



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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OYSTERS AND HEPATITIS: NO PROOF OF LINK

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THERE IS NO EVIDENCE WHATSOEVER TO INDICATE THAT LAU FAU SHAN OYSTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF HEPATITIS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE REMINDED RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COOKING OYSTERS AND OTHER SHELLFISH PROPERLY BEFORE SERVING SO AS TO MINIMIZE THE RISK OF HEALTH HAZARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THERE WAS A STRONG ASSOCIATION BETWEEN INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS AND THE CONSUMPTION OF SHELLFISH TAKEN FROM CONTAMINATED SEAWATER.

PERIODIC TESTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AT LAU FAU SHAN (THE MOST RECENT TEST MADE ONLY LAST FRIDAY, JUNE 6) TO CHECK THE LEVEL OF POLLUTION IN THE AREA.

OVER THE PAST 18 MONTHS, MORE THAN 100 TESTS HAVE BEEN CARRIED OUT AND THE RESULTS SHOW THAT THE LEVEL OF POLLUTION VARIES WITH THE WEATHER. THE LEVEL OF CONTAMINATION, HE SAID, TENDS TO RISE DURING PERIODS OF CONSISTENT HEAVY RAIN.

THE SPOKESMAN RE-ITERATED THAT THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT LAU FAU SHAN OYSTERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF HEPATITIS.

THE SPOKESMAN WAS ADDRESSING REPRESENTATIVES OF OYSTER FARMERS AT A MEETING WITH OFFICERS FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT THE YUEN LONG DISTRICT OFFICE.

AT THE MEETING, THE OYSTER FARMERS ASKED THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE U.S.D. TO CONDUCT ON-THE-SPOT TESTS, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WOULD SHOW WHETHER OR NOT LAU FAU SHAN OYSTERS WERE CARRIERS OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS.

THE MEDICAL OFFICERS EXPLAINED THAT SUCH TESTS COULD NOT BE CONCLUSIVE BECAUSE IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR SCIENTISTS TO ISOLATE THE VIRUS THAT CAUSES THE DISEASE.

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FUNG MO STREET INTERCHANGE OPENS ON WEDNESDAY

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THE NEWLY-COMPLETED FUNG MO STREET INTERCHANGE IN KOWLOON, WHICH WILL GREATLY FACILITATE EAST-WEST THROUGH TRAFFIC ALONG LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, WILL BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC AT 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 11).

NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPENING. ALL TRAFFIC ON THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WISHING TO TURN INTO FUNG MO STREET WILL KEEP TO THE LEFT AND ENTER THE SLIP ROAD LEADING TO AND OVER THE NEW FLYOVER.

MOTORISTS TRAVELLING NORTH ALONG FUNG MO STREET WISHING TO TURN RIGHT INTO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL GO ON TO THE FLYOVER AND EXIT ONTO LUNG CHEUNG ROAD VIA THE SLIP ROAD.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE PEDESTRIAN OVERPASS SPANNING LUNG CHEUNG ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO PROVIDE SAFE CROSSING FACILITIES FOR PEDESTRIANS.

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNALS WILL BE IN OPERATION AT THE JUNCTION OF FUNG MO STREET AND FU MEI STREET. THE EXISTING TRAFFIC SIGNALS, LOCATED AT THE JUNCTION OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND FUNG MO STREET, WILL BE CANCELLED.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP AND POLICE WILL BE ON HAND TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

THREE BUS ROUTES, NOS. 2F, 3C AND 11C WHICH AT PRESENT OPERATE VIA FUNG MO STREET WILL USE THE NEW FLYOVER AND OBSERVE A NEW BUS STOP BENEATH THE FLYOVER.

MEANWHILE, ON THE HONG KONG ISLAND, THE U-SHAPE APPROACH ROAD LEADING FROM GLOUCESTER ROAD TO THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL ENTRANCE WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED FOR SIX HOURS FROM MIDNIGHT TOMORROW (TUESDAY) TO 6 A.M. THE NEXT MORNING TO ENABLE RESURFACING WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT. IN CASE OF HEAVY RAINS, THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE WILL BE POSTPONED BY ONE DAY.

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TUEN NG IS A STATUTORY HOLIDAY  
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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT THE TUEN NG (DRAGON BOAT) FESTIVAL WHICH THIS YEAR FALLS ON SATURDAY (JUNE 14), IS ONE OF THE SIX STATUTORY HOLIDAYS UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

MR. HENDERSON EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED NOT ONLY TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO TO EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH AND ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. AND THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYER FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

+IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY,+ HE SAID.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIS EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE BEFORE GIVING HIM AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

+IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY,+ MR. HENDERSON ADDED.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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**KWUN TONG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE HANDED OVER**  
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THE NEW TECHNICAL INSTITUTE AT KWUN TONG WAS HANDED OVER TODAY TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT BY THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COURSES WILL BEGIN THIS SEPTEMBER WITH THE ENROLMENT OF OVER 1,000 FIRST YEAR CRAFT AND TECHNICIAN STUDENTS.

THE NEW INSTITUTE HAS FIVE TEACHING DEPARTMENT - CLOTHING INDUSTRIES, ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, PRINTING, AND TEXTILE INDUSTRIES.

IN ADDITION TO CLASSROOMS AND LECTURE THEATRES, THE ACCOMMODATION IN THE \$16-MILLION BUILDING INCLUDES EXTENSIVE AND WELL-EQUIPPED WORKSHOPS AND LABORATORIES, DRAWING OFFICES, A LIBRARY, STUDENT COMMON ROOMS AND OFFICES, CANTEEN FACILITIES AND A LARGE MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.

WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL THE INSTITUTE WILL OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME COURSES AND CATER FOR SEVERAL THOUSAND STUDENTS.

+THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TECHNICAL INSTITUTES IN A NUMBER OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL AREAS IS PART OF A BROAD GOVERNMENT PROGRAMME DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT TECHNICAL PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET THE EXISTING AND FUTURE DEMANDS OF INDUSTRY,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE MAJOR FUNCTION OF THE INSTITUTES IS TO PROVIDE THE RELATED TECHNICAL EDUCATION WHICH IS REQUIRED TO COMPLEMENT THE TRAINING PROVIDED BY INDUSTRY.

THROUGH THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT THE GOVERNMENT IS OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO EMPLOYERS WHO WISH TO START APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES.

APPRENTICES STUDY ON A PART-TIME DAY RELEASE BASIS ATTENDING THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR ONE FULL-DAY AND TWO EVENINGS A WEEK. THIS COMBINATION OF ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION IS RECOGNISED IN MOST INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES AS BEING THE BEST AND MOST ECONOMICAL WAY OF TRAINING CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS.

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ALTHOUGH OVER 180 INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN HONG KONG ARE OPERATING TRAINING SCHEMES, THE NUMBER OF APPRENTICES BEING TRAINED FALLS A LONG WAY SHORT OF THE TOTAL NEEDS INDICATED BY THE MANPOWER SURVEYS RECENTLY CONDUCTED BY THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL.

+WITH THE OPENING OF THIS NEW INSTITUTE AT KWUN TONG, AND ANOTHER AT KWAI CHUNG WHICH IS NEARING COMPLETION, IT IS HOPED THAT MANY MORE COMPANIES WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE INCREASED NUMBER OF PART-TIME DAY RELEASE COURSES NOW BEING OFFERED FOR THEIR BENEFIT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NEWLY COMPLETED TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION THIS EVENING.

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LOTTERY DRAW TO BE TELEVISED

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THE DRAW FOR WINNING NUMBERS OF THE SECOND GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR WILL BE TELEVISED LIVE TO ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO SHARE IN THE EXCITEMENT OF THE OCCASSION.

MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT TODAY THAT DETAILS WERE BEING WORKED OUT WITH HK-TV8 TO SCREEN THE EVENT ON ITS POPULAR +ENJOY YOURSELF TONIGHT+ PROGRAMME ON JUNE 20.

THE DRAW WILL BE PERFORMED BY FOUR TV8 ARTISTES — LOUISE LEE SEE-KEI, MIU KAM-FUNG, SUM SUM AND WAN LOU-MEI. THE FOUR BEAUTIES WILL ALSO HELP PROMOTE TICKET SALES BY PERSONALLY SELLING TICKETS AT THE KOWLOON STAR FERRY CONCOURSE AT 5 P.M. NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 16).

MR. CHAU EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH TICKET SALES FOR THE LAST LOTTERY WHICH AMOUNTED TO ONLY 575,000 — FAR BELOW THE 974,000 TICKETS SOLD IN THE FIRST LOTTERY LAST YEAR. THE DROP WAS PROBABLY DUE TO THE HEAVY RAINS DURING THE SALE PERIOD, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT TICKET SALES FOR THE CURRENT AND FUTURE LOTTERIES WOULD PICK UP.

OTHER MEMBERS OF THE LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE PRESENT AT TODAY'S CONFERENCE WERE : MR. DAVID WU CHUNG-SHING, MR. T.H. BARMA, MR. S.A.S. DUNLOP, MISS ANNE CHAN SUET-MAN, AND MR. GEORGE RAHMIN, SECRETARY TO THE COMMITTEE.

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RESIDENTS REMINDED OF NEED TO REGISTER  
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THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO REGISTER THEMSELVES AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR IDENTITY CARDS.

CHANGES IN REGISTERED PARTICULARS, SUCH AS CHANGE OF ADDRESS, MARRIAGE STATUS OR CHANGE IN JOBS, SHOULD ALSO BE REPORTED SO THAT THE RECORDS CAN BE UPDATED.

A SPECIAL FORM (ROP 18) IS AVAILABLE FOR REPORTING SUCH CHANGES AND MAY BE OBTAINED FROM ANY POST OFFICE ENQUIRY COUNTER, CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR NEW TERRITORIES DISTRICT OFFICE. NO POSTAGE IS NECESSARY IN MAILING THE FORM TO THE DEPARTMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT REMINDED PARENTS TO REGISTER THEIR 11-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN FOR JUVENILE I.D. CARDS, HOLDERS OF JUVENILE CARDS SHOULD REGISTER FOR AN ADULT CARD AT THE AGE OF 18.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID NEW ARRIVALS WHO INTEND TO STAY IN HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS ARE ALSO OBLIGED TO REGISTER FOR AN IDENTITY CARD WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL. POSSESSION OF A TRAVEL DOCUMENT, INCLUDING A BRITISH PASSPORT DOES NOT ABSOLVE A PERSON FROM REGISTERING, HE SAID.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT  
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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 66,635 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 99 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 36,337 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 50,054 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 28,339 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 99.1 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TOTAL OF 1.5 MM (0.06 IN) WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 AM TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,342.1 MM (52.84 IN).

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QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO REFUGEES  
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THE QUEEN HAS SENT A MESSAGE TO THE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG WISHING THEM THE BEST IN THE FUTURE.

THE MESSAGE CAME IN RESPONSE TO A TELEGRAM SENT TO BUCKINGHAM PALACE BY THE REFUGEE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE DODWELL'S RIDGE REFUGEE CAMP EXPRESSING THEIR GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

THE TELEGRAM FROM THE REFUGEE COMMITTEE TO THE QUEEN READ:

+ALL VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO LEFT EVERYTHING AND NATIVE LAND FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY RESPECTFULLY EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION AND HEARTFELT THANKS TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR OF HONG KONG AND PEOPLE OF HONG KONG FOR GENEROSITY, MAGNANIMITY, HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE AND COMMODITIES TO HELP THEM START ESTABLISHING A NEW LIFE IN FREE COUNTRIES. GOD BLESS YOU.+

THE QUEEN'S REPLY, SENT BY HER PRIVATE SECRETARY, READ:  
+I AM COMMANDED BY THE QUEEN TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM AND TO SAY THAT THE QUEEN FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST THE DETAILS OF YOUR RECEPTION IN HONG KONG DURING HER OWN VISIT THERE, AND SENDS HER BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE.+

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