



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BUSY DAY FOR LORD CARRINGTON
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THE RT. HON. THE LORD CARRINGTON, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, HAD A BUSY DAY TODAY (SATURDAY) ON HIS FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG.

THIS MORNING LORD CARRINGTON HAD MEETINGS WITH MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, LORD CARRINGTON THEN WENT TO THE BORDER AT MAN KAM TO BY HELICOPTER TO SEE THE ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT OPERATION THERE.

IN THE AFTERNOON, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WENT TO A LOOKOUT AREA IN SHA TIN WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT PLANS. HE ALSO VISITED WO CHE ESTATE.

LATER, LORD CARRINGTON WENT TO THE SHAM SHUI PO REFUGEE CAMP AND THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD.

LORD CARRINGTON SPENT ABOUT 30 MINUTES AT THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD WHERE HE SPOKE TO SOME OF THE 9,133 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ACCOMMODATED THERE.

SEVERAL OF THOSE HE SPOKE TO SAID THEY HOPED TO SETTLE IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN AUSTRALIA.

LORD CARRINGTON WAS ACCOMPANIED AT THE DOCKYARD BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. L.M. DAVIES. THEY WERE MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE CAMP MANAGER, MR. MAK PAK-LAM.

LORD CARRINGTON WATCHED IMMIGRATION OFFICERS REGISTERING RECENT ARRIVALS AND WAS TOLD THAT THEY WOULD BE MOVED ASHORE AS SOON AS SPACE COULD BE FOUND FOR THEM. AT PRESENT ABOUT 1,500 NEW ARRIVALS REMAIN ON 12 BOATS AT THE DOCKYARD.

HE ALSO TOURED ONE OF THE FIVE CROWDED GODOWNS AND CHATTED WITH A VIETNAMESE DOCTOR ASSISTING THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE STAFF IN THE MEDICAL CENTRE AT THE DOCKYARD.

BEFORE LEAVING, LORD CARRINGTON SAID THE PROBLEM OF THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WAS TRULY HORRIFYING.

+HONG KONG IS DOING THE BEST IT CAN. THEIR EFFORTS ARE TRULY ADMIRABLE,+ HE ADDED.

LORD CARRINGTON SAID THERE MUST BE MANY MORE OFFERS FOR RESETTLEMENT. BUT THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR VIETNAM TO STOP EXPORTING ITS PEOPLE.

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LORD CARRINGTON IMPRESSED BY HONG KONG'S HOUSING EFFORTS
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AFTER A VISIT THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON TO WO CHE ESTATE AT SHA TIN, THE RT. HON. THE LORD CARRINGTON, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED BY THE HIGH STANDARD OF PUBLIC HOUSING HONG KONG WAS PROVIDING IN THE FACE OF THE ENORMITY OF ITS HOUSING PROBLEM.

LORD CARRINGTON, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WAS BRIEFED BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. DONALD LIAO.

HE SPENT SOME TIME VISITING THE FAMILY OF DRIVER LIU YUK-CHOI AND HIS WIFE, WHO MOVED INTO THE ESTATE TWO YEARS AGO FROM A STONE HUT AT SHA TIN.

MR. LIU'S WIFE SAID THEY WERE +HAPPIER AND MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE+ AT WO CHE.

LORD CARRINGTON PRAISED THE SYSTEM OF OVERHEAD PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS THAT LINKS THE DOMESTIC BLOCKS AT WO CHE WITH THE ADJOINING ESTATE OF LEK YUEN, ENABLING RESIDENTS TO USE A FULL RANGE OF COMMERCIAL AND WELFARE FACILITIES.

HE REMARKED THAT THESE FACILITIES, AND GARDENS AND SITTING-OUT AREAS AT THE TWO ESTATES, PROVIDED A BALANCE FOR PEOPLE LIVING AT HIGH DENSITIES IN MULTI-STOREY BLOCKS.

LORD CARRINGTON ENDED HIS VISIT BY WARMLY PRAISING THE HOUSING AUTHORITIES FOR WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR ON THE HOUSING PROGRAMME.

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LORD CARRINGTON BRIEFED ON SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT
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THE RT. HON. THE LORD CARRINGTON, THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON WAS BRIEFED ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

BRIEFING LORD CARRINGTON FROM A LOOKOUT POINT ABOVE SHA TIN NEW TOWN WAS THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON.

THE VISITING SECRETARY OF STATE ARRIVED BY RHKAAF HELICOPTER, ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES.

/MR. HIGGINSON

MR. HIGGINSON TOLD LORD CARRINGTON THAT THE VAST DEVELOPMENT IN SHA TIN IS AIMED AT PROVIDING AN IMPROVED ENVIRONMENT INCORPORATING ADEQUATE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO SERVE A TARGET OF SOME 550,000 PEOPLE BY THE MID-1980'S.

LORD CARRINGTON WAS IMPRESSED BY THE SITE FORMATION WORK WHICH HAS JUST STARTED ON THE 1,400-BED TEACHING HOSPITAL.

HE ALSO ENQUIRED WHETHER THE ENVIRONMENT OF SHA TIN WOULD BE SPOILED AS A RESULT OF THE VAST ENGINEERING WORK TAKING PLACE IN THE AREA.

IN REPLY, MR. HIGGINSON SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY COMMISSIONED A LANDSCAPE CONSULTANT WHO WOULD ENSURE THE PROVISION OF GREENERY AND THAT SOME AREAS WOULD BE DESIGNATED AS COUNTRY PARKS.

AFTER SPENDING ABOUT 10 MINUTES AT THE LOOKOUT POINT, THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO WO CHE ESTATE.

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MORE STUDENTS AWARDED GOVERNMENT MAINTENANCE GRANTS
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MORE THAN 1,600 FORM 6 AND MIDDLE 6 STUDENTS WERE AWARDED GOVERNMENT MATRICULATION MAINTENANCE GRANTS IN THE 1978-79 ACADEMIC YEAR -- AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURE.

THE GRANTS -- AMOUNTING TO \$871,200 COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S \$774,500 -- WERE OFFERED TO STUDENTS TO ENABLE THEM TO COMPLETE THEIR COURSES LEADING TO THE HONG KONG ADVANCED LEVEL EXAMINATION AND THE HONG KONG HIGHER LEVEL EXAMINATION.

MISS ALICE YAU, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION SAID TODAY (SATURDAY), APPLICATION FOR UPPER SIX GRANTS WILL CLOSE ON JULY 28.

THE DEADLINE FOR LOWER AND MIDDLE SIX GRANTS WILL BE 10 DAYS AFTER THE PUBLICATION OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION RESULT.

+IN ADDITION TO GOVERNMENT MATRICULATION MAINTENANCE GRANTS,+ SHE CONTINUED, +THE SECTION ALSO ADMINISTERS OTHER FORMS OF FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS.

/+THEY INCLUDE

+THEY INCLUDE THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS, HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB AND STANDARD/SING TAO FAT CHOY DRIVE STUDENTS' LOAN FUNDS, AND THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND.

+GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS AND MAINTENANCE GRANTS AMOUNTING TO \$190,960 AND \$3,370 RESPECTIVELY WERE AWARDED TO SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS LAST YEAR,+ MISS YAU SAID.

THESE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS, SHE POINTED OUT, PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO 258 FULL-TIME STUDENTS ATTENDING SECONDARY, POST-SECONDARY OR UNIVERSITY COURSES.

+BESIDES DEMONSTRATING GENUINE FINANCIAL NEEDS, APPLICANTS MUST ALSO REACH A REQUISITE ACADEMIC STANDARD,+ SHE EXPLAINED.

+IN JANUARY 1979, 10 STUDENTS WERE AWARDED GRANTHAM MAINTENANCE GRANTS FOR THE SECOND HALF OF THE 1978-79 ACADEMIC YEAR, AS THESE STUDENTS, OWING TO ADVERSE CHANGES IN FAMILY ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, REQUIRED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN THE MIDDLE OF THEIR COURSE OF STUDY.

+APPLICATIONS FOR THE GRANTHAM SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR SHOULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF AUGUST AND NOT LATER THAN MID-JANUARY FOR THE GRANTHAM MAINTENANCE GRANTS,+ SHE SAID.

INTEREST-FREE LOANS TOTALLING \$174,100 FROM THE HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB AND THE STANDARD/SING TAO FAT CHOY DRIVE STUDENTS' LOAN FUNDS WERE AWARDED TO 190 NEEDY AND ACADEMICALLY ABLE STUDENTS ATTENDING SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE LAST ACADEMIC YEAR.

+THESE LOANS ARE MADE ON A YEARLY BASIS, AND PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE IN THE FINAL STAGES OF THEIR COURSES OF STUDY,+ SHE SAID.

APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE SECTION'S OFFICE AT LEIGHTON CENTRE AND MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED BY THE END OF JULY.

HOWEVER, THOSE ATTENDING THE TWO UNIVERSITIES OR THE POLYTECHNIC SHOULD APPLY TO THEIR RESPECTIVE INSTITUTIONS.

+UNDER THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FUND, 367 AWARDS AMOUNTING TO \$91,080 WERE GIVEN TO STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS INCLUDING THOSE PURSUING ONE-YEAR OR TWO-YEAR MATRICULATION COURSES,+ SHE ADDED.

+THE FUND IS MADE UP OF VARIOUS PRIVATE DONATIONS AND THE CONDITIONS OF AWARDS FOR THESE SCHOLARSHIPS VARY, DEPENDING ON THE SPECIFIC WISHES OF THE DONORS,+ MISS YAU SAID.

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TEMPORARY CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL SET UP A TEMPORARY CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IN TWO PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES NEXT WEEK.

THE CENTRE -- A JOINT EFFORT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT -- WILL OPERATE IN THE TSUEN WAN PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM NEXT THURSDAY TO SATURDAY (JULY 5 - 7) AND IN THE TAI PO PUBLIC LIBRARY FROM JULY 9 - 11.

+THE IDEA OF CREATING A TEMPORARY CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IN A LIBRARY IS TO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WORLD OF WORK TO YOUNG PEOPLE IN A SETTING FAMILIAR TO THEM,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

+HAVING IT IN PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN THE NT ALSO HELPS PROMOTE THE CAREERS SERVICE TO YOUNG RESIDENTS THERE,+ HE ADDED.

THE CENTRE WILL HAVE A VARIETY OF CAREERS FACILITIES, INCLUDING AUDIO VISUAL UNITS FOR SLIDE PRESENTATIONS AND CASSETTE TAPES, BOOK DISPLAY AND A CAREERS ENQUIRY SERVICE.

HIGHLIGHT OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE A SERIES OF TALKS ON TOPICS RANGING FROM TELEVISION BROADCASTING TO ELECTRONICS. THERE WILL ALSO BE FILM SHOWS.

+THE CONCEPT OF A CAREERS INFORMATION CENTRE IS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THROUGH A SELF-HELP SERVICE. YOUNG PEOPLE VISITING THE LIBRARIES MAY LIKE TO SPEND SOME TIME AT THE CENTRE, BROWSE THROUGH BOOKS, VIEW A SLIDE PRESENTATION, LISTEN TO TAPE-RECORDINGS AND TALK TO THE STAFF ABOUT THEIR SUBJECT SELECTION OR CHOICE OF A CAREER,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

EXCEPT NEXT SATURDAY (JULY 7) WHEN THE TSUEN WAN LIBRARY CLOSES AT 5 P.M., THE CENTRE WILL OPEN FROM 9 A.M. TO 8 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS.

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EASTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME TO BE LAUNCHED

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AN OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY USHERING IN THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IN EASTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY.

THE DISTRICT'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN), OTHER DISTRICT VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

MORE THAN 550 EDUCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLANNED FOR MORE THAN 50,000 STUDENTS AND WORKING YOUTHS.

THOSE INTERESTED SHOULD APPLY TO THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (EASTERN) AT 884 KING'S ROAD OR TO ANY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

MR. WILLIAM CHAN, ACTING CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN) WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING SONGS, DANCES, MAGIC SHOWS, ACROBATICS AND JOUSTING EVENTS WILL BE STAGED FOLLOWING THE RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE 1979 EASTERN DISTRICT SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE LAUNCHED AT 4.30 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT PITCH NO. 6, VICTORIA PARK, CAUSEWAY BAY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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FIRING PRACTICE

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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR FOUR DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
JULY 3 (TUESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 4 (WEDNESDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 11 P.M.
JULY 5 (THURSDAY)	8.30 A.M. - 5 P.M.
JULY 6 (FRIDAY)	9 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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