



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GREAT STRIDES BY WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY  
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THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. DAVID JORDAN, SPOKE TODAY OF THE GREAT STRIDES MADE IN HONG KONG BY THE WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY.

+TEN YEARS AGO,+ HE SAID, +HONG KONG'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS OF WATCHES, CLOCKS, PARTS AND ACCESSORIES AMOUNTED TO ONLY \$22 MILLION. IN 1974 THOSE EXPORTS TOTALLED \$680 MILLION, AND OVER THE SAME PERIOD EMPLOYMENT IN THE INDUSTRY ROSE FROM 4,000 TO 13,000.+

THESE FIGURES, HE SAID, ILLUSTRATED THE GREAT CHANGES THAT HAVE RAPIDLY TAKEN PLACE IN THE INDUSTRY AS IT HAS GROWN.

MR. JORDAN WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE SECOND ASIAN HOROLOGICAL INDUSTRY AND TRADE PROMOTION CONFERENCE AT THE HONG KONG CONVENTION CENTRE.

HE SAID THAT HE WAS GLAD HONG KONG HAD BEEN CHOSEN AS THE PLACE TO HOST THE CONFERENCE, BECAUSE IT GAVE HONG KONG THE OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS RELATIVELY NEW WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY AND ITS POSITION AS A TRADING CENTRE FOR TIMEPIECES MANUFACTURED ELSEWHERE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT HONG KONG HAD PROGRESSED FROM THE MANUFACTURE OF WATCHBANDS TO CASES, DIALS, HANDS AND CROWNS, HE ADDED: +AND WHEREAS WE USED TO IMPORT ALL THE MOVEMENTS WE NOW ALSO IMPORT EBAUCHES AND ASSEMBLE THEM HERE,+

+LIKE MANY OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES, HE CONTINUED, +THE WATCH AND CLOCK INDUSTRY HAS NEVER STOOD STILL BUT IS ALWAYS ADVANCING. WE ARE NOW MOVING INTO THE PRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC QUARTZ WATCHES.+

HONG KONG'S TRADE OF COURSE IS NOT LIMITED TO EXPORTING ITS OWN PRODUCTS. FOR EXAMPLE, HONG KONG IMPORTED IN 1974 5.5 MILLION WATCHES OF WHICH 4.9 MILLION WERE RE-EXPORTED.

MR. JORDAN EXPLAINED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES IN ASIA WERE IMPORTANT PARTNERS AND ASSOCIATES OF OUR HOROLOGICAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

MR. JORDAN ALSO SPOKE ABOUT HONG KONG'S EFFORTS IN COMBATING WATCH COUNTERFEITING.

+WE ARE NATURALLY PROUD OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR TRADE AND INDUSTRY. AT THE SAME TIME WE REALISE THAT IF THIS HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND ITS CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PROSPERITY ARE TO CONTINUE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MALPRACTICE IN THE TRADE SHOULD BE ELIMINATED,+ HE SAID.

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MR. JORDAN INDICATED THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE CONFERENCE.

+IT TAKES TIME ,+ HE SAID, +TO ESTABLISH THE CONSUMER'S CONFIDENCE, AND CONSTANT VIGILANCE IS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN THAT CONFIDENCE.+

TO COMBAT WATCH COUNTERFEITING, A WORLDWIDE MALPRACTICE FROM WHICH HONG KONG WAS NOT IMMUNE, HONG KONG ESTABLISHED A WATCH COMMITTEE IN DECEMBER 1973, WITH MEMBERS DRAWN FROM THE LOCAL WATCH TRADE AND INDUSTRY, FROM SWISS AND JAPANESE WATCH MANUFACTURING INTERESTS, FROM THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE,+ MR. JORDAN EXPLAINED.

THE COMMITTEE'S JOB WAS TO ADVISE THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ON WAYS TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE THE COUNTERFEITING OF WATCHES IN HONG KONG AND TO ASSIST THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION FOR THIS PURPOSE.

HE ADDED: +THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY AND ACTIVELY WITH THE COMMITTEE SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND WE HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS IN MAKING SEIZURES OF SPURIOUS WATCHES AND WATCH PARTS AND BRINGING PROSECUTIONS TO A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.+

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REMINDER ON I.D. CARDS

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PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY MUST REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS WITHIN THIRTY DAYS OF THEIR ELEVENTH BIRTHDAY.

YOUNG PERSONS, WHETHER OR NOT IN POSSESSION OF JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS, MUST ALSO REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS WITHIN ONE MONTH OF REACHING 18 YEARS, AND ADULT RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE AN I.D. CARD MUST REGISTER WITH REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE OFFICE ALSO ADVISED NEW ARRIVALS OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO REGISTER FOR AN IDENTITY CARD WITHIN 30 DAYS IF THEY INTEND TO STAY IN HONG KONG MORE THAN 90 DAYS.

POSSESSION OF A TRAVEL DOCUMENT, INCLUDING A BRITISH PASSPORT, DOES NOT ABSOLVE A PERSON FROM REGISTERING, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT PERSONS MUST USE THEIR REGISTERED NAMES IN ALL DEALINGS WITH THE GOVERNMENT ONCE THEY HAVE REGISTERED.

THE SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IT WAS AN OFFENCE NOT TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE.

IN CASE OF DOUBT, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SEEK ADVICE AT ANY OF THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS OFFICES OR BRANCH OFFICES.

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WATER CUTS

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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SHAUKIWAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND, AND IN TSUEN WAN AND SHEUNG SHUI IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR A FEW HOURS ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 30) TO FACILITATE LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT.

WATER INTERRUPTION IN SHAUKIWAN WILL BE FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE BOUNDED BY ALDRICH STREET TO SUN SING STREET AND SHAUKIWAN ROAD TO SEA-FRONT, INCLUDING FU TAU WAT VILLAGE, TSIN SHUI MA TAU VILLAGE AND ALDRICH VILLAGE.

IN TSUEN WAN, WATER SUPPLY TO PREMISES BOUNDED BY LUEN YAN STREET, YEUNG UK ROAD, WANG WO TSAI STREET, KWU HANG STREET AND SHA TSUI ROAD WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M.

WHILE IN SHEUNG SHUI, WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES ALONG CASTLE PEAK ROAD, BETWEEN KAM TSIN SCHOOL AND SAN TIN, SHEUNG SHUI, INCLUDING THOSE VILLAS AND VILLAGES ON-ROUTE CASTLE PEAK ROAD, KWU TUNG SECTION, SHEUNG SHUI WILL BE CUT OFF FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

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### DOLPHINS IN MARINE PROHIBITED AREA

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TEN DOLPHINS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE MARINE PROHIBITED AREA IN KOWLOON BAY TO ENSURE SAFE LANDING AND TAKE-OFF OF AIRCRAFT AT THE KAI TAK AIRPORT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE MARINE PROHIBITED AREA, OFF THE SOUTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY, IS AN AREA IN FRONT OF THE GLIDE PATH INSTRUMENT INSTALLED AT THE AIRPORT.

+ANY METALLIC OBJECT GETTING INTO THIS AREA MAY CAUSE DEFLECTION OR OBSTRUCTION OF THE ELECTRONIC BEAMS WHICH GUIDE AIRCRAFT IN LANDING AND TAKING-OFF OPERATIONS,+ HE SAID.

+IT IS THEREFORE VERY IMPORTANT FOR AIRCRAFT SAFETY TO PREVENT SHIPS AND BOATS FROM GETTING INTO THIS AREA,+ HE ADDED.

THE DOLPHINS WILL FORM A DEFINITE DEMARCATION LINE ACROSS THE MARINE PROHIBITED AREA FOR GUIDANCE OF COXWAINS.

TENDERS HAVE BEEN INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE DOLPHINS IN THE AREA. WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN EARLY 1976 AND WILL TAKE ABOUT ONE YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE DOLPHINS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT BY SCOTT WILSON KIRKPATRICK AND PARTNERS, CONSULTING ENGINEERS, WHO WILL ALSO SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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### RESERVOIRS 99.6 PER CENT FULL

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HONG KONG'S TOTAL WATER STORAGE AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (MONDAY) WAS 67,039 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 99.6 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS.

AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE TOTAL STORAGE FIGURE WAS 48,693 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE, THE BIGGEST RESERVOIR, HELD 50,500 MILLION GALLONS -- 100 PER CENT FULL. ON THIS DAY LAST YEAR PLOVER COVE ONLY HELD 32,489 MILLION GALLONS.

TOTAL RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR STANDS AT 2,951 MM (116.18 IN). THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 2,083.4 MM (82.02 IN).

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