



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNMENT BRINGS IN INDEPENDENT VALUERS TO HELP TAI ON SHOP OPERATORS

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ENGAGING AN INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AND VALUATION COMPANY TO VALUE THE GOODS OF TWO TAILOR SHOPS AT TAI ON MANSION WHICH ARE TO CLOSE DOWN INSTEAD OF TRANSFERRING TO NEW PREMISES.

+AFTER THE VALUATIONS ARE MADE THE TWO SHOPS WILL DISPOSE OF THEIR REMAINING STOCK AT BARGAIN PRICES OR BY AUCTION, WHICHEVER THE OWNERS PREFER, AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE UP THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE INSURANCE COMPANY'S VALUATION AND THE AMOUNT ACTUALLY RECEIVED FOR THE STOCK IN EACH CASE,+ SAID A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY.

IN ADDITION, IF EITHER SHOP HAD TO LAY OFF ANY EMPLOYEES, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD COMPENSATE THE OWNERS FOR REDUNDANCY PAYMENTS MADE TO SUCH EMPLOYEES UNDER THE TERMS OF THE LABOUR LAWS.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO OUTLINED AS FOLLOWS THE OFFERS MADE TO THE SEVEN SHOP OPERATORS AT TAI ON MANSION, WHICH REVERTED TO THE CROWN ON APRIL 13 THIS YEAR AND MUST MAKE WAY FOR ESSENTIAL TUNNELLING WORKS FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY :

1. EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION OF \$40 PER SQUARE FOOT FOR PREMISES ACTUALLY USED FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, AND AT A LESSER RATE FOR OTHER PARTS OF SUCH PREMISES SUCH AS STORE-ROOMS OR BATHROOMS. THIS COMPENSATION AMOUNTS TO A TOTAL OF \$137,632.
2. NON-PAYMENT OF RENTS AND RATES SINCE THE BUILDING REVERTED TO THE CROWN ON APRIL 13. THESE UNPAID RENTS AND RATES TOTAL \$73,000 AND IN THE CASE OF THE BIGGEST OPERATOR THIS REPRESENTS A +BONUS+ OF MORE THAN \$30,000.
3. MONETARY COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY LOSS OF PROFITS OVER THE PERIOD OF THEIR MOVE, AND FOR THE TIME IT TAKES TO RE-ESTABLISH THEIR BUSINESS IN NEW PREMISES.
4. PAYMENT OF THE COST OF STAMP DUTY ON NEW LEASES, AND OTHER CONNECTED EXPENSES.
5. PAYMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS FROM THE OLD SHOP AT TAI ON MANSION TO THE NEW SHOP.

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6. WHERE THE NEW SHOP PREMISES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, PAYMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS TO A GODOWN, PLUS PAYMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE GOODS FROM THE GODOWN TO THE NEW PREMISES.
7. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESENT VALUE OF SHOP FITTINGS IN TAI ON MANSION.
8. THE OFFER TO THE SHOPKEEPERS TO TAKE AWAY SUCH SHOP FITTINGS FOR USE IN THEIR NEW SHOPS, AS A BONUS.
9. THE RIGHT OF ANY AND ALL OF THE SHOPKEEPERS TO APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL FOR AN INDEPENDENT RULING ON THE AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED, AND AN UNDERTAKING THAT IF THE AMOUNT GRANTED BY THE TRIBUNAL IS HIGHER THAN THAT GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE SHOPKEEPERS WILL BE PAID THE BALANCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE AMOUNT AWARDED BY THE TRIBUNAL IS LESS THAN WHAT THEY HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED, THEY WILL NOT HAVE TO REPAY A CENT.

FINALLY, THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +ON TOP OF ALL THIS WE HAVE ALSO OFFERED TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT STAFF WHO ARE EXPERTS IN SUCH MATTERS TO HELP THE SHOPKEEPERS TO PREPARE THE DOCUMENTS FOR ANY APPEAL THEY MIGHT LIKE TO MAKE TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL, THUS SPARING THEM THE COST OF ARRANGING THIS THEMSELVES.+

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TYPHOON SHELTERS
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TO THOUSANDS OF SMALL CRAFT OPERATING WITHIN THE WATERS OF HONG KONG, THE HOISTING OF THE TROPICAL CYCLONE WARNING SIGNAL NO. 1 IS THE STARTING SIGNAL FOR A BOAT RACE -- THE RACE TO SAFETY -- EVEN THOUGH FOR MOST HONG KONG RESIDENTS THIS IS MERELY A PREPARATORY SIGNAL.

ON HEARING THE APPROACH OF A STORM, A GOOD PROPORTION OF VESSELS, INCLUDING FISHING JUNKS, MOTOR CARGO BOATS, LAUNCHES AND LIGHTERS, BEGIN TO FLOCK TO THE VARIOUS TYPHOON SHELTERS FOR REFUGE. SIGNALS HIGHER THAN NO. 1 RESULT IN A FURTHER FLOW OF VESSELS UNTIL THE POINT IS REACHED (USUALLY LONG BEFORE A STORM AFFECTS US) WHEN, NEARLY ALL THE SHELTERS ARE CRAMMED, LEAVING LITTLE ROOM FOR LATE-COMERS. AT THIS POINT APPROXIMATELY 20,000 VESSELS ARE BEING SHELTERED.

OF THE 13 TYPHOON SHELTERS, TOTALLING SOME 550 ACRES, MANAGED BY THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, THE YAU MA TEI AND THE CAUSEWAY BAY SHELTERS ARE THE TWO MOST POPULAR WITHIN THE HARBOUR AREA. THE OTHER SHELTERS ARE SITUATED AT TSING YI, RAMBLER CHANNEL, KOWLOON NORTH CAMBER, KOWLOON SOUTH CAMBER, SAM KA TSUEN, ALDRICH BAY, KWUN TONG, ABERDEEN WEST, ABERDEEN SOUTH, SHUEN WAN AND YIM TIN TSAI -- THE LAST FOUR ARE OUTSIDE THE HARBOUR.

THE SHELTERS ARE SEPARATELY MANAGED BY THE THREE MARINE LICENSING DISTRICTS -- CENTRAL, NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN DISTRICTS -- OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S SMALL CRAFT LICENSING SECTION.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT APART FROM THESE SHELTERS, THERE ARE 10 OTHER SHELTERED ANCHORAGES IN VARIOUS PARTS OF HONG KONG, PROVIDING SOME 261 ACRES EXTRA BERTHING SPACE FOR VESSELS IN NEED AND THIS WOULD INCLUDE PLEASURE CRAFT.

ONCE THE STANDBY SIGNAL NO. 1 IS HOISTED, STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND AT THE TYPHOON SHELTERS TO GUIDE THE MOVEMENTS AND BERTHING OF VESSELS SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE PROPERLY SHELTERED AND ARE CAUSING NO OBSTRUCTION TO THE MAIN AND MINOR FAIRWAYS. THEY ARE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR RESERVING CONVENIENT BERTHING SPACES FOR FERRIES WHICH USUALLY CARRY ON THEIR SERVICES UNTIL HIGHER TYPHOON SIGNALS ARE HOISTED.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF A NUMBER OF FAIRWAYS IN EACH SHELTER IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE IN TIME OF EMERGENCY, FOR INSTANCE, DURING THE OUTBREAK OF A FIRE, ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PERSONNEL WOULD DEPEND ENTIRELY ON THEIR ABILITY TO MANEUVERE SWIFTLY IN THE SHELTERS.

OTHER TIMES WHEN MARINE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN ORDER IN THE TYPHOON SHELTERS ARE DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS AND OTHER FESTIVAL TIMES WHEN VESSELS, ESPECIALLY FISHING JUNKS, RETURN TO HONG KONG FOR CELEBRATIONS.

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ON NORMAL DAYS, THE SHELTERS ARE PATROLLED BY MARINE LAUNCHES. VESSELS FOUND OBSTRUCTING THE FAIRWAYS ARE SERVED WITH NOTICES OF REMOVAL AND IF THEY ARE NOT COMPLIED WITH, NOTICES OF PROSECUTION FOR OBSTRUCTION OFFENCES WILL THEN BE SERVED TO CRAFT OWNERS CONCERNED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO POINTED OUT THAT TYPHOON SHELTERS DO NOT ONLY PROVIDE SAFE ANCHORAGE FOR BOATS SEEKING REFUGE FROM STORMS, THEY ALSO OFFER HARBOURAGE FOR SOME 2,000 UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS WHICH ARE BASED IN VARIOUS SHELTERS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AND ON WHICH PEOPLE LIVE AT ALL TIMES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT FOR THE PAST YEARS, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAD SHOWN GREAT CONCERN AT THE CROWDED CONDITIONS IN EXISTING TYPHOON SHELTERS. +SUCH CONDITIONS COULD LEAD TO A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN IN CONTROL AND POSE A THREAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY ESPECIALLY DURING A STORM.+

THE SHORTAGE OF SPACE IN TYPHOON SHELTERS IS MAINLY BROUGHT ABOUT BY RECLAMATIONS, AND THE INCREASE IN SIZE OF CARGO LIGHTERS, FISHING VESSELS AND OTHER CRAFT REQUIRING SHELTER, THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

TO MEET THE DEMAND FOR MORE SHELTERS, THE PORT'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES RECOMMENDED THAT A NEW TYPHOON SHELTER BE BUILT IN THE SOUTH-WEST APPROACHES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PORT WORKS DIVISION OF THE P.W.D. TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS NEW SHELTER AT CHEUNG CHAU ARE EXPECTED TO BE INVITED NEXT MONTH AND WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR. +THE NEW SCHEME, COSTING SOME \$23 MILLION, WILL PROVIDE SHELTERED AREA OF 115 ACRES, WHICH IS IN LINE WITH THE TYPHOON SHELTER REQUIREMENTS BEYOND 1976 AS ASSESSED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S 1974 TYPHOON SHELTER REVIEW,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE WORK WILL CONSIST OF CONSTRUCTING TWO BREAKWATERS, WITH A TOTAL LENGTH OF ABOUT 3,000 FEET. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR USE BY 1979.

TWO MORE SHELTERS ARE ALSO PLANNED AT TUEN MUN AND CHAI WAN. THE FIRST IS PART OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR TUEN MUN. WHEN COMPLETED IN 1980, IT WILL PROVIDE SOME 100 ACRES OF SHELTER FOR LOCAL LICENSED CRAFT. IN THE MEANTIME, A TEMPORARY TYPHOON SHELTER OF ABOUT 24 ACRES IS BEING BUILT TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF BOATS IN THE VICINITY. THE SECOND SHELTER AT CHAI WAN WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER 28 ACRES OF SHELTER IN ABOUT FOUR YEARS' TIME. THIS SHELTER HOWEVER IS DESIGNATED AS A PUBLIC CARGO WORKING BASIN.

THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO CONSIDERING OTHER SITES AT PENG CHAU, SAI KUNG HOI, CHEK KENG AND SHA TAU KOK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE TYPHOON SHELTERS FOR FUTURE USE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE SITING OF A TYPHOON SHELTER IS INFLUENCED BY SEVERAL FACTORS, INCLUDING EASY ACCESS FOR CRAFT OPERATING IN THE AREA, WIND VELOCITY, WAVE ACTION, PROTECTION AGAINST STRONG WINDS BY EITHER NATURAL BARRIERS OR TALL BUILDINGS AND THE DEPTH OF WATER OF THE SITE CHOSEN. CONSIDERATION MUST ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM OF POLLUTION AND RECLAMATION PROGRAMMES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE AREA.

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U.K. MAN LEAVES AFTER 12 YEARS' ATTACHMENT TO C.A.D.

A MAN WHO HAS HAD THE AIRWORTHINESS OF LOCAL AIRCRAFT AT HEART FOR THE PAST 12 YEARS IS LEAVING HONG KONG NEXT MONTH ON RETIREMENT.

HE IS CYRIL WRAY, A PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF THE UNITED KINGDOM CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY 11, 1964 AND IS THE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE TWO-MAN C.A.A. OFFICE IN HONG KONG.

AMONGST VARIOUS OTHER DUTIES, THE OFFICE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AIRWORTHINESS OF THE 20 HONG KONG REGISTERED AIRCRAFT AND ALSO ACTS AS AN ADVISOR TO THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE CONCERNING THE AIRWORTHINESS OF ITS THREE HELICOPTERS AND TWO FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

MR. WRAY, WHO IS WELL KNOWN IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY, DESCRIBES HIS JOB AS MOST INTERESTING AND REWARDING IN VIEW OF THE MANY FACETS INVOLVED AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF PEOPLE HE MEETS.

HIS JOB INVOLVED CONSIDERABLE TRAVELLING WHICH HAS TAKEN HIM MANY TIMES TO THE U.S.A. AND AS FAR AFIELD AS VENEZUELA BESIDES TRIPS TO LAOS, CAMBODIA, THAILAND AND INDONESIA.

ONE OF THE MORE INTERESTING ASPECTS OF MR. WRAY'S DUTIES HAS BEEN THE TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION OF ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS INVOLVING LARGE AND SMALL AIRCRAFT, HELICOPTERS AND A GYROCOPTER.

HE WAS PART OF THE TEAM INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS ACCIDENT OVER VIETNAM IN WHICH A BOMB EXPLODED IN THE AIRCRAFT KILLING 81 PEOPLE. HE WAS A PRINCIPAL WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION IN THE SUBSEQUENT TRIAL IN BANGKOK.

MR. WRAY HAS SPENT MORE THAN 43 YEARS IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY AND HAD WORKED FOR A NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING FIRMS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BEFORE JOINING THE CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY IN 1949.

HE HAD SERVED IN SEVERAL AREAS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND IN CALCUTTA, PAKISTAN, THE WEST INDIES, SOUTH AMERICA AND BURMA BEFORE COMING TO HONG KONG.

HE WILL BE REPLACED BY MR. ROY ROWDEN WHO HAS WORKED IN THE AIRWORTHINESS DIVISION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. MR. PETER CRONK WILL BE ARRIVING FROM LONDON SHORTLY TO TAKE OVER MR. ROWDEN'S PLACE.

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STANLEY RESIDENTS URGED TO MAKE USE OF
REGISTRATION FACILITIES

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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT THE C.A.S. STANLEY HEADQUARTERS FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF NEXT MONTH (WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY).

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN OR WARDS AT THE AGE OF 11 FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE CARDS REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DAILY.

ALL PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE CANDIDATES FOR 1977 H.K.C.E.E.
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REGISTRATION OF PRIVATE CANDIDATES FOR THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION 1977 WILL BE HELD SOMETIME IN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR.

ACCORDING TO THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES, PERSONS WHO HAVE OBTAINED GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FIVE DIFFERENT SUBJECTS AT ONE OR MORE PREVIOUS CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS OR THOSE WHO HAVE OBTAINED GRADE E OR ABOVE IN FOUR SUBJECTS AT A PREVIOUS CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION OR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF 22 ON JANUARY 1, 1977 MAY ENTER AS PRIVATE CANDIDATES.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT GIVING DETAILS OF REGISTRATION ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER.

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