



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MOVE TO ELIMINATE USE OF TEMPORARY BEDS AT Q.M.H.  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS TO MAKE USE OF ADDITIONAL BEDS IN TWO GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED HOSPITALS IN AN EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF TEMPORARY BEDS AT THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

THE ALLOCATION OF EXTRA FUNDS WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO BRING A FURTHER 106 BEDS INTO USE AT THE NEW CENTENARY BUILDING OF THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL AND TO CONVERT 90 BEDS AT GRANTHAM HOSPITAL TO PROVIDE CONVALESCENT BEDS. IT WILL ALSO ENABLE THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL TO RECRUIT MORE STAFF, INCLUDING DOCTORS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS THE POLICY IN THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS NEVER TO REFUSE ADMISSION TO THE HOSPITAL IF THIS IS REQUIRED ON MEDICAL GROUNDS.

THIS, HE SAID, CONTRIBUTED TO A SITUATION WHERE PERMANENT BEDS BECAME INADEQUATE AND TEMPORARY BEDS HAD TO BE PUT UP IN THE WARDS SO THAT NO ONE REQUIRING IN-PATIENT TREATMENT HAD TO BE TURNED AWAY.

AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, THE DAILY NUMBER OF ADMISSIONS AT ABOUT 150 HAS RESULTED IN BETWEEN 80 AND 100 TEMPORARY BEDS BEING USE AT ANY ONE TIME.

+THESE TEMPORARY BEDS CREATE CONSIDERABLE OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS, AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF THESE BEDS BY ADOPTING VARIOUS MEASURES TO ACCOMMODATE CONVALESCENT PATIENTS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT WITH THE USE OF 196 EXTRA BEDS AT TUNG WAH AND GRANTHAM HOSPITALS TO ACCOMMODATE CONVALESCENT PATIENTS FROM QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL, IT WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS ELIMINATING TEMPORARY BEDS AT THIS MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL.

THE REGIONALISATION OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR, WILL ENSURE THE OPTIMUM USE OF FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY HOSPITAL BEDS, WITHIN THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS IN EACH REGION.

IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, THE 1977/78 BUDGET ESTIMATES PROVIDE FOR THE CONVERSION OF THE BUDDHIST HOSPITAL AND THE POK OI HOSPITAL TO DEFICIENCY GRANT BASIS TO SUPPORT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL AND PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL RESPECTIVELY.

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WITH REGARD TO HONG KONG ISLAND, THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME INCLUDES DESIGNATING SPECIFIC CONVALESCENT WARDS AT THE TUNG WAH HOSPITAL, THE GRANTHAM HOSPITAL AND THE SANDY BAY CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL TO SUPPORT THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

THE EXTRA BEDS TO BE PROVIDED AT TUNG WAH AND GRANTHAM HOSPITALS WILL EXCEED THE DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER OF TEMPORARY BEDS IN USE IN THE QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL.

HOWEVER, THIS IS THOUGHT DESIRABLE AS IT PROVIDES CAPACITY TO ALLOW THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY UNITS AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL TO ADMIT PATIENTS FOR TEACHING PURPOSES AND TO ALLOW FOR THE TIME TAKEN TO ARRANGE FOR DISCHARGES AND TRANSFERS BEFORE PATIENTS ARE ADMITTED.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR TIN HAU FESTIVAL  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IN CONNECTION WITH THE TIN HAU FESTIVAL, NO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE SECTION OF CHA KWO LING ROAD BETWEEN THE SHELL DEPOT AND THE ENTRANCE TO THE ANDERSON QUARRY BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 5 P.M. ON TUESDAY (MAY 10).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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SEMINAR ON WORLD TEXTILE TRADE  
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A FIVE-DAY SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES OPENS IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (MONDAY), WITH OFFICIALS FROM 12 COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES ATTENDING.

THE SEMINAR, ENTITLED +INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCES TO THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT+, IS SPONSORED BY THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT.

THOSE ATTENDING ARE MAINLY COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES AS WELL AS COUNTRIES IN THE REGION WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH BUT ARE MEMBERS OF THE MULTI-FIBRE ARRANGEMENT (MFA).

THESE ARE BANGLADESH, GHANA, HONG KONG, INDIA, JAMAICA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE, SRI LANKA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, THE PHILIPPINES, SOUTH KOREA AND THAILAND.

THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR IS TO GIVE PARTICIPANTS AN OPPORTUNITY OF EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THE FUTURE OF THE MFA AND THE TEXTILE TRADE IN GENERAL.

OTHERS ATTENDING ARE OFFICIALS OF THE GATT, UNCTAD AND ESCAP.

THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, WILL OPEN THE SEMINAR AT 3.30 P.M. IN THE ORIENTAL ROOM OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION CENTRE.

THERE WILL BE THREE SPEAKERS FROM HONG KONG. THEY ARE MR. LAWRENCE MILLS AND MR. JOHN CHAN, OF THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT AND MR. JACK TANG, A MANUFACTURER AND A MEMBER OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

OTHER SPEAKERS INCLUDE OFFICIALS FROM UNCTAD, MR. S.A. ABBAS, AND GATT, MR. M. SALIB.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE SEMINAR WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE ORIENTAL ROOM ON THE 1ST FLOOR OF THE HONG KONG CONVENTION CENTRE.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOUR REPRESENTATIVE COULD ARRIVE SOME MINUTES BEFORE THE OPENING WHICH IS AT 3.15 P.M. TOMORROW (MONDAY). T.V. AND RADIO CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE 20 MINUTES OR SO EARLIER SO THAT THEY CAN SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT WELL BEFORE THE START OF THE CEREMONY.

COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY'S PRO, MR. GERRY XAVIER, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST YOUR REPRESENTATIVE.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WAN CHAI WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON TUESDAY (MAY 10) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MARSH ROAD, GLOUCESTER ROAD, FLEMING ROAD AND THE NORTH SIDE OF HENNESSY ROAD. |

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