



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PHONE PROBE: FIRST PUBLIC HEARING NEXT MONDAY
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A TOTAL OF FIVE PUBLIC MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO THE HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY HAS BEEN ARRANGED OVER A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS. ADDITIONAL HEARINGS WILL BE ARRANGED IF NECESSARY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION, SIR ALASTAIR BLAIR-KERR, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE TO HOLD THESE MEETINGS IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CHAMBERS. THE FIRST WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY (MARCH 10) BEGINNING AT 8.30 AM.

THE DATES FOR THE OTHER MEETINGS WILL BE THE 13TH, 17TH, 18TH AND 21ST OF MARCH. ALL SITTINGS WILL BEGIN AT 8.30 AM.

SIR ALASTAIR SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARINGS WAS TO RECORD EVIDENCE FROM PEOPLE WANTING TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS BEFORE THE COMMISSION REGARDING THE AFFAIRS OF THE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

✦SUCH HEARINGS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS THE WITNESS CONCERNED PREFERS TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN PRIVATE,✦ SIR ALASTAIR STRESSED.

HE SAID THAT PEOPLE WISHING TO GIVE EVIDENCE OR MAKE STATEMENTS SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION ON TELEPHONE NUMBER 5-95334 TO ARRANGE A SUITABLE TIME.

✦THIS,✦ SIR ALASTAIR SAID, ✦WILL AVOID WITNESSES' TIME AND THAT OF THE COMMISSIONERS, BEING WASTED.✦

THE CHAIRMAN AGAIN REMINDED PEOPLE OR ORGANISATIONS THAT THEY COULD MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS ON ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE. THEY SHOULD SEND THEM TO THE SECRETARY, COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, ROOM 120, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG.

SPECIAL NOTICES OUTLINING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE COMMISSION AND THE DATES AND VENUE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS WILL APPEAR IN THE MAJOR NEWSPAPERS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AND ON THURSDAY.

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GOOD RESPONSE TO MTR CONTRACTS

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ABOUT 110 LOCAL AND OVERSEAS FIRMS HAVE REGISTERED WITH THE MASS TRANSIT PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY IN RESPONSE TO ITS RECENT INVITATION TO CONTRACTORS TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION ON THE LIST OF TENDERERS FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY, SOME 70 FIRMS HAVE APPLIED FOR REGISTRATION IN RESPECT OF THE ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTS AND ABOUT 40 FIRMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CIVIL CONTRACTS.

THE RESPONSE FROM LOCAL CONTRACTORS HAS BEEN STRONG AND THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS COME FROM MANY COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, EUROPE, JAPAN AND AUSTRALIA, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AN OFFICIAL LIST OF TENDERERS WILL BE DRAWN UP OVER THE NEXT MONTH OR SO, AND TENDER DOCUMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THOSE PROSPECTIVE TENDERERS BEGINNING IN APRIL, HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE 57 MEMBERS OF THE PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY STAFF, NOT MORE THAN A 100 AS WAS INDICATED IN REPORTS THAT APPEARED IN THE PRESS EARLIER THIS WEEK.

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ANTI-DRUG PROMOTION IN MONG KOK

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THE MONG KOK KEEP HONG KONG DRUG FREE CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE IS RUNNING A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES TO HELP EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE DANGERS OF DRUG ADDICTION.

THE ACTIVITIES, WHICH STARTED LAST WEEK, INCLUDE A FILM SHOW AND A YOUTH FORUM BOTH OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, IN ADDITION TO A CARTOON DRAWING COMPETITION, AN EXHIBITION AND A VARIETY SHOW.

ALL THE PROGRAMMES ARE DESIGNED TO STRESS THE EVIL AND HARMFUL EFFECTS OF DRUG ADDICTION. APART FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT, MANY OTHER ORGANISATIONS ARE ALSO INVOLVED IN THIS EFFORT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO REACH SOME 10,000 PEOPLE OF ALL AGES.

THE MONG KOK ANTI-DRUG COMMITTEE COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE, THE URBAN SERVICES ENTERTAINMENT OFFICE, THE LOCAL KAI FONG ASSOCIATION, H.K. FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE, SHARON YOUTH CENTRE AND THE MONG KOK YOUTH SOCIAL SERVICE TEAM.

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OFFICIALS TO INSPECT NEW TOWNS
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIX SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, HEADED BY THE DEPUTY COLONIAL SECRETARY, MR. MICHAEL CLINTON, WILL VISIT THE NEW TOWNS TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) TO SEE WHAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE.

THE PARTY WILL INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, MR. JOHN HOBLEY= THE SECRETARY FOR HOUSING, MR. IAN LIGHTBODY= THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES= THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY= MR. DAVID JORDAN= AND THE POLITICAL ADVISOR, MR. A.E. DONALD.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WISHING TO COVER THE TOUR TO MEET THE PARTY AT LEK YUEN ESTATE IN SHA TIN. THE VISITORS WILL ARRIVE AT THE ESTATE AT 11.45 A.M. AND WILL STAY FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES BEFORE PROCEEDING TO TAI PO.

A NINE-SEATER VAN (AM 3213) WILL PICK UP REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS AT THE TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-POOL BEHIND THE POST-OFFICE AT 10.45 A.M. AND WILL RETURN TO KOWLOON STAR FERRY PIER AFTER THE VISIT TO LEK YUEN ESTATE.

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