



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HONG KONG DEFENCE COSTS NEGOTIATIONS
JOINT PRESS STATEMENT

DURING THE PAST WEEK, NEGOTIATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN DELEGATIONS OF HER MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HEADED BY THE RT. HON. WILLIAM RODGERS, M.P., MINISTER OF STATE FOR DEFENCE, AND THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HEADED BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE. THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWED EXCHANGES WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE DURING THE LAST YEAR ON A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT TO THE PRESENT DEFENCE COSTS AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRES ON MARCH 31, 1976.

THE NEGOTIATIONS WERE BASED ON THE CLEAR ACCEPTANCE BY BOTH SIDES OF THE NEED FOR A GARRISON CAPABLE OF MAINTAINING THE SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF HONG KONG AND DEMONSTRATING HMG'S CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COLONY. SUCH A GARRISON IS ALSO REGARDED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS AS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN MAINTAINING CONFIDENCE.

AS A RESULT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON THE SIZE AND TOTAL COST OF THE GARRISON. THE FUTURE GARRISON WILL BE REDUCED FROM ITS PRESENT LEVEL OF 6-2/3 UNITS TO INCLUDE ONLY FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS (ONE OF THEM BRITISH), A GURKHA ENGINEER FIELD SQUADRON, FIVE ROYAL NAVY CRAFT AND A SQUADRON OF EIGHT ROYAL AIR FORCE WESSEX HELICOPTERS. THE TOTAL COST AT CURRENT PRICES IS ESTIMATED AT HK\$450M (42-1/2M POUNDS-STERLING) A YEAR, COMPARED WITH THE COST OF THE PRESENT GARRISON OF NEARLY HK\$700M (65M POUNDS-STERLING). HONG KONG WILL HAVE TO BEAR A SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER PROPORTION OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE GARRISON THAN IN THE PAST= BUT THE SIZE OF THE CONTRIDUTION WILL HAVE REALISTIC REGARD TO HONG KONG'S ABILITY TO PAY.

DURING THE COURSE OF THIS WEEK'S NEGOTIATIONS THE BASIS FOR SHARING THE COSTS WAS THE MAJOR POINT UNDER DISCUSSION. OTHER POINTS INCLUDED THE RELEASE OF FURTHER LAND AT PRESENT OCCUPIED BY THE GARRISON, THE METHOD OF CALCULATING COSTS AND THE RATES OF EXCHANGE USED, AND THE FORMULA TO BE EMPLOYED TO REFLECT ANY INFLATION. THERE WILL BE FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THESE MATTERS.

BOTH GOVERNMENTS HOPE FOR AN EARLY AND SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT SO THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN BE CONCLUDED AND DETAILS MADE KNOWN BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

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THIRD MANPOWER SURVEY ON CLOTHING INDUSTRY

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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S CLOTHING INDUSTRY WILL BE CARRIED OUT FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3) TO NOVEMBER 26 TO COLLECT UP-TO-DATE DATA ON TRAINING NEEDS.

THE SURVEY, THE THIRD IN THE SERIES, WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE WERE SENT TWO WEEKS AGO TO ALL SELECTED ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY.

EMPLOYERS ARE ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON : THE NUMBER OF WORKERS EMPLOYED= THE NUMBER UNDER TRAINING= EXISTING VACANCIES= AND A FORECAST OF THE NUMBER OF WORKERS REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 1976.

BECAUSE OF THE SIZE OF THE INDUSTRY, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO INCLUDE ALL CLOTHING FACTORIES. SO, A RANDOM STRATIFIED SAMPLING METHOD HAS BEEN ADOPTED.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR (INDUSTRIAL TRAINING), MR. HORACE KNIGHT, STRESSED THAT ALL INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL FACTORY.

+AS THE INFORMATION IS VITAL TO THE WORK OF THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD IF IT IS TO DRAW UP MEANINGFUL PLANS TO MEET THE TRAINING NEEDS OF THE INDUSTRY, EMPLOYERS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE ACCURATE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO THEM,+ HE ADDED.

DURING THE SURVEY, ON A DATE TO BE ARRANGED PREVIOUSLY BY APPOINTMENT, A SURVEY INTERVIEWING OFFICER OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT EACH OF THESE FACTORIES. HE WILL, IF REQUIRED, ANSWER QUERIES, ASSIST IN THE COMPLETION OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE, AND WILL COLLECT ONE COPY FOR PROCESSING.

THE SECOND SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN NOVEMBER 1972 AND WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. +IT IS SINCERELY HOPED THAT EMPLOYERS IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY WILL CO-OPERATE IN THIS SURVEY AND THUS ASSURE SUCCESS EQUAL TO, IF NOT BETTER THAN, THE SECOND MANPOWER SURVEY,+ MR. KNIGHT SAID.

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CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD DEVELOPMENT

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A NUMBER OF ROAD AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES WILL BE BUILT AT CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD AS PART OF A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT IS TO IMPROVE ROAD TRAFFIC AT THE NGAU CHI WAN SECTION OF THE ROAD AND TO FORM SITES BY THE SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR TWO LARGE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATES -- SHUN LEE TSUEN AND NGAU CHI WAN ESTATE.

THESE TWO ESTATES WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE SOME 11,600 HOMES FOR NEARLY 80,000 PEOPLE.

THE BRIDGES TO BE CONSTRUCTED -- FIVE FOR CARS AND ONE FOR PEDESTRIANS -- WILL HAVE A COMBINED LENGTH OF 490 METRES.

ALSO INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT PART OF THE PROJECT ARE 1,370 METRES OF ROADWORKS, 1,500 METRES OF DRAINAGE WORKS AND OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS.

A NEW SECTION OF CLEAR WATER BAY ROAD, FROM NGAU CHI WAN TO ANDERSON ROAD WILL BE BUILT, WHICH WILL BE WIDER AND LESS STEEP THAN THE EXISTING ROAD AND WILL HAVE A BRANCH CONNECTION TO SAU MAU PING ROAD.

ON COMPLETION, A TOTAL OF 40 HECTARES OF LAND, WITH ACCESS ROADS, SEWERS AND STORMWATER DRAINS WILL BE FORMED FOR HOUSING, COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY USES.

CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL BEGIN NEXT JANUARY AND SHOULD TAKE ABOUT TWO AND A HALF YEARS TO COMPLETE.

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FIRE PREVENTION SLOGANS FROM THE AIR

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE IS TO BROADCAST ANTI-FIRE SLOGANS FROM THE AIR DURING THE CURRENT FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN.

STARTING TOMORROW (SUNDAY), THE RHKAAF'S 'ISLANDER' WILL FLY OVER PICNIC SPOTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, CHANTING ADVICE SUCH AS : +DRY WEATHER INCREASES FIRE RISKS+ AND +ENJOY THE COUNTRYSIDE BUT GUARD AGAINST FIRE+.

THESE FLIGHTS WHICH ARE PART OF RHKAAF NORMAL TRAINING, WILL BE CONDUCTED ON MOST SUNDAYS UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER.

A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN WELCOMED THE SUPPORT OF THE AUXILIARY AIR FORCE AND SAID THAT THE OPERATION STARTED AT THE MOST APPROPRIATE TIME WITH THE RED FIRE DANGER WARNING AT PRESENT IN FORCE. +WE ARE SURE THE SLOGANS WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE HELP IN REMINDING VISITORS TO THE COUNTRYSIDE OF THE NEED TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT FIRES.+

HE NOTED THAT DESPITE REPEATED APPEALS TO PICNICKERS TO BE CAREFUL, A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTRY FIRES BROKE OUT OVER THE WEEKENDS DURING DRY WEATHER.

+IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO SPEND THE DAY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, OR OTHER RURAL AREAS, PLEASE BE CAREFUL TO PUT CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES OUT BEFORE DISPOSING OF THEM. IF YOU'RE HOLDING A BARBECUE, KEEP THE FIRE UNDER CONTROL AND MAKE SURE IT IS OUT BEFORE LEAVING THE AREA,+ HE URGED.

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YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE USES LABORATORY METHOD

A LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE USING THE LABORATORY METHOD IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN THROUGH EXPERIMENTS WILL BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH.

THE COURSE IS ORGANISED BY THE YOUTH WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT. IT WILL LAST FROM NOVEMBER 24 TO DECEMBER 4, WITH LECTURES EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY EVENING BETWEEN 7.30 P.M. AND 9.30 P.M. AT THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE IN OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE COURSE WILL END WITH AN OVERNIGHT CAMP AT THE DIOCESAN YOUTH CENTRE IN ROKFULAM ROAD ON DECEMBER 6.

IT IS OPEN TO ALL YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 18 AND 25 WHO HAVE COMPLETED AT LEAST FORM FIVE LEVEL. THE COST WILL BE \$15 PER PERSON.

AS THE COURSE IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS, ENROLMENT WILL BE ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS. APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE NOVEMBER 14 TO THE YOUTH WORK UNIT'S OFFICES EITHER IN ROOM 908 CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY BUILDING, HONG KONG (TEL. 5-712467) OR ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE BUILDING AT 405 NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON (TEL. 3-884111 EXT. 331).

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G.C.E. EXAMS REGISTRATION

ENTRY FORMS FOR THE GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON AND THE ASSOCIATED EXAMINING BOARD, TO BE HELD IN JUNE NEXT YEAR, WILL BE AVAILABLE AS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3) FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO SIT AS PRIVATE CANDIDATES.

FORMS WILL BE OBTAINABLE FROM CITY DISTRICT OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON BEFORE 4 P.M. ON NOVEMBER 13 TOGETHER WITH FEES AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AT EITHER THE CAUSEWAY BAY SUB-TREASURY OR YAU MA TEI SUB-TREASURY.

CANDIDATES ARE REMINDED THAT NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AND THAT THEY ARE ADVISED TO SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID THE RUSH IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.

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WATER CHARGES COLLECTION CENTRES

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THE DISTRICT OFFICE, TAI PO ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT TEMPORARY COLLECTION CENTRES WILL BE SET UP AT SHEUNG SHUI AND FANLING FOR THE COLLECTION WATER CHARGES FOR THE 2ND PERIOD, 1975.

THE SHEUNG SHUI COLLECTION CENTRE IS LOCATED AT THE SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE AT SHEK WU HUI. IT WILL OPERATE ON NOVEMBER 6 AND 7.

THE FANLING COLLECTION CENTRE, OPERATING ON NOVEMBER 11 AND 12, WILL BE AT THE FANLING RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE AT LUEN WO HUI.

THE HOURS OF BUSINESS FOR BOTH CENTRES WILL BE FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

RESIDENTS OF THE DISTRICTS ARE ASKED TO USE THESE FACILITIES WHICH ARE SPECIALLY PROVIDED FOR THEIR CONVENIENCE.

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DOG INOCULATION AND LICENSING CENTRE MOVES

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THE DOG INOCULATION AND LICENSING CENTRE AT CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON, WILL MOVE TO NEW PREMISES OPPOSITE NO. 30 HOI KING STREET, TAI KOK TSUI, NEAR THE TAI KOK TSUI FERRY, ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 4).

THE NEW CENTRE WILL OPEN ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS FROM 8.30 A.M. TO 12 NOON, AND 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. AND ON SATURDAYS FROM 8.30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

MEANWHILE, THE OFFICE HOURS OF THE COTTON TREE DRIVE CENTRE NEAR LOWER PEAK TRAM TERMINUS WILL BE CHANGED AS FROM MONDAY (NOVEMBER 3). THE NEW HOURS WILL BE FROM 8.30 A.M. TO 12 NOON, AND 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS.

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