



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HEALTH REPORT FOR FEBRUARY
CONTINUING FALL IN INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS

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HEALTH RETURNS FOR FEBRUARY ISSUED TODAY BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHOW A CONTINUING FALL IN THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS.

IN JANUARY, REPORTED CASES OF THE DISEASE TOTALLED 630, BUT NOTIFICATIONS WERE REDUCED TO 570 LAST MONTH. BACILLARY DYSENTERY CASES ALSO DROPPED FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH'S 42 TO 23.

THERE WERE INCREASES IN INCIDENCE OF CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES. NOTIFICATIONS OF TYPHOID ROSE FROM 41 TO 69, VIRAL HEPATITIS FROM 68 TO 89, AND CHICKENPOX FROM 75 TO 89.

AS FOR OTHER NOTIFIABLE DISEASES, THERE WERE EIGHT CASES OF MEASLES, ONE OF CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS, FIVE OF AMOEBIASIS, NINE OF FOOD POISONING, SEVEN OF SCARLET FEVER, FOUR OF TETANUS, AND ONE IMPORTED CASE OF MALARIA.

OF THE 62 DEATHS REPORTED DURING FEBRUARY, 58 WERE CAUSED BY TUBERCULOSIS -- A DROP FROM THE 67 DEATHS RECORDED IN JANUARY -- AND FOUR BY VIRAL HEPATITIS.

THE RECORDS OF DIPHTHERIA AND POLIOMYELITIS WERE AGAIN CLEAN. THE INCIDENCE OF OTHER COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SHOWED NO APPRECIABLE VARIATION.

DURING THE MONTH, HONG KONG REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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THREE LOTS OF CROWN LAND WITH A TOTAL AREA OF MORE THAN 50,000 SQ.FT. WILL BE PUT ON SALE BY AUCTION NEXT MONTH.

TWO OF THEM -- ONE SITUATED AT CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD, HONG KONG AND THE OTHER AT MARCONI ROAD, KOWLOON -- WILL BE SOLD FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE LOT AT CHUNG HOM KOK ROAD HAS AN AREA OF 21,170 SQ.FT. AND THE ONE AT MARCONI ROAD HAS AN AREA OF 18,280 SQ.FT.

THE REMAINING LOT WITH AN AREA OF 10,670 SQ.FT. IS FOR INDUSTRIAL AND/OR GODOWN DEVELOPMENT. IT IS LOCATED BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD, KOWLOON.

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT 2.30 P.M. ON APRIL 18 IN THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM.

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FIRE SERVICES PLANNING FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION
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THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING A FIRE PREVENTION EXHIBITION TO TAKE PLACE IN THE AUTUMN.

THE EXHIBITION IS EXPECTED TO LAST FROM SEVEN TO TEN DAYS AND WILL PROBABLY BE HELD AT EITHER THE OCEAN TERMINAL OR THE CITY HALL.

A TOTAL OF 12 PRIVATE FIRMS DEALING IN FIRE PREVENTION EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO TAKE PART AND SO FAR 11 HAVE RESPONDED FAVOURABLY.

A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID NOVEMBER WAS A LIKELY DATE FOR THE EXHIBITION AS THIS WAS USUALLY THE MONTH WHEN THE NUMBER OF FIRES INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY BECAUSE OF DRIER WEATHER.

THE AIM OF THE EXHIBITION WILL BE TO AROUSE PEOPLE'S AWARENESS OF THE INCREASING FIRE DANGER IN HONG KONG, HE STATED, AND WHAT THEY CAN DO ABOUT IT.

HE SAID AN INITIAL PLANNING MEETING WOULD BE HELD NEXT WEEK ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIRE SERVICES, THE GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SERVICES AND FIRMS TAKING PART.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG. IF IT PROVES SUCCESSFUL, CONSIDERATION WILL BE GIVEN TO HOLDING ONE EVERY TWO YEARS.

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ADVANCE BOOKINGS OF TRAIN TICKETS EXTENDED
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TRAIN PASSENGERS TRAVELLING FIRST CLASS WILL BE ABLE TO BOOK TICKETS ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE STARTING FROM TUESDAY (MARCH 25). AT PRESENT, RESERVATIONS CAN ONLY BE MADE ONE DAY IN ADVANCE.

ACCORDING TO THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY, MR. REGINALD GREGORY, THE ADVANCE BOOKING SCHEME HAD PROVED VERY POPULAR SINCE IT WAS FIRST INTRODUCED LAST NOVEMBER, AND 6,219 PEOPLE HAD MADE USE OF THE SERVICE.

THE FACILITY WAS PARTICULARLY POPULAR OVER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR PERIOD WHEN TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE FLOCKED TO THE NEW TERRITORIES AND CHINA.

THERE IS NO EXTRA CHARGE IF TICKETS ARE BOUGHT AT THE TIME OF MAKING THE RESERVATION.

DURING THE FOUR MONTHS THE SCHEME HAS BEEN IN OPERATION, NO PASSENGER CHOSE TO RESERVE A SEAT WITHOUT PURCHASING A TICKET. IN VIEW OF THIS, MR. GREGORY SAID THE SERVICE OF RESERVATION WITHOUT IMMEDIATELY PURCHASING THE TICKETS WILL WITHDRAWN.

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WAI YIP STREET EXTENSION
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TRAFFIC IN KWUN TONG WILL BE GREATLY IMPROVED WITH THE COMPLETION NEXT YEAR OF A PROJECT TO EXTEND WAI YIP STREET.

WAI YIP STREET, AT ITS JUNCTION WITH FOO YIP STREET, WILL BE EXTENDED 2,500 FT. UPON COMPLETION, IT WILL PROVIDE ANOTHER ROUTE FOR TRAFFIC TO AND FROM KWUN TONG.

THE NEW ROAD WILL BE A DUAL TWO-LANE CARRIAGEWAY RUNNING PARALLEL TO THE MAIN KWUN TONG ROAD AND LINKING WITH IT AT THE FLYOVER AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL EAST OF THE CHOI HUNG INTERCHANGE. IT WILL ALLOW BOTH EASTBOUND AND WESTBOUND TRAFFIC TO MERGE WITH AND DIVERGE FROM THE MAIN KWUN TONG ROAD TRAFFIC.

THIS NEW ROAD WILL ALSO FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE PLANNED ROAD NETWORK IN KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION WHICH IS TO BE DEVELOPED INTO AN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL AREA.

DRAINAGE WORKS OF THE NEW ROAD INCLUDE THE CONSTRUCTION OF STORMWATER DRAINS AND SEWERS AND THEIR CONNECTION WITH THE MAIN DRAINAGE NETWORK.

CONSTRUCTION WORK OF THIS \$3.6 M. PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JUNE AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 10 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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REMINDER TO REGISTER FOR I.D. CARDS
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THE COMMISSIONER OF REGISTRATION, MR JOHN MITCHELL, TODAY REMINDED THE PUBLIC OF THE NEED TO REGISTER FOR IDENTITY CARDS.

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS SHOULD REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN AND WARDS AT THE AGE OF 11 FOR JUVENILE IDENTITY CARDS AND YOUNG PERSONS REACHING THE AGE OF 18 MUST REGISTER FOR ADULT IDENTITY CARDS.

MR MITCHELL ALSO CALLED ON ADULTS WHO HAVE NOT YET POSSESSED AN IDENTITY CARD TO COME FORWARD AND REGISTER THEMSELVES.

NEW ARRIVALS WHO INTEND TO STAY IN HONG KONG FOR MORE THAN 90 DAYS ARE ALSO REMINDED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO REGISTER FOR AN IDENTITY CARD, WHILE ID CARD HOLDERS ARE URGED TO REPORT TO THE REGISTRATION OF PERSONS DEPARTMENT ANY CHANGE IN REGISTERED PARTICULARS.

FAILING TO REGISTER FOR AN IDENTITY CARD OR TO INFORM THE AUTHORITY ABOUT ANY CHANGE OF REGISTERED PARTICULARS IS AN OFFENCE WHICH CARRIES A FINE UP TO \$1,000 AND A SIX-MONTH IMPRISONMENT.

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