



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MR. BRAY NAMED SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS

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It was announced today that Mr. Denis Bray will be the new Secretary for Home Affairs. He will succeed Mr. Jack Cater, who is retiring from government service, on November 15, 1973.

Mr. Bray, who is 47 years of age, joined the Hong Kong Government in 1950. He has previously worked in the Colonial Secretariat, the Social Welfare Department, the Urban Services Department, the New Territories Administration, the Transport Department and the Secretariat for Home Affairs.

He was Commissioner of Transport from 1965 to 1966, Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs from 1968 to 1970, and acting Secretary for Home Affairs from July, 1970 to January, 1971. He is at present District Commissioner, New Territories.

Mr. Bray will be succeeded as District Commissioner, New Territories by Mr. David Akers-Jones. Mr. Akers-Jones is 46 years of age, and joined the Hong Kong Government in 1956, having previously served in the Malayan Civil Service.

He has worked in the Commerce and Industry Department, the New Territories Administration, the Secretariat for Home Affairs and the Colonial Secretariat. He was Deputy District Commissioner, New Territories from 1967 to 1969, and since 1970 he has been Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary (Lands) in the Colonial Secretariat.

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Note to Editors: Copies of photographs of Mr. Bray and Mr. Akers-Jones will be distributed separately in the press boxes this evening.

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HONG KONG TO ATTEND WORLD MENTAL HEALTH CONGRESS IN SYDNEY

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A 40-member delegation from Hong Kong will be leaving for Sydney next month to attend the congress of the World Federation for Mental Health.

The meeting, marking the 25th anniversary of the Federation, will be held from October 8 to 12.

Hong Kong's participation is being organised by the local affiliate, the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong delegation will be made up of people from both inside and outside government and will include social workers, psychiatrists, educationalists, mental health workers and other interested individuals.

The delegation will be led by Mr. Thomas C.Y. Lee, Deputy Director of Social Welfare and leaves Hong Kong on Friday, October 5 returning on Sunday, October 14.

The Social Work Training Fund is making available the sum of \$55,000 for 25 of the group to help them defray the cost of attending the meeting.

The main theme of this year is "Cultures in Collision". There will be a number of plenary and technical sessions in which such interesting and varied subjects as "Family and Community", "Mass Community and Social Stress", "Migration and Mobility", and "Law and Mental Health" will be discussed.

There will be prominent speakers from every part of the world while other functions of the meeting include film shows, operas and social gatherings.

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The World Federation for Mental Health is an international organisation in official relationship with the United Nations and the World Health Organisation. It holds its meetings in different big cities all over the world and Hong Kong hosted the last meeting in November 1971.

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Note to Editors: The Hong Kong Delegation will be leaving by Japan Airlines, Flight JL 771 ETD 9.30 p.m. on Friday, October 5.

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#### WATER CUT

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Water supply to a number of premises in Kwun Tong will be interrupted for five hours starting from 1 a.m. on Wednesday (September 19).

The temporary stoppage is to enable Waterworks Office staff to carry out a leakage test.

The area which will be affected is bounded by Ngau Tau Kok Road, the nullah in Jordan Valley, Kwun Tong Road and Shing Shun Road, including Blocks 8-14 of the Lower Ngau Tau Kok Estate.

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#### CLEARANCE OPERATION IN CHAI WAN POSTPONED

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The clearance operation at the Chai Wan licensed area, which was originally scheduled for later this month, has now been postponed to early November.

A Housing Department spokesman said this was necessary because the new licensed area which is being built to take in the illegal squatters involved in the clearance would not be ready until some time next month.

The clearance involves some 780 structures, of which about 230 are illegal.

About 400 eligible families, comprising more than 2,100 people, have been offered public housing accommodation.

"Many of them have already moved to their new homes in Ho Man Tin, Sau Mau Ping or Lam Tin estates," the spokesman said.

About 1,100 others, many of them fishermen, who have been squatting illegally on the outskirts of the Chai Wan licensed area, will be accommodated in the new licensed area being built in the vicinity.

The clearance will make available land for building a public housing estate which will provide homes for 16,000 people upon its completion in 1976.

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SURVEY OF EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCIES IN INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

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A survey of industrial employment and vacancies for the third quarter of this year is now in progress.

It is organized by the Census and Statistics Department on behalf of the Labour Department, and is the continuation of a series of regular employment surveys covering registered industrial establishments.

The survey began last Monday (September 10) when printed employment return cards were sent to managements of industrial establishments with a request that they accurately provide the information sought as at September 14 and return the cards to the Census and Statistics Department on or before Wednesday (September 19).

Information sought from managements includes employment and existing vacancies, classified by sex, for managerial and clerical workers as well as manual workers. This information, on thorough analysis, will give useful indications on the levels and trend of industrial employment.

A spokesman of the Census and Statistics Department appealed to all recipients for cooperation in filling the cards fully and accurately and returning them promptly. "During the last survey conducted in June 1973, the response from the large industrial establishments was 100 per cent, but the overall response rate was only 62 per cent," he said.

This, the spokesman stressed, could be further improved if all establishments, particularly the smaller ones, would respond promptly to the survey.

The spokesman said that the information provided on the cards would be kept strictly confidential and only statistical summaries would be released to the public.

"The cards will be destroyed under supervision when the relevant data are extracted and summarised," he added.

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LAST CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE OF GOVERNMENT LOTTERY

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Members of the public were today urged to support social welfare projects by buying tickets of the seventh government lottery of the year.

Speaking at a press conference, Mr. David Wu Chung-shing, member of the Government Lotteries Management Committee, said: "This is the last chance to win a prize of the government lottery this year."

He expressed the hope that the sales of tickets will top the one million mark.

The draw will take place at 10 p.m. on October 6, in the RTV Studio at Television House, Broadcast Drive.

Four R.T.V. artistes, Miss Ginny Ng, Mr. Wu Fung, Miss Stella Chee and Mr. Cheng Kwan-min, will draw the winning numbers during the television entertainment programme "Weekend Spectacular".

Members of the public are welcome to attend the draw which will be televised live.

As part of a promotion campaign, the four artistes will visit the Ebenezer School and Home for the Blind which is aided by the Government Lotteries Fund, next Monday (September 24).

On October 1, they will sell tickets at a special selling booth in Statue Square.

Mr. Wu also disclosed that the ninth auction of special car registration numbers will take place at the City Hall Theatre after the draw. The proceeds will go to the Government Lotteries Fund for charity purposes.

A total of over \$1.8 million has been raised in the last eight auctions.

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RECORD NUMBER OF IMMIGRATION CLEARANCES

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The Immigration Department gave immigration clearance to more than one million travellers last month -- a record for any single month.

A spokesman for the department said there were 533,248 arrivals and 501,140 departures, making a record total of 1,034,388.

These figures excluded travellers in transit and passengers who were refused permission to enter Hong Kong.

The previous record was set in February this year when 986,090 travellers -- 514,656 arrivals and 471,434 departures -- were given immigration clearance.

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