



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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REMINDER ON STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY FOR WORKERS

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THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR MR. NEIL HENDERSON TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS OF THEIR OBLIGATION UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE TO GIVE STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY TO EMPLOYEES.

+THERE ARE SIX STATUTORY HOLIDAYS IN A YEAR — THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAY, THE SECOND DAY OF LUNAR NEW YEAR, CHING MING FESTIVAL, TUEN NG FESTIVAL, AND THE DAY FOLLOWING THE CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL. ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH AND ALL MANUAL WORKERS IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY.

+AND THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY,+ MR. HENDERSON SAID.

+FAILURE TO GRANT HIS EMPLOYEE ANY STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR TO GIVE HIM THE HOLIDAY PAY DUE WILL RENDER THE EMPLOYER LIABLE FOR PROSECUTION.+

MR. HENDERSON WAS COMMENTING ON A RECENT CASE IN NORTH KOWLOON COURT WHEN MAGISTRATE, MR. M.H.B. NEWELL, FINED A KOWLOON TEXTILE FACTORY A TOTAL OF \$4,800 FOR FAILING TO GIVE STATUTORY HOLIDAY PAY TO FIVE EMPLOYEES ON 24 OCCASIONS.

IN ADDITION TO THE FINES, THE COURT ALSO ORDERED THE COMPANY TO EFFECT PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING HOLIDAY PAY AMOUNTING TO \$549.10 TO THE FIVE EMPLOYEES.

MR. HENDERSON ADDED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED NOT ONLY TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO TO EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE :- FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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ANTI-DRUG DESIGN COMPETITION

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THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ARE JOINTLY SPONSORING A PROJECT DESIGN COMPETITION IN DECEMBER TO HELP PUPILS TO GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AND TO REMOVE PREVAILING MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT NARCOTICS.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO ALL SECONDARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOLS. THE HEADS OF THESE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN ASKED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PROFESSIONAL), MR. HO NGA-MING, TO ENCOURAGE THEIR STUDENTS TO TAKE PART IN THE PROJECT, THE THEME OF WHICH IS +KEEP HONG KONG DRUG FREE+.

THE DISPLAY MAY BE IN THE FORM OF MODELS, CHARTS, GRAPHS, DRAWINGS, PHOTOGRAPHS, SPECIMENS, FEATURE ARTICLES OR ANY OTHER SUITABLE AND RELEVANT MEDIA WHICH WILL PRODUCE AN EYE-CATCHING EFFECT. CAPTIONS MAY BE IN CHINESE OR ENGLISH OR IN BOTH LANGUAGES.

THE SCHOOL WINNING THE FIRST PRIZE WILL RECEIVE \$1,500. THE SECOND PRIZE IS \$1,000 AND THE THIRD \$700.

THERE WILL BE SEVEN MERIT PRIZES AT \$200 EACH, PROVIDED SUFFICIENT ENTRIES ARE RECEIVED AND THE STANDARD OF THE PROJECTS MEETS THE REQUIREMENT OF THE JUDGING PANEL.

COMPETING SCHOOLS ARE REQUIRED TO PUT THEIR PROJECTS ON DISPLAY IN THEIR OWN SCHOOLS FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS FROM DECEMBER 2 TO 9 DURING WHICH JUDGING WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

THE EXHIBITS MAY BE KEPT ON DISPLAY AFTER THE STIPULATED PERIOD SO THAT PUPILS FROM OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE VICINITY, PARTICULARLY PRIMARY SCHOOLS, MAY BE INVITED TO VIEW THEM.

SCHOOLS WISHING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMPETITION SHOULD COMPLETE APPLICATION FORMS AND SEND THEM TO THE INSPECTOR, HEALTH EDUCATION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, CAUSEWAY BAY, BY NOVEMBER 15.

IT IS INTENDED THAT THE PRIZE-WINNING PROJECTS WILL BE EXHIBITED IN A JOINT DISPLAY AT THE CITY HALL FROM JANUARY 5 TO 8 FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL SCHOOLS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

A PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD AT THE OPENING OF THE EXHIBITION ON JANUARY 5, 1976.

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SEPTEMBER WEATHER ROUNDUP

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LAST MONTH'S WEATHER WAS WARMER AND MUCH DRIER THAN USUAL WITH RAINFALL AMOUNTING TO ONLY 96.0 MM - JUST 34 PER CENT OF THE AVERAGE FIGURE FOR SEPTEMBER.

HOWEVER, THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR STILL EXCEEDED THE NORMAL VALUE FOR THE SAME PERIOD BY 25 PER CENT.

HONG KONG EXPERIENCED ITS HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR ON SEPTEMBER 22 WHEN THE AIR TEMPERATURE ROSE TO 33.9 DEGREES CELSIUS.

FOUR TROPICAL CYCLONES WERE REPORTED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC DURING THE MONTH. SEVERE TROPICAL STORM 'ALICE' AND TYPHOON 'BETTY' ENTERED THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND AFFECTED HONG KONG. THE OTHER TWO, TYPHOON 'TESS' AND TROPICAL STORM 'VIOLA', MOVED NORTHWARDS AND DISSIPATED EAST OF JAPAN AND SOUTHEAST OF THE RYUKYU ISLANDS RESPECTIVELY.

'ALICE' DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC ABOUT 500 MILES EAST OF MANILA AND NECESSITATED THE HOISTING OF THE STANDBY SIGNAL NO. 1 DURING THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 18 WHEN IT WAS CENTRED ABOUT 400 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HONG KONG. THE STANDBY SIGNAL WAS REPLACED BY THE STRONG WIND SIGNAL NO. 3 THE NEXT MORNING WHEN 'ALICE' WAS CENTRED ABOUT 290 MILES SOUTH OF HONG KONG. SHE CROSSED HAINAN ISLAND EARLY ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND ALL SIGNALS WERE LOWERED LATER IN THE DAY.

TYPHOON 'BETTY' FORMED WEST OF THE MARIANA ISLANDS ON SEPTEMBER 17 BUT DID NOT POSE A THREAT TO HONG KONG UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22 WHEN THE STANDBY SIGNAL NO. 1 WAS HOISTED BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON'S EXTENSIVE CIRCULATION. THE STANDBY SIGNAL WAS LOWERED ON SEPTEMBER 24 AFTER 'BETTY' HAD MOVED WESTWARDS ACROSS EASTERN KWANGTUNG AND DEGENERATED INTO AN AREA OF LOW PRESSURE.

THE FINE AND SUNNY WEATHER AHEAD OF 'BETTY' ON SEPTEMBER 22 CAUSED THE AIR TEMPERATURE IN THE AFTERNOON TO RISE TO A MAXIMUM OF 33.9 DEGREES CELSIUS WHICH WAS THE HIGHEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR.

CLOUDY AND SHOWERY WEATHER DURING THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS BROUGHT COOLER CONDITIONS, HOWEVER, AND DURING THE EARLY MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 24, THE AIR TEMPERATURE DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 22.9 DEGREES CELSIUS, THE LOWEST TEMPERATURE RECORDED FOR THE MONTH.

DESPITE THE THREAT OF THE STORMS, NO AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DURING THE MONTH AND NO FIRE DANGER WARNINGS WERE ISSUED.

SEVEN THUNDERSTORM AND TWO THUNDERSTORM AND HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON VARIOUS DAYS OF THE MONTH.

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CANAL ROAD FLYOVER EXTENSION

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THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER IS TO BE EXTENDED TO WONG NEI CHUNG ROAD TO PROVIDE A QUICK ACCESS ROUTE BETWEEN THE PROPOSED ABERDEEN TUNNEL AND THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL.

THE PROJECT WAS RECENTLY UPGRADED TO CATEGORY A IN THE PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAMME AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF \$97 MILLION.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE ABERDEEN TUNNEL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN 1976-77.

THE EXTENSION OF THE CANAL ROAD FLYOVER INVOLVES MAINLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ELEVATED TWO-LANE DUAL CARRIAGEWAY TOGETHER WITH SIX CONNECTING RAMPS TO THE GROUND LEVEL ROADS AND TWO PEDESTRIAN SUBWAYS.

AT THE SAME TIME, GRADE SEPARATION WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE LEIGHTON ROAD/CANAL ROAD, LEIGHTON ROAD/MORRISON HILL ROAD AND QUEEN'S ROAD EAST/WONG NEI CHUNG ROAD/MORRISON HILL ROAD JUNCTIONS SO AS TO EASE TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE AREA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID DETAILED PLANNING AND DESIGN FOR THE WHOLE PROJECT HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED.

BEFORE WORK ON THE EXTENSION CAN PROCEED, HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF FACILITIES ON MAJOR AREAS OF LAND TO BE RESUMED FOR THE PROJECT WILL HAVE TO BE REPROVISIONED.

THE FACILITIES INCLUDE THE POLICE RECREATION CLUB, THE ROYAL HONG KONG DEFENCE FORCE HEADQUARTERS AND THE MUSLIM, ROMAN CATHOLIC AND COLONIAL CEMETERIES. THERE WILL BE SEPARATE CONTRACTS FOR THE REPROVISIONING WORKS WHICH HAVE TO START AT LEAST ONE YEAR AHEAD OF THE EXTENSION OF THE FLYOVER.

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LOCAL OFFICERS PASS INSTITUTE OF AMBULANCE OFFICERS' EXAM
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THE STAFF OFFICER AT AMBULANCE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, MR. PANG TAK-SUM, HAS BECOME THE FIRST LOCAL OFFICER TO PASS THE INSTITUTE OF AMBULANCE OFFICERS' EXAMINATION AT ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP LEVEL.

SENIOR AMBULANCE OFFICER PANG, 43, SAT THE INSTITUTE'S YEARLY EXAMINATION IN MAY AND THE RESULTS HAVE JUST BEEN ANNOUNCED FROM ENGLAND WHERE THE PAPERS WERE MARKED.

MR. PANG IS THIS YEAR'S CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL BRANCH OF THE INSTITUTE OF AMBULANCE OFFICERS, WHICH HAS MORE THAN 160 MEMBERS. HE JOINED THE SERVICE IN 1951 AND ATTENDED AN AMBULANCE OFFICERS' COURSE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1972.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN ANNOUNCED THAT SENIOR AMBULANCEMAN HO KWOK-HONG, 29, HAS PASSED THE SAME EXAMINATION AT GRADUATE LEVEL. HE JOINED THE AMBULANCE SERVICE SEVEN YEARS AGO ON THE CONTROL STAFF, TRANSFERRING TO AMBULANCE DUTIES ONLY TWO YEARS AGO.

THE TWO MEN WILL RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS WHEN TWO CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICERS FROM BRITAIN VISIT HONG KONG NEXT MONTH.

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BUILDING PLANS APPROVED

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FORTY-FOUR NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE LAST MONTH.

OF THESE, 20 WERE FOR BUILDINGS ON HONG KONG ISLAND, 12 FOR KOWLOON AND 12 FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THEY INCLUDED ONE FOR AN 18-STOREY CARITAS SOCIAL CENTRE BUILDING IN YAU MA TEI, ONE FOR A KAIFONG HALL IN POKFULAM VILLAGE AND ONE FOR A TEXTILE FACTORY IN TUEN MUN. THE OTHER PLANS WERE MOSTLY FOR COMMERCIAL AND APARTMENT BUILDINGS.

DURING THE MONTH, OCCUPATION PERMITS WERE ISSUED FOR 44 BUILDINGS WHOSE TOTAL BUILDING COSTS AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$249 MILLION. THEY INCLUDED FOUR SCHOOLS AND THE 42-STOREY GAMMON HOUSE IN CENTRAL.

APPROVAL WAS ALSO GIVEN FOR WORK TO START ON 52 BUILDING PROJECTS. CONSENT WAS GIVEN FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 26 BUILDINGS, INCLUDING FIVE WHICH HAD BEEN DECLARED DANGEROUS.

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