



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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SHIPPERS' MEETING BEGINS ON MONDAY

The Director of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Jack Cater, will address the opening session of the 10-day ECAFE meeting on Shippers' Co-operation in Hong Kong on Monday (September 18).

The opening ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the City Hall Theatre and will be attended by ECAFE officials and delegates from 19 members and associate members of ECAFE.

The meeting proper will then move to the Colonial Secretariat for the lectures, discussions and presentation of reports on various problems related to shipping.

Hong Kong's delegates to the meeting will be Mr. G.A. Milward, Acting Principal Marine Officer; Mr. Jonathan Ng, Acting Trade Officer, Department of Commerce and Industry; Mrs. S. Yuen, Secretary of the Hong Kong Shippers' Council; Mr. J.P. Lee, Secretary General of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association; and Mr. Chung Sze-leung, Manager, International Trade Department, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting will be the third on shipping to be organised under the auspices of ECAFE.

The first, held in Bangkok in January 1970, was on shipping economics and administrative policy and the second, held in Singapore in May this year, was on the management of tramps, tankers and purpose-built tonnage.

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The present meeting, organised by ECAFE with the assistance of the Norwegian and Hong Kong Governments and the Hong Kong Shippers' Council, is designed to familiarise participants with specific aspects of the formation and effective operation of shippers' organisation.

A Government spokesman recalled today that an ECAFE meeting held in Bangkok last December recognised that potential benefits for shippers could be gained from the establishment of well organised shippers' councils.

He said: "One of the major requirements for the effective operation of these councils is the availability of trained personnel qualified in shipping and allied fields."

That was why the ECAFE secretariat organised this regional meeting on shippers' co-operation in Hong Kong, he added.

During the 10-day meeting, the participants will review such subjects as methods of forming shippers' organisations, freight rates, port efficiency and shippers' co-operative action.

There will be lectures by speakers provided by the Norwegian Government, the Hong Kong Shippers' Council and the ECAFE secretariat. Case studies will also be presented to the participants for discussion.

Next Wednesday (September 20), the delegates will have a break from the meeting to visit the \$500 million container complex at Kwai Chung. The first berth there was used for the first time last week when the 59,000-ton "Tokyo Bay" moored alongside.

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The delegates will also visit the Marine Department, the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., and Hong Kong Airport.

The meeting will end on September 27.

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Note to Editors: For the duration of the meeting, there will be a documents office at the conference room on the first floor of the Colonial Secretariat. Press representatives are welcome to make use of it for information.

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PREPARATIONS GOING AHEAD FOR 1972 AGRICULTURAL SHOW

Temporary stalls for housing agricultural exhibits will soon be set up on the Sek Kong Airstrip -- the site for this year's Agricultural Show organised by the Agriculture and Fisheries Department.

The Show, to be held from December 8 to 11, aims at familiarising the public as well as local farmers with new developments and techniques in both crop and livestock husbandry.

It should also stimulate public interest in the farming industry and in the conservation of the countryside.

More than 30 stalls will be set up for staging displays by government departments, in particular the Agriculture and Fisheries Department, and for exhibiting items submitted by farmers for competition.

A number of others will be set up by some 30 commercial firms for showing their products and services.

An entertainment programme is also planned for visitors who are expected to reach 150,000 this year.

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PELLETIER HALL VISIT

Note to Editors: Mrs. G.T. Rowe, wife of the Director of Social Welfare, will visit Pelletier Hall, in Clear Water Bay Road, on Monday (September 18) at about 11 a.m. She will be accompanied by Mrs. Evelyn Doe, Principal Social Welfare Officer. The Hall is run by the Good Shepherd Sisters, who belong to a world-wide organisation founded in 1835 by Rose Virginia Pelletier. The work of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd is primarily the re-education and character formation of girls with maladjusted personalities or who are anti-social. The Sisters first came to Hong Kong in October 1951. In 1952, they provided residential care for girls in 11 Nissen huts at Hung Hom. Pelletier Hall was built in 1955 with the help of a government grant and an interest-free loan. You are invited to have the visit covered, and your news team should arrive at the Hall, NKIL 3786, Clear Water Bay Road, Kowloon, telephone K-203884, at 10.45 a.m.

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ROAD CLOSURES

The Transport Department announced today that a section of Plantation Road on the Peak will be closed to traffic for about four months to enable remedial works to be carried out.

The section affected lies between the access road to House No. 37 and the junction with Gough Hill Road.

Part of the road collapsed following a landslide during heavy rains in August.

At the same time, the department announced that from 10 a.m. on Monday (September 18) the section of Shan Kwong Road between King Kwong Street and Village Road will be re-routed from two-way to one-way southbound to facilitate drainage works.

Northbound traffic along Shan Kwong Road south of Village Road will be diverted westwards down Village Road. This arrangement will last for about 5½ months.

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HONG KONG TO HOST REGIONAL MEETING ON EDUCATION

Hong Kong is to host the third annual meeting of Governing Board of the Regional Centre for Education in Science and Mathematics (RECSAM) which begins at the Lee Gardens Hotel, Causeway Bay, next Tuesday, September 19.

RECSAM is a project of the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation (SEAMEO) which has been established by the governments of Southeast Asian countries to promote regional co-operation in education.

The founding members of the SEAMEO are Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and the Republic of Vietnam.

The Director of Education, Mr. J. Canning, will officiate at the opening ceremony.

Among those taking part in the five-day meeting are delegates from the eight SEAMEO member countries, RECSAM officials, consultants from Britain, the United States and representatives from universities, the Polytechnic and Colleges of Education in Hong Kong.

RECSAM receives its funds from two main sources, namely, the Government of Malaysia with financial assistance from the United States Government up to 1975.

It is also receiving financial and/or technical assistance from the Dutch, British and Japanese governments and member states of SEAMEO and also international organisations, such as UNESCO.

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One of its major functions is to conduct leadership training courses on curriculum development and evaluation for key teacher leaders, teacher educators and other key personnel concerned with the teaching of science and mathematics in the region.

It also assists and strengthens programmes and facilities in the teaching of science and mathematics in member states by the provision of consultant and special service.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a report and/or photographer to cover the opening ceremony in the Banquet Hall, Lee Gardens Hotel, 22nd floor, Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay, on Tuesday, September 19, at 9 a.m.

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EXPLANATION OF NEW ANTI-LITTER LAW

Note to Editors: Copies of a press article on the new anti-litter law in Chinese and English will be available for collection in the Press Room, G.I.S., tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m. together with copies of a poster in both languages.

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ARTISTES TO SELL LOTTERY TICKETS

Artistes from four broadcasting stations in Hong Kong will help in the publicity work for the special 10th Anniversary Government Lottery.

They are Miss Landy Wong from Radio Hong Kong, Miss Wan Fong-ling from Commercial Radio, Miss Lisa Wang from HK-TVB and Miss Stella Chee from RTV.

They will sell lottery tickets next Monday in the Star Ferry concourse Jockey Club selling booth to arouse greater public interest in the special lottery.

Following this, they will attend a press conference in the City Hall Restaurant at 1 p.m., and also draw the winning numbers at the lucky draw to be held on September 23, together with the lucky draw of the 55th Government Lottery.

The two draws will be held in the City Hall Concert Hall at 10 a.m.

Radio Hong Kong is sending four artistes -- Miss Monita Mui, Miss Sheila Leung, Miss Kimmy Got and Miss Stella Chan -- to draw the winning numbers for the 55th Government Lottery. Their Lung Cheung Troupe will perform a Cantonese opera after the draw.

Up till 12 noon today, a total of 244,000 tickets has been sold for the 10th Anniversary Government Lottery, and a total of 238,000 tickets has been sold for the 55th Government Lottery.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to send a representative to the press conference on Monday. The four artistes will be selling tickets at 12.45 p.m. You are welcome to send a reporter and/or photographer to cover the event.

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Release time: 2.30 p.m.