



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## TEACHER TRAINING COURSES REDESIGNED

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS CARRYING OUT ITS PLANS TO REDESIGN AND UP-DATE TEACHER TRAINING COURSES AT THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, MR. WILLIAM FISHER-SHORT, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (FURTHER), SAID TODAY.

THE COURSES ARE DESIGNED TO MEET THE MAJOR EXPANSION IN SECONDARY EDUCATION DURING THE NEXT TEN YEARS.

MR. FISHER-SHORT SAID IN LINE WITH THE POLICY STATED IN THE WHITE PAPER, BOTH FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES ARE BEING EXPANDED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NOT ONLY THE NUMBERS OF TEACHERS REQUIRED BUT ALSO THE QUALITY DEMANDED.

UNDER THE DEPARTMENT'S PLANS, IN-SERVICE TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EXISTING TEACHERS WHO MAY BE SERVING IN PRIVATE SCHOOLS WHERE WE INTEND TO BUY A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF PLACES, HE SAID.

THE FULL TIME COURSES FOR NEW TEACHERS HAVE BEEN PROGRESSIVELY REFINED OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND WILL INDEED CONTINUE TO BE REFINED AS CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT PROCEEDS.

MR. FISHER-SHORT EMPHASISED THAT NOT ONLY IS THE DEPARTMENT TRYING TO UP-DATE THE QUALITY IN BOTH THE FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES, BUT IT IS PROGRESSIVELY RECOGNISING THAT THE TYPES OF COURSE SHOULD BE MORE CLOSELY TAILORED TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF STUDENTS.

THE PRESENT PLANNED OUTPUT OF THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION BY 1975 IS 1,660. BUT THIS OUTPUT CAN BE INCREASED TO 2,040.

FROM 1976 ONWARDS, THIS TOTAL OUTPUT SHOULD BE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS UP TO SEPTEMBER, 1979.

AT PRESENT NON-GRADUATES SERVE BOTH IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND IN THE LOWER FORMS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS, WHERE THEY TEACH ALONGSIDE GRADUATE COLLEAGUES.

IT IS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO UTILISE MORE TRAINED NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS IN THE PLANNED EXPANSION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TO USE THEIR SERVICES UP TO FORM 3.

MR. FISHER-SHORT DISAGREED THAT THE USE OF NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS WILL DILUTE STANDARDS IN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS AS CLAIMED IN RECENT REPORTS IN CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS.

ON THE CONTRARY, THE NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS CAN BENEFIT THE PUPILS MORE THAN GRADUATE TEACHERS SHOULD THEY HAVE HAD EXPERIENCE IN UPPER FORMS OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER UNDERGOING A TWO-MONTH INTENSIVE REFRESHER COURSE SOME HIGHLY SELECTED NON-GRADUATE TEACHERS FROM PRIMARY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE FULLY COMPETENT TO TEACH IN THE JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS.

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A PERMANENT FOURTH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1979, IF THE DEMAND FOR TEACHER TRAINING FACILITIES EXCEEDS SIGNIFICANTLY THE OUTPUT OF THE THREE PRESENT COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, SINCE THE HUNGHOM ACCOMMODATION IS UNSUITABLE AS PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION FOR EITHER PRIMARY OR SECONDARY TEACHER TRAINING.

IT IS THEREFORE PROPOSED TO REVIEW SEPARATELY THE PROBABLE REQUIREMENT FOR TEACHERS AT BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS AND THE APPROPRIATE SIZE OF THE FOURTH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN THE LIGHT OF THESE FACTORS.

IF THE REVIEW INDICATES A NEED FOR A NEW PERMANENT FOURTH COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, IT IS INTENDED THAT IT SHOULD ALSO ACCOMMODATE THE TECHNICAL TEACHERS COLLEGE WHICH WAS OPENED IN SEPTEMBER 1974 IN TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION AT MORRISON HILL.

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#### OUTDOOR TRAINING CAMP FOR ACTIVE YOUTHS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH WORK UNIT, CO-OPERATING WITH ITS SELF-PROGRAMMING GROUP +THE ETERNITY+, HAS ORGANISED TWO OUTDOOR TRAINING CAMPS FOR YOUTHS BETWEEN 17 AND 23.

THE CAMPS WILL BE HELD FROM NOVEMBER 16 TO 17 AND FROM NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 1. THE DESTINATIONS ARE LANTAU ISLAND AND SAI KUNG PENINSULA RESPECTIVELY.

+THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE CAMPS IS TO DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL AND CONFIDENCE THROUGH TRAINING PROCESSES AND ACTUAL FIELD EXPERIENCE,+ SAID MR. ANTONIO CHU, OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE UNIT.

PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND TRAINING COURSES ON THE BASIC PRINCIPLES IN MAP-READING, THE USE OF A COMPASS, ROUTE SELECTIONS, AND SAFETY PRECAUTION BEFORE THEY SET OUT FOR THEIR TWO-DAY AND ONE-NIGHT CAMP.

SINCE THE CAPACITY OF EACH CAMP IS 50, ANYONE INTERESTED SHOULD APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR APPLICATION FORMS FROM THE YOUTH WORK UNIT OFFICE, EITHER AT ROOM 908 ON THE 9TH FLOOR OF THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, HONG KONG, OR FROM THEIR KOWLOON OFFICE ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING AT 405 NATHAN ROAD. EACH PARTICIPANT WILL BE CHARGED \$10.

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ACHIEVEMENTS OF DETENTION CENTRES

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THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR GEOFFREY BRIGGS, TODAY SPOKE ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF HONG KONG'S DETENTION CENTRES AND TRAINING CENTRES.

ADDRESSING A PASSING-OUT PARADE OF PRISON OFFICERS AT STANLEY, HE SAID: +IN THE DETENTION CENTRES OVER A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS STATISTICS SHOWED A SUCCESS RATE OF 90 PER CENT. IN TRAINING CENTRES THE SUCCESS RATE WAS OVER 50 PER CENT DURING A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

+THESE ARE VERY GOOD RECORDS INDEED, AND NO WHERE SURPASSED IN THE COMMONWEALTH.+

THE CHIEF JUSTICE POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVING PRISON SENTENCES IN HONG KONG HAS INCREASED AND IS STILL INCREASING.

HOWEVER, HE SAID TWO MORE INSTITUTIONS WOULD BE IN SERVICE BY THE MIDDLE OF NEXT YEAR.

SIR GEOFFREY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT MORE PRISONS WOULD BE BUILT TO COPE WITH THE NEED FOR MORE ACCOMMODATION.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE CONCLUDED HIS SPEECH BY URGING THE OFFICERS TO STAND FIRM AGAINST SPECIAL REQUESTS MADE BY THE PRISONERS, FOR YIELDING TO THESE THEY WOULD EASILY LEAD THEMSELVES INTO CORRUPTION.

ON PARADE TODAY WERE 16 OFFICERS AND 147 ASSISTANT OFFICERS II.

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INTRODUCTION OF A NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE COMMISSIONER FOR CENSUS AND STATISTICS, MR. DAVID WHITELEGGE, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE THEATRE OF GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 5/F, ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 28) AT 3 P.M.

AT THE CONFERENCE, MR. WHITELEGGE WILL ANNOUNCE THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW CONSUMER PRICES INDEX, WHICH WILL EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE EXISTING C.P.I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF MEDIA ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

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HEALTH REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER  
DROP IN NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS  
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HEALTH RETURNS FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUED TODAY BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHOW THAT THERE WERE DROPS IN CASES OF, AND DEATHS CAUSED BY TUBERCULOSIS.

IN AUGUST, THERE WERE 735 NOTIFICATIONS AND 74 DEATHS, WHILE IN SEPTEMBER, THE FIGURES WERE 707 AND 56 RESPECTIVELY.

THE INCIDENCE OF MEASLES DROPPED TO TWO FROM THE FOUR RECORDED IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, AND NO DEATHS RESULTED FROM THE DISEASE.

CHICKENPOX CASES ROSE FROM SIX TO NINE.

THERE WERE INCREASES ALSO IN THE INCIDENCES OF BOTH ENTERIC FEVER AND BACILLARY DYSENTERY. THE FIRST ROSE FROM 34 TO 55, AND THE SECOND FROM 28 TO 34.

THREE CASES OF AMOEBIASIS WERE REPORTED, 16 OF FOOD POISONING, ONE OF SCRUB TYPHUS, 66 OF VIRAL HEPATITIS, AND EIGHT OF TETANUS.

THE OTHER DEATHS DURING SEPTEMBER, IN ADDITION TO THE 56 FROM TUBERCULOSIS, WERE ONE FROM AMOEBIASIS, ONE FROM VIRAL HEPATITIS, AND TWO FROM TETANUS, MAKING A TOTAL OF 60 — A DROP FROM THE 87 RECORDED IN AUGUST.

NO CASES OF DIPHTHERIA WERE NOTIFIED. THE RECORD FOR POLIOMYELITIS ALSO REMAINED CLEAN. THE INCIDENCE OF OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SHOWED NO APPRECIABLE VARIATION.

DURING THE MONTH, HONG KONG REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT  
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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (OCTOBER 26) STOOD AT 48,646 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 72.3 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 62,033 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 32,380 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 48,062 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 64.1 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TRACE OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 AM TODAY. THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,082.1 MM (81.97 IN). TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,865.4 MM (73.44 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 10.4 PER CENT.

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