



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## 28 DISABLED PEOPLE FOUND JOBS

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Twenty-eight disabled people were assisted by the Social Welfare Department's Liaison and Placement Unit into commercially-competitive jobs during October.

The group included seven blind, 10 crippled, four deaf, three mentally retarded, two former psychiatric patients, and two cured tuberculosis patients.

They were accepted into "open" industry -- as opposed to sheltered workshops -- as unskilled and semi-skilled workers, assemblers, sewers, packers, cleaners, watchmen, gardeners, and bell-boys.

Heading the list of industrial organisations taking on the disabled during the month was the Rover Electronics Limited, who accepted 10 people -- seven of them were blind and three crippled.

All were engaged as assembly workers, and reports indicate that they all are doing well.

"Indeed," says Mr. Paul Leung, Officer in charge of the Unit, "the employment of seven blind people for assembly work by this company proves that those who have lost their sight are still able to compete with the able-bodied provided they are placed in an appropriate job after suitable training."

He understands from the management of the Rover Electronics Limited that they have confidence in the blind for assembly work "because they are capable, efficient, and remain at their jobs as a stabilising influence in the face of a great turnover among the able-bodies in the electronics industry."

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Mr. Leung recalls that there are at least 35 blind people working in this field with the Carter Semiconductor Limited, the Fairchild Semiconductor (HK) Limited, the Senior Electronics Limited, and a photography products manufacturing company.

Records show that they are "steady at their work, and have inspired confidence among managements who had not previously thought that a blind person could be engaged in a factory's production line."

As a result of this success, he hoped that other managements in the electronics industry will consider trained blind workers for assembly work. They can get in touch with him at the World Rehabilitation Fund Day Centre, Kwun Tong, telephone K-419221, extension 12 and 20.

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ACTION NEEDED TO REDUCE ACCIDENTS ON BUILDING SITES

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Two workmen were killed and 251 injured on building construction sites during October, according to reports received by the Labour Department.

Of the total, 59 were the result of "stepping on or striking against objects".

The Industrial Safety Training Officer of the Labour Department Mr. A.H. Carter said today that this type of accident was nearly always the result of "poor standards of housekeeping on the site".

"If management, supervisory staff and workers as a team got to grips with this problem, we would see a reduction in these accidents. A little time spent on removing the protruding nails and stacking the planks in an orderly manner, would save many a foot injury," he said.

Mr. Carter stressed that poor standards seen on so many construction sites were the biggest contributory cause not only to accidents resulting from stepping on or striking against objects, but also to accidents generally.

"Not only do high standards of housekeeping lead to a reduction of accidents but also results in greater efficiency and thereby financial savings."

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CROWN LAND AUCTION

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Five lots of Crown land, three of which are for private residential development will be put up for sale by auction at the City Hall early next month.

Two of the residential lots are in the "Broadcasting City" area of Kowloon. One in Fessenden Road, with an upset price of \$5 million, covers 16,830 sq. ft. and the other in Marconi Road has an area of 21,640 sq. ft. Its upset price is \$6 million.

The one on Hong Kong Island is a 13,000 sq. ft. site off Chung Hom Kok Road. The upset price is \$500,000.

The last two lots to be auctioned are in Kowloon. One for industrial and/or godown purposes is at the junction of Shung Shun Street and Sze Shan Street in Sam Ka Tsuen. It covers 26,500 sq. ft. and has an upset price at \$1.5 million.

The other one is for non-industrial purposes. It is located at the junction of Ma Tau Chung Road and Mok Cheong Street with a site area of 15,270 sq. ft. and an upset price of \$6 million.

The public auction will be held at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, December 8, in the Lecture Room, eighth floor, City Hall.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR KOWLOON

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A series of new traffic routings will be imposed in Kowloon Tong and Ho Man Tin to facilitate road work and to ensure the smooth flow of traffic.

Traffic in Kowloon Tong will be temporarily interrupted for four days beginning from 8 a.m. on Saturday (November 18).

Westbound through traffic from Lancashire Road to Essex Crescent, and also that wishing to turn right into Waterloo Road, will be prohibited. But motorists wishing to turn left into Waterloo Road may still do so.

Westbound traffic from Lancashire Road will be diverted to Cumberland Road via Oxford Road or Cambridge Road, Durham Road and Rutland Quadrant.

These temporary measures have been imposed to enable piling work for the decking of the nullah along Waterloo Road.

At the same time, all on-road parking along Oxford Road and Cambridge Road will be temporarily suspended.

The above diversions will be in force until 7 a.m. next Wednesday (November 22).

With effect from 10 a.m. on Tuesday (November 21) the section of Ho Man Tin Hill Road between No. 19 Ho Man Tin Hill Road and Princess Margaret Road will be permanently closed.

The closure is to ensure that there is no interruption to the smooth flow of traffic along the main thoroughfare of Princess Margaret Road.

Alternative access is now provided from Wylie Road.

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NEW PLAYGROUND FOR TSZ WAN SHAN

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Swings, slides and roundabouts will be installed in a new playground for the children of the Tsz Wan Shan Resettlement Estate.

A basketball court is also included in the plan. Flower beds and benches will be installed to provide sitting-out areas.

The playground is the twentieth to be built in the area, and will be located at the existing paved area east and south of Block Two of the estate.

Due to the uneven landscape of the site, the playground is to be built on three levels, with a total area of about 9,000 square feet.

Construction work is expected to begin in mid-January next year, and will take about five months to complete.

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Release time: 6.30 p.m.