



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU CARRIED OUT 12,606 INSPECTIONS IN AUGUST  
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THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT CARRIED OUT 12,606 INSPECTIONS IN AUGUST, BRINGING THE TOTAL FOR THE FIRST EIGHT MONTHS OF THE YEAR TO 105,698, AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 13,200 EACH MONTH.

THERE WAS A MARKED INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES INSPECTED RESULTING FROM THE INTRODUCTION THIS APRIL OF ANNUAL LICENSING OF LORRIES USED TO CONVEY FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS AND COMPRESSED GASES. A TOTAL OF 112 INSPECTIONS WERE CONDUCTED AT THE TESTING CENTRE AT HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION, COMPARED WITH 16 IN THE PREVIOUS MONTH, 11 IN JUNE, 16 IN MAY AND ONE IN APRIL.

MORE THAN HALF OF THE INSPECTIONS (6,649) MADE IN AUGUST WERE PROMPTED BY COMPLAINTS, OF WHICH 5,595 RELATED TO MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM BUILDINGS. THERE WERE 2,816 INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL PREMISES AND 729 INSPECTIONS OF PREMISES USED FOR STORING OR MANUFACTURING DANGEROUS GOODS.

BUREAU OFFICERS INVESTIGATED SEVEN FIRES IN DEPTH.

THERE WERE 817 INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT ON MEANS OF ESCAPE FROM BUILDINGS WHICH DID NOT ARISE FROM COMPLAINTS, AND 163 INSPECTIONS OF BUILDING VENTILATION SYSTEMS.

OTHER INSPECTIONS INCLUDED : FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS (292), SCHOOLS (439), RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS (244), PLACES OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (132), NEON SIGNS (7), TIMBER YARDS AND STORAGE (141) AND MISCELLANEOUS (58).

A TOTAL OF 525 NEW BUILDING PLANS WERE SUBMITTED TO THE BUREAU FOR PROCESSING.

DURING THE MONTH, 172 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED= 107 PROSECUTIONS WERE UNDERTAKEN FOR VARIOUS OFFENCES, RESULTING IN THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AMOUNTING TO \$38,410.00.

MORE THAN 800 ITEMS OF FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND QUARTERS WERE TESTED.

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## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND SCHEME WELCOMED

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THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT TODAY WELCOMED THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND BEING LAUNCHED BY THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ATTRACT MORE NEW INDUSTRIES AND JOINT-VENTURES TO HONG KONG.

+WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET IN THIS FIELD,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE D C AND I SAID. +ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF DEVELOPING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG AT PRESENT IS TO BRING IN OVERSEAS INVESTMENT AND KNOW-HOW.+

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO PRAISED THE BANKS FOR THEIR FAR-SIGHTEDNESS IN APPRECIATING THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH A FUND BY CONTRIBUTING TO IT.

HE ADDED: +WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE CHAMBER IN THIS MATTER AND TO GIVE THEM ANY ASSISTANCE THEY MIGHT REQUIRE. THIS APPLIES EQUALLY TO ANY OTHER ORGANISATION WHICH WISHES TO CONTRIBUTE TO HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT.+

THE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT THE D C AND I IS ORGANISING AND CO-ORDINATING TWO INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT PROMOTION MISSIONS TO THE UNITED STATES NEXT MONTH, ONE CONSISTING OF D C AND I OFFICERS AND THE OTHER GOING UNDER THE BANNER OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE D C AND I TEAM WILL BE LED BY THE DEPARTMENT'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR, MR. ROY PORTER, WHO WILL BE VISITING CHICAGO AND LOS ANGELES WHERE IT WILL JOIN UP WITH THE CHAMBER'S DELEGATION.

THE TWO MISSIONS WILL CONCENTRATE ON ATTRACTING LIGHT AND MEDIUM-HEAVY ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES - AN AREA WITH THE GREATEST GROWTH POTENTIAL AT PRESENT. THIS MEANS SEEING AND TALKING TO COMPANIES MAKING PRECISION INSTRUMENTS, DOMESTIC APPLIANCES, LIGHT MACHINE TOOLS, INDUSTRIAL ENGINES AND THE LIKE.

MR. PORTER SAID TODAY THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY WRITTEN TO THE PRESIDENTS AND VICE-PRESIDENTS OF MORE THAN 500 AMERICAN COMPANIES INFORMING THEM ABOUT THE FORTHCOMING MISSIONS AND ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES OF USING HONG KONG AS A MANUFACTURING BASE.

MR. PORTER SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A LOT OF HELP IN THE PREPARATION OF THE MISSIONS FROM LOCAL AND U.S. BANKS, MANY OF WHICH HAVE PROVIDED ADVICE AND CONTACTS. +THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK, THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHICAGO AND THE BANK OF AMERICA ARE CONTACTING THOSE COMPANIES IN THEIR HOME CITIES WHICH ARE WILLING TO MEET THE MISSIONS AND ARE ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF APPOINTMENTS FOR US.+

HE SAID THAT HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED VALUABLE ASSISTANCE FROM A NUMBER OF US GOVERNMENT AND STATE ORGANISATIONS, AS WELL AS FROM THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER, MR. HERBERT MINICH, HE ADDED, WILL BE ACCOMPANYING THE HONG KONG CHAMBER'S DELEGATION.

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INDUSTRY URGED TO EXPAND TRAINING FACILITIES

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THE ACTING ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. T.Y. CHUI, TODAY CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO ENGAGE MORE APPRENTICES AND EXPAND THEIR TRAINING FACILITIES TO MEET THE DEVELOPING NEEDS OF HONG KONG INDUSTRY IN ORDER TO REMAIN COMPETITIVE IN THE WORLD MARKET.

HE SAID EXPERIENCE HAD SHOWN THAT PROPER APPRENTICESHIP WAS THE QUICKEST AND THE MOST ECONOMICAL WAY OF TRAINING CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS.

SPEAKING AT THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONG KONG SOUTH, MR. CHUI SAID THAT SINCE 1969 SOME 200 EMPLOYERS IN MAJOR INDUSTRIES HAD VOLUNTARILY ADOPTED THE APPROVED APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE LATEST INDUSTRIAL MANPOWER SURVEYS CONDUCTED BETWEEN 1970 AND 1974 SHOWED THAT THE ANNUAL NEEDS FOR NEWLY TRAINED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS IN THE MAJOR INDUSTRIES COULD BE AS HIGH AS 8,500 AND 3,000 RESPECTIVELY.

+HOWEVER,+ HE SAID, +AT THE TIME OF THE SURVEYS, INDUSTRIES WERE FOUND TO BE TURNING OUT ONLY ABOUT 4,000 CRAFTSMEN EACH YEAR, AND ONLY ABOUT 750 TECHNICIANS EACH YEAR. OF THESE, ONLY A SMALL NUMBER WERE BEING TRAINED UNDER PROPER APPRENTICESHIP SCHEMES.+

+BUT THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH APPRENTICESHIP CAN BE PROMOTED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS.

+SOME INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT APPRENTICESHIP LEGISLATION SHOULD BE INTRODUCED TO ENSURE AN ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF PROPERLY TRAINED CRAFTSMEN AND TECHNICIANS,+ HE SAID.

MR. CHUI WENT ON TO SAY THAT TWO INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ORDINANCES WERE ENACTED LAST MONTH.

THEY WERE THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE AND THE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING (CLOTHING INDUSTRY) ORDINANCE, WHICH PROVIDED FOR THE SETTING UP OF TRAINING AUTHORITIES TO BUILD AND ADMINISTER SEPARATE TRAINING CENTRES TO PRODUCE SKILLED PERSONNEL FOR THE TWO INDUSTRIES.

FINANCED BY TRAINING LEVIES, THE CENTRES WOULD PROVIDE BASIC AND PRACTICAL TRAINING FOR 600 CRAFT TRAINEES IN THE BUILDING TRADE AND 3,600 OPERATIVES IN THE CLOTHING INDUSTRY IN A YEAR.

THE LEVY SCHEMES, HE SAID, WERE ORIGINATED BY THE TWO INDUSTRIES AND HAD BEEN INTRODUCED TO MEET THEIR SPECIFIC TRAINING REQUIREMENTS ON A COST-EFFECTIVE BASIS.

+THEIR SUCCESS WILL NO DOUBT DO MUCH TO ENCOURAGE OTHER INDUSTRIES TO FOLLOW,+ HE ADDED.

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FIRST PASSING-OUT PARADE  
AT NEW PREVENTIVE SERVICE TRAINING SCHOOL  
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THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE NEW TRAINING SCHOOL AT TAI LAM CHUNG, IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, WILL SEE ITS FIRST PASSING-OUT PARADE ON SATURDAY WHEN 67 OFFICERS, WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED TRAINING COURSES, WILL TAKE PART.

THE SCHOOL, WHICH HAS RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR MORE THAN 100 AND FACILITIES SUCH AS CLASSROOMS, SHOOTING RANGE, GYMNASIUM AND A FOOTBALL PITCH, WAS OPENED IN JUNE LAST YEAR BY SIR DENYS ROBERTS, THE THEN ACTING GOVERNOR.

THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR. E.I. LEE, WILL TAKE THE SALUTE AT THE PARADE.

THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE, ESTABLISHED IN SEPTEMBER 1909, HAS TWO MAIN FUNCTIONS - THE COLLECTION OF GOVERNMENT REVENUE FROM DUTIABLE COMMODITIES AND COMBATTING THE ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING IN NARCOTICS.

DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR SEIZURES OF ABOUT 200 KILOS OF DANGEROUS DRUG VALUED OVER \$3 MILLION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND A REPORTER AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 11 A.M. ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 13).

A 40-SEATER BUS, AM 5606, WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI, AT 9.30 A.M. FOR THE SCHOOL. THE SAME BUS WILL TAKE YOUR REPRESENTATIVE BACK TO KOWLOON AFTER A COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE SCHOOL TO WHICH YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IS ALSO INVITED.

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DISABLED TO STAGE TELEVISION SHOW

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A GROUP OF 70 DISABLED TRAINEES AND CHILDREN FROM SIX SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT REHABILITATION CENTRES WILL STAGE A VARIETY SHOW ON RTV'S CHINESE CHANNEL +CHILDREN'S CORNER+ PROGRAMME ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 14) AFTERNOON AT 4.30 P.M.

IN THIS SPECIAL HOUR-LONG PROGRAMME FOR THE DISABLED, THEY WILL PERFORM A LION DANCE, A PIANO SOLO AND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC. TWO TRAINEES WILL ALSO TALK ABOUT STAMP COLLECTING AND BREEDING GOLD FISH.

IN ADDITION VIEWERS WILL SEE SHORT FILMS ON WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL AND TABLE TENNIS GAMES, ARCHERY AND SCOUTING ACTIVITIES.

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LOTTERY SALES CLOSE TOMORROW

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TOMORROW (FRIDAY) IS THE LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS FOR THE YEAR'S EIGHTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY.

SALE OF TICKETS WILL CLOSE AT 9 P.M. AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DOOTHES. DURING THE DAY, TICKETS MAY BE BOUGHT AT THE HEAD AND BRANCH OFFICES OF 30 BANKS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS.

UP TO 5 P.M. TODAY (THURSDAY), A TOTAL OF 440,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD.

WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN ON SATURDAY (SEPTEMBER 13) BY FOUR RTV ARTISTES -- MISS MEG LAM KIN-MING, MISS DEBORAH TANG KIT-LING, MISS CHUM YAN-MI, AND MISS AU YEUNG PUI-SAN.

THE DRAW WILL BE TELEVISED LIVE TO ENABLE MORE PEOPLE TO SHARE IN THE EXCITEMENT OF THE OCCASION.

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