



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ALTERNATIVE TRAFFIC ROUTES TO NORTH POINT

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A feasibility study is to be undertaken to determine the best possible means of providing additional road capacity along the eastern corridor of Hong Kong Island to relieve traffic congestion in North Point.

The study will be conducted by consultants and will cover the entire road route running from Causeway Bay through North Point and Quarry Bay to Shau Kei Wan.

The consultants will investigate broadly three alternative routes: one along the waterfront, another an inland route, and the third the double-decking of King's Road.

A spokesman for the Public Works Department explained today that the study was necessary to avoid any abortive detailed design work for the originally proposed elevated road along King's Road.

A preliminary examination of the King's Road double decking scheme, contained in the Long Term Road Study Report, indicated that serious land and environmental problems could be expected to arise due to the proximity of the elevated structure to existing buildings.

In addition, the problem was likely to be aggravated by the need to avoid conflict with the mass transit proposals along King's Road, he added.

The study, which will take about a year to complete, will explore the merits of the three alternatives to enable a soundly based decision to be taken. Consultants are expected to be engaged in the next two months.

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Note to Editors:

The following item is embargoed  
for release until 10.30 p.m.  
tonight (30-5-73)

NEW COMMANDING OFFICER FOR REGIMENT

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Major John Heywood was tonight named as the new Commanding Officer of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) -- the first volunteer to hold the position for 22 years.

Major Heywood, who is an Assistant Director of the Urban Services Department, will take over from Lieutenant-Colonel J. Chapman at the end of October this year.

In making the announcement tonight the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, said that in the past 22 years the Regiment had been fortunate in having a succession of "excellent" commanding officers from the regular army.

"The Regiment", he said, "owes much to its past regular C.O.'s and in particular to Colonel Chapman, for all that they have done."

But he felt that it must be "greatly encouraging" for all Volunteers to realise that potentially they have "the C.O.'s baton in their knapsacks".

Sir Murray said that when Major Heywood became Commanding Officer he would be supported by a Major from the regular army as second in command.

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The Governor also announced the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Ivor Daniel to succeed Mr. Donald Luddington as Honorary Colonel of the Regiment from Friday (June 1).

Colonel Luddington will be leaving Hong Kong soon to take up appointment as High Commissioner of the Western Pacific.

Colonel Daniel, the managing director of an export company (R.H. Macy & Co. Incorporation) has been a member of the Royal Hong Kong Regiment since 1954, was appointed second in command in 1967 and promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in 1969.

The Governor announced the appointments at the Regiment's Foundation Day Dinner at the Officers' Mess in Beaconsfield House. The dinner marked the 119th anniversary of the Regiment which was formed on May 30, 1854, as the Hong Kong Volunteer Corps.

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Note to Editors: Photographs of Major Heywood and Colonel Daniel are boxed tonight.

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NEW SOCIAL SECURITY UNIT ESTABLISHED

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A social security field unit is to be set up in Aberdeen to provide better service for people living in the area.

The new unit, which comes into operation from Friday (June 1), is the 19th to be formed by the Social Security Division of the Social Welfare Department.

It will deal with applications for public assistance and disability and infirmity allowance from people living in Wah Fu Estate, Aberdeen, Ap Lei Chau, Wong Chuk Hang and Shek Pai Wan.

At present, applications from people in Aberdeen and surrounding areas are dealt with by the Pokfulam unit.

Mr. Tsau Tsor-yan, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer, Social Security, said today the aim of establishing the new unit was to ease the workload of the unit at Pokfulam.

At present, he said the Pokfulam unit has an active caseload of 1,908 for public assistance and has received a total of 1,689 applications for the disability and infirmity allowance.

The Aberdeen Social Security Field Unit is expected to move into new premises at 200 Aberdeen Main Street, 4th floor sometime in late June or early July. For the time being the unit will share the same accommodation as the Pokfulam unit at the Western District Magistracy Building.

After Friday, the Pokfulam Social Security Field Unit will deal with applications from Kennedy Town, Sai Ying Poon and the offshore islands such as Hei Ling Chau, Sunshine Island, Peng Chau, Chek Lap Kok, Lamma Island and Lantau Island.

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#### HEAVY FINES FOR MOSQUITO BREEDING

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People can, and have been, fined as much as \$1,000 for allowing water to stagnate and breed mosquitoes.

A manager of a construction company was fined \$1,000 last week when mosquito larvae were found in abandoned containers on his construction site at the junction of Sheung Shing Street and Shek Ku Street, Kowloon.

A spokesman for the Urban Council said today: "With the recent heavy rain, mosquito nuisance will spread if steps are not taken to remove stagnant water. Mosquitoes take only seven days to breed in stagnant water."

"While the Urban Council is taking all possible measures to prevent mosquito breeding in public places, the removal of these breeding grounds in private premises rests to a large extent on the public. People can also call us at 5-95555 if they have a mosquito problem they cannot handle," he added.

The public is urged to check on and remove all receptacles capable of retaining rain water such as discarded tins and bottles and choked drains.

All water tanks on roofs should be properly covered and open spaces should also be kept clear of refuse and debris to prevent blockages during heavy downpours, the spokesman said.

"The mosquito nuisance can be prevented if we each play our part in removing all possible breeding places," he added.

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LAST CHANCE TO BUY LOTTERY TICKETS

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Tomorrow (Thursday) is the last chance to buy tickets in the first Government Lottery of the year.

The tickets will be on sale up till 9 p.m. on Thursday at all Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club selling booths. During the day they can also be obtained at banks and money changers.

Up to 5 p.m. today a total of 536,000 tickets had been sold. The draw for the lottery will be held at the HK-TVB studio on Friday (June 1) night.

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Note to Editors: Details of the sale will be sent to you on the teleprinter as soon as they are available.

On Friday, the draw for the first, second and third prizes will be held at about 10.30 p.m. during the "Enjoy Yourself Tonight" programme, and it will be televised.

The draw for the winning numbers of the 50 special prizes will not be televised, and it will be held at the studio at about 8.30 p.m.

Results of both draws will be transmitted to you immediately. It is expected that the transmission of all winning numbers will be completed before 11 p.m.

You are invited to have the event covered. Photographers are requested not to use flash lights.

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Release time: 7.00 p.m.