



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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CENTRAL EXAMINATION AUTHORITY PLANNED

THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL HAS AGREED THAT THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION SHOULD STUDY WHAT IS ENTAILED IN SETTING UP A PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY TO PLAN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTRAL EXAMINATION AUTHORITY.

APPROVAL FOR THIS EXERCISE WAS GIVEN FOLLOWING THE DIRECTOR'S REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT TO PROCEED ON THE LINES OF A PROPOSAL HE MADE IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 2, 1975 WHEN HE SAID:

✦ I HAVE LONG BEEN OF THE OPINION THAT IN THIS AREA WE SHOULD MAKE EARLY AND VIGOROUS PROPOSALS TO SET UP AN INDEPENDENT EXAMINATIONS AUTHORITY.

✦ IT IS NO LONGER APPROPRIATE FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANISING AND RUNNING THE SSEE, THE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION AND A HOST OF EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS INCLUDING THE GCE WHILE THE UNIVERSITIES HAVE THE BURDEN OF RUNNING THE ADVANCE LEVEL EXAMINATION AND THE MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

✦ SUCH A MEASURE - THE DISESTABLISHMENT OF THE EXAMINATION DIVISION (OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT) - WOULD HAVE TWO MAJOR ADVANTAGES. IT WOULD RELIEVE MY DEPARTMENT OF AN INCREASINGLY COMPLEX BODY OF TASKS AND IT WOULD EMPHASIZE THE ESSENTIAL UNITY OF EDUCATION.

✦ I AM CONVINCED THAT WE HAVE REACHED A STAGE IN EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT MAKES SUCH AN ADVANCE ENTIRELY BENEFICIAL. MUCH CONSULTATION WILL BE REQUIRED BUT I HOPE TO PUT FORWARD THIS YEAR SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSALS... I WOULD NOT LIKE TO UNDERSTATE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE TASK, PARTICULARLY DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD.✦

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE DIRECTOR'S PLANS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS' TIME.

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SCHOOLS AND PARENTS REMINDED OF CODE OF PRACTICE
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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S ACTION COMMITTEE AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL TODAY ISSUED A REMINDER TO SCHOOLS THAT SALES OF SCHOOL BOOKS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL SUPPLIES SHOULD NOT BE RESTRICTED TO ONE SUPPLIER AND THAT PRICES FOR BOOKS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND OTHER SCHOOL SUPPLIES SHOULD BE KEPT AS LOW AS POSSIBLE.

IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO REMIND SCHOOLS AND PARENTS OF THE CODE OF PRACTICE ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN MANY SCHOOLS AND CHILDREN ARE PREPARING FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR.

IT IS GRATIFYING TO NOTE THAT SCHOOL AUTHORITIES HAVE CLOSELY FOLLOWED THE CODE OF PRACTICE SINCE IT WAS FIRST ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IN JANUARY THIS YEAR, SPOKESMEN FOR THE ACTION COMMITTEE AND THE CONSUMER COUNCIL REMARKED.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTINUED CO-OPERATION OF SCHOOL AUTHORITIES, PARENTS AND PUPILS WITH THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WAS STRESSED BY THE SPOKESMEN.

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+MONG KOK AND YOU+ EXHIBITION
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THE +MONG KOK AND YOU+ EXHIBITION, A NEW DISTRICT VENTURE, WILL BE OPENED AT QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 2 P.M.

FIRST OF ITS KIND, THE EXHIBITION IS ORGANISED BY NINE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, TWO VOLUNTARY BODIES AND THREE GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE MONG KOK DISTRICT.

CO-ORDINATED BY THE MONG KOK CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, THE JOINT VENTURE IS AIMED AT PROMOTING CONTACTS AMONG SCHOOLS, DISTRICT ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY INTERESTS AND INVOLVEMENT= AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN PUBLIC AFFAIRS AND EXERCISE THEIR TALENTS IN DISPLAY.

THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE OFFICIATED BY MR. AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS= MR. CANICE MAK CHUN-FONG, CITY DISTRICT OFFICER (MONG KOK)= MR. CHO SIU-CHUNG, CHAIRMAN OF MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION= MR. CHUI KWOK-CHOY, MANAGER OF HANG SENG BANK, AND MR. HUNG WAI-MAN, PRINCIPAL OF WELLMAN SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

THE EXHIBITION IS DESIGNED TO COVER THREE MAJOR ASPECTS OF THE DISTRICT: FIRSTLY, THE UNIQUE FEATURES AND SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF MONG KOK= SECONDLY, HUMAN ASPECTS AND PROBLEMS OF LIVING IN MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS AND IN A HIGH DENSITY DISTRICT= AND THIRDLY, THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF MONG KOK. THEY ARE DIVIDED INTO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC TOPICS FOR DISPLAY: MONG KOK DISTRICT SPECIAL FEATURES= HISTORY AND DEVELOPMENT= POPULATION= HOUSING= EDUCATION (YOUTH ACTIVITIES)= TRAFFIC= COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE= INDUSTRY= ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION= LAW AND ORDER= AND WORK OF CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE.

THE FOCAL POINT OF INTEREST OF THIS EXHIBITION CENTRES AROUND A BIG MONG KOK MODEL - A JOINT STUDENT PROJECT DEPICTING THE EXISTING FEATURES AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT OF THE DISTRICT.

BESIDES VARIOUS TYPES OF MODELS, THERE ARE ALSO PHOTO DISPLAY, PAINTINGS, MAPS, CHARTS, STATISTICAL TABLES, MOVIE AND SLIDE SHOWS. WINNING ENTRIES FOR THE RECENTLY HELD +MONG KOK AND YOU+ PHOTOGRAPHIC CONTEST AND MONG KOK TEENAGER DRAWING COMPETITION WILL ALSO BE DISPLAYED AT THE EXHIBITION.

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THE 14 ORGANISERS OF THE EXHIBITION ARE BEREA ENGLISH COLLEGE, BISHOP HALL JUBILEE SCHOOL, CHIU CHOW SCHOOL, KOWLOON SAM YUK MIDDLE SCHOOL, MING KEI COLLEGE, POOI SUN SCHOOL, TAK MING SCHOOL, TAK YAN SCHOOL, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MONG KOK DISTRICT YOUTH SOCIAL SERVICE TEAM, MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION, MONG KOK CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, MONG KOK COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE, MONG KOK POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS OFFICE.

IN PREPARING FOR THE EXHIBITION, WHICH TOOK NEARLY SIX MONTHS, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE HAVE BEEN SOUGHT FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND UNIVERSITY INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS TOWN PLANNING OFFICE, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HOUSING DEPARTMENT, LABOUR DEPARTMENT, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY AND DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE OF HONG KONG UNIVERSITY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTRE OF CHINESE UNIVERSITY.

DONATIONS FOR THE EXHIBITION ARE CONTRIBUTED BY HANG SENG BANK, MONG KOK KAIFONG ASSOCIATION AND WELLMAN SCHOOL OF COMMERCE.

THE JOINT EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED FROM 10 A.M. TO 5 P.M. DAILY TILL AUGUST 12. ADMISSION IS FREE.

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WATER CUTS
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND IN WONG TAI SIN WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS AS FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 9). TO ENABLE TESTS FOR LEAKAGE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREAS.

IN TSIM SHA TSUI, THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, PEKING ROAD, HANKOW ROAD AND HAIPHONG ROAD.

IN WONG TAI SIN, PREMISES BOUNDED BY LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, SHA TIN PASS ROAD, TUNG TAU TSUEN ROAD AND MING TAK STREET WILL BE AFFECTED, INCLUDING LOWER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE BLOCKS 6-10 AND BLOCK 19, AND BLOCKS 1 TO 12 UPPER WONG TAI SIN ESTATE.

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STUDENTS SURVEY ON ACIDITY OF RAINFALL
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THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY CARRIED OUT BY THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS FROM 258 SCHOOLS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ON THE ACIDITY OF RAINFALL WILL BE ANNOUNCED TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SURVEY, CALLED +ACID RAIN AND OTHER AIR POLLUTION PROJECTS+ WAS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT.

IT WAS THE SECOND PART OF A WIDER STUDY ON +PURE AIR+.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SURVEY WAS GIVEN BY RANK XEROX LTD. WHICH IMPORTED SPECIAL ACID MEASURING PAPERS FROM THE UNITED STATES FOR THE STUDENTS TO CONDUCT THE TESTS.

DURING THE SURVEY THE STUDENTS COLLECTED AND MEASURED RAINFALL FOR SEVEN CONSECUTIVE DAYS AND TESTED THE ACIDITY OF THE RAIN.

THEY SENT THE DATA TO THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION FOR ANALYSIS, THE RESULTS OF WHICH WILL BE RELEASED AT A JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IN ROOM 35 OF THE GOVERNMENT TRAINING DIVISION, 2ND FLOOR, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

SPEAKERS AT THE JOINT EVENT WILL BE THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. ARTHUR BROWN= DR. BETH GOTT, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVANCY ASSOCIATION= AND MR. SHANY SIU, MARKETING EXECUTIVE OF RANK XEROX LTD.

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YOUNGSTERS TO COMPETE IN CANOE RACE
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ABOUT 100 YOUNGSTERS UNDER THE CARE OF THE PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL COMPETE IN A CANOE RACE ON SATURDAY (AUGUST 9) AT PEARL ISLAND BEACH, 17-1/2 MILES, CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

THE COMPETITION, FEATURING THE HEATS AND FINALS OF A 500-METRE SPRINT AND A 4 X 500-METRE RELAY, WILL MARK THE END OF THEIR FIVE-DAY CANOE TRAINING HELD LAST MONTH AT APPROACH BAY, 10-1/2 MILES, CASTLE PEAK ROAD.

IN BETWEEN THE RACES, THERE WILL BE CANOE AND LIFE-SAVING DEMONSTRATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE HONG KONG CANOE UNION.

PRIZES WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE WINNERS OF THE COMPETITIONS BY MR. LAU WONG-FAT, THE CHAIRMAN OF POK OI HOSPITAL AND THE SPONSOR OF THE EVENTS.

THE HEAD OF THE PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION, SENIOR PRINCIPAL SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICER, MR. MAK WING-HON WILL ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THE RACE AND THE TRAINING COURSE ARE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE HONG KONG CANOE UNION WITH THE AIM TO PROVIDE A HEALTHY OUTLET TO YOUNGSTERS UNDER THE CARE OF THE PROBATION AND CORRECTIONS DIVISION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE RACE. A PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CARRYING THE PENNANTS OF THE HONG KONG CANOE UNION AND THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME WILL LEAVE FERRY STREET, NEAR YAUMATEI BRANCH OFFICE OF THE CHARTERED BANK AT 11.30 A.M. ON SATURDAY. LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

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