



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1977

NEW AIRCRAFT FOR R.H.K.A.A.F.

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THE ROYAL HONG KONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE WILL HAVE A REPLACEMENT IN ITS FLEET OF AIRCRAFT LATER THIS YEAR.

THE FIRST OF THE BRAND NEW TRAINING AIRCRAFT, THE +BULL DOG+, TO BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCOTTISH AVIATION COMPANY AT A PRICE OF ABOUT HK\$380,000 (LESS AVIONICS EQUIPMENT), SHOULD ARRIVE HERE BY SHIP IN OCTOBER.

THE SINGLE-ENGINE, THREE-SEATER PLANE WILL REPLACE THE BEECHCRAFT +MUSKETEER+ WHICH HAS BEEN IN SERVICE FOR ABOUT SIX YEARS.

THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE R.H.K.A.A.F., WING COMMANDER ROSS PENLINGTON, SAID TODAY THAT THE +BULL DOG+ WOULD MAINLY BE USED FOR TRAINING VOLUNTEER PILOTS.

HE SAID THAT THE FORCE'S PILOT TRAINING PROGRAMME HAD BEEN PUT BACK IN THE LAST TWO YEARS BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUFFICIENT TRAINING FACILITIES AND FUNDS. SUBJECT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT 1977/78 ESTIMATES, IT IS HOPED TO PURCHASE A SECOND AIRCRAFT LATER THIS YEAR.

HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SITUATION WOULD IMPROVE FOLLOWING THE ARRIVAL OF THE NEW AIRCRAFT.

THE +BULL DOG+, THE WING COMMANDER SAID, WAS TO REPLACE THE EXISTING +MUSKETEER+ WHICH IS LOW-POWERED AND IS UNSAFE TO USE FROM ~~SEK~~ KONG AIRSTRIP WHERE, DUE TO CONGESTION AT KAI TAK, A LOT OF TRAINING IS DONE.

+THE R.H.K.A.A.F. HAS DECIDED TO BUY THIS MODEL BECAUSE IT CAN CARRY OUT THE KIND OF TRAINING WHICH BEST SUITS HONG KONG'S REQUIREMENT+, HE SAID. +MOREOVER, IT IS CHEAPER THAN OTHER AIRCRAFT OF ITS TYPE+.

BESIDES, +BULL DOG+ IS A MODEL USED BY THE BRITISH AND MALAYSIAN AIR FORCES FOR THE TRAINING OF PILOTS.

ON THE CAPACITY OF THE AIRCRAFT, MR. PENLINGTON SAID, WITH A RANGE OF 500 MILES, IT COULD ACHIEVE A SPEED OF 120 MILES PER HOUR.

APART FROM BEING USED TO TRAIN VOLUNTEER PILOTS FOR THE R.H.K.A.A.F., THE AIRCRAFT WILL ALSO BE USED IN SEARCHING AND RESCUE OPERATIONS.

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+DUE TO HONG KONG'S MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN,+ HE SAID, +FLYING HERE DEMANDED MUCH HIGHER STANDARD FROM HELICOPTER PILOTS THAN IN MANY OTHER PLACES AND THIS IS WHY OUR PILOTS MUST HAVE PROPER TRAINING ON PROPER MILITARY TRAINING AIRCRAFT+.

TO ENSURE THEIR PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS, ALL PILOTS AND CREWMEN OF THE R.H.K.A.A.F. ARE TESTED BY THE ROYAL AIR FORCE EXAMINING UNIT ONCE A YEAR AND ALL MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND REGULAR TRAINING.

FORMED IN 1949, THE R.H.K.A.A.F. AT PRESENT OPERATES A FLEET OF FIVE AIRCRAFT — THREE HELICOPTERS, A TWIN-ENGINE ISLANDER AND A MUSKETEER LIGHT AIRCRAFT.

IT HAS A STRENGTH OF SOME 130, OF WHOM 110 ARE VOLUNTEERS, BOTH EUROPEANS AND CHINESE, WHO GIVE UP A LOT OF THEIR FREE TIME FOR THIS SERVICE WHICH IS OF MUCH BENEFIT TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENT.

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N.T. SPORTS PROJECTS IN ADVANCED STAGES
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SAID TODAY A NUMBER OF GOVERNMENT PROJETS WERE NOW WELL ADVANCED AND WOULD, ON COMPLETION, PROVIDE ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR COMPETITIVE SPORTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

HE SAID THESE PROJECTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES MARKED A CONSISTENT EFFORT TO MAKE GOOD THE PRESENT DEFICIENCIES.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, THE NEXT TWO YEARS WOULD SEE THE SCHEDULED COMPLETION OF AN INDOOR GAMES HALL IN SOUTH KWAI CHUNG, THE FLOODLIGHTING AND CONVERSION OF THE YEUNG UK ROAD SPORTS GROUND INTO A 10,000-SEAT STADIUM, AND A 10-ACRE SPORTS GROUND IN KWAI CHUNG.

+THESE AND PLANS FOR MANY FACILITIES ARE WELL ADVANCED, AND WE CAN LOOK FORWARD CONFIDENTLY TO THE DAY WHEN THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR COMPETITIVE SPORTS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES TOWNS,+ HE SAID.

MR. AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF THE SECOND NEW TERRITORIES ATHLETIC MEET JOINTLY SPONSORED BY THE HEUNG YEE KUK, THE RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICES OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW TERRITORIES SCHOOL'S SPORTS ADVANCEMENT ASSOCIATION AT THE MONG KOK STADIUM.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE NEW TERRITORIES BENEFITED FROM HAVING THE MAJORITY OF NATURAL RECREATIONAL AREAS SUCH AS COUNTRY PARKS, BEACHES, WALKING AREAS AND RESERVOIRS WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR HEALTHY RECREATION, THEY WERE NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PROVISION OF PURPOSE-BUILT GAMES AND SPORTS FACILITIES.

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SEMINAR ON LABORATORY SAFETY

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ABOUT 450 SCIENCE TEACHERS AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS WILL ATTEND A SEMINAR ON LABORATORY SAFETY TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.

THE AIM OF THE SEMINAR IS TO AROUSE AWARENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY MEASURES IN LABORATORY WORK AMONG SCIENCE TEACHERS AND TECHNICIANS.

TALKS ON LABORATORY SAFETY AND OTHER TOPICS SUCH AS FIRE AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS IN LABORATORIES, SAFE USE OF ELECTRICITY AND RADIOACTIVE SOURCES, AND FIRST AID IN SCIENCE LABORATORIES WILL BE GIVEN BY EXPERIENCED TEACHERS AND SPECIALISTS IN THESE FIELDS. THERE WILL ALSO BE AN EXHIBITION ON LABORATORY SAFETY. PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE IDEAS AND DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, THE HONG KONG ASSOCIATION FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS EDUCATION AND THE HONG KONG LABORATORY TECHNICIANS ASSOCIATION.

THE DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, MR. ALEX REEVE WILL GIVE THE OPENING ADDRESS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

THE SEMINAR'S OPENING CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 A.M. AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, GASCOIGNE ROAD, KOWLOON.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED.

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TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING IN KWUN TONG

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A NUMBER OF TEMPORARY TRAFFIC AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWUN TONG FROM WEDNESDAY (APRIL 13) TO FACILITATE DRAINAGE WORKS IN THE AREA.

STARTING FROM 10 A.M. ON THAT DAY, THE SECTION OF NGAU TAU KOK ROAD BETWEEN KWUN TONG ROAD AND SHING SHUN ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND. SHING SHUN ROAD BETWEEN NGAU TAU KOK ROAD AND KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY WESTBOUND.

AT THE SAME TIME, KMB ROUTE NOS. 2A, 6D, 13A, 89, 209 AND 211 TRAVELLING SOUTHBOUND ALONG KWUN TONG ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO NGAU TAU KOK ROAD DIRECT INSTEAD OF OPERATING VIA SHING SHUN ROAD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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PASSING-OUT PARADE OF IMMIGRATION OFFICERS
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FORTY-SIX RECRUITS OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT WILL TAKE PART IN A PASSING-OUT PARADE TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY (APRIL 14) AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND IN HAPPY VALLEY.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR. ALAN SCOTT, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE. HE WILL ALSO MAKE AN ADDRESS.

THE RECRUITS CONSIST OF 21 ASSISTANT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS AND 25 IMMIGRATION ASSISTANTS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT'S PASSING-OUT PARADE. THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT 9.30 A.M. ON THURSDAY (APRIL 14) AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT PARADE GROUND IN SPORTS ROAD, HAPPY VALLEY.

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