



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ALLOCATION SCHEME FOR PLASTIC RAW MATERIALS

Qualifying Conditions Announced

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Conditions under which local plastic firms can participate in an allocation scheme for two essential raw materials were announced today by the Commerce and Industry Department.

The full details are being issued by circular to about 2,100 firms registered with the department.

About five million pounds of polyethylene and polystyrene will be made available for allocation to smaller factories next month by major plastics manufacturers and importers of plastic materials.

The scheme is open to all factories registered for the production of plastic goods on or before February 13, 1974, and whose registration is still valid.

To qualify, a registered factory must have a total injection-moulding machine capacity of not more than 30 ounces, and its consumption of polyethylene and polystyrene in 1972 and 1973 must not have exceeded an average of 20,000 pounds per month in total.

Factories interested in participating in the scheme are required to fill in an application form and return it to the Commerce and Industry Department not later than February 22.

A department spokesman said that particulars given in the form will be checked by authorised departmental staff, and any applicant making a false claim will be disqualified from the scheme.

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In due course, the department will issue to qualifying factories written authorisations for presentation to designated suppliers in order to obtain sale and delivery of a specified quantity of materials.

Further information about the scheme can be obtained by contacting the Industrial Development Branch of the Commerce and Industry Department. Inquiries should be referred to either Mr. T.Y. Poon, Trade Officer (Tel. 5-247316) or Miss Z.C.A. Wong, Assistant Trade Officer, (Tel. 5-445884).

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D.S.W. TO OPEN NEW NURSERY

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Note to Editors: The Director of Social Welfare, Mr. Kenneth Topley, will be officiating at the Opening Ceremony of the Po Leung Kuk's new Yum Jee Nursery situated in Nam Long Shan Road, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong, at 4 p.m. on Tuesday (February 19).

Mr. Topley will be addressing the gathering in Chinese and copies of his speech, both in English and Chinese, will be available through G.I.S. that day.

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RETIREMENT OF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION PRINCIPAL

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Mr. Arthur Hinton, 53, Principal of the Northcote College of Education will go on pre-retirement leave next Tuesday after 21 years service in the Education Department and five years Colonial Service.

He will be presented with a gift from his friends and colleagues on Monday. The Director of Education, Mr. John Canning, will make the presentation.

Mr. Hinton joined the Colonial Service in 1948 and arrived in Hong Kong in February 1953 on transfer as an Education Officer from Malaya.

He was immediately posted to King George V School as a teacher of history. After seven months he was transferred to King's College and in September 1954 he was sent to Queen Elizabeth School where he became Acting Principal five years later.

In February 1960, he was promoted to Senior Education Officer and in April 1964 to Senior Principal.

Mr. Hinton was transferred to Northcote College of Education in August 1967 where he served as Principal until his retirement.

During his long service, Mr. Hinton has taken part in a number of seminars and conferences on education and youth affairs in Hong Kong, Japan and the Philippines.

He was an active member of the Hong Kong Teachers Association of which he was at one time President.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the presentation ceremony covered. It will be held at 11.30 a.m. on February 18 in the Education Department's Conference Room, Lee Gardens, 3rd floor, Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

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JANUARY'S WEATHER

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The weather last month was dry with above normal sunshine.

The total rainfall for the month was only 3.9 mm which was 27.8 mm below normal.

The total sunshine during January amounted to 169.1 hours, representing 23.7 hours above normal.

During the month, no tropical cyclone warning signals or strong monsoon signals were hoisted and no thunderstorm or heavy rain warnings were issued. However, one aircraft was diverted due to adverse weather conditions.

A maximum temperature of 23.8 degree Celsius was recorded on January 19 and 21, and a minimum temperature of 10.8 degrees was recorded on January 2.

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Note to Editors: A full report of last month's weather prepared by the Royal Observatory will be distributed separately in the press boxes this afternoon.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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Three lots of Crown land in the New Territories will soon be put up for public auction.

The first lot, situated at Silverstrand, Clearwater Bay Road, is for private residential purposes. It has an area of 28,900 square feet.

It will be auctioned at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, (February 19) at the District Office, Sai Kung, located at the San Po Kong Government Offices, 692 Prince Edward Road.

The two other lots will be offered for sale on Tuesday (March 5) at 2.30 p.m. in the Yuen Long Town Hall, Yuen Long.

One of the lots, situated in Tuen Mun area, has been reserved for industrial or go-down purposes. The other, located in Yuen Long, is restricted to non-industrial usage.

Full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from and sale plans inspected at the New Territories Administration, North Kowloon Magistracy, Tai Po Road and at the various District Offices, New Territories.

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