



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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PENAL INSTITUTIONS FREE FROM DRUGS
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HONG KONG'S PENAL INSTITUTIONS ARE NOW FREE FROM DRUGS AND CONTROLS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE DETERIORATION IN THIS SITUATION.

THIS WAS STATED BY AN EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR, MR. SZETO WAI, AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 56 OFFICERS AND ASSISTANT OFFICERS OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT AT THE STAFF TRAINING INSTITUTE IN STANLEY TODAY (SATURDAY).

MR. SZETO SAID: +IT IS HEARTENING TO KNOW THAT THE SERIOUS PROBLEM OF ILLICIT DRUGS WHICH PLAGUED STANLEY PRISON IN THE PAST HAS BEEN FIRMLY DEALT WITH.+

ON OVERCROWDING IN PENAL INSTITUTIONS, HE SAID IT WAS A SERIOUS AND PERENNIAL PROBLEM.

HE NOTED THAT BOTH THE VICTORIA RECEPTION CENTRE AND STANLEY PRISON, HAD BOTH BEEN FORCED UPON THEM A POPULATION MORE THAN TWICE THEIR DESIGNED CAPACITY, AND THEIR CONDITIONS IN THIS RESPECT FELL VERY SHORT OF THE REQUIREMENTS AS LAID DOWN IN THE STANDARD MINIMUM RULES FOR THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

MR. SZETO WAI EMPHASISED THAT SUCH SERIOUS OVERCROWDING GAVE RISE TO MANY DIFFICULTIES AND PROBLEMS OF HEALTH, DISCIPLINE AND, ABOVE ALL, SECURITY.

+IT IS THEREFORE ENCOURAGING TO KNOW THAT THE NEW RECEPTION CENTRE AT LAI CHI KOK WILL BE COMPLETED IN 1977 WHICH WILL REPLACE THE AGED AND INADEQUATE VICTORIA RECEPTION CENTRE.+

HOWEVER, MR. SZETO WAI ADDED THAT A SHORTAGE OF ACCOMMODATION IN HONG KONG'S PRISONS FOR MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONERS CONTINUED TO PRESENT A VERY SPECIAL PROBLEM WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED WITH URGENCY.

IN THIS VEIN, HE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT MEASURES WOULD BE EXPEDITED TO IMPROVE THE EXISTING SECURITY AND PHYSICAL FACILITIES IN STANLEY PRISON.

MR. SZETO WAI POINTED OUT THAT IN 1973 SPECIALISTS IN PRISON ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING WERE CONSULTED AND HAD MADE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT IN ADMINISTRATION AS WELL AS BUILDING PROPOSALS.

THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS CARRIED OUT CANNOT BE OVER-EMPHASISED IN THE FACE OF HONG KONG'S RAPIDLY INCREASING CRIME RATE RESULTING IN A GROWING PENAL POPULATION COMPRISING LARGELY OF INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED CRIMINALS.

IN SUMMING UP, MR. SZETO WAI SAID THAT PRISONS INDUSTRIES MUST BE GIVEN GREATER IMPETUS BECAUSE IT PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REHABILITATION OF PRISONERS.

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EMPLOYMENT SERVICE TO HELP TANNERY WORKERS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT IS TO OPEN A TEMPORARY BRANCH OFFICE OF ITS LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AT SHEUNG SHUI, THE NEW TERRITORIES, ON MONDAY (JULY 12) TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE CLEARANCE OF TANNERIES ON JULY 31.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OFFICERS WILL BE ON DUTY AT THE SHEUNG SHUI PUBLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE, 24 SAN FUNG AVENUE, GROUND FLOOR ON MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS EACH WEEK.

ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE TO KEEP THE OFFICE OPEN ON OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK ALSO IF THE NEED AROSE, HE ADDED.

TANNERY WORKERS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE IN FINDING ALTERNATIVE EMPLOYMENT MAY CALL AT THE CENTRE TO REGISTER WITH THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE. NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED.

OTHER RESIDENTS IN THE AREA WHO WISH TO MAKE USE OF ITS FACILITIES ARE ALSO WELCOME TO CALL AT THE OFFICE.

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ROLES OF PREVENTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS

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PREVENTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS HAVE TO BE ALERT AND FLEXIBLE TO MATCH CUNNING WITH ASTUTENESS, THE ACTING DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE, MR. PAUL WONG, SAID THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

ADDRESSING 31 ASSISTANT REVENUE OFFICERS DURING THEIR PASSING-OUT PARADE AT THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG, MR. WONG SAID THE RESULTS OF PREVENTIVE SERVICE'S EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS HAD NOT GONE UNNOTICED BY THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC.

+WE, HOWEVER, CANNOT BE COMPLACENT AS THE WELL-BEING OF INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE CONTINUES TO BE THREATENED BY THIS SOCIAL EVIL, AND SOPHISTICATED METHODS OF SMUGGLING ARE CONSTANTLY CHANGING,+ HE STRESSED.

MR. WONG POINTED OUT THAT THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE WAS CHARGED WITH MANY RESPONSIBILITIES, PRINCIPALLY THE COLLECTION AND PROTECTION OF REVENUE FROM DUTIABLE COMMODITIES SUCH AS ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS, TOBACCO, HYDROCARBON OILS AND METHYL ALCOHOL.

+HK \$550 MILLION WAS COLLECTED LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR REVENUE MAY REACH HK \$650 MILLION,+ HE SAID.

WITH THE SPECIALIST KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES THEY HAVE ACQUIRED DURING THEIR TRAINING PERIOD, MR. WONG FELT SURE THE NEW RECRUITS WOULD BE ABLE TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES EFFICIENTLY AND, WITH CONFIDENCE, DISCHARGE THEIR LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES WITH TACT, TOLERANCE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WITHOUT ANY ABUSE.

IN THIS RESPECT THEY WILL HAVE THE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE OF THEIR MORE EXPERIENCED COLLEAGUES.

+GOOD TEAM WORK AND HIGH WORKING MORALE ARE THE HALLMARK OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE,+ HE SAID.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 P.M. ON MONDAY (JULY 12) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CONNECT WATER PIPES AT THE SECTION OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD BETWEEN KWAI CHEONG ROAD AND KUNG YIP STREET.

PREMISES IN KUNG YIP STREET, WAH SING STREET AND THE SECTION OF TAI LIN PAI ROAD BETWEEN KWAI ON ROAD AND KUNG YIP STREET WILL BE AFFECTED.

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MT. BUTLER QUARRY IMPROVED

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED A MAJOR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME AT MT. BUTLER QUARRY.

THE NEW PLANT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED AT 3.30 P.M. ON MONDAY (JULY 12) BY MR. DAVID STEAD, DIRECTOR OF THE P.W.D'S ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION.

AFTER THE OPENING CEREMONY, MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY OF TOURING THE NEW INSTALLATION AND SEE THE MODERN MECHANICAL PLANT IN OPERATION.

TWO VANS (AM2068 AND AM3295) WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE QUARRY AND BACK.

THEY WILL LEAVE THE P.W.D'S CARPARK AT MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 3 P.M. SHARP.

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CROSS-TOLO HARBOUR SWIM
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AN AMERICAN BANKER AND AN ENGLISH SCHOOL TEACHER ARE AMONG 367 PEOPLE WHO WILL TAKE PART IN THE CROSS-TOLO HARBOUR SWIMMING RACE TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

THE RACE IS TIMED TO START AT 10.30 A.M. FROM HA HANG, ON THE TAI PO TO PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR ROAD, AND THE WINNER WILL FINISH AROUND 30 MINUTES LATER AT YUEN CHAU TSAI.

THE AMERICAN ENTRANT - THE FIRST IN THE RACE'S NINE-YEAR HISTORY - IS MR. TOCHER MITCHELL, 29, AN ASSISTANT TREASURER WITH AN AMERICAN BANK.

HE SWAM COMPETITIVELY IN THE UNITED STATES WHEN HE WAS IN UNIVERSITY, BUT ADMITS HE HAS BEEN +OUT OF TRAINING FOR SEVEN YEARS+.

+WHEN I WAS SWIMMING COMPETITIVELY, THE LONGEST DISTANCE I EVER RACED WAS 1,650 YARDS, SO THIS 2,000-METRE COURSE IS GOING TO BE A REAL CHALLENGE.

+I'VE NEVER SWUM THE COURSE BEFORE, SO I JUST HOPE SOMEBODY POINTS ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.+

THE ENGLISH ENTRANT IS A TEACHER AT THE YUEN LONG LUTHERAN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE RACE ORGANISERS, THE TAI PO DISTRICT SPORTS FEDERATION, SAID THAT ENTRANTS THIS YEAR HAD COME FROM ALL PARTS OF HONG KONG.

THE OLDEST SWIMMER WILL BE MR. CHAN CHUNG-YAU WHO, AT 65, IS STILL A KEEN AND WELL-KNOWN WINTER SWIMMING ENTHUSIAST. THE YOUNGEST ENTRANTS ARE TWO 12-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL BOYS, WONG CHAK-CHUNG AND CHOW LIT-MAN, WHO COME FROM THE LI CHENG UK ESTATE.

THE RACE WILL BE OFFICIALLY STARTED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER TAI PO, MR. CLIVE OXLEY, AND PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED BY MRS. JANE AKERS-JONES, WIFE OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THERE WILL BE SEPARATE PRIZES FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SECTIONS AND ALL SWIMMERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE IN UNDER 80 MINUTES WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE.

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FUN FAIR AND SPORTING EVENTS
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THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN WILL TAKE PART IN TWO SPORTING EVENTS AND A FUN FAIR TO BE HELD ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HARBOUR TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

JOINTLY ORGANISED BY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS, THE SPORTING EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN WANCHAI AND WONG CHUK HANG ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND THE FUN FAIR IN KWUNTONG, KOWLOON.

MORE THAN 100 YOUTHS WILL TAKE PART IN A TABLE TENNIS INDIVIDUAL KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION WHICH WILL BE HELD AT TUNG WAH YOUTH CENTRE IN HENNESSY ROAD, WANCHAI FROM 9 A.M.

A LOCAL-STYLED +DECATHLON+ WHICH INCLUDES HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, BASKETBALL SHOOTING AND FOOTBALL DRIBBLING, WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG CHUK HANG ESTATE'S NUMBER EIGHT PLAYGROUND. MORE THAN 600 YOUNG PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE PART IN THE CONTEST WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 A.M.

THE FUN FAIR WITH 20 GAMES STALLS WILL START AT 2 P.M. AT A MINI-SOCCER PITCH IN SAU MAU PING ESTATE (SOUTH) NEAR BLOCK 25.

MORE THAN 6,000 RESIDENTS OF THE ESTATE ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE FAIR.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENTS.

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