



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TOP BRITISH EXECUTIVES COMING HERE TO DISCUSS FACTORY VENTURES
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THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ROY PORTER, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) THAT HONG KONG CAN EXPECT VISITS FROM A NUMBER OF BRITISH EXECUTIVES WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS TO TALK ABOUT SETTING UP FACTORIES HERE.

MR. PORTER, JUST BACK FROM A THREE-WEEK TOUR OF BRITAIN, HAS BEEN +SELLING+ HONG KONG TO BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS AS A PLACE FOR INVESTING IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, EITHER BY GOING INTO PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL CONCERNS, OR BY GOING IT ALONE.

MR. PORTER VISITED LONDON AND BIRMINGHAM WITH MR. S.K. HO OF THE TRADE DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AT THE INVITATION OF THE CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES WHICH ALSO INVITED SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA TO TALK AT A SERIES OF SEMINARS.

THE HONG KONG TEAM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEIR PRESENCE IN BRITAIN TO TRAVEL WIDELY IN ORDER TO MEET SEPARATELY WITH BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS DURING, AS WELL AS AFTER, THE SEMINARS AND CONSEQUENTLY STAYED IN BRITAIN LONGER THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS FROM MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE.

MR. PORTER SAID THAT MOST BRITISH COMPANIES WERE NOT AT PRESENT CONSIDERING INVESTING IN HONG KONG OR ANYWHERE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER. THE ECONOMIC CLIMATE IN BRITAIN DOES NOT SEEM TO ENCOURAGE THIS KIND OF THINKING FOR THE TIME BEING.

NEVERTHELESS, KEEN AND GENUINE INTEREST WAS SHOWN BY A NUMBER OF THE INDUSTRIALISTS TO WHOM HE TALKED. +THEY MADE MANY SEARCHING INQUIRIES,+ HE ADDED, +AND SOME ARE VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO ENGAGE IN MANUFACTURING HERE.+

AMONG THE COMPANIES WHICH SHOWED SPECIFIC INTEREST IN HONG KONG WERE : A MOST EXCELLENT COMPANY ENGAGED IN PRODUCING PRECIOUS DIE-CASTINGS (A HIGHLY TECHNOLOGICAL INDUSTRY), A WELL-KNOWN MANUFACTURER OF THERMO-PLASTIC PRODUCTS, A PRINTING COMPANY, A COMPANY LOOKING FOR A PARTNER TO MANUFACTURE ELECTRIC SWITCH-GEAR, A FIRM WHICH WISHES TO ESTABLISH IN A JOINT VENTURE TO PRODUCE HIGH-QUALITY STAINLESS STEEL PRODUCTS (MOSTLY HAND-MADE), A VERY DYNAMIC ELECTRONICS COMPANY, A SMALL SPECIALISED PAINT COMPANY, A SUBSIDIARY OF ONE OF BRITAIN'S LARGEST COMPANIES MANUFACTURING PNEUMATIC EQUIPMENT AND A LEADING MANUFACTURER OF HIGH QUALITY TOYS.

MR. PORTER CONCLUDED THE TRIP HAD INDEED BEEN WORTHWHILE.

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RIGHT CHOICE OF CAREER - VITAL IN LIFE

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THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. DAVID LIN, TODAY URGED HONG KONG STUDENTS TO TRY HARD TO START WORK IN THE RIGHT JOB AT THE VERY BEGINNING OF THEIR WORKING LIFE.

+STUDENTS ARE NATURALLY ANXIOUS TO GET A JOB SOON AFTER THEY FINISH SCHOOL,+ HE SAID. BUT GETTING A JOB AND CHOOSING A CAREER ARE NOT EXACTLY THE SAME THING.

+TO GET A JOB IS MERELY TO SECURE FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE. BUT MAKING THE RIGHT CHOICE OF A CAREER DOES MORE THAN THAT. IT LEADS TO A PROMISING FUTURE AND PROVIDES A CHANCE TO DEVELOP YOUR ABILITIES.+

MR. LIN WAS SPEAKING WHILE OFFICIALLY OPENING A THREE-DAY CAREERS SEMINAR BEING HELD AT THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE IN CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

MORE THAN 1,500 SENIOR STUDENTS FROM 26 SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT ARE TAKING PART IN THE SEMINAR.

MR. LIN SAID THE CURRENT SEMINAR, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EASTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE, WAS THE FOURTH IN A SERIES OF SEMINARS ORGANISED BY THE SERVICE ON A REGIONAL BASIS IN COLLABORATION WITH INTERESTED BODIES.

MORE SEMINARS WERE BEING PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER VACATION MONTHS.

HE TOLD THE STUDENTS: +THE CHOICE OF A CAREER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION IN YOUR LIVES. IT WILL DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE= AFFECT YOUR OUTLOOK ON LIFE= AND ULTIMATELY MAKE YOU CONTENTED OR FRUSTRATED, HAPPY OR UNHAPPY.+

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE, HE SAID, THEY NEEDED INFORMATION ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES, WHICH THEY SHOULD STUDY CAREFULLY, HAVING REGARD TO THEIR PHYSIQUES, THEIR ABILITIES, THEIR ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS, THEIR INTERESTS AND THEIR APTITUDES.

TO THIS END, THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE HAD, SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT, BEEN DEVOTING ITS EFFORTS TO COLLECTING, COMPILING AND DISSEMINATING CAREERS INFORMATION THROUGH CAREERS PAMPHLETS, NEWSLETTERS AND OTHER LITERATURE.

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THE SERVICE ALSO GAVE CAREERS TALKS TO SENIOR STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOLS, HELD CAREERS SEMINARS AND STAGED A MAJOR ANNUAL CAREERS EXHIBITION.

THE PRESENT SEMINAR CONSISTS OF 12 TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND THE GOVERNMENT ON JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN VARIOUS FIELDS, INCLUDING SOCIAL WORK, NURSING, BANKING, HOTELS, AIRLINES, ADVERTISING, COMPUTERS, SHIPPING, ENGINEERING AND THE GOVERNMENT.

THERE WILL ALSO BE TALKS ON HOW TO APPLY FOR A JOB, AND FOR COURSES OFFERED BY THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

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LOTTERY SALES PICK UP
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THE FOURTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED TODAY WITH HIGH HOPES THAT TICKET SALES WILL CONTINUE TO PICK UP.

ACCORDING TO MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TICKET SALES IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY IN THE LAST LOTTERY AS COMPARED WITH THE TWO PREVIOUS ONES FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENT OF WEATHER AND STEPPED-UP PUBLICITY EFFORTS.

THE WINNING NUMBERS OF THE LOTTERY WILL BE DRAWN ON JULY 19 AT THE MAIN CONCOURSE OF OCEAN TERMINAL BY FOUR RTV ARTISTES -- MISS HUEN SO HA, MISS LEE YING, MR. HUI SIU HUNG AND MR. KWOK FUNG.

THE FOUR ARTISTES WILL ALSO HELP PROMOTE TICKET SALES AT THE SITE BETWEEN NORTH POINT FERRY AND NORTH POINT ESTATE ON JULY 14 AT 5 PM.

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ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER OPENS TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC

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THE ARGYLE STREET FLYOVER WILL BE FULLY OPENED TO TWO-WAY TRAFFIC AT 10 A.M. THIS WEDNESDAY (JULY 9).

THE 1,600-FOOT LONG ELEVATED ROAD, WHICH COST OVER \$20 MILLION TO BUILD, WILL PROVIDE TWO-LANE TRAFFIC FOR WESTBOUND VEHICLES AND ONE LANE FOR EASTBOUND VEHICLES. THE FLYOVER WAS OPENED TO EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON JUNE 10.

WITH THE FULL OPENING OF THIS FLYOVER, MOTORISTS TRAVELLING BETWEEN MONG KOK AND KAI TAK AIRPORT OR KWUN TONG AREAS WILL FIND THEIR JOURNEY TIMES REDUCED= AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION AT THE JUNCTIONS OF ARGYLE STREET, WATERLOO ROAD AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD WILL BE GREATLY RELIEVED.

ON APPROACHING THE NEW FLYOVER, MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO SELECT THE CORRECT LANE IN GOOD TIME, AND TO PROCEED WITH CAUTION WHILE LEAVING THE FLYOVER AS THERE WILL BE MERGING TRAFFIC FROM THE LEFT AT GROUND LEVEL.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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RESERVOIRS 97.7 PER CENT FULL

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HONG KONG'S WATER STORAGE STOOD AT 65,744 MILLION GALLONS AS AT 9 A.M. THIS (MONDAY) MORNING, REPRESENTING 97.7 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS.

TODAY'S STORAGE COMPARES WITH 39,659 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR.

PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR HELD 50,395 MILLION GALLONS -- 99.8 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY -- COMPARED WITH 30,188 MILLION GALLONS ON JULY 7 LAST YEAR.

A TOTAL OF 5.4 MM (0.21 IN) OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY.

THE TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR AMOUNTS TO 1,660.7 MM (65.38 IN). THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL THIS YEAR IS 1,048.7 MM (41.29 IN).

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MANPOWER SURVEY ON PLASTICS INDUSTRY STARTS TODAY
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A THREE-WEEK MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S PLASTICS INDUSTRY BEGINS TODAY (JULY 7).

THE SURVEY, THE THIRD OF ITS KIND, IS CONDUCTED BY THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR. DENNIS TING, SAID : +IN ORDER TO TRACK THE DEVELOPING TREND AND COLLECT UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON MANPOWER SITUATION OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY, THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD HAS DECIDED TO CONDUCT MANPOWER SURVEY AT REGULAR SHORT INTERVALS.+

THE SECOND SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED IN JUNE 1972.

THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WILL BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED ONLY IN THE FORM OF STATISTICAL SUMMARIES WITHOUT REFERENCES TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT, MR. TING SAID.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WERE SENT THREE WEEKS AGO TO THE ESTABLISHMENTS SELECTED BY RANDOM STRATIFIED SAMPLING.

THE INFORMATION WHICH EMPLOYERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUPPLY INCLUDES : THE NUMBERS OF WORKERS EMPLOYED AND UNDER TRAINING= THE NUMBER OF EXISTING VACANCIES AND A FORECAST OF ADDITIONAL NUMBER OF WORKERS REQUIRED BY JULY 1976.

SURVEY INTERVIEWERS WILL BE VISITING EACH OF THE ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED TO HELP EMPLOYERS COMPLETE THE QUESTIONNAIRES.

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WATER CUT IN NORTH POINT
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. THIS THURSDAY (JULY 10).

THIS IS TO ENABLE LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY THE SOUTH SIDE OF KING'S ROAD FROM HEALTHY STREET WEST TO MANSION STREET, TSAT TZE MUI ROAD AND PAK FUK ROAD AS WELL AS MODEL LANE, HEALTHY STREET EAST AND HEALTHY STREET CENTRAL.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NOS. 17 AND 23 JERVOIS STREET, CENTRAL TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND NOS. 19 AND 21 LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR NOTED THAT THE TOP FLOOR OF NO. 23, WHICH PARTIALLY COLLAPSED RECENTLY, WAS ALREADY THE SUBJECT OF AN EMERGENCY CLOSURE ORDER. FURTHER EXAMINATION OF THE REST OF THE BUILDING SHOWED THAT THE WALLS OF THE KITCHEN BLOCK ARE BADLY FRACTURED AND THE TIMBERS SUPPORTING THE KITCHEN BLOCK AND THE MAIN BUILDING ARE DECAYED. THIS COULD LEAD TO A FURTHER COLLAPSE, HE SAID.

EXAMINATION OF NO. 21 REVEALED THAT THE TIMBERS TO THE ROOF AND REAR PART OF THE BUILDING ARE BADLY DECAYED AND THE WALLS ARE FRACTURED. THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE ON THE DEMOLITION OF NO. 23. THERE ARE ALSO FRACTURES IN THE PARTY WALL WITH NO. 19 WHERE DECAYED ROOF TIMBERS ARE FOUND.

NO. 17, A VACANT BUILDING AWAITING DEMOLITION, WAS FOUND TO HAVE SERIOUSLY DISPLACED AND FRACTURED BRICKWORK TO THE REAR WALL AND PARTY WALL ADJOINING AN OPEN SITE. THERE IS A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE.

ON THE DEMOLITION OF NOS. 17 AND 21, THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE OF NO. 19. NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 AM ON AUGUST 5 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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THE PILL TO EXEMPT FROM CONTROL

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ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE PILLS WILL NOT BE SUBJECT TO CONTROL UNDER THE PROPOSED NEW PHARMACY AND POISONS REGULATIONS WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED BY RESOLUTION AT THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON JULY 16.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY, AN AMENDMENT TO THE POISONS LIST WILL BE PROPOSED BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES TO EXEMPT THESE PILLS FROM PRESCRIPTION AND CONTROL OF SALE. THE STEP IS TAKEN ON THE ADVICE OF THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. MEMBERS OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DRAFTING THE REGULATIONS HAVE AGREED TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

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INTEGRATED SCIENCE COURSE FOR TEACHERS

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AN INTEGRATED SCIENCE COURSE FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS IS TO BE RUN BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL FROM TOMORROW UNTIL JULY 18.

THE COURSE WILL BE OPENED BY MR. ARTHUR BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS).

IT WILL BE CONDUCTED BY FOUR TUTORS REPRESENTING THE SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THE TUTORS ARE MR. STANLEY SKILLEN, MR. JOHN HUGHES, MR. WILLIAM BUCKIE AND DR. LESLIE YOUNG.

THE COURSE ON THIRD YEAR SCIENCE WORK WILL BE ATTENDED BY 60 PEOPLE INCLUDING SCIENCE TEACHERS, LECTURERS OF THE THREE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION, SUBJECT SPECIALISTS OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S EXAMINATION DIVISION AND SCIENCE INSPECTORS.

TWO OTHER COURSES IN FIRST AND SECOND YEAR WORK WERE CONDUCTED BY SCOTTISH TUTORS IN THE SUMMER OF 1973 AND 1974.

FOLLOWING THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEW CURRICULUM FOR JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS BY THE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 116 SCHOOLS HAVE DECIDED TO ADOPT THE NEW JUNIOR SECONDARY SCIENCE SYLLABUS IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

TO HELP SCIENCE TEACHERS IN THE SCHOOLS JOINING THE SCHEME, THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL RUN SIX MORE IN-SERVICE COURSES ON FIRST AND SECOND YEAR WORK IN AUGUST.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AT 10 AM TOMORROW.

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