



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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RHK MAY GO PARTLY COMMERCIAL
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THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER MAKING RADIO HONG KONG'S BROADCASTING FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO COMMERCIAL INTERESTS FOR PART OF EACH DAY, THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR. JAMES HAWTHORNE, SAID TODAY.

HOWEVER, THIS COULD NOT BE DONE, HE SAID, UNTIL COMMERCIAL RADIO LTD. RELINQUISHES ITS MONOPOLY OF COMMERCIAL SOUND BROADCASTING — THAT IS, WHEN COMMERCIAL TELEVISION LTD. BEGINS TRANSMISSION.

MR. HAWTHORNE, WHO WAS SPEAKING AT A ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON OF HONG KONG ISLAND EAST, SAID HE COULD NOT ELABORATE +SIMPLY BECAUSE IT IS PART OF THE WIDER PROBLEM OF COMMERCIAL RADIO DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG.+

HE ADDED: +THIS PROBLEM IS OF COURSE BEING EXAMINED BUT CANNOT BE RESOLVED UNTIL THE MANY TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN FULLY STUDIED — FOR EXAMPLE, HOW WE STAND WITH AM TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT, HOW WE STAND WITH FM AND STEREO DEVELOPMENT.+

SOME DECISION ON FREQUENCY ALLOCATION, HE POINTED OUT, HAD TO BE TAKEN OUTSIDE HONG KONG AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL.

ON RHK-TV, MR. HAWTHORNE SAID THAT THE PROGRAMMES PRODUCED BY THE UNIT WERE AMONG THE BEST IN HONG KONG AS EVIDENCED BY THE RECORD AUDIENCES THEY ATTRACT.

'BELOW THE LION ROCK,' FOR INSTANCE, HAD A TOTAL REGULAR AUDIENCE OF 2.7 MILLION, AND A SURVEY BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SHOWED THAT THE RECENT EPISODES WITH POLICE THEMES WERE SEEN BY 75 PER CENT OF THE POPULATION.

THE LATE NIGHT CHINESE CURRENT AFFAIRS PROGRAMME 'NEEDLE POINT' WAS WATCHED BY A WEEKLY AUDIENCE APPROACHING ONE MILLION, HE SAID, AND INDICATIONS WERE THAT TWICE THIS NUMBER WATCHED THE PROGRAMME DEALING WITH THE TELEPHONE ISSUE A FEW WEEKS AGO.

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34 NEW BUILDING PLANS APPROVED
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PLANS FOR A 22-STOREY COMMERCIAL BUILDING AT JARDINE'S BAZAAR IN CAUSEWAY BAY AND A TWO-STOREY SPORTS CENTRE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY TOGETHER WITH 32 OTHER NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY LAST MONTH.

OF THESE APPROVED PLANS, 14 ARE FOR PROJECTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 14 IN KOWLOON AND SIX IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND NEW KOWLOON.

THEY INCLUDE TWO HIGH-RISE COMBINED APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS IN KENNEDY TOWN, ONE OF 24 STOREYS IN SMITHFIELD ROAD, AND ONE OF 23 STOREYS IN BELCHER'S STREET.

AS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, THERE WILL BE A MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BUILDING AND A NINE-STOREY GODOWN BUILDING IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN LAST MONTH TO 49 BUILDING PROJECTS TO START WORK, INCLUDING A THEATRE AND A REEF TANK IN THE OCEAN PARK.

FIFTY-SIX BUILDINGS WITH A TOTAL DECLARED VALUE OF OVER \$135 MILLION WERE CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION.

THEY INCLUDE 11 APARTMENT OR COMBINED APARTMENT AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE 20 STOREYS HIGH, AND FOUR MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BUILDINGS, IN WANG WO TSAI STREET IN TSUEN WAN, AND WAI YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG.

DURING THE MONTH, APPROVAL WAS GIVEN TO DEMOLISH 20 OLD BUILDINGS. FOUR OTHER BUILDINGS IN SAI TAU TSUN WHICH HAD BEEN DECLARED DANGEROUS, WERE ALSO APPROVED FOR DEMOLITION.

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NEW CDO SUB-OFFICE FOR YAU TONG

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THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT IS SETTING UP ANOTHER CITY DISTRICT SUB-OFFICE IN YAU TONG AS PART OF ITS EFFORT TO PROVIDE MORE CONVENIENT SERVICES TO RESIDENTS WITHIN THEIR OWN DISTRICT.

THE YAU TONG SUB-OFFICE OF THE KWUN TONG CDO WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED ON FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 21) BY MR. AUGUSTINE KAM CHUI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, AND FOUR RESIDENTS OF YAU TONG - MADAM KWOK SO, MR. MA CHI-KEUNG, MR. CHENG KWAN AND MISS CHAN SHUI-NGAN.

IT IS SITUATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF BLOCK 24 OF YAU TONG ESTATE AND WILL CATER TO THE 85,000-ODD RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

THE SUB-OFFICE WILL PROVIDE THE FULL RANGE OF CDO SERVICES, INCLUDING PUBLIC ENQUIRY AND STATUTORY DECLARATION SERVICES. THE TELEPHONE OF THE NEW SUB-OFFICE IS 3-351135.

MR. MICHAEL SZE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER, KWUN TONG, NOTED THAT THE OPENING OF THE NEW SUB-OFFICE WAS PART OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORT TO PROVIDE MORE LOCALISED SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS.

SEVERAL NEW SUB-OFFICES WERE OPENED RECENTLY, HE SAID, THE LAST ONE BEING THE NGAU TAU KOK SUB-OFFICE IN LOWER NGAU TAU KOK ESTATE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY
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FRIDAY (FEBRUARY 21).

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N.T. TOUR FOR OLD PEOPLE
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A GROUP OF 100 ELDERLY PEOPLE FROM SAU MAU PING AREA WILL BE TAKEN ON A DAY'S OUTING TO THE NEW TERRITORIES ON SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 23).

THEY ARE MEMBERS OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S CLUB AT THE SAU MAU PING CENTRAL ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING AND THE TOUR OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TO TSUEN WAN, YUEN LONG, CASTLE PEAK, TAI PO AND SHA TIN HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR THEM BY THE ESTATE'S YOUTH SERVICE GROUP.

STARTING AT 10 A.M. THEY WILL BE TAKEN TO THE USUAL PLACES OF INTEREST IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. THEY WILL MAKE A STOP AT CHING CHUNG KOON, THE MONASTERY AT CASTLE PEAK WELL-KNOWN FOR ITS BEAUTIFUL GARDENS AND MINIATURE TREES, WHERE THEY WILL ALSO HAVE LUNCH.

TEN MEMBERS OF THE SERVICE GROUP WILL ACCOMPANY THE OLD PEOPLE AS GUIDES AND TO HELP SERVE THEM.

THE COST FOR THIS OUTING, ABOUT \$1,200, WAS RAISED THROUGH A FUND-RAISING MOVIE AND TWO YOUTH BALLS HELD OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS.

THE OLD PEOPLE'S CLUB WAS FORMED IN JUNE 1974 AND HAS 120 MEMBERS OVER THE AGE OF 60, MOST OF THEM WOMEN. THEY MEET EVERY THURSDAY AFTERNOON IN THE HALL OF THE ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING WHERE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS CANTONESE MUSIC AND SONGS, TALKS AND MOVIE SHOWS ARE ARRANGED FOR THEM BY STAFF OF THE ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE AND VOLUNTEERS.

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CHILDREN'S SINGING CONTEST

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FORTY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY FOR THE LUNAR NEW YEAR, WILL BE GATHERING AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) EVENING TO TAKE PART IN A SINGING CONTEST ORGANISED FOR THEM BY A SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUP, THE LIK HANG CLUB. THE CONTEST WILL BEGIN AT 7.30 P.M.

THE CHILDREN WILL SING ONE SONG EACH FROM A SELECTION OF SEVEN ENGLISH AND CHINESE FOLK SONGS, AND PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP SIX.

THE CHILDREN ALL ATTEND PRIMARY SCHOOLS WITHIN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THE LIK HANG CLUB, FORMED THREE YEARS AGO, HAS PREVIOUSLY ORGANISED OTHER TYPES OF COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS INCLUDING USED BOOK EXCHANGE SCHEMES IN THE SUMMER OF 1973 AND 1974.

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SPRING CAMP FOR WANCHAI VOLUNTEERS

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SOME 150 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS FROM WANCHAI WILL MEET TOGETHER AT A SPRING CAMP TO BE HELD THIS WEEKEND (FEBRUARY 22 TO 23) AT CARITAS GAUDETE HOUSE ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND.

PROGRAMMES OF THE TWO-DAY EVENT, IN ADDITION TO SOCIAL GATHERINGS, A CAMPFIRE, AND SPORTS AND GAMES, WILL INCLUDE GROUP DISCUSSIONS ON THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SERVING YOUNG VOLUNTEERS.

THE CAMP IS DESIGNED TO GIVE VOLUNTEERS A COMMON MEETING GROUND TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCES AND HELP PROMOTE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT GROUPS, ACCORDING TO THE ORGANISER, MR. LAM HARK-CHEE, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER OF WANCHAI.

ALL THE PARTICIPANTS ARE LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE GROUPS ATTACHED TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN WANCHAI.

THESE ORGANISATIONS ARE THE WANCHAI COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE, THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION, ST. JAMES SETTLEMENT, THE RED CROSS CADET CORPS, WAH YAN COLLEGE, QUEEN'S COLLEGE, NEW METHOD COLLEGE, SHUE YAN COLLEGE, NING NAN COLLEGE AND THE TUNG WAH YOUTH CENTRE.

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FACTORY OWNER OPTIMISTIC

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IN THE PRESENT GLOOMY TRADE CLIMATE, IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO HEAR AT LEAST ONE MANUFACTURER STATE TODAY THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT HIS BUSINESS - COTTON DENIM FABRIC.

MR. LAU SAI-YAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE KONG SUN WEAVING FACTORY LIMITED, TOLD THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, THIS WHEN THE LATTER VISITED THE FACTORY IN YAU TONG BAY, KOWLOON, THIS AFTERNOON.

MR. LAU SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED MANY INQUIRIES ABOUT HIS PRODUCT AND WAS CONFIDENT THAT ORDERS WOULD BE COMING IN. +INDEED, SOME ALREADY HAVE,+ HE ADDED.

THE VISIT WAS ANOTHER IN THE SERIES, MR. JORDAN HAS BEEN MAKING EVER SINCE HE BECAME DIRECTOR THREE YEARS AGO.

THESE VISITS - AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH - KEEP HIM IN CLOSE AND CONSTANT TOUCH WITH HONG KONG'S INDUSTRY AND THE STATE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, EXPORTS AND EMPLOYMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING MR. JORDAN AT THE FACTORY ARE BEING BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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