



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS OUT TO +CATCH+ DEFECTIVE CARS SOON

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MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS WILL SOON BE OUT ON THE ROADS TO SPOT DEFECTIVE VEHICLES TO HELP IMPROVE ROAD SAFETY.

DISCLOSING THIS TODAY, MR. KEN ANDREWS, SENIOR MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINER OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT, SAID: +UNROADWORTHY VEHICLES POSE A POTENTIAL THREAT TO OTHER ROAD USERS AS WELL AS PEDESTRIANS, AND SHOULD BE KEPT OFF THE ROAD.+

+TO BE REALLY EFFECTIVE THE JOB SHOULD BE DONE BY EXPERIENCED AND TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED VEHICLE EXAMINERS WHO CAN BE MORE SELECTIVE REGARDING WHICH VEHICLES SHOULD BE STOPPED AND EXAMINED,+ HE SAID. +VEHICLE EXAMINERS WOULD CONCENTRATE ON BLATANT CONTRAVENTIONS OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) REGULATIONS AND DEFECTS WHICH EITHER CAUSED A NUISANCE TO THE PUBLIC OR AFFECTED THE SAFETY OF THE VEHICLE.+

+WE ARE NOW BEING REINFORCED BY FIVE NEWLY-RECRUITED MOTOR VEHICLE EXAMINERS FROM ABROAD - THREE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND TWO FROM NEW ZEALAND, AND WHEN THEY HAVE ALL ARRIVED, HOPEFULLY BY THE END OF THE YEAR, WE SHALL BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THIS SCHEME WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE TRAFFIC POLICE,+ MR. ANDREWS ADDED.

IN FACT, EXISTING ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS ALREADY PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION OF VEHICLES BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE LIMITED RESOURCES AVAILABLE, REGULAR INSPECTIONS ARE LIMITED MAINLY TO PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES.

MEANWHILE, PLANS ARE WELL IN ADVANCE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A \$4.1 MILLION SEMI-AUTOMATED VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRE IN KOWLOON BAY. THE NEW CENTRE WHICH COVERS AN AREA OF ABOUT 100,000 SQUARE FEET WILL BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT 80,000 INSPECTIONS A YEAR WHEN FULLY UTILISED.

+IT IS HOPED THAT WHEN THE NEW CENTRE IS COMPLETED IN ABOUT TWO YEARS' TIME, IT WILL BE ABLE TO EXTEND THE EXISTING ANNUAL INSPECTIONS TO COVER ALL GOODS VEHICLES AND PRIVATE CARS ABOVE A CERTAIN AGE,+ MR. ANDREWS SAID.

+HOWEVER, OUR ULTIMATE AIM IS TO INSPECT EVERY VEHICLE ONCE A YEAR,+ HE ADDED.

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THE DEPARTMENT IS ALSO CONSIDERING CHARGING A FEE FOR ANNUAL INSPECTION OF VEHICLES. THE CHARGE WILL BE ABOUT \$70 PER VEHICLE.

+COMPULSORY ANNUAL INSPECTION OF VEHICLES HAS ALREADY BEEN INTRODUCED IN MANY COUNTRIES LIKE THE UNITED KINGDOM, NEW ZEALAND, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN= AND A MAJORITY OF THEM ARE CHARGING A FEE FOR INSPECTION,+ MR. ANDREWS SAID.

THERE ARE NOW THREE VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRES - ONE AT TO KWA WAN, KOWLOON, AND THE OTHER TWO ARE IN TSUEN WAN, NEW TERRITORIES AND SO KUN PO ON THE ISLAND. ANOTHER ONE AT WHITFIELD BARRACKS IN KOWLOON WAS CLOSED EARLY THIS MONTH TO MAKE WAY FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

AT PRESENT, THE WORK OF THE VEHICLE INSPECTION SECTION OF THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT COVERS ANNUAL INSPECTION OF TAXIS WITH THEIR METERS CHECKED EVERY SIX MONTHS, PUBLIC CARS, ALL PRIVATE AND PUBLIC OMNIBUSES AND ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES.

IN ADDITION, MECHANICAL INSPECTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT ON ALL GOODS VEHICLES AND PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES BEFORE INITIAL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, ALL USED IMPORTED VEHICLES PRIOR TO REGISTRATION AND LICENSING, THE FIRST OF EVERY NEW MODEL OF PRIVATE CARS. DEFECTIVE VEHICLES REFERRED TO THE SECTION BY THE POLICE AND VEHICLES INVOLVED IN FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

LAST YEAR, THE SECTION INSPECTED OVER 36,000 VEHICLES.

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#### GRANTS FROM SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND

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A TOTAL OF 137 ORGANISATIONS WHICH ARE INVOLVED IN PROVIDING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE GRANTS FROM THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION THIS YEAR.

THE GRANTS TOTAL OVER \$345,000.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION WAS SET UP IN 1970 FOR THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION, SPORT, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES, AND RELATED PURPOSES WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS TOWARDS THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE BY YOUNG PEOPLE.

MEANWHILE, APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR WILL BE INVITED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL BE MADE IN BOTH CHINESE AND ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS IN MID-DECEMBER AND APPLICATION FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND DISTRICT OFFICES AT THAT TIME.

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LAND SALES FORECAST  
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THIRTY-ONE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA OF ABOUT 106,260 SQ. METRES ARE TO BE PUT UP FOR AUCTION DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE.

THE LOTS COMPRISE 13 NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES, 10 INDUSTRIAL SITES AND EIGHT FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE RESIDENTIAL LAND COMPRISES A TOTAL AREA OF 64,709 SQ. METRES, MADE UP OF SIX LOTS AT CHUNG HOM KOK WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 22,280 SQ. METRES, A SMALL SITE OF 810 SQ. METRES OFF TAI TAM ROAD, AND A VERY LARGE SITE OF 41,619 SQ. METRES AT TAI WO PING IN KOWLOON.

THE LARGE SITE AT TAI WO PING IS INTENDED FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS FOR A SUPERMARKET AND MULTI-STOREY CARPARK.

A TOTAL OF 21,758 SQ. METRES OF NON-INDUSTRIAL LAND WILL BE OFFERED FOR SALE DURING THE SIX MONTHS.

TWO OF THE NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES, MEASURING A TOTAL OF 9,000 SQ. METRES, ARE ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION AND FOUR WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 11,500 SQ. METRES ARE IN THE EASTERN PART OF TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE TWO SITES ON WAN CHAI RECLAMATION ARE SUBJECT TO A HEIGHT RESTRICTION OF 182.88 METRES (600 FT.) WHILE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE FOUR TSIM SHA TSUI SITES CANNOT EXCEED 51.81 METRES (170 FT.).

OF THE REMAINING NON-INDUSTRIAL SITES, TWO WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 1,610 SQ. METRES ARE IN THE ABERDEEN AREA, THREE MEASURING 13,331 SQ. METRES ARE AT LOK SHAN ROAD, KOWLOON, AND TWO WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 520 SQ. METRES ARE IN THE DIAMOND HILL AREA.

THE 10 INDUSTRIAL SITES TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE MEASURE A TOTAL OF 19,797 SQ. METRES.

FOUR, TOTALLING 8,650 SQ. METRES, ARE AT SAM KA TSUEN, FOUR AT AH KUNG NGAM IN SHAU KEI WAN (5,600 SQ. METRES), ONE AT CHEUNG SHA WAN (5,017 SQ. METRES), AND ONE OF 470 SQ. METRES IN THE ABERDEEN AREA.

SALE DATES FOR EACH LOT WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN DUE COURSE IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE AND ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSPAPERS.

PARTICULARS OF THE LAND SALES FORECAST TOGETHER WITH PLANS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE LOTS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE MAY BE SEEN AT THE P.W.D.'S CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AND AT THE KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, NATHAN ROAD.

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THEY MAY ALSO BE INSPECTED AT ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION OFFICES AT NORTH KOWLOON MAGISTRACY, AND IN THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

COPIES OF THE SIX-MONTH FORECAST MAY BE OBTAINED FREE OF CHARGE FROM ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED OFFICES OR ON WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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FILING OF ANNUAL RETURNS  
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THE REGISTRAR GENERAL, MR. PIERS JACOBS, TODAY REMINDED COMPANY SECRETARIES AND DIRECTORS THAT THEY ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO FILE ANNUAL RETURNS AND, WHERE APPLICABLE, ACCOUNTS TO THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE RELEVANT STATUTORY TIME LIMITS.

+IN THE EVENT OF FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS, THE COMPANY AND EVERY DIRECTOR ARE EACH LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$100 FOR EVERY DAY DURING WHICH THE RETURN AND/OR ACCOUNTS ARE OVERDUE,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT IN THE PAST THE COMPANIES REGISTRY HAD MADE A PRACTICE OF ISSUING INDIVIDUAL REMINDERS TO COMPANIES IN DEFAULT BUT THIS WOULD NO LONGER BE DONE THIS YEAR FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY.

+AS AT SEPTEMBER 30, 1976 -- THE END OF THE FIRST HALF OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR -- THE NUMBER OF COMPANIES ON THE REGISTER WAS 43,518, INCLUDING 931 OVERSEAS COMPANIES,+ MR. JACOBS PAID. +THE FIGURES AT THE END OF THE 1975/76 FINANCIAL YEAR WERE 41,100, INCLUDING 906 OVERSEAS COMPANIES.+

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TALK ON FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. RAFAEL HUI, WILL GIVE A TALK AT A LUNCHEON OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA AT THE VICTORIANA ROOM OF FURAMA HOTEL ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 11).

THE TITLE OF HIS TALK WILL BE +PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATIVE MEASURES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST NARCOTICS.+

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OCCASION.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN KOWLOON

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THE UNNAMED ROAD ADJACENT TO KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, LINKING NORFOLK ROAD AND YORK ROAD, KOWLOON TONG, WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR ABOUT SIX WEEKS FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 11).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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YOUTH TOLD TO BE GOOD +CRAFTSMEN+  
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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY THIS AFTERNOON TOLD THE YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING THE YOUTH CONGRESS OF HONG KONG THAT THEIR MAIN JOB FROM NOW ON WAS TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN LIFE.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE CONGRESS ORGANISED BY THE ISLAND JAYCEES, MR. TOPLEY SAID: +IT'S ONLY WHEN YOU'VE ESTABLISHED YOURSELVES IN LIFE THAT YOU'VE REALLY GOT SOMETHING TO OFFER TO SOCIETY.

+AND THERE IS A LOT TO BE SAID FOR THE MAJORITY TO CONCENTRATE ON MAKING YOURSELVES, SO TO SPEAK, 'GOOD CRAFTSMEN'. SOMEONE WHO CAN ALWAYS BE RELIED ON TO DO A GOOD JOB IN WHATEVER FIELD OF LIFE ONE IS CALLED UPON TO PERFORM.+

HE ADVISED THEM TO USE THEIR EXPERIENCES TO SUGGEST HOW WORK IN OTHER FIELDS COULD BE BETTER ORGANISED AFTER THEY HAD LEARNT TO DO THINGS PRETTY WELL THEMSELVES.

+INDEED,+ HE ADDED, +IN YOUR OWN CHOSEN PROFESSION YOU MAY FIND THAT THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS TO SEE THAT YOUR PROFESSION IS BETTER ORGANISED= THAT IT WORKS TO HIGHER STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE AND GIVES A BETTER SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.+

APART FROM LEARNING FROM THEIR EXPERIENCES AND LEARNING TO BE GOOD CRAFTSMEN, THE DIRECTOR ADVISED THE YOUNG PEOPLE NOT TO OVER-REACH THEMSELVES: +DON'T FOOL YOURSELVES THAT YOU CAN DO MORE THAN YOU ACTUALLY CAN.+

MR. TOPLEY ALSO TOLD THE PARTICIPANTS NOT TO FORGET PEOPLE WHO WERE LESS FORTUNATE - +PREPARE YOURSELVES TO HELP THEM WHEN YOU ARE REALLY ABLE TO DO SO.+

EARLIER, MR. TOPLEY SAID THAT IT WAS INEVITABLE THAT WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE REACHED THE STAGE OF THROWING OFF THE ROLE OF YOUTH AND TAKING ON THE ROLE OF AN ADULT, SOMETHING WAS LOST IN THE PROCESS AND AT THE TIME THE GAIN WAS NOT APPARENT.

THE ROAD TO ADULTHOOD WAS NOT GOING TO BE NECESSARILY AN EASY AND SMOOTH ONE.

+THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN ONE FEELS THAT ONE IS MAKING NO PROGRESS IN LIFE= NO PROGRESS TOWARDS ONE'S GOALS. BUT THE YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS ARE IN MANY WAYS THE MOST VALUABLE ONES. IT IS FROM THAT EXPERIENCE THAT WE TRULY LEARN,+ HE SAID.

MR. TOPLEY BELIEVED THAT IT WAS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR A YOUNG MAN TO HAVE SOME IDEALS IN LIFE AND TO HAVE A PICTURE OF HIS OWN ROLE IN THE WORLD. BUT HE CAUTIONED THAT IDEALS WERE TRICKY THINGS WHICH HAD TO BE PROVED IN ACTION OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHA TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 11) TO FACILITATE WORK ON A FRESH WATER MAIN NEAR SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

ALL PREMISES ALONG TAI PO ROAD BETWEEN LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD AND THE K.C.R. UNIVERSITY STATION AT MA LIU SHUI, INCLUDING SHA TIN NEW TOWN, LEK YUEN ESTATE, FO TAN ROAD, JARDINE DYEING AND FINISHING CO. LTD., K.C.R. WORKSHOP AND QUARTERS AND CHUNG CHI COLLEGE, WILL BE AFFECTED.

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