



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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TOP U.K. ENGINEER DECLARES FAITH IN HONG KONG

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A STATEMENT OF CONFIDENCE IN THE TECHNOLOGICAL FUTURE OF HONG KONG WAS MADE TODAY BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, SIR WILLIAM HARRIS, AT THE END OF A FOUR-DAY STAY HERE.

HE SAID THAT NO ENGINEER COULD VISIT HONG KONG AND FAIL TO BE IMPRESSED BY THE +CREATIVE AND RESOURCEFUL ENERGIES+ WHICH HAD BEEN AND WERE BEING APPLIED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY.

HE ADDED : +APART FROM WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED ALREADY -- VAST AND SOLID ACHIEVEMENTS WHICH WILL STAND ON PHYSICAL RECORD FOR MANY HUNDREDS OF YEARS -- THE WORKS AND PLANS WHICH ARE IN HAND NOW, BOTH IN THE GOVERNMENT AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, MERIT GREAT INTEREST AND SUPPORT.

+FOR A TERRITORY OF THIS SIZE, THE TOTAL ENGINEERING ACHIEVEMENT IS PROBABLY UNIQUE. AND EQUALLY IMPRESSIVE, TO ME, IS THE EVIDENCE OF THE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL QUALITY OF THE ENGINEERS WHO ARE SERVING THIS COMMUNITY.

+THE GOVERNMENT HERE DESERVES GREAT ADMIRATION FOR KEEPING GOING, IN TIMES OF CONSIDERABLE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTY, THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF A VERY SUBSTANTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME -- PARTICULARLY, FOR EXAMPLE, IN THE BUILDING OF THREE NEW TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

+THE VITAL AND ENTHUSIASTIC PART BEING PLAYED IN THIS PROGRAMME BY MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL ENGINEERING PROFESSION -- OF BRITISH, CHINESE AND MANY OTHER NATIONALITIES -- IS SOMETHING WHICH SHOULD NOT BE UNDERESTIMATED OR EVER FORGOTTEN.+

DURING HIS VISIT SIR WILLIAM HAS TOURED SOME OF HONG KONG'S MAJOR ENGINEERING PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR SITE, THE DESALTER AND THE KWAI CHUNG CONTAINER PORT WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING EXTENDED.

HE HAS ALSO BEEN CONSOLIDATING HIS INSTITUTION'S EXISTING CLOSE CONTACTS AND LINKS WITH THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING BODIES HERE -- NOTABLY WITH THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, WHICH IS NOW IN PROCESS OF TRANSFORMING ITSELF INTO A MORE INDEPENDENT AND AUTONOMOUS ORGANISATION.

/SIR WILLIAM'S .....

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SIR WILLIAM'S VISIT PROGRAMME WAS ARRANGED BY MR. J.R. WHITAKER, DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, WHO IS CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERING.

COMMENTING ON THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT, MR. WHITAKER SAID TODAY : +IT HAS BEEN A SHOT IN THE ARM FOR US. SIR WILLIAM'S STAY HAS NOT ONLY STRENGTHENED OUR LINKS WITH THE PROFESSIONAL BODY OF WHICH HE IS PRESIDENT. IT HAS ALSO SERVED TO INCREASE OUR AWARENESS OF THE LATEST IDEAS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE PROFESSION RIGHT ROUND THE WORLD.+

THE PRESIDENT OF THE ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF HONG KONG, MR. G.B. O'RORKE, ENDORSED THIS OPINION. +OUR DISCUSSIONS,+ HE SAID, +HAVE GIVEN US A BETTER PICTURE OF THE CHALLENGES, PROBLEMS AND PRESSURES FACING THE PROFESSION IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

+MORE THAN THAT, IT HAS SHARPENED OUR APPRECIATION OF THE STANDARDS AND IDEALS OF THE PROFESSION, AND HAS SHARPENED OUR IDEAS ON HOW MORE VIGOROUSLY TO DEFEND THOSE IDEALS.+

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1974 PRIVATE HOUSING SURVEY REPORT  
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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT HAS COMPLETED ITS REPORT ON THE 1974 PRIVATE HOUSING SURVEY.

THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED FROM APRIL 11 TO 19 AND COVERED A RANDOM SAMPLE OF ALL PRIVATE, PERMANENT DOMESTIC LIVING QUARTERS IN THE GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF HONG KONG ISLAND, KOWLOON, NEW KOWLOON, TSUEN WAN AND SIX MARKET TOWNS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES -- YUEN LONG SAN HUI, TUEN MUN SAN HUI, SHEK WU HUI, LUEN WO MARKET, TAI PO MARKET AND TAI WAI.

INFORMATION WAS COLLECTED ON WHETHER HOUSEHOLDS WERE DOMESTIC OR COLLECTIVE, THE RELATIONSHIP OF EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER TO THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD, INCOME, TENURE, RENT, WHETHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT OR ABSENT AT THE SURVEY MOMENT, WHETHER ANY MEMBERS HAD APPLIED OR INTENDED TO APPLY FOR PUBLIC HOUSING AND ON FLOOR AREA OCCUPIED BY THE HOUSEHOLD.

COPIES OF THE REPORT ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST FROM THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

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NEW CODE OF AID FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS  
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A NEW CODE OF AID FOR PRIMARY SCHOOLS WILL COME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1, 1975.

THIS CODE, WHICH SUPERSEDES THE SUBSIDY CODE (REVISED 1962), PRESCRIBES THE RULES AND CONDITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT PROMOTES PRIMARY EDUCATION IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR BY MEANS OF GRANTS TO SUCH PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

+THE NEW CODE IS, BY AND LARGE, A CODIFICATION OF EXISTING PRACTICE AND CHANGES MADE SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FREE PRIMARY EDUCATION IN SEPTEMBER 1971, + THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY), MR. LAM TAT-LAU, SAID TODAY. A CIRCULAR IS BEING SENT TO SUPERVISORS AND HEADS OF ALL AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS TOGETHER WITH COPIES OF THE NEW CODE.

SUCH CHANGES, HE SAID, INCLUDED INCREASES IN THE TEXTBOOK AND STATIONERY GRANT AND THE CAPITATION GRANT WHICH WERE INTRODUCED A YEAR AGO.

MR. LAM ASKED THE SUPERVISORS AND HEADS TO INFORM CLERICAL AND MINOR STAFF OF THEIR NEW PAID LEAVE ENTITLEMENTS UNDER THE CODE.

INCLUDED IN THE CODE ARE THE NEW MATERNITY RULES FOR WOMEN TEACHERS WHICH COME INTO FORCE ON APRIL 1 WHEN THE SALARIES OF WOMEN TEACHERS IN FULLY AIDED SCHOOLS REACH PARITY WITH THEIR MALE COLLEAGUES.

ONE SECTION OF THE CODE STATES THAT APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL OF STAFF SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS 76, 77 AND 78 OF THE EDUCATION REGULATIONS 1971, IN CONFORMITY WITH THIS CODE OF AID, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH INSTRUCTIONS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

THE THREE REGULATIONS READ AS FOLLOWS :-

+76. THE APPOINTMENT AND DISMISSAL OF ANY MEMBER OF THE TEACHING STAFF OF ANY SCHOOL SHALL BE DETERMINED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THAT SCHOOL.

+77. THE SUPERVISOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ISSUING TO ALL TEACHERS LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT WHICH SHALL SET OUT -

/(A) CONDITIONS .....

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- (A) CONDITIONS OF SERVICE=
- (B) SALARY SCALE= AND
- (C) CONDITIONS OF TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT

+78. THE SUPERVISOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THE SALARIES OF ALL TEACHERS ARE PAID IN FULL WHEN DUE.+

THE CODE OF AID ALSO STATES THAT ON APPOINTMENT TO AN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL, A TEACHER SHALL BE FURNISHED WITH A CONTRACT OF SERVICE AND IN ADDITION, OR ALTERNATIVELY, A LETTER OF APPOINTMENT.

SUCH CONTRACT OF SERVICE OR LETTER OF APPOINTMENT SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL RENEWAL, BUT MAY SPECIFY A PERIOD OF TIME TO WHICH ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL REFER.

AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT SHALL SPECIFY THE DATE FROM WHICH THE APPOINTMENT IS TO HAVE EFFECT AND THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF NOTICE OF TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT TO BE GIVEN BY EITHER PARTY WISHING TO TERMINATE SUCH CONTRACT.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF A TEACHER WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF TWO YEARS, SHALL NORMALLY BE TERMINABLE BY THE GIVING OF THREE MONTHS' NOTICE IN WRITING BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE SCHOOL OR BY THE TEACHER.

ANOTHER SECTION OF THE CODE STATES THAT A SCHOOL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHALL ONLY DISMISS A TEACHER FOR GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASON, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE +PROCEDURE RELATING TO DISMISSAL OR TERMINATION OF APPOINTMENT OF A TEACHER+ SHOWN IN AN APPENDIX TO THE CODE.

ALL STAFF IN AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOLS SHALL NORMALLY RETIRE AT AGE 60 EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, THE CODE STATED.

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CAREERS SEMINAR FOR STUDENTS IN WESTERN DISTRICT

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A THREE-DAY CAREERS SEMINAR FOR SENIOR FORM STUDENTS IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE HELD FROM APRIL 2 TO 4 AT ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, BONHAM ROAD, HONG KONG.

THE SEMINAR IS JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

IT AIMS AT PROVIDING INFORMATION ON CAREERS IN COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES. THE INFORMATION INCLUDES THE NATURE OF VARIOUS JOBS, DUTIES, SALARIES, PROSPECTS, TRAINING FACILITIES AND OTHER TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT.

THE PROGRAMME CONSISTS OF 12 TALKS AND DISCUSSIONS ON TRADES AND INDUSTRIES BY REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT.

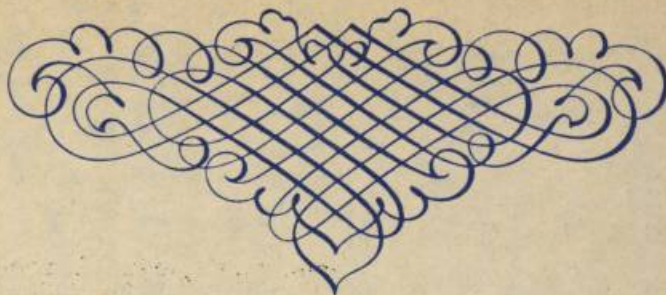
THESE INCLUDE NURSING, BANKING, SOCIAL WORK, SECRETARIAL WORK, TEACHING, AIRLINES, ADVERTISING, ACCOUNTING AND GOVERNMENT JOBS. THERE WILL ALSO BE TALKS ON APPLICATION FOR JOBS AND FURTHER STUDIES.

♦IT IS HOPED THAT STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A MORE SENSIBLE CHOICE OF CAREER AFTER ATTENDING THIS SEMINAR,♦ SAID MR. TSANG KIN-woo, LABOUR OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ADVISORY SERVICE.

STUDENTS IN OTHER DISTRICTS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SEMINAR AND SHOULD CONTACT MRS. KATHERINE SHEN OF WESTERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 5-495141 FOR ENROLMENT.

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# ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



Sunday, March 23, 1975.

## THE QUEEN'S EXTENSIVE JOURNEYS ABROAD

Visit To Hong Kong 44th In Series Since 1952

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When the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh arrive in Hong Kong in May en route to a state visit to Japan, it will be their 44th trip abroad since 1952.

In that year, the Queen, as Princess Elizabeth, had reached Kenya on the first stage of a visit with Prince Philip to Australia and New Zealand.

They had gone in place of the Queen's father, King George VI, who had been prevented by illness from making the tour. Not long after their arrival, news of the death of the King was announced, and the Princess, now Queen, had to cancel the remainder of the tour to return to London.

The Queen's programme of annual visits in her role as Sovereign began in 1953, when she and the Duke made an extensive tour of Commonwealth countries including Bermuda, Jamaica, Fiji, Tonga, New Zealand, Australia, Ceylon, Aden, Uganda, Malta and Gibraltar.

Non-Commonwealth countries also visited during this tour included the Republic of Panama, and Libya, where the Queen and Prince Philip were received at Tobruk by King Idris.

/When the Queen .....

When the Queen visited Canada in 1957, she was the first Sovereign to open a session of the Canadian Parliament, the 23rd. After this, the Queen and Prince Philip spent four days in Washington as guests of the late President Eisenhower. The Queen took the opportunity to visit New York where she addressed a special meeting of the United Nations General Assembly.

A number of the Queen's visits abroad since accession to the throne have been private, but most were state visits. On one occasion, in 1961, following a state visit to Italy and an audience with the Pope in the Vatican, the Queen and the Prince remained in Italy for a few days for a private visit.

Important historic occasions have frequently been enhanced by the presence of the Queen. She was in Canada in 1959 for the opening of the St Lawrence Seaway, in Australia in 1963 for the celebration of Canberra's 50th anniversary, and again in Canada in 1967 for the 100th anniversary of the Confederation.

In 1970, the Queen and the Prince spent nine weeks touring Fiji, Tonga, Australia and New Zealand. The visit was planned to coincide with the bicentenary celebrations of Captain Cook's first arrival in the area.

The Queen was in Australia again in 1973 for the opening of the Sydney Opera House.

The Queen toured Australasia and Indonesia in 1974 to attend the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand. On this occasion, she was accompanied by the Duke, Prince Charles, Princess Anne, and Captain Mark Philips.

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/This year's .....

This year's visits abroad began in February with a tour of the Carribean and Mexico.

The Queen and the Duke, accompanied by members of the Household, officials and staff, will come to Hong Kong on May 4 from a Heads of Commonwealth States conference in Jamaica, via Guam.

The Royal couple will leave Hong Kong early on May 7 for a state visit to Japan.