



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## NEW COLONIAL SECRETARY IN SEARCH FOR SMUGGLED GOODS

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Preventive Service officers involved in a recent search operation for contraband goods on board a freighter were pleasantly surprised when unexpected reinforcement turned up to help look for hidden gold and dangerous drugs.

Led by none other than the new Colonial Secretary, Mr. Denys Roberts, the new arrivals promptly set about poking around in the most unlikely corners and niches of the ship's engine room, apparently unaware of the heat and grime.

Their efforts went unrewarded, except for greasy hands and stained trousers, but no one appeared in the least bit disappointed.

The visit by Mr. Roberts was part of a familiarisation tour to see for himself some aspects of the work done by the Preventive Service.

Accompanying him were Mr. E.P. Ho, acting Commissioner of the Preventive Service, and Mr. J.D. McGregor, Deputy Commissioner.

The Colonial Secretary first called at the Preventive Service Headquarters at Rumsey Street where he was conducted on a tour of the building by Mr. R.V.L. Hatton, Assistant Commissioner, and shown recent hauls of confiscated goods.

These included over 65 kilos of gold seized during the past three months, large quantities of liquor, tobacco, marijuana, opium - and of all things 12 police batons.

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The highlight of the tour was a search operation at sea for dangerous goods. Before boarding the suspect freighter, the visitors - including the Colonial Secretary - had to be cleared at a check point like all others.

Mr. Roberts was then taken to the lower engine room where he was shown the use of gas masks and other gadgets for the operation.

He observed with keen interest the search of the cofferdam - the lowest depth of the ship and a most likely hide - and spent two hours with the searchers going through many possible hiding places among the maze of the odd-shaped and odd-sized tanks and engines.

Nothing was found, but the experience was reward enough for both the Colonial Secretary and the search team.

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Note to Editors: Copies of two photographs taken during the search are boxed for collection.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTOR TO VISIT CHILDREN'S PROJECTS

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The Director of Social Welfare, Mr. K.W.J. Topley, will be visiting two voluntary organisations tomorrow (Friday) afternoon to see some of their children's programmes.

He will begin his tour by calling at the Kwai Fong Children's Centre run by the Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association on the ground floor of Block 8, Kwai Fong Housing Estate in Tsuen Wan.

The Centre has a membership of 587 children and is one of the Association's 80 service units. Among its facilities are a library, a girls' craft centre and an electrical workshop.

Opened in January this year, its programmes include group activities, interest groups and handicraft classes. The programmes are geared to provide young people with opportunities to discover and develop their personal resources of body and mind enabling them to become mature, creative and responsible.

After an hour there, Mr. Topley will call at the Shek Lei Playground to watch a play leadership scheme run by the Hong Kong Children's Playground Association.

This project is one of nine similar ones which the Association operates in playgrounds in different areas of Hong Kong. The programmes include group activities, ball games, sports days, outings and so on.

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Play leadership is an approach to work with young persons in a playground in a "low organised" and "less structured" manner requiring the use of recreational and human relationship skills based on social work principles.

Mr. Topley will be escorted by Mr. Kwok Ka-chi, Senior Principal Social Welfare Officer (Group and Community Work).

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Note to Editors: Reporters and photographers are welcomed to cover Mr. Topley's visit on Friday (October 5). Transport will be provided. Those wishing to make use of this facility should assemble at the Public Relations Unit of the Social Welfare Department, Room 528A(1), 5th floor, Lee Gardens (East entrance) at 1.30 p.m. that day.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR ABERDEEN RESIDENTS

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A temporary playground is to be built shortly by the Urban Council at the new Aberdeen market.

The playground will cover an area of about 23,000 square feet south of the existing market at the junction of Aberdeen Reservoir Road and Yue Kwong Road.

Aside from the regular playground amenities, it will have a dual purpose basket and volley ball court, a badminton court and a small children's playground and a rest garden.

Construction work is expected to start early next month and should take about 60 days to complete.

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WATER INTERRUPTION

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A number of premises in Chai Wan will be without water from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturday (October 6) to enable Waterworks staff to carry out a leakage test in the district.

The area affected is bounded by Chai Wan Road, from Ah Kung Ngam Road to Wan Tsui Road, Lee Chung Street, Ning Foo Street, Cheung Lee Street, Kut Shing Street, Hong Man Street and Chai Wan Hill Resite Area Section A.

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Release time: 3.00 p.m.