



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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67 PEOPLE TO RECEIVE INSIGNIA

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SIXTY-SEVEN PEOPLE DECORATED BY THE QUEEN FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY WILL RECEIVE THEIR AWARDS FROM THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AT A PRESENTATION CEREMONY IN GOVERNMENT HOUSE ON MONDAY EVENING.

THE INSIGNIA TO BE PRESENTED INCLUDE ONE CMG, TWO CBE'S, SIX OBE'S, THREE ISO'S, 10 MBE'S, 13 BEM'S AND THREE ISM'S.

SPECIAL PARKING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR GUESTS ATTENDING THE CEREMONY.

ALL CARS CARRYING GUESTS MAY ENTER BY THE MAIN GATE OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE. AFTER THEY HAVE ALIGHTED, VEHICLES BEARING G.H. LABELS MAY PARK IN THE FORECOURT AS DIRECTED, OR, IF CHAUFFEUR DRIVEN, RETURN AT 6.50 P.M.

VEHICLES BEARING PINK LABELS MUST EXIT BY THE EAST GATE AND THEN PARK AT UPPER ALBERT ROAD, LOWER ALBERT ROAD AND THE SLIP ROAD TO THE SOUTH OF THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE BUILDING, THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD AND THE CAR PARK AT CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

ALL VEHICLES PARKED INSIDE GOVERNMENT HOUSE SHOULD LEAVE BY THE EAST GATE. OTHER GUESTS ARE REQUESTED TO WALK TO THEIR CARS AFTER THE CEREMONY.

PARKING FACILITIES IN METERED SPACES IN UPPER AND LOWER ALBERT ROADS AND THE METERED CAR PARK BETWEEN KENNEDY ROAD AND GARDEN ROAD WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 3 P.M. TO 7.30 P.M. ON THAT DAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A LIST OF THE RECIPIENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE G.I.S. NEWS ROOM, SIXTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, AT 4 P.M. ON MONDAY (MAY 21).

ONLY PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WITH SPECIAL PASSES WILL BE ADMITTED TO GOVERNMENT HOUSE. THEY SHOULD MEET G.I.S. OFFICERS IN THE GUARD ROOM OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOT LATER THAN 5.30 P.M.

NEWSPAPERS NOT RECEIVING SUCH PASSES WILL BE ABLE TO OBTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS BY MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUPPLY OF PRINTS WITH FRANCIS WU'S STUDIO, MARINA HOUSE, 12 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TELEPHONE 5-224500.

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NEARLY 7.7 MILLION VEHICLES USED LION ROCK TUNNEL LAST YEAR  
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NEARLY 7.7 MILLION VEHICLES USED THE TWIN-TUBE LION ROCK TUNNEL LAST YEAR, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION OR 21 PER CENT OVER 1977.

SIXTY-EIGHT PER CENT OF THE 7,696,662 VEHICLES WERE PRIVATE CARS AND THE REST WERE LIGHT OR HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES AND FRANCHISED BUSES.

THE HIGHEST DAILY FIGURE OF VEHICLES USING THE TUNNELS LAST YEAR --- 30,000 --- WAS RECORDED ON DECEMBER 9, COMPARED WITH 1977'S 23,731 SET ON MARCH 20.

TOTAL REVENUE COLLECTED AMOUNTED TO \$9.4 MILLION --- AN INCREASE OF \$1.5 MILLION.

SINCE 1968 WHEN THE FIRST TUNNEL WAS OPENED --- THE SECOND WAS COMPLETED LAST OCTOBER --- 48.8 MILLION VEHICLES USED THE TUNNELS.

MEANWHILE, THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL ALSO SAW A 25 PER CENT INCREASE IN TRAFFIC WITH 27.3 MILLION VEHICLES RECORDED LAST YEAR.

REVENUE COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR WAS \$135.5 MILLION, AN INCREASE OF 19 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) ATTRIBUTED THE HEAVY USAGE OF THE TUNNELS TO THE EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF VEHICLES.

LAST YEAR, THE NUMBER OF REGISTERED VEHICLES ROSE FROM 207,512 TO 233,150, OR AN INCREASE OF 12.4 PER CENT --- THE HIGHEST SINCE 1976. THIS REPRESENTED A RATIO OF 210 VEHICLES FOR EVERY KILOMETRE OF ROAD IN HONG KONG.

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641 NOTICES ISSUED AGAINST UNAUTHORISED  
BUILDINGS IN FIRST QUARTER OF YEAR  
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THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ISSUED 641 NOTICES AGAINST UNAUTHORISED STRUCTURES DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF THIS YEAR.

THIS WAS 164 MORE THAN THAT ISSUED IN THE PRECEDING THREE MONTHS.

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE B.O.O. RECEIVED 249 BUILDING PROPOSALS COMPARED WITH 237 IN THE PREVIOUS QUARTER. IT ALSO DEALT WITH 3,399 PLANS, AN INCREASE OF 73.

A PWD SPOKESMAN SAID THAT DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW THE DANGEROUS BUILDINGS DIVISION OF THE B.O.O. ANSWERED 10 EMERGENCY CALLS.

THE CALLS RELATED TO DAMAGE BY FIRE, DEFECTIVE CONCRETE, DEFECTIVE DRAINS AND A DEFECTIVE ADVERTISING SIGN.

CLOSURE ORDERS AFFECTING 25 BUILDINGS --- 23 ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND TWO IN KOWLOON --- WERE OBTAINED.

DURING THE THREE-MONTH PERIOD, B.O.O. STAFF ALSO INSPECTED 249 BUILDINGS WHICH HAD BEEN CERTIFIED FOR OCCUPATION SINCE THE END OF JULY 1975.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN PRESS CONFERENCE  
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A PRESS CONFERENCE TO ANNOUNCE THE PROGRAMMES FOR THE 1979 ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY AT 3 P.M. IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. KEITH LOMAS, CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, TRAFFIC HEADQUARTERS, ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE, MR. CECIL CHAN, COMMISSIONER FOR SCHOOL ROAD SAFETY PATROLS AND MR. GEORGE YUEN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN PUBLICITY WORKING COMMITTEE.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONFERENCE. TELEVISION CREWS ARE REQUESTED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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AUCTION OF SPECIAL NUMBERS REALISES \$274,000

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TWENTY-FIVE SPECIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD BY AUCTION THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING FOR A TOTAL OF \$274,000 WHICH WILL GO INTO THE LOTTERIES FUND FOR CHARITY PURPOSES.

THE AUCTION, HELD AT THE LECTURE HALL OF THE CITY HALL, SAW THE REGISTRATION NUMBER BU 888 FETCHING THE HIGHEST PRICE OF \$56,000.

ANOTHER NUMBER 8338 WAS SOLD AT THE SECOND HIGHEST PRICE OF \$50,000 WHILE THE LOWEST PRICE WAS \$1,000 FOR BY 1088, BY 1588, BY 6848, BX 9495, BY 3996.

THE OTHER SPECIAL REGISTRATION NUMBERS WERE SOLD AT THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

BY 348	\$1,100	BY 3288	\$5,500	BY 2888	\$3,500
BY 728	\$3,000	BY 7890	\$1,800	BY 7878	\$20,000
BY 1118	\$3,300	BY 639	\$6,000	BY 450	\$3,100
BY 2388	\$3,700	AD 8	\$37,000	BM 22	\$23,000
BY 1828	\$4,000	AK 100	\$16,000		
BY 2500	\$1,400	6848	\$9,500		
BY 2882	\$6,100	HK 786	\$15,000		

THE NUMBERS AUCTIONED WILL BE ASSIGNED ONLY TO VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF THE DATE OF AUCTION.

TODAY'S SALE, THE 44TH ORGANISED BY THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SINCE MAY, 1973, BROUGHT THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY REALISED SO FAR TO MORE THAN 9.7 MILLION.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE KOWLOON-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ACCESS ROAD LEADING TO KADOORIE BEACH TO ABOUT 150 METRES SOUTHWARD (WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE FEBRUARY 19) WILL BE FURTHER CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC UNTIL FRIDAY (MAY 25) FOR ROAD AND DRAINS CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE NEW TERRITORIES-BOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THIS SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS ALTERNATIVELY.

TRAFFIC WILL BE REGULATED BY SIGNALS AND APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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FIRING PRACTICE  
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR TWO DAYS NEXT WEEK.

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

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
MAY 21 (MONDAY)	1 P.M. - 4.30 P.M.
MAY 24 (THURSDAY)	8 A.M. - 10 P.M.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SAI YING PUN ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON MONDAY TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY QUEEN'S ROAD WEST, WESTERN STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD WEST AND EASTERN STREET.

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