



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ROAD RESTRICTIONS ON LANTAU ISLAND

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Special measures are being introduced to restrict the number of vehicles using the limited road network on Lantau Island.

With effect from tomorrow (June 1) all motor vehicles, including motor cycles, will be prohibited from entering the island, unless authorised in writing by the Commissioner for Transport.

The new restrictions are intended to prevent overloading the roads which are generally of single-lane width and often with blind corners.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said the measure was also partly to prevent motor cyclists from ferrying their machines to Lantau on holidays and then taking part in illegal races.

Owners of registered vehicles already in use on the island will be required to apply for a new permit. These must be prominently displayed on their vehicles ready for inspection.

Transport officers are now on Lantau issuing permits for these vehicles.

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EMPLOYMENT SURVEY IN NON-INDUSTRIAL SECTOR

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The regular survey of employment and vacancies in the private non-industrial sector, formerly conducted by the Labour Department at half-yearly intervals, is now being taken over and administered by the Census and Statistics Department.

The department is in the process of conducting a similar survey to assess the levels and trends of employment in some of the more important trades and services of this sector.

These include import and export businesses, hotels and restaurants, banks and money changers, insurance, air and water transport and related services, education services, medical and health services, and cinemas and theatres.

Several additional trades and services such as advertising companies and agencies, solicitors' firms, accounting and auditing firms and department stores have also been included in the survey.

Printed employment return cards were sent on May 22 to managements of all known establishments in these trades and services requesting them to provide the relevant information as it stands today (May 31) and to return the cards to the Census and Statistics Department on or before June 4.

The Commissioner for Census and Statistics, Mr. K.W.J. Topley, has appealed to all recipients, asking them to fill in the cards accurately and return them promptly in the reply-paid envelopes provided.

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During the last survey conducted by the Labour Department in November 1972, the extent of co-operation from managements was most encouraging and Mr. Topley hopes that the same response can be received for this latest survey.

"The information provided on the cards will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used for the preparation of statistical summaries from which particulars of individual establishments cannot be identified," Mr. Topley stressed.

"The cards will be destroyed under supervision when all the relevant information is extracted and summarised."

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U.K. VISIT FOR DONALD LIAO

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Mr. Donald Liao, deputy head of the Housing Department and Vice-chairman of the Housing Authority, leaves Hong Kong by air tomorrow (Friday) for London where he will spend three weeks as guest of the British Government.

During his stay, Mr. Liao will see current developments in building techniques and materials. He will visit new towns and see the Greater London Council Housing Project "Thamesmeade".

Mr. Liao said he also hoped to visit new towns and housing projects in Scotland.

"I am looking forward to bringing myself up-to-date on developments in this field in Britain," he said today. "If the opportunity arises I will also try to interest architects and engineers to come and join the Hong Kong Housing Department team in the challenging job ahead."

After his study tour, Mr. Liao will remain in England for a short holiday.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL CAR NUMBERS

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Another 30 special vehicle registration numbers will be put up for auction by the Transport Department next Wednesday (June 6).

It will be the third such auction with the proceeds going to the Government Lotteries Fund for charitable purposes.

The numbers are:-

716	723	726	728	739
AT 1	AT 2	AT 6	AT 9	AT 10
AT 22	AT 33	AT 50	AT 66	AT 80
AT 88	AT 100	AT 222	AT 300	AT 333
AT 555	AT 777	AT 800	AT2000	AT2233
AT6789	AT3388	AT5555	AT8888	AT9999

Successful bidders will be required to pay in cash or by cheque immediately after the bidding.

A total of more than \$520,000 was raised in the first two auctions.

Another will be held in about two weeks.

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#### NEW PLAYGROUND IN FOOK WAH TSUEN

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Another playground has been built in Fook Wah Tsuen, Ngau Tau Kok -- the latest in the Urban Council's programme to provide residents of Hong Kong with more recreational areas.

The playground, covering about 140,000 square feet, will cater for the Ngau Tau Kok Cottage Area and school children from neighbouring districts.

The facilities provided in this playground are two hard-surfaced mini-soccer pitches, two basketball courts, three badminton courts, one volleyball court, a children's playground and a garden area.

The playground was built at a cost of \$130,000.

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#### NEWS CONFERENCE FOR MPs

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Note to Editors: The three visiting British M.Ps - Mr. Michael Shaw, Mr. Nicholas Ridley and Mr. Michael Jopling - will hold a press conference tomorrow (Friday) at 12 noon.

It will be held in the G.I.S. 35 mm theatre, 5th floor, Beaconsfield House.

Television crews are reminded that they should arrive in time to set up their equipment before the start of the conference.

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PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAYS AT ART GALLERY

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The City Museum and Art Gallery will feature two photographic exhibitions during June.

The first -- 'Glimpses of life in Hong Kong through the Camera' -- consists of more than 20 photographs collected by the Museum during last year's 'Hong Kong - the Changing Scene' Photographic Exhibition.

They are pictures of local residents at work and at leisure and will be on display from tomorrow (Friday) in the "Pictures of the Month" section of the Art Gallery on the top floor of the City Hall.

The next photographic exhibition will feature contemporary French art photographs. It consists of about 80 pieces of work by Cartier-Bresson and five other contemporary masters of photography.

A spokesman for the City Museum and Art Gallery said today their simple and realistic style and the variety of subject fully illustrate their significant achievement in photography.

This exhibition will be on show from June 15 to July 17 in the Art Gallery. Admission is free.

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