



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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THATCHER TO PAY A TWO-DAY VISIT TO H.K.  
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THE BRITISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER, THE RT. HON. MRS. MARGARET THATCHER, M.P., WILL ARRIVE IN HONG KONG FROM TOKYO TOMORROW (SATURDAY) EVENING FOR A TWO-DAY STAY WHILE ON HER WAY HOME FOLLOWING A VISIT TO CHINA AND JAPAN.

SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE HON. DOUGLAS HURD, M.P., OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN ON EUROPE= MR. J.P. STANLEY, M.P., HER PARLIAMENTARY PRIVATE SECRETARY= AND HER DAUGHTER, MISS CAROL THATCHER, A SOLICITOR.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL WELCOME THE VISITORS ON ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT.

DURING HER VISIT HERE, MRS. THATCHER WILL MAKE A TOUR OF A HOUSING ESTATE TO SEE SOME OF THE PROBLEMS HONG KONG FACES IN ITS EFFORTS TO HOUSE A LARGE SEGMENT OF THE POPULATION.

SHE WILL ALSO SEE ANOTHER FAST DEVELOPING SIDE OF HONG KONG WHEN SHE VISITS THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HAS A BRIEFING ON THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

MRS. THATCHER WILL VISIT THE 1ST BATTALION 2ND KEO GURKHA RIFLES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES AND THE 1ST BATTALION THE LIGHT INFANTRY AT STANLEY FORT.

THE OPPOSITION LEADER WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE RETURNING TO LONDON ON THE SAME EVENING.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MRS. THATCHER IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE BY BRITISH AIRWAYS (FLIGHT BA 965), E.T.A. 1910 HOURS TOMORROW (SATURDAY). PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITIES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE PRESS TO COVER HER ARRIVAL. THERE WILL BE TWO PRESS POSITIONS AT THE AIRPORT: ONE ON THE TARMAC FOR THE GENERAL PRESS AND THE OTHER ON THE ROOF OF THE EQUIPMENT BUILDING FACING THE TARMAC FOR TELEVISION AND CINE CAMERAMEN. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THESE FACILITIES ARE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 6.30 P.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY). G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST. MRS. THATCHER WILL NOT MAKE ANY STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER MRS. THATCHER'S PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE AT 5 P.M. ON MONDAY (APRIL 18). TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS COVERAGE OF MRS. THATCHER'S VISIT TO A HOUSING ESTATE AND ARMY CAMPS WILL BE SEPARATELY ANNOUNCED LATER.

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METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRE FOR ABERDEEN  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT A NEW METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRE WILL BE OPENED IN ABERDEEN FROM MONDAY (APRIL 18) TO CATER FOR THE NEED OF THE ADDICTS SEEKING TREATMENT IN THE AREA.

THE NEW CENTRE, WHICH IS LOCATED AT ABERDEEN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, ABERDEEN RESERVOIR ROAD, WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING CENTRE IN KENNEDY TOWN, WHICH WILL BE CLOSED AS FROM SUNDAY (APRIL 17).

AS WITH THE OTHER EVENING DETOXIFICATION CENTRES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, THE ABERDEEN CENTRE WILL OPERATE FROM 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M. EACH DAY, INCLUDING SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A STEADY INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DRUG ADDICTS SEEKING TREATMENT AT BOTH THE METHADONE DETOXIFICATION AND METHADONE MAINTENANCE CENTRES.

HE POINTED OUT THAT A TOTAL OF 7,500 ADDICTS HAVE NOW REGISTERED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S 16 METHADONE DETOXIFICATION CENTRES AND MORE THAN 8,000 WITH THE FOUR MAINTENANCE CENTRES.

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K.C.R. NEW TIMETABLE

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THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY WILL FURTHER IMPROVE ITS SERVICES FROM MONDAY (APRIL 18) WHEN IT WILL INCREASE ITS PASSENGER TRAINS FROM 20 TO 22 EACH WAY EVERY WEEKDAY.

DURING THE MORNING RUSH HOURS BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 9 A.M. TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AT KOWLOON STATION EVERY HALF HOUR. IN THE EVENING, TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ALSO AT 30-MINUTE INTERVALS BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REVISED TIMETABLE, TWO ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL RUN FROM SHEUNG SHUI TO KOWLOON, AT 6.22 A.M. AND 7.53 P.M.

PASSENGERS FROM SHA TIN WILL BE ABLE TO REACH CENTRAL TSIM SHA TSUI RAPIDLY, TAKING ABOUT 11 MINUTES TO REACH MONG KOK AND A FURTHER FIVE TO TEN MINUTES TO REACH HUNG HOM.

FROM THERE A WIDE SELECTION OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE TO TAKE PASSENGERS TO THEIR EVENTUAL DESTINATIONS : BUSES TO ALL PARTS OF KOWLOON AND HONG KONG ISLAND AND FERRIES TO WAN CHAI, NORTH POINT AND CENTRAL.

THE KCR GENERAL MANAGER, MR. REG GREGORY SAID IT WAS THE AIM TO PROVIDE TRAINS AT KOWLOON EVERY 30 MINUTES SO AS TO HELP THE TRAVELLING PUBLIC TO REMEMBER TRAIN TIMES MORE EASILY.

HOWEVER, DUE TO THE LIMITATION OF THE SINGLE TRACK, THE ARRANGEMENT COULD ONLY BE CONFINED TO PEAK HOURS WHEN THERE IS HEAVIER DEMAND FOR SERVICES.

WITH AT LEAST 13 COACHES TO A TRAIN, THE AUGMENTED TRAIN SCHEDULE WILL MEAN THAT SOME 286 COACH JOURNEYS WILL BE RUN EACH WAY EVERY DAY. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 68 PER CENT IN CARRYING CAPACITY FROM ONLY THREE YEARS AGO.

THIS WILL HELP TO ENSURE A SEAT FOR ALL INTENDING PASSENGERS ON WEEKDAYS.

DETAILS OF THE NEW TRAIN TIMES ARE DISPLAYED ON POSTERS AND POCKET-SIZE TIMETABLES WHICH ARE OBTAINABLE FREE AT ALL STATIONS.

IN ADDITION TO DETAILS OF THE TRAIN SERVICES AND OTHER PASSENGER INFORMATION, THE POCKET-SIZE TIMETABLE ALSO SUPPLIES USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE MAIN CONNECTING PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES CLOSE TO ALL RAILWAY STATIONS.

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AIRPORT SHOPS To LET  
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TENDERS ARE INVITED FOR THE TENANCIES OF THREE SHOPS AT THE DEPARTURE LEVEL OF THE AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL BUILDING.

THE TENANCY WILL BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MAY 15 UP TO DECEMBER 31 THIS YEAR. THE PREMISES WILL, THEREAFTER, BE ON MONTH-TO-MONTH TERMS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR DEMOLITION IN CONNECTION WITH ALTERATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE TERMINAL.

ONE SHOP OCCUPIES 190 SQ.FT. WHILE THE OTHER TWO ARE 375 SQ.FT. EACH.

ACCORDING TO A GAZETTE NOTICE PUBLISHED TODAY (FRIDAY) ITEMS PERMITTED FOR SALE AT THESE SHOPS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO JEWELLERY, TOYS, OUT-FITTERS AND EMBROIDERED GOODS, AND COMPANY'S OWN BRANDED OR MANUFACTURED GOODS.

TENDERERS WILL HAVE TO BID SEPARATELY FOR EACH OF THE THREE SHOPS, AND THE TENDER APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE TENDER BOARD BEFORE NOON ON APRIL 29.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN N.T.  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ALL VEHICLES TRAVELLING ALONG KWONG FUK ROAD, TAI PO MARKET, IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM TURNING RIGHT ONTO PO HEUNG STREET FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (APRIL 19).

THIS ARRANGEMENT IS INTENDED TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS AT THE ROAD JUNCTION.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO WARN MOTORISTS.

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