



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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LEGO DEBATE BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 22) WHEN SEVEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON A MOTION TO THANK THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS ADDRESS EARLIER THIS MONTH.

AS IN PAST YEARS, THE UNOFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS AFFECTING HONG KONG.

LEADING OFF WILL BE THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, DR. THE HON. CHUNG SZE-YUEN, FOLLOWED BY THE HON. LEE QUO-WEI, THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG, THE HON. ROGER LOBO, THE HON. JOYCE SYMONS, THE HON. P.G. WILLIAMS AND THE HON. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN.

ON THURSDAY, SEVEN OTHER UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK. THEY ARE: THE HON. LI FOOK-WO, THE HON. J.H. BREMRIDGE, DR. THE HON. HARRY FANG, THE HON. MISS KO SIU WAH, THE HON. LO TAK-SHING, THE HON. FRANCIS TIEN AND THE HON. ALEX WU.

ON BOTH DAYS, RADIO HONG KONG WILL BROADCAST THE PROCEEDINGS LIVE. THE LIVE CHINESE BROADCAST MAY BE HEARD OVER RHK 2 AND THE ENGLISH BROADCAST ON RHK 4.

THE OFFICIALS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES ON NOVEMBER 5 AND 6.

DURING WEDNESDAY'S SITTING, THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY, THE HON. PHILIP HADDON-CAVE, WILL MOVE A MOTION ABOUT GUARANTEES IN RESPECT OF PAYMENT OF LOAN MADE TO THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION UNDER SPECIFIED FACILITIES.

MR. HADDON-CAVE WILL ALSO MOVE ANOTHER MOTION WHICH SEEKS TO AMEND THE LOANS (ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK) ORDINANCE TO FACILITATE OVERSEAS BORROWING FOR FINANCING THE SHATIN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT.

DURING THURSDAY'S SITTING, FOUR BILLS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL FOR THEIR FIRST READING AND DEBATE WILL RESUME ON NINE OTHERS.

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FIRST PATIENTS ADMITTED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL
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PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST MODERN HOSPITALS IN HONG KONG, ADMITTED ITS FIRST PATIENT TODAY WITH THE OPENING OF THE 162-BED IN INFECTIOUS DISEASE WARDS.

DURING THE FIRST DAY OF OPERATION, 34 PATIENTS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE WARDS FROM THE OLD LAI CHI KOK HOSPITAL. THE REMAINING 40 TO 50 CASES NOW BEING TREATED THERE WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

THE INFECTIOUS DISEASE UNIT IS SO DESIGNED THAT PATIENTS OF DIFFERENT DISEASES CAN BE ISOLATED FROM ONE ANOTHER. THERE ARE ONE TO THREE BEDS IN EACH ROOM ACCORDING TO THE SEVERITY OF THE INFECTION, WITH INDIVIDUAL TOILET FACILITIES ATTACHED.

THE UNIT HAS ITS OWN FACILITIES FOR X-RAY, SURGICAL OPERATIONS, AND LINEN EXCHANGE, AMONG OTHERS.

THE \$51.5 MILLION HOSPITAL IS TO BE OPENED IN TWO STAGES. THE FIRST STAGE WILL BE PHASED OVER A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS UP TO MARCH NEXT YEAR WHEN ABOUT 1,000 BEDS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC. THE SECOND PHASE OF THE HOSPITAL OPENING PROGRAMME WILL INVOLVE THE GERIATRIC UNIT, WHICH IS TO BEGIN OPERATION IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

INITIALLY THE UNIT WILL PROVIDE 74 GERIATRIC BEDS, BUT THIS WILL INCREASE TO 222 BY THE END OF THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR.

BY DECEMBER, ONE CLINICAL UNIT, EACH OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIALTIES: MEDICINE, SURGERY, PAEDIATRICS, OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, AND ORTHOPAEDICS, WILL BE IN OPERATION.

THE FINAL PHASE IN THE FIRST STAGE WILL BE THE OPENING OF THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT SOME TIME EARLY NEXT YEAR.

IN THE SECOND AND FINAL STAGE, ANOTHER CLINICAL UNIT EACH OF THE SPECIALTIES OF MEDICINE, SURGERY, PAEDIATRICS, AND ORTHOPAEDICS WILL BE OPEN.

WHEN THE HOSPITAL IS FULLY OPERATIONAL, THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 1,340 BEDS.

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HONG KONG HERBARIUM

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THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM PROVIDES SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC ON THE FLORA OF HONG KONG.

IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE COLLECTION OF REFERENCE WORKS AND PLANT SPECIMENS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LOCAL FLORA.

THE HERBARIUM, ADMINISTERED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, ALSO MAINTAINS CLOSE CONTACT WITH NEARLY 200 SISTER HERBARIA AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. IT SENDS TO THEM ABOUT 800 SEED SAMPLES EACH YEAR FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL SEED EXCHANGE SCHEME.

+THE FLORA OF HONG KONG IS DIVERSE IN CHARACTER AND SURPRISINGLY NUMEROUS IN SPECIES. IT PROVIDES AN INTERESTING PHYTOGEOGRAPHICAL LINK BETWEEN CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HERBARIUM SAID.

THE HERBARIUM NOW HAS A COLLECTION OF MORE THAN 32,000 SPECIMENS OF DRIED AND PRESSED PLANT MATERIAL WHICH IS OF GREAT VALUE TO BOTANISTS AND TAXONOMISTS IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD.

THE COLLECTION INCLUDES DRIED AND PRESSED SPECIMENS OF VASCULAR PLANTS FOUND IN HONG KONG WHICH NOW TOTAL 2,420 SPECIES AND 87 VARIETIES, TOGETHER WITH APPROXIMATELY 2,500 RELATED SPECIES FROM ADJACENT REGIONS OF MAINLAND CHINA, EAST ASIA AND SOUTH EAST ASIA.

THE HERBARIUM WAS STARTED IN 1878 BY THE FIRST SUPERINTENDENT OF GARDENS, MR. CHARLES FORD. SOME OF THE SPECIMENS NOW KEPT THERE ARE MORE THAN A HUNDRED YEARS OLD, FOR EXAMPLE THE SPECIMENS OF GARDENIA JASMINOIDES AND STRIGA ASIATICA WHICH WERE COLLECTED IN 1874.

+OUR COLLECTION IS OF CONSIDERABLE HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE AND INCLUDES THE ORIGINAL 'TYPE' SPECIMENS WHICH FORMED THE BASIC RESEARCH MATERIAL FOR THE STANDARD REFERENCE WORK ON THE PLANTS OF THE REGION, DUNN AND TUTCHER'S 'FLORA OF KWANGTUNG AND HONG KONG' (1912)+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

A SECTION OF A 159-YEAR-OLD PINE TREE WHICH STARTED LIFE AS A SEEDLING IN THE EARLY 1800'S IS ANOTHER INTERESTING ITEM ON SHOW IN THE HERBARIUM.

ALL THE SPECIMENS ARE WELL PRESERVED AND ARE KEPT IN CABINETS ESPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR SUCH PURPOSES. SYSTEMATIC CHECKS ARE CARRIED OUT TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT DAMAGED BY INSECTS OR FUNGUS.

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THE HERBARIUM WAS SENT TO PENANG FOR SAFE KEEPING PRIOR TO THE JAPANESE OCCUPATION OF HONG KONG. IT WAS BROUGHT BACK IN 1948, AFTER THE WAR, HAVING BEEN KEPT IN GOOD CONDITION BY THE SINGAPORE BOTANIC GARDENS.

THE COLLECTION IS AT PRESENT HOUSED IN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OFFICES AT 393 CANTON ROAD, KOWLOON.

+ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO HAVE THE CORRECT IDENTIFICATION OF ANY PLANT FOUND IN HONG KONG, CAN SEND FRESH OR DRIED AND PRESSED SPECIMENS TO THE HERBARIUM.

+ALL RESEARCH WORKERS AND BOTANISTS ARE WELCOME TO REFER TO THE BOTANICAL LITERATURE AND TO EXAMINE THE PLANT SPECIMENS+, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+HOWEVER, IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT THE HERBARIUM CANNOT CATER FOR A LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS AND STUDENTS AT ANY ONE TIME BECAUSE OF LIMITED SPACE AND STAFF RESOURCES. MOREOVER, THE PLANT SPECIMENS MAY BE DAMAGED BY EXCESSIVE OR INEXPERT HANDLING. SO FOR THESE REASONS, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO ENTERTAIN SCHOOL CHILDREN BELOW FORM 6 BIOLOGY LEVEL+ HE ADDED.

THE CHECK LIST OF HONG KONG PLANTS RECENTLY REVISED BY THE HERBARIUM STAFF, WAS PUBLISHED IN MAY 1975. THIS REFERENCE BOOK INCLUDES ALL THE NAMES OF VASCULAR PLANTS WHICH HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM, AND HAS INDICES OF COMMON CHINESE AND ENGLISH NAMES AS WELL AS THE DEFINITIVE INDEX OF SCIENTIFIC NAMES.

COPIES OF THE REVISED CHECK LIST ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION'S CENTRE AT STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG. THE PRICE PER COPY IS \$9.00.

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CROSS-MOUNTAIN RACE
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO STAGE THE FIRST-EVER CROSS-MOUNTAIN RACE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 22).

THE RACE, COVERING ABOUT EIGHT MILES, WILL START AT LAM KAM ROAD (ROUTE 1) OPPOSITE THE ENTRANCE TO KADOOIE EXPERIENTAL FARM. THE COURSE WILL GO ACROSS THE TOP OF TAI TO YAN (RAZOR-BACK MOUNTAIN) AND CORPS RIDGE, AND THEN FINISH AT THE FANLING FIRE STATION.

ABOUT 170 COMPETITORS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE, INCLUDING CIVILIAN AND FEMALE STAFF.

ENTRANTS OVER 40 YEARS OF AGE WILL START AT 10.30 A.M. AND THE OTHERS WILL SET OFF HALF AN HOUR LATER. THE WINNER IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 75 MINUTES TO COMPLETE THE COURSE.

THE WINNER WILL BE AWARDED THE LANE TROPHY AND \$100. A CUP WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE PARTICIPANT OVER 40 YEARS OLD WHO FINISHES FIRST. PRIZES WILL ALSO BE GIVEN TO THE RUNNERS-UP AND THE WINNING DIVISIONAL TEAM.

MR. MAURICE LANE, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE FIRE SERVICES, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES AT A CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE AT THE FANLING FIRE STATION AROUND 1.30 P.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT. MR. DONALD STRANGE, FIRE SERVICES PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, WILL BE AT FANLING FIRE STATION TO ASSIST PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

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RESERVOIRS 99.8 PER CENT FULL

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A TOTAL OF 67,134 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER WERE IN STORE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. THIS (MONDAY) MORNING, REPRESENTING 99.8 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS.

ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR THE TOTAL STORAGE WAS ONLY 45,019 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE, HONG KONG'S BIGGEST RESERVOIR, HELD 50,500 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 100 PER CENT OF ITS FULL STORAGE CAPACITY. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR, IT HELD 29,522 MILLION GALLONS.

TOTAL RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR STANDS AT 2,914.2 MM (114.73 IN). THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL THIS YEAR IS 2,071.2 MM (81.54 IN).

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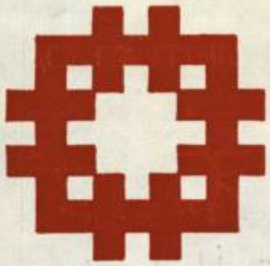
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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND TSUEN WAN DISTRICT IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE WITHOUT WATER SUPPLY FOR ABOUT FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. TOMORROW (OCTOBER 21) AND ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 23) RESPECTIVELY TO ENABLE LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT.

ON THE ISLAND, THE AFFECTED PREMISES IS BOUNDED BY UPPER STATION STREET, WATER LANE, HOLLYWOOD ROAD FROM WA LANE TO WYNDHAM STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL TO MERCER STREET, INCLUDING HING LUNG STREET. PREMISES WITHIN THIS AREA WILL BE WITHOUT SALT WATER.

IN TSUEN WAN, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY SHA TSUI ROAD, TAI HO ROAD, YEUNG UK ROAD AND HAM TIN STREET. PREMISES WITHIN THIS AREA WILL BE WITHOUT FRESH WATER.

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SECRETARY FOR HOUSING INSPECTS NEW ESTATE SITES

The Secretary for Housing, Mr. Ian Lightbody, spent this (Monday) morning visiting a number of new Housing Authority estate sites in the New Territories where construction work is proceeding.

Mr. Lightbody called first at Kwai Shing and then Lei Muk Shue and ended his morning tour at Tuen Mun. All these estates are designed and built by the Architectural Office of the Public Works Department.

Accompanying Mr. Lightbody on his visit was Mr. Thomas Ku of the Architectural Office, PWD.

At Lei Muk Shue, Mr. Lightbody inspected one of the six recently completed blocks where tenants have already begun moving in. The estate is designed for up to 38,000 people.

Work on two sites at Kwai Shing is being pushed ahead and the estate will be completed between March and August next year. The estate occupies a most attractive hill site overlooking Tsuen Wan and Tsing Yi. The scheme includes three primary schools.

Finally Mr. Lightbody visited the site of the new Tai Hing estate at Tuen Mun where 30-storey cruciform blocks, each housing about 8,000 people, are building modern mechanical methods, using towering cranes to lift prefabricated wall and floor components into place.

The contractors have built an elaborated precasting yard on site where these components are poured in moulds and dried. These cruciform blocks will be wide at the ground level and narrow at the upper floors so producing a variety of flat sizes. Each flat will have its own toilet and kitchen.

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黎保德巡視新屋邨

房屋司黎保德，今日（星期一）上午前往新界巡視一批興建中的房屋委員會新屋邨。

黎氏首先前往葵盛邨，再往梨木樹邨，最後到屯門邨巡視。以上各屋邨，均由工務司署建築設計處代為設計及興建。建築設計處高級建築司古栢根，陪同房屋司前往巡視。黎氏在梨木樹邨巡視最近落成六座大廈中的一座。住客已開始入伙，該邨可容三萬八千人。

葵盛邨兩個地盤的工程正加緊進行，該邨可於明年三月八日間落成。葵盛邨可俯瞰荃灣及青衣島，景色優美。該項工程包括三間小學。

房屋司最後巡視在屯門新建的大興邨，該處正興建卅層高的「十字型」大廈，每座約可容八千人，用現代機械化方法進行興建，以起重機吊起預製石屎方塊，安裝成牆壁及樓面。

承建商在地盤有一處預製石屎方塊的場所，將預製石屎方塊倒模。十字型大廈下面較闊，上面各層較窄，因此有各種樓面面積。每個單位有本身的廚房與廁所。