



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WILL BEGIN WORK IN DECEMBER ON THE SECOND CARRIAGEWAY OF LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD FROM THE TOLL BOOTHS TO THE SHING MUN RIVER BRIDGE.

THIS IS THE FIRST OF TWO CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE A DUAL CARRIAGEWAY ROAD FROM THE TUNNELS THROUGH LION ROCK INTO SHA TIN.

APPROXIMATELY 2.5 KILOMETRES OF 7.3-METRE WIDE CARRIAGEWAY TOGETHER WITH ANCILLARY WORKS OF DRAINAGE, FOOTWAY AND CENTRAL MEDIAN BARRIER WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

IMPROVEMENTS WILL ALSO BE MADE TO THE JUNCTION AT SIU LEK YUEN ROAD AND THE EXISTING LION ROCK TUNNEL ROAD WILL BE RECONSTRUCTED WHERE DETERIORATION OF THE CARRIAGEWAY IS EXCESSIVE.

THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, MR. A.D.S. MACDONALD SAID TODAY THE WORKS WOULD BE PHASED TO COINCIDE WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE \$33 MILLION SECOND LION ROCK TUNNEL.

+WHEN COMPLETED IN MID-1978 THE CARRIAGEWAY WILL BE CAPABLE OF CARRYING THE INCREASED VOLUME OF TRAFFIC GENERATED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN AT SHA TIN,+ SAID MR. MACDONALD.

+ON THE KOWLOON SIDE THE TUNNEL WILL LINK UP WITH THE LUNG CHEUNG ROAD INTERCHANGE SO THAT THERE WILL THEN BE CONVENIENT MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC ON BOTH SIDES.+

MR. MACDONALD SAID WORK WAS PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO-LANE 1,411-METRE ROAD INSIDE THE TUNNEL. HE SAID IT WOULD EVENTUALLY OPERATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE EXISTING TUNNEL SO THAT EACH OF THE TWO-LANE TUBES COULD CARRY TRAFFIC IN ONE DIRECTION.

TWO NEW TOLL BOOTHS, SIMILAR TO THE SIX NOW IN OPERATION, WILL ALSO BE BUILT AT THE SHA TIN ENTRANCE. IN ADDITION, TWO TWO-STORY BUILDINGS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED TO HOUSE VENTILATION AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW TUNNEL.

IN THE EARLY STAGE WORK ON THE PROJECT, TWO 1.5 METRE PIPES WERE LAID BENEATH THE TUNNEL ROADWAY TO CARRY WATER FROM THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR TO THE URBAN AREAS OF KOWLOON.

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+KEEP CLEAN WEEK+ AT LAI CHI KOK  
AMUSEMENT PARK  
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THE AIMS OF THE +KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN+ MOVEMENT MUST BE CONTINUALLY KEPT BEFORE THE PUBLIC IF ITS REMARKABLE SUCCESSES ARE TO BE MAINTAINED, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN CHAMBERS, SAID TODAY.

MR. CHAMBERS WAS OFFICIALLY OPENING A +KEEP CLEAN WEEK+ AT THE LAI CHI KOK AMUSEMENT PARK JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE PARK MANAGEMENT AND RTV UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

A BIG CROWD AT THE OPENING SAW RTV ARTISTES STAGE A 30-MINUTE SHOW AND ALSO TAKE PART IN A CLEAN-UP OF THE PARK TO LAUNCH THE ONE-WEEK CAMPAIGN.

OPENING THE CAMPAIGN, MR. CHAMBERS NOTED THAT AN AVERAGE OF 10,000 PEOPLE VISITED THE PARK EVERY SATURDAY AND 20,000 ON SUNDAYS.

+WITH SO MANY PEOPLE CROWDED INTO SUCH A RELATIVELY SMALL PLACE, IT IS CLEARLY ESSENTIAL THAT A HIGH STANDARD OF CLEANLINESS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED IF THE PARK IS TO REMAIN A PLACE IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN ENJOY THEMSELVES,+ HE SAID.

+THE 'KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN' MOVEMENT HAS NOW BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND HAS ACHIEVED SOME REMARKABLE SUCCESSES.

+BUT IF WE ARE TO MAINTAIN THIS IMPROVEMENT, WE MUST CONTINUALLY KEEP THE OBJECTS OF THE MOVEMENT BEFORE THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG.

+THIS 'KEEP CLEAN WEEK' THEREFORE HAS A DOUBLE SIGNIFICANCE: TO IMPROVE THE CLEANLINESS OF THE PARK AND ITS SURROUNDINGS AND ALSO TO SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO EVERYONE IN HONG KONG THAT WE MUST CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO MAKE HONG KONG A CLEANER AND THEREFORE BETTER CITY TO LIVE IN.+

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IMPROVEMENTS TO H.K. STUDENTS CENTRE IN LONDON  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN THE GO-AHEAD FOR A BUILDING SCHEME THAT WILL PROVIDE MORE LIVING ACCOMMODATION AND GREATLY INCREASE STUDY AND RECREATION AMENITIES AT THE HONG KONG STUDENTS CENTRE IN LANCASTER GATE, LONDON.

AT PRESENT, THE CENTRE PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR 57 MALE STUDENTS AND 20 FEMALE STUDENTS. UNDER THE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME, THE NUMBER OF MALE STUDENTS WHO CAN BE ACCOMMODATED WILL REMAIN THE SAME, BUT FEMALE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION WILL BE INCREASED TO 34.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS WILL INCREASE BY MORE THAN A HALF THE SPACE AVAILABLE FOR STUDY AND RECREATION, AND PROVIDE SELF-CATERING KITCHENS FOR STUDENTS WHO WISH TO COOK THEIR OWN MEALS.

ALTERATIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT TO IMPROVE THE FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS OF THE BUILDING.

BETTER ACCOMMODATION WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED FOR STAFF WHO HAVE TO LIVE ON THE PREMISES.

AMONG THE NEW OR IMPROVED FACILITIES THAT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR STUDENTS, WHETHER RESIDENT IN THE CENTRE OR NOT, WILL BE A GAMES ROOM, COMMITTEE ROOM AND LAUNDRY IN THE BASEMENT, AND A RECREATION ROOM AND EXTENDED TELEVISION ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR.

ALTERATIONS TO THE FIRST TO FIFTH FLOORS WILL PROVIDE MORE STUDENT ACCOMMODATION AND A KITCHEN AT EACH LEVEL.

WORK ON THE IMPROVEMENTS WILL START SHORTLY AND IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE HONG KONG STUDENTS CENTRE WAS SET UP IN 1958 ---WHEN IT WAS KNOWN AS HONG KONG HOUSE -- AS A RESIDENTIAL HOSTEL AND CLUB FOR HONG KONG STUDENTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

STUDENTS ARE PERMITTED TO LIVE THERE FOR UP TO SIX MONTHS, AND THE RATES THEY PAY FOR BED AND BREAKFAST ARE COMPARABLE WITH THOSE CHARGED IN OTHER STUDENT HOSTELS IN LONDON, AND ARE REVIEWED ANNUALLY.

THE CENTRE IS ADMINISTERED BY THE HONG KONG COMMISSIONER IN LONDON, WHO IS ASSISTED BY AN ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

APART FROM THE 77 RESIDENTS WHO CAN AT PRESENT BE ACCOMMODATED THERE, THE FACILITIES OF THE CENTRE, WHICH INCLUDE A CANTEEN SERVING CHINESE AND ENGLISH FOOD, ARE USED BY ABOUT 100 STUDENTS EVERY DAY.

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GOVERNOR VISITS H.K. SCHOOLS MUSIC AND SPEECH ASSOCIATION  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY PAID AN INFORMAL VISIT TO THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC AND SPEECH ASSOCIATION CENTRE IN WHITFIELD BARRACKS.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE ASSOCIATION'S CHAIRMAN, MRS. B.M.M. MURRAY, AND ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MRS. VALERIE FRY, SIR MURRAY WATCHED REHEARSALS OF THE HONG KONG YOUTH CHOIR AND CHATTED WITH STUDENTS ATTENDING VIOLIN CLASSES UNDER THE ASSOCIATION'S ORCHESTRAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TRAINING SCHEME.

HE WAS ALSO GIVEN AN IMPROMPTU CONCERT BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH ORCHESTRA.

THE HONG KONG SCHOOLS MUSIC AND SPEECH ASSOCIATION RUNS THE ANNUAL SCHOOLS MUSIC AND SPEECH FESTIVALS AND ORGANISES TRAINING CLASSES IN THE USE OF ORCHESTRAL MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS FOR VARIOUS SCHOOLS. IT NOW HAS A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 550 SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS.

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT LANTAU

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MORE THAN 600 CHILDREN WHO LIVE ON THE OUTLYING ISLANDS WERE TODAY GIVEN SOME GOOD ADVICE ON A PROBLEM THEY RARELY ENCOUNTER - ROAD SAFETY.

THE YOUNGSTERS ATTENDED THE OPENING OF A ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN AT MUI WO, LANTAU, AIMED AT EDUCATING PEOPLE LIVING ON THE MAINLY TRAFFIC-FREE ISLANDS ABOUT THE HAZARDS THEY FACE WHEN THEY VISIT HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

LANTAU WAS CHOSEN AS THE SPOT FOR THE CAMPAIGN AS IT IS THE ONLY OUTLYING ISLAND WITH MOTOR CARS - AND THE ONLY ONE WITH A ROAD SAFETY PROBLEM.

THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. DAVID TSUI, OPENING THE CAMPAIGN, TOLD THE CHILDREN THAT IN SOME WAYS THEY WERE LUCKIER THAN THEIR URBAN COUNTERPARTS, MANY OF WHOM LIVED IN DENSELY POPULATED AREAS WHERE ROAD SAFETY WAS A REAL PROBLEM.

+EVEN THE RESIDENTS OF LANTAU, WHERE THERE IS VEHICULAR TRAFFIC, DO NOT HAVE THE SAME PROBLEMS WITH ROAD SAFETY, BUT THEY HAVE PROBLEMS NEVERTHELESS,+ HE SAID. +LAST YEAR, THERE WERE 25 ROAD ACCIDENTS ON LANTAU, RESULTING IN ONE FATALITY, FIVE SERIOUS INJURIES AND 11 MINOR INJURIES.

+CARELESSNESS WAS THE MOST COMMON CAUSE OF THESE ACCIDENTS. OUR EXPERIENCE ON LANTAU IS THAT PEOPLE DO NOT SHOW ENOUGH CARE AND CONCERN WHEN THEY COME TO THE ISLAND AND HIRE BICYCLES.

+SIMILARLY, VISITORS WHO GO ABOUT THE ISLAND ON FOOT SEEM TO FORGET ALL ABOUT THE CARS AND TEND TO WALK ON THE ROADS RATHER THAN ON THE FOOTPATHS.+

MR. TSUI TOLD THE CHILDREN, WHO CAME FROM LAMMA ISLAND, PENG CHAU, CHEUNG CHAU AS WELL AS VARIOUS PARTS OF LANTAU, THAT IT WAS VITAL FOR THEM TO LEARN THE LESSONS OF ROAD SAFETY.

+WHEN YOU GROW UP AND LEAVE SCHOOL, MANY OF YOU WILL GO TO WORK OR LIVE IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHERE HEAVY TRAFFIC IS AS COMMON AS THE QUIET COUNTRY ROADS WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN USED TO ON THE ISLANDS,+ HE ADDED.

+I WOULD ALSO APPEAL TO VISITORS TO THE ISLANDS WHO MAY BE RIDING BICYCLES OR USING THE ROADS AS PEDESTRIANS TO EXERCISE THE SAME CARE AND DISPLAY THE SAME CONCERN FOR OTHERS AS THEY WOULD IN HONG KONG OR KOWLOON.+

MR. TSUI'S SPEECH LAUNCHED AN AFTERNOON OF EDUCATIONAL AND FESTIVE ACTIVITIES AT MUI WO.

OFFICERS FROM THE TRAFFIC POLICE, AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICES AND THE ROAD SAFETY ASSOCIATION GAVE DEMONSTRATIONS AND TALKS ON ROAD SAFETY, WHILE THE YOUNGSTERS ALSO TOOK PART IN AN ESSAY COMPETITION, SAW A VARIETY SHOW AND A LION DANCE.

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NEW FLOOR FOR MACPHERSON STADIUM

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MANY MORE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE THEIR FAVOURITE SPORTS DEMONSTRATED BY INTERNATIONAL EXPONENTS ON COMPLETION OF THE TWO LARGE PUBLIC INDOOR STADIA AT MORRISON HILL AND HUNG HOM.

BOTH STADIA ARE EXPECTED TO BE READY IN 1979.

THIS WAS STATED TODAY BY THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, MR. DENIS BRAY, AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MACPHERSON STADIUM FOLLOWING ITS LATEST IMPROVEMENTS.

HE RECALLED THAT THE OPENING OF THE MACPHERSON AND SOUTHORN STADIA SOME 20 YEARS AGO MARKED A MAJOR STEP FORWARD.

HOWEVER, HE SAID: +WHEN WE LOOK AROUND US, WE CAN SEE THAT HAVING TAKEN ONE BIG STEP WE STOPPED.

+OUR SURROUNDINGS ARE AUSTERE AND FUNCTIONAL. WE HAVE LAGGED BEHIND IN HAVING A BUILDING IN WHICH WE COULD BE PROUD TO PLAY HOST TO OUR FRIENDS FROM OVERSEAS WHO DELIGHT TO COME TO HONG KONG TO MEET WITH THEIR FELLOW SPORTSMEN IN FRIENDLY COMPETITIONS.+

PRIOR TO THE COMPLETION OF THE TWO NEW STADIA, MR. BRAY SAID THAT, +WE WILL CONTINUE TO RELY ON THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE HONG KONG PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION WHO HAVE SO READILY MADE THIS STADIUM AVAILABLE FOR SO MANY DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF INDOOR RECREATION.+

HE SAID THAT THE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MACPHERSON STADIUM HAD BEEN MADE POSSIBLE IN PART AS A RESULT OF A GENEROUS DONATION FROM AN ANONYMOUS CIVIC MINDED CITIZEN.

A NEW GRANWOOD FLOOR, HE ADDED, HAD NOW BEEN LAID SO THAT LOCAL SPORTSMEN AND SPORTSWOMEN WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A SUITABLE SURFACE ON WHICH TO PRACTISE AND SO TO IMPROVE THEIR STANDARD OF PERFORMANCE.

+OVER THE NEXT TWO DECADES THIS FAR BETTER FLOOR SURFACE, HAVING AN ALL OVER CONSISTENCY, WILL PROVIDE A FIRM BASE WHICH WILL GIVE CONFIDENCE TO ITS USERS SO THAT THEIR SKILLS WILL DEVELOP TO A MUCH HIGHER LEVEL AND AT MUCH FASTER RATE,+ MR. BRAY SAID. +WE WILL THEN BE ABLE TO COMPETE ON FAR MORE EQUAL TERMS WITH BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUCCESS.+

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WATER SKI MARATHON IN TAI TAM BAY

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OWNERS, COXSWAINS AND PERSONS IN CHARGE OF LOCAL CRAFT ARE URGED TO EXERCISE DUE CAUTION WHEN NAVIGATING IN THE AREA OF TAI TAM BAY TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

ON THAT DAY, WATER SKI MARATHON RACES WILL TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE DAY IN THAT AREA.

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