



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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LANDSCAPING PLAN FOR SHA TIN  
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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED A CONSULTANTS REPORT PROPOSING AN EXTENSIVE URBAN LANDSCAPING PROGRAMME TO BEAUTIFY SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE SHA TIN ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. KEITH KWOK, SAID THAT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CONSULTANTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN STAGES.

INTERVIEWED ON THE RTHK CHINESE-CHANNEL +NEW TERRITORIES WEEKLY+ PROGRAMME, MR. KWOK, SAID THE FIRM HAD BEEN APPOINTED TO DRAW UP PROPOSALS TO GIVE SHA TIN A +NEW LOOK+ WHEN IT IS DEVELOPED AS A NEW TOWN FOR HALF A MILLION PEOPLE.

+THE CONSULTANTS RECENTLY COMPLETED A PHASE I REPORT AND HAVE MADE A NUMBER OF RECOMMENDATIONS ARISING FROM THEIR DETAILED STUDY,+ HE SAID.

+ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IS TO PRESERVE AND UTILISE THE NATURAL SHING MUN VALLEY AS A REST AND RECREATIONAL AREA IN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK.

+THERE WILL BE TREES AND PATHS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE RIVER WHERE PEOPLE CAN RELAX AND TAKE WALKS.

+THE NEW TOWN WILL BE SURROUNDED BY A 'GREEN BELT' AND THERE WILL BE COUNTRY PARKS IN THE AREA.

+AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT ONLY PRESERVE WELL-KNOWN SHA TIN LANDMARKS LIKE MONG FU SHAN, CHE KUNG MIU, TO FUNG SHAN AND OTHER PLACES, BUT THROUGH THE LANDSCAPING PROGRAMME IT WILL BEAUTIFY THEM,+ MR. KWOK ADDED.

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MUSIC FUND SET UP WITH DONATIONS FROM JOCKEY CLUB  
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A FUND TO DEVELOP MUSICAL SKILLS AND INTEREST AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN SET UP WITH MONEY DONATED BY THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE CLUB IS PROVIDING THREE SUCCESSIVE ANNUAL GRANTS OF \$600,000 TO PROVIDE WORKING CAPITAL AND WILL LATER DONATE A FURTHER \$10 MILLION TO ESTABLISH A TRUST FUND.

CUSTODIAN OF THE FUND WILL BE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, WHILE THE NEWLY SET UP MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE WILL ADMINISTER IT. THE OFFICE WILL SCRUTINIZE APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS BEFORE SUBMITTING ITS RECOMMENDATIONS TO A VETTING COMMITTEE WHICH WILL BE APPOINTED SHORTLY.

ANNOUNCING THE SETTING UP OF THE FUND, THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY SAID: +THE VERY GENEROUS DONATIONS OF THE JOCKEY CLUB WILL GIVE NEW IMPETUS TO ENCOURAGING IMPROVED MUSICAL PERFORMANCES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF MUSICAL APPRECIATION IN HONG KONG.

+THIS IS VERY TIMELY AND THE JOCKEY CLUB'S BOLD AND IMAGINATIVE RESPONSE TO THIS NEED AUGMENTS THE GOVERNMENT'S WORK IN DEVELOPING MUSIC TRAINING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE JOCKEY CLUB'S DONATIONS WILL GIVE MORE SCOPE FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE MUSIC ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE, IN ESTABLISHING YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, ARRANGING EXCHANGE VISITS FOR YOUTH ORCHESTRAS, PROVIDING FURTHER TRAINING FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS, ORGANISING INSTRUMENTAL TRAINING FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN AND PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT OF MUSIC ACTIVITY.

DETAILS OF THE CRITERIA FOR GRANTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN DECEMBER.

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FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU SHOWS INCREASED VIGILANCE  
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU CARRIED OUT NEARLY 250,000 INSPECTIONS AND FOLLOW-UP VISITS TO RESIDENTIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG LAST YEAR IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE FIRE HAZARDS.

THE NUMBER REPRESENTS AN INCREASE OF ABOUT 56 PER CENT OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

MORE THAN 147,360 INSPECTIONS WERE THE RESULT OF COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. OF THESE, 120,313 RELATED TO BLOCKAGES OF ESCAPE ROUTES IN BUILDINGS, WHILE 27,050 WERE OF A GENERAL NATURE, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 74 AND 70 PER CENT RESPECTIVELY OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

COMMENTING ON THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID, +IT INDICATES AN INCREASING AWARENESS BY THE PUBLIC OF POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARDS AND A WILLINGNESS TO REPORT THEM.+

IN ADDITION, THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU MADE 12,950 REGULAR VISITS TO BUILDINGS LAST YEAR TO ENSURE THEIR EXITS WERE FREE OF OBSTRUCTION, WHILE 53,400 INSPECTIONS OF FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS WERE CARRIED OUT.

OTHER INSPECTIONS INCLUDED MANUFACTURE AND STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS (7,287), RESTAURANTS AND NIGHTCLUBS (4,761), SCHOOLS (3,469), FIRE SERVICE INSTALLATIONS (2,595), CINEMAS AND THEATRES (746), DANCE HALLS (129), TIMBER YARDS (369), NEON SIGNS (78) AND MISCELLANEOUS (2,143).

THE BUREAU ALSO INVESTIGATED IN DEPTH 174 FIRES.

IT ALSO PROCESSED 7,544 NEW BUILDING PLANS AND EXAMINED 1,944 VEHICLES FOR CARRYING COMPRESSED GASES AND INFLAMMABLE LIQUIDS UNDER THE SCHEME TO LICENSE SUCH VEHICLES ANNUALLY.

IN ADDITION, 9,705 FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT NOTICES WERE ISSUED AND 1,874 PROSECUTIONS WERE TAKEN OUT RESULTING IN THE IMPOSITION OF FINES AMOUNTING TO OVER \$1,054,980.

DURING THE YEAR, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUREAU'S SCHOOLS AND FACTORIES DIVISION EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE PROCESSING OF CHILD CARE CENTRES UNDER THE CHILD CARE CENTRE ORDINANCE OF JUNE 1, 1976. INSPECTIONS MADE BY OFFICERS FOR FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS TOTALLED 1,916.

A NEW HOSPITAL SECTION WAS FORMED IN SEPTEMBER TO CARRY OUT REGULAR VISITS TO ALL HOSPITALS TO ADVISE ON FIRE PROTECTION, ENSURE ADEQUATE FIRE PREVENTION MEASURES AND GIVE LECTURES TO HOSPITAL STAFF ON FIRE PREVENTION, FIRE FIGHTING AND FIRE DRILLS.

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ANOTHER NEW DIVISION - THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY DIVISION - CAME INTO BEING IN OCTOBER TO COPE WITH THE BUREAU'S INCREASING INVOLVEMENT IN THE UNDERGROUND RAILWAY SYSTEM AND RELATED PROJECTS. IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES LINKED WITH THE SYSTEM COMPLY WITH MODERN FIRE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS AND THAT THE STANDARD OF FIRE SAFETY FOR THE PUBLIC IS NOT ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS.

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NEW POST OFFICE GUIDE ON SALE

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THE 1977 EDITION OF THE POST OFFICE GUIDE WILL BE ON SALE AT ALL POST OFFICES FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE PRICE IS \$12 WHICH INCLUDES SUPPLEMENT NO. 1 CONTAINING AMENDMENTS SINCE THE GUIDE WENT TO PRESS.

THE NEW EDITION CONTAINS 400 PAGES OF UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT POST OFFICE SERVICES, POSTAGE RATES AND THE CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF MAIL.

A POST OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID: +IT WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO FIRMS AND ORGANISATIONS WHICH MAKE FREQUENT USE OF POST OFFICE SERVICES.+

+FOR AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF \$2, SUBSCRIBERS WILL BE SENT REGULAR AMENDMENT LISTS AND AN APPLICATION FORM FOR THIS PURPOSE IS ENCLOSED IN THE NEW GUIDE,+ HE ADDED.

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LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD ELECTION

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THIS YEAR'S ELECTION OF EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES TO THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S REGIONAL OFFICE IN NEW RODNEY BLOCK, QUEENSWAY AT 10.30 A.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25). IT WILL BE HELD BY SECRET BALLOT.

A SPOKESMAN OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY THAT 15 CANDIDATES HAD BEEN NOMINATED FOR ELECTION AND THEIR NAMES HAD BEEN SENT TO ALL EMPLOYEES' UNIONS FOR INFORMATION.

+A REGISTERED EMPLOYEES TRADE UNION WISHING TO VOTE SHOULD SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ELECTION. THE REPRESENTATIVE MUST BRING WITH HIM A LETTER OF AUTHORISATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF HIS UNION AND A COPY OF THE CIRCULAR LETTER DATED OCTOBER 12, 1977 FROM THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ON THE SUBJECT,+ THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

THE LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD IS A NON-STATUTORY BODY WHICH ADVISES THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR ON MATTERS REFERRED BY HIM TO THE BOARD, INCLUDING LEGISLATION, AND INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. IT COMPRISES SIX EMPLOYERS' REPRESENTATIVES AND SIX EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES, WITH THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR AS CHAIRMAN.

THREE OF THE EMPLOYEES' REPRESENTATIVES ARE ELECTED BY REGISTERED EMPLOYEES' UNIONS AND THREE ARE SELECTED FOR APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.

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## CONTAINERS CAPTURE PORT TRAFFIC

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IN ONLY EIGHT YEARS HONG KONG'S THROUGHPUT OF CONTAINERS HAS INCREASED FROM 1,000 TO 85,000 A MONTH ACCORDING TO NEWLY-PUBLISHED BOOK — +THE PORT OF HONG KONG+.

THE BOOK SAYS THAT THE FIRST FULLY-CONTAINERISED SCHEDULED SERVICE TO HONG KONG WAS INTRODUCED IN 1969 WHEN THE FIRST CONTAINER TERMINAL WAS SET UP IN KOWLOON.

IN THAT YEAR ONLY 1,000 TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT CONTAINERS WERE HANDLED IN AN AVERAGE MONTH. TODAY 85,000 CONTAINERS A MONTH ARE HANDLED BY FIVE TERMINALS AT KWAI CHUNG AND BY THREE TERMINALS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE HARBOUR.

ACCORDING TO A CHART IN THE BOOK MORE THAN A MILLION TWENTY-FOOT EQUIVALENT CONTAINER UNITS WERE HANDLED DURING 1976.

+THE PORT OF HONG KONG+ AIMS TO GIVE A FULL DESCRIPTION IN WORDS AND COLOUR PICTURES OF THE MANY PORT FACILITIES OFFERED AND IT IS AVAILABLE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE AND LEADING BOOKSHOPS AT \$10 PER COPY.

HONG KONG RANKS THE 18TH AMONG THE EXPORTING NATIONS AND TERRITORIES OF THE WORLD AND ITS PORT HANDLED ABOUT 90 PER CENT OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS LAST YEAR — VALUED AT HK\$32,630 MILLION.

+HONG KONG'S STRATEGIC LOCATION ON THE FAR EASTERN TRADE ROUTES STILL REMAINS THE KEY TO ITS PROSPERITY. IT IS ALSO IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL CENTRE OF THE FAST-DEVELOPING ASIA-PACIFIC BASIN REGION AND HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF THE MOST-MODERN, WORLDWIDE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS,+ SAYS THE BOOK.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION OF THE PORT LIES WITH THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE. ALTHOUGH HIS DUTIES ARE WIDE, AND INCLUDE THE MAINTENANCE OF SAFETY STANDARDS, NAVIGATIONAL AIDS, MOORING BUOYS AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC CARGO WORKING AREAS, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT NEITHER CONTROLS OR OPERATES ANY OF THE OCEAN SHIPPING ALONGSIDE BERTHING FACILITIES, NOR THE TRANSIST SHEDS OR WAREHOUSES ASSOCIATED. THESE ARE ALL IN THE HANDS OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.

+WITH ITS CHARGES, WHICH ARE AMONG THE LOWEST IN THE WORLD, THE PORT OF HONG KONG HAS ACHIEVED, THROUGH ITS EXPERIENCES IN THE PAST 130 YEARS, AN IDEAL BALANCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT CONTROL AND PRIVATE INITIATIVE,+ SAYS THE BOOK.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE COLLABORATED IN THE PRODUCTION OF THE BOOK AND THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IN HONG KONG HAS BEEN OF GREAT ASSISTANCE.

IN ADDITION TO THE DETAILS OF THE PORT'S PRESENT DAY OPERATION, THE BOOK ALSO CONTAINS A SERIES OF HISTORICAL NOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN MONG KOK

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN MONG KOK BETWEEN 11.55 P.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25) AND 5.30 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY AND IF NECESSARY THE SAME PERIOD ON OCTOBER 26-27 TO FACILITATE WORK ON THE DOUBLE TRACKING OF THE RAILWAY BRIDGE ACROSS BOUNDARY STREET.

DURING THIS PERIOD, THE SECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN TAI HANG TUNG ROAD AND EMBANKMENT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED. IN ADDITION, TRAFFIC IN SAI YEE STREET BETWEEN FLOWER MARKET ROAD AND BOUNDARY STREET= AND BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN SAI YEE STREET AND TAI HANG TUNG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED TWO-WAY.

TRAFFIC AFFECTED BY THE ROAD CLOSURE WILL BE DIVERTED AS FOLLOWS: -

- \* EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ON BOUNDARY STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO SAI YEE STREET, FLOWER MARKET ROAD, YUEN NGAI STREET, EMBANKMENT ROAD AND THEN BOUNDARY STREET=
- \* WESTBOUND TRAFFIC ON PRINCE EDWARD ROAD PROCEEDING TO TAI HANG TUNG MAY TURN INTO TUNG CHOI STREET FROM PRINCE EDWARD ROAD AND THEN TO TAI HANG TUNG ROAD VIA BOUNDARY STREET= AND
- \* TRAFFIC FROM TAI HANG TUNG ROAD PROCEEDING TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD MAY GO WESTBOUND ON BOUNDARY STREET AND THEN TO PRINCE EDWARD ROAD VIA SAI YEE STREET, FLOWER MARKET ROAD AND YUEN NGAI STREET.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO DRIVE WITH EXTRA CARE WHEN PASSING THROUGH THE AREA DURING THIS PERIOD AND APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO INDICATE THE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC DIVERSIONS.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TWO ROADS IN KOWLOON  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE LOOP ROAD IN WATERLOO ROAD UNDERNEATH THE FLYOVER OPPOSITE TO THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL CHEST CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 25) FOR SEVEN DAYS TO FACILITATE ROAD WORK ON THE PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD FLYOVER.

DURING THE CLOSURE PERIOD MOTORISTS TRAVELLING ON THE SOUTHBOUND LANE IN WATERLOO ROAD AND WISHING TO U-TURN INTO THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY SHOULD MAKE USE OF THE LOOP ROAD ON ARGYLE STREET OPPOSITE THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER CO. LTD. BUILDING.

IN ADDITION THE SECTION OF SHEUNG LOK STREET BETWEEN FAT KWONG STREET AND SHEUNG FOO STREET IN HUNG HOM WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL VEHICLES EXCEPT THOSE REQUIRING ACCESS TO THE PREMISES THERE WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 26).

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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