



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FRAUDULENT SHIP OFFICERS' CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY DISCOVERED  
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS UNCOVERED 95 CASES OF FORGED CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY OF SENIOR SHIP OFFICERS SUPPOSEDLY TO HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN HONG KONG.

A MARINE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE LIBERIAN MARITIME AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK HAD RECENTLY PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WITH COPIES OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO THEM BY APPLICANTS FOR LIBERIAN LICENCES FOR SEA SERVICE IN THE CAPACITY OF MASTER, FIRST AND SECOND OFFICER, AND CHIEF, SECOND AND THIRD ENGINEER.

IN EACH CASE THE APPLICATION WAS BASED UPON SUBMISSION OF PAPERS WHICH WERE CLAIMED TO BE PHOTOCOPIES OR ELECTROSTATIC COPIES OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ISSUED IN HONG KONG AND ELSEWHERE UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACTS, HE SAID.

+ON EXAMINATION BY THE CREWS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT ALL THESE SUPPOSED COPIES OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ARE IN FACT COPIES OF FORGERIES. NOT ONE OF THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY THE LIBERIAN MARITIME AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE A COPY OF A GENUINE CERTIFICATE.

+IN THE MOST RECENT BATCH OF PAPERS RECEIVED FROM NEW YORK 95 APPLICATIONS BY A THIRD PARTY ON BEHALF OF SEAMEN CLAIMING TO HOLD CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY AS MASTER, FIRST MATE, SECOND MATE AND FIRST AND SECOND ENGINEER BY EXAMINATION IN HONG KONG WERE ALL FOUND TO BE FRAUDULENT.

+OTHER SUPPOSED COPIES OF CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ISSUED ELSEWHERE IN THE COMMONWEALTH REFERRED TO THE MARINE DEPARTMENT BY THE LIBERIAN AUTHORITIES REPRESENT FRAUDULENT APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF 32 CERTIFICATES OF COMPETENCY ISSUED IN ENGLAND, EIGHT IN CANADA, 11 IN AUSTRALIA, 11 IN NEW ZEALAND, THREE IN SINGAPORE AND ONE IN INDIA+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THAT ALL THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE LIBERIAN AUTHORITIES IN NEW YORK HAD BEEN REFERRED TO THE COMMERCIAL CRIMES OFFICE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE WITH WHOM THE DEPARTMENT IS CO-OPERATING CLOSELY, IN PUTTING A STOP TO WHAT WAS SEEN TO BE A WIDESPREAD AND CAREFULLY ORGANIZED FRAUDULENT OPERATION.

HE ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS AWARE TO WHOM THESE LIBERIAN CERTIFICATES, WHICH HAD SINCE BEEN INVALIDATED, WERE ISSUED, BUT ITS PRINCIPAL IMMEDIATE CONCERN WAS TO ADVISE THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY OF THE EXISTENCE OF OVER 170 SUPPOSEDLY QUALIFIED SHIP OFFICERS IN HONG KONG WHO HAD OBTAINED THEIR LIBERIAN LICENCES BY MEANS OF DECEPTION.

+THESE MEN HAVE NOT BEEN FOUND BY ANY COMMONWEALTH EXAMINING AUTHORITY TO BE COMPETENT TO DISCHARGE THE DUTIES IN RESPECT OF WHICH THEY WERE ISSUED WITH LIBERIAN LICENCES.

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+THEIR PRESENCE IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY ON ANY VESSEL PLACES IN THE GREATEST JEOPARDY THE LIVES OF THE REMAINDER OF THE CREW WHO MAY NOT BE AWARE UNTIL IT IS TOO LATE THAT THEIR OFFICERS ARE NOT IN FACT QUALIFIED OR HAVE INSUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE FOR THE POSITIONS THEY HOLD,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT INQUIRIES CONDUCTED BY THE POLICE AND BY THE DEPARTMENT INTO THIS SKILFULLY ORGANIZED OPERATION WOULD BE PROTRACTED BUT WOULD BE THOROUGH.

+EVENTUALLY IT IS HOPED TO BRING TO COURT ALL THOSE WHO ARE NOW IDENTIFIED AS HAVING MADE FRAUDULENT APPLICATIONS FOR LIBERIAN LICENCES TO SERVE AS SHIPS OFFICERS,+ HE STRESSED.

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HKCEE RESULTS AVAILABLE NEXT THURSDAY

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THE RESULTS OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION 1977 WILL BE ISSUED TO SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE CANDIDATES ON AUGUST 11 BARRING UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES, THE SECRETARY OF THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY.

+AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE RESULTS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE FORM OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS NOTICES SHOWING THE GRADES ACHIEVED IN EACH SUBJECT TAKEN,+ HE SAID.

THESE NOTICES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION BY SCHOOLS ON THE MORNING OF AUGUST 11. SCHOOL CANDIDATES MAY THEN SEEK INFORMATION FROM THEIR OWN SCHOOLS FOR THE COLLECTION OF THEIR RESULTS NOTICES.

RESULTS NOTICES OF PRIVATE CANDIDATES WILL BE SENT BY POST AND SHOULD REACH CANDIDATES ON AUGUST 11. PRIVATE CANDIDATES, WHO, FOR ANY REASON, DO NOT RECEIVE THEIR RESULTS BY AUGUST 12 MAY THEN MAKE ENQUIRIES ON AUGUST 13 AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 393 CANTON ROAD, 11TH FLOOR, KOWLOON OR BY TELEPHONE (NOS. 3-688708 OR 3-688602).

+ENGLISH ONLY+ CANDIDATES PRESENTED BY THE EVENING INSTITUTE RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE THEIR NOTICES SENT TO THEM BY POST BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

IF THESE NOTICES ARE NOT RECEIVED BY AUGUST 12, CANDIDATES MAY MAKE ENQUIRIES THE NEXT DAY AT THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION AT KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 6TH FLOOR, KOWLOON OR BY TELEPHONE (NO. 3-884111 EXT. 280.)

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PUBLIC HOUSING FOR OLD TANNERIES SITE

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THE GOVERNMENT IS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A PROGRAMME TO REHOUSE 5,000 PEOPLE LIVING IN SHEK WU HUI AND SHEUNG SHUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MOVE IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO REDEVELOP THE FAN LING-SHEK WU HUI-SHEUNG SHUI AREA INTO A SELF CONTAINED MARKET TOWN OF 100,000 PEOPLE -- ALMOST TREBLE THE PRESENT POPULATION.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, SAID TODAY THE 5,000 PERSONS WOULD BE MOVED SO THAT WORK COULD START IMMEDIATELY ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE AREA.

THESE INCLUDED THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE FOR 30,000 PEOPLE AT SHEK WU HUI - ON THE TANNERIES SITE CLEARED BY THE GOVERNMENT LAST YEAR - A TOWN HALL AND BUS TERMINAL AT SHEUNG SHUI AND A NEW ROAD FROM WONG KONG SHAN TO THE FAN LING ROUNDABOUT AND THEN ON TO SHEK WU HUI.

MR. OXLEY SAID THAT THE SITE FORMATION COSTS OF THE DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE WOULD RUN TO ABOUT \$73 MILLION.

+IT IS PLANNED TO BUILD THE SHEK WU HUI HOUSING ESTATE IN TWO STAGES, THE FIRST BEGINNING EARLY NEXT YEAR,+ HE SAID.

+SITE FORMATION WORK WILL ALSO BEGIN ON AN AREA OF 20.8 HECTARES WHICH WILL BE GIVEN OVER TO PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONG WITH SOME LIGHT INDUSTRY.

+THE SHEUNG SHUI TOWN HALL IS STILL IN THE PLANNING STAGE, BUT IT IS ESTIMATED THAT IT WILL COST \$4.2 MILLION.

+THE TOWN HALL WILL HAVE A HALL, STAGES, BASKETBALL GROUNDS, A CANTEEN, A CHILDREN'S NURSERY, A LIBRARY AND OTHER FACILITIES.

+TO MAKE THESE PROJECTS POSSIBLE, WE WILL HAVE TO MOVE 5,000 PEOPLE FROM THE AREA BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT YEAR,+ MR. OXLEY SAID.

+THEY WILL BE PROVIDED WITH HOMES IN A TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA AT FAN LING, THE FIRST STAGE OF WHICH IS DUE FOR COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE YEAR.+

HE SAID THAT THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE RESUMING ABOUT 16,132 SQUARE METRES (173,645 SQ. FT.) OF PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LAND AND ABOUT 568 SQUARE METRES (6,114 SQ. FT.) OF PRIVATE BUILDING LAND TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE SECOND STAGE OF THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA.

A MONTH'S NOTICE OF THE RESUMPTION WAS PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

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MR. OXLEY SAID THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE MAKING BOTH STATUTORY AND EX-GRATIA PAYMENTS AS COMPENSATION FOR THE RESUMED LAND.

+ALTHOUGH PUBLIC HOUSING IS AVAILABLE IN SHA TIN AND TSUEN WAN NEW TOWNS, WE ANTICIPATE THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE RESUMPTION WILL WANT TO STAY IN THE DISTRICT, WHICH IS WHY WE ARE BUILDING THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA,+ MR. OXLEY SAID.

+ONCE THE PUBLIC HOUSING IS AVAILABLE AT SHEK WU HUI, WE WILL DEVELOP THE TEMPORARY HOUSING AREA WITH COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE.+

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#### FOUR LOTS OF LAND FOR SALE

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ANOTHER PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITE AT REPULSE BAY WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY THE P.W.D.'S LANDS AND SURVEY DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 26.

THE SITE, LOCATED AT BELLEVIEW DRIVE, OCCUPIES AN AREA OF 4,700 SQUARE METRES.

THREE MORE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL ALSO BE OFFERED FOR SALE ON THE SAME DAY.

ONE, WITH AN AREA OF 1,330 SQUARE METRES AT STIRLING ROAD, MA TAU WAI, KOWLOON, IS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

ANOTHER LOT, LOCATED AT KO SHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, HAS AN AREA OF ABOUT 490 SQUARE METRES. IT IS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES.

THE THIRD LOT, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT 92 SQUARE METRES, IS AT YUK WAH CRESCENT, KOWLOON. IT IS FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL USE.

AT THE SAME AUCTION, A FLAT SITUATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR, OF NO. 4 TAK CHEONG LANE, KOWLOON, WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE. IT HAS AN AREA OF 51 SQUARE METRES.

THE PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO EXISTING TENANCIES AND INSPECTION OF THE PREMISES MAY BE MADE ON AUGUST 17 BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND NOON.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AND SALE PLANS INSPECTED AT THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, TENTH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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## VISITOR BOOM BRINGS LITTER PROBLEMS TO COUNTRYSIDE

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THE AMOUNT OF LITTER BROUGHT BY AN INCREASING NUMBER OF VISITORS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE HAS RISEN BY MORE THAN 200 PER CENT IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, AN AVERAGE OF 141,294 LARGE BASKETS OF RUBBISH LEFT BEHIND BY PICNICKERS EVERY MONTH WERE COLLECTED FROM COUNTRYSIDE RECREATIONAL AREAS IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR.

THIS REPRESENTS ABOUT 1,413 TONNES (1,390 TONS) OF LITTER FOR THE WHOLE OF THE YEAR -- AN INCREASE OF 216.5 PER CENT OVER 1975-76.

+THIS IS ONE OF OUR MAJOR MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS -- THE PHYSICAL REMOVAL OF LITTER SCATTERED OVER NEARLY 260 SQUARE KILOMETRES (100 SQ. MILES) OF COUNTRYSIDE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID.

+THE NEED FOR AN ONGOING EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO PERSUADE PEOPLE TO TAKE THEIR LITTER HOME WITH THEM OR, AT LEAST, TO PUT IT IN THE BIN, IS UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, SELF-EVIDENT. IT IS FOR THIS REASON ALSO THAT OUR COUNTRY PARK LITTER BINS ARE SO DISTINCTIVELY AND CONSPICUOUSLY COLOURED -- SO THAT THEY CANNOT BE 'OVERSIGHTED' ALTHOUGH THEY ARE ALL TOO OFTEN IGNORED.+

THE NUMBER OF VISITORS GOING TO THE RURAL AREAS ALSO INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY. AT THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT'S 16 COUNTRYSIDE RECREATION AREAS WHERE DAILY RECORDS ARE KEPT, THE TOTAL COUNT REACHED OVER 2,356,000 DURING THE YEAR, COMPARED WITH 1,858,900 IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE MOST POPULAR PICNIC SPOT WAS AT BRIDE'S POOL IN TAI PO, WHERE THERE IS A GOOD CIRCULAR ROAD SYSTEM AND ROADSIDE PARKING SPACE. THE NUMBER OF VISITORS INCREASED BY 56 PER CENT TO OVER ONE MILLION.

SAI KUNG PENINSULA CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN POPULARITY WITH PICNICKERS AND HIKERS, AND THE DAILY RECORDS KEPT DURING THE LAST HALF OF THE YEAR SHOWED A TOTAL OF SOME 435,600 VISITORS.

THE OTHER MANAGED AREAS IN ORDER OF POPULARITY ARE SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK, TAI LAM CHUNG (INCLUDING PAT HEUNG), WONG NEI CHUNG AND TAI TAM, KAM SHAN COUNTRY PARK, SHEK PIK, ABERDEEN RESERVOIR, NAM SHAN ON LANTAU ISLAND, CHI MA WAN, TAI PO KAU, LEAD MINE PASS, CHUEN LUNG, CHEUNG SHEUNG, LION ROCK COUNTRY PARK, LAM TEI AND THE ROUTE TWISK AREA.

THERE WERE 216 PICNIC PLACES SET UP AT THE END OF MARCH BY THE DEPARTMENT AT MOST OF THESE AREAS, WITH TABLES AND BENCHES AND BARBECUE PITS AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF VISITORS.

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US EXPERT TO HELP COMPUTERISE  
CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS  
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A COMPUTER EXPERT FROM NEW YORK ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (FRIDAY) TO HELP IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO COMPUTERISE THE GOVERNMENT'S CENTRAL REGISTRY OF DRUG ADDICTS.

THE EXPERT, MR. BENT WERBELL, HAD VISITED HONG KONG IN APRIL LAST YEAR FOR A THREE-AND-A-HALF MONTHS CONSULTANCY, DURING WHICH HE PRODUCED A PLAN TO STREAMLINE AND COMPUTERISE THE REGISTRY IN THE NARCOTICS DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

THE PLAN, WHICH IS AIMED AT MONITORING THE TRENDS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF DRUG ABUSE IN HONG KONG AND ASSESSING THE IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-NARCOTICS EFFORTS, WAS FULLY ENDORSED BY THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) IN AUGUST LAST YEAR.

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS, THE NARCOTICS DIVISION BEGAN COLLECTING REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL DRUG ADDICTS, IN ANTICIPATION OF A SECOND VISIT BY MR. WERBELL TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM THIS YEAR.

AS IN LAST YEAR, MR. WERBELL'S CURRENT VISIT IS SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE (NIDA) OF THE U.S.A.

HE WILL STAY IN HONG KONG FOR THREE MONTHS AND WORK WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF BOTH THE NARCOTICS DIVISION AND THE DATA PROCESSING DIVISION OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, TO PRODUCE A BLUE-PRINT FOR THE COMPUTERISATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE REGISTRY.

THE TESTING OF THE COMPUTER SYSTEM WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN NOVEMBER THIS YEAR AND MARCH NEXT YEAR AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE FIRST PRINT-OUT WILL BE AVAILABLE ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR. IT WILL THEN BE ABLE FOR THE REGISTRY TO OBTAIN PRINT-OUTS AT REGULAR INTERVALS IN FUTURE.

SINCE SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR, THE NARCOTICS DIVISION HAS COLLECTED MORE THAN 26,000 REPORTS ON DRUG ADDICTS. THE MAIN REPORTING SOURCES ARE THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, POLICE, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE SOCIETY FOR THE AID AND REHABILITATION OF DRUG ADDICTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NARCOTICS DIVISION, HOWEVER, STRESSED THAT THESE REPORTS WOULD ONLY BE USED COLLECTIVELY TO MONITOR THE DRUG PROBLEM AND GOVERNMENT'S ANTI-DRUG EFFORTS. PERSONAL PARTICULARS WOULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

VOLUNTEERS FOR PROBATIONERS ORIENTATION COURSE

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ANOTHER 40 PEOPLE WHO HAVE ENROLLED AS VOLUNTEERS FOR PROBATIONERS WILL ATTEND AN ORIENTATION COURSE STARTING TOMORROW (AUGUST 6).

THE COURSE WILL START WITH A TEA RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE TO INTRODUCE THE SCHEME TO THE VOLUNTEERS IN MORE DETAIL AND TO LET THEM HAVE A CHANCE TO MEET EACH OTHER.

THE 'VOLUNTEERS SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS', WHICH WAS INAUGURATED IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR, IS ONE OF THE REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES ORGANISED FOR YOUNG OFFENDERS BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION. IT IS A COMPLEMENTARY SERVICE RENDERED BY SELECTED VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE PERSONAL AND MORAL SUPPORT THROUGH FRIENDSHIP TO PROBATIONERS.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE RECEPTION AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE AT OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

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