSICAL INACTIVITY.

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HE SAID HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE SHOULD BE TREATED OR CONTROLLED AS SOON AS IT IS DISCOVERED.

+A VISIT TO YOUR DOCTOR ONCE A YEAR IS SUFFICIENT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE REMAINS NORMAL.+

TO PREVENT RAISED BLOOD FATS THE EMPHASIS MUST BE ON DIETARY DISCRETION RATHER THAN MEDICAL TREATMENT, SAID DR. CHOA.

+WHAT WE SHOULD DO IS TO USE POLYUNSATURATED FAT WHICH IS CONTAINED IN VEGETABLE OILS FOR COOKING, RATHER THAN SATURATED OIL WHICH IS CONTAINED IN ANIMAL FAT.+

DR. CHOA FURTHER ADVISED THAT OVER-WEIGHT, WHICH HAS THE TENDENCY TO DEVELOP AFTER MIDDLE-AGE, SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY DIET AND EXERCISE AND NOT BY ANY KIND OF DRUGS.

+WE SHOULD ALL DEVELOP THE HABIT OF WALKING SHORT DISTANCES TO OUR OFFICE OR SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS, CLIMBING THE STAIRS INSTEAD OF TAKING THE LIFTS IF WE HAVE ONLY 2-3 FLOORS TO GO, AND DO SOME WALKING, SWIMMING, CYCLING, GOLFING OR TAKE SOME EXERCISE SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK IF NOT EVERY DAY.+

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. SZETO WAI, AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 56 OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AT 11 A.M. THIS SATURDAY (JULY 10).

THE PARADE WILL BE HELD AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN STANLEY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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MA WAN ISLAND FISHERMEN'S HOMES RENOVATED

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THE HOMES OF 30 FISHERMEN ON MA WAN ISLAND HAVE BEEN RENOVATED -- THANKS TO A NORTH AMERICAN AID AGENCY AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT.

THE CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE (CARE), THE DISTRICT OFFICE TSUEN WAN AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT COMBINED THEIR RESOURCES TO COMPLETE THE RENOVATIONS, WHICH WERE OFFICIALLY OPENED TODAY.

THE CEREMONY WAS CHAIRED BY THE FISHERMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE, MR. NG CHAU, AND ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF CARE, MR. LARRY HOLZMAN; MR. JOHN TODD, DISTRICT OFFICER (RURAL), AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

CARE PROVIDED THE MONEY TO BUILD 24 OF THE 30 HOMES IN 1975 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE WHILE THE FISHERMEN BUILT THE OTHER SIX THEMSELVES.

LAST YEAR THE FISHERMEN APPROACHED THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH A REQUEST FOR HELP BECAUSE THE BALCONIES AND STAIRWAYS OF THEIR HOMES NEEDED REPAIR.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND CARE AGAIN JOINED FORCES AND THE RENOVATIONS WERE CARRIED OUT AT A COST OF \$10,000, ONE QUARTER OF WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE TSUEN WAN.

CARE ALSO RECENTLY AGREED TO PROVIDE NEW ROOFS FOR THE HOUSES AND THE WORK SECTION OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE TSUEN WAN IS PLANNING TO HAVE THE NEW ROOFS INSTALLED BY THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR.

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SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OF SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF HK  
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THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF HONG KONG ISLAND WILL START THIS WEEKEND WITH AN OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL IN WONG CHUK HANG ON SATURDAY (JULY 10) AT 2.30 P.M.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY. BANNERS AND SOUVENIRS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE ADVISERS AND OFFICIALS CONNECTED WITH THE ORGANISATION OF THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, THERE WILL BE A BAND DISPLAY AND MILITARY TATTOO PERFORMED BY THE BAND AND BUGLES OF THE FIRST BATTALION LIGHT INFANTRY OF THE BRITISH FORCES.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW WHICH INCLUDES DANCING, SINGING AND JUDO DEMONSTRATION PERFORMED BY SCHOOLS AND YOUTH CENTRES IN THE DISTRICT.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT MORE THAN 3,000 CHILDREN AND YOUTHS WILL ATTEND THE FUNCTION. ADMISSION AND DRINKS WILL BE FREE.

IN THE EVENING, BETWEEN 8 AND 10 P.M., THERE WILL BE A CANTONESE OPERA PERFORMED BY THE LUNG CHEUNG OPERA TROUPE OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL, 1 WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, HONG KONG ON SATURDAY (JULY 10) AT 2.30 P.M.

MR. LEE'S SPEECH WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGH G.I.S. ON THAT DAY.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YAUMATEI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS ON SATURDAY (JULY 10) FROM 1 AM TO ENABLE WATERWORKS STAFF TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

AFFECTED WILL BE ALL PREMISES BOUNDED BY KANSU STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, SAIGON STREET AND CANTON ROAD, INCLUDING THOSE IN PAK HOI STREET, BATTERY STREET AND RECLAMATION STREET.

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CHAMBERLAIN RETIRING SOON  
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MR. TERENCE CHAMBERLAIN, PRINCIPAL OF SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, IS GOING ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE LATER THIS MONTH AFTER 21 YEARS' SERVICE.

ON BEHALF OF HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. COLVYN HAYE WILL PRESENT MR. CHAMBERLAIN WITH A RETIREMENT GIFT TOMORROW (FRIDAY) MORNING.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN JOINED THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN JULY 1955 WHEN HE TOOK UP THE POST OF EDUCATION OFFICER.

HIS CAREER IN HONG KONG BEGAN INITIALLY IN THE CLASSROOM OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL AND LATER AT TWO COLLEGES OF EDUCATION.

IN DECEMBER 1967 HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER AND HE SERVED AS PRINCIPAL OF QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL UNTIL HIS TRANSFER TO SIR ROBERT BLACK COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN AUGUST 1970.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROMOTED TO PRINCIPAL, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ON APRIL 1, 1972.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 11.30 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) COVERED. IT WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, 3RD FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF CLUB STREET  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT CLUB STREET IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL MOTOR VEHICLES FROM 8.30 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JULY 10) TO 6 A.M. ON SUNDAY (JULY 11).

THIS IS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORKS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

AN ALTERNATIVE TRAFFIC ROUTING IS AVAILABLE VIA CHATER ROAD AND MURRAY ROAD TO JOIN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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