



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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EXTENSION OF TERMS OF OFFICE FOR  
SOME EXCO AND LEGCO MEMBERS  
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A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS PRESENTLY SERVING ON THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS WHOSE APPOINTMENTS EXPIRE ON 30TH JUNE HAVE BEEN EXTENDED FOR TWO MONTHS UNTIL AUGUST 31, 1976.

THIS IS BEING DONE TO ENSURE THAT IN FUTURE APPOINTMENTS TO THESE TWO COUNCILS DO NOT EXPIRE DURING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSION, BUT DURING THE RECESS.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STARTS ITS SUMMER RECESS DURING AUGUST AND BEGINS THE NEW SESSION IN THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER EACH YEAR.

IT IS LOGICAL THEREFORE THAT MEMBERSHIP OF THESE COUNCILS SHOULD BE FOR THE COMPLETE SESSION.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF EXISTING MEMBERS WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS WILL BE MADE DURING AUGUST.

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SIX MACS FORMED IN UN CHAU STREET ESTATE  
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WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, SHAM SHUI PO, TENANTS OF UN CHAU STREET ESTATE HAVE RECENTLY SUCCEEDED IN FORMING SIX MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES (MACS) IN THE EIGHT BLOCKS OF THE ESTATE.

ONE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE EACH HAS BEEN FORMED IN BLOCKS 1, 4, 5 AND 8.

FOR BLOCKS 2 AND 3 AND BLOCKS 6 AND 7, SINCE THE BUILDINGS ARE STRUCTURALLY LINKED AND THEY HAVE TO SHARE THE SAME COMMUNAL FACILITIES SUCH AS LIFTS AND REFUSE ROOMS, EACH 2 BLOCKS HAVE FORMED ONE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE OF THEIR OWN.

BEFORE FORMING THESE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES, OPINION SURVEYS WERE CONDUCTED IN EACH BLOCK TO TAP THE RESIDENTS' OPINIONS. THE RETURNS OF QUESTIONNAIRE FORMS INDICATED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE TENANTS WERE IN FAVOUR OF FORMING A SEPARATE MUTUAL AID COMMITTEE IN THEIR OWN BLOCK.

THE FORMATION OF THESE SIX MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES WAS BASED ON THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY OF TENANTS AND GOVERNMENT'S POLICY. ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN REGISTERED WITH THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

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## MORE FLYOVERS TO BEAT CONGESTION

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IS TO BUILD TWO FLYOVERS AT THE BUSY GARDEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING VOLUME OF TRAFFIC IN THE MID-LEVELS AREA.

MR. CHOW CHE-KING, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID TODAY WORK ON THE PROJECT WOULD START IN AUGUST AND SHOULD BE COMPLETED IN 18 MONTHS.

+THE AIM IS TO SEPARATE THE MAIN STREAMS OF TRAFFIC SO AS TO ENABLE CONTINUOUS FREE FLOWING MOVEMENT AND AVOID LONG QUEUES DURING PEAK HOURS,+ HE SAID.

THE JUNCTION, HE SAID, WAS FAST NEARING SATURATION POINT AND IT HAD ALREADY BECOME NECESSARY TO STOP TRAFFIC MOVEMENT FROM ROBINSON ROAD TO MAGAZINE ROAD DURING RUSH HOURS TO EASE CONGESTION.

ACCORDING TO TRAFFIC SURVEYS CONDUCTED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE SOME 2,600 VEHICLES PASS THROUGH THE JUNCTION DURING THE MORNING PEAK HOUR AND OVER 2,700 DURING THE EVENING RUSH HOUR.

ONE OF THE FLYOVERS, MR. CHOW SAID, WOULD BE ABOUT 110 METRES LONG LINKING ONE LANE OF MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO THE NORTHBOUND LANE OF GARDEN ROAD.

+THIS WILL ENABLE MOTORISTS COMING DOWN MAGAZINE GAP ROAD TO CONTINUE DIRECTLY TO CENTRAL VIA GARDEN ROAD WITHOUT HAVING TO MERGE WITH TRAFFIC COMING UPHILL FROM GARDEN ROAD AS AT PRESENT.

+THE OTHER FLYOVER WILL BE 138 METRES LONG LINKING THE EASTBOUND LANE OF ROBINSON ROAD ACROSS THE JUNCTION TO MAGAZINE GAP ROAD WHICH WILL ALSO BE WIDENED TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY,+ HE SAID.

TENDERS FOR THE FLYOVER COMPLEX ARE BEING INVITED AND BUILDING WORK SHOULD BEGIN IN AUGUST.

MR. CHOW SAID THE SCHEME WAS ONE OF SEVERAL LONG TERM SCHEMES PLANNED BY P.W.D. ROAD PLANNERS TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE MID-LEVELS.

THESE INCLUDE A FLYOVER WITH AN ELEVATED NETWORK OF PEDESTRIAN WALKWAYS AT THE JUNCTION OF GARDEN ROAD AND QUEENSWAY.

+IT IS ENVISAGED THAT THIS FLYOVER WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT LINK FROM GARDEN ROAD TO QUEENSWAY NEAR THE MURRAY ROAD MULTI-STOREY CARPARK WITHOUT INTERRUPTING THE GROUND LEVEL TRAFFIC AND SHOULD CONSIDERABLY IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW AT THE BUSY JUNCTION OF GARDEN ROAD, QUEENSWAY AND MURRAY ROAD,+ HE SAID.

DETAILED PLANNING WAS ALSO PROCEEDING ON ANOTHER FLYOVER COMPLEX AT THE ROBINSON ROAD, GLENEALY ROAD AND OLD PEAK ROAD JUNCTION, HE ADDED.

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SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE NETHERLANDS

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THE POST OFFICE IS TO EXTEND ITS SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO THE NETHERLANDS FROM JULY 2 FOLLOWING THE SUCCESSFUL INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE TO BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, BRAZIL, JAPAN, BELGIUM, FRANCE AND AUSTRALIA.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE ON A CONTRACT BASIS, AND +ON DEMAND+.

UNDER THIS FACILITY, PACKAGES OF BUSINESS PAPERS, DOCUMENTS, COMPUTER DATA AND MICROFILMS ARE GIVEN FAST AND RELIABLE DOOR TO DOOR COLLECTION AND DELIVERY SERVICE.

PRE-DETERMINED FLIGHTS OUT OF HONG KONG ARE USED FOR THESE DESPATCHES AND SPECIAL FACILITIES ARE GIVEN BY THE DUTCH POSTAL ADMINISTRATION IN DELIVERING THE PACKAGES.

+PACKAGES HANDED IN OR COLLECTED IN HONG KONG WHEN NORMAL COMMERCIAL BUSINESS IS COMPLETED FOR THE DAY WILL BE DESPATCHED ON A FLIGHT LEAVING KAI TAK IN THE SAME EVENING AND ARRIVE IN AMSTERDAM ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR SUBSEQUENT SPECIAL DELIVERY IN THE NETHERLANDS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE COST OF THE CONTRACT SERVICE WILL BE A BASIC HK\$80 FOR THE FIRST POUND, PLUS \$15 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT POUND OR PART OF A POUND. FOR +ON DEMAND+ SERVICE, A FEE OF \$20 IS PAYABLE IN ADDITION TO THE BASIC CHARGES.

CUSTOMERS WISHING MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SERVICE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE POST OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE ON 5-245992.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS

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ALL POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY (JULY 1) WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

THERE WILL BE NO MAIL DELIVERY ON THAT DAY.

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