



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVOCATED  
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DR. S.Y. CHUNG, SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, TODAY STRONGLY ADVOCATED THE SETTING UP OF A BOARD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO ENSURE GOOD CO-ORDINATION IN PROGRAMME PLANNING AND COURSE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE WHOLE SPECTRUM OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE, DR. CHUNG SAID THAT WITH RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE POLYTECHNIC AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES, COUPLED WITH AN INCREASING NUMBER OF PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, SECONDARY TECHNICAL SCHOOLS, AND INDUSTRIAL TRAINING CENTRES, VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION WAS BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT AND COMPLEX.

HE SUGGESTED THAT THE ADVISORY BOARD SHOULD COMPRISE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, THE POLYTECHNIC, THE TRAINING COUNCIL, THE HONG KONG INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS, THE PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

HE SAID THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO IMPORTANT AREAS WHICH THE BOARD SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH.

IN THE AREA OF STUDIES, DR. CHUNG SAID : +IT IS VITAL THAT EACH TYPE OF INSTITUTION SHOULD HAVE ITS LEVEL OF COURSES REASONABLY WELL DEFINED SO AS TO MINIMISE UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION, BECAUSE ALL THESE INSTITUTIONS DERIVE THEIR FUNDS FROM THE SAME SOURCE, THAT IS, GOVERNMENT.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THESE INSTITUTIONS DO NOT LEAVE ANY GAPS OR CAUSE ANY DEFICIENCIES AT ANY LEVEL OF STUDIES ALONG THE VERTICAL SCALE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION.+

IN THE SECOND AREA, THE DESIGN OF STUDY PROGRAMME, DR. CHUNG POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS DESIRABLE THERE SHOULD BE SOME DIRECT TRANSFERABILITY FROM PRE-VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS TO TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND FROM TECHNICAL INSTITUTES TO THE POLYTECHNIC.

+IN OTHER WORDS, THERE SHOULD BE VERTICAL INTEGRATION AND CONTINUITY IN TECHNICAL EDUCATION FROM LOWER TO HIGHER LEVELS,+ HE SAID.

DR. CHUNG STRESSED THAT IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AND STRENGTHEN HONG KONG'S COMPETITIVE POSITION IN THE WORLD MARKETS, +WE HAVE TO STRIVE FOR GREATER OUTPUT IN LABOUR, LESS WASTAGE IN MATERIAL, BETTER UTILISATION OF CAPITAL, HIGHER QUALITY IN PRODUCTION, MORE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY IN MANUFACTURE AND GREATER INNOVATION IN PRODUCT DESIGN.+

+THESE GOALS CANNOT BE ACHIEVED UNLESS WE HAVE QUALIFIED AND COMPETENT TECHNICAL MANPOWER IN SUFFICIENT QUALITIES AND AT ALL LEVELS,+ HE SAID.

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SPEAKING AT THE SAME FUNCTION, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL, DISCLOSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD ADOPTED A NEW APPROACH TO EVALUATE THE SUCCESS OR OTHERWISE OF THE FIRST FIVE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES BEFORE DRAWING UP PLANS FOR MORE TO FOLLOW.

THE NEW APPROACH WILL BE THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT AND CLOSE STUDY OF A TEN-YEAR TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME PLAN WHICH WILL BE UNDER ANNUAL REVISION AND WILL ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS.

MR. KINGWELL POINTED OUT THAT THE KWAI CHUNG TECHNICAL INSTITUTE WAS THE THIRD OF FIVE SUCH INSTITUTES FORMING THE MAIN THRUST OF PHASE I OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

THE FOURTH AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, THE CONSTRUCTION OF WHICH WAS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY, WOULD COMMENCE COURSES IN SEPTEMBER 1977, AND THE FIFTH AT SAN PO KONG WAS AT AN ADVANCED PLANNING STAGE AND MIGHT EVEN COMMENCE BUILDING DURING THE COMING FINANCIAL YEAR AND BE READY TO ACCEPT APPRENTICES IN SEPTEMBER 1979.

+THESE INSTITUTES REPRESENT A MAJOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT. THE TOTAL COST OF THE FIRST FIVE WILL BE IN THE REGION OF \$120 MILLION. THEY ARE A VISIBLE PROOF OF THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT'S FAITH IN OUR INDUSTRIES' ABILITY TO PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT AND TO GENERATE PROSPERITY FOR OUR PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

IT WOULD THEREFORE BE REASONABLE TO EVALUATE IN DETAIL THE SUCCESS OR OTHERWISE OF THE FIVE INSTITUTES BEFORE DRAWING UP PLANS FOR MORE TO FOLLOW, MR. KINGWELL SAID, BUT SUCH A PROCESS WOULD BE EXTREMELY TIME-CONSUMING AND DEMANDING OF RESOURCES WHICH WERE NOT YET AVAILABLE.

+THERE WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS OF MOMENTUM AND HONG KONG INDUSTRIES COULD, FOR SEVERAL YEARS DURING THE NEXT DECADE OR TWO, BE ILL-PREPARED TO MEET THE INCREASING CHALLENGE OF A SOPHISTICATED TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD.+

THE TEN-YEAR TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME PLAN WAS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THIS APPROACH, HE SAID.

+THIS PLAN IS AT PRESENT IN COURSE OF PREPARATION AND THE FIRST SIX OF TEN STAGES WILL SOON BE READY. PUT SIMPLY THE PLAN CONSISTS OF A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF INDUSTRY PRODUCED FROM MANPOWER SURVEYS, AND A PHASED PROGRAMME TO DEVELOP THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT IT.+

HOWEVER, THE PLAN HAD ITS SHORTCOMINGS, MR. KINGWELL ADDED, AS IT DEPENDED ON THE ACCURACY OF INFORMATION FED IN BY INDUSTRY.

/+IN VIEW .....

+IN VIEW OF THE SOPHISTICATION OF THE PRESENT PLAN AND THE RAPID CHANGES OF CIRCUMSTANCE TO WHICH HONG KONG IS USED, AND THE NECESSITY TO KEEP THE PLAN CONSTANTLY UP-TO-DATE I AM TOLD THAT MORE FREQUENT AND DETAILED REQUESTS ARE LIKELY TO BE MADE IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR. KINGWELL APPEALED TO INDUSTRY TO BE PATIENT AND TO CONTINUE TO CO-OPERATE BY SUPPLYING ACCURATE INFORMATION.

+IF THE OPERATION OF THE PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL,+ HE SAID, +IT WILL ENSURE THAT CONTINUITY OF EFFORT FOR THE PROVISION OF THE RIGHT FORM OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AT THE RIGHT TIME AND IN THE RIGHT QUANTITY WILL BE PROVIDED IN HONG KONG.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS

COPIES OF THE SPEECHES BY DR. CHUNG AND MR. KINGWELL WILL BE PUT IN G.I.S. PRESS BOXES FOR COLLECTION THIS EVENING.

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18 APPOINTED TO PANEL OF ARBITRATORS.

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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPOINTED 18 HONG KONG RESIDENTS - 16 MEN AND TWO WOMEN - TO THE PANEL OF ARBITRATORS CONSTITUTED UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS ORDINANCE. AMONG THEM ARE UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, EDUCATIONISTS, BARRISTERS, ACCOUNTANTS, A MARINER, A RETIRED BUSINESSMAN AND A HOUSEWIFE.

THEIR APPOINTMENTS WERE PUBLISHED IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE ARBITRATORS ARE : MR. N.P. AUSTIN= MR. S.L. CHEN, J.P.= MR. CHENG KIM-KWONG= MR. T.C. CHENG, O.B.E., J.P.= MR. T. CLYDESDALE= PROFESSOR D.M.E. EVANS, LL.B., B.C.L.= PROFESSOR S.Y. KING, O.B.E., J.P.= MR. STEPHEN LEE KI= MR. LEUNG CHI-KIN= MRS. LI CHAN SIN-WAH, J.P.= MR. HENRY LITTON, Q.C., J.P.= MR. POON WING-CHEUNG= CAPTAIN C. STARK= MR. JOHN J. SWAINE, Q.C., J.P.= MRS. TSO WONG CHIU-YUK= MR. ROBERT W.N. WEI= MR. WONG PING AND MR. WONG TING-CHEE.

ANY ONE OF THEM MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO SIT AS A SOLE, OR A JOINT, ARBITRATOR IN A TRADE DISPUTE IF THE NEED AROSE.

ARBITRATION IS ONE OF A SERIES OF STEPS PROVIDED BY THE LABOUR RELATIONS ORDINANCE FOR RESOLVING TRADE DISPUTES.

WHEN CONCILIATION SERVICES OFFERED BY THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT ARE NOT SUCCESSFUL, ARBITRATION WITH THE CONSENT OF BOTH PARTIES IS ONE OF THE POSSIBLE PROCEDURES WHICH MIGHT BE FOLLOWED.

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CLEANING UP UNGAZETTED BEACHES IN N.T.

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SOME 300 PUBLIC-SPIRITED YOUNGSTERS WILL TAKE PART IN AN EXERCISE TO CLEAN UP THE BEACHES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES THIS SUNDAY (FEBRUARY 22).

THEY CONSIST OF EIGHT CLEAN YOUR CITY GROUPS EACH COMPRISING ABOUT TEN OR MORE MEMBERS, 50 MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL AND 140 VOLUNTEERS FROM TAI PO.

THE CLEAN-UP WILL CONCENTRATE ON UNGAZETTED BEACHES IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT ONE OF THE BEACHES, CHEK KENG, IN THE AFTERNOON TO SEE JPC MEMBERS AT WORK, WHILE THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, WILL VISIT LUK KENG, SHA TAU KOK, WHERE ONE OF THE CYC GROUPS WILL BE WORKING.

THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE WILL START AT ABOUT 9 A.M. AND END AT 4 P.M.

THE CYC GROUPS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EIGHT BEACHES IN SAI KUNG, THE JPC MEMBERS WILL CLEAN THREE BEACHES — TAN KA WAN AND CHEK KENG IN LONG HARBOUR AREA AND LAI CHI CHONG IN TOLO CHANNEL — WHILE THE TAI PO VOLUNTEERS WILL TACKLE THREE BEACHES IN THE AREA.

THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE ALL THE VOLUNTEERS ON THE SPOT WITH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO REMOVE THE LITTER AND STAFF OF THE USD (NEW TERRITORIES) WILL BE PRESENT TO ADVISE ON METHOD OF DISPOSING THE REFUSE.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY PRAISED THE YOUNGSTERS FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE CLEAN-UP EXERCISE.

HE POINTED OUT: +THE PURPOSE OF THE EXERCISE, WHICH IS SIMILAR TO THE ONE LAST YEAR, IS TWO-FOLD. IT WILL ENABLE THE YOUNGSTERS TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE PART IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO ENJOY A DAY'S OUTING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF TO COVER MR. AKERS-JONES' VISIT TO LUK KENG. THEY SHOULD MEET MR. DONALD STRANGE, NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AT 10.30 A.M. AT THE REAR OF TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE WHERE TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAKE THEM TO LUK KENG AND ALSO BRING THEM BACK TO KOWLOON AFTER THE VISIT.

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HOW THE GOVERNMENT WORKS  
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HONG KONG IS NOT GOVERNED BY INSPIRATION OR GIMMICK BUT BY A WELL-TRIED SYSTEM OF POLICY FORMATION WHICH IS NOT ONLY TECHNICALLY COMPETENT, BUT WHICH REFLECTS THE ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLE LIVING HERE.

THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. DENIS BRAY, EMPHASISED THIS IN A LUNCHEON ADDRESS TO THE LIONS CLUB OF HONG KONG (HOST) TODAY WHEN HE SPOKE ON THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND HOW IT WORKS.

+ADMINISTRATION,+ HE SAID, +IS NOT SIMPLY A MATTER OF AIRING A PROPOSAL, GETTING PUBLIC REACTION AND PROCEEDING IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLIC OPINION.

+IT INVOLVES DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF FINDING OUT WHAT IS PRACTICAL, WHAT ALTERNATIVES ARE AVAILABLE, WHAT PRIORITIES CAN BE ADJUSTED, WHAT IS DESIRED BY AND WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO OTHER PEOPLE.

+SUCH MATTERS OFTEN TAKE TIME TO DEAL WITH IF THEY ARE TO BE DEALT WITH PROPERLY, AND I BELIEVE HONG KONG IS WELL SERVED BY AN EFFICIENT AND ABLE CIVIL SERVICE WHICH GENERALLY GETS THE ANSWERS PRETTY NEAR RIGHT,+ HE ADDED.

MR. BRAY TALKED ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT= THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR= AND THE COMPOSITION, FUNCTION AND PROCEDURES OF THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCILS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT ONLY THE TWO COUNCILS THAT MADE ALL IMPORTANT DECISIONS ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

THE URBAN COUNCIL AND HOUSING AUTHORITY, FOR INSTANCE, HAD CONSIDERABLE POWERS PRESCRIBED BY ORDINANCE OVER CERTAIN FIELDS OF ADMINISTRATION.

+BUT QUITE APART FROM THEM THE PROCESS OF POLICY FORMATION WHICH CULMINATES IN A DECISION BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL OR THE ENACTMENT OF LAW BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ALMOST ALWAYS INVOLVES DETAILED STUDY IN THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, WITH THE HELP OF ONE OR MORE ADVISORY BODY,+ HE SAID.

ON THE STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID: +THE ORIGIN OF ALL POWER TO GOVERN HONG KONG IS THE CROWN. THIS POWER IS EXERCISED BY THE GOVERNOR, ON THE AUTHORITY OF THE CROWN CONFERRED BY LETTERS PATENT AND ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS. THESE ARE THE MAIN CONSTITUTIONAL INSTRUMENTS.+

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THE LETTERS PATENT CONSTITUTE THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ESTABLISH AN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND IN GENERAL TERMS DEFINE THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF THE GOVERNOR. THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE TWO COUNCILS ARE PROVIDED FOR IN THE ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

THE FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE TWOFOLD. FIRSTLY, IT ADVISES THE GOVERNOR ON ALL IMPORTANT POLICY MATTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ROYAL INSTRUCTIONS.

SECONDLY, IT ADVISES THE GOVERNOR ON THE EXERCISE OF VARIOUS STATUTORY POWERS AND DUTIES CONFERRED ON THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL, SUCH AS THE ENACTMENT OF SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION, THE DETERMINATION OF APPEALS AND OBJECTIONS, AND OTHER EXECUTIVE ACTS.

+EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CONSIDERS POLICY. IT CANNOT ALLOCATE FUNDS NOR ENACT ORDINANCE. IMPORTANT DECISIONS IN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ARE THEREFORE USUALLY FOLLOWED BY ACTION IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OR ITS IMPORTANT COMMITTEE, FINANCE COMMITTEE,+ MR. BRAY SAID.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL HAS TWO MAIN FUNCTIONS, HE CONTINUED. +IT IS THE LAW MAKING BODY OF HONG KONG AND IT CONTROLS THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS. IT IS ALSO THE FORUM IN WHICH QUESTIONS CAN BE ASKED OF THE GOVERNMENT AND REPLIES GIVEN.+

THIS COUNCIL MEETS IN PUBLIC NORMALLY ONCE A FORTNIGHT THROUGH THE YEAR, EXCEPT FOR A SIX-WEEK RECESS IN AUGUST-OCTOBER.

THERE ARE TWO REGULAR MAJOR DEBATES EACH YEAR -- A DEBATE ON FINANCIAL AND ECONOMICAL MATTERS IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH DURING THE SECOND READING OF THE APPROPRIATION BILL, AND A WIDER RANGING DEBATE ON GOVERNMENT POLICY IN GENERAL, IN RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS, AT THE OPENING OF EACH NEW SESSION OF COUNCIL.

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EXTRA SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR SHA TIN

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CONSTRUCTION WORK WILL START SOON ON AN INTERIM SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT AT SHA TIN TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN SEWAGE RESULTING FROM THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW TOWN.

TENDERS FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING WORKS WERE INVITED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO START IN JUNE 1976 FOR COMPLETION IN MARCH 1977.

MR. WONG KWOK-CHOY, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION, SAID TODAY THE NEW PLANT WOULD CONSIDERABLY ENHANCE SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES AT SHA TIN, PENDING THE PROVISION OF A COMPREHENSIVE PERMANENT PLANT PROBABLY IN MID-1979.

+PLANS FOR THE PERMANENT PLANT ARE ALREADY WELL ADVANCED,+ HE SAID, +BUT IN THE MEANTIME ADDITIONAL SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES ARE BEING PROVIDED TO ELIMINATE THE RISK OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION.+

THE INTERIM PLANT, HE SAID, WOULD BE BUILT ADJACENT TO THE EXISTING TREATMENT WORKS AT FO TAN NEAR TOLO HARBOUR AND WOULD MORE OR LESS TRIPLE THE CAPACITY FOR SEWAGE TREATMENT IN THE AREA.

+COMPARED WITH THE EXISTING PLANT WHICH CAN SERVE ABOUT 30,000 PEOPLE, THE NEW ONE WILL PROVIDE FACILITIES TO SERVE ANOTHER 60,000 PEOPLE AS WELL AS TREATING WASTE FROM A SIZEABLE INDUSTRIAL AREA,+ HE SAID.

THE NEW TREATMENT WORKS, HE ADDED, WOULD INCORPORATE A COMPLETE SEWAGE PURIFICATION SYSTEM CONSISTING OF PRELIMINARY UNITS FOR REMOVING LARGE FLOATING SOLIDS, BIOLOGICAL TANKS FOR REMOVING POLLUTANTS, AND EQUIPMENT FOR DEWATERING THE SLUDGE.

THE CLARIFIED EFFLUENT, HE SAID, WOULD BE DISCHARGED INTO FO TAN NULLAH WHILE THE DEWATERED SLUDGE WOULD BE DISPOSED OF AS LANDFILL IN CONTROLLED TIPS.

TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WERE CALLED LAST DECEMBER, AND THE WHOLE PLANT SHOULD BE OPERATIONAL BY MID-1977.

THE INTERIM TREATMENT WORKS HAS BEEN DESIGNED BY WATSON (HONG KONG) CHARTERED CIVIL ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS TO THE GOVERNMENT, WHO WILL SUPERVISE THE CONSTRUCTION WORKS UNDER THE OVERALL SUPERVISION OF THE CONSULTANT MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING OFFICE, P.W.D.

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OVER 400 TO ATTEND MATHEMATICS SEMINAR  
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MORE THAN 400 IN-SERVICE TEACHERS AND STUDENT TEACHERS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND A SEMINAR, INCLUDING AN EXHIBITION OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS ON RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS AT KING GEORGE V SCHOOL TOMORROW FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

THE SEMINAR, ORGANISED BY THE MATHEMATICS INSPECTORATE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, IS MAINLY INTENDED FOR FORM 1 TEACHERS AND PANEL CHAIRMEN OF THOSE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS FOR MATHEMATICS.

THE VICE PRINCIPAL OF KING GEORGE V SCHOOL, MR. G. WILLS, WILL LECTURE ON RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS. THE PROVISIONAL SYLLABUS STATES THAT RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS MAY TAKE MANY FORMS SUCH AS PUZZLES, GAMES, MAGIC TRICKS, PARADOX, FALLACY, OR SIMPLY MATHEMATICS WITH ANY SORT OF CURIOUS OR AMUSING FILLIP.

THE SYLLABUS ADDS: +IN ONE SENSE RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS MEETS THE HUMAN NEED FOR PLAY AND IN ANOTHER SENSE IT IS MATHEMATICS PURELY FOR THE SAKE OF FUN. IT IS MYSTERIOUS, INTERESTING, ATTRACTIVE MATHEMATICALLY AND ENHANCES A STUDENT'S POWER OF ANALYSIS+.

THE AIM IN A CLASS SITUATION SHOULD BE DISCOVERY BY STUDENTS WITH THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF HELP FROM THE TEACHER.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE SEMINAR.  
MR. WILLS WILL SPEAK FOR ABOUT AN HOUR ON  
RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS BEGINNING AT 11.50 A.M.

DR. CHIU WING-KIN, SENIOR LECTURER, UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, WILL SPEAK ON +WHAT IS STATISTICS?+ STARTING AT 9.10 A.M.

KING GEORGE V SCHOOL IS IN TIN KWONG ROAD, KOWLOON.

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NEW TYPE OF PARKING METER FOR HONG KONG  
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A NEW TYPE OF PARKING METER FOR HONG KONG IS BEING INTRODUCED IN WAN CHAI. THE METERS WILL BEGIN OPERATION IN JAFFE ROAD BETWEEN LUARD ROAD AND FLEMING ROAD ON MONDAY (FEBRUARY 23) WHERE THEY HAVE REPLACED THE TWO-HOUR AUTOMATIC METERS.

THE NEW METERS ARE THE AMERICAN MANUAL TYPE WHICH, UNLIKE THE PRESENT AUTOMATIC METERS, DO NOT REQUIRE REGULAR WINDING BY MAINTENANCE STAFF.

THE NEW METERS ARE BEING INTRODUCED ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS TO SEE IF THEY ARE BETTER SUITED TO LOCAL CONDITIONS THAN THE PRESENT AUTOMATIC METERS.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT TO OPERATE THE METERS, THE MOTORIST MUST INSERT A 50-CENT COIN AND THEN TURN THE SMALL METER HANDLE FULLY TO THE RIGHT. +IF THE HANDLE IS NOT TURNED FAR ENOUGH, THE METER WILL DISPLAY A YELLOW FLAG AND NO PARKING TIME WILL BE GIVEN+.

BEFORE USING THE NEW METERS, MOTORISTS SHOULD READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS DISPLAYED IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH ON EACH METER, HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED THAT THE MAXIMUM TIME ON THESE EXPERIMENTAL METERS WAS TWO HOURS. ONLY 50-CENT COINS CAN BE USED, EACH GIVING 30 MINUTES' PARKING TIME.

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO REMINDED MOTORISTS THAT IF THEY SHOULD PARK AT A FAULTY METER, WHETHER IT IS AN AUTOMATIC OR MANUAL TYPE, THEY SHOULD TELEPHONE THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT'S PARKING METER SECTION AT THE NUMBER DISPLAYED ON THE NEARBY PARKING SIGN. THE CALLER SHOULD GIVE HIS NAME, VEHICLE NUMBER AND THE PARKING METER POST NUMBER.

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PO LEUNG KUK PRAISED  
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (FRIDAY) PRAISED THE CHAIRMEN AND DIRECTORS OF PO LEUNG KUK FOR THEIR ZEAL AND DEVOTION IN PROMOTING WELFARE SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

MR. LEE WAS ADDRESSING THE PO LEUNG KUK'S CHARITY BALL HELD AT THE CONVENTION CENTRE THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING.

HE NOTED THAT PO LEUNG KUK HAD LONG BEEN A WELL-KNOWN LOCAL VOLUNTARY WELFARE ORGANISATION. +THROUGH THE JOINT EFFORTS OF ITS CHAIRMEN AND DIRECTORS, THE KUK HAS MADE NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SOCIETY AND ITS SERVICES ARE MUCH APPRECIATED BY THE PUBLIC.+

THE PAST AND PRESENT CHAIRMEN AND DIRECTORS OF THE KUK, HE SAID, HAD ALWAYS DEEMED IT THEIR DUTY TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF THE SERVICES TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY.

+AT PRESENT,+ MR. LEE SAID, +PO LEUNG KUK PROVIDES WELFARE SERVICES ALL OVER HONG KONG AND THIS INCURS HEAVY EXPENSES. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT GRANTS A SUBSIDY TO MEET PART OF THE EXPENDITURE, THE REST ARE BORNE BY THE CHAIRMEN AND DIRECTORS THEMSELVES AS WELL AS BY PUBLIC DONATIONS.

+THE PRESENCE OF SO MANY PUBLIC-SPIRITED PEOPLE AT THIS CHARITY BALL WITH THEIR GENEROUS DONATIONS WILL CERTAINLY HELP THE KUK TO CONTINUE WITH ITS SERVICES.+

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LAND GRANT FOR PIER AT APLICHAU  
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THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO GRANT SHELL CO. LTD. A LEASE OF ABOUT 1,720 SQ. FT. OF FORESHORE AND SEABED AT THE NORTH-WEST OF APLICHAU FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PERMANENT PIER AND FIRE PUMP PLATFORM.

THE LEASE WILL BE GRANTED BY PRIVATE TREATY FOR A TERM OF 75 YEARS COMMENCING AT DECEMBER 22, 1970.

THE EXTENT OF THE AREA INVOLVED IS DESCRIBED IN A NOTIFICATION IN THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL OR ANY CLAIM OF PRIVATE RIGHT ARE ASKED TO SUBMIT SUCH OBJECTIONS OR CLAIMS IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTIFICATION.

THE NOTICE, IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE, CAN BE SEEN ON NOTICE BOARDS POSTED NEAR THE SITE.

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BUILDINGS DECLARED DANGEROUS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED 12A CARPENTER ROAD, KOWLOON TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION. AT THE SAME TIME, IT DECLARED 1B AND 5A CARPENTER ROAD, 1 AND 1A SAI TAU TSUEN SECOND STREET AND THE ROOF TOP STRUCTURE AT 3 SAI TAU TSUEN SECOND STREET, KOWLOON TO BE LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF A TIMBER FLOOR HAD OCCURRED AT 12A CARPENTER ROAD - A TIMBER FRAMED STRUCTURE.

DETAILED INSPECTION REVEALED THAT OTHER PORTIONS OF THIS BUILDING WERE DECAYED AND FURTHER COLLAPSE COULD OCCUR.

THERE IS NOW NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO COMPLETE DEMOLITION OF THIS BUILDING, WHICH IS BEYOND REPAIR.

AN ADJOINING STRUCTURE AT 1B AND 5A CARPENTER ROAD, AND 1 AND 1A SAI TAU TSUEN SECOND STREET IS ALSO CONSTRUCTED OF TIMBER FRAMING WITH TIMBER FLOORS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF DETERIORATION, AND THIS SITUATION ALSO APPLIES TO THE ROOF TOP STRUCTURE, INCLUDING THE KITCHEN, AT 3 SAI TAU TSUEN SECOND STREET.

NOT ONE PORTION OF THESE STRUCTURES CAN BE READILY DEMOLISHED INDEPENDENTLY.

IN VIEW OF THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER PROGRESSIVE COLLAPSE, NOTICES OF INTENTION WERE POSTED TODAY TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON MARCH 1, 1976 IN RESPECT OF THE DAMAGED CUBICLES ON THE GROUND AND 1ST FLOORS, TOGETHER WITH THE WHOLE OF THE BASEMENT OF 12A CARPENTER ROAD. SIMILAR NOTICES WERE ALSO POSTED TODAY TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS ON MARCH 19, 1976 IN RESPECT OF THE REMAINDER OF 12A CARPENTER ROAD, 1B AND 5A CARPENTER ROAD, AND 1 AND 1A SAI TAU TSUEN SECOND STREET AND THE ROOF TOP STRUCTURE AT 3 SAI TAU TSUEN SECOND STREET.

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