



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HONG KONG MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CHANGES IN WORLD ECONOMY

The 1970s will witness more changes in the world economy than has any decade in history, and Hong Kong will have to rely more than any other economy on its ability to react to and to take advantage of these changes.

The reason is that Hong Kong depends for its prosperity wholly on its trading and financial relationships with the rest of the world.

This was stated today by the Financial Secretary, Mr. C.P. Haddon-Cave, in a taped message played at the opening of the conference on "Business Environment in the 70's" at the City Hall Theatre.

In his message, he declared open the conference organised by the Hong Kong Management Association.

Mr. Haddon-Cave said the changes to be witnessed are in monetary and trading relationships, technology, the rates of growth and competitiveness of different economies and in political alignments.

"To face the challenges of the 1970s, we must be ready to adapt, to learn new skills and to develop old ones.

"For example, we must invest in new equipment, and we must train more technicians and technologists; and we must improve our management performance and the flexibility of our responses," he said.

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The Financial Secretary said the Hong Kong Management Association must continue to play a key role, and he welcomed the conference as an indication of the association's intention to do so.

He told the gathering: "The conference will help all those participating to widen their understanding of the international environment in which they operate; for I am sure the eminent speakers who will be addressing you will have much to say to stimulate thought and discussion."

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MODERN BUS TERMINUS FOR LAI CHI KOK

A bus terminus is to be built under the Lai Chi Kok Bridge near the Mei Foo Sun Chuen housing complex in Lai Chi Kok.

When completed, it will replace the existing on-street bus terminus in Cheung Sha Wan Road.

The work mainly involves the construction of six bus lanes with waiting spaces to accommodate about 20 buses.

A canteen and regulator's office for the bus company's employees will also be provided at the terminus.

The terminus should be ready about August next year. No major traffic diversions will be required during its construction.

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ANTHONY ROYLE ARRIVES ON SATURDAY

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Anthony Royle, will arrive in Hong Kong on Saturday evening on a four-day visit.

He will be accompanied by Mrs. Royle and Mr. D.B.C. Logan, his private secretary. Mr. K.M. Wilford, Assistant Under Secretary of State, who is travelling independently, will be present throughout the visit.

On arrival at Kai Tak, Mr. and Mrs. Royle will be met by the Governor and Lady MacLehose.

During his stay here, Mr. Royle will have discussions with the Governor, the Colonial Secretary and other senior Government officials, Unofficial Members of Executive, Legislative and Urban Councils, the Chairman and vice Chairmen of the Heung Yee Kuk and the British Senior Trade Commissioner.

Mr. and Mrs. Royle will leave Hong Kong for Bangkok on November 15 when they will be seen off by the Governor and Lady MacLehose.

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Note to Editors: Mr. and Mrs. Royle will arrive at Kai Tak by B.O.A.C. Flight BA 813A, a Boeing 747 "jumbo" jet, E.T.A. 6.45 p.m. on Saturday, November 11. Press photographers and cameramen with hand-held cameras will be conducted by G.I.S. officers to a position near the foot of the stairs leading down from the passenger bridge.

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At 11.45 a.m. on November 15 (Wednesday), Mr. Royle will give a 30-minute press conference in the G.I.S. Theatre, Beaconsfield House, 5th floor. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Mr. and Mrs. Royle are due to leave Hong Kong for Bangkok at 1.30 p.m. the same day by Singapore Airlines Flight SQ 632. There will be the usual facilities for photography on the tarmac.

Special lapel badges will be issued to photographers and cameramen covering the arrival and departure. Editors are requested to complete the attached application form and send in their nominations to the Press Officer, Government Information Services, not later than 5 p.m. on November 9 (Thursday). Lapel badges will be ready for collection the following day from the Press Room, G.I.S.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY IN HONG KONG

Special Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held throughout Hong Kong on Sunday to honour all those who died for their fellow man in the two world wars.

The main memorial service will again be held at the Cenotaph in Statue Square. Those attending will include the Governor, Sir Murray MacLehose, the Colonial Secretary, Sir Hugh Norman-Walker, the three Service Commanders led by the Commander, British Forces, Lt.-General Sir Richard Ward, the Chief Justice, members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, the chairman of the Commanding Officers' Committee, a representative of the Merchant Navy, Commonwealth Commissioners and Trade Commissioners, the Doyen of the Consular Corps and representatives of the British Legion and ex-servicemen's associations.

Two honour guards will be provided by the Royal Hong Kong Regiment (The Volunteers) and the First Battalion Irish Guards. The Regimental Band of the Irish Guards will also be in attendance.

The four Cenotaph sentries will consist of one guard each from the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force, the Army and the Royal Hong Kong Regiment.

The ceremony will begin with the arrival of the Governor at 10.58 a.m. Following the playing of the National Anthem and the sounding of the Last Post, a two-minute silence will be observed at 11 a.m. The beginning and end will be signalled by the firing of a gun from H.M.S. tamar.

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During this period, all shipowners, shipmasters and people in charge of small craft are requested to co-operate in reducing to the minimum the sounding of whistles, horns or sirens in the vicinity of the Cenotaph.

Later the Governor will attend a Remembrance Day service in St. John's Cathedral.

Members of the public and all service officers, apart from those officially invited, who wish to lay wreaths at the Cenotaph may do so after the Service departments have moved away from the Statue Square area.

Before the Cenotaph tribute, a short ceremony will be held at the Chinese War Memorial in the Botanic Gardens where the Governor and the Commander, British Forces, will lay wreaths. This will take place at 10 a.m.

Simultaneously with the Statue Square service, units of the 48 Gurkha Infantry Brigade will be taking part in a Drumhead Service outside St. Martin's Church, Sek Kong.

Over 200 troops will be involved from B Squadron 14/20 King's Hussars, 47 Light Regiment Royal Artillery, 656 Aviation Squadron and 50 Command Workshop Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Detachment, Sek Kong. Music will be provided by the Band of the 2nd Gurkha Rifles.

At Stanley, the annual service of remembrance will be held at the Stanley Club at 10.45 a.m. After the service, wreaths will be laid on the graves of the fallen in Stanley Military Cemetery. The Band of the Cape Collinson Training Centre will be in attendance.

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Note to Editors: For the Cenotaph ceremony, there will be limited accommodation for newspaper reporters and photographers at the western end of the first floor balcony of the Supreme Court.

There will be no special Press position within the Statue Square perimeter.

For their part, Press representatives are requested to observe the solemnity of the occasion, and not talk unnecessarily during the service, particularly during the two minutes' silence.

Newspapers wishing to station representatives on the Supreme Court balcony, should supply their names to the Duty Officers, Government Information Services, by noon on Friday (November 10).

In view of the limited space available on the Supreme Court balcony, it may be necessary to restrict accommodation to photographers only. Special lapel badges will be issued on Friday afternoon. G.I.S. officers will be on hand to assist Press representatives.

Chinese War Memorial Ceremony:

Editors are advised that Press reporters and photographers will not be allowed inside the rope cordon around the Chinese War Memorial in the Botanic Gardens.

Press representatives will stand either on the east or west side of the rope cordon. They will not be able to stand on the south side of the Memorial Arch.

Press representatives are particularly requested, in view of the limited accommodation, to observe the direction of police officers on duty.

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Service at Stanley:

The Press are invited to cover the service, but photographers will not be allowed to take pictures inside the Club during the service.

Press representatives wishing to attend are advised that the approach road to Stanley Prison will be closed to motor traffic after 10.30 a.m.

Service at Sek Kong:

Open press.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR NGAU TAU KOK

More recreational facilities will be provided for the residents of the Ngau Tau Kok area with the construction of a new playground covering 143,000 square feet.

It will be located near Fook Wah Tsuen, west of the Ngau Tau Kok Cottage Resettlement Area.

The northernmost part of the area will be turned into a children's playground with swings and see-saws, slides and other playthings, and the large central terrace will be turned into two miniature soccer pitches. The southern terrace will comprise two basketball cum volley-ball courts, three badminton courts and a volley-ball court.

The remaining space on the eastern side will be developed into a sitting out area with raised flower beds and a number of park benches.

The new playground is expected to be ready early next year.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS IN KOWLOON

Two buildings in Kowloon -- 72 and 74 Ki Lung Street -- have been declared dangerous by the Building Authority and a third -- 70 Ki Lung Street -- is likely to become dangerous.

The Principal Government Building Surveyor said today that these three four-storey buildings were built before the war with a common reinforced concrete frame.

During a recent routine inspection, it was found that the reinforced concrete of the framing of the kitchen blocks and the rear of the main building of Nos. 72 and 74, was in an advanced state of deterioration and was beyond reasonable repair.

It is considered that No. 70, which also shares a common staircase with No. 72, is liable to become dangerous during or after the demolition of 72 and 74.

As there is a risk of collapse notices of intention to apply for closure orders in Kowloon District Court at 9.30 a.m. on December 20 were posted today.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN KWUN TONG

Water supply to a number of premises in Kwun Tong will be temporarily turned off for five hours from 1 a.m. on Friday (November 10).

This is to enable the Waterworks Office to carry out a leakage test.

The area affected is bounded by Ngau Tau Kok Road, west of the Jordan Valley Nullah and Kwun Tong Road.

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PLANTATION ROAD TO REOPEN

The section of Plantation Road from the access road to house No. 37 to the junction with Gough Hill Road, will be reopened to traffic on Friday (November 10).

The road has been closed since a heavy rainstorm in August washed away part of an embankment.

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Release time: 6.30 p.m.

VISIT OF PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

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Application Form For Lapel Badges

To: The Press Officer,
Information Services Department,
Beaconsfield House,
Queen's Road, Central,
HONG KONG.

We wish to nominate the following representatives to cover the visit of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Mr. Anthony Royle, between November 11 and 15, 1972:

KAI TAK ARRIVAL (Nov. 11)

(For photographers and cine-cameramen using hand-held cameras)

KAI TAK DEPARTURE (Nov. 15)

(For photographers and cine-cameramen using hand-held cameras)

Signed

Capacity on newspapers,
news agency, etc. _____

Date: _____

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