



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES
BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG. TEL: 5-233191

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

CONTENTS

PAGE NO.

CONCERTED ACTION TO STEP UP HOME SAFETY	1
PURPOSE-BUILT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR USD	2
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RENT ALLOWANCE REVISED	3
OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS	4
STUDENTS URGED TO APPLY EARLY FOR STUDY IN UK ...	5
INTEREST CLUB FOR ELDERLY IN NORTH DISTRICT	5
SLIPWAYS FOR MARINE WORKSHOP, WATER SPORTS CENTRE	6
RE-ROUTEING IN WAN CHAI	7
TRAFFIC CHANGES IN HUNG HOM	7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

- 1 -

CONCERTED ACTION TO STEP UP HOME SAFETY

* * * * *

IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1986, THERE WERE 51 FATAL HOUSEHOLD ACCIDENTS, WHICH GAVE AN AVERAGE OF EIGHT DEATHS A MONTH.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR JOHN CHAN, WHEN HE LAUNCHED THE HOME SAFETY CAMPAIGN TODAY (SUNDAY) AT THE LOK FU SHOPPING CENTRE.

THE HIGH DEATH RATE WAS ATTRIBUTED TO THE FACT THAT PEOPLE TENDED TO THINK OF THE HOME AS A REFUGE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY, AND BELIEVED THAT ACCIDENTS COULD NOT HAPPEN TO THEM, MR CHAN SAID.

+SUCH COMPLACENCY CAN TURN THE DOMESTIC ENVIRONMENT INTO A VERITABLE MINEFIELD OF ACCIDENTS WAITING FOR VICTIMS,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT DANGERS LURKING IN THE HOME COULD BE MINIMISED OR EVEN REMOVED ENTIRELY THROUGH AWARENESS AND COMMONSENSE PRECAUTIONS.

THIS WAS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT WITH ITS FIRST CONCERTED PUBLICITY EFFORT ON SUCH A BROAD SUBJECT AS SAFETY IN THE HOME.

+SOME ASPECTS OF HOME SAFETY HAVE FIGURED IN PREVIOUS CAMPAIGNS; NOTABLY THE DANGER POSED BY INEFFICIENT GAS WATER HEATERS IN UNVENTILATED BATHROOMS,+ MR CHAN SAID.

BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RISK FACTOR, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THAT PARTICULAR HAZARD.

MR CHAN WENT ON TO EXPLAIN THAT IN ORDER TO TACKLE THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF HOUSEHOLD SAFETY, THE HOME SAFETY PROGRAMME WOULD HAVE TO BE CARRIED OUT ON A PHASED BASIS.

+IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE CAMPAIGN, WE ARE FOCUSING THE ATTENTION OF PARENTS ON THE PARTICULAR DANGERS TO YOUNG CHILDREN,+ HE SAID.

BUT IT MUST NOT BE ASSUMED THAT YOUNG CHILDREN WERE THE ONLY ONES AT RISK, AS INQUIRIES CONDUCTED BY THE CORONER'S COURT HAD REPEATEDLY SHOWN THAT HOUSEHOLD ACCIDENTS COULD STRIKE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

TO COINCIDE WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE CAMPAIGN, A WEEK-LONG +HOME SAFETY EXHIBITION+ WAS OPENED. THIS ILLUSTRATES SOME OF THE MAJOR ACCIDENT BLACKSPOTS IN THE AVERAGE HOME.

OTHER GUESTS OFFICIATING AT TODAY'S CEREMONY INCLUDED THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING (RADIO), MR SIMON LUN, WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS, MR LI SZE-BAY, MR LIU SHING-LI, AND MR WONG CHUNG-CHUEN, AND MR HENRY FONG OF THE FONG SHU FOOK TONG FOUNDATION FUND WHICH SPONSORED THE PRODUCTION OF A HOME SAFETY BOOKLET.

/THE HOME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

- 2 -

THE HOME SAFETY BOOKLET, WHICH PROVIDES USEFUL INFORMATION ON HOME SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, WILL BE AVAILABLE FREE TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT ALL DISTRICT OFFICES, THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS SALES CENTRE IN CONNAUGHT PLACE, CENTRAL, AND THE PUBLISHING SUB-DIVISION OF THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN BASKERVILLE HOUSE, ICE HOUSE STREET, CENTRAL.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY, A ONE-HOUR VARIETY SHOW PRODUCED AND BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT, AS WELL AS DISSEMINATING HOME SAFETY MESSAGES, FOR OVER 500 SPECTATORS AT THE VENUE.

- - - - 0 - - - -

PURPOSE-BUILT TRAINING SCHOOL FOR USD
* * * * *

THE TRAINING SCHOOL OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WHICH IS NOW +FRAGMENTED+ OVER FOUR DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, WILL COME UNDER ONE ROOF BY 1990 TO STREAMLINE TRAINING FOR STAFF OF THE 18 000-STRONG DEPARTMENT.

+AT PRESENT, DEPARTMENTAL TRAINING TAKES PLACE AT THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, KOWLOON PARK AND GUARDIAN HOUSE IN WAN CHAI, AS WELL AS IN A RATHER SMALL SCHOOL ITSELF AT OI KWAN COURT, WAN CHAI,+ SAID THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL, MR ALBERT WONG.

+THIS DIFFUSION MAKES CO-ORDINATION DIFFICULT, AND IT WILL CERTAINLY BE MORE EFFICIENT IN THE LONG RUN WHEN ALL TRAINING ACTIVITIES ARE BROUGHT TOGETHER IN THE 'PURPOSE-BUILT SCHOOL'+.

THIS SITE IS AT THE LAI CHI KOK RECREATION CENTRE, AND WHEN THE USD TRAINING SCHOOL THERE IS COMPLETED IT WILL BECOME THE LARGEST TRAINING INSTITUTION FOR ANY CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT.

THE SITE IS CENTRALLY LOCATED AND SPACIOUS ENOUGH TO PROVIDE AN OPEN PARADE GROUND FOR TRAINING GENERAL DUTIES TEAMS, STUDENT HEALTH INSPECTORS AND SUPERVISORY GRADE STAFF.

IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE TRAINING IN RECREATION AND SPORTS AS IT IS ADJACENT TO THE LAI CHI KOK RECREATION CENTRE'S INDOOR GAMES HALL, SQUASH COURTS AND SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX. IN ADDITION, THE OPEN SPACE THERE CAN BE USED FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING IN HORTICULTURE.

+THE USD TRAINING SCHOOL WAS FORMALLY ESTABLISHED IN DECEMBER 1982 AS THE URBAN COUNCIL AND THE DEPARTMENT SAW A CONTINUING NEED TO SUPPLY HIGHLY TRAINED STAFF IN VARIOUS SPECIALTIES IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE A BETTER AND MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC,+ SAID MR WONG.

X+BOTH THE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

- 3 -

+BOTH THE COUNCIL AND DEPARTMENT NOW PLACE INCEREASING SIGNIFICANCE IN THE STAFF TRAINING PROGRAMME, AS CAN BE SEEN FROM THE INCREASES IN THE EXPENDITURE FOR STAFF TRAINING AND THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS.

+THE COUNCIL HAS RECENTLY APPROVED \$6.03 MILLION FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAMME OF THE 1987/88 FINANCIAL YEAR, AN INCREASE OF 24 PER CENT OVER THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

+TRAINING WILL BE GIVEN TO 8 700 MEMBERS OF THE STAFF — MORE THAN DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF TRAINEES WHEN THE TRAINING SCHOOL WAS OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED IN 1982.+

IN A CONTINUED EFFORT TO MAXIMISE LOCAL RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE GREATER COST-EFFECTIVENESS, THE TRAINING SCHOOL IS EMBARKING ON A LOCALISED TRAINING PROGRAMME, RANGING FROM STREET-CLEANING TO CONCERT HALL MANAGEMENT.

+AS A RESULT, WE ARE SENDING RELATIVELY FEWER STAFF OVERSEAS FOR TRAINING, AND WHEN IT COMES TO SPECIALIST COURSES, WE ARE TURNING TO WHAT WE CAN ARRANGE HERE OURSELVES, OFTEN IN COLLABORATION WITH THE TWO LOCAL UNIVERSITIES, THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND OTHER POST-SECONDARY COLLEGES,+ SAID MR WONG.

+HOWEVER, OVERSEAS TRAINING IS STILL NECESSARY FOR CERTAIN HIGHLY-SPECIALISED FIELDS, SUCH AS MUSEUM MANAGEMENT AND SPORTS ADMINISTRATION.+

- - - - 0 - - - -

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RENT ALLOWANCE REVISED
* * * * *

RENT ALLOWANCES UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME HAVE BEEN INCREASED, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED.

THE REVISED MAXIMUM ALLOWANCE FOR A SINGLE PERSON HAS BEEN RAISED, STARTING AUGUST 1, FROM \$276 TO \$405 AND FROM \$1 058 TO \$1 643 FOR A FAMILY OF SIX OR MORE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ABOUT 1 700 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE HOUSEHOLDS WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE REVISED RATES.

THE REVISION IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT \$1.3 MILLION FOR THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR AND ABOUT \$2 MILLION FOR 1987-88.

/THE EXISTING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

- 4 -

THE EXISTING AND REVISED MAXIMUM RENT ALLOWANCES PAYABLE UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME ARE AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>OLD RATE</u>	<u>REVISED RATE</u>
FOR A SINGLE PERSON	\$276	\$405
FOR A FAMILY OF :		
2 - 3 ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	\$623	\$908
4 - 5 ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	\$953	\$1 238
6 - 7 ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	\$1 058)	\$1 643
8 AND MORE ELIGIBLE MEMBERS	\$1 626)	

- - - - 0 - - - -

OVERSEAS TRAINING FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS
* * * * *

FOUR OFFICERS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL BE LEAVING LATER THIS MONTH FOR SEVEN WEEKS OF ATTACHMENT TRAINING WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM IMMIGRATION SERVICE.

THE FOUR, CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS MR MATHEW CHAN CHUN-TO AND MRS JEAN AU YEUNG LUI MIU-KWAN; ACTING CHIEF IMMIGRATION OFFICER MR MAK YUE-BONG; AND SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICER MR HORATIO TSE WANG-TUEN, WILL VISIT HOME OFFICE BRANCHES DEALING WITH IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY MATTERS, AS WELL AS IMMIGRATION OFFICES AND PORTS.

AFTER THEIR ATTACHMENT IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THEY WILL STUDY IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES IN THE NETHERLANDS AND WEST GERMANY FOR ONE WEEK.

AT A BRIEFING EARLIER IN THE WEEK, ACTING DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR JAMES MURPHIE, SAID HE ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OFFICERS ESTABLISHING CONTACTS WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND LEARNING ABOUT THE IMMIGRATION EXPERIENCE OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

HE SAID HE HOPED THE TRIP WOULD ALSO ENABLE THE FOUR TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CULTURE AND SOCIAL BACKGROUNDS OF OVERSEAS VISITORS WHOM THEY MEET IN THE COURSE OF THEIR WORK.

LAST YEAR THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED ALMOST ONE MILLION TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO HONG KONG RESIDENTS AND MORE THAN 40 MILLION PASSENGERS PASSED THROUGH IMMIGRATION CONTROL POINTS.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/5

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

- 5 -

STUDENTS URGED TO APPLY EARLY FOR STUDY IN UK
* * * * *

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ADVISED STUDENTS WISHING TO APPLY FOR ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITIES AND POLYTECHNICS IN ENGLAND NEXT YEAR TO FORWARD THEIR APPLICATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ADMISSION TO A BRITISH UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE MADE ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE UNIVERSITIES CENTRAL COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS (UCCA) IN ENGLAND.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT ROOM 530, LEE GARDENS, 33-37 HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, FROM FRIDAY (AUGUST 15), HE SAID.

COMPLETED UCCA APPLICATION FORMS AND A FEE OF FIVE POUND STERLING SHOULD REACH UCCA BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND OCTOBER 15 THIS YEAR IN THE CASE OF STUDENTS APPLYING FOR PLACES IN OXFORD OR CAMBRIDGE. FOR OTHER STUDENTS THE CLOSING DATE IS DECEMBER 15.

STUDENTS WISHING TO GAIN ENTRY INTO POLYTECHNICS FOR COURSES LEADING TO FIRST DEGREE AND DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE AUTUMN OF 1987 SHOULD APPLY THROUGH THE POLYTECHNICS CENTRAL ADMISSION SYSTEM (PCAS).

APPLICATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, AND THE CLOSING DATE IS DECEMBER 15.

FOR THOSE WISHING TO GAIN ENTRY INTO POLYTECHNICS FOR COURSES OTHER THAN THOSE LEADING TO FIRST DEGREE AND DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION SHOULD ALSO APPLY THROUGH THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION FROM NOVEMBER 1 AND THE CLOSING DATE IS JUNE 22 NEXT YEAR.

SANDWICH COURSES APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE INDUSTRIAL SPONSORSHIP.

A SUMMARY OF THE VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS FURTHERING THEIR STUDIES IN ENGLAND CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FROM THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

- - - - 0 - - - -

INTEREST CLUB FOR ELDERLY IN NORTH DISTRICT
* * * * *

ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN NORTH DISTRICT WHO WERE INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND GROUP FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO JOIN AN INTEREST CLUB TO BE SET UP NEXT MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DISTRICT OFFICE SAID TODAY (SUNDAY).

THE CLUB, TO BE NAMED THE 'EVERGREEN', WILL BE ADMINISTERED BY THE FANLING CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE.

/+ITB AIP.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

- 6 -

+ITS AIM IS TO CULTIVATE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP AMONG THE ELDERLY IN THE DISTRICT BY ORGANISING A SERIES OF HEALTHY FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS ALSO HOPED THAT THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, THEIR SCOPE OF INTEREST WILL BE ENLARGED AND THEY WILL DEVELOP A SENSE OF BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.+

ACTIVITIES PLANNED INCLUDE BIRTHDAY PARTIES, VISITS AND VARIOUS INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENTS.

ENROLMENT IS LIMITED TO 100 LOCAL RESIDENTS AGED 60 OR OVER. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING. ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 0-908747.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS AUGUST 22.

- - - - 0 - - - -

SLIPWAYS FOR MARINE WORKSHOP, WATER SPORTS CENTRE
* * * * *

THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO OFFER BY OPEN TENDER THE LEASE OF ABOUT 398.7 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED IN TAI PO HOI NEAR YIM TIN TSAI.

THE SITE WILL BE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SLIPWAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BUSINESS OF A MARINE WORKSHOP FOR REPAIRING, SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE OF BOATS.

AN ADJACENT SITE OF ABOUT 1 641.3 SQUARE METRES FOR THE MARINE WORKSHOP WILL ALSO BE INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSED LEASE.

MEANWHILE, A SLIPWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN AN AREA OF ABOUT 132 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED NEAR WONG SHEK PIER IN SAI KUNG.

THE SLIPWAY IS TO BE BUILT FOR A WATER SPORTS CENTRE PROPOSED FOR THE AREA.

ON COMPLETION, THE CENTRE WILL PROVIDE CANOEING AND BOATING FACILITIES.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE SLIPWAY WILL START IN OCTOBER AND BE COMPLETED EARLY NEXT YEAR.

OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS SHOULD REACH THE DIRECTOR OF BUILDINGS AND LANDS BY OCTOBER 7.

- - - - 0 - - - -

/7

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 1986

- 7 -

RE-ROUTEING IN WAN CHAI
* * * *

AS PART OF THE WAN CHAI SHORT-TERM TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEASURES, THE SECTION OF TONNCOHY ROAD BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND CLOUCESTER ROAD AND THE SECTION OF STEWART ROAD BETWEEN LOCKHART ROAD AND GLOUCESTER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 13).

- - - - O - - - -

TRAFFIC CHANGES IN HUNG HOM
* * * * *

FROM 10 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 12), A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN HUNG HOM IN CONNECTION WITH THE WINSLOW STREET AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THE DETAILS ARE:

- * THE INNER CHATHAM ROAD NORTH BETWEEN COOKE STREET AND WINSLOW STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND.
- * THE SECTION OF WINSLOW STREET BETWEEN LO LUNG HANG STREET AND INNER CHATHAM ROAD NORTH WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY EASTBOUND TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.
- * THE SECTION OF LO LUNG HANG STREET BETWEEN WINSLOW STREET AND COOKE STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND.
- * THE SECTION OF COOKE STREET BETWEEN LO LUNG HANG STREET AND INNER CHATHAM ROAD NORTH WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM ONE-WAY WESTBOUND TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.
- * METERED PARKING SPACES WILL BE SUSPENDED AT THE OPEN-AIR CAR PARK OFF CHEONG HANG ROAD, THE NORTHERN SIDE OF WINSLOW STREET BETWEEN INNER CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND LO LUNG HANG STREET, AND THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF COOKE STREET BETWEEN INNER CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND GILLIES AVENUE.
- * SEVENTEEN TWO-HOUR GOODS VEHICLE METERED PARKING SPACES WILL BE DESIGNATED AT THE NORTHERN SIDE OF COOKE STREET BETWEEN INNER CHATHAM ROAD NORTH AND GILLIES AVENUE.

- - - - O - - - -