



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW ETV PROGRAMMES MORE ENTERTAINING

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THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION SERVICE IS PRODUCING A NEW SERIES OF PRIMARY 3 AND REMAKING SOME OF THE PRIMARY 4 TO 6 PROGRAMMES FOR TRANSMISSION BY THE THREE TELEVISION NETWORKS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.

THERE WILL BE MORE SONGS, DANCES AND GAMES IN THE NEW PROGRAMMES WHICH SEEK TO MAKE EDUCATION FUN AND TO RAISE CHILDREN'S INTEREST IN LEARNING.

THE ETV PROGRAMMES, WHICH BEGAN BROADCASTING IN SEPTEMBER 1971, ARE TRANSMITTED FIVE DAYS A WEEK (MONDAY TO FRIDAY) THROUGHOUT 32 WEEKS IN AN ACADEMIC YEAR. THEY ARE WATCHED BY MORE THAN 400,000 PRIMARY 3 TO 6 PUPILS IN APPROXIMATELY 800 SCHOOLS.

WITH THE RECENT OPENING OF THE THIRD COMMERCIAL TELEVISION STATION, THE ORIGINAL ETV TRANSMISSION OF EIGHT HOURS PER DAY HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO 12 HOURS.

THE PROGRAMMES ARE ALL BASED ON STANDARD SYLLABUSES FOR CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES. A TOTAL OF 30 PROGRAMMES, EACH 15 MINUTES LONG, ARE BROADCAST ON EACH SUBJECT PER YEAR.

THE ACTING HEAD OF THE EDUCATION TELEVISION SERVICES, MR. SUN PING-SHU SAID: +OUR ETV SERVICE IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE BEST IN ASIA.+

ACCORDING TO MR. A.B. EDINGTON, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND RESEARCH IN THE BRITISH COUNCIL, LONDON, WHO CARRIED OUT A RESEARCH PROJECT IN 1973, ETV IN HONG KONG DESERVED TOP RATING.

+IN ORDER TO IMPROVE OUR PROGRAMMES, THE ETV SERVICE REGULARLY SENDS ITS STAFF TO ATTEND INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONFERENCES IN THIS FIELD. IN THE COMING MONTHS, ETV REPRESENTATIVES WILL GO TO VARIOUS CONFERENCES IN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, HAWAII AND JAPAN WHERE THEY WILL EXCHANGE IDEAS AND LEARN NEW TECHNIQUES IN ETV PRODUCTION,+ SAID MR. SUN.

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ETV PROGRAMMES IS EVALUATED IN DIFFERENT WAYS. SCHOOL HEADS RETURN WEEKLY REPORTS ON ETV PROGRAMMES. PRODUCERS VISIT SCHOOLS REGULARLY TO WATCH PUPILS' REACTION TO ETV PROGRAMMES AND TO OBTAIN FEEDBACK FROM THE TEACHERS. SUBJECT INSPECTORS ALSO SEE THE ETV PROGRAMMES AND COMMENT ON THEM.

ALL THESE REPORTS ARE PASSED TO PROGRAMME COMMITTEES WHICH COMPRISE ETV PRODUCERS, SUBJECT INSPECTORS, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION LECTURERS, SCHOOL HEADS AND TEACHERS. THEY ALSO WATCH EVERY ETV PROGRAMME AND SUGGEST WAYS OF IMPROVEMENT.

+CHILDREN ENJOY WATCHING ETV IN CLASS AND TEACHERS ALSO REGARD THE PROGRAMMES HELPFUL TO TEACHING,+ SAID MR. SUN.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ON TEXTBOOKS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED A COPY OF THE EDUCATION ACTION GROUP'S REPORT ON THE QUALITY OF LOCAL PRIMARY TEXTBOOKS.

IN REPLY TO PRESS QUESTIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO COMMENT IN ANY DETAIL ON THE E.A.G.'S FINDINGS AT THIS STAGE BECAUSE THE ONLY KNOWLEDGE THE DEPARTMENT HAD OF THE SURVEY HAD COME THROUGH PRESS REPORTS.

+IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE E.A.G. CONDUCTED THEIR SURVEY WITHOUT REFERENCE EITHER TO THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OR TO THE TEXTBOOKS COMMITTEE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+THERE HAS CERTAINLY BEEN NO CONSULTATION WITH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS. I NOTE THAT, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, E.A.G. INTENDS TO DISCUSS THEIR FINDINGS WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. WE WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME SUCH A DISCUSSION BUT WE SHOULD NEED TO SEE THE FULL REPORT AND HAVE TIME TO STUDY IT BEFORE WE MEET ANY E.A.G. REPRESENTATIVES. WE ARE CERTAINLY VERY SURPRISED THAT THE E.A.G. SHOULD HAVE ISSUED A PUBLIC STATEMENT WITHOUT AT LEAST SENDING US A COPY OF THEIR REPORT FIRST,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT IF THE PRESS REPORTS WERE ACCURATE THE E.A.G. HAD APPARENTLY FAILED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT RECENT CURRICULUM INNOVATIONS (FOR EXAMPLE, THE EXTENSION OF +ACTIVITY APPROACH+ IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP BEING ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND EDUCATIONAL PUBLISHERS WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED SOME TIME AGO, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NINE-YEAR COMMON COURSE OF GENERAL EDUCATION FOR PRIMARY ONE - FORM 3 PUPILS).

HE ALSO STATED THAT IT WAS NOW GENERALLY KNOWN IN EDUCATIONAL CIRCLES THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION AT ALL LEVELS.

+THIS IS WHY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE EXISTS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

+THE PUBLICATION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON SECONDARY EDUCATION HAS MEANT THAT THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE IS GIVING FIRST PRIORITY TO JUNIOR SECONDARY CURRICULUM AND, AS THE E.A.G. KNOWS, A GREAT DEAL IS BEING DONE AT THIS LEVEL TO MAKE THE CURRICULUM MORE RELEVANT - PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE MORE IMAGINATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES.

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+THIS DOESN'T MEAN TO SAY WE'RE NEGLECTING OTHER AREAS OF THE CURRICULUM -FAR FROM IT. OUR MAIN CONCERN IN PRIMARY EDUCATION IS THE ACTIVITY APPROACH, WHICH IS FAR LESS FORMAL THAN TRADITIONAL PRIMARY EDUCATION, AND WHICH IS ORGANISED IN SUCH A WAY THAT CHILDREN LEARN AT THEIR OWN PACE ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN ABILITIES. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THIS APPROACH MAKES SCHOOLS A HAPPIER PLACE FOR CHILDREN. SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AND PARENTS ARE BEGINNING TO REALISE THIS AND THERE IS NOW A MUCH WIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THIS APPROACH TO EDUCATION.+

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE MANY COMPLEX EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS FACING HONG KONG COULD NOT BE SOLVED OVERNIGHT, BUT ALREADY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS WERE BEGINNING TO SHOW VERY PROMISING RESULTS.

+IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT THE E.A.G. SURVEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED,+ HE SAID, +BUT THERE IS NO POINT IN COMMENTING FURTHER UNTIL WE HAVE SEEN THE REPORT.+

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URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS IN SAN PO KONG  
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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT URBAN CLEARWAY RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ALONG SECTIONS OF THREE APPROACH ROADS TO THE CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE IN KOWLOON SO AS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING AT ALL TIMES ALONG THE RESTRICTED SECTIONS TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS OR GOODS.

THE RESTRICTED ROAD SECTIONS ARE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD BETWEEN EAST OF HAMMER HILL ROAD AND CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD= KWUN TONG ROAD BETWEEN CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AND THE UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO THE PING SHEK BUS TERMINUS= AND CLEARWATER-BAY ROAD BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND THE PING SHEK BUS TERMINUS.

TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED TO INDICATE THE RESTRICTIONS.

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## BANKING STATISTICS

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THE 74 LICENSED BANKS IN HONG KONG HELD A TOTAL OF \$34,803 MILLION IN DEPOSITS AT THE END OF AUGUST.

THE TOTAL REPRESENTED \$9,405 MILLION IN DEMAND DEPOSITS, \$13,439 MILLION IN TIME DEPOSITS AND \$11,959 MILLION IN SAVINGS DEPOSITS.

FOLLOWING ARE DETAILED STATISTICS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF BANKING.

	<u>MONTH ENDED</u> <u>AUGUST 31, 1975</u>	
(NUMBER OF LICENSED BANKS)	(74)	
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	\$ MILLION	
1. DEPOSITS *		34,803
2. AMOUNT DUE TO BANKS ABROAD		20,242
3. OTHER LIABILITIES		<u>7,537</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		62,582
 <u>ASSETS</u>		
1. CASH		654
2. AMOUNT DUE FROM BANKS ABROAD:		
(I) DEMAND AND SHORT TERM CLAIMS	17,963	
(II) TIME DEPOSITS	<u>2,227</u>	20,190
3. LOANS AND ADVANCES:		
(I) HONG KONG	24,316	
(II) ABROAD	<u>9,837</u>	34,153
4. INVESTMENTS:		
(I) HONG KONG	2,570	
(II) ABROAD	<u>50</u>	2,620
5. OTHER ASSETS:		
(I) HONG KONG	3,742	
(II) ABROAD	<u>1,223</u>	4,965
TOTAL ASSETS		62,582
AVERAGE LIQUIDITY DURING MONTH		48.31%
	<u>* DEPOSITS</u>	<u>\$MILLION</u>
	DEMAND	9,405
	TIME	13,439
	SAVINGS	<u>11,959</u>
		34,803

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LAST GOVT. LOTTERY LAUNCHED

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THE FIRST PRIZE OF THE TENTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY -- THE LAST IN THE SERIES -- WILL BE DRAWN BY THREE FORMER CHAIRMEN AND THE SERVING CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

THEY ARE: MR. LEE QUO-WEI, MR. ALEX S.C. WU, AND MR. SHUM CHOI-SANG, ALL PAST CHAIRMEN, AND MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, THE PRESENT CHAIRMAN.

TO MARK THE OCCASION OF THE CLOSING OF THE PRESENT LOTTERIES SERIES, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO THE FOUR CHAIRMEN IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

IN LAUNCHING THE 10TH LOTTERY, MR. KAI-YIN CHAU THANKED THE PUBLIC AND THE MASS MEDIA FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERY.

ABOUT \$3 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED FOR CHARITY DURING THE CURRENT LOTTERY SERIES.

THE DRAW FOR THE WINNING NUMBERS OF THE LAST LOTTERY THIS YEAR WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE STUDIOS OF COMMERCIAL TELEVISION LTD. ON OCTOBER 14.

THE SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES WILL BE DRAWN BY FOUR CTV ARTISTES: MISS JOSEPHINE LEO FUNG-MING, MISS INGRID WU YAN-YAN, MR. PETER AU WAI-LAM AND MR. GEORGE LAM CHE-CHEONG.

THE PRESENTATIONS BY THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE FOUR CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DRAW FOR WINNING NUMBERS.

THE FOUR CTV ARTISTES WILL HELP PROMOTE TICKET SALES ON OCTOBER 6 WHEN THEY WILL SELL TICKETS TO PASSERSBY AT STAR FERRY CONCOURSE KOWLOON, BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND 6 P.M.

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RESERVOIRS 95 PER CENT FULL

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HONG KONG'S TOTAL WATER STORAGE AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (MONDAY) WAS 64,452 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 95.8 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS.

AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE TOTAL STORAGE FIGURE WAS 34,753 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE, THE BIGGEST RESERVOIR, HELD 49,033 MILLION GALLONS — 97.1 PER CENT OF ITS FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS. ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR PLOVER COVE ONLY HELD 26,744 MILLION GALLONS.

TOTAL RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR STANDS AT 2,496.4 MM (98.28 IN). THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,980.9 MM (77.99 IN).

NO RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY.

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