



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNOR VISITS CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TONIGHT SPENT ALMOST AN HOUR VISITING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR FAIR AT THE VICTORIA PARK.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (HONG KONG) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, MR. ALBERT LAM, AND THE CITY DISTRICT COMMISSIONER (HONG KONG), MR. PETER NG, THE GOVERNOR MINGLED WITH THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO FLOCKED TO THE FAIR.

SIR MURRAY SHOWED INTEREST IN VARIOUS KINDS OF FLOWERS FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES AND HE BOUGHT A POT OF TULIP AND A BUNDLE OF CHRYSANTHEMUM.

TO MARK THE YEAR OF HARE, HE ALSO BOUGHT AN INFLATED PLASTIC RABBIT.

SIR MURRAY ALSO PAUSED AND TALKED TO THE FLOWER GROWERS ASKING THEM ABOUT THEIR BUSINESS AND CHATTED WITH SOME OF THE VISITORS TO THE FAIR.

IN WELCOMING THE NEW YEAR, THE GOVERNOR WISHED THE PEOPLE GOOD FORTUNE AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO THE FAIR ARE AVAILABLE IN THE G.I.S. PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BERNCONSFIELD HOUSE, HONG KONG.

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ADJUSTMENTS OF SALARY FOR VOLUNTARY WELFARE STAFF
ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT FINALISED
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ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOW BEEN FINALISED FOR PAYING VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES THE ADJUSTMENTS TO THEIR STAFF SALARIES BACKDATED TO APRIL 1, 1974, AND LETTERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO INFORM THEM OF THE AMOUNTS THEY WILL BE RECEIVING.

IN DECEMBER LAST YEAR THE GOVERNMENT MADE AVAILABLE AN ADDITIONAL SUBVENTION FOR THE AGENCIES TO ASSIST THEM IN INCREASING THEIR STAFF SALARIES IN LINE WITH THE GENERAL INCREASE AWARDED TO GOVERNMENT STAFF.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE GOVERNMENT INCREASE WAS NOT A FIXED PERCENTAGE FOR ALL ITS STAFF, BUT VARIED BETWEEN 21-1/2 PERCENT FOR THOSE AT THE LOWER END OF THE SALARY SCALE TO ABOUT 11 PERCENT FOR THOSE AT THE TOP.

HE WENT ON TO SAY IT WAS HOPED THAT AGENCIES WOULD AWARD INCREASES TO THEIR STAFF ON SIMILAR LINES.

THE AMOUNT OF THE INCREASED SUBVENTION VARIED BETWEEN AGENCIES BECAUSE NOT ONLY DID THE TOTAL SUBVENTION PAID TO AGENCIES VARIED BUT ALSO THE SUBVENTED SALARY ELEMENT FOR EACH AGENCY WAS DIFFERENT.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT
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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10) STOOD AT 50,581 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 75.2 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 46,635 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

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THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 38,351 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 36,357 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 75.9 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TOTAL OF 2.1 MM (0.08 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 51.4 MM (2.02 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 46.0 MM (1.81 IN).

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LUNAR NEW YEAR TREATS FOR THE AGED

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WITH THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES NOW IN FULL SWING, THE AGED ARE NOT BEING FORGOTTEN. ACTIVITIES FOR THIS SECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY ARE BEING ORGANISED BY VARIOUS SERVICE GROUPS AND COMMUNITY WELFARE ORGANISATIONS.

FIFTY ELDERLY PEOPLE LIVING IN LAM TIN ESTATE WILL BE TAKEN ON A PICNIC ORGANISED BY FIVE WELFARE ORGANISATIONS IN THE ESTATE'S WELFARE BUILDING ON SATURDAY (FEBRUARY 15).

THEY WILL SPEND THE DAY OUT AT CASTLE PEAK AND WILL ALSO HAVE A LUNCH OF VEGETARIAN FOOD.

THE ELDERLY ARE ALL MEMBERS OF A CLUB CALLED THE +OLD AGE GROUP+ AND THIS IS THE FIRST OCCASION THAT THEY WILL BE GOING ON AN OUTING.

IN TAI HANG TUNG, A PARTY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 200 OLD PEOPLE IN THE AREA ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 17).

ORGANISED BY THE COMMUNITY CENTRE THERE WITH ASSISTANCE FROM ITS YOUNG COMMUNITY SERVICE AND INTEREST GROUP MEMBERS, THE PARTY WILL INCLUDE BESIDES A CHINESE DINNER, ENTERTAINMENT IN THE FORM OF CHINESE MUSIC, MANDARIN SONGS AND SKETCHES OR DEMONSTRATIONS.

THE PARTY, WHICH LASTS FROM 7.30 TO 10 P.M., WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE IN TUNG YAM STREET.

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PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR FISHERMEN

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SEVENTEEN FISHERMEN WHO HAVE SAVED LIVES ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS DURING THE PAST YEAR WILL RECEIVE CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. EDWARD NICHOLS, THIS WEDNESDAY (SECOND DAY OF THE LUNAR NEW YEAR) AT THE CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET.

CERTIFICATES AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED BY MRS. NICHOLS TO 47 FISHERMEN WHO HAVE LANDED THE LARGEST VALUE OF MARINE FISH AND LONG SERVICE MEDALS WILL ALSO BE PRESENTED TO 25 MEMBERS OF THE FISH MARKETING ORGANIZATION WHO HAVE EACH COMPLETED 25 YEARS OF SERVICE.

MR. NICHOLS WILL ALSO ADDRESS THE GATHERING AT THE TRADITIONAL PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION, THE GUESTS WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY A LION DANCE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY (FEBRUARY 12) AT THE WHOLESALE FISH MARKET AT FAT TSEUNG STREET, KOWLOON.

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