



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE PEOPLE USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
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MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT WHILE THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS CONTINUES TO DECLINE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT LAST YEAR INCREASED BY MORE THAN 90 MILLION.

DURING THE YEAR, IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT 5,352,000 PASSENGERS WERE CARRIED BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT EACH DAY. OF THIS NUMBER, 51 PER CENT USED FRANCHISED BUSES AND TRAMS, 27 PER CENT PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES, 11 PER CENT TAXIS AND PUBLIC HIRE CARS, 10 PER CENT FERRIES AND THE REMAINING ONE PER CENT USED TRAINS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE FRANCHISED BUS COMPANIES LAST YEAR ENJOYED A 14 PER CENT INCREASE IN PATRONAGE, CARRYING AN AVERAGE OF MORE THAN 2,300,000 PASSENGERS EACH DAY.

THIS, HE ADDED, WAS A RESULT OF INCREASED VEHICLE ALLOCATION, NEW SERVICES AND IMPROVED OPERATING SPEEDS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VEHICLES CONTINUED TO DROP. AT THE END OF LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 188,018 VEHICLES REGISTERED, COMPARED WITH 193,439 IN 1974, A DROP OF THREE PER CENT.

THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE CARS ALSO FELL FROM 119,273 TO 114,260 AT THE END OF 1975, SHOWING A DROP OF JUST OVER FOUR PER CENT.

DESPITE THE HIGH FEES CHARGED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVING LICENCES AND TESTS CONTINUED TO INCREASE. THE DEPARTMENT ISSUED SOME 57,000 PROVISIONAL LICENCES LAST YEAR WHILE THE NUMBER OF LICENCED DRIVERS NEARLY REACHED 500,000 AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

HE SAID THAT THE GROWTH IN THE NUMBER OF DRIVING LICENCES ISSUED WAS MAINLY FOR GOODS VEHICLES AND TAXIS, PUBLIC CARS AND MOTORCYCLES.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE EXTENDS TO AUSTRALIA

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THE POST OFFICE IS TO EXTEND ITS SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA FROM MAY 17 FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE TO BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, BRAZIL, JAPAN AND BELGIUM.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ON A CONTRACT BASIS, AND +ON DEMAND+.

UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, INTERNATIONAL PACKAGES OF BUSINESS PAPERS, DOCUMENTS, AND SAMPLES ARE GIVEN FAST AND RELIABLE DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION AND DELIVERY SERVICE.

+TIMES OF COLLECTION AND DELIVERY ARE SPECIFIED AND AGREED WITH THE CUSTOMER UTILISING PRE-DETERMINED FLIGHTS AND SPECIAL FACILITIES ARE GIVEN BY THE AUSTRALIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION IN DELIVERING THE PACKAGES,+ HE SAID.

+PACKAGES HANDED IN OR COLLECTED IN HONG KONG WHEN NORMAL COMMERCIAL BUSINESS IS COMPLETED FOR THE DAY WILL BE DESPATCHED ON A FLIGHT LEAVING KAI TAK THE SAME EVENING AND ARRIVE IN SYDNEY ON THE MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY.+

PROVIDED THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL DELAY TO THE AIRCRAFT, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, ITEMS ARE SCHEDULED FOR SPECIAL DELIVERY IN THE MAJOR CITIES SUCH AS SYDNEY, BRISBANE, MELBOURNE, CANBERRA, ADELAIDE, PERTH AND HOBART ON THE SAME DAY AS THE AIRCRAFT ARRIVAL, AND THOSE FOR OTHER PLACES IN AUSTRALIA ON THE FOLLOWING DAY, NOT INCLUDING WEEKENDS.

THE COST OF THE CONTRACT SERVICE WILL BE A BASIC HK\$80 FOR THE FIRST POUND, PLUS HK\$15 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT POUND OR PART OF A POUND. FOR +ON DEMAND+ SERVICE, A FEE OF HK\$20 IS PAYABLE IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC CHARGES.

CUSTOMERS WISHING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE POST OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE ON 5-245992.

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SEMINAR ON 'FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION'

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SOME 70 YOUNG INDUSTRIAL WORKERS IN THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON 'FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION' TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE SEMINAR WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM 1.30 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

IT AIMS TO ADVISE YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE PROPER ATTITUDE THEY SHOULD TAKE WHEN SOCIALISE AND TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH THE VARIOUS STAGES OF GROWING UP.

IN THE SEMINAR, THERE WILL BE SPEECHES BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG FAMILY ASSOCIATION AND THE LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE, GROUP DISCUSSIONS, FILM SHOWS AND CASE STUDIES.

THE PROJECT IS JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE WONG TAI SIN DISTRICT INDUSTRIAL WORKERS' RECREATION SCHEME COMMITTEE.

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