



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TWO 'BULL DOGS' JOIN AUXILIARY AIR FORCE FLEET
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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE HAS ADDED TWO NEW PLANES LAST WEEK TO ITS FLEET OF AIRCRAFT.

THE TWO SINGLE-ENGINE, THREE SEATER TRAINING AIRCRAFT - THE +BULL DOG+ - ARE BEING ASSEMBLED IN THE HANGAR AT RAF, KAI TAK AND ARE EXPECTED TO BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL IN ABOUT THREE WEEKS TIME.

APART FROM BEING USED TO TRAIN VOLUNTEER PILOTS FOR THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, THE +BULL DOGS+ WILL ALSO HELP IN SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

THE NEW AIRCRAFT, EACH COSTING ABOUT \$435,000 INCLUDING SPARE PARTS, HAS A RANGE OF 500 MILES AND A MAXIMUM SPEED OF 120 MILES PER HOUR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE SAID THAT THIS MODEL WAS CHOSEN BECAUSE IT COULD CARRY OUT THE KIND OF TRAINING WHICH BEST SUITED HONG KONG'S REQUIREMENTS AND WAS CHEAPER THAN OTHER AIRCRAFT OF ITS TYPE.

THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE, FORMED IN 1949, AT PRESENT OPERATES A FLEET OF FIVE AIRCRAFT - THREE ALOUETTE MARK III HELICOPTERS, A TWIN-ENGINE ISLANDER AND A MUSKETEER LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

IT HAS ABOUT 150 CHINESE AND EUROPEAN MEMBERS, OF WHOM 100 ARE VOLUNTEERS.

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HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME PLANNED FOR TUEN MUN
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THE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO DEVELOP AN AREA IN THE NORTHERN PART OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN FOR A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME FOR ABOUT 12,500 PEOPLE.

IT IS PART OF A \$70.5 MILLION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME WHICH INCLUDES ROAD WORKS AND DRAINAGE FOR THE NORTHERN AND NORTH-WESTERN PARTS OF TUEN MUN NEW TOWN.

THE SITE DEVELOPMENT WORK ON THE AREA NEAR SAN WAI TSAI IS TO START EARLY NEXT YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

A NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THE SITE FORMATION WOULD INVOLVE THE RESUMPTION OF ABOUT 7.1 HECTARES OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND 40.5 SQUARE METRES OF LAND OCCUPIED BY BUILDINGS.

SIX TEMPORARY DOMESTIC STRUCTURES AND 43 OTHER ANCILLARY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WILL HAVE TO BE CLEARED, HE SAID.

+FAMILIES, IF FOUND ELIGIBLE, WILL BE OFFERED PUBLIC HOUSING TOGETHER WITH EX-GRATIA DOMESTIC REMOVAL ALLOWANCE.+

THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING WILL BE OFFERED SPACE IN A LOCAL TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AND MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR EX-GRATIA DOMESTIC REMOVAL ALLOWANCE, HE ADDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO PAY COMPENSATION FOR CROPS, FRUIT TREES, FISH PONDS, WELLS, IRRIGATION SUMPS AND FENCES, AS WELL AS EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE TO CULTIVATORS AND DISPLACED PIGBREEDERS AND POULTRY FARMERS.

+LAND OWNERS INVOLVED IN THE LAND RESUMPTION WILL BE OFFERED THE ALTERNATIVE OF CASH COMPENSATION OR LAND EXCHANGE DOCUMENTS,+ HE SAID.

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PUBLIC URGED TO ADVISE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTRY PARKS
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THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. E.H. NICHOLS, HAS CALLED ON THE PUBLIC TO ADVISE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF COUNTRY PARKS.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TWIN COUNTRY PARKS AT ABERDEEN AND TAI TAM TODAY, MR. NICHOLS SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE PARKS WERE MANAGED AND PROTECTED BY STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT, THEY IN FACT BELONGED TO THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY CAN DO MUCH TO ASSIST US IN CONSERVING THE PARKS AND THE COUNTRYSIDE AS A VERY REAL NATIONAL ASSET AND FUTURE HERITAGE.

+WE ALSO WELCOME ASSISTANCE FROM THE PUBLIC BY THEIR CO-OPERATION IN TAKING CARE OF WHAT IS THEIR PROPERTY AND BY ADVISING US ON ANY IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONAL FACILITIES WHICH THEY FEEL WOULD ADD TO THE PARKS' ATTRACTIVENESS,+ SAID MR. NICHOLS.

HE DESCRIBED THE ABERDEEN AND TAI TAM COUNTRY PARKS AS BEING +VIRTUALLY THE BACK GARDEN OF THE BUILT-UP AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND WHERE MORE THAN ONE MILLION PEOPLE LIVE.+

THE TWO PARKS, WITH A TOTAL LAND AREA OF 1,738 HECTARES, ARE THE FOURTH AND FIFTH COUNTRY PARKS TO BE OPENED IN HONG KONG. THE FIRST, AT SHING MUN ATTRACTED 500,000 VISITORS IN 1970. DURING THE PAST 12 MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN 2.5 MILLION VISITORS TO COUNTRY PARKS AND, ACCORDING TO MR. NICHOLS, THIS FIGURE WILL INCREASE BY ABOUT 10 PER CENT ANNUALLY OVER THE NEXT FOUR YEARS.

WITHIN THE ABERDEEN AND TAI TAM COUNTRY PARKS THERE ARE 31 PICNIC AND BARBECUE PLACES, SEVEN RAIN SHELTERS, A CONCESSIONAIRE KIOSK AND TOILET FACILITIES. TWO MANAGEMENT CENTRES -- ONE AT WONG NAI CHUNG AND THE OTHER AT ABERDEEN -- HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO MANAGE AND PROTECT THE PARKS.

THE ABERDEEN MANAGEMENT CENTRE INCLUDES A VISITOR RECEPTION AREA WHERE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CAN SEEK ASSISTANCE AND INFORMATION ON THE PARK AND ITS FACILITIES.

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FIRST MEETING OF TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD
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THE FIRST MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED YESTERDAY (FRIDAY) WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 28) AT THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT TOWN OFFICE.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL ATTEND THE MEETING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

HE WILL THEN LEAVE TO ENABLE THEM TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS WHICH INCLUDES THE DISCUSSION OF TWO PAPERS RELATING TO THE FINANCING OF CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES IN THE DISTRICT.

THE BOARD -- WITH 20 UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS -- WILL REPLACE THE NEW TOWN'S RECREATION AND AMENITIES (ADVISORY) COMMITTEE WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED LAST YEAR.

THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, TODAY PRAISED THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE +FOR THE VERY FINE WORK IT HAS PUT IN TO MAKE TSUEN WAN A BETTER PLACE FOR ITS RESIDENTS.+

+I AM PLEASED THAT THE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS ARE DRAWN MAINLY FROM THE COMMITTEE, AND I AM SURE THEY WILL CARRY ON THE GOOD WORK,+ HE SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 28). SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE BOARD MEMBERS TO ARRIVE AT 3.15 P.M. SO THAT THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW, IF REQUIRED.

A GOVERNMENT VAN (AM 2038) WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI GOVERNMENT SUB-POOL AT 2.45 P.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT TOWN OFFICE AT HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANK BUILDING, CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

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INTEGRATED EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR HANDICAPPED
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THE INTEGRATED EDUCATION PROGRAMME FOR THE HANDICAPPED HAS HELPED MANY STUDENTS TO PURSUE HIGHER STUDIES IN COURSES SUITED TO THEIR ABILITIES, MR. SUN PING-SHU, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (SERVICES), SAID.

HE WAS REFERRING TO CASES WHERE BLIND OR SEVERELY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS BENEFITTED BY THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES INTRODUCED INTO ORDINARY SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG.

+THE AIM OF SPECIAL EDUCATION,+ MR. SUN SAID, +IS THE SAME AS THAT FOR ORDINARY CHILDREN, THAT IS TO EDUCATE AND DEVELOP HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AS WELL-ADJUSTED INDIVIDUALS AND CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.+

THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

THERE ARE TWO SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES CENTRES - ONE IN KOWLOON AND THE OTHER ON HONG KONG ISLAND - WHICH CARRY OUT SCREENING, ASSESSMENT, AND REMEDIAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN.

THE SECTION ALSO RUNS ONE-YEAR IN-SERVICE COURSES FOR TEACHERS OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND SERVING SPEECH THERAPY ASSISTANTS.

HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ARE PLACED IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS OR SPECIAL CLASSES IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE OF THEIR HANDICAPPED NEEDS.

THERE ARE FIVE TYPES OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED. THEY ARE SCHOOLS FOR THE BLIND, THE DEAF, THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, THE MENTALLY RETARDED, AND THE MALADJUSTED AND SOCIALLY DEPRIVED.

IN ALL THESE SCHOOLS, A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES IS PROVIDED IN ADDITION TO EMPLOYING SPECIAL TEACHING METHODS AND TECHNIQUES.

THROUGH PROPER EDUCATION AND GUIDANCE, MANY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN HAVE LEARNT TO OVERCOME THEIR DISABILITIES, MR. SUN SAID. SOME ARE NOW STUDENTS IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS, TAKING LESSONS WITH OTHER ORDINARY PUPILS. SOME ARE STUDYING AT THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AND AT UNIVERSITIES. MANY ARE NOW WORKING IN A WIDE RANGE OF EMPLOYMENT.

QUOTING EXAMPLES, MR. SUN POINTED OUT THAT MISS FUNG KIT-HAR, A BLIND STUDENT, WAS ONE OF THE STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN AN INTEGRATED PROGRAMME.

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SHE HAS NOW BEEN ACCEPTED FOR THE TWO-YEAR COURSE IN SOCIAL WORK AT THE POLYTECHNIC. SHE WENT TO ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE FROM THE EBENEZER SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND IN FORM 2 IN 1971, PASSED FIVE SUBJECTS IN THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION IN 1975, AND MATRICULATED THIS YEAR WITH DISTINCTION IN ADVANCED LEVEL CHINESE HISTORY. SHE IS NOW PURSUING HER STUDIES AT THE POLYTECHNIC LIKE OTHER STUDENTS, HE SAID.

HA SEE-HUNG, ANOTHER BLIND STUDENT, AFTER STUDYING AT THE EBENEZER SCHOOL, JOINED THE INTEGRATED PROGRAMME AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE UNTIL 1975 AND THEN MATRICULATED FROM ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COLLEGE THIS YEAR WITH A DISTINCTION IN HISTORY. THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY HAS ACCEPTED HIM IN THE ARTS FACULTY TO READ HISTORY, PHILOSOPHY, AND ECONOMICS.

+THE SECRET OF SUCCESS IN THESE PROGRAMMES,+ MR. SUN POINTED OUT, +IS TO RECOGNISE THAT THE DISABLED HAVE MORE ABILITIES THAN DISABILITIES. AND WITH COMMUNITY SUPPORT THEY HAVE A POSITIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN OUR SOCIETY.+

THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED WHITE PAPER ON REHABILITATION REFLECTS A POSITIVE APPROACH IN WHICH EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON THE CAPABILITIES OF THE HANDICAPPED RATHER THAN ON HIS DISABILITIES. IT PROPOSES TO QUADRUPLE THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PLACES IN THE COMING YEARS UP TO 1985-86. IN THIS ACADEMIC YEAR, THE NUMBER OF PLACES FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL OR RESOURCE CLASSES IN ORDINARY SCHOOLS HAS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 17 PER CENT TO 14,320.

IMPROVEMENTS TO CLEARWATER BAY ROAD
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IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SECTION OF CLEARWATER BAY ROAD BETWEEN HIRAM'S HIGHWAY AND PIK UK, THE ONLY ROAD LINKING KOWLOON WITH THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA, WILL BE CARRIED OUT SHORTLY.

TENDERS FOR THE WORKS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

THE IMPROVEMENT WORKS WILL INCLUDE THE PROVISION OF A 7.3-METRE WIDE SINGLE CARRIAGEWAY AND A FOOTPATH ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE EXISTING ROAD.

MR. ROBIN SAUNDERS, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS (N.T.) DIVISION, SAID THAT THE EXISTING AND THE NEW ROADS WOULD TOGETHER FORM A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY.

+EASTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL RUN ON THE NEW ROAD WHILE THE WESTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL USE THE EXISTING ROAD,+ HE SAID.

+THE WORKS WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR AND COMPLETE ABOUT 18 MONTHS LATER.+

MR. SAUNDERS EXPLAINED THAT THE EXISTING CLEARWATER BAY ROAD HAD SHARP BENDS ALONG ITS LENGTH.

THE SECTION TO BE IMPROVED WAS PARTICULARLY BAD, WITH A STEEP GRADIENT EXTENDING FOR ABOUT 1.3 KILOMETRES.

+THIS LONG STEEP SECTION SLOWS DOWN HEAVY VEHICLES USING THE ROAD, CAUSING FREQUENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION, ESPECIALLY AT PEAK HOURS,+ HE SAID.

+THE TRAFFIC ALONG CLEARWATER BAY ROAD HAS INCREASED STEADILY OVER THE PAST YEARS AND, WITH THE DEVELOPMENT NOW TAKING PLACE OR PLANNED IN THE SAI KUNG AND CLEARWATER BAY ROAD AREAS, THIS INCREASE IN TRAFFIC IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE.+

HOWEVER, WITH THE PROVISION OF THE ADDITIONAL CARRIAGEWAY, THE TRAFFIC CONDITIONS IN THESE AREAS WOULD BE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY, HE SAID.

NEW SEA CADETS CENTRE -- THE FRUIT OF PRISON LABOUR
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THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. TOM GARNER SAID TODAY THE NEW HONG KONG SEA CADETS JUBILEE CENTRE SERVED AS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF PROJECT FOR WHICH PRISON LABOUR COULD BE UTILISED TO HELP SERVE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY.

SPEAKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE SEA CADETS CORPS AREA COMMITTEE AT THE OPENING OF THE NEW CENTRE IN STANLEY, MR. GARNER SAID THIS WAS AN INTERESTING BUT OFTEN OVERLOOKED ASPECT OF THE KIND OF ACTIVITY IN WHICH THE PRISON SERVICE BECAME INVOLVED.

HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE CORPS HAD ESTABLISHED EIGHT UNITS PROVIDING A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES FOR MORE THAN 500 BOYS AND GIRLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF MR. GARNER'S SPEECH ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE AT CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FOUR DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE REMINDED THAT IT IS DANGEROUS TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN THE RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF FIRING PRACTICE.

THE PRACTICE TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
NOVEMBER 28 (MONDAY)	11 A.M. -- 4.30 P.M.
NOVEMBER 29 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
NOVEMBER 30 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. -- 5 P.M.
DECEMBER 2 (FRIDAY)	9 A.M. -- 4 P.M.

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