



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FIRST ECONOMIC CENSUS ON HONG KONG TRADES

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL BE CONDUCTING IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS THE FIRST ECONOMIC CENSUS OF WHOLESALE, RETAIL AND IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE AS WELL AS RESTAURANT AND HOTEL BUSINESSES.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS WAS PART OF ITS CONTINUOUS PROGRAMME OF ECONOMIC CENSUSES COVERING ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY. THE DATA TO BE COLLECTED RELATE TO THE YEAR 1977 AND WOULD INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR COST, OPERATING COSTS, PURCHASES, SALES, CAPITAL EXPENDITURE AND STOCK.

QUESTIONNAIRES ARE BEING SENT TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THIS SECTOR EMPLOYING MORE THAN 20 PERSONS AS WELL AS TO A SAMPLE OF SMALLER CONCERNS RANDOMLY SELECTED.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO MANAGERMENTS OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS RECEIVING THESE QUESTIONNAIRES TO COMPLETE AND RETURN THE FORMS BY JUNE 30, 1978, USING POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

+CENSUS OFFICERS CARRYING GOVERNMENT IDENTITY CARDS WILL, UPON REQUEST, VISIT THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED AND ASSIST THEM IN COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRES,+ HE SAID.

HE EMPHASISED THAT INFORMATION RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENTS WILL BE TREATED IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND BE USED SOLELY FOR STATISTICAL PURPOSES.

+DATA OBTAINED FROM THE CENSUS WILL BE OF USE TO BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ENTERPRISES IN DECISION-MAKING, TRADE PROMOTIONS, MARKET ANALYSIS, AND INTER-TRADE COMPARISONS. IT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN EVALUATION OF THIS SECTOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO HONG KONG'S GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT,+ HE SAID.

THE CENSUS IS BEING CONDUCTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE CENSUS ORDER, 1978, PROVIDED IN THE CENSUS ORDINANCE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR JOINS YOUTHS IN CLEAN-UP OF NEW TERRITORIES BEACH

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL JOIN 70 MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND BOYS SCOUTS TO CLEAN-UP LAI CHI WO BEACH IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON SUNDAY (MARCH 19).

THE CLEANING UP OPERATION OF THE UNGAZETTED BEACH NEAR SHA TAU KOK WILL START AT 10.30 A.M. AND FINISH AT 3.30 P.M.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT. TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES COVERING THE EVENT SHOULD MEET GIS OFFICERS AT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES CAR PARK IN FRONT OF THE VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT NOT LATER THAN 8 A.M. ON SUNDAY.

HOWEVER, THOSE USING THEIR OWN TRANSPORT SHOULD MEET GIS OFFICERS AT TAI PO KAU PIER AT 9.15 A.M.

IN ORDER THAT PROPER TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENT MAY BE MADE, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INFORM MR. PETER CHOI OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION (TEL. NO. 3-0502465 AND 3-0502485) BY 5 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) THE NAMES OF YOUR REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED TO COVER THE EVENT.

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SIR DENYS VISITS U.S.

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THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS, LEFT HONG KONG THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON FOR AN EIGHT-DAY TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROMOTE HONG KONG AS A BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL CENTRE.

DURING HIS TOUR, SIR DENYS WILL VISIT SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES AND CHICAGO AND MEET BUSINESSMEN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF THE THREE CITIES.

WHILE IN CHICAGO, SIR DENYS WILL ADDRESS A GROUP OF HIGH LEVEL BUSINESS EXECUTIVES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY THE HONG KONG TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL.

THE TOUR IS LINKED TO AN EFFORT BY THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL TO BOOST BUSINESS IN HONG KONG.

SIR DENYS WILL RETURN ON MARCH 24.

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PWD AWARDS LANDSCAPING CONTRACTS

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MORE THAN 113,000 TREES AND SHRUBS ARE TO BE PLANTED IN SELECTED AREAS ALONG TUEN MUN ROAD TO BLEND THE CUT SLOPES INTO THE EXISTING COUNTRYSIDE.

THE WORK, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES AFTERCARE AND FERTILISATION, IS COVERED BY TWO LANDSCAPING CONTRACTS WHICH THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS AWARDED TO BLUET GARDEN.

THE TWO CONTRACTS ARE WORTH A TOTAL OF MORE THAN \$3 MILLION.

MR. T.S. NG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT PLANTING WOULD BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE SPRING OF 1979 AND 1980.

THIRTEEN DIFFERENT KINDS OF PLANTS, INCLUDING ACACIA CONFUSA, ALNUS FORMOSANA AND PHYALLANTHUS EMBLICA, MEASURING BETWEEN 35 CM AND 70 CM WOULD BE PLANTED.

MR. NG SAID THAT LANDSCAPING DONE PREVIOUSLY FOR OTHER ROAD PROJECTS WAS ON A PIECEMEAL BASIS.

+THIS IS THE FIRST TIME LANDSCAPING ON SUCH A LARGE SCALE HAS EVER BEEN CARRIED OUT BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, WORK ON THE FIRST STAGE OF THE \$390 MILLION TUEN MUN ROAD IS NEARING COMPLETION. IT IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND STAGE WILL BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS YEAR AND WILL TAKE ABOUT TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS TO FINISH.

WHEN COMPLETED, THE 17-KILOMETRE TUEN MUN ROAD WILL CONSIST OF A HIGH CAPACITY DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ROAD LINKING TSUEN WAN WITH TUEN MUN NEW TOWN IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

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SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES OPENS  
SECOND PO LEUNG KUK SECONDARY SCHOOL

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THE SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, MR. E.P. HO, TODAY PRAISED THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS UNTIRING EFFORTS TO PROMOTE EDUCATION IN HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE PO LEUNG KUK WU CHUNG COLLEGE IN WILLOW STREET, TAI KOK TSUI, MR. HO SAID THAT, WITHIN A SHORT SPAN OF TIME, THE KUK HAD ESTABLISHED SIX PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS, PROVIDING SOME 10,000 AIDED SCHOOL PLACES.

THE NEW SCHOOL WILL HAVE FOUR FORM I CLASSES FOR 160 PUPILS TO START WITH, BUT BY 1981 THERE WILL BE 18 CLASSROOMS FOR 720 STUDENTS.

+ALL THESE SCHOOLS ARE RUN EFFICIENTLY AND HAVE PRODUCED STUDENTS WHO ACHIEVE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS,+ MR. HO SAID.

+THIS IS CERTAINLY WELL APPRECIATED BY ME AND THE PUBLIC.+

MR. HO SAID THAT, AS A VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION ESTABLISHED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNITY, THE PO LEUNG KUK PROVIDED A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES WHICH HAD MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FIELDS OF SOCIAL WELFARE, EDUCATION, ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH, THE CARE OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AS WELL AS GIRLS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

+THESE SERVICES ARE INVALUABLE TO THE COMMUNITY AND WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE DEDICATION OF THE KUK'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, AND THE SUPPORT IT HAS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC,+ HE SAID.

MR. HO THANKED MR. WU CHUNG AND HIS FAMILY FOR THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS TO THE KUK FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SCHOOL.

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BIOLOGY TEACHERS TO ATTEND COURSE ON MUSHROOM CULTIVATION  
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THE SCIENCE SUBJECTS SECTION OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE AND THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION ARE JOINTLY ORGANISING A TALK AND WORKSHOP ON THE GROWING OF MUSHROOMS IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES AT NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, ON SATURDAY (MARCH 18) FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL BIOLOGY TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), MR. A.G. BROWN, WILL ADDRESS THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH IS SCHEDULED AT 10 A.M.

DR. S.T. CHANG, READER IN BIOLOGY OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WILL GIVE A TALK ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF MUSHROOMS AND THE METHODS OF CULTIVATION, FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION AND A WORKSHOP ON THE CULTIVATION OF MUSHROOMS IN SCHOOL LABORATORY USING AQUARIA AS CONTAINERS.

THE SEMINAR WILL BE CHAIRED BY MRS. LOUISE MOK, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS.

ABOUT 200 PARTICIPANTS WILL ATTEND.

THE AIM OF THE COURSE IS TO ACQUAINT IN-SERVICE TEACHERS WITH THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPORTANCE OF MICROBIOLOGY IN DAILY LIFE AND WITH THE METHODS OF ACTUAL GROWING OF STRAW MUSHROOMS IN SCHOOL LABORATORIES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 10 A.M. ON SATURDAY (MARCH 18) AT THE LECTURE HALL OF NORTHCOTE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, BONHAM ROAD ANNEXE, 9A, BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

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THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE WILL GIVE A DEMONSTRATION ON FIRST AID AND CASUALTY HANDLING TECHNIQUES AT OI MAN ESTATE, HO MAN TIN, ON SUNDAY (MARCH 19).

THE FIRST-AID DEMONSTRATION ALONG WITH SOME ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES, WHICH INCLUDE BAND MARCHING, SINGING AND A DRAGON DANCE, WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE NO. 2 CAR PARK IN THE ESTATE AT 10 A.M.

AN AMS SUB-UNIT WILL ALSO BE FORMED IN THE ESTATE TO ATTRACT MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THE SERVICE SO THAT THEY CAN SERVE THEIR NEIGHBOURS IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY.

URBAN COUNCILLOR, MR. AMBROSE CHOI KWOK-CHING, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE BY AMS MEMBERS AND ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES IN NORTH POINT AND SHEUNG WAN  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TWO STREETS IN NORTH POINT AND SHEUNG WAN.

BOAT STREET IN NORTH POINT WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC BETWEEN 10 A.M. AND 11 P.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY) TO FACILITATE CABLE LAYING WORKS.

IN SHEUNG WAN, THE SECTION OF BRIDGES STREET BETWEEN LADDER STREET AND TANK LANE WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 5 P.M. ON SUNDAY (MARCH 19) TO ENABLE A GAMES MEETING TO BE HELD BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT OFFICE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR YOUTHS IN CENTRAL DISTRICT.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS IN THESE AREAS.

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