



SUNDAY, JULY 18, 1976

DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL

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SET AGAINST THE SCENIC SURROUNDINGS OF PAT HEUNG IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IS A TRAINING SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE FOR PRODUCING ONE OF THE MOST EFFICIENT FIRE FIGHTING FORCES IN THE WORLD.

THE FIRE SERVICES TRAINING SCHOOL, OCCUPYING AN AREA OF ABOUT EIGHT ACRES, IS THE PLACE WHERE NEW RECRUITS ARE TURNED INTO CONFIDENT AND PROFESSIONAL FIREMEN.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 20 FIRE OFFICERS, 100 FIREMEN AND 18 AMBULANCEMEN RECEIVED TRAINING AT THE SCHOOL AND WERE POSTED TO VARIOUS FIRE STATIONS. IN ADDITION, THREE FIRE OFFICERS FROM BRUNEI ALSO COMPLETED A COURSE AT THE SCHOOL.

ACCORDING TO A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN, OPERATIONAL TRAINEES ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERGO 26 WEEKS' INSTRUCTION COVERING MORE THAN 1,000 PRACTICAL PERIODS, LECTURES AND VISITS.

HE SAID: +THE RANGE OF INSTRUCTION IS EXTREMELY WIDE, COVERING SUCH SUBJECTS AS CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS, HYDRAULICS, LAW, MECHANICS, FIRE PREVENTION, RESCUE PROCEDURES AND FIRST AID.+

DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF THE TRAINING, STUDENTS ARE TAUGHT HOW TO OPERATE VARIOUS TYPES OF FIRE FIGHTING APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS LADDERS AND PUMPS. LATER, THEY ARE TRAINED TO FIGHT DIFFERENT TYPES OF FIRES AND TO RESCUE PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS SITUATIONS.

THROUGH CONSTANT REHEARSALS IN THE SCHOOL'S 80-FOOT +DRILL TOWERS+, TRAINEES BECOME USED TO HEIGHTS AND CONDITIONS IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDING FIRES. THEY ALSO RECEIVE TRAINING, FULLY EQUIPPED, IN A SIMULATED SEWER TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO CRAMPED CONDITIONS.

+AS A FIREMAN'S JOB REQUIRES ALL HIS STRENGTH AND COOL-HEADEDNESS, THERE IS MUCH EMPHASIS ON PHYSICAL FITNESS,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

+THEREFORE, BESIDES PHYSICAL TRAINING AND REGULAR SWIMMING AND SPORT ACTIVITIES, CROSS COUNTRY RUNS ARE ORGANISED.+

AT THE END OF THE SIX-MONTH INTENSIVE TRAINING, ALL RECRUITS HAVE TO PASS AN EXAMINATION BEFORE BEING POSTED TO STATIONS FOR DUTY.

FOR SERVING FIREMEN, REFRESHER COURSES ARE HELD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THESE ARE DESIGNED TO EVALUATE THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION AS WELL AS TO ENSURE STANDARDISATION OF PROCEDURES, DRILLS AND EQUIPMENT USAGE.

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EACH COURSE LASTS FOR ABOUT A WEEK.

APART FROM TRAINING FIREMEN, THE SCHOOL ALSO RUNS SHORT FIRE FIGHTING AND BREATHING APPARATUS COURSES FOR THE STAFF OF OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND PRIVATE COMPANIES.

+THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATING IN THESE COURSES, USUALLY LASTING FROM ONE TO FOUR DAYS, IS ON THE INCREASE, REFLECTING A GROWING INTEREST AND AWARENESS IN FIRE FIGHTING AMONG PRIVATE FIRMS IN HONG KONG,+ THE SPOKESMAN NOTED.

OVER 140 SUCH COURSES WERE HELD IN 1975 AND WERE ATTENDED BY NEARLY 3,000 STAFF MEMBERS FROM LOCAL SHIPPING COMPANIES, SEA TRAINING SCHOOLS AND THE MARINE DEPARTMENT. IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR, 55 COURSES WERE HELD FOR 1,074 PERSONS.

A NUMBER OF TWO-DAY COURSES WERE ALSO ORGANISED FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE THREE LOCAL FLOATING RESTAURANTS.

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USED TEXTBOOKS SALE
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THE LAM TIN ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE (WEST) OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS SPONSORING A USED TEXTBOOKS SALE TO HELP PARENTS OF SCHOOL STUDENTS KEEP BOOK COSTS DOWN.

THE COLLECTION, SORTING AND SALE WILL BE HANDLED BY THE STUDY ROOM SERVICE GROUP OF THE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE.

BOOKS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY) UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH ON THE FIRST FLOOR OF LAM TIN (WEST) ESTATE WELFARE BUILDING FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M. AND 7 P.M. TO 9 P.M. DAILY.

THE SALE WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN AUGUST 8 AND 14.

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INCREASE IN TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP

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A TOTAL OF 358 TRADE UNIONS WITH A DECLARED MEMBERSHIP OF 372,000 WERE ON THE REGISTER AT THE END OF LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, ENDING ON MARCH 31.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS RELEASED BY THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS, THE MEMBERSHIP FIGURE SHOWS AN INCREASE OF 44,520 OVER THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR.

DURING THE YEAR, 13 NEW UNIONS WERE REGISTERED AND FOUR WERE DE-REGISTERED.

OF THE 358 UNIONS, 301 ARE EMPLOYEES' UNIONS WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF 361,000, 44 EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS WITH 4,800 MEMBERS, 12 MIXED ORGANISATIONS OF EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS WITH 5,900 MEMBERS AND ONE TRADE UNION FEDERATION COMPRISING FOUR REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' UNIONS.

THE NUMBER OF WOMEN MEMBERS CONTINUED TO GROW SIGNIFICANTLY AND AT THE END OF 1975, THE OVERALL TOTAL OF WOMEN UNIONISTS STOOD AT 76,821, COMPARED WITH THE 60,785 ON DECEMBER 31, 1974, AN INCREASE OF 16,036.

THE NUMBER OF WOMEN MEMBERS IN EMPLOYEES' UNIONS ROSE BY 16,035 TO 75,458 WHILE THOSE OF THE EMPLOYERS' ASSOCIATIONS AND MIXED ORGANISATIONS OF EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS NUMBERED 365 AND 998 RESPECTIVELY, THE FORMER SHOWING AN INCREASE OF FOUR AND THE LATTER A DECREASE OF THREE AS COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

DURING THE YEAR, 732 INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED AT THE DEPARTMENT WITH TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE SUBJECTS DEALT WITH IN THESE INTERVIEWS WERE MAINLY ADVICE ON THE FORMATION OF NEW UNIONS, HARMONIZING THE RULES OF NEW UNIONS WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE TRADE UNIONS ORDINANCE, CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSED ALTERATIONS IN REGISTERED RULES AND CHANGE IN NAME OF EXISTING UNIONS, ELIGIBILITY OF UNION OFFICERS, DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS AND THE GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LOCAL TRADE UNIONISM.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT ALSO CARRIED OUT INSPECTIONS OF ACCOUNT BOOKS AND REGISTERS OF MEMBERS AT 88 UNION PREMISES TO ENSURE FUNDS WERE BEING CORRECTLY BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT AND TO GIVE ON-THE-SPOT PRACTICAL ADVICE, WHERE NECESSARY, TO REMEDY ANY ACCOUNTING OR ADMINISTRATIVE DEFECTS DISCOVERED.

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KING'S COLLEGE GOLDEN JUBILEE ART EXHIBITION
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THE ART CLUB OF KING'S COLLEGE WILL HOLD AN ART EXHIBITION TO CELEBRATE THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF KING'S COLLEGE AT THE SCHOOL HALL FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. TOMORROW (MONDAY) AND ON TUESDAY TO PROMOTE THE INTERESTS OF STUDENTS IN ART.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE HELD AT THE COLLEGE AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW. WORKS BY THE STUDENTS INCLUDING FOLD-DYE, TIE-DYE, BATIK, PAINTING, DRAWING, ETCHING, DESIGN, PLASTIC, SCREEN-PRINTING AND CERAMIC WILL BE ON DISPLAY AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THERE WILL BE A DESIGN SECTION SHOWING EXHIBITS OF BOOK-JACKETS AND RECORD-COVERS, T-SHIRTS, BAGS AND OTHER THINGS DESIGNED BY THE STUDENTS.

A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROCEDURE OF MAKING POTTERY, ETCHING AND SCREEN-PRINT WILL BE DONE BY THE STUDENTS AT THE EXHIBITION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED.

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AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES NEW DESIGN FOR PUBLIC HOUSING

A new building design that will set the pace for public housing standards in the future were announced today (Sunday) by the Housing Authority.

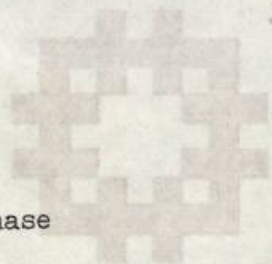
The new "point blocks", which are H-shape in design, will give tenants more privacy, better light and ventilation as well as generate a sense of community.

Flats in this new design will have slightly bigger kitchens, toilets and balconies. There will also be a better lift service to ensure a smooth flow of traffic and reduce the waiting time for tenants.

Besides incorporating improvements over the central corridor, balcony access and twin-tower designs, the new plan will provide different size flats and fewer units on each floor -- eight of about 380 square feet and four two-bedroom flats of about 700 square feet.

The services as lifts and staircases will be confined to the central cross-bar of the blocks which will rise 28 to 32 storeys high. This new design will give architects more flexibility to plan various combinations giving estates more interesting and varied layouts. They also include substantial structural improvements over previous designs and will also enable rationalised method of construction to be employed.

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The first estates to include the new designs will be Phase II of Ngau Chi Wan and Shun Lee Tsuen and Phase I of Chai Wan Redevelopment.

The contracts for the first stages of Ngau Chi Wan and Shun Lee Tsuen were signed last week.

The Shun Lee Tsuen contract, worth \$48 million, was for the building of three twin-tower blocks for 16,000 people, a three-storey carpark and a primary school. The second contract of \$41 million for Ngau Chi Wan is also for the development of three more twin-tower blocks for 16,000 people, a primary school and a kindergarten.

Building works for both projects should commence later this month and be completed in mid-1978.

Shun Lee Tsuen Estate, the home of 66,000 people on completion in the early 1980s, has been comprehensively planned, completed with its own essential ancillary facilities for educational, commercial and social activities. Systems of elevated walkways will be provided to connect various parts of the estate with the estate's commercial centre.

Ngau Chi Wan Estate occupies a 40-acre site on both sides of Clearwater Bay Road. Due to the contours, a number of platforms at differing heights has been formed for the building of housing blocks. The two levels of the estate will be linked by elevated walkways over Clearwater Bay Road.

In line with the present day estate planning concept, there will be a large commercial complex and a welfare building. There will be four primary schools and a same number of kindergartens. Ngau Chi Wan Estate will house 60,000 people on completion in 1979.