



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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**K.C.R. TO INTRODUCE SEAT RESERVATION SYSTEM  
FOR FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS**

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THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY WILL INTRODUCE A RESERVATION SYSTEM FOR FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 4). PRE-BOOKING OF 1ST CLASS TICKETS WILL BE POSSIBLE ON WEEKDAYS FROM 7.30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. FOR ALL SCHEDULED TRAINS EXCEPT THOSE ON FESTIVAL DAYS AND HOLIDAYS.

+THIS MEANS THAT FIRST CLASS PASSENGERS AT TERMINAL STATIONS NEED NO LONGER QUEUE FOR A TICKET BUT WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE ADVANCE BOOKINGS, INITIALLY ONE DAY EARLIER AND UP TO FOUR HOURS BEFORE A JOURNEY COMMENCES+, K.C.R. GENERAL MANAGER, MR. REG GREGORY, EXPLAINED TODAY.

CHARTER ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH APPROVED AGENCIES WILL ALSO BE ACCEPTED AND IT IS PLANNED TO EXTEND THE RESERVATION PERIOD AT A LATER STAGE TO SEVEN DAYS BEFORE A JOURNEY COMMENCES INCLUDING DAY OF TRAVEL.

THERE WILL BE NO EXTRA CHARGE IF PASSENGERS PURCHASE THEIR TICKETS WHEN MAKING A RESERVATION, HE SAID, BUT IF A TICKET IS NOT BOUGHT AT THE TIME OF RESERVATION, A NON-REFUNDABLE FEE OF \$1 PER RESERVATION VOUCHER WILL BE CHARGED.

TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS WILL BE ALLOWED FROM APPROVED TRAVEL AGENCIES WHO WILL BE ASKED TO COMPENSATE THE RAILWAY FOR THE FULL PURCHASE PRICE OF THE PLACE RESERVED AT SINGLE FARE, IF THE JOURNEY IS NOT MADE. A DEPOSIT WITH THE RAILWAY WILL BE REQUIRED. TRAVEL AGENCIES WISHING TO MAKE SEAT RESERVATIONS BY TELEPHONE ARE ASKED TO APPLY TO THE GENERAL MANAGER, KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

RESERVATIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED FROM OR AT INTERMEDIATE STATIONS.

THERE WILL NORMALLY BE FOUR FIRST CLASS CARRIAGES ON SCHEDULED TRAINS. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THAT MONTHLY TICKET HOLDERS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH SEATING ACCOMMODATION DURING PEAK PERIODS OF TRAVEL ON WEEKDAYS.

ALL FIRST CLASS COACHES WILL BE IDENTIFIED BY A LETTER COMMENCING WITH A AT THE MOST NORTHERLY END OF THE TRAIN AND ALL SEATS WITHIN A FIRST CLASS COACH ARE NUMBERED.

BOARDS WILL BE PLACED ON THE PLATFORMS OF TERMINAL STATIONS TO INDICATE WHICH COACHES HAVE RESERVED SEATS. CARRIAGE ATTENDANTS ON THE PLATFORMS WILL ADVISE HOLDERS OF RESERVED TICKETS OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR SEAT.

IF A RESERVED SEAT IS NOT OCCUPIED BY THE PERSON MAKING THE RESERVATION 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE TRAIN IS DUE TO DEPART THE RESERVATION WILL LAPSE.

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ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT CATERING FACILITY AT KAI TAK

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ONE MORE SITE FOR AN AIRCRAFT CATERING FACILITY IS TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT KAI TAK AIRPORT TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASES IN AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS.

IT WILL BRING TO THREE THE NUMBER OF INSTALLATION ON THE AIRPORT PRESENTLY PROVIDING AIRCRAFT CATERING FACILITIES. THE OTHER TWO EXISTING ONES ARE THE DAIRY FARM CO. LTD. AND AIR CATERERS LTD. GOURMET ENTERPRISES LTD. ALSO PROVIDE A SERVICE FROM KITCHENS OFF THE AIRPORT.

A SITE ON WHICH THE NEW AIRCRAFT CATERING FACILITY MAY BE BUILT HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR PUBLIC TENDER. SITUATED IN THE NORTH-EASTERN PART OF THE AIRPORT, IT MEASURES ABOUT 26,000 SQUARE FEET.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT SAID: +THE ADDITIONAL CATERING FACILITIES ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO SATISFY THE EXPECTED DEMAND AND PROVIDE AN EFFICIENT SERVICE TO AIRLINES.

+IN THE PAST THREE YEARS,+ HE NOTED +AIR PASSENGER TRAFFIC HAS INCREASED BY ABOUT 70 PER CENT.+

HE SAID THE THREE COMPANIES PRESENTLY OPERATING PROVIDED CATERING SERVICES FOR OVER 1.7 MILLION PASSENGERS LAST YEAR, COMPARED WITH ABOUT 1.38 MILLION IN 1972 AND 1.1 MILLION IN 1971.

+IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THIS YEAR,+ HE ADDED, +THEY HAVE ALREADY RENDERED CATERING SERVICES TO OVER ONE MILLION PASSENGERS.+

THE NEW AIRCRAFT CATERING FACILITY IS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR OPERATION EARLY IN 1978.

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NEW PREMISES FOR WESTERN BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY

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THE WESTERN BIRTHS AND MARRIAGE REGISTRY WILL MOVE AT THE BEGINNING OF NEXT MONTH INTO NEW PREMISES ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF JOHNSON MANSION, 428-438 QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

AS FROM FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 1) NOTICES OF MARRIAGE WILL BE GIVEN AT THE NEW REGISTRY, AND MARRIAGE CEREMONIES WILL BE PERFORMED IN A MARRIAGE ROOM ON THE PREMISES. A SEPARATE BRIDE'S ROOM IS ALSO PROVIDED.

THE NEW REGISTRY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FULL FACILITIES FOR THE REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS.

OFFICE HOURS AT THE REGISTRY WILL BE FROM 9 AM TO 5 PM ON WEEKDAYS, AND FROM 9 AM TO 1 PM ON SATURDAYS. THE NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 5-463911.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEBATE

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL RESUMES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN SEVEN UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON A MOTION TO THANK THE GOVERNOR FOR HIS ADDRESS AT THE OPENING SESSION EARLIER THIS MONTH.

AS IN PAST YEARS, THE UNOFFICIALS ARE EXPECTED TO SPEAK ON A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS AFFECTING THE COMMUNITY.

LEADING OFF WILL BE THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER, DR. CHUNG SZE-YUEN, FOLLOWED BY MR. WILSON WANG, MR. LEE QUO-WEI, MR. OSWALD CHEUNG, MR. ROGER LOBO, MRS. JOYCE SYMONS, AND MR. P.G. WILLIAMS.

THE REMAINING EIGHT UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK DURING THE SECOND PART OF THE SITTING ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 31) IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: MR. JAMES WU, MR. HILTON CHEONG-LEEN, MR. LI FOOK-WO, MR. J.H. BREMIDGE, DR. HARRY FANG, MISS KO SIU-WAH, MR. LO TAK-SHING, AND MR. FRANCIS TIEN.

BOTH TOMORROW'S AND THURSDAY'S MEETINGS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE IN CHINESE ON RADIO HONG KONG'S R.H.K. 2 SERVICE AND ON CHANNEL 1 OF COMMERCIAL RADIO. THERE WILL ALSO BE A LIVE ENGLISH BROADCAST ON R.H.K. 4.

THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES ON NOVEMBER 13 AND 14.

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EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S +ENGLISH BULLETIN+ COMES OF AGE

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IS NOW DISTRIBUTING TO ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY EDITION OF +THE ENGLISH BULLETIN+.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT TODAY EXPLAINED THAT +THE ENGLISH BULLETIN+ WAS FIRST ISSUED ON A TRIAL BASIS IN 1953 AS AN AID TO TEACHERS OF ENGLISH IN HONG KONG. THE RESPONSE WAS SO ENCOURAGING THAT FURTHER EDITIONS WERE COMPILED AND THE PUBLICATION SOON BECAME AN ESTABLISHED FEATURE OF THE LOCAL EDUCATIONAL SCENE.

+ONE OF THE MOST GRATIFYING DEVELOPMENTS SINCE THOSE EARLY DAYS IS THE REPUTATION WHICH THE BULLETIN HAS GAINED OVERSEAS,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+WE HAVE HAD REQUESTS FOR COPIES FROM MANY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES AND HAVE REGULAR READERS IN, FOR INSTANCE, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, MALAYSIA, PAKISTAN, THE PHILIPPINES, SARAWAK, THE SEYCHELLES, SINGAPORE, THAILAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES. HOWEVER, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE BULLETIN IS STILL, AS IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN, TO OFFER HELP TO THE TEACHER OF ENGLISH IN HONG KONG.+

THIS HELP IS OFFERED IN SIX DIFFERENT WAYS - BY BRINGING NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN ENGLISH TEACHING TO THE ATTENTION OF HONG KONG TEACHERS= BY SUGGESTING UP-TO-DATE METHODS OF ENGLISH TEACHING, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON CLASSROOM PRACTICE= BY SUGGESTING SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN ENGLISH TEACHING IN HONG KONG SCHOOLS= BY ACTING AS A FORUM FOR THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS ON ENGLISH TEACHING= BY INVITING AND ANSWERING QUERIES= AND BY REVIEWING ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS. THE EMPHASIS THROUGHOUT IS ON SOUND CLASSROOM PRACTICE, ALTHOUGH LANGUAGE TEACHING THEORY IS NOT NEGLECTED. THE NEEDS OF CHINESE-SPEAKING LEARNERS OF ENGLISH ARE ALWAYS TAKEN FIRMLY INTO ACCOUNT.

THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY EDITION INCLUDES A TRANSCRIPT OF A TALK GIVEN IN HONG KONG IN MAY BY PROFESSOR PETER STREVENS, THEN DIRECTOR OF THE LANGUAGE CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF ESSEX, ON +RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH,+ AN ARTICLE ON THE TEACHING OF ENGLISH IN PRIMARY SIX BY MRS. AGNES CHENG, OF THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, AND SOME SUGGESTIONS ON WAYS IN WHICH HEADS OF SCHOOLS CAN HELP TO PROMOTE MORE EFFICIENT ENGLISH TEACHING.

/THE EDITOR .....

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THE EDITOR OF THE CURRENT EDITION IS MR. JOHN WINFIELD, PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, WHO HAS BEEN DIRECTLY ASSOCIATED WITH +THE ENGLISH BULLETIN+ SINCE 1966.

MR. WINFIELD EXPLAINED THAT 4,500 COPIES OF EACH ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN ARE DISTRIBUTED FREE OF CHARGE TO ALL PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS TO THE TWO UNIVERSITIES, THE COLLEGES OF EDUCATION AND INTERESTED BODIES SUCH AS LOCAL PUBLISHING HOUSES.

ANY INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS WHO ARE NOT ALREADY ON THE MAILING LIST SHOULD WRITE TO THE EDITOR, +THE ENGLISH BULLETIN+, C/O EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, LEE GARDENS, HONG KONG, IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COPIES OF THE BULLETIN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

COPIES OF +THE ENGLISH BULLETIN+ ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE GIS PRESS ROOM, 6TH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE. YOU ARE WELCOME TO QUOTE FREELY FROM THE MATERIAL IN THE BULLETIN.

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SUPPLIES OFFICERS RETIRING

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THREE STAFF MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WITH A TOTAL OF MORE THAN 70 YEARS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE ARE RETIRING SHORTLY.

TO MARK THE OCCASION THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES, MR. F.J. YOUNG WILL THIS FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 1) BE PRESENTING THE THREE OFFICERS -- MR. WILLIAM PALMER, MR. CHENG SLAM AND MR. SHUM PING -- WITH RETIREMENT GIFTS ON BEHALF OF THEIR COLLEAGUES.

MR. PALMER JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN 1951 AND HIS PRESENT POST IS SUPERINTENDENT OF GOVERNMENT SUPPLIES. MR. CHENG JOINED THE SERVICE THE SAME YEAR, AND WAS PROMOTED TO HIS PRESENT POST OF CLERICAL OFFICER I IN 1969. MR. SHUM HAS BEEN WITH THE GOVERNMENT SINCE 1946, AND IS NOW A HEAD WATCHMAN.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY. IT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY AT 4 P.M. AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CANTEEN ON THE TOP FLOOR OF THE MAIN BUILDING IN THE NORTH POINT COMPOUND, OIL STREET.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 A.M. TODAY (TUESDAY) STOOD AT 48,717 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 72.4 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 61,511 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 32,661 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 47,763 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 64.7 PER CENT OF ITS FULL CAPACITY OF 50,500 MILLION GALLONS.

NO RAINFALL WAS RECORDED AT THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 9 A.M. TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 1,865.9 MM (73.46 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,087.4 MM (82.18 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 10.6 PER CENT.

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CONSUMER ADVISORY SERVICE

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THE FOLLOWING PRICES WERE REALISED TODAY (TUESDAY) AT SALE UNDER THE RICE CONTROL SCHEME AND AT THE VEGETABLE MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AND THE FISH MARKETING ORGANISATION WHOLESALE MARKET AT CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON:

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF RICE

<u>GRADE OF RICE</u>	<u>AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY</u>	<u>WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY) AVERAGE</u>
<u>CHINA RICE</u>		
SEE MEW	GOOD	2.02
S.C. JIEN	GOOD	1.86
PO NGAI	GOOD	-
CHU CHO	GOOD	-
<u>THAI RICE</u>		
100% WHOLE	GOOD	1.80
10-15% BROKENS	GOOD	1.65
A1 SUPER EXTRA	GOOD	1.70
A1 SUPER	GOOD	1.45
WHOLE GLUTINOUS	GOOD	1.75
<u>U.S. RICE</u>	GOOD	1.92
<u>AUSTRALIAN RICE</u>	GOOD	1.74
<u>PAKISTAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-
<u>TAIWAN RICE</u>	GOOD	-

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF SWINE

(ALL SOURCES)

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	-	GOOD
WHOLESALE PRICES OF PORK (\$/PICUL-LIVE WEIGHT)	-	320 (AVERAGE)

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SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF MARINE FISH

(FMO CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE FISH MARKET)

SPECIES	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
GOLDEN THREAD	GOOD	6.00	2.20	4.00
BIG-EYES	NORMAL	3.30	1.50	2.40
SQUID	GOOD	5.00	2.00	3.50
HAIR-TAILS	LIMITED	3.00	1.20	2.00
LIZARD FISHES	NORMAL	4.30	1.40	3.00
CROAKERS	NORMAL	3.60	1.00	2.30
CONGER-PIKE-EELS	LIMITED	3.20	2.40	2.80
MELON COAT	LIMITED	3.80	2.20	3.00
BREAMS	---	---	---	---
YELLOW BELLY	NORMAL	1.80	1.00	1.40
MACKERELS	SCARCE	5.80	2.00	4.00
RED GOAT FISH	LIMITED	1.10	0.70	0.90
FORK-TAIL	NORMAL	1.50	0.80	1.10
HORSE-HEAD	LIMITED	5.80	3.50	4.70
MELON SEED	NORMAL	3.50	1.70	2.60
POMFRETS	SCARCE	10.00	8.50	9.00
GARROUPAS	LIMITED	14.00	7.50	11.00
YELLOW CROAKER	SCARCE	10.50	7.00	8.50

SUPPLIES AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF LOCALLY PRODUCED VEGETABLE

(V.M.O. CHEUNG SHA WAN WHOLESALE VEGETABLE MARKET)

TYPE OF VEGETABLE	AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY	WHOLESALE PRICE (\$/CATTY)		
		HIGH	LOW	MODE
FLOWERING CABBAGE	LIMITED	3.20	1.00	2.40
WHITE CABBAGE	LIMITED	2.40	0.80	1.60
CHINESE LETTUCE	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.60
WATER SPINACH	SCARCE	1.50	0.50	1.00
CHINESE KALE	LIMITED	3.20	1.00	2.40
STRING BEANS	SCARCE	3.00	1.00	2.20
SPRING ONION	LIMITED	2.50	0.50	1.40
SPINACH	SCARCE	3.50	1.00	2.50
WATER CRESS	SCARCE	4.50	2.50	3.50
LEAF MUSTARD CABBAGE	SCARCE	2.40	0.80	1.40
CHINESE SPINACH	SCARCE	1.60	0.40	1.00
TOMATO	SCARCE	4.50	2.20	3.50

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