



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MARINE DEPARTMENT ALTERS HARBOUR FAIRWAY SYSTEM  
AND ESTABLISHES A +CLEARWAY+ FOR CONTAINERSHIPS  
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THE MERCHANT SHIPPING (CONTROL OF PORTS)(AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 1976 WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON SEPTEMBER 1.

CHANGES IN SHIPPING PATTERNS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS  
HAVE INCREASED MOVEMENTS OF LARGE SHIPS IN THE WESTERN  
APPROACHES AND THE WESTERN HARBOUR.

THIS, TOGETHER WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE VIRTUALLY  
UNOBSTRUCTED WORKING AREAS FOR THE IMMERSSED TUBE TUNNEL  
SECTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WHICH WILL BE LAID IN  
THE CENTRAL HARBOUR, HAVE NECESSITATED DREDGING OF THE  
CENTRAL FAIRWAY TO A DEPTH SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW HEAVY DRAFT  
VESSELS, INCLUDING PASSENGER LINERS BERTHING AT THE OCEAN  
TERMINAL, FREE ACCESS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE HARBOUR.

AT THE SAME TIME A MAJOR RE-ORGANISATION OF THE BUOYAGE  
SYSTEM FOR OCEAN-GOING SHIPS PRESENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT BY  
THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND EXISTING AND PROPOSED RECLAMATIONS  
ALONG THE NORTH-WESTERN SHORE OF HONG KONG ISLAND HAS REACHED  
THE POINT WHERE CHANGES IN THE PRESENT MAJOR FAIRWAYS ARE  
NECESSARY.

THUS, THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SOUTHERN, CENTRAL AND HUNG  
HOM FAIRWAYS LISTED IN THE SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE PRINCIPAL  
REGULATIONS WILL BE VARIED AND TWO NEW FAIRWAYS WILL BE  
ADDED. THEY ARE THE NORTHERN AND NORTH GREEN ISLAND FAIRWAYS.

REFERRING AGAIN TO THE MOVEMENTS OF LARGE SHIPS IN THE  
WESTERN HARBOUR AND WESTERN APPROACHES, THE DIRECTOR OF  
MARINE HAS BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEMS RELATED TO  
MOVEMENTS OF CONTAINERSHIPS IN THE AREA BETWEEN TSING YI  
ISLAND AND THE NORTHERN PART OF THE WESTERN TRAFFIC  
SEPARATION SCHEME RUNNING UP TO THE EAST LAMMA CHANNEL.

THIS AREA IS A VERY POPULAR ANCHORAGE FOR SHIPS  
INTENDING TO ANCHOR THERE FOR A SHORT PERIOD, BUT THE 3RD  
GENERATION CONTAINERSHIPS PROCEEDING TO AND FROM KWAI  
CHUNG ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY MANOEUVRING THROUGH ANCHORED  
VESSELS IN THIS AREA.

THESE SHIPS BEING UP TO 1,000 FEET IN LENGTH WITH  
DRAFTS IN THE REGION OF 40 FEET HAVE LIMITED MANOEUVRING  
ABILITY AND ARE ALSO RESTRICTED TO FAIRLY DEFINED ROUTES  
BY THEIR DRAFT.

HYDROFOILS AND JETFOILS REGULARLY USE AN EAST-WEST ROUTE  
PAST GREEN ISLAND AND THEIR MOVEMENTS WILL BE MADE EASIER  
BY REMOVING SUCH OBSTRUCTIONS.

IN ORDER TO ASSIST SUCH SHIPS AND TO AVOID POSSIBLE  
ACCIDENTS OR STRANDINGS, THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE WILL,  
FROM SEPTEMBER 1, ESTABLISH AN AREA FROM THE NORTHERN END  
OF THE EAST LAMMA CHANNEL SEPARATION SCHEME THROUGH  
KELLET BANK TO SOUTH EAST TSING YI ISLAND WHERE SHIPS  
WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ANCHOR.

THIS HAS BEEN DECLARED BY NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 49(T)  
OF 1976 UNDER REGULATION 5(1) OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING  
(CONTROL OF PORTS) REGULATIONS.

GOVT TO EXPLORE MARINE RESOURCES IN SOUTH CHINA SEA  
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ANOTHER SERIES OF FISHERY SURVEYS WILL BE CARRIED OUT LATER THIS YEAR BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE MARINE RESOURCES IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN FOLLOWING STUDIES WHICH SHOWED THAT HONG KONG WILL FACE A SHORTAGE OF SEA FISH IN 1981.

MR. ROY CHILVERS, SENIOR FISHERIES OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT) OF THE DEPARTMENT, POINTED OUT THAT THE AIM OF THESE SURVEYS WAS TO ESTABLISH THE TEMPORAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF UNEXPLOITED MIDWATER FISH STOCKS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA TO HELP DETERMINE WHAT SHOULD BE DONE TO MAINTAIN AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF FISH FOR HONG KONG.

DEPENDENT UPON WHICH SPECIES WERE FOUND TO BE THE MOST ABUNDANT, THE SURVEYS WOULD ALSO HELP GOVERNMENT TO PLAN THE INTRODUCTION OF DIFFERENT TYPES OF FISHING GEAR FOR THEIR CAPTURE, AND THE BEST METHODS OF UTILISING THEM.

MR. CHILVERS STRESSED THAT THE FISHING GROUNDS FREQUENTED AT PRESENT WERE IN DANGER OF BEING OVER-EXPLOITED.

+THE PROBLEM AT THE MOMENT IS THAT THE POPULAR BOTTOM LIVING FISHES ON THE TRADITIONAL GROUNDS ARE APPARENTLY BECOMING LESS ABUNDANT AND THE FLEET IS HAVING TO MOVE FURTHER AFIELD TO MAINTAIN SUPPLIES OF THESE SPECIES,+ HE SAID.

+THIS, OBVIOUSLY, CANNOT GO ON INDEFINITELY. CLOSER TO HONG KONG, THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF OTHER TYPES OF FISH WHICH, HOWEVER, ARE NOT POPULAR WITH EITHER THE CONSUMER OR THE FISHERMEN.+

HE SAID THAT ONE GOOD EXAMPLE WAS THE FILE FISH WHICH COULD BE FOUND IN LARGE SHOALS OVER THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

MR. CHILVERS RECALLED THAT DURING A DEMERSAL SURVEY CRUISE IN THE MIDDLE OF 1972 THE CATCH RATE TO THE WEST FOR THIS ONE SPECIES AVERAGED ONE HALF OF A TON PER HOUR.

EARLIER THIS YEAR, A TRIAL MIDWATER SURVEY DEMONSTRATED THE PRESENCE OF VERY LARGE SHOALS OF THE SAME FISH TO THE EAST OF HONG KONG WHERE IT HAD ALSO BEEN CAUGHT ON THE BOTTOM IN 1972.

FOR THE COMING STUDY, THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT PURCHASED A POWERFUL SONAR WHICH HAS BEEN INSTALLED ON BOARD ITS RESEARCH VESSEL +CAPE ST. MARY+ TO LOCATE SHOALS OF FISH.

IN ADDITION, AN EXPENSIVE ECHO SOUNDER AND OTHER SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WILL BE FITTED IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS' TIME.

THIS, HE ADDED, WAS ON LOAN TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE SOUTH CHINA SEA FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AND CO-ORDINATING PROGRAMME BASED IN THE PHILIPPINES AND SPONSORED BY THE FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE EQUIPMENT INCLUDING THE ECHO SOUNDER, WOULD BE USED TO MAKE FAST DIRECT ASSESSMENTS OF THE QUANTITIES OF FISH LOCATED.

MR. CHILVERS SAID THAT THE SURVEYS, FIVE IN ALL, WILL BEGIN SOMETIME IN OCTOBER AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN ABOUT 12 MONTHS' TIME.

IN THE MEANTIME, HE CONTINUED, THE DEPARTMENT HAS STARTED EXPERIMENTS ON THE TRIAL PRODUCTION OF FISH SILAGE AS AN ADDITIONAL MEANS OF UTILISING THE EXISTING CATCHES OF SMALL INSHORE PELAGIC FISHES.

IT IS HOPED TO USE THE SILAGE AS FEED FOR SWINE AND POULTRY.

IF THIS PROVES SUCCESSFUL, OTHER SPECIES, SUCH AS FILE FISH, WILL BE USED AS THE RAW MATERIAL, THUS CREATING A DEMAND FOR SUCH APPARENTLY ABUNDANT, BUT LITTLE UTILISED SPECIES.

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SHOPPING SPACES ON KCR'S WALKWAYS TO BE TENDERED

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THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY (KCR) IS INVITING TENDERS FOR SHOPPING SPACES IN ONE OF ITS COVERED PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS LEADING TO THE TERMINAL AT HUNG HOM.

KCR ALREADY HAS SHOPS WITHIN ITS NEW KOWLOON TERMINAL BUILDING BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SHOPPING SPACES ARE LET IN THE WALKWAYS WHICH CONNECT THE BUSY RAIL PASSENGER CENTRE WITH NEARBY FERRY AND BUS TERMINALS.

THE SHOPPING SPACES, TOTALLING 3,693 SQ. FT., ARE AT THE WESTERN PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY. IT IS USED DAILY BY PASSENGERS, AND CONNECTS THE TERMINAL WITH BUS STOPS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL AND OTHER PASSAGeways OF THE STATION COMPLEX.

THE TERMINAL COMPLEX IS INCREASINGLY BECOMING A POPULAR MEETING POINT FOR HONG KONG PEOPLE. FURTHERMORE, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLYTECHNIC NEARBY, MANY MORE VISITORS ARE EXPECTED TO COME TO THE STATION, PARTICULARLY ON HOLIDAYS.

CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO PROPOSALS BY TENDERERS TO AIR-CONDITION THE SHOPPING SPACES AND TO PROVIDE GATES TO CLOSE PART OF THE WALKWAY AT NIGHT.

FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE KCR GENERAL MANAGER AT KOWLOON STATION IN HUNG HOM.

TENDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 12 NOON ON SEPTEMBER 3, 1976.

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LIFESAVERS TO GUARD CHEUNG SHA BEACH

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ARRANGED FOR 15 VOLUNTEER LIFESAVERS TO MAN THE TREACHEROUS CHEUNG SHA BEACH AT LANTAU FOR THE REST OF THE SUMMER.

THE VOLUNTEERS WILL SWING INTO ACTION ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 21) AND WILL BE ON GUARD DUTY EVERY WEEKEND AND PUBLIC HOLIDAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26 -- 14 +SWIMMING DAYS+ IN ALL.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE, ISLANDS, RECRUITED THE LIFESAVERS FROM THE HONG KONG LIFE SAVING CLUB HEADQUARTERS AND ITS CHEUNG CHAU AND MUI WO BRANCHES.

THE DISTRICT OFFICER ISLANDS, MR. DAVID TSUI TODAY PRAISED THE VOLUNTEERS FOR THEIR COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

+WE WILL BE PAYING THEM TRAVELLING EXPENSES BUT THEY WILL PROBABLY STILL BE OUT OF POCKET. HOWEVER, THEY DON'T SEEM TO MIND BECAUSE THEY SAY THERE'S A JOB TO BE DONE,+ HE SAID.

NINE OF THE VOLUNTEERS WILL BE POSTED ON THE LONG BEACH WHILE THE OTHER SIX WILL WATCH THE CHEUNG SHA LOWER VILLAGE BEACH. THE GROUP WILL BE ASSISTED BY TEENAGERS FROM THE VILLAGE WHO HAVE ALSO OFFERED THEIR HELP.

THE LIFESAVERS WILL BE USING WATCH TOWERS BUILT FOR THEM BY THE 1ST BATTALION LIGHT INFANTRY, AND WILL ALSO HAVE TWO RESCUE CANOES ON STANDBY.

MR. TSUI SAID HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING FOR THE BEACH GUARDS FROM THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES HEAD-QUARTERS AND ITS CHEUNG CHAU BRANCH.

+EVERYBODY HAS CO-OPERATED ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN AN EFFORT TO MINIMISE DANGER AT THE BEACH,+ HE SAID.

BUT MR. TSUI APPEALED TO SWIMMERS NOT TO USE THE BEACH WHEN A STRONG WIND SIGNAL WAS HOISTED BECAUSE IT WAS PARTICULARLY HAZARDOUS WHEN EXPOSED TO SOUTH-WESTERLY WINDS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE FIRST DAY OF THE LIFE GUARD PATROL AT CHEUNG SHA BEACH ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 21). THE LAUNCH SIR CECIL CLEMENTI WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BEACH, LEAVING THE MARINE DEPARTMENT PIER, HONG KONG ISLAND, AT 8.45 A.M. AND THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9 A.M. KERRY MCGLYNN, PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST WITH ANY INQUIRIES.

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URBAN LIFE CAMP  
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SIXTY YOUNGSTERS FROM YUNG SHUE O, A REMOTE VILLAGE ON THE NORTHERN PART OF THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA, WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE URBAN LIFE NEXT WEEK.

AN 'URBAN LIFE CAMP' HAS BEEN ORGANISED FOR THEM AT THE LAM TIN ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING (EAST) BETWEEN AUGUST 22 AND 25.

PROGRAMMES IN THE CAMP WILL INCLUDE A GAMES PARTY WITH URBAN CHILDREN AND VISITS TO POLICE STATION, HOSPITAL, COMMUNITY CENTRE, THE CITY HALL AND THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY STATION.

APART FROM THE CAMP, RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES WILL ALSO BE ORGANISED FOR THE VILLAGERS IN YUNG SHUE O SUCH AS STALL GAMES AND CAMP FIRE.

THE PROJECT IS ORGANISED BY THE SHARE LOVE SOCIETY, A SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUP OF THE LAM TIN ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE.

SPONSORED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUTH SCHEME, THE PROJECT IS AIMED AT ENLIGHTENING RURAL CHILDREN WITH KNOWLEDGE OF URBAN LIFE AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR URBAN YOUNGSTERS TO EXPERIENCE RURAL LIFE.

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FIRST CONTRACT OF PLANETARIUM TO BE SIGNED TOMORROW  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE FIRST CONTRACT FOR HONG KONG'S PROPOSED PLANETARIUM WILL BE FORMALLY SIGNED IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE TOMORROW (FRIDAY, AUGUST 20) AT 10.30 A.M.

P.W.D. OFFICERS INCLUDING MR. THOMAS KU, THE PROJECT ARCHITECT, WILL BE ON HAND TO GIVE DETAILS OF THE PROJECT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE SIGNING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE, 12TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAMSHUIPO WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 21) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY PO ON ROAD, PRATAS STREET, KWONG LEE ROAD AND CHEUNG FAT STREET INCLUDING FAT TSEUNG STREET, TONKIN STREET AND BLOCK NOS. 1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14 AND 15, LEI CHENG UK ESTATE.

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GRADUATION CEREMONY

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A GRADUATION CEREMONY OF THE 22ND NAVIGATION TRAINING CLASS OF THE ABERDEEN FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION (F.M.O.) SECONDARY SCHOOL WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (AUGUST 20) AT 3 P.M.

THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE ABERDEEN F.M.O. SECONDARY PRACTICAL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL, NO.2, TIN WAN HILL ROAD, ABERDEEN.

MR. A.K. MURRAY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FISHERIES AND MARKETING) WILL OFFICIATE THE CEREMONY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.

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