



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS ON GARMENT EXPORTS TO NORWAY
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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. LAWRENCE MILLS, TODAY ANNOUNCED THAT HONG KONG WOULD UNILATERALLY INTRODUCE RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS OF A NUMBER OF GARMENTS TO NORWAY WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT FOLLOWING A THIRD ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS WHICH WAS HELD IN OSLO FROM DECEMBER 8 TO 12, 1975.

IT BECAME CLEAR AT THESE CONSULTATIONS THAT NO FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARDS AGREEMENT COULD BE MADE FOR THE TIME BEING, AND THE CONSULTATIONS WERE ADJOURNED IN ORDER THAT THE NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES MIGHT CONSIDER THEIR POSITION FURTHER.

IN ORDER TO AVOID DISRUPTION TO THE TRADE, AND AFTER CONSULTING THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD, THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO INTRODUCE THE UNILATERAL RESTRAINT ARRANGEMENTS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNTIL SUCH TIMES AS A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT CAN BE FINALISED BETWEEN HONG KONG AND NORWAY.

THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS INVOLVE THE CONTINUATION OF EXPORT RESTRAINT ON SIX OF THE CATEGORIES UNDER THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS COVERING SUCH ITEMS AS BRIEFS AND PANTIES, SHIRTS, BLOUSES AND TROUSERS. ADDITIONALLY, HONG KONG WILL VOLUNTARILY RESTRAIN EXPORTS OF CERTAIN OTHER JACKETS, SWEATERS, STOCKINGS AND SOCKS WHICH NORWAY WAS ABLE TO SHOW DURING THE CONSULTATIONS WERE CAUSING MARKET DISRUPTION.

THE PRESENT EXPORT REGISTRATION SCHEME WILL ALSO BE EXTENDED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1976 BUT MODIFIED TO INCLUDE THREE NEW ITEMS AND EXCLUDE SOME OF THE NEW ITEMS NOW BEING PLACED UNDER RESTRAINT.

DETAILS OF THE INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 1976 TO DECEMBER 1976 ARE ANNOUNCED IN NOTICE TO EXPORTERS SERIES 3 NO. 30/75.

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GUIDE BOOK ON NATURE TRAIL ON SALE

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A NEW GUIDE-BOOK ON THE PINEAPPLE DAM NATURE TRAIL, ALONG THE WESTERN EDGE OF JUBILEE RESERVOIR, IS NOW ON SALE AT \$1.50 EACH AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE.

THE TRAIL IS THE SECOND COUNTRY PATH OPENED UP BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT'S COUNTRY PARK PROGRAMME FOR RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE COUNTRYSIDE.

THE FIRST NATURE TRAIL -- THE DRAGON'S BACK -- ON HONG KONG ISLAND WAS OPENED LAST YEAR.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT POINTED OUT THAT THE PINEAPPLE DAM TRAIL IS A PATH THROUGH AN AREA OF PLEASANT COUNTRYSIDE.

+ALONG THE PATH, NUMBERED MARKER-POSTS ARE PLACED AT STRATEGIC POINTS TO DRAW THE VISITOR'S ATTENTION TO SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST.+

EACH MARKER-POST REFERS TO A PARAGRAPH IN THE GUIDE-BOOK WHICH ALSO CONTAINS INFORMATION ON THE SCENERY, GEOLOGY, WILDLIFE, VEGETATION AND DEVELOPMENT HISTORY OF THE AREA.

BESIDES ENHANCING THE INTEREST OF NATURE-LOVERS, THE BOOK COULD ALSO BE USED AS A TEACHING AID TO STUDENTS WHO WANT TO OBSERVE THE THINGS THEY HAVE LEARNT IN SCHOOL.

THE WALK WOULD LAST HALF AN HOUR TO TWO HOURS, DEPENDING ON THE LENGTH OF TIME TAKEN AT EACH STOP.

SCHOOL PARTIES WISHING TO VISIT THE TRAIL ARE ADVISED TO REACH JUBILEE RESERVOIR BY SCHOOL BUS. SMALLER PARTIES CAN USE THE PUBLIC BUS SERVICE FROM TSUEN WAN.

+MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE PARTICULARLY REQUESTED NOT TO COLLECT OR DAMAGE THE VEGETATION ALONG THE TRAIL,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

VISITORS ARE ALSO STRONGLY URGED TO KEEP THE TRAIL CLEAN BY USING THE LITTER BINS PROVIDED, AND BE VERY CAREFUL NOT TO START ANY FIRE.

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MANUFACTURERS URGED TO RETURN SURVEY CARDS EARLY
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTIC DEPARTMENT TODAY CALLED ON MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CARDS SENT TO THEM EARLIER THIS MONTH TO DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID, +IT IS ESSENTIAL TO HAVE A COMPLETE COVERAGE IN ORDER TO UP-DATE THE DIRECTORY OF MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE SAMPLE SURVEYS IN THE FOLLOWING THREE QUARTERS.+

HE STRESSED THAT INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND WOULD BE USED ONLY FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

SOME 35,000 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS ARE COVERED BY THE FULL-SCALE SURVEY. OF THESE SEVERAL THOUSAND HAVE NOT RETURNED THEIR CARDS AND REMINDERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO THEM.

MANAGEMENTS WERE ASKED TO COMPLETE THE CARDS WITH THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENGAGED AND VACANCIES AS AT DECEMBER 4.

A SURVEY IS ALSO BEING MADE ON EMPLOYMENT AND VACANCY SITUATIONS IN THE IMPORT/EXPORT, WHOLESALE, AND RETAIL TRADES, INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, HOTELS AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES.

MANAGEMENTS OF SUCH ESTABLISHMENTS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO CO-OPERATE IN THIS SURVEY.

PROMPT RETURN OF COMPLETED SURVEY CARDS, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, WOULD SAVE THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE UNNECESSARY BURDEN OF INDIVIDUAL FOLLOW-UPS, AND WOULD ENABLE THE SURVEY RESULTS TO BE RELEASED EARLIER.

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OFFICIAL OPENING OF AN EXTENSION TO VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. MORRIS MORGAN, WILL MELT A CHAIN WITH OXY-ACETYLENE - THE TECHNICAL VERSION OF CUTTING THE RIBBON - AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A NEW EXTENSION TO THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE TRAINING CENTRE WAS FOUNDED IN 1965 BY THE LUTHERAN WORLD SERVICE TO PROVIDE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TRAINING TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

IN RECENT YEARS, ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP SPACE WAS NEEDED TO MEET DEMAND FOR THE EXPANDING TRAINING PROGRAMMES.

TWO NEW FLOORS WERE SUBSEQUENTLY ADDED TO THE EXISTING PREMISES WITH A \$1.9 MILLION GOVERNMENT GRANT AND A \$200,000 DONATION FROM THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION IN GENEVA.

THE NEW WORKSHOPS HAVE FACILITIES FOR TRAINING IN AIR-CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION MAINTENANCE, GENERAL ELECTRICAL MECHANICS, TELEVISION REPAIR, CARPENTRY, MACHINE SHOP PRACTICE AND AUTOMOBILE REPAIR.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY TOMORROW (FRIDAY) AT 11 A.M. AT THE KWUN TONG VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTRE, 5, TSUI PING ROAD, KWUN TONG, KOWLOON.

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MORE DANGEROUS GOODS VEHICLES INSPECTED

THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT LAST MONTH INSPECTED 124 VEHICLES USED TO CARRY INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND COMPRESSED GASES.

THIS BRINGS TO 460, THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES WHICH HAVE UNDERGONE INSPECTION SINCE APRIL THIS YEAR WHEN NEW REGULATIONS INVOLVING ANNUAL LICENSING OF SUCH VEHICLES WERE INTRODUCED.

DURING NOVEMBER, A TOTAL OF 7,149 COMPLAINTS WAS INVESTIGATED, OF WHICH 5,925 RELATED TO COMPLAINTS ABOUT MEANS OF ESCAPE. INSPECTIONS ON MEANS OF ESCAPE NOT ARISING FROM COMPLAINTS NUMBERED 907.

THERE WERE 2,652 INSPECTIONS ON FACTORIES AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL PREMISES, 601 ON PREMISES USED FOR STORING OR MANUFACTURING DANGEROUS GOODS, AND 313 ON BUILDING VENTILATION SYSTEMS.

OTHER INSPECTIONS INCLUDED: SCHOOLS (232), FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS (310), RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS (268), PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (113), NEON SIGNS (5), TIMBER YARDS AND STORAGE (16) AND MISCELLANEOUS (142).

ELEVEN FIRES WERE INVESTIGATED BY OFFICERS FROM THE BUREAU. IN ADDITION, 496 PLANS FOR NEW BUILDING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU FOR PROCESSING WERE FINALISED= 608 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED= AND 79 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES RESULTING IN THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AMOUNTING TO OVER \$23,500.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR 400

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THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR THE DISABLED AND THE KAI CHI CHILDREN'S CENTRE FOR THE MENTALLY RETARDED WILL HOST A JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR 400 OF THEIR TRAINEES AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, WILL ATTEND THE PARTY AND MR. MORRIS MORGAN, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, WILL PRESENT SOUVENIRS TO VOLUNTEER WORKERS.

IN THE PARTY, THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES BY TV ARTISTES, AN OPEN-AIR ACROBATIC SHOW, A CONCERT BY BLIND MUSICIANS AND A WHEELCHAIR DANCE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:-

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE PARTY AT THE ABERDEEN REHABILITATION CENTRE, WELFARE ROAD, WONG CHUK HANG, HONG KONG.

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CARNIVAL FOR PING CHAU CHILDREN

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ABOUT 1,000 YOUNGSTERS IN PING CHAU WILL BE ENTERTAINED THIS SUNDAY (DECEMBER 21) IN A +CARNIVAL FOR CHILDREN+.

THE CARNIVAL WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE PLAYGROUND OF CHI YAN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN PING CHAU BETWEEN 1 AND 5 P.M.

THE EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE LAM TIN ESTATE COMMUNITY WORK OFFICE TO PROVIDE ENTERTAINMENT FOR CHILDREN IN PING CHAU TO AROUSE INTEREST AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY WELFARE AND TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE THERE TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL SERVICES.

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BEACH CLEANING AT SHUEN WAN

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CHILDREN ATTENDING FIVE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN TAI PO WILL SPEND SATURDAY MORNING (DECEMBER 20) CLEANING BEACHES AT SHUEN WAN (TOLO HARBOUR) AS PART OF THE CLEAN HONG KONG CAMPAIGN.

THE CLEANING OPERATION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CLEAN TAI PO COMMITTEE AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE.

THE OPERATION WILL BEGIN WITH A CEREMONY AT WHICH 'LAP SAP CHUNG' AND VARIOUS T.V. PERSONALITIES WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. A VEHICLE (REGISTRATION NO. AM 3274) WILL LEAVE TSIM SHA TSUI SUB-POOL BEHIND THE POST OFFICE AT 10.30 A.M. TO TAKE PRESS REPRESENTATIVES TO SHUEN WAN.

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE INTERRUPTED FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. ON SATURDAY (DECEMBER 20) TO FACILITATE A LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE NORTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO MANSION STREET, JAVA ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO KING'S ROAD, MARBLE ROAD FROM TIN CHIU STREET TO HEALTHY STREET WEST AND TIN CHIU STREET.

IN SHATIN, WATER SUPPLY TO SHATIN SCHOOL, HEUNG FAN LIU VILLAGE, SHATIN INN AND CHOI YUEN (LUNG YUEN) VILLAGE WILL BE INTERRUPTED ON THE SAME DAY FROM 1 P.M. TO 5 P.M. TO ENABLE WATERWORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT.

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SECTION OF ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER AND ARGYLE STREET CLOSED
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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT BECAUSE OF A BURST WATER-MAINS THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER AND ARGYLE STREET IN KOWLOON HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO TRAFFIC: ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER -- THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN KAI TAK ROAD AND HOUSE NO.250 ARGYLE STREET= AND ARGYLE STREET -- THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY BETWEEN THE WESTERN EDGE OF KOWLOON CITY ROUNDABOUT AND HOUSE NO.250 ARGYLE STREET.

AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL TRAFFIC BY WAY OF PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND LOMOND ROAD.

THE EXISTING BUS STOPS IN ARGYLE STREET OPPOSITE THE PRINCE HOTEL ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED. BUS SERVICES NO.2A, 6B, 9, 10, 13D, 16 AND 212 ARE FOLLOWING THE ABOVE RE-ROUTING AND ARE USING THE EXISTING BUS STOPS IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD OUTSIDE THE PRINCE HOTEL.

DRAINAGE AND ROAD-REPAIR WORK IN THE ARGYLE STREET AND FLYOVER AREA IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ONE MONTH. TRAFFIC SIGNS HAVE BEEN ERECTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS
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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE CHESTER ROAD AREA OF KOWLOON TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW.

STARTING FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (DECEMBER 19), THE SECTION OF DERBY ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND CHESTER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY WESTBOUND WHILE CHESTER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTHBOUND WITH INTERNAL TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN AN ANTI-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION. THE SECTION OF FLINT ROAD BETWEEN WATERLOO ROAD AND CHESTER ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY EASTBOUND.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE ERECTED IN THE AREA TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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