



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS FOR YUEN LONG
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THE GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO LAUNCH THE FIRST STAGE OF A PLAN TO TRANSFORM YUEN LONG INTO A MARKET TOWN OF 90,000 COMPARABLE WITH ANY OTHER SATELLITE TOWN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. ADOLF HSU, SAID TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY ALLOCATED \$30 MILLION FOR THE FIRST STAGE OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND IT WAS HOPED THAT A FURTHER \$34 MILLION WOULD SOON BE APPROVED FOR THE SECOND STAGE.

+IT IS PLANNED TO DEVELOP BOTH THE FIRST AND SECOND STAGES SIMULTANEOUSLY OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS AFTER WHICH ANOTHER THREE STAGES WILL BE IMPLEMENTED TO COMPLETE THE ENTIRE PROJECT,+ HE TOLD A MEETING OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ROTARY CLUB.

MR. HSU SAID THAT TENDERS WOULD BE CALLED SOON FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FIRST STAGE.

THESE INCLUDED THE WIDENING OF EXISTING ROADS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ONES, DRAINAGE WORKS, A LARGE BUS TERMINUS, A GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL, THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPEN SPACES AND THE FIRST PART OF A HOUSING ESTATE WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE HOMES FOR ABOUT 3,500 PEOPLE.

+WE ARE GETTING ON WITH THE FIRST PART OF THE ESTATE TO ENABLE US TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVELOPMENT PLAN,+ HE SAID.

+AT THIS STAGE, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME 400 PEOPLE WILL REQUIRE REHOUSING.

+THE FIRST STAGE ALSO INCLUDES A POST OFFICE, A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AND OVERALL THERE WILL BE A LARGE AMOUNT OF AGRICULTURAL LAND AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.+

MR. HSU SAID THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WOULD SOON CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDS TO ALLOW THE SECOND STAGE TO BE CARRIED OUT ALONG WITH THE FIRST STAGE +AND WE ARE HOPING FOR A FAVOURABLE RESPONSE.+

+THERE WILL BE SEVERAL MULTI-STOREY CAR PARKS IN THIS SECOND STAGE, A MARKET AND HAWKER BAZAARS, A PLB TERMINUS, REFUSE COLLECTION POINTS, A YOUTH CENTRE, OPEN SPACE AND ROADS AND DRAINAGE WORKS,+ HE SAID.

+THE HOUSING ESTATE WILL BE COMPLETED DURING THE FINAL THREE STAGES OF WORK, WHICH WILL START AFTER WE HAVE FINISHED THE FIRST TWO.

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+PLANS FOR THE FINAL THREE STAGES CALL FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TUNG YIK BAZAAR, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA, A DISTRICT HOSPITAL AND, AT THIS STAGE, A SWIMMING POOL.

+HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS NOW PREPARING A SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING THE SWIMMING POOL INTO THE SECOND STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT.+

MR. HSU ADDED: +WHEN ALL THE PLANS ARE COMPLETED, YUEN LONG WILL BECOME A MODERN AND IMPORTANT MARKET TOWN COMPARABLE WITH ANY OTHER SATELLITE TOWN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+WITHIN THE WHOLE LAYOUT PLAN THERE WILL BE MORE THAN 100 ACRES OF LAND AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT - ABOUT 27 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL AREA INVOLVED.

+ANOTHER 10 PER CENT - OR ABOUT 33 ACRES - WILL BE DEVOTED TO OPEN SPACE.+

MR. HSU SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY MADE PROVISION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANOTHER 186 ACRES INTO AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE +AND AN EARLY ESTIMATE IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL SPEND \$145 MILLION IN PREPARING THE LAND FOR THIS.+

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PUBLIC METERED CAR PARK CLOSED TO LEARNER DRIVERS
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LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE PUBLIC METERED CAR PARK ON TIN KWONG ROAD FROM 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8).

THE ARRANGEMENT IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE SMOOTH CONDUCTING OF DRIVING TESTS WITHIN THE CAR PARK.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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LEGCO MEETS ON WEDNESDAY

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DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG BILL 1976 WHEN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETS ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8).

THE BILL SEEKS TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG (FULTON REPORT) RELATING TO THE STRUCTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY AND ITS CONSTITUENT COLLEGES.

THE DETENTION CENTRES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, WHICH PROPOSES TO EXTEND FROM 20 TO 24 THE MAXIMUM AGE AT WHICH AN OFFENDER MAY BE SENTENCED TO A DETENTION CENTRE, WILL BE INTRODUCED FOR FIRST READING.

ALSO TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE COUNCIL WILL BE THE COMMODITIES TRADING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, THE SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATION (1975-76) BILL 1976, THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1976, THE LANDLORD AND TENANT (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL 1976, THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976, AND THE DUTIABLE COMMODITIES (AMENDMENT) (NO.2) BILL 1976.

FOR THE SECOND TIME RUNNING, 20 QUESTIONS, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER PERMITTED IN ANY ONE SITTING, WILL BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS.

THE HON. MISS LYDIA DUNN WILL ASK WHETHER THE RECENT IMPOSITION OF GLOBAL QUOTAS BY CANADA ON ALL CLOTHING IMPORTS IS PERMISSIBLE UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT OF TARIFFS AND TRADE, WHILE THE HON. T.S. LO WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO DISCLOSE ITS COMPLETE POLICY ON LABOUR LEGISLATION APPLICABLE TO THE NEXT FIVE YEARS.

DR. THE HON. HENRY HU WILL ASK WHETHER ANY CONDITION HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON THE LEVEL ON FEES CHARGED BY OCEAN PARK. A SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON THE WAITING TIME AND PRIORITIES OF APPLICANTS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE RAISED BY THE HON. WONG LAM.

OTHER SUBJECTS TO BE RAISED INCLUDE THE CONTROL OF MARTIAL ARTS SCHOOLS, SHELTERED BUS STOPS, THE STRENGTH OF THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AND THE PROPOSED NO-FAULT MOTOR INSURANCE SCHEME.

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POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS

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IF YOU WANT YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS TO REACH YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES IN HONG KONG BEFORE CHRISTMAS, YOU SHOULD POST THEM NOT LATER THAN TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT POSTINGS OF LOCAL MAIL ITEMS AFTER THIS DATE COULD NOT BE GUARANTEED DELIVERY BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

FOR LOCALLY ADDRESSED CHRISTMAS CARDS, THERE WILL BE SPECIAL COUNTER POSITIONS FROM DECEMBER 13 TO 21 AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE TO EXPEDITE HANDLING AND SUBSEQUENT DELIVERY.

ANY QUANTITY OF CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE SPECIAL COUNTERS, BUT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE REQUESTED TO SEPERATE THEIR CARDS ADDRESSED TO HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES.

LETTER DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PERIOD ARE AS FOLLOWS :

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| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 | TWO DELIVERIES |
| CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25 | NO DELIVERY |
| SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 | ONE DELIVERY |
| MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 | ONE DELIVERY |
| NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1 | NO DELIVERY |

IN ADDITION, ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEAR'S DAY. HOWEVER, COUNTER FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON AT 32 POST OFFICES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

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THIRD PARTY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

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A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ADVISED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TODAY THAT ON TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THE NEW OWNER WOULD BE REQUIRED IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO PRODUCE A VALID CERTIFICATE OF THIRD PARTY INSURANCE MADE OUT IN HIS NAME.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTOR VEHICLES INSURANCE (THIRD PARTY RISKS) REGULATIONS HAD BEEN PROPOSED AND WAS EXPECTED TO BECOME LAW SHORTLY.

AT PRESENT, HE SAID, THE PRODUCTION OF A VALID CERTIFICATE WAS ALREADY REQUIRED ON THE FIRST AND SUBSEQUENT LICENSING OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

+BUT MANY PEOPLE BUYING SECOND-HAND CARS PRODUCE THE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE OF THE SELLER WHEN APPLYING TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE VEHICLE,+ HE SAID.

+THIS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED WHEN THE AMENDING LEGISLATION COMES INTO EFFECT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT WHEN OWNERSHIP OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WAS TRANSFERRED, THE THIRD PARTY INSURANCE COVER CEASED TO BE EFFECTIVE SO FAR AS THE PREVIOUS OWNER WAS CONCERNED AND THAT THE NEW OWNER HAD TO TAKE OUT APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER IN RESPECT OF THE SAME VEHICLE ANYHOW.

+THEREFORE,+ HE SAID, +THE PRODUCTION OF THE VALID CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT PRESENT ANY PROBLEM.+

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DHA TO VISIT PO LEUNG KUK NURSERY IN N.T.

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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, WILL VISIT THE KWAI CHOW NURSERY RUN BY THE PO LEUNG KUK ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8) TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE NURSERY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE KUK IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. MAXINE LI KWOK, CHAIRMAN OF PO LEUNG KUK= MR. SZE KA-SHUEN, THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN AND MRS. SIU TSANG FUNG-KWAN, DIRECTOR.

SITUATED AT THE GROUND FLOOR OF BLOCK 3 OF KWAI FONG ESTATE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE NURSERY OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 5,000 SQ. FT.

THE NURSERY, WITH AN ENROLMENT OF 165, WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED IN MARCH 1974.

AMONG THE FACILITIES IT PROVIDES ARE A CHILDREN PLAY ROOM AND A MUSIC ROOM.

DAILY ACTIVITIES AND STUDIES OF THE CHILDREN ARE PLANNED AND ARRANGED BY TRAINED STAFF COMPRISING ONE SUPERVISOR, TEN CHILD CARE WORKERS AND SIX AMAHS.

SINCE THE NURSERY AIMS TO HELP LOW INCOME FAMILIES TO LOOK AFTER THEIR YOUNG CHILDREN WHOSE PARENTS HAVE TO GO OUT TO WORK, THE FEE IS KEPT AS LOW AS \$40 PER MONTH. THE DEFICITS ARE SUBSIDIZED PARTLY BY THE KUK AND PARTLY BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. MR. WALDEN WILL ARRIVE AT THE NURSERY AT 11.30 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 8).

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NEW PUBLIC DUMP AT LAI CHI KOK BAY OPENS
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OPENED A NEW PUBLIC DUMP AT LAI CHI KOK BAY FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

ACCESS TO THE DUMP IS FROM THE NORTH-WEST SECTION OF LAI WAN ROAD AND DUMPING IS RESTRICTED BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 6 P.M. FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

NO DUMPING WILL BE PERMITTED ON WEEKENDS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

DUMPING LICENCES MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE ON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE P.W.D.'S AIRPORT AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE, 14TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE LICENCES WILL ONLY BE ISSUED FOR SPECIFIC MATERIALS SUCH AS APPROVED SOFT EARTH, BUILDING DEBRIS AND CERTAIN STONE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WHERE POSSIBLE APPLICANTS SHOULD INDICATE THE ORIGIN, TYPE AND APPROXIMATE MATERIALS TO BE DUMPED.

+APPLICANTS SHOULD INCLUDE THEIR ADDRESSES AND THE REGISTRATION NUMBERS OF THE VEHICLES THEY WILL BE USING, AS ONLY APPROVED VEHICLES WILL BE ALLOWED ENTRY TO THE DUMP,+ HE ADDED.

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MOBILE CAREERS EXHIBITIONS
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OPEN THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF MOBILE CAREERS EXHIBITIONS FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES AT THE SHA TSUI ROAD PLAYGROUND IN TSUEN WAN TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT 2.30 P.M.

THE MOBILE CAREERS EXHIBITIONS ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE GATHERING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY TOMORROW.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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