



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL END ITS CURRENT SESSION ON A BUSY NOTE THIS WEDNESDAY WITH A FINAL DEBATE ON THE PROPOSED COMMODITY EXCHANGE AND DISCUSSIONS ON A VARIETY OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS TOPICS, INCLUDING THE CRIME SITUATION AND THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

AT LEAST TWO UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS — DR. THE HON. CHUNG SZE-YUEN AND THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN — WILL SPEAK ON THE COMMODITY EXCHANGE PROPOSAL BEFORE COUNCIL VOTES ON THE MOTION.

THE MOTION, WHICH SEEKS COUNCIL'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO SET UP A COMMODITY EXCHANGE IN HONG KONG, WAS AMENDED AT THE LAST MEETING WHEN THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY ADDED A PROVISIO STIPULATING THAT APPROVAL WOULD BE SUBJECT TO LEGISLATIVE MEASURES BEING DRAWN UP AND EFFECTIVELY ENFORCED SO AS TO MINIMISE SOCIAL HAZARDS TO THE ORDINARY CITIZEN.

DURING QUESTION TIME, UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL ASK ELEYEN QUESTIONS. THESE RELATE, AMONG OTHERS, TO EFFORTS FOR FINDING NEW HOMES FOR THE REMAINING VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG, THE STATE OF LAW AND ORDER, TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS AND FLOW OF TRAFFIC, CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES, SCHOOL DROPOUTS, AND POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTROLLING THE PROFITS OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY.

DURING THE MEETING, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL MOVE TWO MOTIONS — ONE SEEKING AUTHORITY TO RAISE FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES A LOAN OF NOT MORE THAN \$250 MILLION UNDER THE LOANS (GOVERNMENT BONDS) ORDINANCE, AND THE OTHER SEEKING AUTHORITY TO BORROW FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES THE EQUIVALENT OF NOT MORE THAN US\$50 MILLION UNDER THE LOANS ORDINANCE.

AMONG THE BILLS TO BE PASSED ARE THE OBJECTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS BILL AND THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS SERVICES BILL.

THE PUBLIC OMNIBUS BILL GIVES THE GOVERNMENT WIDE POWERS OVER KOWLOON MOTOR BUS AND THE CHINA MOTOR BUS OPERATIONS WITH THE AIM OF IMPROVING BUS SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

DURING THE COMMITTEE STAGE, THE BILL WILL BE AMENDED IN PART TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTROL SCHEME OF THE BUS COMPANIES' PROFITS.

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CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION RESULTS
AVAILABLE ON THURSDAY
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THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE RESULTS OF THE 1975 HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION WILL BE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 14).

AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE RESULTS ARE BEING ISSUED IN THE FORM OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS NOTICES SHOWING THE GRADES ACHIEVED IN EACH SUBJECT TAKEN.

THESE NOTICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY SCHOOLS ON THURSDAY MORNING. SCHOOL CANDIDATES SHOULD COLLECT THEIR RESULTS NOTICES FROM THEIR SCHOOLS. RESULTS NOTICES FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES WILL BE SENT BY POST AND SHOULD REACH CANDIDATES ON THURSDAY OR FRIDAY.

THE SECRETARY SAID: +AS RESULTS ARE BEING SUPPLIED TO INDIVIDUAL CANDIDATES, LISTS OF RESULTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR ELSEWHERE.

+HOWEVER, PRIVATE CANDIDATES WHO, FOR ANY REASON, HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR RESULTS BY SATURDAY MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393, CANTON ROAD, 11TH FLOOR, KOWLOON TEL. NO. 3-688708 OR 3-688602.+

+ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY THE EVENING INSTITUTE WILL HAVE THEIR NOTICES SENT TO THEM BY POST BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. IF THE NOTICES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY SATURDAY, CANDIDATES MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 6TH FLOOR, 405, NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON TEL. NO. 3-884111 EXT. 280.

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'SUSIE WONG' SHIP-SHAPE AGAIN

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'SUSIE WONG' IS BACK IN ACTION AFTER LYING IDLE FOR MORE THAN A YEAR.

THE 26-FOOT LONG BOAT, USED FOR TRAINING STUDENTS OF THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL, HAS BEEN GIVEN AN OVERHAUL BY THE 58 PARTICIPANTS OF A RECENT COURSE.

TOILING UNDER THE SCORCHING SUN, THE GROUP TOOK TIME OFF FROM THEIR FOUR-WEEK TRAINING TO REPAIR THE DILAPIDATED BOAT WHICH WAS DONATED TO THE SCHOOL BY A PRIVATE FIRM.

THE BOAT HAS NOW JOINED 'JIM HOGAN', A 42-FOOT LONG BOAT ALSO BELONGING TO THE OUTWARD BOUND SCHOOL, IN TAKING STUDENTS OUT TO THE SEA FOR ROUTINE TRAINING.

'SUSIE WONG' IS AT PRESENT TAKING A GROUP OF STUDENTS TO ATTEND THE SCHOOL'S SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMME.

AMONG THE 58 PARTICIPANTS OF THE RECENT COURSE, 12 WERE CIVIL SERVANTS. ALL IN THEIR TWENTIES, THEY CAME FROM SIX DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INCLUDING THE POLICE FORCE AND THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES.

THEY WERE AMONG THE 586 CIVIL SERVANTS WHO HAVE UNDERGONE THE STRENUOUS TRAINING SINCE THE SCHOOL'S INCEPTION IN 1970. OF THESE, 559 ARE MALES AND 27 ARE FEMALES.

THE COURSE IS AIMED AT DEVELOPING ONE'S INITIATIVE AND CHARACTER. IT ENCOMPASSES A LOT OF EXCITING PROGRAMMES INCLUDING MAP AND COMPASS READING, EXPEDITION, CANOEING, ROCK CLIMBING AND MOUNTAIN RESCUE.

PROBABLY THE MOST DEMANDING EXERCISE IS THE 'THREE-DAY SOLO', DURING WHICH A STUDENT IS LEFT ALONE IN A DESOLATE PLACE USUALLY ON AN UNINHABITED ISLAND WITH A LIMITED AMOUNT OF FOOD AND THREE GALLONS OF FRESH WATER.

LIVING IN ROBINSON CRUSOE STYLE, THE STUDENT STRUGGLES WITH NATURE TO SURVIVE.

DURING THE SECLUSION, THE STUDENT IS ENCOURAGED TO MEDITATE -- TO THINK ABOUT HIS PAST AND TO PLAN FOR HIS FUTURE.

TO WHILE AWAY THE TIME, THE MODERN ROBINSON CRUSOE IS ALLOWED TO GO FISHING, BUT AS A SAFETY PRECAUTION, NO SWIMMING OR VENTURING INTO THE WOODS IS PERMITTED.

APART FROM THE VIGOROUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO SIT TOGETHER TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE.

TOUGH AS THE COURSE IS, THOSE WHO WENT THROUGH IT FIND THAT THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN SO FIT BEFORE.

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CARNIVAL FOR THE AGED
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ABOUT 1,000 OLD PEOPLE IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL HAVE A DAY'S FUN ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 14) IN A PARTY SPECIALLY ORGANISED FOR THEM AT ST. LOUIS SCHOOL IN THIRD STREET, SAI YING POON.

THE PARTY KNOWN AS +CARNIVAL FOR THE AGED IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT+ WILL FEATURE A CHINESE OPERA PERFORMED BY ARTISTES FROM RADIO HONG KONG AND GAMES WITH PRIZES TO WIN.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LIGHT REFRESHMENT AND NURSES FROM NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL WILL MAN A HEALTH ENQUIRY COUNTER TO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS WHO COME FROM THE AGED HOMES, CLUBS AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE PARTY IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (WESTERN), THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S ENTERTAINMENT UNIT AND FOUR VOLUNTARY AGENCIES WITH THE AIM TO ENCOURAGE THE AGED TO PARTICIPATE IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE THE YOUNG PEOPLE A CHANCE TO SERVE THE ELDERLY.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 2 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

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BUSY MONTH FOR FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT 12,458 INSPECTIONS IN JULY, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO MORE THAN 93,000.

AS IN PREVIOUS MONTHS, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS (5,384) WERE AS A RESULT OF COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEANS OF ESCAPE, AND A FURTHER 1,226 GENERAL COMPLAINTS WERE INVESTIGATED. INSPECTIONS OF MEANS OF ESCAPE NOT ARISING FROM COMPLAINTS TOTALLED 818.

THE NUMBER OF FACTORY INSPECTIONS TOTALLED 2,641 AND THERE WERE 764 INSPECTIONS CONNECTED WITH THE MANUFACTURE OR STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS.

EIGHT FIRES WERE INVESTIGATED BY BUREAU SPECIALISTS.

SCHOOL INSPECTIONS NUMBERED 481, FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATION INSPECTIONS 316, RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS 273, VENTILATION SYSTEMS 264 AND TIMBER YARDS 74. OTHER INSPECTIONS INCLUDED PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (99), NEON SIGNS (11) AND MISCELLANEOUS (83).

A TOTAL OF 16 VEHICLES WERE INSPECTED AT HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE SCHEME TO LICENSE DANGEROUS GOODS CARRYING VEHICLES ANNUALLY.

OTHER WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE BUREAU DURING THE MONTH INCLUDED THE FINALISATION OF PLANS FOR 497 NEW PROJECTS, AND THE ISSUE OR RENEWAL OF 272 DANGEROUS GOODS AND TIMBER LICENSES. A TOTAL OF 468 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED, LEADING TO 70 PROSECUTIONS AND FINES TOTALLING \$20,580 BEING IMPOSED.

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RESERVOIRS 97.5 PER CENT FULL

A TOTAL OF 65,629 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER WERE IN STORE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AT 9 A.M. THIS (MONDAY) MORNING, REPRESENTING 97.5 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS.

ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR, THE TOTAL STORAGE WAS ONLY 40,258 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE, HONG KONG'S BIGGEST RESERVOIR, HELD 50,306 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 99.6 PER CENT OF ITS FULL STORAGE CAPACITY. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR, IT HELD 31,571 MILLION GALLONS.

TOTAL RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR STANDS AT 2121.2 MM (83.51 IN). THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL THIS YEAR IS 1482.6 MM (58.37 IN).

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STANLEY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN STANLEY VILLAGE ROAD AND STANLEY BEACH ROAD IN STANLEY WILL BE REROUTED TO ONE-WAY TRAFFIC AS FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 13).

THE NEW ARRANGEMENT IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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