



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REVISED QUOTA SYSTEM ANNOUNCED  
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DETAILS OF THE REVISED TEXTILE QUOTA SYSTEM ARE ANNOUNCED BY THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT. THE REVIEW WAS UNDERTAKEN AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD AND TOOK SEVERAL MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE MODIFICATIONS COVER QUOTA ALLOCATIONS, QUOTA TRANSFERS, THE AVAILABILITY AND DISTRIBUTION OF UNALLOCATED QUOTAS, AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON QUOTA HOLDINGS, QUOTA UTILISATION AND TRANSFERS.

THESE AND SEVERAL OTHER ASPECTS HAD BEEN THE MAIN TARGETS FOR CRITICISM OF THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM, CRITICISM WHICH BECAME PARTICULARLY VOCAL TOWARDS THE END OF LAST YEAR AS THE RESULT OF A SHARP INCREASE IN THE DEMAND FOR HONG KONG TEXTILE PRODUCTS IN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE.

TRANSFER OF QUOTA

THIS IS PROBABLY THE ASPECT OF THE SYSTEM THAT HAS ATTRACTED MOST CRITICISM.

ALTHOUGH IT IS GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM MAKES POSSIBLE THE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN THE USE OF QUOTA IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT HONG KONG AS A WHOLE BENEFITS FROM MAXIMUM UTILISATION OF TOTAL AVAILABLE QUOTA, THERE ARE UNDOUBTEDLY GROUNDS FOR THE CRITICISM THAT THE SYSTEM ALSO MAKES IT POSSIBLE FOR PEOPLE TO PROFIT FROM SELLING QUOTAS AS DISTINCT FROM SELLING TEXTILES.

CERTAIN DISINCENTIVES AGAINST PERSISTENT TRANSFERORS (I.E. SELLERS OF QUOTA) ARE BEING INTRODUCED.

THERE HAS BEEN SOME CRITICISM OF THE PRACTICE UNDER THE PREVIOUS SYSTEM WHEREBY A QUOTA HOLDER WHO UTILIZES 95 PER CENT OR MORE OF HIS ALLOCATION IN ANY ONE YEAR RECEIVED FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR, NOT ONLY A FURTHER ALLOCATION EQUIVALENT TO 100 PER CENT OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S ALLOCATION PLUS ANY PERCENTAGE OF +GROWTH+ PERMITTED UNDER THE RELEVANT AGREEMENT, BUT ALSO A BONUS WHICH REPRESENTS THE DISTRIBUTION OF QUOTA FORFEITED BY THOSE QUOTA HOLDERS WHOSE UTILIZATION IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR QUALIFIES THEM FOR A LESS THAN 100 PER CENT ALLOCATION. THIS PRACTICE IS DISCONTINUED UNDER THE REVISED SYSTEM AND THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE ALLOCATED AS BONUS WILL IN FUTURE GO INTO THE POOL OF FREE QUOTA.

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FREE QUOTA SCHEME

THESE ARE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WHICH ANY COMPANY (WHETHER A QUOTA HOLDER OR NOT) CAN APPLY FOR QUOTA THAT HAS NOT BEEN ALLOCATED. ANY COMPANY WHICH OBTAINS QUOTA IN THIS WAY AND USES IT QUALIFIES FOR A QUOTA ALLOCATION AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR. COMPANIES WHICH ACCEPT +FREE QUOTA+ AND FAIL TO USE IT WILL BE DEBARRED FROM PARTICIPATING IN SUBSEQUENT SCHEMES.

AS A RESULT OF THE MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED THE POOL OF FREE QUOTA WILL BE LARGER IN FUTURE, THOUGH ITS ABSOLUTE SIZE IN EACH RESTRAINT PERIOD WILL CONTINUE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE QUANTITY OF UNALLOCATED QUOTA.

THIS ENLARGEMENT OF THE POOL IS, IN FACT, ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE REVISION OF THE SCHEME BECAUSE IT IS THROUGH FREE QUOTA SCHEMES THAT QUOTA ALLOCATIONS ALREADY ARE, AND WILL TO A GREATER EXTENT IN FUTURE BE, SHIFTED ACROSS FROM THOSE WHO NO LONGER MANUFACTURE OR EXPORT THE GOODS CONCERNED TO THOSE WHO DO.

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION

INFORMATION ON INDIVIDUAL QUOTA ALLOCATIONS, QUOTA UTILISATION AND TRANSFERS WILL IN FUTURE BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC AT REGULAR INTERVALS : FOR QUOTA UTILISATION MONTHLY, AND FOR QUOTA HOLDINGS AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH RESTRAINT PERIOD.

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SIR PAUL BRYAN TO GIVE PRESS CONFERENCE

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

SIR PAUL BRYAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE ANGLO-HONG KONG PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) AT 10.30 A.M.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CONFERENCE. TELEVISION CREWS ARE ADVISED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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REVISED SEAMEN RECRUITING PROCEDURES TO STAY  
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THERE IS NO INTENTION OF ABOLISHING THE REVISED SEAMEN RECRUITING PROCEDURES, BUT MODIFICATIONS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION AND MAY BE INTRODUCED IN THE NEAR FUTURE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE SAID TODAY.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON RECENT PRESS REPORTS IN WHICH AN OFFICER OF THE SRO, MR. IAN DALE, WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE NEW PROCEDURES WERE UNREASONABLE AND THAT SHIPPING COMPANIES WERE ALSO OPPOSED TO IT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WHAT MR. DALE IN FACT SAID WAS THAT HE APPRECIATED THAT SOME SEAMEN AND CERTAIN SHIPPING COMPANIES CONSIDERED THE NEW SYSTEM TO BE UNREASONABLE. +HOWEVER, WHILE THERE IS NO INTENTION OF ABOLISHING THE SYSTEM, MODIFICATIONS ARE UNDER DISCUSSION AND MAY BE IMPLEMENTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE,+ MR. DALE SAID.

UNDER THE NEW PROCEDURES, SHIPPING FIRMS MUST NOTIFY THE SRO OF ALL VACANCIES IN SPECIAL FORMS WHICH ARE POSTED TWICE DAILY AT THE SRO FOR INSPECTION BY ALL SEAMEN.

A SEAMAN APPLYING FOR A JOB MUST APPROACH THE SRO WHICH WILL CARRY OUT A PRELIMINARY SCREENING ABOUT HIS QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE.

THE SEAMAN WILL THEN BE ISSUED WITH A FORM (SR 10) WHICH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE SHIPPING COMPANY WHEN THE SEAMAN GOES FOR AN INTERVIEW.

ON ACCEPTING THE SEAMAN, THE SHIPPING COMPANY MUST COMPLETE THE APPROPRIATE PART OF THE FORM FOR THE SEAMAN TO FINALISE LISTING FORMALITIES AT THE SRO.

IF THE SEAMAN IS REJECTED, THE FIRM MUST RETAIN THE FORM AND STATE THE REASONS FOR THE REJECTION BEFORE RETURNING IT TO THE SRO.

SHIPPING FIRMS MUST ALSO INFORM THE SRO WHEN THEIR VACANCIES ARE FILLED.

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REGISTRATION OF DEALERS  
UNDER COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE  
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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOR SECURITIES SAID TODAY THAT THE REGISTRATION PROVISIONS IN PART IV OF THE COMMODITIES TRADING ORDINANCE 1976 WILL, DUE TO ADMINISTRATIVE REASONS, NOT BE BROUGHT INTO OPERATION, ON OCTOBER 1, 1976 AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, BUT ON A LATER DATE TO BE NOTIFIED SHORTLY.

NEVERTHELESS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE WORK INVOLVED ANYONE WHO WISHES TO APPLY FOR REGISTRATION IS ASKED TO SUBMIT HIS APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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SUSPENSION OF MAIL SERVICES TO LEBANON  
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT DUE TO THE CLOSURE OF BEIRUT AIRPORT, AIRMAIL LETTER AND PARCEL SERVICES TO LEBANON ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED.

NO LETTERS OR PARCELS FOR DESPATCH TO LEBANON BY AIR WILL BE ACCEPTED AT POST OFFICES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF HOSTILITIES IN THAT COUNTRY, AIRMAIL WHICH HAS BEEN DESPATCHED TO LEBANON DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS MAY NOT HAVE REACHED ITS DESTINATION.

SURFACE LETTER AND PARCEL SERVICES TO LEBANON WERE SUSPENDED IN JUNE DUE TO LACK OF SHIPPING OUTLETS.

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CLOSING CEREMONY AND SUMMER ACTIVITIES EXHIBITION  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SECRETARY FOR ADMINISTRATION, MR. P.B. WILLIAMS, WILL BE OFFICIATING AT THE CLOSING OF THE 1976 YAU MA TEI - TSIM SHA TSUI DISTRICT YOUTH RECREATION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) AT THE OCEAN TERMINAL CONCOURSE.

AFTER THE CEREMONY, MR. WILLIAMS WILL CUT A RIBBON TO OPEN AN EXHIBITION OF GRAPHIC DISPLAYS SHOWING SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR. THE EXHIBITION HAS BEEN PUT TOGETHER BY 18 ASSOCIATIONS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN ORGANISING THE ACTIVITIES.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE CEREMONY AND OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION.

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO HOLD SWIMMING GALA  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A SWIMMING GALA FOR ITS STAFF AND FAMILIES AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 18).

ABOUT 300 DOCTORS, NURSES AND OTHER STAFF AND FAMILY MEMBERS WILL COMPETE IN ABOUT 20 EVENTS.

THERE WILL ALSO BE AN INVITATION EVENT FOR OFFICERS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AND AMS LIFEGUARDS WILL GIVE LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATIONS DURING THE SWIMMING GALA.

THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. G.H. CHOA, HAS DONATED A CUP FOR THE CHAMPION OF MEN'S EVENTS AND A MRS. PEGGY CHOA'S CUP FOR THE WOMAN CHAMPION.

AT THE END OF THE MEETING, DR. CHOA WILL GIVE AWAY PRIZES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE SWIMMING GALA WILL BE HELD AT THE MORRISON HILL SWIMMING POOL, WAN CHAI, FROM 1 P.M. TO 6.30 P.M. THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. G.H. CHOA, WILL PRESENT THE PRIZES AT ABOUT 6 P.M. YOU ARE WELCOME TO HAVE THE OCCASION COVERED.

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CLOSING OF DES VOEUX ROAD POST OFFICE  
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES THAT THE DES VOEUX ROAD POST OFFICE AT THE JUNCTION OF GILMAN STREET AND DES VOEUX ROAD, CENTRAL, HONG KONG WILL CLOSED AS FROM NEXT THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) ON EXPIRY OF THE TENANCY LEASE.

THIS OFFICE WILL BE REPLACED SHORTLY BY A NEW QUEEN'S ROAD POST OFFICE TO BE OPENED AT 160-164, QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL  
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THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL BETWEEN PEDDER STREET AND DOUGLAS STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND 8 A.M. ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 19).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ENABLE DEMOLITION OF A POST OFFICE CONVEYOR BELT.

DURING THE CLOSURE, CMB BUS ROUTES 1 AND 2 WILL BE DIVERTED TO OPERATE VIA HARCOURT ROAD, COTTON TREE DRIVE, QUEENSWAY, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL ON JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO INSTALL A SECTIONAL VALVE IN THE AREA.

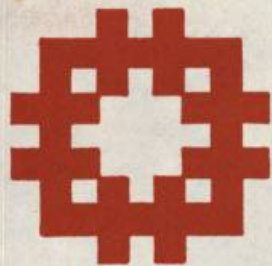
THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE NO. 9 - 21D AND NO. 6 - 44 STANLEY STREET, NO. 36-72 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL AND NO. 1 - 15D D'AUGUILAR STREET.

ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 18), A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND WAN CHAI WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN TSIM SHA TSUI, THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, HAIPHONG ROAD, HANKOW ROAD, PEKING ROAD, CANTON ROAD AND AUSTIN ROAD, INCLUDING ASHLEY ROAD, CANTON ROAD FIRE STATION AND CANTON ROAD POLICE QUARTERS.

IN WAN CHAI, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE EAST SIDE OF CANAL ROAD EAST, HENNESSY ROAD, PERCIVAL STREET AND LEIGHTON ROAD.

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HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY 香港房屋委員會

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Thursday, 16th September 1976

TWO NEW MEMBERS JOIN HOUSING AUTHORITY

Two new unofficial Members of the Housing Authority were welcomed by the Secretary for Housing, Mr. Ian Lightbody, at to-day's (Thursday's) meeting of the Authority.

They are Dr. Henry Hu Hung-lik, O.B.E., and Mr. Charles Sin.

Dr. Hu was recently appointed to the Legislative Council and also serves as an elected Member of the Urban Council of which he is Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Sin is a former Urban Councillor.

Both have been appointed by the Governor to the Authority for two-year terms.

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一九七六年九月十六日 星期四

胡鴻烈與洗祖昭  
任房屋委員會委員

房屋司黎保德，今日（星期四）在房屋委員會之會議中，向兩位新任房屋委員會非官守委員表示歡迎。兩位新委員為胡鴻烈博士及洗祖昭。

胡氏最近奉委為立法局非官守議員，同時是市政局民選議員兼副主席。

洗氏乃前任市政局議員。

兩人已獲港督任命為房屋委員會委員，任期兩年。