



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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22 RURAL LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED

TWENTY-TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH A COMBINED AREA OF ABOUT 450,000 SQ. FT. WILL BE PUT UP FOR SALE BETWEEN JULY 21 AND DECEMBER 16 THIS YEAR.

PARTICULARS OF THESE SITES ARE CONTAINED IN A SIX-MONTH FORECAST OF PROVISIONAL RURAL LAND SALES ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

FOURTEEN OF THE LOTS ARE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT. SEVEN OF THE RESIDENTIAL SITES ARE AT TAI PO, FIVE AT SAI KUNG AND TWO AT PENG CHAU.

THREE OTHERS ARE EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN PURPOSES IN SHATIN AND IN KWAI CHUNG.

THE SALE FORECAST ALSO INCLUDES TWO SITES IN TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO FOR COMMERCIAL USE AND TWO FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES.

THERE IS ALSO A 40,000 SQ. FT. SITE IN KWAI CHUNG FOR A MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK.

CONDITIONS AND VENUES OF THESE SALES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT APPROPRIATE TIMES.

IN ADDITION TO THIS LAND SALE FORECAST LIST, THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION ALSO PUBLISHED A PROVISIONAL LETTER A/B TENDER PROGRAMME FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS.

IN THE PROGRAMME, EIGHT LOTS OF CROWN LAND ARE SET ASIDE FOR LAND EXCHANGE WITH HOLDERS OF LETTER A/B.

OF THESE SITES, TWO ARE FOR COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT, ONE FOR INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN, TWO FOR NON-INDUSTRIAL AND THE REMAINING THREE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE.

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BIGGER PRIZE MONEY EXPECTED IN THIRD LOTTERY

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THE THIRD GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR WAS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED TODAY AMID INDICATIONS THAT THE PRIZE MONEY IS LIKELY TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN THE PREVIOUS TWO LOTTERIES.

ACCORDING TO MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TICKET SALES ARE LIKELY TO IMPROVE DRAMATICALLY DURING THE NEXT TWO WEEKS FOLLOWING GREATER PUBLICITY AND AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE WEATHER.

THE HEAVY RAINS IN THE PAST FEW WEEKS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN MAINLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOW SALES IN THE PREVIOUS LOTTERIES, BUT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT THINGS WOULD IMPROVE.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT, MR. CHAU NOTED THAT THE PRIMARY AIM OF THE LOTTERY WAS TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY. +AT THE SAME TIME, THOSE WHO SUPPORT IT STAND TO MAKE A FORTUNE OVERNIGHT FOR AN INVESTMENT OF JUST \$2.+

THOSE WHO DID NOT WIN, HE ADDED, NEED NOT BE DISHEARTENED +BECAUSE THEIR SMALL 'LOSS' IS A BIG GAIN FOR THEIR MORE UNFORTUNATE FELLOWMEN WHO ARE DEPENDANT ON VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES SUPPORTED BY THE LOTTERIES FUND.+

THE WINNING NUMBERS OF THE LOTTERY WILL BE DRAWN ON JULY 5 IN THE CITY HALL THEATRE BY FOUR COMMERCIAL RADIO ARTISTES -- MR. HO YA YUE, MISS CONITA CHAN HOI-SEE, MISS CHENG KIT-MAN, AND MISS MA SHUK-KAU.

THE FOUR ARTISTES WILL ALSO HELP SELL TICKETS AT STATUE SQUARE BETWEEN 1 PM AND 2 PM ON JULY 2 TO PROMOTE TICKET SALES.

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IRRIGATION SCHEME FOR SOUTH LANTAU

THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL HAND OVER THE OPERATION OF THE SHAP LONG IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT SCHEME TO FARMERS OF SHAP LONG AND CHEUNG SHA WAN AT THE SOUTH LANTAU RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 25) AT 11 AM.

THE SCHEME IRRIGATES 26 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE SHAP LONG AND CHEUNG SHA WAN VALLEYS OF LANTAU ISLAND. IT WAS PLANNED AND INSTALLED BY THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR AT A COST OF \$145,000.

THE IRRIGATION SCHEME CONSISTS OF 2-1/2 MILES OF GALVANIZED IRON PIPELINES WHICH CONDUCT WATER UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE SHAP LONG RESERVOIR TO THE AGRICULTURAL LAND. FARMERS WHO HAD IRRIGATION PROBLEMS IN THESE VALLEYS IN THE PAST CAN NOW GROW A WIDE RANGE OF CROPS, ESPECIALLY VEGETABLES, THE WHOLE YEAR ROUND.

IN FUTURE, FARMERS WILL BE ABLE TO INSTALL MODERN SPRINKLER IRRIGATION SYSTEMS TO BE OPERATED BY THE WATER UNDER PRESSURE FROM THE IRRIGATION PIPELINE. SUCH SYSTEMS, WHEN INSTALLED, WILL REDUCE THE LABOUR COST OF IRRIGATION TO A GREAT EXTENT.

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE CEREMONY.

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WEEKLY WATER SITUATION REPORT

THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN THE RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. THIS (MONDAY) MORNING WAS 66,589 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 98.9 PER CENT OF THE FULL STORAGE CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THE STORAGE STOOD AT 37,268 MILLION GALLONS.

PLOVER COVE HELD 50,411 MILLION GALLONS, SLIGHTLY LESS THAN ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

A TRACE OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY.

TOTAL RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR STANDS AT 1,520.6 MM (59.87 IN). THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL AMOUNTS TO 880.9 MM (34.68 IN).

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OPEN WEEK AT QMH SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING

THE SCHOOL OF GENERAL NURSING AT QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL WILL HOLD AN OPEN WEEK BEGINNING AT 10 AM NEXT MONDAY (JUNE 30) TO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SEE FOR THEMSELVES HOW STUDENT NURSES ARE TRAINED.

AS THE EVENT IS PARTICULARLY ATTRACTIVE TO SCHOOL LEAVERS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED IN A NURSING CAREER, GROUP VISITS BY STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED.

PROJECTS AND MODELS PREPARED BY STUDENT NURSES WILL BE DISPLAYED, AND PAMPHLETS ABOUT GENERAL NURSE TRAINING IN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS WILL ALSO BE DISTRIBUTED.

THE OPEN WEEK WILL LAST SIX DAYS INCLUDING JULY 1, WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY. THE HOURS WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM DAILY, BUT WILL BE CLOSED AT 1 PM ON JULY 5 (SATURDAY).

NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPEN WEEK COVERED.

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WATERWORKS INSPECTOR RETIRING
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A WATERWORKS INSPECTOR WHO STARTED THE TRAINING UNIT OF THE WATERWORKS OFFICE IN THE EARLY 1960'S IS RETIRING THIS MONTH.

HE IS CLASS I INSPECTOR ROY CURZON WHO HAS SERVED WITH THE WATERWORKS OFFICE FOR MORE THAN 22 YEARS.

MR. CURZON JOINED THE WATERWORKS OFFICE AS A CLASS II INSPECTOR IN 1953 AND WAS PROMOTED TO CLASS I IN 1966.

IN RECOGNITION OF HIS LONG AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE, THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL TUCKER, WILL PRESENT MR. CURZON WITH A RETIREMENT GIFT ON BEHALF OF HIS COLLEAGUES ON THURSDAY (JUNE 26).

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE P.W.D. CONFERENCE ROOM, 21ST FL., MURRAY BUILDING AT 4 PM ON THURSDAY.

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WATER CUT
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A NUMBER OF PREMISES ALONG MT. AUSTIN ROAD AND LUGARD ROAD ON THE PEAK WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR ABOUT EIGHT HOURS AS FROM 10 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 24).

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO FACILITATE A FRESH WATER MAINS CONNECTION IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE NOS. 10-38 MT. AUSTIN ROAD AND NOS. 25-34B LUGARD ROAD.

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