



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES TO BE PROVIDED IN COUNTRYSIDE  
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CONTINUED EMPHASIS WILL BE LAID BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT THIS YEAR TO EXTEND COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES INTO NEW AREAS AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WHICH IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY POPULAR WITH THE URBAN POPULATION.

ABOUT \$4.2 MILLION HAS BEEN EAR-MARKED FOR THIS PROJECT FROM THE \$45.2 MILLION ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FOR THE DEPARTMENT IN THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR.

THIS MONEY WILL ENABLE THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND THE TERRITORIAL SCOPE OF ITS PRESENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE AGAINST FIRE AND LITTERING AND TO DEVELOP ITS POTENTIAL AS A RECREATIONAL RESOURCE.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THESE SERVICES INTO THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA WHERE THE NUMBER OF VISITORS IS INCREASING RAPIDLY.

OUTLINING DETAILS OF THE PROJECT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THE PROGRAMME WOULD INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW MANAGEMENT CENTRE IN THE HEART OF THE SCENIC COUNTRYSIDE OF SAI KUNG TOGETHER WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC TOILETS AND REFRESHMENT KIOSK AT SHING MUN, ABERDEEN AND BRIDE'S POOL, THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL BARBECUE AND PICNIC PLACES AND FURTHER WORK ON A NEW ACCESS ROAD FOR SERVICING VEHICLES ALONG THE EASTERN SIDE OF JUBILEE RESERVOIR.

SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF LAND, FUNDS AND STAFF, HE SAID TEN NEW INTENSIVE BARBECUE AND PICNIC PLACES WOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE SAME STYLE AS THE POPULAR AREAS NEAR BRIDE'S POOL AND PLOVER COVE.

THESE PLACES WOULD HAVE TABLES AND BENCHES, SHELTERS, LITTER BINS, BARBECUE GRILLES, INFORMATION BOARDS, SHADE TREE PLANTING AND A WARDEN PATROL SERVICE.

THE NEW ACCESS ROAD WOULD ENABLE SERVICING AND FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES TO REACH SCENIC AREAS ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF JUBILEE RESERVOIR SO THAT THESE, TOO, MIGHT BE MANAGED FOR RECREATION USE IN THE SAME WAY AS THE IMMENSELY POPULAR AREAS ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF THE RESERVOIR WHICH IS NOW VISITED BY UP TO 50,000 PEOPLE PER MONTH.

IN ADDITION TO ITS TRADITIONAL WORK OF TREE PLANTING AND MANAGEMENT OF PLANTATIONS, THE CONSERVATION AND FORESTS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OPENED UP 38 NEW BARBECUE AND PICNIC PLACES DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR, BRINGING THE TOTAL OF SUCH RECREATIONAL PROJECTS TO 183.

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FURTHERMORE, 1.1 KILOMETRES OF NEW ACCESS ROAD WERE CONSTRUCTED AND 1.2 KILOMETRES OF EXISTING ROAD MAINTAINED. SIMILARLY 1.5 KILOMETRES OF NEW FOOTPATHS WERE CONSTRUCTED AND 15.7 KILOMETRES MAINTAINED.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO ADVISED ALL PEOPLE WHO VISIT OR WORK IN THE COUNTRYSIDE OF THE NEED TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF HILL FIRE.

+SUCH FIRES DO A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DAMAGE TO THE RURAL ENVIRONMENT DESTROYING TREES AND VEGETATION, AND REDUCING TO ASHES A GOOD DEAL OF MONEY AND EFFORT INVESTED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

+APPROPRIATE SIGNS AND INFORMATION NOTICES ARE PUT UP IN ALL BARBECUE AND PICNIC PLACES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT, MAKING IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR WHERE VISITORS MAY OR MAY NOT LIGHT FIRES.+

ON THE SUBJECT OF LITTER, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT, ON AVERAGE, VISITORS SEEMED TO LEAVE ABOUT 8 OZ. OF LITTER AFTER EACH VISIT, ADDING UP TO VERY LARGE QUANTITIES INDEED.

HE URGED VISITORS TO CONSIDER TAKING THEIR LITTER HOME AS A MATTER OF COURSE, OR AT THE VERY LEAST PLACING IT IN ONE OF THE MANY LITTER BINS PROVIDED FOR THEIR USE.

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FARE INCREASE ON ONE HYF ROUTE  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS APPROVED AN APPLICATION BY THE HONGKONG AND YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY TO INCREASE THE FARE ON ONE OF ITS FERRY ROUTES. THE INCREASE, OF 50 CENTS ON THE CENTRAL TO TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI ROUTE, WILL COME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1.

THE COMPANY'S APPLICATION WAS PUT TO THE TRANSPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR. THE TAC, WHICH INCLUDES UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY AND ADVISES THE GOVERNMENT ON ALL MAJOR TRANSPORT POLICY MATTERS, SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL FOR A \$1 FLAT FARE, BRINGING IT IN LINE WITH FERRY ROUTES OF A SIMILAR DISTANCE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE TAC HAD FELT THAT THE SERVICE USING FAST AIR-CONDITIONED VESSELS COULD NOT REMAIN FINANCIALLY VIABLE IF FARES WERE TO REMAIN AT 50 CENTS. +THE COMMITTEE ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THAT COMMUTERS HAVE SEVERAL CHEAPER PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CENTRAL.+

COMMUTERS CAN TRAVEL TO CENTRAL IN 60 MINUTES FOR EITHER 50 CENTS OR 60 CENTS BY USING BOTH BUS AND FERRY, OR A COMBINED JOURNEY BY PLB AND FERRY WHICH TAKES 45 MINUTES AND COSTS \$1.20.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HYF TSUEN WAN SERVICE WERE SPEED, COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE AND IT HAD PROVED VERY POPULAR WITH COMMUTERS. +IT WAS THEREFORE CONSIDERED THAT A STANDARD \$1 FARE WAS REASONABLE FOR A 30-MINUTE JOURNEY TIME.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS, SERVICES BETWEEN CENTRAL AND TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI HAD MUCH IMPROVED. THE NUMBER OF DAILY SAILINGS HAS INCREASED BY 66 PER CENT AND THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS CARRIED DAILY BY 129 PER CENT -- WITH THE FREQUENCY OF SAILINGS NOW RUNNING AT ONE EVERY 10 MINUTES.

+OLDER FERRIES HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY TWO 650-SEATER MAN YUET MODERN TWO-DECK VESSELS, THREE NEW 265-SEATER WATERBUSES AND FOUR 65-SEATER SIDEWALL HOVERFERRIES+, HE SAID.

WATER TAXIS WERE AT ONE TIME USED BUT THESE WERE WITHDRAWN WHEN THE HOVERFERRIES WERE INTRODUCED. SINCE 1972, IN CONNECTION WITH THE TSUEN WAN SERVICES, HYF HAS CARRIED OUT IMPROVEMENTS TO PIERS FACILITIES COSTING ALMOST \$800,000 WHILE INVESTMENT IN NEW FERRIES HAS BEEN ABOUT \$15 MILLION.

THE FARES ON THE CENTRAL TO TSUEN WAN AND TSING YI ROUTE WERE LAST REVISED THREE YEARS AGO. BEFORE MAY 1973 THE FARES FOR CENTRAL TO TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OR VIA TSING YI WERE 60 CENTS FIRST CLASS AND 40 CENTS THIRD CLASS.

FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS THE FARES HAVE BEEN 50 CENTS BY WATER BUS OR MAN YUET CLASS, \$1 BY WATER TAXI AND \$2 BY HOVERFERRY. THE WATERBUSES AND MAN YUET CLASS WILL NOW BE A FLAT FARE OF \$1 BUT HOVERFERRY FARES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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LOOP ROADS AT AUSTIN ROAD EXTENSION TO OPEN TOMORROW  
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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL OPEN THE GROUND-LEVEL LOOP ROADS OF THE AUSTIN ROAD EXTENSION TO GENERAL TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE LOOP ROADS WILL PROVIDE DIRECT ACCESS TO AND FROM THE RAIL FREIGHT TERMINUS AT HUNG HOM, AND SERVE AS AN EXIT FOR THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC, THE KOWLOON MORTUARY, THE CHATHAM ROAD DETENTION CENTRE, AND THE FUNERAL PARLOURS IN THE AREA.

PENDING THE OPENING OF THE AUSTIN ROAD EXTENSION WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, THE ROAD LAYOUT WILL ALSO ENABLE TRAFFIC APPROACHING THE HUNG HOM ENTRANCE OF THE CROSS-HARBOUR TUNNEL BUT NOT REQUIRING TO CROSS TO HONG KONG ISLAND, TO GO ROUND THE TUNNEL ENTRANCE AND BACK TO THE MAIN ROADS.

EVENTUALLY, THE LOOP ROADS WILL FORM PART OF THE SALISBURY ROAD EXTENSION.

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WATER STOPPAGE  
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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN REPULSE BAY ROAD WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MARCH 20).

THE STOPPAGE IS TO ENABLE THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS IN THE AREA.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE NOS. 12, 16, 20, 24, 37, 41, 43 AND 45 REPULSE BAY ROAD.

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TECHNICAL STUDENTS TO DISPLAY WORK

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A 12-FOOT SAILING DINGHY BUILT BY FORMS 4 AND 5 STUDENTS WILL BE AMONG THE PROJECTS ON DISPLAY IN THE HALL OF THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL AT ITS OPEN DAY TOMORROW.

THE DINGHY IS MADE OF MARINE PLYWOOD.

OTHER PROJECTS WHICH VISITORS WILL BE ABLE TO SEE INCLUDE FOLDING TABLES, ELECTRIC LAMPS OF DIFFERENT SHAPES AND SIZES, CHESS SETS WITH BOXES, CASSETTE HOLDERS AND CARVINGS.

ALSO ON DISPLAY WILL BE PAINTINGS AND SCULPTURE.

PARENTS OF PUPILS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO VISIT THE SCHOOL BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 6 P.M. DURING ITS OPEN DAY.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL, WILL VISIT THE SCHOOL TOMORROW MORNING.

THE SCHOOL HAS AN ENROLMENT OF ABOUT 800 PUPILS IN FORMS 1 TO 6. EIGHT CLASSES OF FORMS 1 AND 2 ARE IN THE ADJACENT JOCKEY CLUB GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHICH IS ONE OF A NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS TO BE CONVERTED INTO SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPEN DAY. MR. KINGWELL WILL ARRIVE AT THE SCHOOL AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW AND HE WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES. THE PRINCIPAL OF THE VICTORIA TECHNICAL SCHOOL, MR. ALAN MARTIN, WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS.

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON COMMERCIAL SECTORS ENDS  
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THE FIRST MANPOWER SURVEY ON HONG KONG'S COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES SECTORS, WHICH BEGAN ON MARCH 4, ENDS TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON TRAINING IN COMMERCE AND SERVICES, WHICH ORGANISED THE SURVEY, SAID INTERVIEWING OFFICERS WERE VISITING ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED FOR THE SURVEY TODAY AND TOMORROW TO COLLECT COMPLETED QUESTIONNAIRES.

THE QUESTIONNAIRES WERE SENT TWO WEEKS AGO TO EMPLOYERS OF NEARLY 2,000 ESTABLISHMENTS, INCLUDING BANKS AND HOTELS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD ENABLE THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MANPOWER TRAINING FOR THE COMMERCIAL AND SERVICES SECTORS EMPLOYING PEOPLE IN SUCH SPHERES AS JOURNALISM, HOTEL WORK, TOURISM, BANKING, INSURANCE, ACCOUNTANCY AND ALLIED FIELDS, AND BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT.

HE ASSURED EMPLOYERS THAT THE INFORMATION WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

+THE ANSWERS WOULD IN NO WAY COMMIT THE EMPLOYERS,+ HE ADDED.

THE SURVEY HAS BEEN CONDUCTED WITH THE HELP OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING DIVISION OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE TWO UNIVERSITIES AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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FOUR PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IN WESTERN UNSAFE  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY IS TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS FOR FOUR PRE-WAR BUILDINGS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WHICH ARE TO BE DEMOLISHED BECAUSE OF THEIR DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THE AFFECTED BUILDINGS ARE NOS. 129 AND 133 WING LOK STREET, WHICH HAVE BEEN DECLARED TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION, AND NOS. 127 AND 131 WING LOK STREET, WHICH ARE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THESE FOUR-STOREY BUILDINGS GAVE CAUSE FOR CONCERN.

+NUMBER 133,+ HE SAID, +HAS FRACTURES IN THE LOAD-BEARING BRICK WALLS, AND THE WHOLE BUILDING HAS MOVED IN THE DIRECTION OF AN ADJACENT VACANT SITE. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS NOW A DANGER OF COLLAPSE.+

HE SAID THAT THE REAR MAIN WALL OF NO. 129 WAS SEVERELY FRACTURED AND BULGING OUTWARDS AND WAS CLOSE TO COLLAPSE.

+NUMBERS 127 AND 131 ALSO EXHIBIT STRUCTURAL WEAKNESSES AND WILL BE SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE COLLAPSE OR INDEPENDENT DEMOLITION OF NOS. 129 AND 133,+ HE SAID.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS WERE POSTED ON THE BUILDINGS TODAY.

THE APPLICATIONS WILL BE HEARD IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON APRIL 15.

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TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS IN WEST KOWLOON  
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A NUMBER OF TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN WEST KOWLOON ON SUNDAY MORNING IN PREPARATION FOR THE START OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY IN NATHAN ROAD.

THE STREETS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED ARE NELSON STREET, MAN MING LANE, ARTHUR STREET, BOWRING STREET AND FIFE STREET.

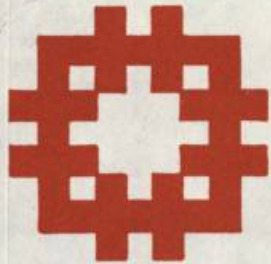
NELSON STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC AT ITS EAST-SIDE JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD AND WILL BE ROUTED TWO-WAY BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET.

MAN MING LANE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND ARTHUR STREET.

ARTHUR STREET WILL BE RESTRICTED TO A SINGLE TRAFFIC LANE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH MAN MING LANE.

BOWRING STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND PILKEM STREET.

FIFE STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC AT ITS EAST-SIDE JUNCTION WITH NATHAN ROAD AND WILL BECOME TWO-WAY BETWEEN NATHAN ROAD AND SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET.



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CHAI WAN EXHIBITION ENDS

An estimated 15,000 people visited the public exhibition "The Changing Face of Chai Wan", which closed today (Thursday), two days later than originally planned.

The exhibition, showing the past, present and future development of Chai Wan, was extended for two days to enable an extra 4,000 school-children to attend at the district's Community Centre.

Organised by the Housing Authority and the City District Office (Eastern), the exhibition included sections on the present Chai Wan, Chai Wan in the future, work of the Social Welfare Department, Medical and Health Department, Police, Fire Services and the Housing Department's redevelopment programme in Hong Kong.

A special feature of the exhibition was a life-size "mock-up" model of a typical seven-person flat in the recently completed Hing Wah Estate (Stage II), which now towers over the old Chai Wan. The model was fully furnished and gave prospective tenants an idea of living conditions at Hing Wah (Stage II).

Also at the exhibition were video-tape film shows of various problems in Hong Kong, including housing, social welfare, crime and pollution.

For lighter entertainment during the 6½-day exhibition there was a Junior Police Call variety show, a karate demonstration, the Cape Collinson Band and several other displays.

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一九七六年三月十八日  
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### 「轉變中的柴灣」

展覽會今日閉幕  
觀眾達一萬五千

「轉變中的柴灣」展覽會，展覽期間延長兩天後，已於今日（星期四）閉幕，到場參觀者約有一萬五千人。展覽會在柴灣社區中心舉行，展出有關柴灣舊貌、近況及將來發展情形的資料。單在延長的兩天展覽期內，近已有四千學童前往參觀。

該展覽會由房屋委員會及東區民政處聯合主辦。展覽期間並放映有關房屋、社會福利、罪案及污染問題的影片。此外，有較輕鬆的節目演出，包括少年警訊會、遊藝會、空手道表演、哥連臣角樂隊演奏及其他項目。