



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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CONCESSION SCHEME FOR CONVERSION OF  
CROWN LAND LICENCES TO SHORT TERM TENANCIES  
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THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY) A STAGED CONCESSION SCHEME RELATING TO CONVERSIONS OF CROWN LAND LICENCES TO SHORT TERM TENANCIES.

UNDER THE SCHEME, THE RENTALS PAYABLE BY THE EX-LICENSEES WILL BE GRADUALLY BROUGHT UP TO THE CURRENT STANDARD RATES OF \$65 PER SQ. METRE (\$6 PER SQ. FOOT) PER ANNUM FOR OPEN STORAGE AND \$130 PER SQ. METRE (\$12 PER SQ. FOOT) PER ANNUM FOR BUILT-OVER AREAS OVER FOUR YEARS.

ALSO THE STANDARD RATE IN RESPECT OF BUILT-OVER AREAS WILL ONLY BE INTRODUCED AFTER THE TENANT HAS REACHED THE STAGE OF PAYING AN UP-TO-DATE RENTAL FOR OPEN AREAS. AT THE SAME TIME THE LICENSEE WILL BE GIVEN A SIX-MONTH NOTICE TO CHANGE-OVER AND DURING THIS PERIOD HE WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD A LICENCE AT THE MUCH LOWER CROWN LAND LICENCE FEE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT SINCE 1974 IT HAS BEEN THE OFFICIAL POLICY TO CONVERT ALL CROWN LAND LICENCES OTHER THAN THOSE FOR AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC PURPOSES TO SHORT TERM TENANCIES, WHICH GIVE THE TENANTS A BETTER DEFINED SECURITY OF TENURE. AT THE SAME TIME THE TENANTS SHOULD PAY THE MARKET RENTAL FOR THE VALUE OF THE LAND FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES INSTEAD OF THE STATUTORY LICENCE FEE WHICH DOES NOT AT ALL REFLECT THE BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE USE OF THE LAND.

HE ADDED THAT CONVERSION OF CROWN LAND LICENCES TO SHORT TERM TENANCIES HAS BEEN A CONTINUING PROCESS AND UP TO NOW, 145 CROWN LAND LICENCES HAVE BEEN CONVERTED.

THE UMELCO RECOGNISED THAT THE CHANGEOVER FROM PAYING THE LOW LICENCE FEES TO THE STANDARD RENTALS MAY CAUSE HARDSHIP TO SOME OF THE LICENSEES AND PROPOSED THE INCREASE IN RENTALS SHOULD BE PHASED IN UNTIL THE CURRENT MARKET RENTS ARE REACHED. THIS HAS NOW BEEN ENDORSED BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

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UNDER THE NEW SCHEME, FROM THE TIME OF THE FIRST APPROACH MADE BY THE CROWN LAND AND SURVEY OFFICE TO THE LICENSEE, THE STAGING WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

DURING SIX MONTHS OF NOTICE:	\$11	PER	SQ.	METRE	PER	ANNUM	
FIRST YEAR	\$33	"	"	"	"	"	
SECOND YEAR	\$49	"	"	"	"	"	
THIRD YEAR	\$65	"	"	"	"	"	
FOURTH YEAR	\$65	"	"	"	"	"	" FOR OPEN STORAGE.
	\$130	"	"	"	"	"	" FOR BUILT-OVER AREAS.

FOR THOSE EX-LICENSEES WHO HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO THE STANDARD RATES PRIOR TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS STAGED SCHEME, APPROPRIATE REDUCTIONS WILL BE MADE IN THE NEXT YEAR'S RENTAL.

THE SPOKESMAN CLARIFIED THAT THE STAGED IMPLEMENTATION APPLIES ONLY IN CONVERSION CASES AND WILL NOT APPLY TO EXISTING SHORT TERM TENANCIES, THE RENTALS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN RECENTLY REVIEWED AND ARE NOW ASSESSED AT THE STANDARD RATES.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PLACEMENT SERVICE TO BE REACTIVATED IN MAY  
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S PLACEMENT SERVICE WILL GO INTO ACTION IN MID-MAY TO FIND ALTERNATIVE JOBS FOR REDUNDANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SCHOOLS), MR. LAM TAT-LAU, SAID THAT THE MOVE WAS PART OF THE CONTINUED ACTION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN EASING THE LOT OF DISPLACED TEACHERS ARISING FROM A GRADUAL MOVEMENT OF POPULATION TO NEW AREAS AND A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN THE APPROPRIATE AGE GROUP WHICH HAD LED TO A PHASING OUT OF SERIOUSLY UNDER-UTILISED CLASSES IN RECENT YEARS.

THE PLACEMENT SERVICE WILL BE HEADED BY A SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, MR. CHAN SAI-BUN, AND WILL START WORKING FROM MAY 15.

MR. LAM STATED THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS BEING TAKEN TO ABSORB THE REDUNDANT TEACHERS WHEREVER POSSIBLE BY OPENING NEW CLASSES IN AIDED SCHOOLS AND AGAINST VACANCIES IN SCHOOLS FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT OF TEACHERS, RESIGNATIONS AND DEATHS.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AROUND 400 CLASSES WOULD BE CLOSED IN SEPTEMBER 1978, RESULTING IN SOME 440 REDUNDANT TEACHERS, MR. LAM SAID. BUT ABOUT THE SAME TIME SOME 200 NEW CLASSES WOULD BE OPENED IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS IN THE NEW TOWNS, IN THE NEW ESTATES IN DEVELOPING AREAS, AND IN AREAS WITH SHORTAGES OF AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES.

+THIS SHOULD ABSORB AN ESTIMATED 220 TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOLS STRAIGHT AWAY,+ HE ADDED.

AS FOR THE REMAINING 220 REDUNDANT TEACHERS, THEY COULD BE READILY ABSORBED IN 235 VACANCIES IN SCHOOLS ARISING FROM RETIREMENT AND OTHER NORMAL WASTAGE, NOT TO MENTION OPENINGS IN SPECIAL CLASSES.

MR. LAM ALSO POINTED OUT THAT ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CLASSES IN ORDINARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS WOULD NEED 116 TEACHERS, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VACANCIES TO 571.

IN THE LAST THREE YEARS, THE PLACEMENT SERVICE HAD PUT UP A CREDITABLE PERFORMANCE OF PLACING MORE THAN 750 TEACHERS IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS, REPRESENTING MORE THAN FIVE PER CENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SERVING TEACHERS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS. IN 1977, THE SERVICE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINDING ALTERNATIVE TEACHING JOBS FOR 400 TEACHERS. IT HELPED PLACE 165 TEACHERS IN 1976 AND 187 TEACHERS IN 1975.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR EMPHASISED THAT WHILE THE PLACEMENT SERVICE DID ITS BEST TO PLACE REDUNDANT AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN ALTERNATIVE JOBS, IT DID NOT GUARANTEE EMPLOYMENT.

+THE SERVICE IDENTIFIES VACANCIES,+ HE SAID, +AND BRINGS SCHOOL MANAGERS AND TEACHERS TOGETHER WITH A VIEW TO SOLVING THE PROBLEM. MUCH DEPENDS ON THE WILLINGNESS OF THE TEACHERS CONCERNED TO TAKE UP APPOINTMENTS, THE COOPERATION OF MANAGERS TO ACCEPT TEACHERS AND THE SUITABILITY OF TEACHERS WITH SUBJECT SPECIALISMS WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT MATCH VACANCIES.+

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BEWARE OF OVERSEAS JOBS WITHOUT CONTRACT

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MANUAL WORKERS TAKING UP OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT WERE TODAY URGED TO ENTER INTO EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS WITH PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACTS OF OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO PROTECT THEIR OWN INTEREST.

SENIOR LABOUR OFFICER, MRS. SOO MOK SAU-HA, SAID THAT WRITTEN CONTRACTS DULY ATTESTED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT ONLY CLEARLY DEFINE THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, BUT ALSO ENSURE THE REASONABLENESS OF THE TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

SHE SAID: +ALL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS MUST INCLUDE DETAILS OF PAY, NATURE AND HOURS OF WORK, PAYMENT OF SICKNESS ALLOWANCE AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, REPATRIATION ARRANGEMENTS, AND PROVISIONS FOR DEPENDANTS.

+AS A DOUBLE SAFEGUARD TO PROTECT WORKERS, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD, PRIOR TO ATTESTATION, REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER TO NOMINATE SOMEONE LIVING IN HONG KONG, OR A LOCAL FIRM TO SIGN A LETTER OF GUARANTEE OR FURNISH A BOND FOR THE GENERAL PERFORMANCE OF THE CONTRACT BY THE EMPLOYER.+

+WITHOUT A CONTRACT, A WORKER WOULD, IN FACT, BE DOING HIMSELF INJUSTICE AND THE CONSEQUENCES ARE OBVIOUS,+ MRS. SOO ADDED.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE OVER EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS, THE WORKER WOULD FIND HIMSELF IN A MOST DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION.

SHE SAID: +VERBAL AGREEMENTS WHICH USUALLY DO NOT ADEQUATELY COVER ALL ASPECTS OF EMPLOYMENT ARE ALWAYS A SUBJECT OF CONTENTION. MOREOVER, THE ABSENCE OF AN ATTESTED CONTRACT WOULD TO A GREAT EXTENT IMPEDE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FROM INTERVENING INTO DISPUTES.+

+TO PUT IT IN SIMPLE LANGUAGE, A WORKER SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD TO WORK IN FOREIGN ENVIRONMENT WITHOUT THE PROTECTION OF A PROPERLY ATTESTED CONTRACT.+

MRS. SOO CALLED ON THOSE WORKERS WHO WISHED TO TAKE UP OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT TO CONSULT THE OVERSEAS EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AT 99, QUEENSWAY OR TELEPHONE 5-281035 ON THE PROPER COURSES TO FOLLOW.

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\$40 MILLION TYPHOON SHELTER FOR CHEUNG CHAU  
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT CONTRACTORS WILL BEGIN WORK SHORTLY ON THE \$40 MILLION, NEW CHEUNG CHAU TYPHOON SHELTER. IT WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES.

MR. HOWARD CHAMBERLAIN, P.W.D.'S CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, SAID THAT WORK ON STAGE ONE OF THE PROJECT WOULD BEGIN IN JUNE AND TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE.

IT WOULD INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF THREE BREAKWATERS AT CHEUNG CHAU WAN AT THE WEST SIDE OF THE ISLAND.

+THESE BREAKWATER FOUNDATIONS WILL BE ABOUT 600 METRES, 320 METRES AND 230 METRES LONG RESPECTIVELY AND WILL SUPPORT THE FUTURE RUBBLE BREAKWATERS WHICH, ON COMPLETION, WILL PROVIDE A GROSS TYPHOON SHELTER AREA OF ABOUT 63 HECTARES,+ MR. CHAMBERLAIN SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE POSITION OF THESE BREAKWATERS HAD BEEN DETERMINED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE AND WAS AGREEABLE TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE FISHERMEN BASED ON CHEUNG CHAU.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE PROJECT, INVOLVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RUBBLE BREAKWATERS, WOULD BEGIN FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE FIRST.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN SAID THAT THE TYPHOON SHELTER, WHEN COMPLETED, WOULD MEET THE DEMAND FOR SHELTERED ANCHORAGE IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN APPROACHES TO HONG KONG HARBOUR.

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LEGCO MEETING TOMORROW

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UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL RAISE A TOTAL OF 19 QUESTIONS ON VARIOUS MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST AT THE COUNCIL MEETING TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

DR. THE HON. HENRY HU WILL ASK IF THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON WHETHER THE FRANCHISE OF THE URBAN COUNCIL WILL BE ENLARGED AND THE NUMBER OF ELECTED MEMBERS IN THE COUNCIL INCREASED.

THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE THE LATEST POSITION REGARDING THE UNILATERAL ACTION TAKEN BY NORWAY TO RESTRICT IMPORTS OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS FROM HONG KONG. HE WILL ALSO ASK WHAT REPRESENTATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT ON THE MATTER AND IF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN ASKED TO INTERVENE ON THE MATTER ON BEHALF OF HONG KONG.

THE HON. MRS. KWAN KO SIU-WAH WILL RAISE A QUESTION ON THE EXTENT OF FRESH WATER BEING USED FOR FLUSHING AND WHAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN DO TO MINIMISE THIS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE CONSUMPTION OF FRESH WATER.

ON THE QUESTION OF CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SERVANTS, THE HON. WONG LAM WILL ASK THE GOVERNMENT TO STATE IF ITS CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES WITH CIVIL SERVANTS ARE ADEQUATE AND WHAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE BEING PLANNED IN VIEW OF THE DISSATISFACTION RECENTLY EXPRESSED BY SOME CIVIL SERVANTS WITH THEIR CONDITIONS OF SERVICE AND PROMOTION PROSPECTS.

THE REV. THE HON. JOYCE M. BENNETT WILL ASK IF STEPS CAN BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE NEWS MEDIA DO NOT DISCLOSE THE NAMES AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF VICTIMS OF RAPE AND INDECENT ASSAULT.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED BY UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS CONCERN COMPASSIONATE HOUSING SCHEME, FIRE PREVENTION IN MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BUILDINGS, FACILITIES FOR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT, CORRIDOR LIGHTING IN PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES AND VILLAGE STREET LIGHTING IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TWO BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE COUNCIL FOR FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. THEY ARE THE HOUSING (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 AND THE LAW AMENDMENT AND REFORM (CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978.

DEBATES WILL RESUME ON THREE OTHER BILLS. THEY ARE THE BUILDINGS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978, THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND JUVENILES (AMENDMENT) BILL 1978 AND THE INSURANCE COMPANIES (CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS) BILL 1978.

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NEW PASSENGER SERVICE AREA AT AIRPORT OPENS TOMORROW  
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A NEW PASSENGER SERVICE AREA WILL COME INTO USE AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WITH THE OPENING OF THE BUFFER HALL FOR ARRIVING PASSENGERS.

THE BUFFER HALL ACCOMMODATES COUNTERS FOR THE HONG KONG TOURIST ASSOCIATION, THE HOTELS ASSOCIATION, THE TRAVEL AGENTS ASSOCIATION, A MONEY EXCHANGE SHOP AND TELEPHONE BOOTHS.

OCCUPYING ABOUT 11,000 SQUARE FEET, THE HALL IS LOCATED ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE EXTENDED PASSENGER TERMINAL. ARRIVING PASSENGERS WILL STEP INTO THIS SPACIOUS AREA AFTER PASSING THROUGH THE CUSTOMS CHECKPOINTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BUFFER HALL WAS DESIGNED TO CENTRALISE VARIOUS SERVICES FOR THE AIR TRAVELLING PUBLIC.

+TOURISTS IN PARTICULAR WILL NOW BE ABLE TO FIND THE NECESSARY SERVICES AND GUIDANCE FROM OFFICES ALL UNDER ONE ROOF,+ HE SAID.

THE BUFFER HALL WILL BE SOLELY FOR THE USE OF ARRIVING PASSENGERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM ENTERING.

FROM THIS AREA, PASSENGERS WILL LEAVE THE TERMINAL BUILDING BY WAY OF THE ARRIVALS HALL OR THE DIRECT GROUP EXIT.

ALONG WITH THE OPENING OF THE BUFFER HALL, A NEW ROW OF CUSTOMS CHECKPOINTS IN THE TERMINAL EXTENSION WILL ALSO BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION. ALL CHECKPOINTS ARE INSTALLED WITH MECHANISED BAGGAGE CONVEYOR BELTS.

THE EXIT FROM THE CUSTOMS AREA AT PRESENT USED FOR ARRIVING PASSENGERS IN THE OLDER PART OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED. REDEVELOPMENT OF THIS PART OF THE PASSENGER TERMINAL WILL THEN START.

+THE OPENING OF THE BUFFER HALL WILL MARK ANOTHER STEP IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WHEN THE ENTIRE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IS COMPLETED BY 1981 WITH THE OLDER PART OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING MODERNISED, THE PASSENGER HANDLING CAPACITY WILL RISE FROM THE PRESENT 4,500 PERSONS AN HOUR TO OVER 5,500 PERSONS AN HOUR,+ HE ADDED.

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HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ANNUAL RECEPTION

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL RECEPTION TO BE GIVEN BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ON THURSDAY (MARCH 16) AFTERNOON AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT, CENTRAL.

ABOUT 1,000 GUESTS HAVE BEEN INVITED. THEY INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS, URBAN COUNCIL, REPRESENTATIVES OF VOLUNTARY AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS, CITY DISTRICT COMMITTEES, AREA COMMITTEES, MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES AS WELL AS KAIFONG LEADERS.

MR. F.K. LI, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND MR. JOHN WALDEN, DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS AS WELL AS OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE THE GUESTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL RECEPTION WHICH WILL START AT 5.30 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT.

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DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT VISITS WORK SITES

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MR. DAVID STEAD, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, SPENT THE DAY TODAY TOURING SITES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TO SEE FOR HIMSELF THE PROGRESS OF VARIOUS P.W.D. PROJECTS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY CHIEF ENGINEERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

MR. STEAD FIRST VISITED THE LION ROCK TUNNEL WHICH IS UNDER RENOVATION.

FROM THERE HE PROCEEDED TO TAI PO ROAD TO SEE THE WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF TAI PO ROAD IMPROVEMENT, INVOLVING THE SECTION OF ROAD BETWEEN THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND TAI PO CAUSEWAY.

MR. STEAD WAS PLEASED WITH THE PROGRESS OF THE \$12.4 MILLION PROJECT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED THIS SUMMER.

OTHER WORK SITES VISITED TODAY INCLUDED TAI PO SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS STAGE I AND THE REMODELLING OF SHA TIN RAILWAY STATION, WHICH INVOLVES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE PROVISION OF FOUR TRACKS THROUGH THE STATION INSTEAD OF THE EXISTING THREE AND TWO ISLAND PLATFORMS.

MR. STEAD ALSO INSPECTED THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE. FORMATION OF LAND FOR STAGE I OF THE PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND ROAD AND DRAINAGE WORKS ARE UNDERWAY WHILE WORK ON STAGE II IS MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

RTHK TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE  
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RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO INTRODUCE ONE EPISODE OF +THE COMMON SENSE+ SERIAL -- 'SURVEY OF SEX SCENES ON FILM'.

THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR. DONALD KERR, WILL BE HELD AT 11.30 A.M. AT TELEVISION PRODUCTION CENTRE, 79 BROADCAST DRIVE. EXCERPTS FROM THE EPISODE WILL ALSO BE SHOWN.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY  
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WINNERS OF THE FIRST INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION WILL RECEIVE PRIZES AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 8 P.M.

THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR. DONALD KERR, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. ARTHUR BROWN AND THEIR WIVES WILL PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

THE INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION IS SPONSORED BY THE +YOUTH CALL+ PROGRAMME OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUB.

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE BEST DRAMA, THE BEST DIRECTOR, THE BEST ACTOR, THE BEST ACTRESS AND THE BEST SCRIPT WRITER. THERE WERE OVER 100 ENTRIES FOR THE COMPETITION.

THE PLAYS, EACH LASTING NOT MORE THAN 15 MINUTES ARE PRODUCED ENTIRELY BY THE STUDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG SAID: +THE COMPETITION WILL BECOME AN ANNUAL EVENT. THE WINNING PLAYS WILL APPEAR IN THE +YOUTH CALL+ PROGRAMMES WHICH WILL BE BROADCAST BY THE THREE CHINESE TELEVISION CHANNELS.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE INTER-SCHOOL DRAMA COMPETITION PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 15) AT 8 P.M.

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RETIREMENT OF PRISON INSTRUCTOR

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PRISON INSTRUCTOR, MR. LIU TAO-KWAN, WILL GO ON PRE-RETIREMENT LEAVE SHORTLY AFTER 23 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY HELD TODAY AT THE TAI LAM ADDICTION TREATMENT CENTRE, SUPERINTENDENT OF PRISONS (INDUSTRY), MR. CHOW SAI-WING, PRESENTED MR. LIU WITH A LETTER OF COMMENDATION FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS FOR HIS LOYAL AND FAITHFUL SERVICE. HE ALSO RECEIVED A FAREWELL GIFT FROM HIS COLLEAGUES.

MR. LIU JOINED THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT IN 1955 AS AN INSTRUCTOR WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TEACHING INMATES RATTAN WORK. HE ALSO AT ONE TIME SERVED AS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT IN THE DEPARTMENT.

HE WAS AWARDED THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL FOR LONG AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE IN 1973.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS AT NORTH POINT

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN NORTH POINT FROM FRIDAY (MARCH 17).

FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PICKING UP OR SETTING DOWN PASSENGERS FROM 7 A.M. TO MIDNIGHT DAILY ON THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF MARBLE ROAD :-

- \* BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH SHU KUK STREET AND HOUSE NO. 19=
- \* BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 47 AND HOUSE NO. 65= AND
- \* BETWEEN HOUSE NO. 80 AND THE JUNCTION OF MARBLE ROAD AND TIN CHIU STREET.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS RESTRICTED ZONES ON THE SECTION OF MARBLE ROAD BETWEEN SHU KUK STREET AND KAM HONG STREET WILL BE CANCELLED AND TRAFFIC ON THIS SECTION WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE WAY EASTBOUND FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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