



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REFUSE COLLECTION IN HARBOUR - AN EXPENSIVE OPERATION
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THE MARINE DEPARTMENT TODAY (THURSDAY) URGED BOAT DWELLERS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN ABERDEEN, NOT TO DUMP REFUSE INTO THE WATER.

THE APPEAL FOLLOWS A SERIES OF CORRESPONDENCE IN THE LOCAL PRESS RECENTLY ON THE PROBLEMS OF FLOATING REFUSE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE HARBOUR AND OFF POPULAR SOUTH COAST BEACHES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID A NUMBER OF MEETINGS HAD BEEN HELD RECENTLY WITH THE BOAT PEOPLE IN AN EFFORT TO PERSUADE THEM TO REFRAIN FROM DUMPING DOMESTIC AND COMMERCIAL WASTES INTO THE WATER. HOWEVER, THERE HAD BEEN LITTLE RESPONSE.

HE SAID THE POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT OF THE DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN CONCERNED WITH THE SITUATION IN ABERDEEN DURING RECENT WEEKS AND A PARTICULAR EFFORT WAS MADE BY THE UNIT TO DEAL WITH ACCUMULATIONS WHICH OCCURRED IN THE SHUM WAN AND PO CHONG WAN ANCHORAGES.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE SITUATION HAD BEEN MUCH AGGRAVATED BY A PROLONGED PERIOD OF RAIN AND BY SPRING TIDES.

REFERRING TO THE TYPE OF REFUSE COLLECTED IN THE AREA, HE SAID THAT IT WAS MAINLY DOMESTIC WASTES, MOST PROBABLY ORIGINATING FROM PLEASURE CRAFT, FISHING AND OTHER COMMERCIAL CRAFT IN ABERDEEN.

TO DEAL WITH THE REFUSE PROBLEM THERE, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT STATIONED A SCAVENGING FLEET OF SIX SAMPANS PLUS ONE MOTORISED CARGO BOAT IN ABERDEEN HARBOUR.

+ALTHOUGH THE FLEET CAN USUALLY KEEP FLOATING REFUSE IN THE AREA TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL, THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES RECENTLY WHEN THE FLEET HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENT TO COPE WITH THE LARGE AMOUNT OF REFUSE,+ HE SAID.

IN A CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO COMBAT FLOATING REFUSE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID, THE DEPARTMENT WOULD SEND AN ADDITIONAL SAMPAN TO THE AREA ON JULY 1 AND FOR THE REMAINING SUMMER MONTHS TO HELP CLEAR THE AREA OF REFUSE ON WORKING DAYS WHILE A MECHANISED SAMPAN WOULD CONTINUE THE OPERATION ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO PROVIDE MORE DRUMS ON SHUM WAN ROAD FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ATTEMPT TO DISPOSE OF THEIR REFUSE IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER AS THE PRESENT 12 PROVE INSUFFICIENT.

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HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS WOULD FURTHER REDUCE THE POLLUTION WITHIN ABERDEEN HARBOUR AND PREVENT, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, REFUSE IN THIS AREA FROM BEING CARRIED BY TIDES TO THE NEARBY BEACHES.

THE SPOKESMAN DISCLOSED THAT MARINE DEPARTMENT WAS TO ACQUIRE AN INSHORE SHALLOW DRIFT CRAFT CAPABLE OF DEALING WITH OIL POLLUTION AT MORE INACCESSIBLE BEACHES.

HE SAID THAT THE CRAFT, WHICH CAN ALSO BE USED TO COLLECT FLOATING REFUSE, WOULD BE EMPLOYED FOR SUCH PURPOSES WHEN IT WAS NOT ENGAGED ON ANTI-OIL POLLUTION FUNCTIONS.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT COLLECTING FLOATING REFUSE WAS AN EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE OPERATION, COSTING THE MARINE DEPARTMENT \$1.25 MILLION A YEAR.

+UNTIL THERE IS MORE CO-OPERATION FROM THE USERS OF THE WATERS OF HONG KONG INCLUDING CERTAIN INDUSTRIES AND OTHER FACILITIES ON THE SHORE LINES, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THIS LEVEL OF EXPENDITURE CAN BE REDUCED,+ HE SAID.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BY AUCTION ON JULY 23 (FRIDAY) AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE LECTURE ROOM, 8TH FLOOR, CITY HALL.

TWO OF THEM ARE AT SZE SHAN STREET, SAM KA TSUEN, KOWLOON AND ARE EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN PURPOSES. ONE MEASURES 26,870 SQUARE FEET AND THE OTHER, 14,810 SQUARE FEET.

THE THIRD LOT, MEASURING 19,500 SQUARE FEET, IS AT HORIZON DRIVE, CHUNG HOM KOK, HONG KONG. IT HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE (WEST WING), GROUND FLOOR, HONG KONG AND THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

SALE PLANS CAN ALSO BE INSPECTED AT THESE OFFICES.

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FAREWELL DINNER FOR MR. J.J. ROBSON

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ASSOCIATION WILL BE GIVING A FAREWELL DINNER IN HONOUR OF MR. J.J. ROBSON, THE RETIRING SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TOMORROW (FRIDAY) NIGHT AT 8.30 P.M. AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE BALLROOM OF THE HOLIDAY INN IN NATHAN ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL ALSO ATTEND. HE WILL ARRIVE AT 8.15 P.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OCCASION.

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OPENING OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP

NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE BRITISH FORCES AND THE SOCIAL WLEFARE DEPARTMENT AT THE RAF SPORTS FIELD AT KAI TAK ON SUNDAY (JUNE 27) AT 6.30 P.M.

THE CAMP DIRECTOR, CAPTAIN ROBERT COX, OF THE FIRST BATTALION LIGHT INFANTRY, WILL ADDRESS THE PARTICIPANTS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING. THE ENTRANCE TO THE SPORTS FIELD IS ON KWUN TONG ROAD JUST AFTER THE CHOI HUNG/PING SHEK INTERCHANGE.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT AND MONG KOK WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS STARTING FROM 1 A.M. ON SATURDAY (JUNE 26) TO ALLOW THE WATERWORKS OFFICE TO CARRY OUT NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

IN NORTH POINT, THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY ELECTRIC ROAD, LAU SIN STREET, HING FAT STREET, THE SEA FRONT, INCLUDING THE CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACY, THE VICTORIA PARK AND THE NORTH POINT POWER STATION OF THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY.

IN MONG KOK, PREMISES BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, DUNDAS STREET, WATERLOO ROAD, YIM PO FONG STREET, SOY STREET, INCLUDING SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET, TUNG CHOI STREET, FA YUEN STREET, YIN CHONG STREET AND KWONG WAH STREET ARE AFFECTED.

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