



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SEAMAN EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES TIGHTENED UP  
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A NEW SYSTEM TO CENTRALISE AND TIGHTEN UP THE EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURES FOR SEAMEN WILL BE INTRODUCED BY THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE (SRO) OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT FOR A TRIAL PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS FROM MONDAY (MAY 10).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, THE ACTING SENIOR MARINE OFFICER OF THE SRO, MR. LEUNG YUK-KWUN, STRESSED THAT THE SYSTEM AIMED TO PROVIDE SEAMEN WITH A FAIRER AND GREATER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AS WELL AS TO REDUCE THE AVENUES THROUGH WHICH CORRUPTION COULD ARISE.

UNDER THE NEW PRACTICE, HONG KONG SHIPPING COMPANIES MUST NOTIFY THE SRO ALL VACANCIES IN SPECIAL FORMS WHICH WILL BE POSTED TWICE DAILY AT THE SRO FOR INSPECTION BY ALL SEAMEN.

THE INFORMATION MUST BE CLASSIFIED AS +IMMEDIATE VACANCIES+ OR +EXPECTED VACANCIES IN WAITING LIST+ ACCORDINGLY IN SEPARATE FORMS.

A SEAMAN WISHING TO APPLY FOR A JOB SHOULD APPROACH THE SRO WHICH WILL CARRY OUT A PRELIMINARY SCREENING IN RESPECT OF HIS QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE.

THE SEAMAN WILL THEN BE ISSUED WITH A FORM (SR 10) WHICH SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE SHIPPING COMPANY WHEN THE SEAMAN GOES FOR AN INTERVIEW.

ON ACCEPTING THE SEAMAN AFTER THE INTERVIEW, THE SHIPPING COMPANY MUST COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE PART +B+ OF THE FORM FOR THE SEAMAN TO FINALISE LISTING FORMALITIES AT THE SRO.

IF THE SEAMAN IS REJECTED, THE FIRM MUST RETAIN THE FORM AND STATE THE REASONS FOR THE REJECTION BEFORE RETURNING IT TO THE SRO.

IN ADDITION, SHIPPING FIRMS ARE REQUIRED TO INFORM THE SRO WHEN THEIR VACANCIES ARE FILLED.

MR. LEUNG SAID THE NEW PROCEDURES HAD BEEN AGREED AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE, SHIP PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT WHICH COMPRISED REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION OF HONG KONG AND THE HONG KONG SHIP OWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

A LETTER EXPLAINING THE SYSTEM HAD BEEN CIRCULATED TO ALL SHIPPING FIRMS IN HONG KONG EARLY THIS WEEK.

HE ADDED THAT THE SYSTEMS WOULD BE REVIEWED AT THE END OF THE TRIAL PERIOD TO SEE WHETHER IMPROVEMENTS COULD BE MADE.

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SWIMMING COMPLEX AND PARK FOR HUNG HOM RESIDENTS'  
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RESIDENTS OF HUNG HOM AND NEARBY AREAS WILL SOON HAVE A HUGE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX AND PARK RIGHT AT THEIR DOORSTEP.

THE \$15 MILLION PROJECT IS NOW BEING BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE ON A 1.5-HECTARE (3.6-ACRE) SITE OFF TAI WAN ROAD OVERLOOKING KOWLOON BAY.

MR. EDWIN WONG, CHIEF PWD ARCHITECT, SAID TODAY ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF THE SWIMMING COMPLEX HAD ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND WORK ON THE ADJACENT PARK WAS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY.

TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARK WILL BE INVITED IN TOMORROW'S (FRIDAY) GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

+THE WHOLE PROJECT,+ MR. WONG SAID,+SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MAY NEXT YEAR IN TIME FOR THE SWIMMING SEASON.+

HE SAID THE SWIMMING COMPLEX WOULD PROVIDE NINE POOLS OF VARIOUS SIZES AND SHAPES AND WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ABOUT 2,100 PEOPLE AT ANY ONE TIME.

THE TWO MAIN POOLS AND A DIVING POOL, HE SAID, HAD BEEN DESIGNED TO OLYMPIC STANDARD, AND THE LARGEST ONE WOULD BE HEATED DURING WINTER MONTHS TO PROVIDE FOR YEAR-ROUND SWIMMING.

IN ADDITION, THERE WOULD BE THREE TEACHING POOLS, TWO CHILDREN'S POOLS AND A PADDLING POOL FOR THE VERY YOUNG.

OTHER FACILITIES INCLUDED CHANGING ROOMS, TOILETS, A LIGHT REFRESHMENT CAFE AND FIRST-AID ROOMS TO BE HOUSED IN THE MAIN BUILDING OF THE SWIMMING COMPLEX.

THERE WOULD ALSO BE A COVERED STAND, HE SAID, FOR SPECTATORS DURING SWIMMING GALAS OR WATER SPORTS.

THE PARK, WHICH IS TO BE BUILT NEXT TO THE SWIMMING POOL COMPLEX, WILL INCLUDE A MINI-SOCCER PITCH, TWO BASKETBALL COURTS, A CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA AND A GARDEN WITH A TURFED PROMENADE ALONG THE SEAFRONT PROVIDING A PLEASANT OASIS FOR 83,000 RESIDENTS OF THE CROWDED DISTRICT.

A MAIN FEATURE OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA WILL BE NEW FASHION PLAY-EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING CLIMBERS, SWINGS, SLIDES, CAROUSELS AND SWING FLOATS.

THE GARDEN AREA WILL HAVE A REFRESHMENT KIOSK AND PAVILION, AS WELL AS BENCHES, SUN SHELTERS AND CHESS TABLES.

A LARGE SPECTATOR STAND FOR 800 PEOPLE WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED NEAR THE SOCCER PITCH WITH CHANGING ROOMS AND TOILETS UNDERNEATH.

THE SWIMMING COMPLEX AND PARK ARE BEING BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT UNDER THE URBAN COUNCIL'S SWITCH-FINANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE COUNCIL FINANCES SOME GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS NOW UNDER THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL LATER BUILD A SIMILAR PROJECT WHICH IS A COUNCIL COMMITMENT.

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COLONIAL SECRETARY VISITS SCHOOL AND  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

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DURING A 45-MINUTE TOUR OF THE GOVERNMENT-RUN HO TUNG TECHNICAL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS SAW PUPILS MAKING DRESSES, POTTERY VESSELS AND FIGURES, PREPARING CHINESE AND EUROPEAN DELICACIES AND CAKES AS WELL AS PRINT-MAKING, PAINTING AND DOING CRAFT AND BASIC DESIGN WORK.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, SIR DENYS FIRST WENT INTO THE HALL WHERE SOME 80 DRESSES, SKIRTS, BLOUSES, KNITTED GARMENTS AND FASHION SKETCHES WERE DISPLAYED ON THE STAGE.

IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISIT HE CHATTED WITH PUPILS AND SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN THEIR WORK.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, THERE WERE ABOUT 100 PIECES OF POTTERY WARE ON DISPLAY. SIR DENYS MADE SEVERAL PAUSES AS HE PASSED ALONG THE CORRIDORS IN THE SIX-STORY BUILDING TO ADMIRE THE WORKS OF ART, NUMBERING ABOUT 100, ON THE WALLS. THE PRINCIPAL, MISS LO CHUNG-MING ALSO SHOWED THE COLONIAL SECRETARY SCULPTURE, TOYS AND EMBROIDERY WORK DONE BY THE PUPILS.

THE SCHOOL HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 629 AND AMONG THE TEACHING STAFF ARE FIVE FORMER STUDENTS.

AFTER LEAVING THE SCHOOL, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY PROCEEDED TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WHERE HE SAW AND DISCUSSED AN EXCERPT FROM THE FILM ON +THE ACTIVITY APPROACH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS.+ HE WAS INFORMED ABOUT THE RECENT WORK IN SOCIAL STUDIES IN JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS.

SIR DENYS WAS ALSO GIVEN A BRIEF IDEA OF SOME OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH THE PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS SECTION HAD TO SOLVE.

DURING HIS TWO-HOUR STAY, THE COLONIAL SECRETARY CHATTED INFORMALLY WITH OFFICERS WORKING IN THE VARIOUS BRANCHES AND DIVISIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. AMONG THEM WERE THE THREE DEPUTY DIRECTORS, MR. COLVYN HAYE, MR. HO NGA-MING AND MR. ANDREW KINGWELL.

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ST. PAUL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL OPEN DAY

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THE ST. PAUL PREVOCATIONAL SCHOOL ON CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND HELD ITS FIRST OPEN DAY TODAY WHEN MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE WORK OF THE PUPILS.

A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY WAS HELD TO DECLARE THE EVENT OPEN.

TAKING PART IN THE CEREMONY WERE THE DISTRICT OFFICER, ISLAND, MR. LAI KWOK-YING- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHEUNG CHAU RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. K.H. YIU AND REV. FR. F. LERDA OF CARITAS.

AMONG VISITORS WAS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL.

THE SCHOOL HAS 520 PUPILS AT PRESENT IN 13 CLASSES. IT OFFERS THREE YEARS SECONDARY PREVOCATIONAL EDUCATION. PRACTICAL SUBJECTS INCLUDE METALWORK, WOODWORK, TEXTILES AND TAILORING, COMMERCIAL AND ELECTRICAL STUDY.

THE SCHOOL WAS OFFICIALLY OPENED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER 1974.

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KWUN TONG DISTRICT COOKING COMPETITION

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TO CELEBRATE MOTHERS' DAY, THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A COOKING COMPETITION FOR THE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO BE HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL OF THE CENTRE THIS SATURDAY (MAY 8).

FORTY PEOPLE ARE TAKING PART IN THE COMPETITION WHICH STARTS AT 7.30 P.M. THE PARTICIPANTS MAY CHOOSE TO COOK ANY COURSE BUT MUST FINISH WITHIN 30 MINUTES.

THE FUNCTION IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN'S CLUB OF KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE AND AMOY CANNING CORPORATION (HONG KONG) LIMITED.

THE WINNERS WILL BE AWARDED SILVER CUPS AND MEDALS, AND PRESENTS FROM THE AMOY CANNING COMPANY.

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**WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHEUNG WAN  
WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY  
(MAY 8).

THIS IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT  
A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MORRISON STREET, QUEEN'S  
ROAD CENTRAL, BONHAM STRAND EAST, HILLIER STREET AND WING  
LOK STREET.

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