



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HONG KONG MEN FOR 'TOWNS IN THE DESERT' CONFERENCE

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HONG KONG WILL BE REPRESENTED AT AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON +LOW-COST HOUSING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES+ WHICH OPENS IN CAIRO ON SUNDAY. THE CONFERENCE IS DESIGNED TO CONTRIBUTE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO THE SOLUTION OF EGYPT'S HOUSING PROBLEMS.

ONE OF THE SPEAKERS AT THE CONFERENCE, WHICH WILL DRAW DELEGATES FROM 30 COUNTRIES, WILL BE MR. EDWARD KENNARD, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR, WHO WILL TALK ABOUT THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF MULTI-STOREY BUILDINGS.

ANOTHER PARTICIPANT, ALSO FROM THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, IS MR. CHENG HON-KWAN, GOVERNMENT STRUCTURAL ENGINEER. HE WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF A SESSION ON MASONRY SYSTEMS.

BOTH MR. KENNARD AND MR. CHENG ARE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON TALL BUILDINGS, A WORLDWIDE TECHNICAL +BRAINS TRUST+ ON HIGH-RISE DEVELOPMENT WHICH IS ONE OF THE SPONSORS OF THE CONFERENCE.

THE OTHER SPONSORING BODIES ARE THE EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND RECONSTRUCTION, THE EGYPTIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS AND THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (OFFICE OF HOUSING). MAJOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAS ALSO COME FROM THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, WHICH IS PAYING THE FARES OF ALL DELEGATES FROM OVERSEAS.

ANNOUNCING THE CONFERENCE, THE EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF HOUSING, MR. OSMAN A. OSMAN, SAID RECENTLY: +THE 450,000 HOUSING UNITS REQUIRED OVER THE NEXT 15 YEARS TELLS THE STAGGERING STORY OF EGYPT'S NEEDS.

+WE ARE SPONSORING THIS CONFERENCE, BRINGING SPECIALISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD AND FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES, IN ORDER TO ADAPT THE BEST OF THEIR EXPERIENCE TO OUR OWN NEEDS.

+WE MUST START WITH THE BEST SYSTEMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE NOW, AND WE MUST LOOK FOR SPACE BEYOND OUR PRESENT CITIES. WE'LL BUILD NEW TOWNS IN THE DESERT, IF NEED BE.+

DR. A. MOHARRAM, PRESIDENT OF THE EGYPTIAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, ADDED: +EGYPTIAN HOUSING SUFFERED A SEVERE BLOW IN THE LAST MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

+WE LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING THE BEST WAY TO RECOVER FROM THIS LOSS BY DEVELOPING PLANS IN DIALOGUE WITH THE PLANNERS, ARCHITECTS, SOCIAL SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, MATERIAL SPECIALISTS, DEVELOPERS AND HOUSING DESIGN SPECIALISTS WHO WILL BE HERE.+

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COMMENTING ON THE CONFERENCE, MR. KENNARD SAID TODAY: +I'M VERY GLAD THAT HONG KONG CAN BE REPRESENTED AT THIS GATHERING - FOR THE SUBJECT IS ONE ON WHICH HONG KONG HAS SOMETHING TO SAY FROM ITS OWN EXPERIENCE AND ABOUT WHICH IT HAS EVERY INCENTIVE TO LEARN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

+MR. CHENG AND I WILL THEREFORE BE DOING AS MUCH LISTENING AS TALKING. FROM MY ATTENDANCE AT PREVIOUS CONFERENCES SPONSORED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON TALL BUILDINGS, I KNOW JUST HOW VALUABLE THESE MEETINGS CAN BE.

+ONE OF THE MAIN OBJECTIVES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IS THE COMPILATION OF A MONOGRAPH, OR A PROFESSIONAL ENCYCLOPAEDIA, OF KNOWLEDGE ON TALL BUILDINGS, AND WHILE IN CAIRO WE'LL BE PUSHING THIS PROCESS A STAGE FURTHER.

+MR. CHENG AND I ARE BOTH CONTRIBUTORS TO THE MONOGRAPH - MAINLY THROUGH CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS WITH WHOSE IDEAS WE ARE FAMILIAR BUT MOST OF WHOM WE HAVE NOT MET FACE TO FACE.

+THE CONFERENCE WILL GIVE US A CHANCE TO GET TOGETHER WITH OUR OPPOSITE NUMBERS IN PERSON AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION ABOUT TECHNICAL PROBLEMS IN A WAY WHICH YOU JUST CAN'T ALWAYS DO ON PAPER.+

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+YOUTH WEEK+ IN LI CHENG UK
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A GROUP OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE AGENCIES ARE ORGANISING A +YOUTH WEEK+ IN LI CHENG UK TO ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONCERN THEMSELVES MORE WITH THEIR COMMUNITY AND ITS PROBLEMS RELATED TO YOUTH.

THE WEEK STARTS ON SATURDAY, APRIL 19, WITH AN EXHIBITION ON +YOUTH LIFE+ TO BE HELD AT THE LI CHENG UK GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR THREE DAYS.

DURING THE WEEK THERE WILL BE A SERIES OF SEMINARS TO DISCUSS YOUTH PROBLEMS. THE ACTIVITIES WILL END WITH A VARIETY SHOW AT THE KEI OI YOUTH CENTRE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 26.

THE ORGANISERS ARE THE LI CHENG UK WELFARE COUNCIL, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS FROM SEVEN ORGANISATIONS OPERATING IN THE AREA, AND THE SHAM SHUI PO COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICE.

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE THE LI CHENG UK FRIENDLY CENTRE, THE KEI OI YOUTH CENTRE, THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A., THE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG FEDERATION OF YOUTH GROUPS, THE FRIENDS OF SCOUTING SO UK CENTRE AND THE LI CHENG UK KAI FONG ASSOCIATION.

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ADMISSION TO PRIMARY 2 - 5 CLASSES
IN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

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PARENTS WHO WISH TO ENROL THEIR CHILDREN FOR PRIMARY TWO TO FIVE CLASSES IN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOLS, INCLUDING POLICE PRIMARY SCHOOLS, FOR THE 1975 - 76 SCHOOL YEAR CAN SEND IN THEIR APPLICATIONS NEXT WEEK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID APPLICATION FORMS FOR ADMISSION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE HEAD OF THE SCHOOL TO WHICH ADMISSION IS DESIRED BETWEEN APRIL 22 AND APRIL 28, FROM 9.00 A.M. TO 12.30 P.M. AND 2.00 P.M. TO 6.00 P.M. FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND FROM 9.00 A.M. TO 12.00 NOON ON SATURDAY.

COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, MAY 2.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT APPLICANTS SHOULD NOTE THE AGE LIMITED FOR EACH SPECIFIC CLASS. ONLY APPLICATIONS FROM CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING DATES WILL BE CONSIDERED :

PRIMARY 2 - 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1966 AND 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1968

PRIMARY 3 - 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1965 AND 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1967

PRIMARY 4 - 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1964 AND 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1966

PRIMARY 5 - 2ND SEPTEMBER, 1963 AND 1ST SEPTEMBER, 1965

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO PRIMARY 6 CLASSES WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY UNDER VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

THE SPOKESMAN REMINDED PARENTS THAT APPLICATION FORMS ARE FREE, NO ENTRANCE FEE IS CHARGED FOR ADMISSION AND NO TUITION FEE IS CHARGED IN ANY GOVERNMENT CHINESE PRIMARY SCHOOL.

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TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF STAUNTON STREET

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. ON APRIL 19 TO MAY 3, 1975, THE SECTION OF STAUNTON STREET BETWEEN PEEL STREET AND ABERDEEN STREET ON HONG KONG ISLAND, WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC TO FACILITATE POWER CABLE LAYING WORKS.

ACCESS TO STAUNTON STREET, WEST OF ABERDEEN STREET, CAN BE MADE VIA CAINE ROAD AND THEN ABERDEEN STREET.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO INDICATE THE CLOSURE.

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R.H.K. NEW QUIZ PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS
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TWO TEAMS OF LOCAL STUDENTS WILL BE PITTING THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF SPOKEN ENGLISH AGAINST EACH OTHER NEXT SUNDAY WHEN RADIO HONGKONG'S NEW INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ PROGRAMME GETS UNDERWAY.

CALLED +LET'S GET IT RIGHT+, THE PROGRAMME IS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE FLUENCY AND ACCURACY OF ENGLISH AMONG STUDENTS WHO DO NOT SPEAK IT AS THEIR MOTHER TONGUE AND THE QUESTIONS ARE SPECIALLY WRITTEN TO TEST THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE.

RUN AS A KNOCKOUT COMPETITION, THE 15-PART PROGRAMME WILL GO ON THE AIR AT 5.30 PM EVERY SUNDAY UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF QUIZ MASTER JON JEFFRIES.

ALTOGETHER SIXTEEN SCHOOLS WILL BE TAKING PART IN THE INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ. FOUR STUDENTS FROM MARYKNOLL CONVENT SCHOOL WILL BE MEETING ANOTHER FOUR FROM LA SALLE COLLEGE IN THE FIRST PROGRAMME. EACH TEAM WILL CONSIST OF TWO FOURTH FORM AND TWO SIXTH FORM STUDENTS AND THE WINNING TEAM WILL RECEIVE, FITTINGLY ENOUGH, SOME BOOKS AS ITS PRIZE.

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NEW RECORD FOR AMBULANCE COMMAND
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THE AMBULANCE COMMAND OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAS CHALKED UP A NEW RECORD BY ANSWERING 419 CALLS DURING THE 24-HOUR PERIOD ENDING 7 A.M. TODAY (THURSDAY). THIS REPRESENTS AN AVERAGE OF ABOUT 17- 1/2 CALLS PER HOUR.

THE PREVIOUS RECORD WAS 412 CALLS ACHIEVED ON FEBRUARY 5.

KOWLOON DIVISION WAS THE BUSIEST WITH 155 EMERGENCY AND 39 NON-EMERGENCY CALLS= HONG KONG DIVISION HAD 134 EMERGENCY AND 12 NON-EMERGENCY CALLS= AND NEW TERRITORIES DIVISION HAD 79 EMERGENCY BUT NO NON-EMERGENCY CALLS.

THE AMBULANCE COMMAND HAS AN ESTABLISHMENT OF 558 ALL RANKS, 9 AMBULANCE DEPOTS AND A FLEET OF 86 AMBULANCES. FIVE NEW AMBULANCES ARE AT PRESENT BEING PREPARED FOR SERVICE.

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SPEED LIMIT RAISED

THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE EXISTING SPEED LIMIT OF 30 MILES PER HOUR ALONG A SECTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN THE CROSS HARBOUR TUNNEL TOLL PLAZA AND PRINCESS MARGARET ROAD NORTH OF THE HUNG HOM INTERCHANGE, WOULD BE RAISED TO 40 MILES PER HOUR AS FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE SECTION OF THE ROAD INVOLVED IS ABOUT 816 METRES LONG AND THE EXACT BOUNDARY WITHIN WHICH THE NEW SPEED LIMIT WILL BE ENFORCED WILL BE INDICATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNS.

MEANWHILE, CERTAIN ROADS IN KOWLOON WILL BE CLOSED FOR A FEW HOURS ON SUNDAY (APRIL 20) IN CONNECTION WITH THE +SAVE OUR HOSPITAL CAMPAIGN+ WALK IN TSZ WAN SHAN - WONG TAI SIN AREA.

FROM 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M., FEI NGOR SHAN ROAD, THE SECTION OF SHA TIN PASS ROAD BETWEEN SHA TIN PASS ESTATE AND FEI NGOR SHAN ROAD, AND JETS INCLINE WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC EXCEPT EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE PUT UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

NOTE TO EDITORS:

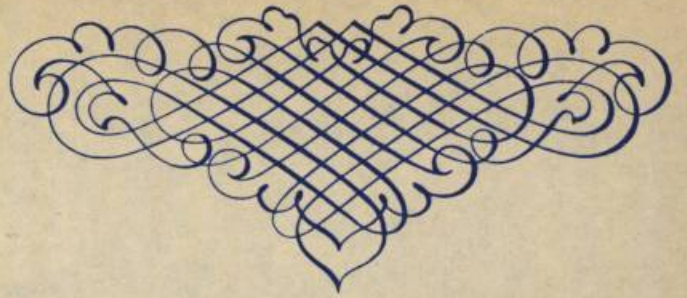
THE LUNG CHEUNG GOVERNMENT SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOL WILL BE HOLDING ITS FIRST ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPENED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EXHIBITION COVERED. IT WILL BE OPENED AT 11 AM AT THE SCHOOL PREMISES, LUNG CHEUNG ROAD, KOWLOON.

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ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



Thursday, April 17, 1975

QUEEN TO TAKE 20-MINUTE RIDE ON HOVERFERRY

Success In Hong Kong For British Marine Product

The Queen will have a 20-minute water view of the Kowloon shoreline on May 6 when she boards a hoverferry at Queen's pier for Tsuen Wan to complete a number of engagements there.

The hoverferry will be a new vessel belonging to the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company, ordered a few months ago from Britain, only recently arrived, and not yet in service.

The Queen will see the hoverferry just as it is, and will take the route between Central and Tsuen Wan in almost the same conditions as 700 commuters a day, the only difference being that on this special trip, the Queen's party will be the sole passengers.

The Queen will make use of one of 65 comfortable airline-style seats in an air-conditioned cabin. Large tinted side windows will provide excellent visibility, and the Queen will be able to see interesting landmarks both in Kowloon and along the harbour approach to Tsuen Wan as the hoverferry nears its destination.

The hoverferry, HM2, made its debut in Hong Kong in November last year when the vessel - the latest example of British hovercraft engineering - was put on trial runs in the harbour by the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company.

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A month later it went into service, and at the same time, three more HM2s were ordered - a \$12 million package deal which pleased their manufacturers, Hovermarine Transport Limited, of Southampton, since it was the largest single order in the company's history.

The Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company had no hesitation giving British marine exports this shot in the arm.

At the time of the announcement of the deal, Mr. Edmund Lau, managing director of the Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company, said: "The performance of the first hoverferry was extraordinary. When it became clear that our enthusiasm was shared by our commuters - 700 on weekdays and 1,000 on weekends - we decided to buy three more.

"These craft will be used in our regular commuter and recreation services, and both the HYF and Hovermarine are confident that other countries in Southeast Asia will follow our lead.

"The HM2 hoverferry is the most advanced high speed commercial craft now in operation anywhere, and we have no doubt it has opened a new era in water transport in Hong Kong."

Commuters pay \$2 a trip between Central and Tsuen Wan. They travel in comfort, and the journey is cut from the 40-minute trip on regular vessels to 15-20 minutes on the hoverferry, depending on sea surface conditions.

The Hong Kong and Yaumati Ferry Company is the largest passenger ferry company in the world. Its present fleet of 81 vessels carries 180 million passengers annually on 25 different services within the Hong Kong harbour area. The routes served range from three to 20 miles in distance.