



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DEMAND FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE  
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THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (L.E.S.) OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT PLACED NEARLY 5,800 PEOPLE IN JOBS LAST YEAR AND ANOTHER 5,200 IN THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THIS YEAR, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. PETER WILLIAMS, TOLD A KOWLOON ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY.

DURING THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS THIS YEAR, A TOTAL OF 35,000 PEOPLE WERE REGISTERED FOR JOBS AND 7,000 VACANCIES WERE NOTIFIED TO THE SERVICE.

+THESE ARE GOOD STATISTICS AND THEY SHOW THAT THE L.E.S. HAS AN IMPORTANT PART TO PLAY IN THE LIVELIHOOD OF BOTH JOB-SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS,+ MR. WILLIAMS SAID.

HOWEVER HE BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS STILL A SMALL NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS WHO WERE OF THE OPINION — AND UNFORTUNATELY THE WRONG ONE — THAT JOB-SEEKERS ON THE BOOKS OF THE L.E.S. WERE OF LOW CALIBRE.

+THE SPECTRUM,+ HE SAID, +IS VERY WIDE — WE HAVE CANDIDATES RANGING FROM THOSE WANTING LABOURER OR FACTORY-FLOOR JOBS TO THOSE WHO ARE AFTER EXECUTIVE, ENGINEERING, TEACHING, AND MANAGERIAL POSTS.+

+THIS LATTER GROUP,+ HE ADDED, +ARE DEALT WITH BY A SUB-UNIT OF THE L.E.S. — THE SPECIAL REGISTER WHICH WAS SET UP IN 1973 ON THE LINES OF THE 'PROFESSIONAL AND EXECUTIVE REGISTER' IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.+

MR. WILLIAMS EXPLAINED THAT THE FUNCTION OF THE SUB-UNIT WAS TO HELP GRADUATES OF LOCAL AND OVERSEAS UNIVERSITIES, AND THOSE WHO HAD COMPLETED POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

+THE REGISTER,+ HE SAID, +IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY BUT EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO DEVELOP IT WITH THE HELP OF THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, AND THE APPOINTMENT SERVICES OF LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTES.+

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO MAKE USE OF THE L.E.S. +ALL IN ALL THE L.E.S. HAS A WIDE RANGE OF REGISTRANTS WITH VARYING QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE, AND I WOULD SAY THAT IN MOST CASES WE CAN MEET MOST OF THE EMPLOYERS' REQUIREMENTS.

+BY RECRUITING THROUGH THE L.E.S.,+ MR. WILLIAMS ADDED, +EMPLOYERS NOT ONLY SAVE MONEY ON ADVERTISEMENTS, BUT ALSO CONSIDERABLE TIME AND TROUBLE IN SCREENING APPLICATIONS IN THE SELECTION PROCESS.+

THE COMMISSIONER SAID THE L.E.S. AT PRESENT OPERATES FROM EIGHT OFFICES SPREAD OVER HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES AND REGISTERS JOB-SEEKERS LOOKING FOR FIRST OR ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY CAN READ OR WRITE, ARE ABLE-BODIED OR HANDICAPPED, SKILLED OR UNSKILLED.

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AS FROM APRIL THIS YEAR IT ALSO TOOK OVER THE PLACEMENT SERVICE FOR THE ABLE-BODIED UNEMPLOYED UNDER THE EXTENDED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME.

SPEAKING ON THE IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE TO THE SERVICE, MR. WILLIAMS SAID, STARTING FROM THIS YEAR A SEMI-SELF SERVICE SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED WHEREBY VACANCIES WERE DISPLAYED PROMINENTLY IN THE WAITING AREA OF EACH OFFICE.

+JOB-SEEKERS CAN LOOK AT THESE, SEEK THE ADVICE OF THE INTERVIEWING OFFICERS AND TAKE AN ACTIVE PERSONAL PART IN CHOOSING THEIR JOBS,+ HE SAID.

ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT IN THE PIPELINE, MR. WILLIAMS CONTINUED, WAS A BETTER SYSTEM OF INTERNAL COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE BRANCH OFFICES OF THE L.E.S.

STARTING NEXT YEAR THE L.E.S. WILL HAVE A FACSIMILE TRANSMITTING NETWORK TO EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE VACANCIES BETWEEN THE VARIOUS OFFICES SO THAT JOB-SEEKERS REGISTERING AT ONE OFFICE MAY HAVE AS WIDE A CHOICE AS POSSIBLE OF JOBS.

THIS WILL MEAN THAT A VACANCY RECEIVED BY ONE OFFICE CAN BE TRANSMITTED BY TELE-COPIER TO ALL OTHER OFFICES THE MINUTE IT IS RECEIVED, THUS AFFORDING A BETTER SERVICE TO BOTH JOB-SEEKERS AND EMPLOYERS.

MR. WILLIAMS ALSO SAID THAT IN ORDER TO REACH OUT AS FAR AS POSSIBLE TO ITS CLIENTS THE L.E.S. WILL OPEN FIVE MORE BRANCH OFFICES BY APRIL NEXT YEAR.

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ROYAL OBSERVATORY STARTS EXPERIMENTAL WEATHER BROADCAST  
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THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL BE OPERATING AN EXPERIMENTAL WEATHER BROADCAST UNTIL THE END OF OCTOBER THIS YEAR ON THE SAME FREQUENCY AS ITS ROUTINE TIME SIGNAL TRANSMISSIONS.

THE EXPERIMENT STARTED ON THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH.

THE SIX-PIP TIME SIGNALS ARE BROADCAST EVERY 15 MINUTES ROUND THE CLOCK ON FM 95 MEGAHERTZ FROM THE OBSERVATORY'S TRANSMITTER AT TATE'S CAIRN.

DURING THE EXPERIMENTAL PERIOD WEATHER FORECASTS AND WARNINGS WILL ALSO BE BROADCAST CONTINUOUSLY BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. EVERY DAY BUT WITH A BREAK OF ONE MINUTE STARTING HALF A MINUTE BEFORE THE SIX-PIP SIGNALS.

DURING THE DISPLAY OF A NUMBER 8 OR HIGHER TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL, THE BROADCAST WILL BE SUSPENDED TO ENABLE THE TATE'S CAIRN TRANSMITTER TO BE USED FOR RELAYING TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNINGS IN CHINESE TO RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND COMMERCIAL RADIO.

THE EXPERIMENT IS TO TEST THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE BROADCAST MAY BE RECEIVED IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE TERRITORY AND TO SEEK OPINIONS FROM VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY ON THE DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SIMILAR BROADCAST ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

DURING ADVERSE WEATHER, AND PARTICULARLY DURING PERIODS WHEN TROPICAL CYCLONES ARE THREATENING HONG KONG, PEOPLE URGENTLY NEEDING TO KNOW THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS OFTEN CANNOT GET THROUGH TO THE OBSERVATORY BY TELEPHONE AS ALL THE LINES ARE SATURATED WITH CALLS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY SAID.

BY SIMPLY TUNING IN TO THE BROADCAST THESE PEOPLE AND OTHERS WHO DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A TELEPHONE CAN GET THE LATEST INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY, HE SAID.

HE ENVISAGED THAT A PERMANENT BROADCAST WOULD TRANSMIT WEATHER INFORMATION AND WARNINGS AROUND THE CLOCK AND WOULD NOT BE DISRUPTED BY TIME SIGNALS NOR SUSPENDED DURING A DISPLAY OF NUMBER 8 OR HIGHER SIGNALS.

DURING THE EXPERIMENT, TRANSMISSION TIME IS RESTRICTED TO EIGHT HOURS A DAY AND THE CONTENTS WILL INITIALLY BE LIMITED TO BASIC FORECASTS AND WARNINGS.

THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WELCOMES SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT INFORMATION PEOPLE CONSIDER WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR INCLUSION IN SUCH A BROADCAST. INFORMATION AVAILABLE INCLUDES THE LATEST REPORTS OF WIND AND WEATHER AROUND HONG KONG WATERS, SEA CONDITIONS, THE LOCATION AND MOVEMENT OF HEAVY RAIN AREAS AND THUNDERSTORMS, TIDAL INFORMATION, RAINFALL REPORTS AND FORECASTS, AND AIRPORT WEATHER.

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ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY SUGGESTIONS REGARDING THIS EXPERIMENT CAN WRITE TO THE DIRECTOR, ROYAL OBSERVATORY, NATHAN ROAD OR TELEPHONE MR. LIU PING-PUI, 3-677173 EXT. 26 DURING OFFICE HOURS.

REPORTS ON BROADCAST RECEPTION IN THE MORE REMOTE AREAS OF THE TERRITORY WILL BE PARTICULARLY WELCOME AS WELL AS PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVING THE CONTENTS AND FORMAT OF THE BROADCAST.

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JUDGE O'CONNOR APPOINTED HIGH COURT JUDGE  
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THE QUEEN HAS APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. RORY O'CONNOR TO BE A HIGH COURT JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

MR. JUSTICE O'CONNOR WAS BORN IN BELFAST, IRELAND, ON NOVEMBER 26, 1925. HE WAS EDUCATED AT BLACKROCK COLLEGE, DUBLIN AND THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND. IN 1949 HE WAS CALLED TO THE BAR BY KING'S INNS, DUBLIN, AND PRACTISED AS A BARRISTER ON THE NORTH EASTERN CIRCUIT IN IRELAND FROM 1949 TO 1956. HE CAME TO HONG KONG AS A MAGISTRATE IN 1962 AFTER SERVING AS A RESIDENT MAGISTRATE IN KENYA FROM 1956 TO 1962.

HE WAS APPOINTED A DISTRICT JUDGE IN JUNE, 1970 AND HAS SAT AS A COMMISSIONER ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS SINCE THEN AND CONSTANTLY FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.

MR. JUSTICE O'CONNOR IS MARRIED AND HAS TWO CHILDREN.

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JORDAN BACK FROM LEAVE  
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MR. DAVID JORDAN HAS RETURNED FROM ANNUAL LEAVE AND HAS TAKEN UP HIS DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED TRADE INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT.

MR. BILL DORWARD WHO ACTED AS DIRECTOR DURING MR. JORDAN'S ABSENCE, WILL NOW BECOME COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS, AN ARM OF THE NEW DEPARTMENT.

BEFORE GOING ON LEAVE IN JULY, MR. JORDAN ACTED AS FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS.

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WORK SET TO GO ON TAI HING ESTATE'S LAST BLOCK  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BEGIN WORK SOON ON THE FINAL BLOCK OF THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TAI HING ESTATE IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECT ARE BEING INVITED BY P.W.D.'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE.

MR. JOSEPH LEI, P.W.D.'S CHIEF ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY THAT WORK ON THIS BLOCK, THE LAST OF THREE IN STAGE TWO, WAS EXPECTED TO START IN DECEMBER AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 20 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

ON COMPLETION, THE 30-STOREY CRUCIFORM BLOCK WOULD PROVIDE 1,388 FLATS FOR ABOUT 7,500 PERSONS.

MR. LEI SAID THAT WORK ON THE FIRST TWO BLOCKS HAD ALREADY BEGUN AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

+EACH OF THESE BLOCKS CONTAINS ABOUT 1,388 FLATS WITH INDIVIDUAL BALCONY, KITCHEN AND TOILET,+ HE ADDED.

+THE WHOLE OF STAGE TWO IS SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETED BY LATE 1979 AND WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY AS PART OF ITS 10-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAMME.+

LIKE STAGE ONE OF THE ESTATE, MR. LEI SAID, THERE WOULD BE OPEN AND RECREATIONAL SPACE IN THE ESTATE WITH PLAYGROUNDS AND REST GARDENS FOR RESIDENTS.

+COMMERCIAL FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED TO SERVE THE RESIDENTS. THESE INCLUDE SHOPS AND A CENTRALLY LOCATED MARKET CONSISTING OF ABOUT 50 STALLS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND A LARGE RESTAURANT.+

THE RESTAURANT, HE ADDED, MEASURED ABOUT 1,500 SQUARE METRES AND WAS LOCATED AT THE COMMERCIAL COMPLEX WITH PARKING FACILITIES.

+ON COMPLETION, THE \$200 MILLION HIGH QUALITY HOUSING ESTATE WOULD HOUSE A TOTAL OF 46,000 PEOPLE IN SOME 8,500 FLATS,+ MR. LEI SAID.

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POTENTIAL BUYERS TO VIEW SAI KUNG FLATS  
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POTENTIAL BUYERS OF 10 GOVERNMENT-BUILT FLATS AT SAI KUNG WHICH ARE TO BE AUCTIONED LATER THIS MONTH CAN INSPECT THE PROPERTY NEXT MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 12).

A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WILL BE AT ONE OF THE FLATS, AT 100 MAN NIN STREET, THIRD FLOOR, BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND NOON AND 2.30 P.M. AND 4 P.M. TO SHOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AROUND THE PREMISES.

FURTHER PUBLIC VIEWING MAY BE ARRANGED DEPENDING ON THE DEMAND, MR. GORDON MOFFOOT, SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE, SAID TODAY.

THE GOVERNMENT IS TO AUCTION 10 FLATS OF 692 SQUARE FEET WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY BUILT TO HOUSE VILLAGERS AFFECTED BY THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME.

THE FLATS ARE IN NEAR-NEW CONDITION AND HAVE A SEPARATE, FULLY-FITTED BATHROOM AND A SELF-CONTAINED KITCHEN AREA.

+THERE HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE FLATS SINCE WE ANNOUNCED THEIR SALE LAST WEEK AND THE OPEN DAY WILL GIVE POTENTIAL BUYERS A CHANCE TO SEE THE FLATS FIRST HAND,+ MR. MOFFOOT SAID.

+WE EXPECT BIDDING TO BE VERY KEEN AT THE AUCTION, ESPECIALLY FOR THE SEVEN FLATS WHICH HAVE EXTENSIVE SEA VIEWS.+

THE SALE - TO BE HELD AT THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE ON SEPTEMBER 21 -- IS ONE IN A SERIES TO DISPOSE OF ABOUT 80 SURPLUS FLATS BUILT BY THE GOVERNMENT IN SAI KUNG TOWN.

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JAVA RD AND STAUNTON ST TRAFFIC CHANGES  
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL COME INTO FORCE IN JAVA ROAD, NORTH POINT, AND STAUNTON STREET, CENTRAL, ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 12) AND TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) RESPECTIVELY.

ON MONDAY WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. THE RIGHT TURN FROM JAVA ROAD INTO KING'S ROAD WILL BE BANNED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

EASTBOUND MOTORISTS ON JAVA ROAD WISHING TO TURN RIGHT INTO KING'S ROAD WESTBOUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAVELLING TOWARDS CAUSEWAY BAY SHOULD PROCEED VIA HEALTHY STREET AND THEN TURN RIGHT INTO KING'S ROAD.

ON TUESDAY WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. THE SECTION BETWEEN PEEL STREET AND ABERDEEN STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH TO FACILITATE ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS.

ACCESS TO STAUNTON STREET WEST OF ABERDEEN STREET CAN BE MADE VIA CAINE ROAD AND THEN STAUNTON STREET.

MEANWHILE, GRANDVIEW ROAD AND SOCIAL AVENUE IN SHEUNG YUEN LENG, DIAMOND HILL, WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO VEHICLES FROM 7 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 12 TO 7 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 19, AND FROM 7 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 17 TO 7 A.M. ON SEPTEMBER 18, RESPECTIVELY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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