



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1975.

## CAD GETS MORE RESPONSIBILITIES

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THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT HAS ASSUMED GREATER RESPONSIBILITIES IN MAINTAINING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS WITH AIRCRAFT FLYING SOUTH OF HONG KONG.

THIS FOLLOWS THE EXTENSION OF HONG KONG'S FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (F.I.R.) TO SOME 600 MILES SOUTH OF THE TERRITORY UNDER A CONTINGENCY PLAN WORKED OUT BY THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANISATION TO FILL THE GAP CREATED BY THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE FORMER SAIGON CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

UNDER THE PLAN, HONG KONG TOGETHER WITH SINGAPORE AND BANGKOK SHOULDERS THE EXTRA BURDEN OF PROVIDING COMMUNICATION LINKS WITH AIRCRAFT FLYING IN THE REGION FORMERLY CONTROLLED BY THE SAIGON CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY.

IN HONG KONG, THE EXTRA DUTIES ARE TAKEN UP BY A GROUP OF BACK-ROOM WORKERS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTRE AT HONG KONG AIRPORT.

KNOWN SIMPLY AS 'THE COMMUNICATORS', THEY PROVIDE ROUND-THE-CLOCK SERVICES ON BOTH AIR-TO-GROUND AND GROUND-TO-GROUND RADIO NETWORKS. USING MODERN EQUIPMENT, THEY CAN MAKE CONTACT WITH AIRCRAFT FLYING ANYWHERE IN THE F.I.R. AND WITH SUCH CITIES AS SYDNEY IN THE SOUTH, HONOLULU IN THE EAST AND BANGKOK IN THE WEST.

THE THREE MAJOR AERONAUTICAL SERVICES PROVIDED ARE THE MOBILE TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE, THE FIXED TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE AND THE BROADCAST SERVICE.

THE FIRST OF THESE SERVICES PROVIDES AIR-TO-GROUND LINKS ON VERY HIGH FREQUENCY OR HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO WITH AIRCRAFT OPERATION ANYWHERE WITHIN THE APPROXIMATE 167,000 SQUARE MILES CURRENTLY COMPRISING HONG KONG'S F.I.R. MESSAGES RELATE PRIMARILY TO OPERATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL MATTERS SUCH AS POSITION REPORTS, FLIGHT LEVELS AND ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVALS. WEATHER INFORMATION IS SUPPLIED TO PILOTS ON REQUEST.

THE TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK PROVIDES FOR GROUND-TO-GROUND LINKS ON LANDLINE TELETYPEWRITER CIRCUITS (L.T.T.) AND ON RADIO TELETYPEWRITER CIRCUITS (R.T.T.), AND IS USED PRIMARILY FOR DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION SUCH AS FLIGHT PLANS, NOTICES TO AIRMEN (NOTAMS) AND METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION.

THIS IS THE BUSIEST OF THE THREE CIRCUITS AND LINKS SUCH AS ADJACENT AIRPORTS AS MANILA, TAIPEI, TOKYO, BANGKOK, SINGAPORE AND HONG KONG.

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ON AVERAGE, THIS NETWORK HANDLES ABOUT 10,000 MESSAGES A DAY OR SEVEN MESSAGES A MINUTE. THIS HANDLING RATE IS ACHIEVED BY A SOPHISTICATED MESSAGE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WHICH CAN DECODE AND PROCESS INCOMING MESSAGES AT SPEED, BEFORE RELAYING THEM TO THE DESIRED DESTINATION ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE OF URGENCY AND PRIORITY.

THE FIXED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO AIRLINES IN OBTAINING UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR RESPECTIVE FLIGHTS, AND IN TRANSMITTING RESERVATION AND OTHER FLIGHT INFORMATION TO THEIR OFFICES AT NEIGHBOURING AIRPORTS. FOR SOME OF THESE SERVICES, THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT CHARGES THE AIRLINES FEES WHICH ARE ON A PAR WITH COMMERCIAL RATES. THE NETWORK IS ALSO USED IN CO-ORDINATING SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

THE BROADCAST SERVICE, TRANSMITTING AT 30-MINUTE INTERVALS, DISSEMINATES ACTUAL AND FORECAST WEATHER CONDITIONS NOT ONLY FOR HONG KONG BUT FOR SPECIFIC AIRPORTS IN ADJACENT AREAS. IT IS ALSO USED TO ADVISE OF THE UNSERVICEABILITY OF NAVIGATIONAL FACILITIES. THE WEATHER BROADCASTS CAN BE RECEIVED BY AIRCRAFT FLYING WITHIN A 1,000 MILE RADIUS OF HONG KONG.

A COMMUNICATOR'S JOB IS NOT EASY, A CAD SPOKESMAN SAID. +IT DEMANDS GREAT CONCENTRATION AND ONE HAS GOT TO REMAIN ALERT AT ALL TIMES.+

THE POST WAS FORMERLY RESTRICTED TO MEN, AND IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY THAT GIRLS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED FOR TRAINING AS COMMUNICATORS. THE FIRST BATCH OF FOUR GIRL-TRAINEES TOGETHER WITH THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS ARE NOW UNDERGOING A YEAR'S TRAINING TO PREPARE THEM FOR THIS CHALLENGING JOB.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING A SECTION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS CENTRE ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, 6TH FLOOR.

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MAJOR TRAFFIC CHANGES IN HUNG HOM  
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A MAJOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME WILL BE INTRODUCED IN THE BUSY HUNG HOM AREA IN KOWLOON ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 24) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE DISTRICT.

THE SCHEME, INVOLVING CERTAIN ROAD SECTIONS, WILL FEATURE A PEAK-HOUR BAN ON KERBSIDE STOPPING ACTIVITIES, TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING AND PROHIBITION OF PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES FROM ENTRY, A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

WITH THESE ARRANGEMENTS, HE SAID, CONGESTION ON THE ROADS IS EXPECTED TO BE REDUCED AND TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IN THE AREA IMPROVED.

TO FACILITATE PLB OPERATIONS, HE ADDED, A TEMPORARY PLB TERMINUS WAS PROVIDED LAST WEEK AT THE HUNG HOM FERRY CONCOURSE WHERE CONNECTING FERRY AND BUS SERVICES ARE READILY AVAILABLE.

UNDER THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING ALONG FIVE ROAD SECTIONS TO PICK UP AND SET DOWN PASSENGERS OR TO LOAD AND UNLOAD GOODS.

THESE ROAD SECTIONS ARE WUHU STREET BETWEEN CHATHAM ROAD AND MA TAU WEI ROAD= MA TAU WEI ROAD BETWEEN FAT KWONG STREET AND WUHU STREET= GILLIES AVENUE BETWEEN WUHU STREET AND WINSLOW STREET= WALKER ROAD BETWEEN WUHU STREET AND STATION LANE= AND MARSH STREET BETWEEN WUHU STREET AND BULKELEY STREET.

EIGHT ROAD SECTIONS WILL BE RE-ROUTED TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC CIRCULATION. MARSH STREET BETWEEN WUHU STREET AND BULKELEY STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY FROM WUHU STREET= BULKELEY STREET BETWEEN MARSH STREET AND MING ON STREET ONE-WAY FROM MARSH STREET= MING ON STREET ONE-WAY FROM BULKELEY STREET TO BAKER STREET= BAKER STREET BETWEEN MING ON STREET AND GILLIES AVENUE ONE-WAY FROM MING ON STREET= BULKELEY STREET BETWEEN TAKU STREET AND DOCK STREET TWO-WAY= DOCK STREET BETWEEN WUHU STREET AND BULKELEY STREET TWO-WAY= COOK STREET BETWEEN GILLIES AVENUE AND LO LUNG HANG STREET ONE-WAY FROM LO LUNG HANG STREET= AND BAKER STREET BETWEEN GILLIES AVENUE AND CHATHAM ROAD ONE-WAY FROM GILLIES AVENUE.

PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER STATION LANE BETWEEN MA TAU WEI ROAD AND DOCK STREET, WUHU STREET BETWEEN MA TAU WEI ROAD AND DOCK STREET, AND BULKELEY STREET BETWEEN MING ON STREET AND TAKU STREET THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING  
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL WORK TRAINING WILL BE HOLDING AN ORIENTATION DAY ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) TO MARK THE START OF ITS NEW ACADEMIC TERM.

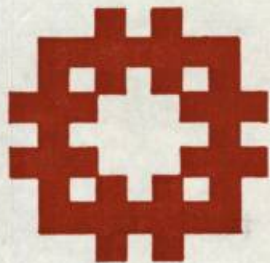
OFFICIATING WILL BE LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR, MRS. KWAN KO SIU-WAH, WHILE MR. L.B. MACQUARRIE, THE PRINCIPAL, WILL MAKE THE OPENING REMARKS.

GUESTS WILL INCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE INSTITUTE'S ACADEMIC BOARD, SOCIAL WELFARE WORKERS, AND PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS OF THE INSTITUTE.

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MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE LADY TRENCH TRAINING CENTRE, 44 OI KWAN ROAD, WAN CHAI, AT 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY.

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BRIGHTER LIGHTS FOR ESTATES

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The Housing Authority has ordered more than 400 tungsten halogen luminaires for installation at its housing estates.

They are to be fitted to the roofs of high-rising blocks to provide an adequate level of lighting to the pathways and pedestrian areas below.

Installation work will begin in Shek Lei and Sau Mau Ping Estates next month. The whole programme, covering 16 Group "B" and six factory estates, is expected to be completed by April 1976 at a cost of about \$500,000.

The estates are: Yuen Long, San Fat, Shek Lei, Kwai Chung, Tai Wo Hau, Tsz Wan Shan, Tung Tau, Pak Tin, Ngau Tau Kok, Hing Wah, Chai Wan, Tin Wan, Shek Pai Wan, Yau Tong, Lam Tin, Sau Mau Ping estates; and the factory estates at Cheung Sha Wan, Tai Wo Hau, Yuen Long, Kwai Chung, Kowloon Bay and Jordan Valley.

The implementation of the scheme follows a thorough study of the need of public lighting improvement at various estates and the reaction of the tenants.

A spokesman for the Housing Authority said the halogen lights were adopted as they were easy to instal and could provide an even spread of illumination to a wide area.

The 400-odd luminaires will be fitted to about 210 blocks as part of the Authority's continuing environmental improvement programme.

