



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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POSSIBLE INCREASE OF RATEABLE VALUES EXPLAINED  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO REVISE RATEABLE VALUES FOR 1977-78, THE FIRST REVISION IN FOUR YEARS, THE COMMISSIONER OF RATING AND VALUATION, MR. RAYMOND FRY, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS CLARIFYING A FEW POINTS HE MADE LAST WEEK IN HIS SPEECH TO THE HONG KONG MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION IN WHICH HE MENTIONED THE POSSIBLE INCREASE OF RATEABLE VALUES.

MR. FRY POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT DECIDED TO INCREASE RATES BY 80 PER CENT= NEITHER, INDEED HAD THE GOVERNMENT DECIDED TO INCREASE RATEABLE VALUES BY 80 PER CENT.

ALL THE GOVERNMENT HAD DONE SO FAR, HE ADDED, WAS TO INSTRUCT HIM TO REVISE RATEABLE VALUES FOR 1977-78.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THESE RATEABLE VALUES HAD NOT BEEN REVISED FOR FOUR YEARS.

AS A RESULT, HE ADDED, THEY LAGGED BEHIND CURRENT RENTAL VALUES.

MR. FRY FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THE RATING SYSTEM WAS TO APPORTION THE RATES BURDEN BY REFERENCE TO THE RENTAL VALUE OF PREMISES.

+IF, THEREFORE, WE DO NOT REVISE THESE VALUES FAIRLY FREQUENTLY WE GET AN UNREAL SITUATION, IN THAT WE HAVE TO TRY TO ASSESS PREMISES ON THE BASIS OF RENTAL VALUES WHICH NO LONGER OBTAIN,+ HE SAID. +IF I MAY TAKE A SIMPLE ANALOGY FROM OUR DIRECT TAX SYSTEM: IT IS LIKE CHARGING SALARIES TAX ON THE BASIS OF SALARIES BEING PAID FOUR YEARS AGO.+

THE COMMISSIONER ADDED THAT WHAT HE HAD SAID IN HIS SPEECH WAS THAT FOLLOWING ANALYSIS OF CURRENT MARKET RENTALS AND THE UPDATING OF VALUATION METHODS EMPLOYED, THE RESULT OF THE REVIEW WAS LIKELY TO BE AN INCREASE OF AROUND 80 PER CENT.

THIS, HE SAID, WAS MERELY THE RESULT OF THE REVIEWING BY PROFESSIONAL VALUERS OF RATEABLE VALUES IN THE VALUATION LISTS AND WAS NOT A DECISION TAKEN BY GOVERNMENT OR, FOR THAT MATTER, HIM PERSONALLY.

MR. FRY SAID THAT SINCE THE INCREASE ON THIS OCCASION WERE RATHER LARGER THAN ON PREVIOUS OCCASSION -- MAINLY DUE TO THE TIME IT HAD TAKEN TO CARRY OUT THE REVIEW -- HE EXPECTED WIDE INTEREST FROM RATEPAYERS.

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HE ADDED THAT HE AND HIS STAFF WERE READY TO DEAL WITH THEM AND EXPLAIN THE NEW FIGURES.

+IF THERE ARE GROUNDS FOR REDUCTIONS,+ HE SAID, +THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED.+

HOWEVER, THE COMMISSIONER STRESSED THAT THE 80 PER CENT MENTIONED WAS MERELY AN AVERAGE, AND INCREASES WOULD VARY CONSIDERABLY AS BETWEEN THE VARIOUS CLASSES OF PROPERTY AND AREAS.

HE ADDED WHAT HAD TO BE ESTABLISHED WAS THE CURRENT RENTAL VALUES AS DEFINED IN THE LEGISLATION, NOT WHAT INCREASE WAS APPROPRIATE.

MR. FRY NOTED: +RATES ARE ONE (ALBEIT A FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL ONE) OF THE INDIRECT TAXES FROM WHICH THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY CAN BUILD UP HIS REVENUE REQUIREMENTS.+

HE RECALLED THAT AT THE LAST REVALUATION FOR 1973-74 RATEABLE VALUES INCREASED OVERALL BY SOME 43 PER CENT.

AS A RESULT, THE PERCENTAGE RATE WAS REDUCED FROM 17 TO 15, EFFECTIVELY RESULTING IN A 26 PER CENT INCREASE IN THE AVERAGE RATES CHARGE.

HE QUOTED THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO HAVE SAID THEN THAT +SOME CONCESSION ON THE RATE CHARGE WOULD HELP TO MITIGATE THE EFFECT OF THE REVALUATION ON THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE+.

WHILE ACCURATE STATISTICS WERE NOT AVAILABLE ON THAT OCCASION, HE SAID, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT THE AVERAGE INCREASE IN RATES CHARGES FOR DOMESTIC PREMISES WAS AROUND 10-15 PER CENT, WHILE FOR NON-DOMESTIC PREMISES IT WAS ABOUT 32 PER CENT.

IN PROPOSING THE INCREASES IN THE GENERAL RATE PERCENTAGE FOR 1975-76 (2 PER CENT) AND 1976-77 (1 PER CENT) THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY STRESSED THAT THE UPWARD ADJUSTMENT WAS, TO SOME EXTENT, TO ACCOUNT FOR REVENUE FOREGONE BY THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE REVALUATION.

+IT FOLLOWS, THEREFORE, THAT ANY CHANGE IN THE UNDERLYING BASE VALUES IS SOMETHING WHICH WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION WHEN THE TIME COMES TO DETERMINE THE RATE CHARGES FOR 1977-78,+ MR. FRY SAID.

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ANY DECISION IN THIS CONNEXION HE SAID, MUST, OF COURSE, BE TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS, THE BALANCE BETWEEN DIRECT AND INDIRECT TAXES AND THE EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF THOSE WHO BEAR THE BURDEN OF THE TAX.

HOWEVER, MR. FRY STRESSED THAT IT HAD TO BE REMEMBERED THAT THE FULL URBAN RATE OF 18 PER CENT WAS MADE UP AS TO TWO-THIRDS (12 PERCENT) GENERAL RATES WHICH GO TO GENERAL REVENUE, AND ONE-THIRD (6 PER CENT) TO THE URBAN COUNCIL.

HE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE, UNDER THE RATING ORDINANCE, BOTH GENERAL RATES AND URBAN COUNCIL RATES WERE DETERMINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THERE WAS, OF COURSE, NOTHING TO DEBAR THE COUNCIL FROM SEEKING A CHANGE IN ITS PERCENTAGE.

+THE COUNCIL+ HE SAID, HAS BEEN MADE AWARE OF THE INCREASED RATEABLE VALUES PROPOSED AND HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED, IN CONNEXION WITH ITS BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR, THAT, AS A RESULT, IT EXPECTS A SURPLUS OF \$147 MILLION. AS EACH PERCENTAGE POINT NEXT YEAR WILL PRODUCE AN ESTIMATED \$86 MILLION OF REVENUE, AS COMPARED WITH \$44 MILLION THIS YEAR, THE FORECAST SURPLUS IS EQUAL TO A LITTLE MORE THAN 1-1/2 PERCENTAGE POINTS.

+IT IS NOT FOR ME TO SPECULATE AS TO HOW THE COUNCIL SHOULD DEAL WITH THIS INCREASED REVENUE POTENTIAL BUT, OBVIOUSLY, ITS OPTIONS ARE ESSENTIALLY NO DIFFERENT FROM GOVERNMENT'S.+

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS TO TOUR SPECIAL SCHOOLS  
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DURING THE NEXT THREE DAYS NINE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL VISIT TEN SCHOOLS WHICH PROVIDE SPECIAL EDUCATION TO CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM SOME DISABILITY OF MIND OR BODY.

TOMORROW MORNING, MRS. KWAN KO SIU-WAH, PROFESSOR M.A. BRIMER, MR. B.H. TISDALL, MR. S.F. BAILEY, REV. PETER WONG AND MR. CHARLES YEUNG WILL GO TO JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE, A SUBSIDISED RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN= EBENEZER SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND, A SUBSIDISED CO-EDUCATIONAL WHOLE DAY BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BLIND CHILDREN= A RESOURCE CLASS AT PO LEUNG KUK COMMITTEE FELLOWSHIP ASSOCIATION NO. 2 KAP SHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL AND TWO SPECIAL CLASSES FOR SLOW LEARNING CHILDREN AT WONG CHUK HANG CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL.

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, MR. WONG WAN-TIN AND MR. BAILEY WILL VISIT YAU TONG MORNINGHILL SCHOOL, AN AIDED CO-EDUCATIONAL WHOLE DAY SCHOOL FOR MILDLY MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN= PRINCESS ALEXANDRA RED CROSS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, A SUBSIDISED RESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN= AND FOUR SPECIAL CLASSES FOR PARTIALLY HEARING CHILDREN AT KAI TAK GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

ON THURSDAY MORNING, MR. FRANCIS Y.H. TIEN, MR. KAM MING-AH AND MR. BAILEY WILL TOUR THE HONG KONG SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF, A SUBSIDISED CO-EDUCATIONAL WHOLE DAY RESIDENTIAL AND DAY SCHOOL FOR DEAF PUPILS= TSZ WAN SHAN RED CROSS SCHOOL, A SUBSIDISED WHOLE DAY PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN= AND THREE SPECIAL CLASSES FOR PARTIALLY SIGHTED CHILDREN AT SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THE CURRENT SERIES OF FAMILIARISATION VISITS, WHICH BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 2, IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE VISITS. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER TOMORROW'S VISITS SHOULD BE AT THE JOHN F. KENNEDY CENTRE AT ABOUT 9.30 A.M.

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PUBLIC SHOULD HEED RED FIRE  
DANGER WARNING  
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A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HEED THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING AT PRESENT IN OPERATION, FOLLOWING A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FIRES DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED THAT THE RED SIGNAL MEANT THE RISK OF FIRE WAS VERY HIGH.

+THERE WERE 66 FIRES YESTERDAY (SUNDAY) AND 94 ON SATURDAY,+ HE SAID. +ON THE PREVIOUS SIX DAYS THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF FIRES WAS 47.+

AS A RESULT OF THESE FIRES, TWO PERSONS WERE KILLED AND THOUSANDS WERE MADE HOMELESS.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT WHEN THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT DROP IN THE HUMIDITY LEVEL, NOT ONLY COULD FIRES START MORE EASILY BUT THEY COULD ALSO SPREAD WITH MUCH GREATER SPEED.

+WITH THE MOISTURE CONTENT OF THE AIR LOW, AND INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS DRIER THAN USUAL, IT ONLY TAKES A SIMPLE ACT OF CARELESSNESS TO START A FIRE,+ HE STRESSED. +SO IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT DURING THESE PERIODS OF EXTREME FIRE DANGER THAT EVERY STEP BE TAKEN TO PREVENT THE SLIGHTEST RISK OF STARTING A FIRE WHICH COULD COST YOUR LIFE, YOUR FAMILY, YOUR HOME OR YOUR JOB,+ HE EMPHASISED.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO ALL VISITORS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE TO EXTINGUISH CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES BEFORE DISPOSING THEM.

HE SAID OF THE 160 FIRES REPORTED DURING THE WEEKEND, 90 WERE GRASS FIRES. ONE FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT NEAR SHEUNG TONG VILLAGE IN TSUEN WAN YESTERDAY TOOK FIRE CREWS FROM BOTH THE FIRE SERVICES AND THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENTS ALMOST SEVEN HOURS TO EXTINGUISH. IT AFFECTED AN AREA OF ONE MILLION SQUARE METRES.

ON FIRE PREVENTION, THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE HOME, RUBBISH SHOULD BE CLEARED REGULARLY AND GREAT CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED WHEN HANDLING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES SUCH AS HEATERS. MATCHES AND LIGHTERS SHOULD NOT BE LEFT WITHIN REACH OF CHILDREN.

PEOPLE USING KEROSENE OR L.P.G. STOVES FOR COOKING OR HEATING SHOULD TAKE GREAT CARE AND SPARE FUEL SHOULD BE KEPT IN A SAFE PLACE.

/+AT WORK, .....

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+AT WORK, BE SURE MACHINES DO NOT OVERHEAT AS A RESULT OF OVERLOADING. KEEP WORK AREA CLEAN AND FREE OF OBSTRUCTION. NEVER WORK WITH A NAKED FLAME OR EQUIPMENT PRODUCING SPARKS IF THERE ARE INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS, LIQUIDS OR FUMES IN THE VICINITY,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO CALL THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT THE MINUTE THEY SAW A FIRE.

THOSE WHO WANT FREE ADVICE ON FIRE PREVENTION SHOULD CONTACT THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU ENQUIRIES CENTRE BY TELEPHONING 5-281224 OR GET IN TOUCH WITH ANY FIRE STATION.

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OPENING OF REGIONAL SEMINAR ON VOCATIONAL  
REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND AND DEAF

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. F.K. LI, WILL OPEN THE REGIONAL SEMINAR ON VOCATIOAL REHABILITATION OF THE BLIND AND THE DEAF ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1).

THE 17-DAY SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO) AND THE DANISH INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (DANIDA), WILL BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM 13 ASIAN COUNTRIES AND HONG KONG.

IT IS TO OFFER DELEGATES THE OPPORTUNITY OF STUDYING IN DETAIL THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE TWO LARGEST DISABILITY GROUPS IN ASIA, NAMELY, THE BLIND AND THE DEAF, AS WELL AS THE SPECIALISED REHABILITATION MEASURES THEY REQUIRE.

THERE WILL ALSO BE LECTURES, FILMS, GROUP AND PLENARY DISCUSSIONS AND VISITS OF OBSERVATION.

THE 13 ASIAN COUNTRIES TAKING PART ARE AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BRUNEI, BURMA, FIJI, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, NEPAL, PAKISTAN, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SINGAPORE, SOLOMON ISLANDS AND SRI LANKA.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED. IT WILL TAKE PLACE AT 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1) IN RAINBOW ROOM, LEE GARDENS HOTEL.

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CROWN LAND SALE  
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SIX LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA OF SOME 7,550 SQUARE METRES WILL BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

TWO OF THEM, A 2,560-SQUARE METRE LOT IN TSIM SHA TSUI EAST AND A 364-SQUARE METRE LOT IN WAN FUNG STREET, ARE FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

TWO OTHER LOTS, ONE IN SZE SHAN STREET IN SAM KA TSUEN MEASURING 2,350 SQUARE METRES AND THE OTHER IN AH KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD WITH AN AREA OF 1,240 SQUARE METRES, HAVE BEEN EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE FIFTH LOT, SITUATED AT TAI TAM ROAD ON HONG KONG ISLAND, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES. IT OCCUPIES AN AREA OF ABOUT 816 SQUARE METRES.

THE SIXTH LOT, AT THE JUNCTION OF MAIDSTONE ROAD AND LOK SHAN ROAD IN KOWLOON, MEASURES JUST OVER 223 SQUARE METRES. IT HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 P.M. ON DECEMBER 28 (TUESDAY).

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

SALE PLANS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN POKFULAM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY A SECTION OF POKFULAM ROAD BETWEEN POKFULAM SERVICE RESERVOIR ROAD AND WAH FU ESTATE, INCLUDING WAH HING HOUSE, WAH SANG HOUSE, WAH CHEONG HOUSE AND WAH TAI HOUSE OF THE ESTATE AND TAI KOO LAU VILLAGE.

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YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO CARE FOR OTHERS  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, SAID TODAY THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD BE SOCIALLY MINDED AND SHOULD CARE WHAT GOES ON AROUND THEM AND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE WELFARE OF THOSE INDIVIDUAL PERSONS WHO ARE THE +LIVING FABRIC OF SOCIETY+.

SPEAKING AT THE SPEECH DAY OF NEW METHOD COLLEGE AT THE CITY HALL, MR. LEE FELT THAT IT WAS A PITY THAT THERE WERE STILL A LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG AND EDUCATED PEOPLE WHO DO NOT TAKE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN WHAT GOES ON OUTSIDE THEIR IMMEDIATE CIRCLES.

+THEY ARE A VITAL PART OF THE SOCIETY AS A WHOLE AND THAT ITS FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY WILL DEPEND TO A LARGE EXTENT ON THEIR APPRECIATION OF ITS PROBLEMS, THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS OF ITS NEEDS AND THE CONCERN FOR ITS PROGRESS,+ HE STRESSED.

THIS, HE CONTINUED, REVOLVED AROUND THE CONCEPT OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND HINGED ON HOW MUCH ONE SHOULD CONTRIBUTE ONE'S SELF TO THE GENERAL WELL-BEING OF THE SOCIETY AND HIS FELLOWMEN.

+WHILE THEY ARE NOT UNAWARE OF THE NEED FOR THEIR OWN PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND PARTICULARLY IN THOSE WITH THE AIM OF PROMOTING THE WELL-BEING OF THEIR FELLOW MEMBERS, THEY OFTEN FIND EXCUSES FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO BE INVOLVED,+ HE POINTED OUT.

+THEY HAVE NOT YET FULLY REALISED THAT THEY IN FACT CAN CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TOWARDS SOCIETY, EVEN IN THEIR SPARE TIME, WHERE THE TREND HAS BEEN IN RECENT YEARS TO MAKE FULL USE OF VOLUNTEERS IN MANY FIELDS.+

BIG CITIES LIKE HONG KONG, HE CONTINUED, WERE USUALLY CHARACTERIZED BY APATHY AND SELFISHNESS AND THIS WAS OFTEN THE RESULT OF EXPECTING TOO MUCH FROM OTHER PEOPLE AND GIVING TOO LITTLE OF ONE'S SELF.

+THERE IS A TENDENCY TO THINK THAT THE QUALITY OF ONE'S PERSONAL LIFE IS DEPENDENT UPON OUTSIDE FACTORS, UPON FRIENDS, UPON OPPORTUNITIES AND UPON MONEY= BUT IN FACT IT DEPENDS MAINLY UPON ONE'S SELF, THAT IS, HOW ONE MAKES THE BEST OUT OF LIFE.+

HOWEVER, MR. LEE EMPHASISED THAT, +MAN DOES NOT LIVE FOR HIMSELF.+

HE ADDED : +WE ALL FIND SATISFACTION AND A SENSE OF FULFILMENT IN DEVOTING OURSELVES TO THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY, IN BEING PUBLIC SPIRITED, IN ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY, AND IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER CONTRIBUTING TO THE RICHNESS OF COMMUNAL LIFE.+

MR. LEE TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT AS A YOUNG GENERATION, THEY WERE NOW AND WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PART OF SOCIETY AND THAT THEY COULD NOT ESCAPE RESPONSIBILITY TOWARDS IT.

+TO TAKE IS HUMAN BUT TO GIVE IS DIVINE,+ HE ADDED.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT RENNIE'S MILL  
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT RENNIE'S MILL POLICE STATION FOR RESIDENTS AND PERSONS LIVING NEARBY FOR THREE DAYS FROM DECEMBER 6 (MONDAY).

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS OF 11 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS. THEY SHOULD REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER  
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THE SECTION OF WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY ON THE PRINCE EDWARD ROAD FLYOVER BETWEEN HAU WONG ROAD AND SHORT STREET WILL BE CLOSED FROM 9 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (DECEMBER 1) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY (DECEMBER 2).

THE CLOSURE IS TO ENABLE ROAD WORKS ON THE FLYOVER TO BE CARRIED OUT.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD, ALL TRAFFIC WILL BE DIVERTED TO GRADE VIA THE DOWN RAMP NEAR HAU WONG ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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