



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## TECHNICAL GRADUATES EASILY FIND JOBS

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A SURVEY BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S TECHNICAL EDUCATION DIVISION HAS REVEALED HOW GRADUATES OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES FEEL ABOUT JOB PROSPECTS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND THEIR ATTITUDES TOWARDS CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION ON A PART-TIME BASIS.

THE REPORT OF THE SURVEY ENTITLED 'THE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY OF THE FULL-TIME GRADUATES OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES (ACADEMIC YEAR 1976-77)', NOTES THAT GRADUATES OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES ARE READILY ACCEPTED BY LOCAL INDUSTRY. ABOUT 40.8 PER CENT OF THESE GRADUATES GOT THEIR JOBS IN JULY 1977, AND BY DECEMBER 1977, NEARLY 97.8 PER CENT HAD BEEN EMPLOYED.

THE NEWSPAPER IS STILL THE CHIEF SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYMENT (26.8 PER CENT). BUT TECHNICAL INSTITUTES NOTICE BOARDS ALSO PLAY A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DISSEMINATION OF CAREER INFORMATION.

ABOUT 91 PER CENT OF ALL THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE GRADUATES FIND THAT THEIR JOBS BEAR SOME RELEVANCE TO THE COURSES STUDIED. SOME 32.9 PER CENT OF CRAFT GRADUATES AND ONLY 16.5 PER CENT OF COMMERCIAL POST-SECONDARY GRADUATES FIND THEIR JOBS 'HIGHLY' RELEVANT TO THEIR STUDY. THIS POINTS TO THE NEED FOR BROAD-BASED COURSES.

MORE THAN HALF (55.8 PER CENT) OF THE GRADUATES SAY THEY ARE SATISFIED WITH THEIR JOBS= AND THOSE WHO SHOW DISSATISFACTION POINT OUT THAT LOW PAY, DIM PROMOTION PROSPECTS AND LITTLE CHANCE FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH ARE THE MAIN CAUSES OF DISCONTENT.

PART-TIME EVENING COURSES ARE STILL THE MOST COMMON FORM OF FURTHER STUDY FOR THE FULL-TIME TECHNICAL GRADUATES (58.6 PER CENT) AS COMPARED TO PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE. BLOCK-RELEASE AND CORRESPONDENCE COURSES ARE VERY RARE.

MOST STUDENTS (81.3 PER CENT) CHOOSE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC AS THEIR INSTITUTIONS OF PART-TIME EDUCATION, AND 88.8 PER CENT OF THE EMPLOYED GRADUATES UNDERTAKE SOME FORM OF PART-TIME STUDY -- AN INCREASE OF 9.3 PER CENT OVER LAST YEAR'S FIGURES.

MOST GRADUATES WHO GO ON FOR FURTHER FULL-TIME STUDY ENTER THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES (56.5 PER CENT) AND 10.6 PER CENT ENTER THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC. BUT THE PROPORTION OF GRADUATES WHO PURSUE HIGHER FULL-TIME STUDY IS LOW (8.5 PER CENT).

CAREER EXHIBITIONS OF ORGANISATIONS IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN FOUND VERY EFFECTIVE AND INFORMATIVE IN PROVIDING GUIDANCE TO YOUNG PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES.

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HARD WORK PAYS OFF FOR CHAN SIU-LEUNG

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ANOTHER LOCAL OFFICER WHO HAS REACHED THE DIRECTORATE GRADE IN THE GOVERNMENT IS MR. CHAN SIU-LEUNG WHOSE PROMOTION TO THE RANK OF CHIEF TREASURY ACCOUNTANT WAS ANNOUNCED RECENTLY.

MR. CHAN, WHO IS 44, CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF HIS ACHIEVEMENT IN RISING FROM THE POST OF CLERK TO BE THE HIGHEST-RANKING CHINESE OFFICER ON THE STAFF OF THE TREASURY.

HIS SUCCESS HAS COME THROUGH HARD WORK, DEVOTION TO DUTY, AND DETERMINATION TO BETTER HIMSELF.

HE IS CURRENTLY SECONDED FROM THE TREASURY AS THE BUSINESS MANAGER IN THE P.W.D.'S WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WHERE HE CONTROLS MORE THAN 300 ACCOUNTING STAFF.

MR. CHAN FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT AS A CLERK IN THE P.W.D.'S ROAD OFFICE IN 1954.

HE USED HIS SPARE TIME TO STUDY ACCOUNTING AND AFTER PASSING A SERIES OF ACCOUNTING EXAMINATIONS HE JOINED THE TREASURY AS AN ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT IN 1964 -- WHICH MR. CHAN DESCRIBED AS A TURNING POINT IN HIS CAREER.

MR. CHAN CONTINUED TO FURTHER HIS STUDY IN ACCOUNTING AND BECAME AN ASSOCIATE OF THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ACCOUNTANTS (A.A.S.A.) IN 1968.

THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE PROFESSIONAL GRADE AS A TREASURY ACCOUNTANT AND WAS SECONDED TO THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER 1971.

MR. CHAN WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FORMATION OF THE +SPECIAL SYSTEM GROUP+ WHICH WAS SET UP IN JUNE 1972 TO REVISE THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING CONSUMERS' ACCOUNTING AND THE BILLING PROCEDURE.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR TREASURY ACCOUNTANT IN 1975 AND BECAME THE BUSINESS MANAGER OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT POSITION IN JANUARY THIS YEAR WHEN HIS POST WAS UPGRADED IN RECOGNITION OF ITS INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES.

AS A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT, MR. CHAN ADVISED OFFICERS AT THE JUNIOR LEVEL TO PURSUE KNOWLEDGE RELEVANT TO THEIR JOB WHILE THEY ARE WORKING.

+QUALIFICATIONS AND WORKING ABILITY ARE THE TWO MAIN KEYS TO SUCCESS IN ONE'S CAREER,+ HE SAID.

AS THE BUSINESS MANAGER IN THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT, MR. CHAN IS FACING AN EVER INCREASING WORKLOAD.

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+WE NOW HANDLE ABOUT 800,000 WATER ACCOUNTS -- BOTH TRADE AND DOMESTIC -- AND THE GROWTH RATE IS ABOUT 5,000 TO 6,000 PER MONTH,+ MR. CHAN SAID.

+WE ARE NOW WORKING ON THE COMPUTERISATION OF ALL THE ACCOUNTS. IN FACT, THE TRADE ACCOUNTS -- ABOUT ONE-TENTH OF THE TOTAL -- WERE COMPUTERISED LAST AUGUST.

+THE REMAINING ACCOUNTS ARE BEING COMPUTERISED.+ MR. CHAN SAID.

+WHEN THIS IS COMPLETED ALL THE ACCOUNTS WILL BE HANDLED MORE EFFICIENTLY AND ACCURATELY AND THE SERVICE STANDARD WILL BE MUCH IMPROVED,+ HE ADDED.

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SENIOR C.A.D. OFFICER LEAVES FOR U.K. ON AIR TALKS  
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AN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, MR. NORMAN LATHAM, LEFT HONG KONG TODAY (SATURDAY) TO ATTEND AIR SERVICES TALKS IN LONDON BETWEEN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND NEW ZEALAND AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.

THIS IS THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS TO BE HELD TO CONSIDER REVISED AIR SERVICES ARRANGEMENT BOTH ON THE TRUNK ROUTE BETWEEN LONDON AND AUCKLAND AND THE REGIONAL ROUTE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NEW ZEALAND.

THE TALKS ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE FOR ABOUT ONE WEEK.

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BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION ON CHEUNG CHAU  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THIS YEAR'S BUN FESTIVAL PROCESSION TO BE HELD ON CHEUNG CHAU ON TUESDAY (MAY 9).

THE PROCESSION -- BETTER KNOWN AS +TA CHIU+ PROCESSION -- IS ONE OF THE MAJOR EVENTS OF THE FOUR-DAY FESTIVAL WHICH BEGINS TOMORROW (SUNDAY). IT IS ORGANISED ANNUALLY BY THE TA CHIU COMMITTEE TO +PACIFY THE SPIRITS OF THOSE KILLED BY PIRATES IN PREVIOUS CENTURIES.+

MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO WATCH THE ONE-HOUR PROCESSION, STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

THIS YEAR 2,000 RESIDENTS FROM CHEUNG CHAU WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESSION INCLUDING A PARADE OF SHRINES AND FLOATS, FAMOUS CHIU CHOW GONG AND DRUM PERFORMANCES, TRADITIONAL CHINESE FOLK DANCES AND LION AND UNICORN DANCES.

TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS FROM ST. MARGARET'S GIRLS' COLLEGE AND THE BUDDHIST TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL TAKE PART IN THE PROCESSION, PERFORMING FOLK DANCES OF ASIAN COUNTRIES.

THE ARMY'S ROYAL GREEN JACKETS WILL PROVIDE THE BAND MUSIC.

AS FOR THE FOUR-DAY FESTIVAL, COMMENCING TOMORROW (SUNDAY), THERE WILL BE NIGHTLY PERFORMANCES OF CHINESE OPERAS AND CHANTING OF PRAYERS BY TAOIST PRIESTS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE FESTIVAL WILL BE A **BIG** SCRAMBLE FOR BUNS FIXED ON THREE HIGH TOWERS WHICH WILL START AT MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY NIGHT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING OF THE +TA CHIU+ PROCESSION ON CHEUNG CHAU. AS THERE ARE LIMITED NUMBER OF PLACES AT A PRESS STAND PROVIDED BY THE TA CHIU COMMITTEE, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO TELEPHONE MR. PETER CHOI OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, TEL. NO. 3-0502465, TO GIVE THE NAMES OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED TO COVER THE EVENT BEFORE NOON ON MONDAY (MAY 8).

SPECIAL PRESS BADGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT G.I.S. PRESS BOXES ON MONDAY AFTERNOON.

A FERRY, MAN CHOI, WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE TO NEWSMEN AND INVITED GUESTS AT QUEEN'S PIER. IT WILL LEAVE FOR CHEUNG CHAU AT 12.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY (MAY 9) AND IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN BY 5 P.M.

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LEASE OF ALDRICH BAY FORESHORE

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THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO GRANT LEASES OF ABOUT 8,710 SQUARE METRES OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED AT ALDRICH BAY, SHAU KEI WAN FOR USE AS BOATYARDS.

THE LEASES WILL BE OFFERED INITIALLY TO FORMER PERMITTEES OR LICENCEES WHO WILL BE DISPLACED BY FURTHER RECLAMATION AT ALDRICH BAY.

A NOTICE TO THIS EFFECT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE LATEST ISSUE OF GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

ANY PERSON WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM MAY 5, THE DATE OF THE NOTICE.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, WITH ITS RELATED PLAN CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARD ERECTED NEAR THE SITE.

THE PLAN SHOWING THE AREA OF FORESHORE AND SEA BED INVOLVED MAY ALSO BE SEEN AT THE PORT WORKS DIVISION, FIRST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG OR AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, 19TH FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG.

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WATER CUT

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THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES AT A KUNG NGAM WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON MONDAY (MAY 8) TO FACILITATE THE RESITING OF A FRESH WATER PEDESTAL HYDRANT AT A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD.

PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE, A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD, AND IN SHAU KEI WAN MAIN STREET EAST BETWEEN BASEL ROAD AND A KUNG NGAM VILLAGE ROAD.

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BROADWOOD ROAD TO BE WIDENED

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THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF BROADWOOD ROAD BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND LINK ROAD WILL BE IMPROVED IN CONNECTION WITH MAJOR RESIDENTIAL REDEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR PROPERTIES ALONG THAT ROAD.

A GAZETTED GOVERNMENT NOTICE SAID THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL CONSIST OF WIDENING OF BROADWOOD ROAD, ON AN IMPROVED ALIGNMENT, TO A WIDTH OF 7.3 METRES WITH A 1.8-METRE WIDE FOOTPATH ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE CARRIAGEWAY.

THE WORK IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE AND ON COMPLETION BROADWOOD ROAD WILL PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC BETWEEN TAI HANG ROAD AND HAPPY VALLEY.

ANY PERSON WHO HAS OBJECTIONS TO THE PROJECT SHOULD SUBMIT THEM IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN ONE MONTH FROM MAY 5.

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SECTION OF TREGUNTER PATH TEMPORARILY CLOSED

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THE SECTION OF TREGUNTER PATH BETWEEN TAVISTOCK AND OLD PEAK ROAD IN MID-LEVELS WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY (MAY 8) FOR ABOUT FIVE WEEKS.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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