



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ADVISE ON USE OF VICTORIA BARRACKS

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A SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, ON THE ADVICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, TO ADVISE THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON THE PLANNING OF THE VICTORIA BARRACKS AREA WHICH IS DUE TO BE RELEASED BY THE ARMY IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1978/79.

THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING TO BE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS TO BE KNOWN AS THE VICTORIA BARRACKS PLANNING COMMITTEE : -

- \* MR. SZETO WAI (CHAIRMAN), AN ARCHITECT AND ENGINEER WHO WAS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD FOR ALMOST NINETEEN YEARS. HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR SEVEN YEARS AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILS=
- \* DR. S.M. BARD, WELL-KNOWN LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGIST AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE ANTIQUITIES AND MONUMENTS SECTION OF THE U.S.D.=
- \* MR. GEORGE C.TSO, A DEVELOPER AND MEMBER OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD=
- \* MR. WILLIAM CHAN, A BARRISTER AND MEMBER OF THE TOWN PLANNING BOARD=
- \* PROFESSOR K.C. LYE, PROFESSOR OF ARCHITECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG=
- \* MR. G.R. ROSS, A PROMINENT LOCAL BUSINESSMAN= AND
- \* MR. D.W. MCDONALD, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE IS MR. G.L. MORTIMER, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ENVIRONMENT BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT.

THE COMMITTEE IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE VICTORIA BARRACKS AREA TO THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1977 AND IS TO BEAR IN MIND : -

- (A) THE NEED TO REDEVELOP IN SUCH A WAY AS TO ADD TO THE AMENITY AND APPEARANCE, AS WELL AS TO THE COMMERCIAL GROWTH, OF THE CENTRAL AREA OF HONG KONG=
- (B) THE USE OF THE AREA AS A WHOLE SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF ITS VALUE, AND ENSURE THAT ITS ACQUISITION FROM THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE RESULTS IN A REASONABLE DIRECT OR INDIRECT RETURN TO PUBLIC REVENUE= AND
- (C) A RECOMMENDATION TO RETAIN ANY OF THE PRESENT BUILDINGS MUST BE SUPPORTED BY PROPOSALS FOR USE WHICH ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND COMPATIBLE WITH (A) AND (B) ABOVE.

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THE COMMITTEE MAY CALL FOR ANY ASSISTANCE IT REQUIRES FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND FROM ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT OR FROM ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE BODY.

THE COMMITTEE AIMS TO PUBLISH ITS BROAD PROPOSALS AT THE END OF MAY THIS YEAR FOLLOWING WHICH THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS UNTIL AUGUST 1 IN WHICH TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSALS.

AFTER THAT THE COMMITTEE HOPES TO BE IN A POSITION TO SUBMIT ITS FINAL PROPOSALS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1977.

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GOVERNOR SEES REMEDIAL WORKS ON FILL SLOPES  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY VISITED A NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOUSING AREAS TO SEE PROGRESS ON REMEDIAL WORKS BEING CARRIED OUT ON FILL SLOPES FOLLOWING THE SAU MAU PING LANDSLIDE REPORTS PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

SIR MURRAY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, AND MR. BRYAN O'RORKE, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT ENGINEER APPOINTED TO SET UP THE NEW P.W.D. OFFICE WHICH WILL ACT AS A +WATCHDOG+ OVER THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL SLOPES IN HONG KONG.

DURING THE TOUR, SIR MURRAY WAS BRIEFED ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CRASH REMEDIAL PROGRAMME BEING UNDERTAKEN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE SLOPES BEFORE THE COMING WET SEASON.

THE \$30 MILLION PROGRAMME INCLUDES MAJOR RECONSTRUCTION WORK, AND THE RECOMPACTING OF THE SURFACE OF 11 SLOPES IN NINE PUBLIC HOUSING AREAS TO THE RIGOROUS STANDARDS SET BY THE INTERNATIONAL PANEL OF EXPERTS -- AS WELL AS A RANGE OF MORE GENERAL WORKS SUCH AS DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

SIR MURRAY SAID AFTER HIS TOUR THAT HE CONSIDERED THAT THE WORK ON THE SLOPES WAS PROCEEDING +EXTREMELY SATISFACTORILY+.

+WE ARE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO GET THESE SLOPES RIGHT BEFORE THE HEAVY RAINS COME,+ HE SAID.

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MORE SCHOOL CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION  
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A RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL, HAS BECOME THIS YEAR'S SECTION CHAMPION OF THE TENTH ANNUAL URBAN COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW.

TSUNG HIM SCHOOL, LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL AND FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL WHICH WON THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES IN LAST YEAR'S SHOW, SUCCEEDED IN MAINTAINING THE THREE TOP POSITIONS. BUT FOR THIS YEAR, TSUNG HIM SCHOOL AND LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHANGED PLACES AS THE GRENHAM CUP AND A \$100 PRIZE ARE AWARDED TO LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL.

TSUNG HIM SCHOOL, LAST YEAR'S CHAMPION, IS AWARDED \$30 WHILE FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL WHICH MAINTAINED THIRD PLACE, IS AGAIN AWARDED \$20.

SIXTEEN OTHER RURAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS WERE HIGHLY COMMENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE JUDGING PANEL WHO EARLIER THIS MONTH VISITED 59 PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS -- AN INCREASE OF THREE COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR.

THE \$50 FIRST PRIZE FOR ENTRIES SUBMITTED BY URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WENT TO KWONG YUET TONG LO PAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$30 TO FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL, AND THE \$20 THIRD PRIZE TO KOWLOON CITY DISTRICT KAI FONG WELFARE ASSOCIATION SCHOOL.

TEN OTHER URBAN PRIMARY SCHOOLS WERE HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THEIR ENTRIES IN THE SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION 1977, ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND RECORDS OF THIS FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY WITH THE 10TH URBAN COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW AT CITY HALL MEMORIAL GARDEN AND EXHIBITION HALL, LOW BLOCK FROM MARCH 18 TO 20 1977.

MRS. PETER CHAN PO-FAN, WIFE OF AN URBAN COUNCILLOR, WILL PRESENT THE GRENHAM CUP TO LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL AND DISTRIBUTE PRIZES TO THE WINNING SCHOOL AT 5.30 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN THE EXHIBITION HALL

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY COVERED. COPIES OF A FULL LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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GROUP OF COMPANIES HEADED BY CHINACHEM WINS  
SHA TIN LAND TENDER  
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FOUR COMPANIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHINACHEM GROUP WERE TODAY ANNOUNCED AS THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS FOR A PRIME DEVELOPMENT SITE IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, MR. J.D. JOHNSTON, SAID THE COMPANIES WERE THE WORLD REALTY LIMITED, ALL BEST WISHES LIMITED, HIM FOOK COMPANY LIMITED AND THE CHEE SHEUNG INDUSTRY AND GODOWN COMPANY LIMITED.

THE 12,200 SQUARE METRE SITE IS TO BE DEVELOPED AS A HIGH-QUALITY RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL COMPLEX AT THE HEART OF SHA TIN'S TOWN CENTRE, MR. JOHNSTON SAID.

+WE DISPOSED OF THE LOT UNDER THE LAND EXCHANGE TENDER PROGRAMME AND A 'TWIN' ADJOINING SITE WHICH WILL BE DEVELOPED ALONG SIMILAR LINES IS ALSO BEING DISPOSED OF IN THIS MANNER.

+IN FACT, TENDERS FOR THE SECOND LOT CLOSE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).+

MR. JOHNSTON SAID THAT THE TWO SITES, WHEN FULLY DEVELOPED, WOULD FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE TOWN CENTRE.

+EACH WILL HAVE A FOUR-LEVEL PODIUM, PROVIDING CAR PARKING AND COMMERCIAL ARCADES SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE OCEAN TERMINAL.

+ON EACH PODIUM WILL BE FOUR RESIDENTIAL TOWER BLOCKS WHICH WILL PROVIDE HOMES FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE.

+THE SALE CONDITIONS STIPULATE THAT THE SITES ARE TO BE DEVELOPED TO A DETAILED CONTROL PLAN DRAWN UP BY THE GOVERNMENT'S PLANNERS.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE GOVERNMENT HAS DISPOSED OF LAND SUBJECT TO SUCH A DETAILED CONTROL PLAN IN THE SALES CONDITIONS BUT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE SITES TO BE DEVELOPED IN LINE WITH THE HIGH STANDARDS OF THE TOWN CENTRE LAYOUT.+

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PREVENTION OF PAPER WASTE

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THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT WHICH USES SOME 2,400 TONS OF PAPER EVERY YEAR FOR OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS IS DOING ~~EVERYTHING~~ IT CAN TO PREVENT WASTAGE.

IN ORDER TO MAXIMISE THE USE OF EVERY SHEET OF PAPER, THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADOPTED THE STANDARD +A SERIES- SIZE PAPER.

THEY ARE A-ZERO WHICH IS EQUAL TO A FULL SHEET OF 33 INCHES BY 46.8 INCHES- A-ONE WHICH IS JUST HALF THE SIZE OF THE A-ZERO- AND A-TWO WHICH IS HALF OF A-ONE, PRESERVING THE PROPORTION THAT EACH FOLD IS ONE HALF OF THE OTHER.

+BY INTRODUCING THIS SYSTEM, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN MINIMISING WASTAGE,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PRINTING DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE SUCCESS, HE ADDED, WAS ALSO DUE TO THE CO-OPERATION OF VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

+WE DO NOT HAVE MUCH LEFT OVER IN ODD SIZES WHICH WE CANNOT MAKE USE OF,+ HE POINTED OUT.

HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED, IF THERE WERE LEFT-OVERS, THEY WOULD BE STOCKED AND SOLD TO SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS IN JANUARY EVERY YEAR. THE AMOUNT INVOLVED IS BETWEEN 60 AND 70 TONS AND IS MAINLY FROM TRIMMINGS.

+IF WE COMPARE THIS FIGURE WITH THE 2,400 TONS OF PAPER WE USE EVERY YEAR, IT MEANS ONLY ABOUT THREE PER CENT OF IT ARE GOING TO WASTE, IF THAT IS THE RIGHT WORD.+

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE SO CALLED PAPER WASTE COULD BE REPULPED TO PRODUCE SECOND GRADE PAPER SUCH AS THE ONES USED FOR WRAPPING.

+AS FOR HOW MUCH WE CAN GET FROM THESE SALES,+ HE WENT ON, +IT REALLY DEPENDS ON THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND SITUATION BUT WE ARE NORMALLY OFFERED ABOUT \$1,200 PER TON.+

HE ADDED: +ALL THE PROCEEDS WILL GO INTO GOVERNMENT'S GENERAL REVENUE WHICH AGAIN SHOWS THAT PAPER WASTE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE WHAT ITS NAME IMPLIES.+

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MACHINERY GUARDING EXHIBITION ATTRACTS BIG CROWD  
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MORE THAN 25,000 PEOPLE HAVE FLOCKED TO SEE THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S EXHIBITION ON MACHINERY GUARDING AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS, HUNG HOM SO FAR.

THE EXHIBITION WHICH CLOSES ON SUNDAY EVENING IS OPEN DAILY FROM 10 A.M. TO 7 P.M.

SAID A LABOUR DEPARTMENT OFFICER AT THE EXHIBITION SITE: +THE VISITORS ARE MAINLY FACTORY PROPRIETORS AND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS SOME OF WHOM ARRIVED IN ORGANISED GROUPS HEADED BY THEIR FACTORY MANagements.

+WE ARE HEARTENED BY THIS OVERWHELMING RESPONSE AND ARE SATISFIED THAT WE HAVE REACHED THE TARGETED PUBLIC.

+HOWEVER, WE WILL NOT BE COMPLACENT AND WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS HOME OUR SAFETY MESSAGE TO THE INDUSTRIAL SECTOR THROUGH EDUCATION AND ADVICE BY OUR INSPECTORATE STAFF AND OTHER PUBLICITY.+

ENQUIRIES FOR GROUP VISITS TO THE EXHIBITION CAN BE MADE DIRECT TO THE EXHIBITION STAFF AT THE KOWLOON RAIL TERMINUS ON TELEPHONE 3-644934.

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IMMIGRATION OFFICERS TO ATTEND TRAINING COURSE IN U.K.  
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FOUR SENIOR IMMIGRATION OFFICERS WERE TODAY BRIEFED BY THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION, MR. J. M. ROWLANDS ON THE EVE OF THEIR DEPARTURE FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM WHERE THEY WILL ATTEND A THREE-MONTH TRAINING COURSE ON IMMIGRATION AND MANAGEMENT.

THEY ARE MESSRS. CHUI KWONG-SHING, LOH KWONG-YAN, CHEUNG KWOK-SHUM AND CHEUNG KAI-WOON.

PRIOR TO THEIR TRAINING IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE OFFICERS WILL VISIT SOME INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS IN EUROPE TO SEE HOW IMMIGRATION CONTROL IS EXERCISED.

MR. ROWLANDS SAID: +THE TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE IN EUROPE FORM PART OF OUR PROGRAMME FOR PREPARING IMMIGRATION SERVICE OFFICERS TO FILL SENIOR POSTS.+

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