



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REORGANISATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT

THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. BILL DORWARD, SAID TODAY THAT A SUBSTANTIAL REORGANISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT WAS IMMINENT. A FULL ANNOUNCEMENT WILL BE MADE SHORTLY.

+THE REORGANISATION ALSO INVOLVES AN EXPANSION AT SENIOR LEVELS TO COPE WITH THE MOUNTING COMMITMENTS IN THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES,+ MR. DORWARD SAID.

+THESE INCLUDE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION, CONSUMER PROTECTION, TRADE CONTROLS AND CUSTOMS WORK.+

ONE REASON FOR THE EXPANSION IS THE INCREASING AMOUNT OF TIME SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE TO SPEND ABROAD. TO MEET THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY THIS, THE TWO PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTORS WILL BECOME HEADS OF THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTS WITHIN A FEDERAL FRAMEWORK UNDER THE PRESENT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY. HIS POST WILL BE RETITLED DIRECTOR OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS.

AN ADDITIONAL LEVEL OF AUTHORITY WILL BE INJECTED BY EACH OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT HEADS BEING GIVEN DEPUTIES WHO WILL PROVIDE CONTINUITY OF ADMINISTRATION AND SHARE THE BURDEN OF OVERSEAS TRAVEL.

AN IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCE OF THE IMPENDING REORGANISATION WILL BE THE RETURN TO HONG KONG FROM GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER OF MR. L.W.R. MILLS TO TAKE OVER ONE OF THE NEW DEPARTMENTS. HIS REPLACEMENT AS COUNSELLOR FOR HONG KONG AFFAIRS IN GENEVA WILL BE MR. P.K.Y. TSAO, AT PRESENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

+THIS CHANGE-OVER HAS BEEN PLANNED FOR SOME TIME AND FOLLOWS THE SEQUENCE OF PREVIOUS POSTINGS TO THIS KEY JOB IN GENEVA,+ MR. DORWARD SAID.

+THE TIMING OF THE REORGANISATION AND A NATURAL BREAK IN MAJOR COMMITMENTS DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAY PERIOD IN EUROPE HAS GIVEN US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO IT NOW.+

MR. MILLS WILL HAVE SERVED IN GENEVA FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS BY THE TIME HE RETURNS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

LORD MAYOR OF LONDON ON HK VISIT

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THE RT. HON. THE LORD MAYOR OF LONDON, COMMANDER SIR ROBIN GILLETT, WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 11) FOR A FOUR-DAY VISIT IN THE COURSE OF A TOUR OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

THE LORD MAYOR WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE LADY MAYORESS, THE SHERIFFS, THE CHIEF COMMONER AND TWO OF HIS HOUSEHOLD OFFICERS, THE COMMON CRYER AND SERJEANT-AT-ARMS AND THE CITY MARSHAL.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AND LADY MACLEHOSE WILL BE AT KAI TAK AIRPORT TO MEET THEM.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE ARRIVAL OF THE LORD MAYOR ON PR 306 AT 5.55 P.M. ON THURSDAY.

TWO PRESS POSITIONS WILL BE SET UP FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE MEDIA IN COVERING THE OCCASION. THEY ARE :-

POSITION A : ON THE TARMAC (FOR GENERAL PRESS)=

POSITION B : ON THE ROOF OF THE EQUIPMENT BUILDING FACING BAY 2 (FOR TV AND CINE-CAMERAMEN ONLY).

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM NOT LATER THAN 5.30 P.M. ON THURSDAY. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO HELP NEWSMEN.

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LAST LEGCO MEETING FOR CURRENT SESSION

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL HOLD ITS LAST MEETING FOR THIS SESSION TOMORROW WITH 19 QUESTIONS SCHEDULED TO BE ASKED.

AT LEAST FOUR UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION THAT THE COUNCIL WELCOMES THE DECISION TO EXTEND THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY SYSTEM TO TSUEN WAN.

THE SPEAKERS ARE DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG, THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, THE HON. T.S. LO, AND THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN.

UNOFFICIAL COUNCILLOR, THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG, WILL SEEK TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE THIRD PARTY INSURANCE IN AN ADJOURNMENT DEBATE, AND THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE FIRST REPORTS OF THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY AND THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING AUTHORITY.

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MARINE OFFICER ATTENDS ANTI-POLLUTION COURSE
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A MARINE DEPARTMENT OFFICER IS ATTENDING A TWO-WEEK COURSE ON POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL BEING HELD IN SWEDEN.

MR. M.R.M. SEALE, MARINE OFFICER OF THE POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT, WAS NOMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE PART IN THE COURSE FOR MARITIME ADMINISTRATORS WHICH IS ORGANISED BY THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE ORGANISATION (IMCO).

THE COURSE IS EXPECTED TO END ON AUGUST 21.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED
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THE GOVERNOR AFTER TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, HAS DECIDED THAT THE DEATH SENTENCE PASSED ON APRIL 14, 1976 ON WANG CHIN-TI SHOULD BE COMMUTED TO IMPRISONMENT FOR 15 YEARS.

WANG WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE MURDER OF TOM FAY.

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