



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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VISIT OF FRENCH FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER

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THE FRENCH MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE, MR. ANDRE ROSSI, WILL PAY AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO HONG KONG EARLY NEXT MONTH.

HE WILL ARRIVE ON NOVEMBER 6 (SATURDAY) AND LEAVE ON NOVEMBER 8 (MONDAY).

DURING THE VISIT, MR. ROSSI WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, AS WELL AS WITH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE PERSONALITIES CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE BETWEEN FRANCE AND HONG KONG.

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GOVERNOR TO ATTEND KAIFONG DAY RECEPTION

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ATTEND THE KAIFONG DAY RECEPTION TO BE HELD AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 6.00 P.M.

THE RECEPTION, ORGANISED BY 64 KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG, WILL ALSO BE ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF KAIFONG ASSOCIATIONS AND VOLUNTARY BODIES, MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND THE URBAN COUNCIL= CIVIC LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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ASST. AIRPORT MANAGER TO RECEIVE TRAINING IN U.K.  
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AN ASSISTANT AIRPORT MANAGER OF KAI TAK AIRPORT, MR. CHAN KWOK-WAH, LEFT FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING FOR EIGHT WEEKS OF TRAINING.

HE WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE BRITISH AIRPORT AUTHORITIES AND VARIOUS U.K. AIRPORTS INCLUDING HEATHROW, GATWICK, MANCHESTER, BIRMINGHAM AND JERSEY.

THE TRAINING PROGRAMME WILL ENABLE MR. CHAN TO GAIN AN INSIGHT INTO THE EFFICIENT OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS AS WELL AS TO ACQUIRE NEW IDEAS AND EXCHANGE VIEWS.

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RETIREMENT OF FIRE OFFICER  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. LEUNG TAK-YAN, ASSISTANT DIVISIONAL OFFICER, IS RETIRING AFTER 28 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

TO MARK THE OCCASION, THE DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. F.M. WATSON, WILL PRESENT HIM WITH A SOUVENIR ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU ON THE 11TH FLOOR OF ASIAN HOUSE AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER THE EVENT. THEY SHOULD MEET MR. CHUI HUNG FAT AT THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU BEFORE 2.30 P.M.

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TEXTILE QUOTA UTILISATION POSITION  
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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY PUBLISHED THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1976 FIGURES ON THE UTILISATION OF QUOTAS IN RESPECT OF ALL RESTRAINED MARKETS.

COMMENTING ON THE FIGURES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WHILST THE RATE OF UTILISATION WAS HIGH IN A NUMBER OF CATEGORIES TO CERTAIN MARKETS, THE FLEXIBILITY PROVISIONS IN THE AGREEMENTS COULD ENABLE HONG KONG TO EXPORT UP TO CERTAIN SPECIFIED PERCENTAGES OVER AND ABOVE THE RESTRAINT LIMITS.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT FREE QUOTAS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES AND MARKETS WERE STILL AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION AND INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE QUOTA POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE EEC, HONG KONG'S TWO MAJOR TEXTILE MARKETS.

USA

THE 1975/76 TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD FOR THE USA ALREADY EXPIRED ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, AND THE 1976/77 TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD HAS COMMENCED ON OCTOBER 1, 1976. DURING THE 1975/76 TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1976, TOTAL QUOTAS USED AMOUNTED TO 796 MILLION EQUIVALENT SQ. YDS. OR 90 PER CENT OF THE OVERALL ANNUAL LIMIT. FIGURES SHOWING THE QUANTITIES LICENSED FOR EXPORTS AND PERCENTAGE UTILISATION ON A GROUP BASIS ARE SET OUT BELOW :-

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION AGAINST GROUP LIMITS</u>
GROUP I YARNS AND FABRICS OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	206	85 PER CENT
GROUP II APPAREL OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	526	96 PER CENT
GROUP III MADE-UPS AND MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES OF COTTON AND MAN-MADE FIBRES	34	62 PER CENT

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WOOL TEXTILE AND APPAREL 29 70 PER CENT

NOTE: FIGURES ON QUANTITY LICENSED ARE IN MILLION EQUIVALENT SQ. YDS.

DURING THE 1975/76 TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD, OF THE CATEGORIES SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC LIMITS IN THE HONG KONG/US TEXTILE AGREEMENT, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN EIGHT OUT OF 21 CATEGORIES COULD BE DESCRIBED AS RELATIVELY HIGH. THESE EIGHT CATEGORIES WERE CATEGORY 22/23 (Twill AND SATEEN), CATEGORY 41/42/43/62(2) (COTTON KNIT T-SHIRTS AND OTHER KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES EXCEPT SWEAT-SHIRTS), CATEGORY 45/46/47 (MEN'S AND BOYS' SHIRTS, DRESS SPORT AND WORK, NOT KNIT), CATEGORY 50/51 (COTTON WOVEN TROUSERS, SLACKS AND SHORTS), CATEGORY 54/63(1) (PLAYSUITS, SUNSUITS, WASHSUITS, CREEPERS AND ROMPERS ETC.), CATEGORY 218/219/224(5) (M.M.F. KNIT SHIRTS, BLOUSES, TOPS AND VEST), CATEGORY 221 (SWEATERS AND CARDIGANS, KNIT) AND CATEGORY 229 (COATS, NOT KNIT). IN ADDITION, RELATIVELY HIGH UTILISATION WAS ALSO RECORDED IN CATEGORY 116/117 SWEATER PERMITS.

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THE CURRENT 12-MONTH EEC TEXTILE RESTRAINT PERIOD BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 1976. QUOTA UTILISATION POSITIONS ON MEMBER STATE BASIS FOR THE FIRST NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1976 ARE GIVEN BELOW :-

<u>MEMBER STATE</u>	<u>QUANTITY LICENSED</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE UTILISATION</u>
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY	25	65 PER CENT
UNITED KINGDOM	41	60 PER CENT
BENELUX	3.97	48 PER CENT
DENMARK	2.1	67 PER CENT
ITALY	1.5	36 PER CENT
FRANCE	1.26	58 PER CENT
IRISH REPUBLIC	0.27	39 PER CENT

NOTE: FIGURES ON QUANTITY LICENSED ARE IN MILLION EQUIVALENT KGS.

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OUT OF A TOTAL OF 108 CATEGORIES ON MEMBER STATE/CATEGORY BASIS, THE RATE OF UTILISATION IN 35 OF THEM WAS RELATIVELY HIGH. THE POPULAR CATEGORIES INCLUDED CATEGORY 3 (KNIT SHIRTS AND BLOUSES), CATEGORY 4 (KNIT PULLOVERS), CATEGORY 6 (WOVEN RAINCOATS), CATEGORY 8 (WOVEN TROUSERS), CATEGORY 10 (WOVEN DRESSES) AND CATEGORY 13 (WOVEN NIGHTWEAR).

NOTE FOR EDITORS:

COPIES OF THE RELEVANT NOTICES TO EXPORTERS WHICH GIVE DETAILED FIGURES OF UTILISATION OF QUOTAS FOR EACH RESTRAINED MARKET ON A CATEGORY BY CATEGORY BASIS ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN G.I.S. PRESS BOXES.

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REHABILITATION CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT  
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THE REHABILITATION CUP SOCCER TOURNAMENT 1976, AN INTER-CENTRE FOOTBALL COMPETITION AMONG REHABILITATION CENTRES FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, WILL START AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 10 A.M.

MR. T.P. KHOO, HEAD OF THE REHABILITATION DIVISION WHO DONATED THE CUP, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY. A TOTAL OF SIX TEAMS WILL BE PARTICIPATING THIS YEAR.

THE SOCCER TOURNAMENT IS ONE OF THE SPORTS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMES ORGANISED BY THE REHABILITATION DIVISION FOR ITS RETARDED YOUTH TRAINEES. IT AIMS TO PROVIDE THE MENTALLY RETARDED TRAINEES WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS AND GAMES LIKE OTHER NORMAL PEOPLE.

+DURING THE COURSE OF THE GAMES, THE RETARDED SOCCER PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO EXERCISE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE PROPER MIND AND BODY/LIMB CO-ORDINATION IN THEIR ACTIVITIES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE REHABILITATION DIVISION SAID. +THEY ARE ENCOURAGED THROUGH THE PLAY OF GAMES TO BUILD UP THEIR ABILITY OF INDEPENDENCE AS WELL AS THE CO-OPERATIVE SPIRIT WITH OTHER TEAM MEMBERS.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS :-

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE TOURNAMENT WHICH WILL COMMENCE AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT THE KWUN TONG RECREATION GROUND AT THE JUNCTION OF KWUN TONG ROAD AND TSUI PING ROAD, KOWLOON.

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ISLANDS ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN ON SATURDAY  
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A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AIMED AT THE OUTLYING ISLANDS WHICH HAD TO BE POSTPONED LAST MONTH BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER WILL NOW TAKE PLACE AT MUI WO, LANTAU ISLAND, ON SATURDAY (OCTOBER 23).

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. DAVID TSUI, WILL OFFICIALLY LAUNCH THE CAMPAIGN AT 3.30 P.M. AND MORE THAN 600 CHILDREN FROM VARIOUS ISLANDS WILL TAKE PART.

THE YOUNGSTERS WILL RECEIVE ROAD SAFETY INSTRUCTION FROM EXPERTS FROM THE POLICE, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A VARIETY SHOW, LION DANCE AND A DRAWING COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THIS EVENT. UNFORTUNATELY, NO OFFICIAL TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE BUT THE 1.30 P.M. SILVERMINE BAY FERRY FROM HONG KONG WILL ARRIVE IN AMPLE TIME FOR THOSE WISHING TO ATTEND.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN MONG KOK WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON FRIDAY (OCTOBER 22) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY MONG KOK ROAD, ARGYLE STREET, CANTON ROAD, NAM TAU STREET AND TONG MEI ROAD, INCLUDING FIFE STREET, PORTLAND STREET, HONG LOK STREET, SHANGHAI STREET, RECLAMATION STREET, SHAM CHUN STREET AND CHEUNG WONG ROAD.

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