



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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BUSY LEGCO MEETING TOMORROW

A wide range of subjects affecting the public will be discussed at the resumed sitting of the Legislative Council tomorrow.

Unofficial Members will be asking 15 questions relating to transport, public assistance, taxi fares, shipping register for Hong Kong, land for housing and recreation, banking, and trade among others.

The Financial Secretary will also be moving a motion to amend the Telephone Ordinance. It is proposed to increase the annual charges for business lines from \$350 to \$410, and those for residential lines from \$235 to \$280.

Debate will resume on the Securities Bill and Protection of Investors Bill with four Unofficial Members giving their views.

Five new bills will be introduced in the Legislative Council for the first time. These are: The District Court (Amendment) Bill, the Magistrates (Amendment) Bill, the Landlord and Tenant (Consolidation) (Transitional Provisions) Bill 1974, the Training Centres (Amendment) Bill, and the Drug Addiction Treatment Centres (Amendment) Bill.

In addition, two annual reports by the Commissioner for Transport and by the Commissioner of Police will be tabled.

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Note to Editors: The full agenda for tomorrow's Legco meeting is boxed for collection this evening.

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EMPLOYERS URGED TO RELEASE STAFF FOR TRAINING WITH THE VOLUNTEERS

The Secretary for Security, Mr. G.P. Lloyd, today urged employers to release their staff for training with the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) both for the benefit of the community and of themselves.

Addressing a passing out parade for about 60 recruits at the Royal Hong Kong Regiment in Sports Road, Mr. Lloyd said the Regiment had built up, over more than one hundred years, a fine tradition of service in the preservation of security and stability in times of emergency or civil disorder.

"In Hong Kong, individuals can and do do a great deal for the community," he told the recruits. "When you joined the Royal Hong Kong Regiment you showed your willingness to contribute something."

Though the main purpose of the Regiment is to serve the community, Mr. Lloyd emphasised that one should not overlook what it does for the individuals serving in it -- for they are all provided with a most valuable opportunity to improve and develop their own characters.

The following is the full text of Mr. Lloyd's speech:

"I welcome the opportunity to speak to you this evening. May I start by congratulating all concerned on your fine turnout and bearing on parade. You can take much credit for this. But it reflects the training you have received from the staff of the Regular Army. They too can thus be justly proud of the results achieved.

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"In Hong Kong individuals can and do do a great deal for the community. Life here would be far poorer without the voluntary work done in many different fields by members of the public. When you joined the Royal Hong Kong Regiment you showed your willingness to contribute something. Your contribution is being made in a field where it will be particularly useful: the preservation of security and stability in times of emergency or civil disorder.

"The Regiment has built up over more than one hundred years a fine tradition of service in this field. I am confident that you will stand ready to maintain this. The recruit training programme which you have just completed qualifies you to do so. But I am told that if you had been hoping for a respite on its completion - you should hope no more. You are at the beginning, just ready to be trained for operations with the Regiment.

"The main purpose of a body like the Hong Kong Regiment is to serve the community. But we should not overlook what it does for the individuals serving in it. For you are all provided with a most valuable opportunity to improve and develop your own characters. Your training should offer further opportunities. Opportunities to build up qualities of leadership and self-reliance; to improve your physical fitness; to broaden your outlook; to meet people from all walks of life in Hong Kong; and to help develop a sense of citizenship.

"If a volunteer can achieve this, then his employer will stand to gain too. And I can say confidently that many have gained. Volunteers have so benefitted from their training in the Regiment that they have improved their performance in their civilian occupations. I should like to stress how greatly this should encourage employers to release their staff for training in everybody's interests.

"Finally, may I compliment you on the completion of your recruit training. And may I also wish all of you, and your families, a very Happy New Year."

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NEW CAMPING GROUND FOR C.A.S.

The Civil Aid Services will soon have its own permanent camping area in the New Territories.

The government has granted a 50-acre site at Yuen Tun in Tsuen Wan and funds of about \$1 million for the project have been approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council.

The Civil Aid Services Cadet Corps has been using military camps made available by the British Forces in Hong Kong since its formation in 1968. Today it has 20 units with an establishment of 2,000 boys, mainly from public housing estates, squatter area and tenement blocks.

The aim of the Corps is to provide indoor and outdoor activities for boys between 14 and 18 so as to develop them into healthy and civic-minded citizens.

They are given a wide variety of training and activities, including leadership, citizenship, first aid, drill, life-saving, sports and games, hiking, and camping, among others.

Their new camp site in Tsuen Wan will be developed in three phases. The British Forces in Hong Kong has agreed to undertake the first phase which involves site formation and construction of a water tank.

A 2,500-foot concrete road, leading from the Forestry track above the Tsing Lung Tau Road to the site, is being built by Royal Engineers from the United Kingdom. It is expected to be finished by the end of next month.

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As the site is located within a waterworks gathering ground, the questions of pollution as well as the conservation of countryside were very carefully considered when planning the camp site layout.

The construction of the main buildings comes under Phase II which is expected to start in April this year. Work will include the building of an administration block, shower blocks, food preparation areas and toilets.

A C.A.S. spokesman said that as the cadets were trained to be self-reliant, they would play an active part in the project. They will construct paths, drains, level paddy fields and renovate the old village houses.

The improvement, maintenance and upkeep of the camp, which forms the last stage of the project, will be undertaken by C.A.S. adult members and cadets using the site.

"With the completion of the camp," the spokesman said, "young people will be provided with an additional outlet for their physical and mental development.

"They will also be given more opportunity to obtain a better perspective of life so as to evolve a sense of civic responsibility."

The camp site will be used for about 260 days throughout the year by the C.A.S. For the remainder of the year it will be made available for use by other organised youth bodies.

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FLOOD CONTROL SCHEME IN FANLING

The drainage system in the On Lok Tsuen area of Fanling is to be improved to reduce the risk of flooding in the area during the rainy season.

The work, due to start in March this year, mainly involves the training of parts of the existing stream courses by forming about 1,500 feet to open channels, and dredging work to an existing moat.

Ancillary engineering work will include the construction of a road culvert and several vehicular and pedestrian bridge crossings over the open conduits.

The project will provide an adequate open channel system for the conveyance of surface water run-off from the surrounding areas.

The new channel system will also provide a proper outlet to the moat, which will be rendered self-draining, thus eliminating the nuisance problem that has occurred in the moat as a result of stagnation.

The project is expected to be completed in March next year.

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WELFARE SERVICES DISPLAY IN SAU MAU PING

The Sau Mau Ping South and Central Estate Community Work Offices of the Social Welfare Department have organized a display of the welfare services available in the area.

For the past two days the display has been set up in the hall of the Sau Mau Ping South Estate Welfare Building. It closes tonight at 9 p.m.

The display will be mounted again on Thursday (January 10) in the Sau Mau Ping Central Estate Welfare Building for another two days opening at 10 a.m. daily.

"This display is to publicize the welfare services of Sau Mau Ping area and to provide residents with up-to-date information," said Mr. Wong King-tong, Warden of Kwun Tong Community Centre.

During the display, pictures, charts, photos and models will be shown to project the Welfare Services to the residents. There will also be a film show.

About 30 organisations including government departments, welfare agencies, school nurseries, health centres, and training centres for the handicapped are participating.

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SOCIAL WORK EDUCATOR ON LECTURING VISIT IN HONG KONG

An internationally known social work educator, Professor Helen H. Perlman, is at present in Hong Kong on a 10-week lecturing visit.

A Professor of Social Work at the University of Chicago, Mrs. Perlman is here at the joint invitation of the two universities, the Hong Kong Social Workers Association and the Social Welfare Department.

Her visit, which will last until March 15, is supported by the Social Work Training Fund.

Professor Perlman will be conducting a series of seminars and public lectures for social workers and social work students in Hong Kong.

For this month, Professor Perlman will be conducting three lectures and two seminars for staff of the Social Welfare Department as well as the training officers and teaching staff of the recently established Institute For Social Work Training.

The topics are "Reaching out Approach in Social Work", "Supervision and Administration in Social Work", "Understanding and Use of Self", "Skills in Intervention" and "Casework within Social Work."

On Thursday (January 10) the Director of Social Welfare, Mr. K.W.J. Topley and Mrs. Topley, will be hosting a cocktail reception for Professor Perlman to meet people active in the field of social work in Hong Kong.

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Note to Editors: Your representatives are welcome to cover the cocktail reception on Thursday. It will be held at the Reception Hall on the 1st floor of the Central Government Offices (East Wing), beginning at 6 p.m.

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LAND SALE

Three lots of Crown land in Kowloon with a combined area of about 45,000 square feet will be put up for auction early next month for industrial or godown development.

Two of them are located between Cheung Sha Wan Road and Lai Chi Kok Road, while the third is off Lai Chi Kok Road.

The auction takes place at 2.30 p.m. on February 8 in the City Hall Lecture Room.

Full particulars and conditions of sale may be obtained from the Public Enquiry Sub-office, Central Government Offices (West Wing), ground floor, Hong Kong, or from the Crown Lands and Survey Office, Kowloon Government Offices, 405 Nathan Road, 10th floor, Kowloon.

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DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTED

The Governor, after taking into consideration the advice of the Executive Council, has decided that the death sentence passed on Leung Ping-fat on January 22 last year should be commuted to a term of 30 years' imprisonment.

Leung was found guilty of the murder of Kwok Chiu.

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INTERIM ALLOWANCE FOR AIDED TEACHERS AND STAFF

Both qualified and unqualified teachers in aided schools who receive salaries of up to \$4,359 a month are being paid the interim allowance, a spokesman for the Education Department said today.

The spokesman said the allowance also applied to teachers employed on a temporary basis, Workshop Instructors and Laboratory Assistants/Technicians as well as Clerical staff in aided schools.

The allowance in the male scale ranges from \$75 a month to \$200 a month.

The spokesman said: "A circular was issued to schools in the aided sector last month authorising payment where possible in December.

"All those eligible to receive this allowance should be paid not later than January 1974."

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

Daily Guide To Wholesale Market Prices And Supplies

The following prices were realised today (Tuesday) at sales under the Rice Control Scheme and at the Vegetable Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market and the Fish Marketing Organisation Wholesale Market at Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon:

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Rice

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>
<u>China Rice</u>		<u>Average</u>
See Mew -- old crop	Good	--
-- new crop		1.72
S.C.Jion -- old crop	--	--
Po Ngai	Good	1.42
Chu Cho	--	--
<u>Thai Rice</u>		
100% Whole	Good	1.52
10-15% Broken	--	--
A1 Super Extra	Good	1.45
A1 Super	Good	1.37
Whole Glutinous	Good	1.52
<u>U.S. Rice</u>	Good	1.62
<u>Australian Rice</u>	--	--
<u>Pakistan Rice</u>	--	--
<u>Taiwan Rice</u>	--	--

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Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Marine Fish

<u>Species</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Golden Thread	Good	4.2	3.0	3.5
Big-Eyes	Good	2.4	0.5	1.6
Squid	Limited	6.3	3.0	5.0
Hair-Tails	Good	2.4	1.1	2.0
Lizard Fishes	Normal	2.85	0.9	1.8
Croakers	Normal	2.2	0.6	1.5
Conger-Pike-Eels	Good	2.8	2.3	2.6
Melon Coat	Limited	2.8	1.0	2.5
Breams	Normal	4.5	3.0	4.0
Yellow Belly	Good	1.4	0.85	1.2
Mackerels	Good	3.8	3.2	3.6
Red Goat Fish	Good	1.6	0.7	1.2
Fork-Tail	Normal	1.5	0.9	1.2
Horse-Head	Normal	5.5	3.0	4.0
Melon Seed	Normal	3.0	1.8	2.8
Pomfrets	Scarce	8.5	7.5	8.2
Groupers	Limited	6.2	5.5	5.8
Yellow Croaker	-	-	-	-

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Locally Produced Vegetables

<u>Type</u>	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/catty)</u>		
		<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Average</u>
Flowering cabbage	Limited	2.5	0.8	1.6
White cabbage	Limited	1.5	0.5	1.0
Chinese Lettuce	Normal	1.0	0.2	0.6
Chinese Kale	Normal	1.4	0.4	0.9
Spring onion	Normal	2.0	0.7	1.4
Spinach	Normal	2.0	0.7	1.4
Water cross	Normal	1.6	0.5	1.0
Leaf mustard cabbage	Scarce	1.2	0.4	0.8
Tomato	Limited	1.8	1.0	1.4

Supplies and Wholesale Prices of Pork (Live weight)

	<u>Availability of Supply</u>	<u>Wholesale Price (\$/ picul)</u>
		(Average)
Pork	Good	. 285

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