



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNMENT OFFERS 'DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE'
TO 39 OWNER-OCCUPIERS OF TAI ON MANSION

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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO PAY AN EX-GRATIA +DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE+ TO THE 39 OWNER-OCCUPIERS OF FLATS IN TAI ON MANSION, SHAM SHUI PO, WHICH MUST BE VACATED BY SEPTEMBER 1 TO MAKE WAY FOR ESSENTIAL TUNNELLING WORKS FOR THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY: +SINCE COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC TENANTS ARE BEING GIVEN EX-GRATIA COMPENSATION FOR THEIR LOSS OF PREMISES, AND TO PAY THEIR REMOVAL COSTS, OWNER-OCCUPIERS ARE ALSO TO RECEIVE AN EX-GRATIA ALLOWANCE FOR DISTURBANCE TO THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES AS WELL AS REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE LOSS OF THEIR PROPERTIES.

+THE DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE WILL BE CALCULATED AT ABOUT \$20 A SQUARE FOOT FOR ACTUAL LIVING ACCOMMODATION, AND AT SLIGHTLY REDUCED RATES FOR KITCHENS, BATHROOMS, BALCONIES AND PASSAGEWAYS.

+THE INDIVIDUAL AMOUNTS PAYABLE TO THE 39 OWNERS AFFECTED WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL MEASUREMENTS ARE COMPLETED, AND THIS WORK IS BEING DONE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD AMOUNT TO A REASONABLE SUM WHICH IT IS HOPED WILL BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER AND WHAT THE OWNERS ARE ASKING FOR.+

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFER TO THE OWNER-OCCUPIERS HAD BEEN INCREASED EARLIER THIS WEEK TO BETWEEN \$215 AND \$240 PER SQUARE FOOT FOLLOWING THE ADMISSION OF FRESH EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY THE OWNERS TO SUPPORT THEIR CLAIMS.

+OWNER-OCCUPIERS RETAIN THE RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE LANDS TRIBUNAL CONCERNING THEIR REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENTS, AND THOSE ELIGIBLE RETAIN THE RIGHT TO BE GIVEN GOVERNMENT HOUSING,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THE 39 OWNER-OCCUPIERS WOULD HAVE TO AGREE THAT ANY DISTURBANCE ALLOWANCE PAID TO THEM WOULD BE DEDUCTABLE FROM ANY PAYMENTS CONCERNING DISTURBANCE OR REMOVAL EXPENSES WHICH MIGHT BE MADE BY THE LANDS TRIBUNAL.

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NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDICES REMAIN STABLE

THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDICES (A) AND (B) FOR JULY WERE 111 AND 112 RESPECTIVELY, SAME AS THOSE FOR THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFF REMAINED STABLE. HOWEVER, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF FRESH WATER FISH, PORK, FRUITS AND MEALS BOUGHT AWAY FROM HOME ADVANCED WHILE THOSE OF RICE, LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH VEGETABLES DROPPED.

IN THE INDEX (A) BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM HOUSEHOLD SPENDING BETWEEN \$400 AND \$1,499, AN INCREASE OF ONE POINT WAS RECORDED IN THE INDEX FOR SERVICES DUE MAINLY TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR HAIRDRESSING. THIS WAS OFF SET BY A DROP OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.

IN THE INDEX (B) BASED ON WEIGHTS DERIVED FROM HOUSEHOLD SPENDING BETWEEN \$1,500 AND \$2,999, THERE WAS A ONE-POINT RISE IN THE INDEX FOR TRANSPORT AND VEHICLES DUE MAINLY TO HIGHER CHARGES FOR MOTOR CAR INSURANCE. A DROP OF ONE POINT WAS RECORDED IN THE INDEX FOR CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR.

MOVEMENTS IN THE INDICES FOR OTHER COMMODITY SECTIONS AND SERVICES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

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LADY MACLEHOSE TO VISIT FAMILIES SPORTS CAMP

LADY MACLEHOSE WILL VISIT A FAMILIES SPORTS CAMP AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG ON MONDAY (AUGUST 23).

ORGANISED BY THE RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE (RSS) OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE CAMP IS AIMED AT GIVING FAMILIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENJOY A SPORTS HOLIDAY WITH EXPERT INSTRUCTIONS IN THE SPORT OF THEIR CHOICE.

AT THE CAMP, FAMILY MEMBERS ARE INTRODUCED TO VARIOUS SPORTS ACTIVITIES WITH THE PURPOSE THAT EACH MEMBER WILL LEARN AT LEAST ONE OR TWO SPORTS IN THE CAMP, AND CARRY ON WITH THE SAME ACTIVITY AFTER THE CAMP.

SPORT COACHING COURSES INCLUDE ARCHERY, FENCING, SWIMMING, CANOEING, SKIN DIVING, TENNIS AND MINI GOLF. RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES RANGE FROM FOLK DANCING TO MORNING FITNESS PROGRAMME.

ADULTS ARE CHARGED \$50 PER PERSON WHILE CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 8 AND 14 ARE CHARGED \$25 EACH.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE VISIT. LADY MACLEHOSE WILL ARRIVE AT THE POST-GRADUATE HALL OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AT 10.30 A.M.

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SUMMER COURSE FOR BIOLOGY TEACHERS

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FORTY BIOLOGY TEACHERS ARE TO ATTEND A SIX-DAY SUMMER COURSE JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG FROM NEXT MONDAY (AUGUST 23).

MR. A.G. BROWN, ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COURSE IS TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF BIOLOGY TEACHING, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE NEW METHODS OF APPROACH TO THE TEACHING OF THE SUBJECT AT MIDDLE 6 LEVEL.

THE COURSE WILL COVER STUDIES ON FUNGI AND THEIR ECONOMICAL IMPORTANCE, ECOLOGY INCLUDING FOOD WEB AND POLLUTION, ANIMAL REPRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND GENETICS.

THE PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ATTENDING LECTURES AND ILLUSTRATED TALKS GIVEN BY PROFESSOR L.B. THOWER OF THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY AND HIS STAFF IN THE MORNINGS. IN THE AFTERNOONS, THEY WILL BE CARRYING OUT INDIVIDUAL PRACTICAL WORK.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL BE HELD AT LECTURE ROOM L5, SCIENCE CENTRE, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT 9.30 A.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 23).

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WEEKEND CAMP FOR YOUNGSTERS

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FIFTY YOUNGSTERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN A WEEKEND CAMP TO BE HELD AT TAM MEI LINE, CASSINO CAMP, SAN TIN BETWEEN AUGUST 27 AND 29.

THE CAMP, JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE YUEN LONG COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND THE SIXTH GURKHA RIFLES OF THE BRITISH FORCES, IS TO HELP DEVELOP THE PARTICIPANTS' CHARACTER, SELF-RELIANCE AND LEADERSHIP TO BETTER EQUIP THEM TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED IN THE CAMP WILL INCLUDE PONY RIDING, BALL GAMES, TRAMPOLINING, ABSEILING, JUDO, AND EDUCATIONAL TALKS.

YOUNGSTERS, WHO ARE BETWEEN 16 AND 22 AND INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CAMP, CAN APPROACH THE YUEN LONG COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE AT YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, TAI YUK ROAD.

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