



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SELECTIVE PLACEMENT OF DISABLED IN COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT  
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THE SUCCESS OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE DISABLED WILL DEPEND ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE PHILOSOPHY THAT THE DISABLED IS AS MUCH A PART OF THE COMMUNITY AS THE NON-DISABLED AND IS THEREFORE ENTITLED TO THE SAME RIGHTS TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND SHARE IN ITS WEALTH.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY MR. KHOO TAI-PIN, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER AND HEAD OF THE REHABILITATION DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AT A ROTARY CLUB OF KOWLOON EAST MEETING.

HE SAID THE SUCCESS WOULD ALSO DEPEND ON THE WILLINGNESS TO GIVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION IN THE WAY OF PRIORITY OR PREFERENCE TO THEM AND TO WAIVE SOME BASIC BUT IRRELEVANT REQUIREMENTS ATTACHED TO JOBS TO ENABLE THE DISABLED TO SECURE A FAIR SHARE OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM WHICH THEY WERE OFTEN AUTOMATICALLY BARRED.

MR. KHOO POINTED OUT THAT IN HONG KONG THE PLIGHT OF THE DISABLED AND THEIR VOCATIONAL NEEDS HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO LIGHT LARGELY THROUGH SUCCESSIVE STUDIES DONE BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

AS THE BODY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF THE PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY DISABLED, HE CONTINUED, THE DEPARTMENT IN 1967 ASSIGNED ONE OFFICER TO FIND JOBS FOR THE DISABLED.

+THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW FIVE OFFICERS CONCERNED EXCLUSIVELY WITH SELECTIVE PLACEMENT AND HAS UP TO THE END OF DECEMBER 1976 PLACED 2,500 DISABLED PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT,+ HE SAID.

+AS MORE DISABLED PERSONS ARE READY FOR THE LABOUR MARKET THE QUESTION IS POSED OF HOW MORE JOBS CAN BE FOUND FOR THEM,+ HE POINTED OUT.

HE STRESSED THAT TO CREATE MORE JOBS LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ADOPTED IN SOME COUNTRIES HAD BEEN IN THE FORM OF: IMPOSITION OF AN OBLIGATION ON EMPLOYERS TO EMPLOY A FIXED NUMBER OR QUOTA= THE RESERVATION OF CERTAIN TYPES OF WORK AND THE RESERVATION OR PRIORITY ALLOCATION OF POSTS.

+WHETHER IT IS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO RESORT TO LAW MAY DEPEND ON HOW EFFECTIVELY DISABLED PERSONS CAN OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT IT AND HOW MUCH THEY MAY BE ABLE TO RELY ON THE GOODWILL OF THE COMMUNITY,+ HE EXPLAINED. +WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE READY FOR ANY OR ALL SUCH MEASURES WILL AGAIN DEPEND ON THE COMMUNITY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE DISABLED.+

HOWEVER, HE ADDED: +LEGISLATION OR NO, THIS ACCEPTANCE BY YOU, OTHER COMMUNITY-MINDED LEADERS AND THE PUBLIC WILL ENSURE GREATER ACHIEVEMENT IN THE REHABILITATION OF THE DISABLED, A SUPREME HUMAN ASPIRATION THAT CONCERNS US ALL.+

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GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE VISIT MTR SITES IN KOWLOON  
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THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE THIS (TUESDAY) AFTERNOON VISITED SEVERAL MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WORK SITES IN KOWLOON.

THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION, MR. NORMAN THOMPSON- THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, MR. F.G. SHUTT, AND THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (KOWLOON), MR. MICHAEL C.C. SZE.

THE GROUP FIRST VISITED ARGYLE STATION WHERE THEY WERE BRIEFED ON CONSTRUCTION METHODS AND WATCHED WORKERS PUTTING DOWN PILES WHICH WILL FORM THE STATION WALLS.

FROM THERE THEY PROCEEDED TO HAMILTON STREET, WHERE THEY INSPECTED THE SOPHISTICATED COMPRESSED AIR INSTALLATION WHICH PROVIDES THE NECESSARY PRESSURISED ENVIRONMENT FOR NEARBY TUNNELLING BETWEEN ARGYLE AND WATERLOO STATIONS.

THE PARTY LATER WENT TO WHITFIELD BARRACKS. THERE THEY SAW THE ACCESS SHAFT WHICH WILL BE USED TO REMOVE EXCAVATED DEBRIS DURING TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION UNDER NATHAN ROAD.

THE NEXT STOP WAS THE OPEN-PIT SITE AT LOK FU.

AT THE SITE, MTRC ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS EXPLAINED THE STATION'S CONSTRUCTION METHOD TO THE VISITORS AND POINTED OUT SOME OF THE INTERESTING FEATURES OF THE SITE.

THE PARTY THEN WENT TO CHOI HUNG. AFTER INSPECTING SOME SURFACE WORKS, THE GOVERNOR, ACCOMPANIED BY ENGINEERS AND CONTRACTORS, WENT DOWN THE PING SHEK SHAFT AND WALKED THROUGH THE CHOI HUNG TUNNEL TO EMERGE AT KOWLOON BAY DEPOT. LADY MACLEHOSE MEANWHILE VISITED THE CHOI HUNG STATION SITE.

THE GOVERNOR AND LADY MACLEHOSE LATER REJOINED AT THE KOWLOON BAY TUNNEL PORTAL BEFORE TOURING THE SITE WHERE THE FUTURE KOWLOON BAY STATION, DEPOT AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT COMPLEX WILL BE SITUATED.

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HK HARBOUR NOW CLEANER

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THE FIGHT AGAINST POLLUTION IN THE HARBOUR IS BEGINNING TO LOOK BRIGHTER FOLLOWING VIGOROUS EFFORTS BY THE ANTI-POLLUTION UNIT OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT.

ACCORDING TO MR. TONY MASON, MARINE OFFICER (POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT), +THE SITUATION IN THE HARBOUR HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS.+

MR. MASON SAID THE IMPROVEMENT WAS DUE TO THE INCREASE IN STRENGTH OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FLEET OF REFUSE COLLECTION CRAFT.

+WE HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED EXTRA FUNDS TO DEPLOY MORE CRAFT TO CARRY OUT SUCH TASKS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE HARBOUR,+ HE SAID.

+ORIGINALLY, THE AMOUNT ALLOCATED FOR THIS FINANCIAL YEAR'S REFUSE COLLECTION WORK BY SAMPANS AND MOTORISED BOATS WAS \$1.27 MILLION. THIS FIGURE HAS BEEN INCREASED BY AN EXTRA GRANT OF \$190,000.

+THIS EXTRA AMOUNT ENABLED US TO ADD 10 MORE VESSELS TO THE ORIGINAL FLEET OF 31 SCAVENGING BOATS.+

SINCE AUGUST LAST YEAR, MR MASON POINTED OUT, TWO EXTRA BOATS WERE HIRED TO COLLECT REFUSE IN THE CHAI WAN UNLICENSED DWELLING BOATS AREA AND, IN OCTOBER, TWO EXTRA FLEETS OF FOUR BOATS EACH WERE PUT INTO OPERATION -- ONE IN TSUEN WAN AND THE OTHER AS THE ROVING BACK-UP FLEET.

OF THE ORIGINAL 31 CRAFT, 16 ARE DEPLOYED IN THE CENTRAL HARBOUR AREA, SEVEN IN ABERDEEN, FIVE IN YAU MA TEI AND CAUSEWAY BAY TYPHOON SHELTERS AND THREE ARE ENGAGED IN COLLECTING REFUSE FROM OCEAN-GOING SHIPS.

MR. MASON SAID THAT LAST YEAR 3,645 TONS OF REFUSE WERE COLLECTED FROM THE HARBOUR AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S TOTAL OF 3,262 TONS.

AT PRESENT, REFUSE COLLECTED DAILY FROM THE HARBOUR AVERAGED ABOUT 10 TONS AND FROM OCEAN GOING SHIPS ABOUT TWO TONS, HE SAID.

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KOWLOON DRIVING TEST CENTRE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FARM ROAD DRIVING TEST CENTRE WOULD BE RELOCATED AT THE METERED CAR PARK IN TIN KWONG ROAD WITH EFFECT FROM TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY).

CANDIDATES FOR PRIVATE CAR DRIVING TESTS WITH ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS TO TAKE THEIR TESTS AT THE FARM ROAD DRIVING TEST CENTRE SHOULD NOW TAKE THEIR TESTS AT THE TIN KWONG ROAD DRIVING TEST CENTRE AT THE DATE AND TIME AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED.

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EXERCISE CARE WHEN USING GAS WATER HEATERS  
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A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN CALLED ON MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HEED THE DANGERS OF USING GAS WATER HEATERS IN UNVENTILATED ROOMS.

THE APPEAL CAME AFTER A NUMBER OF FATAL ACCIDENTS OCCURRED IN THE PAST FEW DAYS AS A RESULT OF PEOPLE USING WATER HEATERS INSIDE ROOMS, USUALLY BATHROOMS, WITHOUT THOROUGH VENTILATION.

+THE CAUSE OF DEATH IS NOT DUE TO THE LEAKAGE OF GAS, AS COMMONLY REPORTED,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS THE LACK OF OXYGEN RESULTING FROM THE BURNING OF GAS IN THE UNVENTILATED ROOMS.+

HE NOTED THAT THESE ACCIDENTS OFTEN OCCURRED IN CUBICLES WHERE THE WATER SUPPLY HAD BEEN CONVERTED FROM COLD TO HOT BY THE INSTALLATION OF GAS HEATERS.

+IN SOME CASES WHERE THESE CONVERSIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT,+ THE SPOKESMAN STATED, +VENTILATION SUCH AS DOOR LOUVRES OR OPEN AIR VENTILATION HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED.+

+IF YOUR BATHROOM OR OTHER ROOMS IN WHICH GAS WATER HEATERS ARE INSTALLED AND NOT PROPERLY EQUIPPED WITH VENTILATION YOU ARE ADVISED TO LEAVE THE DOOR OR A WINDOW OPEN WHEN THE HEATER IS IN USE,+ HE RECOMMENDED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WAS NOT THE AUTHORITY ON VENTILATION OR THE USE OF GAS HEATERS BUT WAS ALWAYS CALLED TO SUCH INCIDENTS AND SAW THE TRAGIC RESULTS.

+WE HOPE THAT BY ALERTING THE PUBLIC TO THE POSSIBLE DANGERS, FURTHER TRAGEDIES COULD BE AVOIDED,+ HE ADDED.

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WATER CUT  
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSZ WAN SHAN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON THURSDAY (JANUARY 13) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY TSZ WAN SHAN ROAD, WAN WAH STREET, SHUNG WAH STREET, SHEUNG FUNG STREET, LUNG FUNG STREET AND SHATIN PASS ROAD, INCLUDING BLOCK NO. 4-32 OF THE TSZ WAN SHAN ESTATE AND OUR LADY OF MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL IN SHATIN PASS ROAD.

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LADY MACLEHOSE VISITS TRAINING CENTRE

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LADY MACLEHOSE THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING TOURED THE PINE HILL VILLAGE TRAINING CENTRE IN TAI PO SEEING FOR HERSELF THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

THE CENTRE, WHICH HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 120, PROVIDES SUBJECTS SUCH AS CARPENTRY, SEWING AND METAL WORK.

IT IS ONE OF THE TRAINING CENTRES OPERATED BY THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION OF MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS LIMITED.

AMONG THOSE WHO GREETED LADY MACLEHOSE ON HER ARRIVAL WERE THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE= MRS. J. BREMIDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION AND MR. F.C. TANG, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CENTRE.

ALSO PRESENT WERE MISS ELIZABETH ROWE, HEAD OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT= DR. SYLVIA CHUI, PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, AND MRS. F.L. GOODSTADT, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER.

DURING THE TOUR, LADY MACLEHOSE SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN.

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AIRMAIL TO U.K. AND EUROPE

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT DUE TO INDUSTRIAL ACTION BY LOADING STAFF IN LONDON, AIRMAIL DESPATCHED TO LONDON ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, WAS NOT TAKEN OFF THE AIRCRAFT AT HEATHROW AIRPORT AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED TO HONG KONG YESTERDAY (MONDAY).

THE DESPATCH CONCERNED INCLUDED NOT ONLY AIRMAIL FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM BUT ALSO FOR OTHER DESTINATIONS IN EUROPE. HOWEVER, A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE AIRMAIL WOULD BE SENT BACK TO LONDON THIS EVENING.

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