



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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RATES ARREARS RECOVERED THROUGH SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL

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THE TREASURY HAS SUCCESSFULLY RECOVERED MORE THAN 70 PER CENT OF ARREARS FROM DEFAULTING RATE-PAYERS THROUGH THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL.

THE ARREARS RECOVERED TO DATE AMOUNT TO \$2,896,645.09.

ACTION TO RECOVER THE BALANCE OF \$980,000 IS WELL UNDER WAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TREASURY SAID TODAY (SATURDAY).

+BY THE TIME WE HAVE DEALT WITH ALL THE OUTSTANDING ARREARS, WE WOULD HAVE HANDLED A TOTAL OF 6,078 CASES INVOLVING \$3,876,149.94,+ HE ADDED.

IT ALL STARTED IN MID-1977 WHEN THE TREASURY TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE CLAIMS FOR RATES ARREARS IN CASES NOT EXCEEDING \$3,000.

+WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT, OUR STAFF BEGAN TO DELVE THROUGH RECORDS AS WELL AS CARRYING OUT SPOT INVESTIGATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

THE SPOKESMAN ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION TO THEIR ABILITY TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS DIRECTLY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL.

HE SAID: +IF REMINDERS ARE IGNORED, LEGAL ACTION IS IMMEDIATELY TAKEN AGAINST DEFAULTERS.+

HE URGED ALL RATE-PAYERS TO SETTLE THEIR ACCOUNTS BY THE DUE DATE SPECIFIED.

IF NOT, THESE ACCOUNTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO A SURCHARGE OF FIVE PER CENT. A FURTHER SURCHARGE OF 10 PER CENT MAY BE ADDED TO ACCOUNTS (INCLUDING THE NORMAL FIVE PER CENT SURCHARGE) WHICH REMAIN UNPAID SIX MONTHS AFTER THE DUE DATE.

+DEFAULTERS, THEREFORE+ HE WARNED, +WILL NOT ONLY FACE THESE SURCHARGES BUT MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL.+

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE ABOUT 500,000 RATEABLE PROPERTIES IN HONG KONG AND GOVERNMENT'S TOTAL REVENUE FROM GENERAL RATES IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1977-1978 AMOUNTED TO \$722.87 MILLION.

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GOING TO TECHNICAL SCHOOL CAN BE QUITE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE  
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GOING TO SCHOOL EVEN WHEN YOU ARE 60 YEARS OF AGE CAN PROVE  
TO BE QUITE A REWARDING EXPERIENCE ..... LITERALLY.

IT HAS BEEN SO FOR MR. CHOW CHUN-BON WHO BELIEVES THAT IT'S  
NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN.

AND IT HAS PAID OFF HANDSOMELY FOR HIM.

FOR HIS SON, DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW TOO.

ALL FOUR ARE NOW OPERATING A FASHION DESIGN HOUSE IN KOWLOON  
CATERING SPECIALLY FOR THE GARMENT-MAKING INDUSTRY.

ALL FOUR ARE ALSO QUALIFIED TRADE INSTRUCTORS -- THANKS TO THE  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+ALL OF US NEARLY BECAME CLASSMATES,+ QUIPPED THE  
DAUGHTER, MRS. KAM SIU-MAN.

+BUT AS THE COURSE WAS ALREADY FULL, MY FATHER HAD TO BE PUT  
ON THE WAITING LIST.+

THE FATHER DID MANAGE TO GET A PLACE IN A SUBSEQUENT COURSE  
AND COMPLETE HIS TRAINING A FEW MONTHS LATER.

MRS. KAM HAD THIS TO SAY OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S FOUR-WEEK  
BLOCK RELEASE INDUSTRIAL TRADE INSTRUCTORS' COURSE: +NOT ONLY  
DOES IT HELP BOOST PRODUCTION RATE BUT IT WILL ALSO HELP IMPROVE  
FASHION DESIGNING IN HONG KONG.+

URGING ALL EMPLOYERS TO RECOMMEND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO TAKE UP  
THE COURSE, MRS. KAM SAID EMPLOYERS WOULD EVENTUALLY BENEFIT FROM  
THIS.

THE COURSE HAS INDEED PROVED TO BE VERY POPULAR.

+DEMAND FOR PLACES IS STEADILY GROWING,+ SAID THE ACTING  
DIRECTOR OF THE RESOURCES CENTRE, HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS'  
COLLEGE, MR. NGAN HIN-WAH.

JUST WHY THIS PARTICULAR COURSE IS SO POPULAR IS, MR. NGAN  
SUGGESTED, +PERHAPS IT'S THE DECEPTIVELY SHORT DURATION OF THE  
COURSE.+

IN REALITY, THE COURSE IS VERY INTENSIVE AND IS SPECIALLY  
DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD SOME YEARS OF WORKING EXPERIENCE  
IN INDUSTRIES, AND ARE INSTRUCTING OTHER WORKERS AS PART OF THEIR  
JOB.

+THE CHOW AND KAM FAMILIES FOR INSTANCE, HAVE HAD LONG  
EXPERIENCE IN A GARMENT FACTORY,+ MR. NGAN SAID.

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TRAINING BEGINS IN A CLASSROOM WITH TWO WEEKS OF LECTURES ON METHODS OF TEACHING THE SKILLS AS APPLIED TO THE RESPECTIVE FIELDS OF THE INSTRUCTOR.

AFTER THE CLASSROOM LESSONS, THE INSTRUCTORS RETURN TO THEIR PLACE OF WORK. BUT WITH THIS DIFFERENCE: TUTORS FROM THE COLLEGE VISIT THEM TO GIVE THEM FURTHER ADVICE AND GUIDANCE.

IF IT SOUNDS SIMPLE, IT IS.

APPARENTLY QUITE SUCCESSFUL TOO.

FOR, ACCORDING TO MR. NGAN, MORE THAN 150 PEOPLE HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE SINCE IT FIRST STARTED IN SEPTEMBER, 1976.

MANY HAVE GRADUATED TO BECOME TRADE INSTRUCTORS IN THEIR OWN COMPANY.

OTHERS LIKE THE CHOW FAMILY MAY HAVE BRANCHED OUT ON THEIR OWN.

THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE WAS OPENED IN SEPTEMBER 1974 IN RESPONSE TO THE GROWING NEEDS OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

THE COLLEGE WAS ESPECIALLY SET UP TO TRAIN TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS AND ALSO OFFERS A SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE FORM OF A VARIETY OF SHORT COURSES -- THE FOUR-WEEK BLOCK RELEASE COURSE BEING AN EXAMPLE.

THERE ARE FULL-TIME COURSES, PART-TIME DAY-RELEASE COURSES, PART-TIME EVENING COURSES AND SHORT COURSES FOR SERVING TEACHERS AND THOSE WORKING AS INSTRUCTORS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND TRADE SECTORS.

DURATION OF THE COURSES RANGE FROM A FEW DAYS TO THREE YEARS.

MR. NGAN SAID ADDITIONAL ACCOMMODATION IS BEING PLANNED TO COPE WITH THE GROWING DEMAND FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TO KEEP PACE WITH THE INDUSTRIAL DIVERSIFICATION MOVEMENT.

+AN ANNEXE IN THE JOCKEY CLUB PRIMARY SCHOOL IS EXPECTED TO BE OCCUPIED IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR. FURTHERMORE, THE COLLEGE, AT PRESENT MAKING USE OF THE OLD MORRISON HILL GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, WILL HAVE ITS PERMANENT PREMISES BY SEPTEMBER 1982 IN KOWLOON TONG,+ MR. NGAN SAID.

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MORE LAND FOR SALE AT TUEN MUN NEW TOWN

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND TOTALLING 5,428 SQUARE METRES IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON FOR BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. VICTOR LEUNG, SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO SELL TWO LOTS BY PUBLIC AUCTION WHILE A COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL SITE WOULD BE SOLD BY TENDER TO OWNERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT THE ST. SIMON LUI MING CHOI SECONDARY SCHOOL IN TUEN MUN ON TUESDAY (MARCH 20), STARTING AT 2.30 P.M.

THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF SHEK PAI TAU ROAD AND MING KUM ROAD, MEASURES ABOUT 2,935 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$4,740,000 OVER 30 MONTHS.

THE SECOND LOT, SITUATED ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD NEAR SAM SHING HUI, MEASURES ABOUT 1,600 SQUARE METRES AND CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$3,440,000 OVER 48 MONTHS. THIS SITE IS EARMARKED FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

MR. LEUNG SAID THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT OF THE CONTINUING INTEREST FROM ENTREPRENEURS IN THE INVESTMENT PROSPECTS OF THE NEW TOWN.

+JUDGING FROM THE LARGE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES ABOUT THE LOTS THERE WILL BE KEEN INTEREST IN THE LAND AUCTION,+ HE SAID.

+THERE IS ALSO PLENTY OF INTEREST IN COMMERCIAL-RESIDENTIAL SITES AND FLATS IN RECENTLY COMPLETED MULTI-STOREY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS HAVE SOLD OUT ON THE FIRST DAY.+

THE LOT WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS IS LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD AND PUI TO ROAD IN SAN HUI.

MEASURING ABOUT 893 SQUARE METRES, IT CARRIES A BUILDING COVENANT OF \$1,900,000 TO BE FULFILLED WITHIN 36 MONTHS AND WILL BE USED FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES ONLY.

APPLICATION FOR THIS LOT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES BY NOON ON MARCH 30 THIS YEAR AND SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE APPLICATION BOX IN THE RECEPTION LOBBY OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, FIFTH FLOOR, HOUSING AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, 101 PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD, KOWLOON.

MR. LEUNG POINTED OUT THAT THE INDUSTRIAL BOOM IN THE LAST FEW YEARS HAS SEEN A TOTAL OF 26 NEW FACTORY BUILDINGS COMPLETED IN TUEN MUN NEW TOWN AND ANOTHER 19 CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

CONSTRUCTION WORK ON THREE OTHER SITES IS DUE TO COMMENCE SHORTLY.

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NEW CENTRE FOR THE DEAF IN HO MAN TIN  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (SATURDAY) OFFICIALLY OPENED A MULTI-PURPOSE CENTRE IN OI MAN ESTATE WHICH OFFERS A VARIETY OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE DEAF.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE KOWLOON CENTRE FOR THE DEAF, MR. LEE SAID THE PROJECT WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S REHABILITATION PROGRAMME PLAN WHICH STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR THE DISABLED.

HE SAID APART FROM INCREASED PROVISION IN MEDICAL, EDUCATION AND WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE DEAF, THERE WAS A NEED FOR MORE CENTRES WHICH HELPED SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIALS THROUGH PARTICIPATION IN GROUP ACTIVITIES.

BECAUSE OF THEIR DISABILITY IN HEARING, HE SAID, DEAF PEOPLE DO SOMETIMES ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES IN THEIR DAILY LIFE, AND IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THEY ARE HELPED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND TO ADJUST TO CHANGING SOCIAL NEEDS.

THE NEW CENTRE, THE SECOND TO BE RUN BY THE HONG KONG SOCIETY FOR THE DEAF, PROVIDES CASEWORK SERVICES, GUIDANCE FOR DEAF PEOPLE WITH EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL MALADJUSTMENT, ADULT EDUCATION SERVICES AS WELL AS RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

IN ADDITION, IT OFFERS SIGN-LANGUAGE COURSES, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SERVICES FOR HEARING AIDS AND SPECIAL CARE FOR DEAF CHILDREN OF PRE-SCHOOL AGE.

THE CENTRE IS FUNDED BY A GRANT FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND ARRANGED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND A DONATION FROM THE LIONS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 303.

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NEW VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE  
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THE NEW VEHICLE INSPECTION CENTRE BEING BUILT BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN KOWLOON BAY IS SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE.

THE INSPECTION CENTRE, THE EIGHTH IN HONG KONG, IS ONE OF THE BEST IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA.

IT IS BEING BUILT ON A 13,000-SQUARE METRE SITE ON THE KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION AND WILL BE ACCESSIBLE FROM WAI YIP STREET.

ON COMPLETION IN JUNE, IT WILL HAVE EIGHT INSPECTION LANES CAPABLE OF HANDLING 200 VEHICLES A DAY.

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THERE WILL BE AN OFFICE BLOCK, AN INSPECTION WORKSHOP, A STORE HOUSE, OFFICES FOR STAFF, A PUBLIC WAITING ROOM, LECTURE ROOM AND CONFERENCE ROOM.

THE WORKSHOP WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH SERVICE PITS AND VARIOUS TYPES OF TESTING DEVICES, INCLUDING A DYNAMO METER FOR TESTING ENGINES.

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### ANTI-NARCOTICS SINGING CONTEST

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STUDENTS FROM 15 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN SHAM SHUI PO WILL TAKE PART IN A DISTRICT-WIDE ANTI-NARCOTICS SINGING CONTEST TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE CONTEST — THE FIRST EVER BEING STAGED IN SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT — IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO), SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT MUSIC ADMINISTRATION SUB-COMMITTEE.

THE AIM OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS DRIVE IS TO AROUSE THE INTEREST OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST DRUGS.

ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL SING AN ANTI-NARCOTICS SONG SELECTED BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE IN ADDITION TO A SELF-SELECTED SONG.

DR. P.H. HASE, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (SHAM SHUI PO) AND MR. PETER CHOI, SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WILL PRESENT BANNERS AND SOUVENIRS TO THE WINNERS.

MEANWHILE, THERE WILL ALSO BE A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY FOR A CROSSWORD PUZZLE COMPETITION AND ANTI-NARCOTICS ESSAY COMPETITION ORGANISED EARLIER BY THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT ANTI-NARCOTICS COMMITTEE AND THE SHAM SHUI PO DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE AND SPONSORED BY THE LIONS CLUB OF BAYVIEW, HONG KONG.

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS:

AN ANTI-NARCOTICS SINGING CONTEST WILL BE HELD AT 2 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT THE HONG KONG SZE YAP COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION WONG TAI SHAN MEMORIAL COLLEGE, 250 NAM CHEONG STREET, SHEK KIP MEI, KOWLOON. YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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PWD'S ANNUAL SPORTS DAY  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD ITS 10TH ANNUAL SPORTS DAY AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

MORE THAN 500 MEMBERS OF THE STAFF WILL COMPETE IN 32 TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS.

IN ADDITION, OVER 100 UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INVITED THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF ROUND TABLES OF HONG KONG TO TAKE PART IN VARIOUS GAMES AND EVENTS.

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY BY DOTTING THE EYES OF A +LION.+

DURING LUNCH, A PUPPET SHOW WILL BE STAGED BY THE STREET THEATRE GROUP OF THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

THE CAPE COLLINSON SILVER BAND WILL ALSO BE IN ATTENDANCE.

AT THE END OF THE DAY, PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS BY DIRECTORS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE PWD.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PWD'S SPORTS DAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, MR. DAVID MCDONALD, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE ABERDEEN SPORTS GROUND, WONG CHUK HANG ROAD, AT 2 P.M.

OFFICIAL TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES, WISHING TO MAKE USE OF THIS FACILITY, SHOULD ASSEMBLE AT THE OPEN CARPARK OUTSIDE THE RECEPTION OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, NOT LATER THAN 1.15 P.M.

OFFICERS OF THE PWD'S PUBLICITY UNIT WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE PRESS.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE ON FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THERE ARE A FEW CHANGES IN THE PRACTISING TIMES PUBLISHED LAST MONTH. THE NEW SCHEDULE IS:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MARCH 19 (MONDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 20 (TUESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
MARCH 21 (WEDNESDAY)	8 A.M. - 4.30 P.M.
MARCH 22 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
MARCH 23 (FRIDAY)	8 A.M. - 4 P.M.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE SUSPENDED FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON MONDAY (MARCH 19) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD, PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD BETWEEN PUI CHING ROAD AND WYLIE ROAD, WYLIE ROAD BETWEEN HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD AND THE LOK TOA HOSPITAL.

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