



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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\$10M FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL TO REPLACE
CAPE ST. MARY
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A \$10 MILLION FISHERIES RESEARCH VESSEL IS BEING BUILT IN HONG KONG FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

THE 129-FOOT (39.32 METRE) COMBINATION SEINER/TRAWLER WILL EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE PRESENT RESEARCH VESSEL, CAPE ST. MARY, WHICH HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A SERIES OF ACOUSTIC SURVEYS OF THE NORTHERN AREA OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

THE NEW VESSEL, YET TO BE NAMED, IS BEING CONSTRUCTED BY CHUNG WAH SHIPBUILDING AND ENGINEERING CO. LTD. AT YAU TONG BAY. IT IS EXPECTED TO COME INTO SERVICE IN MID-1979.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT CAPE ST. MARY WAS BUILT IN 1951 AS A SIDE-TRAWLER AND HAS BEEN USED AS A RESEARCH VESSEL IN SOUTH AMERICA, WEST AFRICA AND HONG KONG.

PRESENT RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS CALL FOR A MORE VERSATILE TYPE OF CRAFT, CAPABLE OF STAYING AT SEA FOR LONGER PERIODS AND MORE SUITED TO MEET THE CONDITIONS PREVALENT IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. ACOUSTIC EQUIPMENT, PROVIDED BY THE SOUTH CHINA SEA PROGRAMME, WILL BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE CAPE ST. MARY TO THE NEW VESSEL.

THE NEW SHIP WILL HAVE A CRUISING RANGE OF 8,000 MILES AND AN ENDURANCE OF 30 DAYS. ITS COMPLEMENT WILL CONSIST OF 17 CREW AND FIVE SCIENTISTS WHO WILL HAVE ONBOARD FACILITIES OF TWO LABORATORIES - ONE FOR FISH HANDLING AND THE OTHER FOR HYDROGRAPHIC STUDIES - AND TWO FISH TANKS WITH A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 2,000 CUBIC FEET (56 CUBIC METRE). IT WILL ALSO BE FITTED OUT WITH THE LATEST NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, INCLUDING SATELLITE NAVIGATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID OTHER FEATURES OF THE VESSEL INCLUDE A +LOADED DISPLACEMENT+ OF ABOUT 850 TONS, A +CONTROLLED PITCH+ PROPELLER, +MULTI-VANE RUDDER AND FIXED NOZZLE+ AND IT WILL CRUISE AT 11 KNOTS.

AS FOR ACCOMMODATION, IT WILL CONSIST OF 25 BERTHS ON THE THREE DECKS, ALL FORWARD, LEAVING A CLEAR AFTERDECK FOR CATCH HANDLING.

THE ACOUSTIC SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE CAPE ST. MARY HAVE BEEN DELAYED BECAUSE OF MECHANICAL PROBLEMS WITH THE VESSEL. THE SURVEYS WERE DESIGNED TO LOCATE AND DETERMINE THE SEASONAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL ABUNDANCE OF PELEGIC FISH STOCKS FOR IDENTIFICATION FOR MID-WATER TRAWLING.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT OPENS FOURTH COMMUNITY HALL
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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL, THE FOURTH TO BE COMPLETED AS PART OF A PROJECT AIMED AT PROMOTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, OFFICIALLY OPENS TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR. BROOK BERNACCHI, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, ATTENDED BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AREA COMMITTEES.

THE HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL, SITUATED AT CHAI WAN ROAD NEAR YUE HING HOUSE, HING WAH ESTATE, STARTED OPERATION IN JUNE THIS YEAR. IT HAS SINCE SERVED AS A FOCAL POINT OF GROUP AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FOR THE ESTATE WITH A POPULATION OF MORE THAN 30,000.

APART FROM PROVIDING RESIDENTS WITH DIRECT SERVICES SUCH AS GUIDANCE FOR PRE-SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND TUITION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS, STAFF OF THE HALL ALSO ENGAGED THEMSELVES IN ACTIVE LIAISON WORK WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

FACILITIES OF THE HALL, WHICH INCLUDE A STAGE, CHANGING ROOMS AND A CONFERENCE ROOM, ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE TO YOUTH GROUPS, RELIGIOUS BODIES AND OTHER CIVIC ORGANISATIONS.

TO CELEBRATE THE OPENING OF THE HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL, A VARIETY SHOW WILL BE HELD AT 8 P.M.

PRIZES FOR WINNERS OF THE CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION RUN BY THE COMMUNITY HALL WILL ALSO BE GIVEN OUT DURING THE SHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY OF THE HING WAH COMMUNITY HALL AT 5 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY). IT IS LOCATED AT CHAI WAN ROAD, NEAR YUE HING HOUSE, HING WAH ESTATE.

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EVENING COURSES ON CHINESE CLASSICS AND CULTURE

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SHORT EVENING COURSES ON ASPECTS OF CHINESE CLASSICS AND CULTURE WILL COMMENCE ON JANUARY 3, 1978 AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION IN KOWLOON AND QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

THE COURSES ARE ON CHINESE PAINTINGS, POETRY, CALLIGRAPHY, MANDARIN AND OTHER AREAS OF CHINESE STUDIES, AND WILL BE FOR THREE MONTHS DURATION.

ORGANISED BY THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THESE CLASSES WILL BE HELD UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE EVENING SCHOOL OF HIGHER CHINESE STUDIES IN ADDITION TO THE THREE-YEAR GENERAL ARTS COURSE WHICH IT HAS HELD FOR MANY YEARS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADUATES.

APPLICANTS FOR THESE COURSES ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE SUBJECTS AND AN ADEQUATE CHINESE STANDARD TO BENEFIT FROM THE COURSE. THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION WILL BE CANTONESE.

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, SIXTH FLOOR, 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD REACH THE ADULT EDUCATION SECTION ON OR BEFORE THURSDAY (DECEMBER 22).

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EXAMINATIONS FOR LOCAL MASTERS'
CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY RESUMED
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE EXAMINATIONS FOR LOCAL MASTERS' CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY HAVE BEEN RESUMED.

AS A SPECIAL MEASURE TO REDUCE THE CANDIDATES' WAITING LIST, EXAMINATIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE EVENINGS FROM 5.30 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M. EACH MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY DURING JANUARY 1978.

EXAMINATIONS MAY BE ARRANGED BY CALLING AT THE EXAMINATION CENTRE OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT, 10TH FLOOR, RUMSEY STREET MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK BUILDING.

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REGISTRATION TEAM TO OPERATE AT HANG HAU
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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WILL CONDUCT REGISTRATIONS AT HANG HAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA FOR THREE DAYS BETWEEN DECEMBER 28 AND 30.

REGISTRATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. DURING THESE DAYS.

THE VISIT IS TO ENABLE PARENTS AND GUARDIANS TO REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARD BETWEEN 11 AND 17 YEARS OF AGE FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND HOLDERS OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS TO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS ON REACHING 18 YEARS OF AGE.

ALL PERSONS LIVING IN THIS AREA ARE REMINDED OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND TO REPORT CHANGES OF EMPLOYMENT OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, MARITAL STATUS, OR ANY OTHER PARTICULARS WHICH HAVE CHANGED SINCE REGISTERING FOR THEIR IDENTITY CARDS.

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