



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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OVER \$5.5 MILLION AWARDED BY SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL

THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL HAS AWARDED OVER \$5.5 MILLION TO CLAIMANTS IN ITS FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS' OPERATION, ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE JUDICIARY.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION LAST OCTOBER, 5,802 CASES WERE RECEIVED, AND SO FAR 3,250 OF WHICH HAVE BEEN HEARD, SOME WERE WITHDRAWN OR SETTLED.

+IN ITS EARLY DAYS, THE TRIBUNAL HANDLED SLIGHTLY OVER 100 CASES A MONTH,+ A SPOKESMAN OF THE JUDICIARY SAID, +NOW WE ARE HANDLING AN AVERAGE OF 500 CASES PER MONTH.+

CLAIMANTS IN THOSE DAYS WERE MAINLY INDIVIDUALS, BUT AS MORE PEOPLE BECAME AWARE OF THE SIMPLE AND INFORMAL PROCEDURE OF THE TRIBUNAL, THE WORKLOAD HAS INCREASED STEADILY.

+FIRMS AND LARGE COMMERCIAL ORGANISATIONS MAKING USE OF THE FACILITIES ARE BEGINNING TO SET A TREND,+ HE SAID.

THE TRIBUNAL HAS THE JURISDICTION OF HANDLING CLAIMS NOT EXCEEDING \$3,000. CLAIMS DEALT BY IT VARIED FROM A FEW DOLLARS TO \$3,000.

MOST OF THE CLAIMS INVOLVED ARE DISHONOURED CHEQUES, NON-PAYMENTS OF GOODS SOLD, HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, BUILDING MANAGEMENT FEES, BORROWING NOTE AND NON-PAYMENT OF RATES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED MOST OFTEN WERE LACK OF RELEVANT INFORMATION OF DEFENDANTS.

+IN MANY CASES CLAIM FORMS AND NOTICE OF HEARING CANNOT BE SERVED ON THE DEFENDANTS BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE REGISTRY BY THE CLAIMANTS,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT RELEVANT AND ESSENTIAL INFORMATION OF DEFENDANTS IS NECESSARY TO ENABLE A QUICK CONCLUSION OF THE CASE.

THE HEARING AT THE TRIBUNAL IS INFORMAL AND IS CONDUCTED IN EITHER CHINESE OR ENGLISH. BOTH THE CLAIMANT AND THE DEFENDANT MUST ATTEND THE HEARING AT THE APPOINTED DATE, AND THEY MUST BRING ALONG THEIR WITNESSES OR DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THEIR CASE.

THOSE WISHING TO MAKE A CLAIM MUST FIRST OBTAIN A CLAIMS FORM FROM EITHER THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT OR THE KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT. OFFICERS FROM THE TRIBUNAL WOULD WILLINGLY OFFER ASSISTANCE TO EITHER PARTIES.

FEES FOR BRINGING THE PROCEEDINGS DEPEND ON THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM, BUT THE MINIMUM IS \$5 AND THE MAXIMUM IS \$20.

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EMPLOYMENT IN DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES FOR JUNE UP
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THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE EMPLOYED IN DISTRIBUTIVE TRADES IN JUNE HAS INCREASED BY 4.8 PER CENT TO 266,810 COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. COMPARED WITH THE NUMBER ENGAGED IN MARCH THIS YEAR, THE FIGURES SHOW AN INCREASE OF 2.3 PER CENT.

THESE WERE THE FINDINGS OF A RECENT FULL-SCALE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADES, IMPORT-EXPORT BUSINESS AND HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO THE JUNE 1977 SURVEY FIGURES RELEASED TODAY BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENGAGED IN WHOLESALE TRADE WAS 37,650, 95,380 IN IMPORT-EXPORT, AND 133,780 IN RETAIL TRADE.

IT ALSO SHOWED 97,890 PEOPLE WORKING IN RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS, AN INCREASE OF 4,430 OR 4.7 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1977- AND 17,020 PEOPLE WORKING IN HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES, AN INCREASE OF 210 OR 1.2 PER CENT.

COMPARED WITH JUNE 1976, THE EMPLOYMENT IN RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND BARS ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY BY 11,080 OR 12.8 PER CENT, AND IN HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES BY 530 OR 3.2 PER CENT.

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VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS MEETING DEMANDS
FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES
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MORE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE EXPANDING THEIR CHILD CARE SERVICES AND SETTING UP MORE CHILD CARE CENTRES TO MEET INCREASING DEMANDS BY THE COMMUNITY, MR. MAK WING-HONG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE SAID TODAY WHEN HE OFFICIATED AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE LUTHERAN PHILIP HOUSE NURSERY AT ITS NEW PREMISES.

THE NURSERY, SITUATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF MAGNOLIA HOUSE, MA TAU WAI ESTATE, HAS 60 PLACES - TEN MORE THAN AT ITS OLD ADDRESS AT FOK LO CHUEN ROAD, KOWLOON CITY. IT WAS SPONSORED BY A WEST GERMAN ORGANISATION BEFORE IT BEGAN RECEIVING GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES IN APRIL 1974.

MR. MAK SAID BECAUSE OF ITS LARGER ACCOMMODATION AND PROXIMITY TO PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES, THE NURSERY AT ITS NEW PREMISES COULD PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO FAMILIES REQUIRING ITS FACILITIES.

MR. MAK ALSO EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE WAS TO GUARANTEE THAT CHILDREN UNDER THE CARE OF SUCH CENTRES WERE GIVEN A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH STANDARD OF SERVICE TO ENSURE THEIR PHYSICAL, SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AS WELL AS INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT.

HE STRESSED THAT ALL REGISTERED CENTRES WOULD HAVE TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECOND PHASE OF ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDINANCE ON FLOOR AREA, PLAY AREA, RATIO OF STAFF TO CHILDREN, AND THEIR NURSERY AND FIRST AID TRAINING BEFORE JUNE 1, 1978.

HE SAID THAT SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS REGISTERED A TOTAL OF 169 CHILD CARE CENTRES.

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AIRPORT SHOP TO LET
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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE TENANCY OF A LARGE SHOP SPACE OF ABOUT 3,000 SQ. FT. IN THE TRANSIT AREA OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL, HONG KONG AIRPORT.

THE SHOP, SITUATED AT THE EASTERN END OF THE FIRST FLOOR DEPARTURES LEVEL, IS DESIGNATED FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

TENANCY WILL BE FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR YEARS, RENEWABLE FOR A FURTHER 12 MONTHS AT A REVISED RENTAL. THE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT WILL BE ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 1, 1978.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE C.A.D. OR THE AIRPORT GENERAL MANAGER AT HONG KONG AIRPORT.

ALL TENDERS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CENTRAL TENDER BOARD AND PLACED IN THE TENDER BOX AT THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT BEFORE NOON ON OCTOBER 7.

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TUEN MUN TO HOLD WATER CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN
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ABOUT 4,000 CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND AN AQUATIC CARNIVAL AT TUEN MUN THIS SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17), FEATURING A SERIES OF NOVELTY EVENTS DESIGNED TO ENTERTAIN THEM.

THE CARNIVAL WILL BE STAGED AT 19-1/2 MILESTONE, CASTLE PEAK BAY, FOR THREE HOURS, STARTING AT 2 P.M.

CHILDREN LIVING IN THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT IN PARTICULAR WILL HAVE PRIORITY TO TAKE PART IN AND SHARE THE FUN OF THE CARNIVAL. THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN TICKETS WHICH ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE CARNIVAL HAS BEEN ORGANISED BY THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUILDING CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE. ITS MEMBERS ARE FROM THE DISTRICT OFFICE, RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE POLICE. IT IS AIMED AT PROVIDING MORE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR RESIDENTS OF TUEN MUN DISTRICT.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER TUEN MUN, MR. PETER NG KWON-TAI= THE CHAIRMAN OF TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. LAU WONG-FAT= THE NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER, MR. M.C. ILLINGWORTH= THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NEW TERRITORIES, U.S.D., MR. CHAN SUI-JEUNG= THE CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICER, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MISS E.S. MAIR= AND THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF YAN OI TONG, MR. CHAN CHUNG-HANG WILL OFFICIATE AT THE FUNCTION.

POPULAR TV STARS WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO WINNERS AT THE END OF THE CARNIVAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE THREE-HOUR WATER CARNIVAL WHICH WILL BE FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M. ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 17).

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CROWN LAND FOR SALE

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THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING A PIECE OF CROWN LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE SITE, MEASURING ABOUT 1,115 SQUARE METRES AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, DIAMOND HILL, KOWLOON, IS FOR A FUNERAL PARLOUR AND PRIVATE MORTUARY.

CLOSING DATE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF TENDERS IS AT NOON ON OCTOBER 20.

TENDER FORMS, NOTICES AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM, AND THE PLAN INSPECTED AT, THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

MEANWHILE THE AUCTION OF TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND AND A FLAT IN KOWLOON SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL NEXT TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 20) HAS BEEN POSTPONED.

IT WILL NOW BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 2.30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 14.

THE FLAT AND THE LOTS ARE: KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 10549 AT TSIM SHA TSUI EAST, KOWLOON= NEW KOWLOON INLAND LOT NO. 5734 AT PO KONG VILLAGE ROAD, KOWLOON=AND 3RD FLOOR OF HOI KING STREET, KOWLOON.

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APPLICATION FOR INDUSTRIAL INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE STILL OPEN

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A LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES FOR PART-TIME EVENING INDUSTRIAL INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE ARE STILL AVAILABLE AT THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

THE COURSE IS DESIGNED TO HELP INDUSTRIAL INSTRUCTORS AND WORKSHOP SUPERVISORS TO BE BETTER EQUIPPED IN CARRYING OUT THEIR WORK.

SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED WILL INCLUDE TEACHING METHODS, EDUCATION THEORY AND EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY.

APPLICANTS FOR THE COURSE MUST BE EMPLOYED AS INSTRUCTOR AND FULLY SKILLED IN THEIR TRADE, AS WELL AS HAVING AN ADEQUATE SECONDARY, PREFERABLY TECHNICAL OR PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

THE FEE FOR THE COURSE IS \$75. COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, HONG KONG, BEFORE SEPTEMBER 24.

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