



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MORE EFFICIENT PASSENGER HANDLING FACILITIES FOR AIRPORT

Additional facilities costing over \$11 million are to be built at Hong Kong Airport as part of Stage IV of the Terminal Building Modifications.

The work involved in the project includes the construction of four "bus docks" at a cost of \$8.7 million, and a number of additional airbridges.

With a forecast increase in the number of "jumbos" and other wide-bodied aircraft, it is necessary to provide for greater numbers of passengers passing through the terminal building.

At present six airlines operating through Hong Kong are using Boeing 747's providing over 80 movements a week.

As more aircraft will now have to park at the outlying stands, it has been decided that four bus docks will be built in front of the main terminal building, on the parking apron, so that the passengers on these aircraft can board quickly.

Each dock will have a waiting area connected to the main departure lounge where passengers will be grouped immediately before departure.

When ready they will descend to the apron level by escalators where buses will take them to aircraft in outlying bays.

This method will reduce the number of buses, thus easing congestion on the parking apron, and also allow better use of the main departure lounge.

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The docks will also enable arriving passengers to ascend to the arrival level in the terminal building.

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Department said today: "With the implementation of these more efficiently designed bus docks, it is hoped to reduce or eliminate delays to passengers which would otherwise have been inevitable as a result of constantly increasing air traffic during the course of the next few years."

It is also proposed that a second airbridge be installed at aircraft parking bays Nos. 3, 4 and 5, in addition to the ones already approved for each bay.

At present, bays 6 and 7 have three airbridges, and bay 8 two.

As a further step to aid in the docking of aircraft at these airbridges, automatic guidance equipment will be fitted in bays 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

"This guidance equipment has been tried in bay 8 and was found to be successful," the spokesman added.

The overall Stage IV project includes expansion of all public and passenger waiting areas, additional office accommodation, a multi-storey car park, an enlarged arrivals hall, a new mechanised outgoing baggage handling system and an enlarged incoming baggage handling system.

The estimated cost of Phase I of this project will now be \$35 million with the addition of the new bus docks and extra airbridges.

"The whole of Stage IV will eventually allow the terminal building to provide a capability of handling passengers at the rate of 3,200 per hour," the spokesman concluded.

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DAILY FINES TO DETER OPERATORS OF UNLICENSED FOOD BUSINESS

The Urban Services Department is requesting the courts to impose daily fines on operators of unlicensed food businesses as a deterrent against this public health hazard.

It is part of the department's campaign to clamp down on these operators in the urban area.

A spokesman for the Urban Services Department explained today that in the past a small fixed penalty had not been effective because it was found that they simply carried on with their illegal business.

"In order to discourage the operation of the unlicensed food businesses," he continued, "it is necessary to impose fines which are really severe and really 'hurt the pockets' of the offenders."

The Food Business By-Laws stipulate that anyone found guilty of an offence under these by-laws is liable to a maximum fine of \$2,000 and three months imprisonment.

"If the offence a continuous one, the offender is liable, in addition to the fixed penalty, to a fine of \$50 for each day during which the illegal business is found operating," the spokesman added.

He cited two recent cases in which the court imposed rather severe fines on two unlicensed food business operators.

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In one case, the proprietor of an unlicensed general restaurant in To Kwa Wan was fined \$50 and in addition, the magistrate imposed a daily fine of \$5 for 58 days. The other offender was prosecuted and convicted by the magistrate for operating an unlicensed food business in Queen's Road Central. He was fined \$100 plus a daily fine of \$10 for 43 days.

The spokesman warned: "The Urban Services Department will continue to request the courts to impose daily fines on operators of illegal food business for the sake of public health."

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POSTMAN RETIRING AFTER 34 YEARS' SERVICE

Mr. Cheung Chip, a postman, is retiring on Friday (September 15) after serving the Post Office for over 34 years.

He joined the Post Office in March, 1938 and has been delivering mail to residents of Prince Edward Road, Mong Kok, for nearly 25 years.

To mark his retirement, a souvenir contributed by colleagues will be presented to him on Friday.

The presentation will be made by Mr. Li Yun-gun, Senior Controller of Posts (Traffic) at the Kowloon Central Post Office at 1.55 p.m.

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Note to Editors: You are cordially invited to have the presentation ceremony covered.

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ANOTHER RECRUITING CAMPAIGN FOR STREET CLEANERS

Another campaign to recruit more labourers to keep Hong Kong's streets clean, in response to the "Clean Hong Kong" campaign, is to be launched by the Urban Services Department.

The first recruiting drive was held just over a week ago when 210 applicants turned up.

The new one will begin on September 20 and a temporary office will again operate in Kowloon Park to receive applications for the posts of labourer from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

With a 10 per cent pay increase last month and a \$45 "dirty work" allowance from next month, the job now pays \$555 a month, plus cost of living allowances. Fringe benefits include free medical services, free uniforms, and free hostel accommodation for single workers.

About 700 vacancies for labourers exist in the Urban Services Department, including 400 in the Cleansing Division. Able-bodied men not over 45 years of age are welcome to apply for the job, the spokesman added.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL

The Building Authority today declared dangerous a building in Central District known as both No. 8 Staveley Street and No. 8 Tung Shing Lane.

At the same time, it said that the building at both No. 6 Staveley Street and No. 6 Tung Shing Lane, and the building at No. 9 Tung Shing Lane were liable to become dangerous.

The Principal Government Building Surveyor said today that the two three-storey pre-war buildings which front both Staveley Street and Tung Shing Lane were examined during routine inspections. It was found that the brick piers in the front main wall of No. 8 were severely fractured at both first and second floor levels and there was a danger that the front wall would collapse.

The load-bearing brick party wall between Nos. 6 and 8 was also fractured at several places and it was considered that this could not be retained on the demolition of No. 8.

No. 9 Tung Shing Lane, which is also a three-storey pre-war building, was shored following the demolition under order of No. 7 Tung Shing Lane in 1967 and the old party wall between No. 9 and the vacant site of No. 7 is dependent on this shoring which will be removed on demolition of No. 8 Staveley Street.

Notices of intention to apply for closure orders in Victoria District Court at 9.30 a.m. on October 24 were posted today.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN SHEK KIP MEI

Water supply to certain premises in Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon will be turned off for five hours beginning from 1 a.m. on Friday (September 15).

The temporary stoppage will enable the Waterworks Office to carry out a leakage test.

The area affected is bounded by Tai Hang Tung Road, Tong Yam Street, and Woh Chai Street, including Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Estate Blocks 1 to 8.

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LAND AUCTION ON FRIDAY

Six lots of Crown land, with a total area of over 110,000 square feet, will be offered for sale at a public auction at the City Hall on Friday (September 15).

A seventh lot, which was originally scheduled to be put on sale at the auction, has been withdrawn.

The land is located in King Lam Street in Kowloon. It has an area of 30,750 square feet.

All six lots to be auctioned are for non-industrial purposes. Four of them are on Hong Kong Island and the other two in Kowloon.

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EXPORTS OF RESTRAINED TEXTILES TO NORWAY

The Director of Commerce and Industry today advised exporters and manufacturers about the "swing" arrangements for the export of restrained textiles to Norway in the extended restraint period from July 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972.

Under the existing textiles agreement there is provision for a 10 per cent swing between categories. Six categories are included in this arrangement.

On the advice of the Textiles Advisory Board, the "swing" will be carried out in two phases. The first phase begins immediately and the second about October 16.

Trade associations and companies on the Commerce and Industry Department's mailing list for notice to exporters Series 6 (Europe, other than Britain and the European Economic Community) will receive copies soon.

People wishing to get advance copies are asked to contact either Miss M.P.L. To, Assistant Trade Officer, on H-229777 or Mr. A.R. Swinton, Industry Assistant on H-247315.

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