



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1974.

# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

UK CONSULTANT TO ADVISE ON FOOTWEAR TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

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A FOOTWEAR CONSULTANT FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM IS CURRENTLY IN HONG KONG ON A THREE-WEEK VISIT TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF SETTING UP A DEPARTMENT OF FOOTWEAR TECHNOLOGY IN ONE OF THE NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

HE IS MR. FRED PILLING, PRINCIPAL OF THE CARDWAINERS TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

SINCE HIS ARRIVAL ON SEPTEMBER 3, MR. PILLING HAS MET LOCAL FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURERS AND INSPECTED THEIR WORKSHOPS, TOURED VARIOUS TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, AND VISITED GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL TRAINING.

AT PRESENT THERE ARE OVER 700 FOOTWEAR MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG, EMPLOYING SOME 10,000 WORKERS. THE TOTAL VALUE OF FOOTWEAR EXPORTS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR AMOUNTED TO \$156 MILLION. HOWEVER, PRACTICALLY NO TRAINING FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY.

MR. PILLING POINTED OUT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FOOTWEAR TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRADE.

THE NEW DEPARTMENT IS PLANNED TO BE SET UP IN THE SAN PO KONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER, 1977.

WHILE HERE, MR. PILLING WILL BE LOOKING INTO THE BEST WAY IN WHICH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CAN PARTICIPATE IN PROVIDING TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR THE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY. HE WILL ALSO ADVISE ON THE STUDENT CAPACITY FOR THE FOOTWEAR TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT, ITS CURRICULUM, THE STAFF STRUCTURE AND THE NECESSARY LIAISON TO ENSURE CO-OPERATION FROM THE INDUSTRY.

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## REGISTRATION FACILITIES IN KO CHIU ROAD ESTATE

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A TEAM FROM THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT WILL OPERATE IN THE KO CHIU ROAD ESTATE AND ADJACENT AREAS NEXT WEEK FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RESIDENTS IN THE AREA.

PARENTS ARE URGED TO MAKE USE OF THE SPECIAL FACILITIES AND REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN, WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 11, FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS. THOSE WHO HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 18 SHOULD REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS.

THE REGISTRATION TEAM WILL OPERATE IN THE KO CHIU ROAD ESTATE OFFICE BETWEEN 9.30 A.M. AND 4.30 P.M. FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO 27.

CHANGES IN REGISTERED PARTICULARS SHOULD ALSO BE REPORTED.

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CHEUNG SHA WAN LICENSED AREA +C+  
LIVING CONDITIONS TO BE IMPROVED  
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THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT IS STUDYING WAYS AND MEANS TO IMPROVE LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE CHEUNG SHA WAN LICENSED AREA +C+ WHERE ABOUT 2,500 PEOPLE LIVE.

IN PARTICULAR SPECIAL CARE IS BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED POULTRY LAAN ADJACENT TO THE LICENSED AREA WILL CAUSE AS LITTLE INCONVENIENCE AS POSSIBLE TO THE RESIDENTS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING ALL POSSIBLE MEANS TO BETTER THE LIVING ENVIRONMENT IN THE LICENSED AREA IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED.

REFERRING TO THE RECENT PETITIONS BY THE LICENSEES FOR EARLY REHOUSING, A SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO OFFER THEM REHOUSING IMMEDIATELY.

A QUOTA OF PUBLIC HOUSING IS RESERVED FOR RESIDENTS OF LICENSED AREAS AND THE DEPARTMENT GENERALLY ALLOCATES THIS TO THOSE WHO HAVE LIVED LONGEST IN THE LICENSED AREA.

THERE ARE OVER 8,000 PEOPLE IN LICENSED AREAS IN KOWLOON ALONE WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING TO BE ALLOCATED PUBLIC HOUSING MUCH LONGER THAN THE CHEUNG SAH WAN AREA +C+ RESIDENTS. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST UNFAIR TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE CHEUNG SHA WAN LICENSEES.

+THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO OFFER THEM PUBLIC HOUSING BEFORE THE END OF 1975 IF THERE IS NO UNFORESEEN DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 17) STARTING AT 1 A.M.

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE NOS. 1-13 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, NOS. 2-10, NOS. 5-9 ICE HOUSE STREET, NOS. 1A-3, NOS. 2A-8 DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, CONNAUGHT CENTRE, BLAKE PIER, STAR FERRY PIER, THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, STAR FERRY MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, CITY HALL, CITY HALL MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, NOS. 1-10A CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, AND THOSE IN CHATER ROAD AND JACKSON ROAD.

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