



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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STORM BOOSTS WATER SUPPLIES

Hong Kong's water storage was boosted by more than 7,500 million gallons as a result of typhoon Dot. A total of 222 mm of rain was recorded at the Royal Observatory during the storm.

All reservoirs are now virtually full with the exception of Plover Cove which is more than half full with 31,726 million gallons, compared with 27,184 million gallons on Sunday (July 15).

As at 9 a.m. today (Thursday), the total storage stood at 48,403 million gallons.

Commenting on the water situation, a spokesman for the Waterworks Office said it was certainly healthier than before. "Supplies are adequate."

He added that the storm had caused no serious damage at the reservoirs.

As the storm approached, he said, Waterworks staff at Lower Shing Mun Reservoir put into effect its early warning system which alerted residents living down stream of the reservoir to the possibility of flooding.

The warning system proved effective and damage and loss were prevented.

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NO CHLORINE "POISONING" AT POOL

Four boys who were admitted to Queen Elizabeth Hospital yesterday after swimming in the Kowloon Tsai swimming pool were not suffering from chlorine poisoning.

The Medical and Health Department said today that their disorders had "nothing whatsoever to do with chlorine". All were suffering from a mild cough and slight fever.

Two of the four children have now been discharged and the other two will be discharged tomorrow.

Commenting on some reports that the children were "poisoned" by chlorine in the water, a spokesman for the Urban Council pointed out that the average chlorine content in the pool's water for the whole yesterday was 1.2 parts per million, which was well within the safety level.

He explained that the danger level was "many times greater."

"The level of chlorine we have in the water in all our Urban Council swimming pools is normally between 1.0 and 2.0 parts per million," the spokesman said.

"The water in these pools is examined every hour on the hour during the times when the pools are open to the public."

The spokesman said there is a constant circulation of water and the chlorine is injected into it in a gaseous form which dilutes very quickly. This further eliminates the possibility of anyone absorbing concentrated amounts of chlorine anywhere in the pool.

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IMPORTANCE OF DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME STRESSED

The Director of Social Welfare, Mr. F.K. Li, believes the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has an important role to play in the ever expanding development of youth services in Hong Kong.

Mr. Li said that in recent years youth work in Hong Kong had been expanding rapidly.

"The expansion of various youth activities is included in the Social Welfare Five Year Plan and its ultimate aim to set up a children and youth centre for every 20,000 people," he said.

It is in this context then that the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme can assist by organising more activities for these centres. "The scheme's activities are a challenge drawn up for youth.

"It encourages young people to acquire more knowledge, to develop their confidence and persistence, to make good use of their leisure time and to serve the community," he said.

Mr. Li added that in its work the scheme contributes a great deal towards helping youth and society understand each other.

The Director was speaking at the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme presentation ceremony of Silver Awards held at the Mariner's Club in Middle Road, Kowloon. Mrs. Li presented the certificates to the successful candidates.

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Note to Editors: Copies of Mr. Li's speech, in Chinese only,
are boxed this evening.

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EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AT ADULT EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Up-to-date trends and ideas in adult education will be discussed at a three-day conference to be opened at Queen's College by the Commissioner of Labour, Mr. Paul Tsui, tomorrow (Friday) morning.

The Acting Director of Education, Mr. Charles Lowe will take the chair.

The conference will be attended by organisers, supervisors and voluntary helpers of Adult Education and Recreation Centres, teachers of adult education courses and the Post-Primary Extension Course of the Education Department.

"It is part of in-service training and will provide ample opportunities for participants to review progress and exchange views on teaching," a spokesman for the Education Department said today.

During the conference, lectures will be given by Mr. Hui Yin-fat, Director of the Hong Kong Council of Social Services; Mr. Mok Kim-po, Supervisor and Principal of Tun Mui Middle School; Mr. Alfred Chui, General Secretary of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and Mr. Raymond Chan, an Education Department Inspector in the Physical Education Section.

Apart from the lectures, there will be 19 talks and demonstrations on a variety of subjects ranging from music, folk dance, art, Chinese calligraphy, to handicraft, fashion and style, and keep fit exercises.

There will also be discussions on crime prevention and life saving.

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"The aims of these activities are to stimulate the interest of participants on a wide range of healthy pastimes and to kindle their desire to pursue further in the realm of adult education," the spokesman said.

Tomorrow afternoon, the Acting Senior Education Officer (Adult Education, Miss Linda Li, will distribute medals to organisers, supervisors, head-teachers and teachers with 10 years service.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to cover the opening of the Conference at 11.30 a.m. tomorrow.

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PLEASURE CRAFT WRECKED IN TYPHOON

Owners of pleasure craft which were wrecked in typhoon "Dot" should report the incident with all known details to the Director of Marine.

A spokesman for the Marine Department said today that the reporting is required under regulation 10 of the Merchant Shipping (Pleasure Vessels) Regulations.

He said it was necessary so that the Marine Department was kept informed of any navigational hazards and also to assist in maintaining an accurate register of pleasure craft.

"The cooperation of owners in making reports as soon as possible would be appreciated," the spokesman added.

Failure to comply with the regulations could lead to a maximum fine of \$1,000 on conviction.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

The water supply to a number of premises in Western district will be interrupted for eight hours beginning at 10 p.m. tomorrow (Friday), while a fresh water connection is made.

The area affected by the cut takes in 455 to 499 Queen's Road West and 430 to 442 Connaught Road West.

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ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO DONATE BLOOD

People living in the Ngau Tau Kok district of Kowloon are to be encouraged to donate blood to the Red Cross.

The Ngau Tau Kok Estate Community Work Office of the Social Welfare Department in conjunction with the YWCA's Ngau Tau Kok Youth Centre has arranged a special "blood donation day" for tomorrow (Friday) from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The hall of the Ngau Tau Kok Estate Welfare Building will be turned into a temporary blood collecting centre.

There will also be a display of photographs and charts to encourage people such as factory workers, social workers, and people living in the area to donate blood. A film will also be shown.

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TRADE UNION REGISTRATION

There were 338 registered trade unions in Hong Kong at the end of June, according to the Registrar of Trade Unions, Mr. J.R. Allen.

Of these 281 were workers unions, 46 employers unions and 11 mixed unions of workers and employers.

During the first quarter of this financial year, three new unions were added to the register while three were removed.

The new unions are the Hong Kong Fire Services Department Expatriate Officers Association, the Association of Government Cartographers and the Bulldozer Drivers Union.

Removed from the register were the Hong Kong and Kowloon Roast and Preserved-Meat Employers and Workers General Association, the Hong Kong and Kowloon Rickshaw Pullers Union and the Hong Kong Air Terminal Services Ltd. Employees Association.

Four applications for registration were also in hand at the end of the quarter.

During the period under review, 25 applications for registration of alterations concerning management, welfare benefits and other matters were approved and registered.

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SECRETARY FOR HOUSING LEAVES FOR LONDON

The Secretary for Housing, Mr. Ian Lightbody, is due to leave for London tonight (Thursday) for six weeks leave.

He will spend some time with his family in Chichester and have a few weeks in France.

Whilst in London he hopes to have informal discussions with officials of the Department of Environment and the Housing Department of Greater London Council on broad housing policy matters.

During Mr. Lightbody's absence, Mr. Donald Liao will assume the duties of Secretary for Housing. He will be a member of the Legislative Council and will also take over the chairmanship of the Housing Authority.

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MEET THE MEDIA

Note to Editors: The next session in the "meet the media" series will be held tomorrow (Friday) at 12 noon in the G.I.S. 35 mm theatre, 5th floor, Beaconsfield House.

Attending the meeting will be the Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. E.P. Ho, and the Deputy Director, Mr. J.D. McGregor.

You are invited to send a reporter and photographer to cover tomorrow's session. Television representatives are requested to have their equipment set up before the start of the meeting.

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Release Time: 7.00 p.m.