



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE WORKSHOP FACILITIES IN
MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
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AN EXTRA FLOOR PROVIDING MUCH-NEEDED SPACE FOR WORKSHOP FACILITIES HAS JUST BEEN ADDED TO THE WORKSHOP WING OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

WITH AN AREA OF SOME 6,000 SQUARE FEET, THE NEW FLOOR HOUSES THREE WORKSHOPS -- TWO FOR TECHNICAL TEACHER TRAINING AND ONE FOR USE BY THE INSTITUTE.

FITTING AND EQUIPPING OF THE TEACHER TRAINING WORKSHOPS IS WELL ADVANCED AND THEY ARE EXPECTED TO COME INTO OPERATION SHORTLY. ONE OF THEM WILL SERVE AS AN ADVANCED WOODWORK WORKSHOP WHILE THE OTHER WILL BE FOR METAL WORK TRAINING INCLUDING MACHINING.

THE WORKSHOPS WILL BE AN ADJUNCT TO THE NEWLY-ESTABLISHED HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WHICH CAME INTO BEING IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. AT PRESENT, THE COLLEGE OPERATES IN THE BUILDING VACATED BY MORRISON HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THE OTHER WORKSHOP ON THE NEW FLOOR OF THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE IS CURRENTLY BEING USED AS AN ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION WORKSHOP BY THE INSTITUTE.

IN LINE WITH THE EXTENSION PROGRAMME OF THE INSTITUTE, THE VEHICLE REPAIRS AND ENGINE TESTING WORKSHOP ON THE GROUND FLOOR HAS ALSO BEEN EXPANDED. THIS INVOLVED THE CONVERSION OF THE OPEN SPACE ADJACENT TO THE WORKSHOP INTO A ROOFED WORKSHOP. EXPANSION OF THE WORKSHOP BECAME NECESSARY AS THE SUPPORT GIVEN BY THE MOTOR REPAIR INDUSTRY BY SPONSORING STUDENTS FOR PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE CLASSES HAS RESULTED IN OVER-CROWDING OF THE ORIGINAL ACCOMMODATION.

THE ENTIRE EXTENSION SCHEME, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EQUIPPING OF THE WORKSHOPS, HAS RUN INTO NEARLY \$1 MILLION.

THE NEW FACILITIES WERE A FOCUS OF ATTRACTION TO MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, THE NEWLY-APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, DURING HIS RECENT FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO THE INSTITUTE.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL= THE PRINCIPAL OF THE INSTITUTE, MR. LINCOLN LIEU AND THE VICE-PRINCIPAL, MR. ALICK FONG-YAN, MR. TOPLEY SAW AT FIRST HAND WORKSHOP CLASSES IN SESSION AND WAS THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS COURSES.

THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1969 AND MOVED TO ITS NEW BUILDING IN 1970. THE INSTITUTE HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 814 FULL-TIME, 1,568 PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE AND 10,631 EVENING STUDENTS. IT AIMS AT PROVIDING BOTH THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION REQUIRED BY THE PROSPECTIVE TECHNICIANS AND CRAFTSMEN IN INDUSTRY.

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THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, ON THE OTHER HAND, SERVES AS A TRAINING GROUND FOR BETTER QUALITY TECHNICAL TEACHING STAFF FOR HONG KONG'S SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTES WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE IN MAY 1975.

AT PRESENT, THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE HAS A STUDENT ENROLMENT OF 224 — 111 FULL-TIME, 85 EVENING AND 28 PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE STUDENTS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF TWO PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN DURING MR. KENNETH TOPLEY'S VISIT TO THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ARE BOXED FOR COLLECTION.

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FOUR MORE FIRE ENGINES DUE TO ARRIVE
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FOUR NEW FIRE ENGINES PURCHASED FROM BRITAIN AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$800,000 ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN HONG KONG ON MONDAY.

THEY ARE PART OF AN ORDER FOR 12 FIRE ENGINES PLACED WITH DENNIS MOTORS LTD. AT A TOTAL COST OF \$2.3 MILLION. SIX OF THESE ARRIVED IN JULY AND THE REMAINING TWO ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

KNOWN OFFICIALLY BY THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS PUMP ESCAPE TENDERS THE APPLIANCES ARE FITTED WITH 55-FOOT RESCUE LADDERS. FEATURES INCLUDE A 1,000-GALLON PER MINUTE PUMP WHICH CAN SUPPLY WATER TO SIX OUTLETS SIMULTANEOUSLY, A TANK CAPABLE OF HOLDING 400 GALLONS OF WATER FOR USE IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AT A FIRE SCENE, A HYDRAULICALLY OPERATED WINCH, A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT SYSTEM AND 11-INCH SEARCH LIGHTS, TWO-TONE HORNS AND A SIREN.

THE APPLIANCES ARE POWERED BY V-8 DIESEL ENGINES WITH FULLY-AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSIONS. THEY WILL BE PUT INTO SERVICE IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHECKING BY WORKSHOP.

ALSO ON ORDER FROM THE SAME COMPANY ARE 12 FIRE ENGINES FITTED WITH 50-FOOT SNORKELS (ELEVATED HYDRAULIC PLATFORMS). THESE ARE DUE FOR DELIVERY EARLY NEXT YEAR.

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SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK
CLOSER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SOCIAL WORKERS AND TEACHERS NEEDED
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO INTRODUCE SOCIAL WORKERS INTO SCHOOLS BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT THIS SERVICE MUST BE DONE VERY CAREFULLY IN THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT.

MR. TOPLEY WAS SPEAKING AT A SEMINAR ON +UNDERSTANDING AND HELPING THE STUDENTS WITH PROBLEMS+ ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICE'S SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE.

THE HALF-DAY SEMINAR WAS TO PROVIDE A CHANCE FOR TEACHERS AND SOCIAL WORKERS TO SHARE PROBLEMS AND GAIN BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER, TO ENHANCE CLOSER CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SOCIAL WORKERS AND TEACHERS, AND TO FIND BETTER MEANS OF UNDERSTANDING AND HELPING STUDENTS WITH PROBLEMS.

ASKING THOSE TAKING PART IN THE SEMINAR TO KEEP THIS IN MIND DURING THEIR DISCUSSIONS, THE DIRECTOR SAID THE MOST DIFFICULT QUESTION FOR HIM WAS HOW TO ORGANISE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SOCIAL WORKERS TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM IMPACT ON, AS HE PUT IT, +A LARGE BODY OF CLIENTS SPREAD WIDELY BUT IN SOME WAYS UNKNOWN.+

ON THE QUESTION OF WHO WAS TO DELIVER THIS SERVICE, MR. TOPLEY SAID THE PEOPLE WHO MUST NOT BE LEFT OUT WERE THE TEACHER OF THE PARTICULAR STUDENT, THE HEADMASTER, THE CAREERS MASTER. IF THE STUDENT WAS LEAVING SCHOOL AND OF COURSE THE PARENTS AND THE SOCIAL WORKER.

+HOW MUCH FOR INSTANCE DO WE WANT TO TURN TEACHERS INTO SOCIAL WORKERS?+ MR. TOPLEY ASKED. +DO WE WANT THE SCHOOL TO CHANGE RATHER THAN THE PUPIL?+

THE DIRECTOR HOPED THAT PEOPLE TAKING PART IN THE SEMINAR WOULD LET HIM HAVE THEIR VIEWS ON THESE QUESTIONS.

HOWEVER, MR. TOPLEY SAID THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAD ADOPTED WHAT HE BELIEVED WAS A SENSIBLE APPROACH SINCE IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE TO PLACE A SOCIAL WORKER IN EACH SCHOOL.

THE S.W.D. RECOMMENDED THAT SOCIAL WORK TO SCHOOL CHILDREN BE DONE BY REFERRALS ON A REGIONAL BASIS OR BY PART-TIME ATTACHMENT OF A SOCIAL WORKER TO A SCHOOL.

ON THE REFERRAL CASES, THE FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT COULD EXTEND ITS SERVICE TO SCHOOLS BY REDEPLOYMENT OF STAFF AND RESOURCES.

MR. TOPLEY MENTIONED VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH STUDENTS ENCOUNTERED INCLUDING PROBLEMS AT HOME WHICH MIGHT BE RELATED TO SCHOOL, GETTING ALONG WITH FELLOW STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

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NEED FOR FACTUAL INFORMATION TO FIGHT DRUG ABUSE STRESSED
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THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. ARTHUR BROWN, TODAY EMPHASISED THAT THERE WERE THREE ASPECTS TO CONSIDER WHEN DEALING WITH ANY DRUG PROBLEMS IN SCHOOLS - DRUG EDUCATION, DETECTING SIGNS OF ANY DRUG ABUSE AND DEALING WITH ANY STUDENTS SUSPECTED OF TAKING DRUGS.

MR. BROWN WAS SPEAKING AT THE WORKSHOP ON DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION FOR TEACHERS OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING PUPILS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS HELD AT KING GEORGE V SCHOOL.

THE HALF-DAY WORKSHOP WAS CONDUCTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE DRUG ABUSE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY. THE WORKSHOP WAS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE SYMPOSIUM ON DRUG ABUSE FOR TEACHERS HELD LAST FEBRUARY.

IN THE CASE OF DRUG EDUCATION, MR. BROWN STRESSED THE NEED TO KEEP INFORMATION FACTUAL AND AVOID STIMULATING CURIOSITY - ONE OF THE MAIN CAUSES OF DRUG TAKING AMONG ADOLESCENTS.

HE ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON THE DIFFICULTIES OF DEALING WITH SUSPECTED OFFENDERS ESPECIALLY THAT OF CONVINCING THE STUDENTS' PARENTS THAT THERE MIGHT BE A DRUG PROBLEM.

MR. BROWN DID NOT OFFER SOLUTIONS BUT SUGGESTED THAT TEACHERS SHOULD DISCUSS THESE PROBLEMS SO THAT THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY INTENDED TO DO IF THEY MATERIALISED.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EXPLAINED TO THE TEACHERS THAT HE WANTED TO SUGGEST SOME OF THE TOPICS WHICH WOULD BE PROFITABLE FOR THEM TO INCLUDE IN THEIR DISCUSSIONS AT THE WORKSHOP.

HE POINTED OUT THE DIFFICULTY OF GETTING THE DANGERS OF DRUG TAKING IN SCHOOLS IN PERSPECTIVE, IN OTHER WORDS TO REALISE THAT PROVIDED SCHOOLS ACTED WISELY IT NEED NOT BE A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM.

MR. BROWN SAID THIS WORKSHOP WAS ONLY FOR TEACHERS IN ENGLISH-SPEAKING SECONDARY SCHOOLS SINCE PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE HAD SHOWN THAT BILINGUAL SEMINARS POSED PROBLEMS, BOTH BECAUSE OF THE LANGUAGE DIFFICULTY AND ALSO BECAUSE THE PROBLEMS LIKELY TO BE FACED BY TEACHERS IN ENGLISH SCHOOLS WERE RATHER DIFFERENT FROM THOSE FACED BY TEACHERS IN CHINESE SCHOOLS. HENCE SEPARATE SEMINARS HAD BEEN ARRANGED FOR TEACHERS IN CHINESE SCHOOLS.

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CLEANEST INDUSTRIAL BUILDING COMPETITION
IN SAN PO KONG
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THE FINAL OF THE CLEANEST INDUSTRIAL BUILDING COMPETITION IN SAN PO KONG ORGANISED BY THE WONG TAI SIN CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEE AND SAN PO KONG AREA COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 14).

THE AIMS OF THE COMPETITION ARE TO INVOLVE THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT MORE ACTIVELY IN THE OCTOBER DISTRICT CLEAN-UP AND TO FOSTER THE IDEA OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AMONG BOTH THE INDUSTRIALISTS AND THE WORKERS BY KEEPING THE COMMON PARTS, SUCH AS STAIRCASES, CORRIDORS, LIFTS, ENTRANCES AND WALLS OF THEIR WORKING PREMISES CLEAN AND FREE FROM OBSTRUCTION. ADJUDICATION WILL DEPEND ON THE STATE OF CLEANLINESS IN THESE COMMUNAL AREAS.

AN OPEN LETTER WAS SENT TO ALL THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES OF THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN SAN PO KONG IN EARLY SEPTEMBER INVITING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION.

STAFF OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN) HAVE SORTED OUT 20 BUILDINGS FOR THE PRELIMINARY SELECTION WHICH WAS HELD YESTERDAY (OCTOBER 11).

DURING THE PRELIMINARY SELECTION, STAFF OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN) AND URBAN SERVICES DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN), AS WELL AS MEMBERS OF THE SAN PO KONG AREA COMMITTEE PICKED OUT SIX BUILDINGS WHICH QUALIFIED AS THE FINALISTS.

A JUDGE PANEL COMPRISING THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN) AND URBAN SERVICES OFFICER (WONG TAI SIN), AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIRE SERVICES AND LABOUR DEPARTMENT WILL BE ASSEMBLING AT THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (WONG TAI SIN) AT 2:10 P.M. ON MONDAY BEFORE LEAVING TO VISIT THE SIX FINALISTS AND ADJUDICATE WHO THE WINNERS SHOULD BE.

THE WINNER AND THE FIRST AND SECOND RUNNERS-UP OF THE COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES FROM MR. JAMES Y.C. SO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (KOWLOON) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, IN THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT CLEAN-UP WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE MORSE PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 17) AT 7.30 P.M.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (SATURDAY) STOOD AT 33,232 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 49.4 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 64,038 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 25,426 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 49,219 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 50.3 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,395.6 MM (54.94 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,055.7 MM (80.93 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 32.1 PER CENT.

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