



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM UNEMPLOYED ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE  
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MORE THAN 130 APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SINCE IT BEGAN ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FROM UNEMPLOYED ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE BETWEEN 15 AND 55 YEARS OF AGE ON APRIL 1.

ALL THE APPLICANTS HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

OF THE 86 APPLICANTS WHO TURNED UP AT THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, FOUR HAVE ALREADY TAKEN UP NEW EMPLOYMENT.

THOSE WHO DID NOT TURN UP FOR REGISTRATION AT THE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE WITHOUT GOOD REASONS WOULD BE DISQUALIFIED FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

MR. LU YU-HUA, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL SECURITY DIVISION, SAID THAT THE NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SO FAR WAS NOT AS MANY AS EXPECTED.

+THIS MAY BE DUE TO THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS EARLIER THIS MONTH,+ HE EXPLAINED.

THERE ARE 26 SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG -- SIX ON THE ISLAND, 14 IN KOWLOON AND SIX IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. LU URGED UNEMPLOYED ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE BETWEEN 15 AND 55 YEARS OF AGE TO CONTACT THEIR NEAREST SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNIT.

TO QUALIFY, HE SAID, THEY MUST HAVE RESIDED IN HONG KONG FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS.

+IF THE APPLICANTS FAIL TO OBTAIN EMPLOYMENT FOR ONE MONTH AFTER THE DATE OF APPLICATION, THEIR MONTHLY ENTITLEMENT WILL START FROM THE FIRST DAY OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH,+ HE SAID.

ON THE SCALE OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, MR. LU SAID: +THE PRESENT RATE OF ASSISTANCE IS \$180 A MONTH FOR A SINGLE PERSON WHEREAS FOR A FAMILY, \$130 FOR EACH OF THE FIRST THREE MEMBERS, \$105 FOR EACH OF THE NEXT THREE AND \$80 FOR THE SEVENTH MEMBER AND SO ON. ON TOP OF THIS, A RENT ALLOWANCE IS ALSO PAID AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, A SPECIAL ALLOWANCE TO MEET ESSENTIAL EXPENDITURE.+

COPIES OF A LEAFLET EXPLAINING THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE SCHEME ARE OBTAINABLE FROM ALL CITY DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE URBAN AREA, DISTRICT OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, FAMILY SERVICES CENTRES AND SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ALL THE SOCIAL SECURITY FIELD UNITS ARE ALSO LISTED IN THE LEAFLET.

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## THOUSANDS ENJOY IN N.T. CELEBRATION ACTIVITIES

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FUN AND RELAXATION REIGNED SUPREME THROUGH THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY WHEN THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE OF ALL AGES SHARED ENJOYMENT IN A WIDE VARIETY OF ENTERTAINMENT, RECREATION AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN CELEBRATION OF THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AND SILVER JUBILEE.

THEY TREKKED IN CROSS-COUNTRY WALKS, WATCHED PERFORMANCES OF TRAMPOLINING, ROLLER-SKATING, CYCLING, MARTIAL ARTS, DRAGON AND LION DANCES, MODELLING, DANCES AND CHINESE ORCHESTRA, AND LISTENED TO FOLK SONGS AND BRASS BAND CONCERT.

ENTHUSIASTIC YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS DISTRICTS COMPETED IN VOLLEYBALL, BASKETBALL, MINI-SOCCER, TABLE-TENNIS AND BADMINTON GAMES, WHILE CHILDREN HAD FUN IN A SERIES OF POTTED SPORTS.

THE EXTENSIVE PROGRAMME TOOK PLACE THROUGHOUT THE DAY IN VARIOUS SPORTS GROUNDS AND PLAYGROUNDS IN TSUEN WAN, TAI PO, YUEN LONG, TUEN MUN, SHA TIN, SAI KUNG AND OUTLYING ISLANDS.

IT WAS ORGANISED BY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE, THE HEUNG YEE KUK, RURAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO GIVE THE YOUNG AND OLD A DAY OF FUN.

THIS MORNING AT THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND IN TSUEN WAN, THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, DECLARED OPEN A SERIES OF SPORTS EVENTS ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE FOR PEOPLE FROM THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLACING FAR GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE PROVISION OF RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS, IN VIEW OF PEOPLE'S INCREASING LEISURE TIME.

HE SAID THAT THE NEXT TWO YEARS WOULD SEE IN TSUEN WAN ALONE THE COMPLETION OF A NEW ATHLETIC FIELD, AN INDOOR GAMES HALL WITH ACCOMPANYING OPEN-AIR SPORTS GROUNDS, AND A MULTI-PURPOSE AUDITORIUM.

THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND WILL ALSO BE UP-GRADED TO A STADIUM WITH SPECTATOR CAPACITY FOR 10,000, HE SAID.

+WITH THESE AND OTHER SIMILAR PROVISIONS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO LOOK FORWARD TO A BETTER AND MORE BALANCED COMMUNITY LIFE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

THIS AFTERNOON AT THE FAN LING SPORTS GROUND, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES (GENERAL), MR. MORRIS MORGAN, DECLARED OPEN ANOTHER SERIES OF SPORTS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED FOR PEOPLE FROM THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

/MR. MORGAN .....

MR. MORGAN TOLD THE GATHERING THAT IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS BECAUSE OF AN INCREASE IN PEOPLE'S LEISURE TIME, THE GOVERNMENT HAD SHOWN FAR GREATER CONCERN ON THE PROMOTION OF SPORTS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

ONE OF THE RESULTS HAS BEEN THE FORMATION OF THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE WHICH NOW HAS A RECREATION AND SPORTS OFFICER AND SUPPORTING STAFF IN EACH OF HONG KONG'S 17 DISTRICTS, HE SAID.

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HOUSING EXHIBITION ON DEVELOPMENT OF TAI HANG TUNG  
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A SIX-DAY EXHIBITION SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TAI HANG TUNG DISTRICT WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW BY MR. R.H. LOBO, CHAIRMAN OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY.

THE EXHIBITION, AT THE TAI HANG TUNG COMMUNITY CENTRE, IS BEING STAGED JOINTLY BY THE HONG KONG HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO) AND THE COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE (SHAM SHUI PO).

UNDER THE THEME +KOWLOON TSAI TOMORROW+ THE EXHIBITION AIMS TO SHOW RESIDENTS, SCHOOL-CHILDREN AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, THE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA. EMPHASIS WILL BE ON THE TAI HANG TUNG REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME AND OTHER SUCH PROJECTS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

ON DISPLAY WILL BE A LARGE NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPHS, MAPS, DRAWINGS, MODELS AND GENERAL INFORMATION CHARTS.

THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE A LIFE-SIZE MOCK-UP HOME -- A REPLICA OF A SEVEN-PERSON FLAT OF THE NAM SHAN ESTATE, WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEARBY.

DURING THE SIX-DAY EXHIBITION A NUMBER OF ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. THERE WILL ALSO BE DAILY FILM AND COLOUR SLIDE PRESENTATIONS.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4 P.M., FRIDAY, APRIL 22, AND WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 5 P.M., UNTIL 9 P.M. FROM APRIL 23 TO APRIL 28 THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN DAILY FROM 9 A.M. TO 9 P.M.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

NEWS MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOMED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 4 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY). STAFF FROM THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION OF THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT WILL BE PRESENT TO ASSIST NEWS REPRESENTATIVES.

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ADVISER ON SOCIAL WELFARE ARRIVES FROM UK  
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MR. T.S. HEPPELL, AN EXPERT IN SOCIAL SECURITY, ARRIVED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY TO TAKE UP THE POST OF CONSULTANT TO DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE.

HE IS ON TEMPORARY SECONDMENT TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY IN BRITAIN FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS TO SERVE AS AN ADVISER ON SOCIAL WELFARE.

DURING HIS TIME HERE, MR. HEPPELL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR UNDERTAKING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAMMES AS WELL AS A DETAILED EXAMINATION OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY PROVISIONS INCLUDING THE LEVEL OF PAYMENT, ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND METHODS OF ADMINISTRATION.

MR. HEPPELL, WHO IS 41 AND MARRIED, HAD BEEN SECONDED TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS BETWEEN DECEMBER 1970 AND JULY 1973. HE WAS THEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AND DISABILITY AND INFIRMITY ALLOWANCES SCHEMES AND FOR PLANNING OF SOCIAL WELFARE DEVELOPMENT IN HONG KONG IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES.

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40 CHILD CARE CENTRES EXPECTED TO BE REGISTERED THIS MONTH  
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ABOUT 30 TO 40 CHILD CARE CENTRES ARE EXPECTED TO BE REGISTERED WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT BY THE END OF THIS MONTH, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

APPLICATIONS FROM 164 OTHERS ARE BEING PROCESSED.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED CHILD CARE CENTRE OPERATORS THAT IT WOULD BE ILLEGAL TO RUN THEIR CENTRES AFTER JUNE 1 WITHOUT BEING REGISTERED WITH THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE DEPARTMENT HAS OPENED FOR BUSINESS ITS NEW ADDRESS IN THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO HELP ANY PROSPECTIVE CHILD CARE CENTRE OPERATOR.

THOSE OPERATORS WHO WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE STANDARDS REQUIRED UNDER THE CHILD CARE CENTRES ORDINANCE AND THE PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION CAN CALL 3-274477, 3-270808 OR 3-271212 DURING OFFICE HOURS FOR INFORMATION.

ASSISTANCE CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED IN PERSON AT 692, PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, NORTH WING, 5TH FLOOR. VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES CAN ALSO OBTAIN ADVICE IN SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE CHILD CARE SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SAU MAU PING AND KWAI CHUNG WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (APRIL 23) TO ENABLE THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN SAU MAU PING, THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY SAU MAU PATH, SAU MING ROAD, HIU KWONG STREET, AND SAU MAU PING ROAD, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 19 TO 31 AND 42 TO 45, SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

IN KWAI CHUNG, BLOCK NOS. 1-26 OF THE KWAI CHUNG ESTATE WILL BE AFFECTED.

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P.L.B. PROHIBITION IN OCEAN PARK ROAD  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT ALL PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WOULD BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SOUTHERNMOST PUBLIC LIGHT BUS STAND IN OCEAN PARK ROAD FROM 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (APRIL 23) UNLESS AUTHORIZED IN WRITING BY THE AUTHORITY.

APPROPRIATE SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE PROHIBITIONS.

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