



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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COMPULSORY FITTING OF SEAT BELTS IN NEW PRIVATE CARS  
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REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN AMENDED TO MAKE THE FITTING OF SAFETY SEAT BELTS IN NEW PRIVATE CARS COMPULSORY.

UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC (CONSTRUCTION AND USE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1976 PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY, ALL PRIVATE CARS REGISTERED AFTER JULY 31, 1976, MUST BE FITTED WITH SEAT BELTS.

THE REGULATIONS WILL COME INTO FORCE FROM JANUARY 1 NEXT YEAR. THIS WILL ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TRADERS TO IMPORT THE REQUIRED SEAT BELTS.

THE REGULATIONS DO NOT APPLY TO TAXIS, PUBLIC CARS, PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY THAT ALTHOUGH THE FITTING OF SEAT BELTS WILL BE COMPULSORY, THE WEARING OF SUCH BELTS IS NOT.

HOWEVER, HE ENCOURAGED MOTORISTS TO WEAR SAFETY SEAT BELTS BECAUSE EXPERIENCE IN SOME COUNTRIES SHOWED THAT THE WEARING OF SEAT BELTS HAD RESULTED IN A NOTABLE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF DEATHS AND INJURIES THROUGH ROAD ACCIDENTS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID : +THE MOST FREQUENT AND SERIOUS INJURIES TO DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS IN PRIVATE CARS OCCUR WHEN, AS A RESULT OF RAPID DECELERATION AFTER A COLLISION, THEY ARE THROWN FORWARD ON TO THE STEERING WHEEL, DASH-BOARD OR WIND SCREEN.

+A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF SUCH INJURIES WOULD BE AVOIDED OR RENDERED LESS SERIOUS IF DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS WORE SEAT BELTS.+

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN WAN CHAI  
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WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON HENNESSY ROAD AND SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON FENWICK STREET WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO TURN LEFT AT THE JUNCTION OF HENNESSY ROAD AND FENWICK STREET WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (JULY 20).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON MONDAY  
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TWENTY-THREE TRADES ARE SPECIFIED AS DESIGNATED TRADES UNDER THE APPRENTICESHIP ORDINANCE 1976 IN TODAY'S GAZETTE. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE ORDINANCE AND ITS SUBSIDIARY REGULATIONS WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON JULY 19.

THE TRADES SPECIFIED ON THE ADVICE OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL BY THE GOVERNOR ARE :-

VEHICLE MECHANIC= VEHICLE ELECTRICIAN= VEHICLE PANEL BEATER/  
BODY BUILDER= VEHICLE PAINTER= CONSTRUCTION PLANT MECHANIC=  
CLOTHING MACHINE MECHANIC= KNITTING MACHINE MECHANIC= ELECTRICAL  
FITTER= ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES SERVICE MECHANIC= CABLE JOINTER  
(POWER)= OVERHEAD LINESMAN= LIFT ELECTRICIAN= LIFT MECHANIC=  
REFRIGERATION/AIR-CONDITIONING MECHANIC= RADIO/TV MECHANIC= MOULD  
AND DIE MAKER AND REPAIRER= PRINTING COMPOSITOR= PROCESS CAMERA  
OPERATOR= LITHO OFFSET PLATE-MAKER= PRINTING MACHINE OPERATOR  
(LETTER PRESS)= PRINTING MACHINE OPERATOR (LITHO OFFSET)=  
BOOKBINDER= AND TEXTILE MECHANIC.

THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MR. NEIL HENDERSON SAID THE LEGISLATION WOULD BE VITAL IN THE PROMOTION AND REGULATION OF THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF SKILLED MANPOWER TRAINING AND ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN DESIGNATED TRADES RECEIVED PROPER PRACTICAL TRAINING AND THE NECESSARY RELATED INSTRUCTION IN A TECHNICAL INSTITUTION.

THE ESSENCE OF THE ORDINANCE IS THAT AN EMPLOYER CAN ONLY ENGAGE A YOUNG PERSON IN A DESIGNATED TRADE IF HE HAS ENTERED INTO A CONTRACT OF APPRENTICESHIP OR IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS ALREADY COMPLETED AN APPRENTICESHIP IN THAT TRADE AND HOLDS A CERTIFICATE. THE ORDINANCE INITIALLY APPLIES TO PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 18. THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR HAS POWER TO GRANT EXEMPTION IN CERTAIN CASES.

THE REGULATIONS PROVIDE FOR DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT.

MR. HENDERSON SAID THE FIRST BATCH OF DESIGNATED TRADES WERE RECOMMENDED BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR.

+THEY WERE SELECTED ON THE BASIS OF THE DEGREE OF SKILLS INVOLVED, THEIR NUMBERS AND IMPORTANCE TO INDUSTRY AND WITH REGARD TO THE AVAILABILITY OF RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION FACILITIES,+ HE ADDED.

MR. HENDERSON SAID THE DESIGNATED TRADES WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SEPTEMBER 20. IN THE MEANTIME THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD BE CONTACTING EMPLOYERS IN DESIGNATED TRADES SEEKING INFORMATION ON YOUNG PEOPLE WORKING FOR THEM.

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+THE INTERIM PERIOD WOULD GIVE EMPLOYERS TIME TO GET TO KNOW THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW LEGISLATION AND PREPARE THEMSELVES TO COMPLY WITH THEM,+ HE SAID. IT ALSO ALLOWED THE TEACHING INSTITUTIONS TO GEAR THEMSELVES UP TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY TECHNICAL COURSES.

MR. HENDERSON POINTED OUT THAT IN THE EARLY STAGES THE LAW WOULD BE ENFORCED WITH DISCRETION.

OFFICERS OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISIONS OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD ASSIST EMPLOYERS WHO NEEDED HELP IN UNDERSTANDING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ORDINANCE.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR WILL :-

- (I) ADVISE AND ASSIST EMPLOYERS IN THE EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OF APPRENTICES,
- (II) CO-OPERATE WITH TECHNICAL INSTITUTIONS IN ENSURING THAT APPRENTICES OBTAIN THE NECESSARY AMOUNT OF RELATED TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION,
- (III) GENERALLY SUPERVISE THE ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OF APPRENTICES, AND
- (IV) INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS FROM AND ENDEAVOUR TO SETTLE DISPUTES BETWEEN EMPLOYERS AND APPRENTICES.

TO ENABLE THE COMMISSIONER TO CARRY OUT HIS FUNCTIONS, THE ORDINANCE ALSO EMPOWERS HIM TO :

- (I) REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE TRAINING,
- (II) REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER TO SUPPLY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT OF "YOUNG PERSONS" IN DESIGNATED TRADES,
- (III) REQUIRE AN EMPLOYER TO MAKE RETURNS AND REPORTS,
- (IV) SPECIFY THE PERIODS OF APPRENTICESHIP, AND
- (V) LENGTHEN OR SHORTEN THE PERIOD OF APPRENTICESHIP IN CERTAIN CASES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

A PRESS CONFERENCE ON THE EFFECT OF THE ORDINANCE AND REGULATIONS WILL BE HELD AT G.I.S. THEATRE, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 3.00 P.M., MONDAY (JULY 19). MR. H.R. KNIGHT, ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING), MR. T.Y. CHUI, SENIOR INDUSTRIAL TRAINING OFFICER, AND MR. AU-YEUNG MAN-TAK, INDUSTRIAL TRAINING OFFICER, WILL BE THERE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE.

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SHEUNG SHUI TANNERS MUST MOVE

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THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, HAS WARNED THE 55 SHEUNG SHUI TANNERIES OPERATORS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CLEAR THEIR SITES IMMEDIATELY AFTER JULY 31 IF THEY HAVE NOT CLOSED DOWN AND MOVED THEIR OPERATIONS BY THEN.

IN A LETTER TO THE TANNERS REPLYING TO A PETITION THEY PRESENTED ON JULY 2, SIR DENYS HAS CONFIRMED THERE CAN BE NO POSTPONEMENT OF THE JULY 31 DEADLINE FOR THE TANNERIES REMOVAL.

SIR DENYS SAID : +THE GOVERNMENT HAS MADE IT CLEAR ON MANY OCCASIONS THAT THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE TANNERIES FROM SHEUNG SHUI ARE THE NEED TO ELIMINATE A SOURCE OF GROSS AND UNACCEPTABLE POLLUTION, AND TO MAKE AVAILABLE A LARGE AREA ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE GROWING TOWN OF SHEUNG SHUI FOR DEVELOPMENT.

+GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED FOR MANY YEARS THAT IT IS NOT PRACTICABLE TO REDUCE THE POLLUTION TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL SO LONG AS THE TANNERIES REMAIN AT THEIR PRESENT SITES, AND THAT THE ONLY POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM WAS THE REMOVAL OF THE TANNERIES OPERATIONS TO A PROPERLY DESIGNATED OFFENSIVE TRADES AREA, WHERE THE TRADE COULD BE CARRIED OUT IN MODERN BUILDINGS WITH EFFECTIVE MEANS OF EFFLUENT TREATMENT.+

SIR DENYS POINTED OUT THAT THE CROWN RE-ENTERED THE LOTS ON WHICH THE TANNERIES ARE SITUATED EARLY IN 1972, WHEN THE OPERATORS WERE TOLD THEY WOULD HAVE TO MOVE FROM SHEUNG SHUI.

+HOWEVER, AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF YOUR REPRESENTATIONS ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF REMOVAL ON YOUR BUSINESSES AND YOUR WORKERS, THE GOVERNMENT AGREED THAT, PROVIDED YOU ACQUIRED LAND IN THE OFFENSIVE TRADES ZONE AT KWAI CHUNG, YOU WOULD BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN AT SHEUNG SHUI FOR A REASONABLE PERIOD TO ENABLE YOU TO DEVELOP THESE NEW LOTS.

+YOU WERE GIVEN POSSESSION OF THE LOTS AT KWAI CHUNG IN MAY, 1974, AND WERE INFORMED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR FINAL REMOVAL FROM SHEUNG SHUI WAS JULY 31, 1976.+

SIR DENYS ALSO REFERRED TO THE OPERATORS' CLAIMS THAT THE LOTS THEY PURCHASED AT KWAI CHUNG WERE NOT LARGE ENOUGH FOR THEIR PURPOSES.

HE SAID : +I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT YOU YOURSELVES DECIDED ON THE AREAS WHICH YOU WISHED TO ACQUIRE.

+MOREOVER, I UNDERSTAND THAT ALL FIVE CONSORTIA OBTAINED APPROVAL FROM THE BUILDING AUTHORITY MORE THAN ONE YEAR AGO FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MULTI-STOREY FACTORY BUILDINGS, AND I AM INFORMED THAT CONSTRUCTION WORK ON ONE OF THE BUILDINGS HAS BEGUN RECENTLY.

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+IT WAS NOT UNTIL EARLY THIS YEAR THAT YOU STATED THAT YOU NEEDED ADDITIONAL LAND, AND AS YOU ARE AWARE FROM THE LETTERS DATED JULY 8, 1976, FROM THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES TO CONSORTIA 1 - 4, THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS APPROVED PRIVATE TREATY GRANTS OF ADDITIONAL AREAS TO THE FOUR CONSORTIA WHICH HAVE FORMALLY APPLIED.+

SIR DENYS ALSO DEALT WITH THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE TANNERIES IN THE LEATHER-GOODS INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG.

+WHILST NOT DISPUTING THE CONTRIBUTION MADE BY THE LOCAL TANNERY INDUSTRY, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT CONSIDERABLY MORE THAN HALF THE LEATHER USED IN THE LOCAL INDUSTRY IS IMPORTED,+ HE SAID.

+THERE IS NO DOUBT, THEREFORE, THAT ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF SUPPLY ARE AVAILABLE TO THE LOCAL GLOVE INDUSTRY.+

IN HIS LETTER, SIR DENYS NOTED THAT THE TANNERIES OPERATORS HAD NOT ACCEPTED REPEATED OFFERS FROM THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO GIVE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE ON THE EFFLUENT TREATMENT MEASURES THAT WILL BE REQUIRED AT KWAI CHUNG.

HE ADDED THAT A PLAN FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHEUNG SHUI AREA WAS NOW BEING PREPARED AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY.

+YOU HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENT TO MOVE FROM SHEUNG SHUI SINCE 1972 AND HAVE HAD AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS,+ HE SAID.

+THERE CAN BE NO POSTPONEMENT OF THE DEADLINE OF JULY 31, AND I WOULD URGE YOU, THEREFORE, TO CLOSE DOWN AND REMOVE YOUR OPERATIONS FROM SHEUNG SHUI BY THAT DATE, FAILING WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CLEAR THE AREA IMMEDIATELY AFTERWARDS.+

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DRAFT WAN CHAI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN TO BE AMENDED  
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THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD HAS PROPOSED AN AMENDMENT TO THE DRAFT WAN CHAI OUTLINE ZONING PLAN, IT WAS ANNOUNCED IN TODAY'S GAZETTE.

THE AMENDMENT CONCERNS THREE MAJOR SITES ON THE WAN CHAI RECLAMATION ZONED FOR COMMERCIAL USE.

THE BOARD ON REVIEWING THE ZONING OF THE THREE SITES TOOK THE VIEW THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE TO INTRODUCE SOME RESIDENTIAL POPULATION INTO THIS AREA TO KEEP IT "ALIVE" AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AND TO MAKE BETTER USE OF FACILITIES AND SERVICES. IT, THEREFORE, DECIDED TO RE-ZONE THE SITES FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, ADEQUATE COMMUNITY FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CATER FOR THE INCREASE IN RESIDENTIAL POPULATION.

THE AMENDMENT TO THE PLAN, WHICH WILL NOT AFFECT ANY PRIVATE PROPERTY, IS NOW EXHIBITED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS AT THE TOWN PLANNING OFFICE ON THE 17TH FLOOR OF MURRAY BUILDING, THE C.D.O. (CENTRAL AND WESTERN) ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (WEST WING) HONG KONG AND THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, TUNG WAH MANSION, 201 HENNESSY ROAD, HONG KONG.

COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT PLAN MAY ALSO BE PURCHASED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

ANY OBJECTIONS TO THE AMENDMENT MAY BE MADE IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY, TOWN PLANNING BOARD, C/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MURRAY BUILDING, NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 1976.

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THREE CITY DISTRICTS' SUMMER YOUTH  
PROGRAMMES START TOMORROW  
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THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMMES OF THREE CITY DISTRICTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN KOWLOON WILL START TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

THE EASTERN CITY DISTRICT YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 3 P.M. AT CHAI WAN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

MRS. MABEL HAYES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (EASTERN)= MR. SIU MING, CHAIRMAN OF THE EASTERN CITY DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE= MR. LAM WING-CHEUNG, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND MR. HUNG CHAN-YAN, POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICER, WILL JOINTLY OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION WHICH AIMS TO INTRODUCE TO THE PUBLIC THE VARIOUS KINDS OF SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE.

THE SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME OF THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 7.30 P.M. IN SOUTHERN PLAYGROUND BY MR. BOWEN LEUNG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (WAN CHAI)= MR. LEE WAN-YUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE WAN CHAI CITY DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE= MR. AU KWONG-MAN, PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND MISS E.S. MAN, CHIEF RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING MOTOR BICYCLE AND BAND PERFORMANCES, AND DRAGON DANCE.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT YOUTH PROGRAMME WILL TAKE PLACE AT 7.30 P.M. IN TANG KANG PO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TIN KWONG ROAD.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MRS. GRACE HO, URBAN COUNCILLOR= MR. BILLY LAM, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (KOWLOON CITY)= MR. NG KWAN-YUI, COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICER OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND MR. TANG TAI-CHUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT RECREATION COUNCIL.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW CONSISTING OF MODERN DANCES, MUSICAL AND MARTIAL ARTS PERFORMANCES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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SERVICES FOR THE AGED  
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MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT OFFICE, WILL ORGANISE A SERVICE PROJECT FOR OLD PEOPLE IN THE WONG TAI SIN AREA DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS.

THE PROJECT IS AIMED AT PROVIDING SERVICES AND WELL-ORGANISED ACTIVITIES FOR OLD PEOPLE AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING YOUNGSTERS TO HAVE A DEEPER CONCERN FOR SOCIETY.

THE PROGRAMME STARTS ON SUNDAY (JULY 18) WHEN SOME 30 OLD PEOPLE, UNDER THE CARE OF THE CARITAS TUNG TAU CENTRE, WILL BE TAKEN ON A DAY'S OUTING TO THE SHING MUN RESERVOIR. EACH OF THEM WILL BE ESCORTED AND LOOKED AFTER BY A C.A.S. CADET.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A SOCIAL GATHERING ON AUGUST 8 AT THE CARITAS TUNG TAU CENTRE WHERE THEY WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY A CYCLING DEMONSTRATION AND CHINESE OPERA PERFORMED BY THE CADETS.

APART FROM THESE TWO FUNCTIONS, THE CADETS WILL ALSO CALL ON THE HOMES OF THE OLD PEOPLE ON AUGUST 15 AND 22 TO CARRY OUT VARIOUS ODD JOBS FOR THEM.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OUTING AND THE SOCIAL GATHERING COVERED. ON SUNDAY (JULY 18), THE PICNICKERS AND CADETS WILL ASSEMBLE AT THE CARITAS TUNG TAU CENTRE AT BLOCK 20, GROUND FLOOR, TUNG TAU ESTATE AT 8.30 A.M. THEY WILL ARRIVE AT THE SHING MUN RESERVOIR ABOUT 10 A.M.

THE SOCIAL GATHERING TO BE HELD AT THE CARITAS TUNG TAU CENTRE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 WILL BEGIN AT 2 P.M.

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