



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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MEDICAL AND HEALTH REGIONALISATION PLAN  
TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON FRIDAY

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A MEDICAL AND HEALTH REGIONALISATION PLAN IS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON FRIDAY (APRIL 1) TO IMPROVE FACILITIES AND STANDARDS OF MEDICAL CARE IN GENERAL AND TO RELIEVE OVERCROWDING AT THE MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS IN PARTICULAR.

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES, MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES WILL BE DIVIDED INTO FOUR GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS -- HONG KONG ISLAND, EAST KOWLOON AND EAST NEW TERRITORIES, WEST KOWLOON, AND WEST NEW TERRITORIES. EACH REGION WILL BE SERVED BY A REGIONAL HOSPITAL, ONE OR MORE DISTRICT HOSPITALS AND A NUMBER OF SPECIALIST CLINICS AND GENERAL CLINICS.

A REGIONAL HOSPITAL IS A MAJOR ACUTE HOSPITAL EQUIPPED TO TREAT PATIENTS REQUIRING A HIGH LEVEL OF SPECIALIST CARE.

A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IS AN IMPORTANT LINK IN THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME. IT PROVIDES THE BASIC HOSPITAL SERVICES, REFERRING PATIENTS TO THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE MORE SPECIALISED LEVEL OF TREATMENT AND RECEIVING PATIENTS BACK FROM THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE LATER STAGES OF THEIR TREATMENT.

THIS TWO-WAY FLOW OF PATIENTS, EXPLAINED A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WOULD ENSURE THAT PATIENTS ARE GIVEN THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF HOSPITAL CARE WITHOUT OVERLOADING THE REGIONAL HOSPITALS.

+THE OBJECT OF REGIONALISATION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +IS TO MAKE THE BEST USE OF THE RESOURCES AND FACILITIES WITHIN BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED SECTORS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN EACH REGION AND TO CONCENTRATE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE AREAS THAT NEED THEM MOST.+

THREE REGIONAL OFFICES WILL BE SET UP TO ADMINISTER, PLAN AND COORDINATE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN EACH REGION.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID AS THE REGIONALISATION SCHEME INVOLVED SUBVENTED HOSPITALS, IT WAS NECESSARY TO INTRODUCE A UNIFORM SCALE OF HOSPITAL MAINTENANCE CHARGES FOR GENERAL WARD PATIENTS IN BOTH GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS.

+THIS IS TO FACILITATE A MORE EVEN DISTRIBUTION OF PATIENTS BETWEEN THE TWO SYSTEMS OF HOSPITAL SERVICES,+ HE SAID.

AS FROM FRIDAY, A STANDARD FEE OF \$5 PER DAY WOULD THEREFORE BE CHARGED BY GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND BY THOSE SUBVENTED HOSPITALS PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME, EXCEPT THE TUNG WAH GROUP OF HOSPITALS WHICH WOULD CONTINUE TO BE FREE.

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OBJECTIONS AGAINST NEW RATEABLE VALUES

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THE RATING AND VALUATION DEPARTMENT HAD RECEIVED SOME 45,000 VALID PROPOSALS FOR REDUCING THE NEW RATEABLE VALUES ASSESSED FOR 1977-78 AT THE CLOSE OF THE OBJECTION PERIOD ON MARCH 25.

COMMENTING ON THIS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THIS REPRESENTED ONLY 10 PER CENT OF THE 450,000 ASSESSMENTS INCLUDED IN THE NEW LISTS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS THREE MONTHS IN WHICH TO DEAL WITH PROPOSALS, AND RATEPAYERS ARE UNLIKELY TO START RECEIVING NOTICES OF DECISION FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. THE PROPOSALS WILL NOW BE SORTED AS TO BLOCKS, STREETS AND DISTRICTS AND THE VALUATIONS RE-EXAMINED BY DISTRICT VALUERS IN THE LIGHT OF ANY NEW RELEVANT FACTS TO WHICH ATTENTION HAS BEEN DRAWN. WHEN THIS EXAMINATION IS COMPLETED CASES WILL BE CONSIDERED BY AN OFFICER NOT BELOW THE RANK OF SENIOR RATING AND VALUATION SURVEYOR, WHO WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION.

+IF DISSATISFIED WITH THE DECISION, A RATEPAYER MAY APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL, AND THIS HAS TO BE DONE WITHIN 21 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THE NOTICE OF DECISION,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID. +NO APPEAL IS POSSIBLE UNLESS A PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SERVED AND A NOTICE OF DECISION ISSUED.+

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED RATEPAYERS THAT, NOTWITHSTANDING THE LODGING OF A PROPOSAL OR APPEAL, RATES MUST BE PAID AND, IF NOT PAID BY THE DUE DATE, THE COLLECTOR OF RATES WOULD ADD A SURCHARGE. IF THE RATEABLE VALUE IS SUBSEQUENTLY REDUCED ANY RATES OVERPAID WILL BE REFUNDED.

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SPECIAL TRAINS FOR CHING MING FESTIVAL  
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ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL BE OPERATED BETWEEN KOWLOON AND WO HOP SHEK ON APRIL 3 (SUNDAY) AND APRIL 5 (TUESDAY) TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN COMMUTERS DURING THE CHING MING FESTIVAL PERIOD.

ON APRIL 3, EIGHT SPECIAL TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION (HUNG HOM) BETWEEN 6.59 A.M. AND 4.51 P.M. AND THE SAME NUMBER OF SPECIAL TRAINS WILL DEPART FROM WO HOP SHEK FOR KOWLOON BETWEEN 8.29 A.M. AND 6.31 P.M.

ON APRIL 5, ELEVEN SPECIAL TRAINS WILL LEAVE KOWLOON STATION (HUNG HOM) BETWEEN 6.13 A.M. AND 4.55 P.M. WITH THE SAME NUMBER OF SPECIAL TRAINS DEPARTING FROM WO HOP SHEK FOR KOWLOON BETWEEN 7.30 A.M. AND 6.20 P.M.

THERE IS NO ADVANCE BOOKING OF TICKETS BUT CONCESSION TICKETS VALID FOR THE DATE OF ISSUE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT KOWLOON STATION ON BOTH DAYS AT THE FOLLOWING CHARGES:-

		ORDINARY CLASS RETURN	ORDINARY CLASS SINGLE
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KOWLOON TO WO HOP SHEK	ADULT	\$2.60	-
	CHILD	1.30	-
KOWLOON TO LO WU (FOR SANDY RIDGE)	ADULT	\$3.20	-
	CHILD	1.60	-
WO HOP SHEK TO KOWLOON	ADULT	-	\$1.30
	CHILD	-	0.65

AS PART OF THESE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS, THE ADDITIONAL TRAINS WILL NOT STOP AT MONG KOK STATION TO PICK UP PASSENGERS AND NO REGULAR NORTHBOUND PASSENGER TRAINS WILL STOP AT THE STATION BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 1.30 P.M.

MONG KOK PASSENGERS ARE REQUESTED TO GO TO KOWLOON STATION (HUNG HOM) WHERE MONTHLY TICKET HOLDERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO BOARD TRAINS WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE.

THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MR. REGINALD GREGORY SAID TODAY THAT TRAINS FROM KOWLOON TO THE NEW TERRITORIES WOULD PROBABLY BE FULL BETWEEN 6 A.M. AND 3 P.M. AND TRAINS TO KOWLOON BETWEEN 3 P.M. AND 9 P.M.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT ADDITIONAL TRAINS MIGHT BE RUN IN THE LATE EVENINGS IF DEMAND WARRANTED AND THE LOCAL STATION MASTERS WOULD GIVE ADVICE ON THE TIMINGS OF THESE TRAINS.

TRAINS AND TIMINGS MAY BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION AND CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. PASSENGERS ARE ASKED TO FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY RAILWAY STAFF AND THE POLICE IN FORMING ORDERLY QUEUES AND TO READ CAREFULLY NOTICES DISPLAYED AT KOWLOON STATION.

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FIREMEN TO PAY SECOND VISIT TO SAN PO KONG

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OFFICERS OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL VISIT SAN PO KONG AGAIN ON THURSDAY (MARCH 31) TO INSPECT INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS IN THE AREA.

THE VISIT WILL BE THE SECOND IN TWO WEEKS. IT FOLLOWS THE ONE MADE LAST WEEK DURING WHICH THE CONDITIONS IN THESE BUILDINGS WERE FOUND TO BE UNSATISFACTORY.

MORE THAN 60 OFFICERS WILL CARRY OUT THE INSPECTIONS ON THURSDAY. THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE LARGEST CONTINGENTS EVER DEPLOYED IN A SINGLE OPERATION.

COMMENTING ON THE MOVE, A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID, +IF WE FIND ANYTHING IN A FACTORY THAT CONSTITUTES A FIRE HAZARD OR CAUSES OBSTRUCTION TO THE COMMON MEANS OF ESCAPE, SUCH AS STAIRCASES AND EXITS, WE WILL GIVE THE OWNER A VERY SHORT PERIOD TO HAVE THEM REMOVED. FAILING TO DO SO THE OWNER WILL BE PROSECUTED AND THE GOODS CONFISCATED.+

FIRE OFFICERS WILL MAKE STREET BROADCASTS IN THE AREA TOMORROW ABOUT THEIR FORTHCOMING VISIT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR A PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE INSPECTIONS ON THURSDAY. YOUR REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE MOBILE COMMAND UNIT OUTSIDE THE SAN PO KONG GOVERNMENT OFFICES NOT LATER THAN 9.45 A.M.

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EDUCATION BOARD MEMBERS VISIT N.T. SCHOOLS

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THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WENT TO THE NEW TERRITORIES THIS MORNING TO VISIT THREE SCHOOLS.

THE GROUP - MR. HENRY LIM, MR. WONG WAN-TIN AND PROFESSOR M.A. BRIMER - SPENT ABOUT HALF AN HOUR AT THE SHA TIN PUBLIC SCHOOL, AN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL.

THE SCHOOL, FOUNDED IN 1954, BEGAN WITH EIGHT CLASSROOMS AND IN 1961 SIX MORE CLASSROOMS WERE ADDED. RUN BI-SESSIONALLY, THE SCHOOL HAS AN ENROLMENT OF 744.

ACCOMPANIED BY MR. TANG YAN, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER, NEW TERRITORIES (EAST), THE GROUP THEN WENT TO TAI PO TO VISIT THE TAI KWONG MIDDLE SCHOOL, WHICH IS ONE OF THE 36 ASSISTED PRIVATE SCHOOLS SCHEDULED TO BECOME FULLY AIDED.

THE SCHOOL, WHICH BEGAN OPERATION IN 1962, IS WITHIN THE PREMISES OF TAI KWONG YUEN AT THE FOOT OF KAM SHAN. IT HAS 961 PUPILS IN 21 CLASSROOMS.

THE SCHOOL IS NOTED FOR ITS VARIOUS EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES. ITS CHINESE FOLK DANCE GROUP AND THE SCHOOL BAND ARE WELL KNOWN IN THE TAI PO DISTRICT.

AFTER 45 MINUTES AT THE SCHOOL, THE GROUP PROCEEDED TO THE TUNG YUEN SCHOOL, A TYPICAL SMALL RURAL SCHOOL WITH TWO CLASSROOMS AND AN ENROLMENT OF 26 PUPILS.

THE SCHOOL, SITUATED IN A SMALL VILLAGE HIGH UP ON A HILL, IS AIDED. OPENED IN 1949, THE SCHOOL HAS A RAIN SHELTER, A SPECIAL FEATURE IN RURAL SCHOOLS OF THIS TYPE. IT WAS ONLY IN RECENT YEARS THAT A MOTOR TRACK WAS BUILT CONNECTING IT TO TING KOK ROAD, THE MAIN TRUNK ROAD ALONGSIDE TOLO HARBOUR.

THE BOARD MEMBERS SPENT ABOUT HALF AN HOUR IN THE SCHOOL.

AT ALL THREE SCHOOLS, THE GROUP HAD TALKS WITH THE HEADS AND SOME TEACHERS. THEY ALSO CHATTED WITH SOME PUPILS.

THE TOUR - THE THIRTEENTH IN THE CURRENT SERIES - IS ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO FAMILIARISE THEMSELVES WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, SPECIAL SCHOOLS, TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WATER STREET  
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THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE SECTION OF WATER STREET BETWEEN  
DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND QUEEN'S ROAD WEST WILL BE CLOSED  
TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (APRIL 1).

THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE  
REPAIR WORKS ON THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES AT THE PEAK WILL BE  
TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MARCH 30).

THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO FACILITATE WORKS TO BE  
CARRIED OUT BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE NOS. 60-66, NOS. 100, 104 AND 110-116  
PEAK ROAD, NO. 30 PLUNKETT'S ROAD, NOS. 11-57, 32-36 AND 44  
PLANTATION ROAD, NOS. 1-10 POLLOCK'S PATH, NOS. 26-37 SEVERN  
ROAD AND RADIO HONG KONG MOUNT GOUGH TRANSMITTING STATION.

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