



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HK NEEDS MASSIVE EXPANSION OF EDUCATION - SAYS GOVERNOR

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE SAID TODAY HONG KONG NOW NEEDS A MASSIVE EXPANSION OF EDUCATION QUICKLY WHICH IS BOTH SOCIALLY RIGHT AND ECONOMICALLY IMPERATIVE.

+TO SUCCEED, WE ALSO NEED TO WORK FOR A GOOD BALANCE BETWEEN ACADEMIC AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION IN OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS,+ SIR MURRAY SAID AT THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE GREAT CHALLENGE FOR EDUCATION IN THE YEARS AHEAD IS THE SETTING OF +SOLIDLY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS THAT CAN AND MUST BE ATTAINED BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PUPILS AND THOUSANDS OF TEACHERS FROM AVERAGE BACKGROUNDS.+

+THANKS IN LARGE PART TO THE EFFORTS OF SCHOOL AND VOLUNTARY BODIES SUCH AS YOURS, HONG KONG HAS AN ENVIABLE RECORD IN EDUCATION AND A FIRM BASIS ON WHICH TO BE BUILT,+ SIR MURRAY SAID.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT THE CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL:

+I AM HONOURED TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF YOUR SCHOOL AS A GRANT-IN-AID SCHOOL AND TO OPEN THE EXHIBITION WHICH IS BEING PREPARED BY THE GIRLS. ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF CONGENIAL CO-OPERATION WITH GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY IS AN OCCASION WORTH CELEBRATING, AND I OFFER THE SCHOOL AND EVERYONE CONNECTED WITH IT MY WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES.

+ONE OF THE EXCITING THINGS ABOUT HONG KONG IS THAT THE UNAVOIDABLE DEFICIENCIES OF YESTERDAY, AND THE INSISTENT DEMANDS OF TOMORROW REQUIRE US ALWAYS TO BE IN A HURRY TODAY. WE MUST LIVE - EXHILARATINGLY - UNDER PRESSURE, AND IN A STATE OF PROGRESS AND CHANGE. IMMOBILITY OF THOUGHT OR STRUCTURE MAY NOT BE WRONG BUT SHOULD CONSTANTLY BE QUESTIONED -THAT IS WHAT EDUCATION IS ALL ABOUT - AND I AM SURE THAT NOT EVEN SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS INSTITUTION AS THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL WOULD WISH TO REST ON ITS LAURELS.

+WE HAVE ENTERED AN ERA OF SECONDARY EDUCATION WITHOUT FEES FOR ALL. IT IS OBVIOUSLY HIGHLY DESIRABLE, BUT LESS OBVIOUSLY IT DOES INVOLVE COMPLICATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS.

+I LOOK TO SCHOOLS SUCH AS THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL AND BODIES SUCH AS THE SHENG KUNG HUI TO PLUNGE INTO THIS NEW AND DEMANDING ENTERPRISE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH THE REST OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY.

+IN PARTICULAR I LOOK FOR THE SETTING OF STANDARDS= I DO NOT MEAN THE KIND OF STANDARDS THAT CAN ONLY BE ATTAINED BY A COMBINATION OF EXCEPTIONALLY GIFTED TEACHERS AND OUTSTANDINGLY ABLE PUPILS FROM WEALTHY AND SCHOLARLY HOMES= I MEAN SOLIDLY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS THAT CAN AND MUST BE ATTAINED BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PUPILS AND THOUSANDS OF TEACHERS FROM AVERAGE BACKGROUNDS.

/+ THIS IS THE GREAT .....

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+THIS IS THE GREAT CHALLENGE OF THE YEARS AHEAD. THANKS IN LARGE PART TO THE EFFORTS OF SCHOOL AND VOLUNTARY BODIES SUCH AS YOURS, HONG KONG HAS AN ENVIABLE RECORD IN EDUCATION AND A FIRM BASIS ON WHICH TO BUILD. WE NOW NEED A MASSIVE EXPANSION, AND WE NEED IT QUICKLY - THIS IS BOTH SOCIALLY RIGHT AND ECONOMICALLY IMPERATIVE.

+TO SUCCEED WE ALSO NEED TO WORK FOR A GOOD BALANCE BETWEEN ACADEMIC AND PRACTICAL EDUCATION IN OUR SECONDARY SCHOOLS. THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL DOES A PARTICULARLY FINE JOB HERE BY STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRACTICAL SUBJECTS LIKE MUSIC, ART AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE, BUT AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAINING AN ADMIRABLE STANDARD ON ACADEMIC SUBJECTS.

+EDUCATION IS NOT ONLY THE ACQUISITION OF PARTICULAR SKILLS BUT THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF A STUDENT'S ABILITY TO DEVELOP SKILLS AND TO UNDERSTAND HIS OR HER OWN POTENTIAL. SO THE WIDER AND BETTER BALANCED THE CURRICULUM THE GREATER THE CHANCE OF STRIKING IN EACH STUDENT A CHORD OF SPECIAL INTEREST OR SELF-KNOWLEDGE.

+THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL HAS BEEN BLESSED WITH DEDICATED AND ABLE PRINCIPALS AND STAFF AND HAS DEVELOPED A TRADITION WHICH IS WELL-KNOWN THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND OF WHICH IT CAN JUSTLY BE PROUD. I AM PARTICULARLY GLAD TO SAY THIS IN THE PRESENCE OF MRS SYMONS WHO HAS MADE SUCH A NOTABLE PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO THIS SCHOOL, JUST AS SHE HAS MADE SUCH A CONTRIBUTION IN THE WIDER SPHERE OF GOVERNMENT. I AM SURE THAT WITH SUCH A NOTABLE TRADITION BEHIND YOU AND SUCH WISE GUIDANCE TO LEAD YOU, THE DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL WILL MAKE THE SAME HIGH CONTRIBUTION IN THE NEW ERA OF EDUCATION INTO WHICH WE ARE ENTERING AS IT HAS DONE DURING THE LAST ONE HUNDRED YEARS WE ARE HERE TO COMMEMORATE.

+IN THIS VENTURE, I WISH YOU ALL POSSIBLE SUCCESS.+

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MR. JOHN SLIMMING TO SUCCEED MR. RICHARD LAI  
AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES

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THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, MR. RICHARD LAI MING, WILL LEAVE THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT SERVICE IN JUNE 1978 ON LEAVE PRIOR TO RETIREMENT. HE WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY MR. J.D. SLIMMING, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES, WHOSE PROMOTION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS.

MR. SLIMMING, AGED 50, IS AT PRESENT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES. HE FIRST JOINED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT AS A SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER IN AUGUST 1968. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER IN MARCH 1973 AND TO HIS PRESENT RANK IN JULY 1974.

MR. LAI IS AGED 57. HE HAS BEEN 16 YEARS IN THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVING SERVED SUCCESSIVELY AS A PRINCIPAL INFORMATION OFFICER FROM 1962, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER FROM 1972, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN 1973 AND AS DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES IN 1976. MR. LAI IS MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN.

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OVER 100 DISABLED FOUND JOBS DURING LAST QUARTER

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THE JOB PLACEMENT UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS FOUND JOBS FOR OVER 100 DISABLED PEOPLE DURING THE LAST THREE MONTHS.

AMONG THOSE PLACED TO WORK WERE 13 BLIND, 22 DEAF, 50 PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED, 10 EX-MENTAL PATIENTS AND NINE MENTAL RETARDATES.

MOST OF THEM ARE ENGAGED IN THE COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL FIELDS AS TYPISTS, CLERKS, LIFT OPERATORS AND MESSENGERS, WHILE OTHERS ARE EMPLOYED AS ASSEMBLERS, MACHINE SEWING WORKERS, THREAD-CUTTERS AND MACHINE OPERATORS.

THEY ARE EITHER PAID ON A MONTHLY RATE AVERAGED AT \$650 OR AT A DAILY RATE RANGING FROM \$18 TO \$26, WITH ONE GETTING A DAILY WAGE OF \$80.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICE MEDALS  
AND CLASPS PRESENTATION  
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MORE THAN 80 SERVING AND RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL RECEIVE COLONIAL FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICE MEDALS AND CLASPS FROM THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. M.K. LANE, AT A CEREMONY AT HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION ON SATURDAY (JANUARY 21).

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL START AT 9 A.M. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MEET SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MR. H.F. CHUI, AT THE HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION NOT LATER THAN 8.45 A.M.

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NEW OFFICES FOR OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION  
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THE OVERSEAS STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS MOVING ITS OFFICES FROM BONAVENTURE HOUSE TO THE NEARBY LEIGHTON CENTRE.

STUDENTS SEEKING ADVICE FROM THE SECTION SHOULD GO TO ROOM 1522, LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, FROM NEXT MONDAY.

THE NEW OFFICE IS DESIGNED TO MEET THE SECTION'S INCREASING ACTIVITIES AND PROVIDES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AN INTERVIEW ROOM AND A READING AREA FOR THE BENEFIT OF STUDENTS.

THE SECTION, HEADED BY A SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, ASSISTS STUDENTS PLANNING STUDIES ABROAD, BY ADVISING THEM ON THE COURSES AVAILABLE, THE TYPES OF INSTITUTES, AND APPLICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE OVERSEAS CENTRES.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF OFFICERS IN THE SECTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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(GENERAL OFFICE)

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MISS Y.H. WONG 5-793869  
(ENQUIRIES)

MR. K.M. LAU,  
MRS. CHUNG LEUNG-SIU 5-793877  
(ENQUIRIES)

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# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN SUPPLEMENT

Thursday, January 19, 1978

Speech By Governor At Centenary Celebrations Of  
Diocesan Girls' School

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The following is the full text of the speech by the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, at the Centenary Celebrations of the Diocesan Girls' School today:

I am honoured to have been invited to the Centenary Celebrations of your school as a grant-in-aid school and to open the exhibition which is being prepared by the girls. One hundred years of congenial co-operation with Government certainly is an occasion worth celebrating, and I offer the school and everyone connected with it my warmest congratulations and best wishes.

One of the exciting things about Hong Kong is that the unavoidable deficiencies of yesterday, and the insistent demands of tomorrow require us always to be in a hurry today. We must live - exhilaratingly - under pressure, and in a state of progress and change. Immobility of thought or structure may not be wrong but should constantly be questioned - that is what education is all about - and I am sure that not even such a prestigious institution as the Diocesan Girls' School would wish to rest on its laurels.

/We have entered .....

We have entered an era of secondary education without fees for all. It is obviously desirable, but less obviously it does involve complications and adjustments. I look to schools such as the Diocesan Girls' School and bodies such as the Sheng Kung Hui to plunge into this new and demanding enterprise wholeheartedly with the rest of the educational community. In particular I look for the setting of standards; I do not mean the kind of standards that can only be attained by a combination of exceptionally gifted teachers and outstandingly able pupils from wealthy and scholarly homes; I mean solidly professional standards that can and must be attained by millions of pupils and thousands of teachers from average backgrounds. This is the great challenge of the years ahead. Thanks in large part to the efforts of school and voluntary bodies such as yours, Hong Kong has an enviable record in education and a firm basis on which to build. We now need a massive expansion, and we need it quickly - this is both socially right and economically imperative.

To succeed we also need to work for a good balance between academic and practical education in our secondary schools. The Diocesan Girls' School does a particularly fine job here by stressing the importance of practical subjects like music, art and domestic science, but at the same time maintaining an admirable standard on academic subjects. Education is not only the acquisition of particular skills but the encouragement of a student's ability to develop skills and to understand his or her own potential. So the wider and better balanced the curriculum the greater the chance of striking in each student a chord of special interest or self-knowledge.

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The Diocesan Girls' School has been blessed with dedicated and able Principals and staff and has developed a tradition which is well-known throughout Hong Kong and of which it can justly be proud. I am particularly glad to say this in the presence of Mrs. Symons who has made such a notable personal contribution to this school, just as she has made such a contribution in the wider sphere of Government. I am sure that with such a notable tradition behind you and such wise guidance to lead you, the Diocesan Girls' School will make the same high contribution in the new era of education into which we are moving as it has done during the last one hundred years we are here to commemorate.

In this venture, I wish you all possible success.