



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO SUPPORT CLAIMS
TO AMEND PERSONAL PARTICULARS
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PEOPLE WHO FAIL TO GIVE ACCURATE INFORMATION WHEN FIRST REGISTERING WITH THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE CORRECTIONS LATER.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS NOT BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT WAS UNWILLING TO HELP, BUT BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE MIGHT BE UNABLE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS TO SUPPORT THEIR LATER CLAIMS.

IN ORDER TO SUPPORT CLAIMS TO AMEND PERSONAL PARTICULARS -- SUCH AS NAMES, AGE, PLACES OF BIRTH OR NATIONALITY-- APPLICANTS HAVE TO PRODUCE DOCUMENTS WHICH PREFERADLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN ISSUED BEFORE THEY REGISTERED WITH THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

THE EVIDENCE PRODUCED AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH CASE ARE THEN STUDIED TO DECIDE WHETHER THE DOCUMENTS CONCERNED ARE CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY THE CHANGE SOUGHT.

THE SPEED WITH WHICH THEIR APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED DEPENDS VERY MUCH ON WHETHER THEY CAN READILY PRODUCE THESE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS, AND WHETHER THEY ARE ACCEPTABLE TO THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION.

EVERY DUBIOUS CASE IS GIVEN PERSONAL ATTENTION BY THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATION SECTION AND, IF NECESSARY, EXAMINED FURTHER BY THE COMMISSIONER AND/OR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER.

MR. NICHOLAS TAM, HEAD OF THE INVESTIGATION SECTION, SAID *ON AVERAGE, ABOUT 350 COMPLICATED APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENT ARE DEALT WITH EACH MONTH BY THE INVESTIGATION SECTION. ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THESE APPLICATIONS HAVE TO BE LOOKED INTO PERSONALLY BY THE COMMISSIONER AND ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER, USUALLY BY INTERVIEW*

CHANGES IN PERSONAL PARTICULARS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY LETTER OR ON A SPECIFIED FORM ADDRESSED TO THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION WHO IS UNDER NO OBLIGATIONS TO AUTHORISE THE CHANGES SOUGHT, HE POINTED OUT.

CHANGES IN NON-PERSONAL PARTICULARS -- SUCH AS OCCUPATION, BUSINESS OR RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES, OR ABSENCE FROM HONG KONG WHICH DO NOT NEED THE APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSIONER BEFORE THE RECORDS ARE AMENDED -- MUST BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND SUCH CHANGES WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED.

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THESE CHANGES MAY BE REPORTED BY LETTER OR BY COMPLETING A SELF-ADDRESSED ROP FORM 18 OBTAINABLE FROM ALL POST OFFICES, CITY DISTRICT OFFICES, THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS BRANCH OFFICES. POSTAGE OF THIS FORM IS FREE.

MR. TAM SAID: +OWING TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS FOR AMENDMENT, THE INVESTIGATION SECTION WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO MONTHS TO CLEAR THE EXISTING CASES AND NEW APPLICATIONS CAN ONLY BE ENTERTAINED WHEN THE PRESENT SITUATION IS RELIEVED.+

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN PERIODS OF THE DAY WHEN THE BRANCH OFFICES AND SUB-OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT ARE NOT SO CROWDED.

HE SAID PEOPLE WHO WISH TO VISIT THESE OFFICES DURING THE LESS BUSY HOURS MAY DO SO FROM 11 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M. AND FROM 3 P.M. TO 5 P.M. FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ALSO CONTACT THE DISTRICT REGISTRARS DIRECT TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT, IF THEIR CASE IS ONE OF EXTREME URGENCY.

THE ADDRESSES AND THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF THE THREE BRANCH OFFICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

HONG KONG BRANCH OFFICE
CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY,
3RD FLOOR,
ELECTRIC ROAD,
CAUSEWAY BAY,
HONG KONG.
TEL. NO.: 5-704618

KOWLOON BRANCH OFFICE
CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES,
2ND FLOOR,
393 CANTON ROAD,
KOWLOON.
TEL. NO.: 3-687056

TSUEN WAN BRANCH OFFICE
FAR EAST BANK BUILDING,
GROUND FLOOR, LOT 2158,
CASTLE PEAK ROAD,
TSUEN WAN,
NEW TERRITORIES.
TEL. NO.: 12-420602

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REVISED CHECK LIST OF HONG KONG PLANTS

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A REVISED CHECK LIST OF HONG KONG PLANTS, WHICH WILL SERVE BOTANISTS AS A VALUABLE REFERENCE ON THE FLORA OF HONG KONG, HAS NOW BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

THE LIST BRINGS UP TO DATE THE NAMES OF ALL THE VASCULAR PLANTS OCCURRING IN HONG KONG WHICH ARE RECORDED IN THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM. THESE TOTAL SOME 225 FAMILIES, 1,179 GENERA, 2,420 SPECIES AND 87 VARIETIES.

THE ORIGINAL CYCLOSTYLED EDITION OF THE CHECK LIST OF HONG KONG PLANTS WAS PRODUCED BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IN 1967. IT HAS SINCE PROVED TO BE AN IMPORTANT REFERENCE WORK FOR ALL CONCERNED WITH HORTICULTURE AND THE CONSERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE AS WELL AS FOR RESEARCH WORKERS, TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND BOTANISTS BOTH IN HONG KONG AND ABROAD.

WORK ON THE REVISION OF THE CHECK LIST BEGAN WHEN THE HONG KONG HERBARIUM WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN MAY 1971.

AFTER LONG HOURS OF WORK IN SEARCHING AND EVALUATING BOTANICAL REFERENCE WORKS AND PUBLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION WITH LOCAL BOTANISTS, 162 ADDITIONS AND 114 CORRECTIONS OF NOMENCLATURE HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE REVISED CHECK LIST.

TWO INDICES, ONE IN ENGLISH AND THE OTHER IN CHINESE GIVE THE COMMON NAMES OF MOST OF THE LOCAL PLANTS. THESE WILL BE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE PARTICULARLY TO YOUNGER STUDENTS AND TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT ACQUAINTED WITH FORMAL BOTANICAL NAMES.

A SPOKESMAN SAID *BY ITS NATURE A CHECK LIST CAN NEVER BE COMPLETE AS NEW PLANTS ARE CONTINUOUSLY TO BE DISCOVERED AND RECORDED. SIMILARLY, EXISTING NAMES MAY BE CHANGED AS A RESULT OF TAXONOMIC STUDIES.*

*A CHECK LIST IS UNDER CONTINUAL REVISION AND THEREFORE ASSISTANCE FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN RESPECT TO NEW PLANT DISCOVERIES ETC. IS INVALUABLE. INDEED, WE ARE INDEBTED TO SEVERAL EMINENT LOCAL BOTANISTS FOR IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS NEW PUBLICATION) *HE ADDED.

THE REVISED CHECK LIST OF HONG KONG PLANTS IS NOW AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRE AT THE STAR FERRY CONCOURSE, HONG KONG AT \$9.00 EACH.

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LOTTERY TICKETS NOW ON SALE

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TICKETS OF THIS YEAR'S FIRST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY HAVE GONE ON SALE AS FROM TODAY (MONDAY).

AS IN LAST YEAR, THERE WILL BE 10 LOTTERIES THIS YEAR. EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST, WHICH WILL LAST THREE WEEKS FROM TODAY, THE OTHERS WILL BE HELD AT FORTNIGHTLY INTERVALS.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, SAID THE PRIZE SCHEME WILL BE THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S AS THE COMMITTEE THOUGHT THAT EVERYONE WOULD STAND A BETTER CHANCE OF WINNING HANDSOME CASH PRIZES UNDER THE SCHEME.

THIS MEANS THAT THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 159 PRIZES IN EVERY LOTTERY -- ONE EACH FOR THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD, 50 FOR THE SPECIAL AND 106 FOR THE CONSOLATION PRIZES.

THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE PRIZES WILL TAKE UP 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS WITH THE REST GOING TO THE LOTTERIES FUND TO BE USED FOR THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY WELFARE PROJECTS.

THE FIRST PRIZE WILL BE WORTH 40 PER CENT OF THE PROCEEDS, THE SECOND PRIZE FOUR PER CENT AND THE THIRD 0.4 PER CENT.

EACH CONSOLATION PRIZE WILL BE WORTH 0.1 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS, THE SAME AMOUNT AS A SPECIAL PRIZE.

FIVE ARTISTES FROM RADIO HONG KONG WILL TAKE PART IN THE FIRST DRAW TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE AT 10 A.M. ON JUNE 7. THEY ARE MR. LEUNG MING, MISS FUNG SHUI CHUN, MR. TSANG KONG, MISS KIMMY GOT AND MR. WU KWUN MAANG. THEY WILL ALSO HELP SELLING THE TWO-DOLLAR TICKETS BETWEEN 5 AND 6 P.M. ON JUNE 2.

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PRESENTATION OF LONG-SERVICE MEDALS

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. E.H. NICHOLS, WILL PRESENT LONG-SERVICE MEDALS TO 20 STAFF MEMBERS OF THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION AT A CEREMONY ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 21).

THE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT, 14TH FLOOR, CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES, AT 3.30 P.M.

THE 20 STAFF MEMBERS, RANGING FROM LABOURER TO MARKET MANAGER, HAVE EACH COMPLETED 25 YEARS' SERVICE WITH THE ORGANIZATION.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS ON THE 14TH FLOOR OF THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

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PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME INTERESTS BRUNEI VISITORS

THE VISITING MEMBERS OF THE BRUNEI LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, LED BY PENGIRAN HAJI ABU BAKAR, SPEAKER OF THE COUNCIL, SPENT THIS (MONDAY) AFTERNOON WITH HOUSING DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH HOUSING IN HONG KONG.

THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED BY MR. GNEUNG SING-HOI, HOUSING ARCHITECT, AND LATER INSPECTED THE SHEK KIP NEI REHOUSING PROJECT AND TOURED THE OI MAN ESTATE.

THEY SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FUTURE PUBLIC HOUSING PROGRAMME AND HAD ADMIRATION FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENT IN PROVIDING HOMES FOR NEARLY HALF OF HONG KONG'S FAMILIES.

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OPEN BALLOT FOR BATHING SHEDS
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AN OPEN BALLOT WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY (MAY 22) BY THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO ALLOCATE 21 CLUB AND PRIVATE BATHING SHEDS ON BEACHES ALONG THE CASTLE PEAK ROAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

MR. WAN YIU-SING, REGIONAL SECRETARY (NEW TERRITORIES) OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, WILL CONDUCT THE BALLOT WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11.00 A.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT DEPOT AT SAI YEE STREET, KOWLOON.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO HAVE SUBMITTED APPLICATIONS FOR THE SHEDS, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE BALLOT.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT
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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (MONDAY) STOOD AT 54,536 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 81.1 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 36,903 MILLION GALLONS.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 40,045 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 29,390 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 79.3 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TOTAL OF 17.8 MM (0.70 IN.) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 733.4 MM (28.87 IN.).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY STANDS AT 422.8 MM (16.65 IN.).
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