



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HONG KONG TEXTILE NEGOTIATING TEAM RETURNS TO BRUSSELS

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THE HONG KONG NEGOTIATING TEAM LEFT HONG KONG YESTERDAY (NOVEMBER 20) AND WILL ARRIVE IN BRUSSELS TODAY.

THE TEAM, HEADED BY THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR. LAWRIE MILLS, HAS GONE BACK TO RESUME THE NEGOTIATIONS ON HONG KONG'S TEXTILES EXPORTS TO THE EEC, WHICH WERE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED ON NOVEMBER 10.

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LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE HANDED OVER TO PRISONS DEPARTMENT

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THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, TODAY HANDED OVER TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PRISONS, MR. TOM GARNER, THE NEW \$32 MILLION LAI CHI KOK RECEPTION CENTRE.

SPEAKING AT THE HANDING-OVER CEREMONY, MR. MCDONALD DESCRIBED THE CENTRE AS THE LARGEST PENAL INSTITUTION EVER COMPLETED IN HONG KONG IN THE POSTWAR YEARS.

DUE TO THE VERY COMPLICATED CIRCULATION PROBLEMS AND THE VARIOUS CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY SECURITY REQUIREMENTS, PRISON DESIGN PRESENTED ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PLANNING PROBLEMS TO ARCHITECTS, HE ADDED.

THIS PROBLEM WAS COMPOUNDED BY THE LACK OF PUBLISHED INFORMATION ON PRISON ARCHITECTURE FOR SECURITY REASONS.

MR. MCDONALD EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER AND HIS STAFF. HE SAID HE DOUBTED WHETHER THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE COULD HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SUCH A LARGE AND COMPLICATED PROJECT ON TIME WITHOUT THEIR ASSISTANCE.

EARLIER, SPEAKING AT THE SAME CEREMONY, MR. GARNER SAID THAT THE NINE-STORY CENTRE WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE SECOND TALLEST PRISON IN THE WORLD.

BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE FORMER LAI CHI KOK WOMEN PRISON, MR. GARNER SAID, THE CENTRE WOULD OFFER TO PRISON STAFF A CHALLENGE, FOR +HIGH RISE PENAL INSTITUTIONS ARE NOT LOOKED UPON WITH FAVOUR AROUND THE WORLD BY PRISON ADMINISTRATORS.+

HE FELT CONFIDENT HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST INSTITUTIONS IN HONG KONG BUILT TO FILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE 21ST CENTURY.

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MR. GARNER SAID THAT THE MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON WOULD BECOME FULLY OPERATIONAL ON DECEMBER 1. IT WOULD TAKE OVER THE ROLE OF THE VICTORIA RECEPTION CENTRE WHERE THE SITUATION HAD BECOME ALMOST INTOLERABLE IN RECENT YEARS.

THE CENTRE, HE SAID, COULD ACCOMMODATE 960 PRISONERS, 460 IN SINGLE CELLS AND 500 IN DORMITORY ACCOMMODATION.

+THE CENTRE WILL BECOME THE MAIN REMAND AND RECEPTION CENTRE FOR THE ACCOMMODATING OF ALL MALE ADULT REMANDS,+ HE ADDED.

+ALL MALE ADULTS SENTENCED BY THE COURTS TO IMPRISONMENT WILL ALSO BE ADMITTED FOR OBSERVATION PRIOR TO CLASSIFICATION, CATEGORISATION AND EVENTUAL ALLOCATION TO TRAINING PRISONS.

+IN ADDITION, PERSONS IMPRISONED FOR DEBT OR HELD FOR DEPORTATION WILL ALSO BE HOUSED HERE.+

MR. GARNER SAID THAT CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION EQUIPMENT WAS BEING INSTALLED AND THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST PRISON IN HONG KONG TO HAVE SUCH A SYSTEM.

+A SIGNIFICANT FEATURE IS THE CONTROL ROOM WHICH IS THE NERVE CENTRE OF THE PRISON AND FROM WHICH ALL MOVEMENTS CAN BE CONTROLLED,+ HE SAID.

+THE CENTRE HOUSES A 94-BED HOSPITAL AND IS EQUIPPED WITH X-RAY AND DENTAL EQUIPMENT.+

MR. GARNER POINTED OUT THAT SUCH EQUIPMENT WAS VITAL ON SECURITY GROUNDS FOR CONTRIVED VISITS TO OUTSIDE SPECIALIST CLINICS WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ESCAPE AND POSE THREAT TO THE STAFF OF SUCH CLINICS AND ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO MIGHT BE ATTENDING FOR TREATMENT.

AT THE END OF HIS SPEECH, MR. GARNER, ON BEHALF OF HIS STAFF, PRESENTED MR. MCDONALD WITH A PLAQUE CARRYING THE BADGE OF THE PRISON SERVICE AS A MEMENTO.

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GOVERNMENT STUDYING REPORT ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS SPENT \$245 MILLION IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, MR. FONG CHUN-NAM, P.W.D.'S PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT CIVIL ENGINEER, SAID TODAY.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA, MR. FONG SAID THAT THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE ON SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL HAD INCREASED FROM \$23 MILLION IN 1973/74 TO \$81 MILLION THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

HOWEVER, HE EXPECTED THAT THE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE WOULD CONTINUE TO SOAR AS MORE WASTE WOULD BE GENERATED AND MORE SOPHISTICATED PLANTS WOULD BE BUILT.

ON THE EXISTING LEGISLATION CONTROLLING SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL, MR. FONG SAID, IT WAS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO COPE WITH THE PRESENT PROBLEM.

TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT OF HONG KONG, THE GOVERNMENT HAD APPOINTED A FIRM OF CONSULTANTS TO LOOK AT THE LEGISLATION NECESSARY FOR HONG KONG AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WAS PART OF THE STUDY.

+THE CONSULTANTS HAVE NOW SUBMITTED THEIR REPORT WHICH IS BEING CLOSELY EXAMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT,+ MR. FONG SAID.

+THE REPORT RECOMMENDS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE STREAMLINING OF THE PRESENT MANAGEMENT AND THE TIGHTENING UP OF THE EXISTING LEGISLATION.+

HE ADDED THAT THE REPORT HAD ALSO RECOMMENDED THE INTRODUCTION OF A WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN WHICH SHOULD SET OUT THE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF ALL WASTE GENERATED IN HONG KONG.

FOR BETTER CONTROL OF THE ENVIRONMENT, HE SAID, THE CONSULTANTS HAD SUGGESTED THAT DISPOSAL OF WASTE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT.

ON THE RATE OF SOLID WASTE GENERATED, MR. FONG SAID: +EACH OF US IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT ONE KILOGRAMME OF WASTE A DAY, INCLUDING BOTH DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE.

+THIS FIGURE IS STEADILY GOING UP AT A RATE OF ABOUT FIVE PER CENT PER YEAR.+

HE SAID THAT AT PRESENT ABOUT 4,000 TONNES OF WASTE WERE DISPOSED OF EACH DAY.

WITH THE INCREASE IN POPULATION AND THE STEADY INCREASE IN THE RATE OF WASTE GENERATION, THE TOTAL QUANTITY OF REFUSE THAT WOULD REQUIRE DISPOSAL DAILY BY 1983 WOULD BE IN THE ORDER OF 6,300 TONNES.

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CURRENTLY, HE SAID, TWO METHODS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL WERE IN USE -- INCINERATION AND CONTROLLED TIPPING.

MR. FONG SAID THAT THE KENNEDY TOWN INCINERATOR, THE FIRST ONE BUILT IN HONG KONG, AND THE LAI CHI KOK INCINERATOR HAD A TOTAL CAPACITY OF 1,800 TONNES PER DAY.

+A NEW ONE, THE KWAI CHUNG INCINERATOR, IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WHEN COMPLETED IN 1979, THE \$125 MILLION PLANT WILL HAVE AN ADDITIONAL CAPACITY OF 900 TONS A DAY,+ HE SAID.

+THEREFORE, BY 1979 THE TOTAL CAPACITY OF INCINERATION WILL BE 2,700 TONNES A DAY, LEAVING THE REMAINING 2,000 TONNES FOR CONTROLLED TIPPING.+

ON CONTROLLED TIPPING, MR. FONG SAID, A TOTAL OF FIVE CONTROLLED TIPS WERE AT PRESENT IN OPERATION, THE MAIN ONE BEING AT SAI TSO WAN.

+OF THE TWO METHODS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BEING USED, INCINERATION IS MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE IN TERMS OF VOLUME REDUCTION (10 TO 1), BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT IS EXPENSIVE AND IS BECOMING LESS POPULAR FROM THE POLLUTION POINT OF VIEW,+ HE SAID.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, CONTROLLED TIPPING IS A PROVEN MEANS OF SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND IS BOTH ECONOMICAL AND HYGENIC.+

HOWEVER, DUE TO THE GENERAL SHORTAGE OF LAND AND THE DIFFICULTY IN ACQUIRING SUITABLE SITE FOR CONTROLLED TIPPING, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT OTHER METHODS OF DISPOSAL HAVE TO BE INVESTIGATED, MR. FONG SAID.

AMONG THESE METHODS ARE THE HIGH DENSITY BALING AND COMPOSTING, INCLUDING PULVERLISATION.

A COMPOSTING PLANT WITH AN INITIAL CAPACITY OF 240 TONNES HAS BEEN ORDERED AND WILL BE INSTALLED IN CHAI WAN. THE \$47 MILLION PLANT IS EXPECTED TO BE IN OPERATION BY 1979.

FOR HIGH DENSITY BALING, A PLANT, WITH A DAILY CAPACITY OF 600 TONNES, HAS BEEN ORDERED.

THE PROJECT, COSTING \$15 MILLION, WILL ALSO BE IN OPERATION IN 1979.

MEANWHILE, RESEARCH IS BEING CARRIED OUT BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ON ANOTHER METHOD KNOWN AS PYROLYSIS.

THIS METHOD CALLS FOR THE CONVERSION OF SOLID WASTE TO A SOURCE OF ENERGY.

HOWEVER, MR. FONG SAID THIS METHOD WAS STILL IN ITS EARLY STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT AND IT WOULD BE SOMETIME BEFORE IT COULD BE ACCEPTED AS A PROVEN METHOD FOR HONG KONG.

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TOPLEY CALLS FOR LEARNING THROUGH DOING

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THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID TODAY THAT SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD REDUCE THE QUANTITY OF DIRECT ORAL TEACHING AND ENCOURAGE PUPILS TO LEARN THROUGH DOING AND BY EXERCISING THEIR CRITICAL FACULTY. \*

MR. TOPLEY WAS ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE IN CANTONESE AT THE SPEECH DAY OF ST. LOUIS SCHOOL HELD AT CARITAS HOUSE.

HE WAS STRESSING TWO GENERAL PRINCIPLES FUNDAMENTAL TO SECONDARY EDUCATION.

+THE FIRST IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE IS THAT A SECONDARY SCHOOL MUST REALISE THAT ITS DUTY IS TO ITS STUDENTS AS INDIVIDUALS. EACH OF THEM MUST BE REGARDED AS A UNIQUE PERSONALITY WITH HIS OWN NEEDS AND ABILITIES. THE SCHOOL MUST SATISFY THE STUDENT'S NEEDS, FIND OUT HIS ABILITIES AND DEVELOP THEM,+ HE SAID.

THE SECOND PRINCIPLE TO BEAR IN MIND WAS THE IMPORTANT ROLE PLAYED BY EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

DESCRIBING 1977 AS AN EXCITING YEAR FOR EDUCATION IN HONG KONG, MR. TOPLEY SAID: +AS YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNMENT HAS JUST PUBLISHED THE GREEN PAPER ON SENIOR SECONDARY AND TERTIARY EDUCATION AND IS INVITING COMMENTS FROM ALL QUARTERS ON ITS PROPOSALS.+

THE DIRECTOR PRAISED THE SALESIAN FATHERS FOR RENDERING +YEOMAN SERVICE TO EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS IN HONG KONG.+ THIS WAS REFLECTED IN THEIR PROFESSIONAL DEDICATION AND FAR-SIGHTED PLANNING.

THE SALESIAN FATHERS COULD BE JUSTLY PROUD OF THE SIX SECONDARY SCHOOLS-- THREE GRAMMAR AND THREE TECHNICAL -- UNDER THEIR AEGIS.

MR. TOPLEY NOTED THAT ST. LOUIS SCHOOL STRUCK A NICE BALANCE BETWEEN CURRICULAR AND EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

HE SAID: +I AM AWARE THAT THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 30 CLUBS AND SOCIETIES OFFERING A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES.+

THE DIRECTOR CONGRATULATED THE SCHOOL ON ATTAINING ITS 50TH YEAR SINCE ITS TAKE-OVER BY THE SALESIANS IN 1927.

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TALK ON TRENDS IN SOCIAL STUDIES

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ABOUT 30 SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS WILL ATTEND A TALK TOMORROW (TUESDAY) MORNING ON +TRENDS IN SOCIAL STUDIES IN CANADA+ BY PROFESSOR ANGUS GUNN WHO IS PROFESSOR OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

THE TALK IS ONE OF A SERIES OF SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR HEADS OF SCHOOLS AND TEACHERS.

PROFESSOR GUNN IS IN HONG KONG FOR TWO AND A HALF WEEKS DURING WHICH HE WILL ADVISE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ON CURRICULUM MATTERS, ESPECIALLY THE SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE VISITING PROFESSOR , WHO IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA IN SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION, WAS AT ONE TIME THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY PROJECT.

HE VISITED HONG KONG ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS DURING WHICH HE GAVE ADVICE ON CURRICULUM MATTERS ESPECIALLY ON GEOGRAPHY AND SOCIAL STUDIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER PROFESSOR GUNN'S TALK WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CIVIL AID SERVICES HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 6TH FLOOR, 100 CAROLINE HILL ROAD, HONG KONG, AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW.

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