



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ROBSON LEAVES FOR SOUTH KOREA  
FOR TALKS ON NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, MR. JAMES ROBSON, LEFT HONG KONG THIS MORNING FOR SOUTH KOREA WHERE HE WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ON NUCLEAR POWER GENERATION.

MR. ROBSON'S FOUR-DAY VISIT IS AT THE INVITATION OF THE KOREA ELECTRIC COMPANY WHICH IS IN THE PROCESS OF INSTALLING TWO NUCLEAR PLANTS FOR THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY AND PLANS TO HAVE A THIRD.

THE FIRST STAGE OF THE TRIP WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH AN INSPECTION OF THE KOREAN ELECTRIC COMPANY SITE AT KORI WHERE THE NUCLEAR PLANTS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED.

MR. ROBSON WILL RETURN TO SEOUL ON SUNDAY NIGHT AND HOPES TO SPEND THE NEXT TWO DAYS DISCUSSING WITH KOREAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE PLANNING AND LEGISLATION WHICH WAS NEEDED FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER.

BEFORE LEAVING HONG KONG, MR. ROBSON SAID THE VISIT WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL AS SOUTH KOREA WAS IN MUCH THE SAME POSITION AS HONG KONG. BOTH ARE DEVELOPING REGIONS WITH NO +MASSIVE TECHNICAL BACK UP+ AND BOTH WOULD ENCOUNTER THE SAME PROBLEMS OF INTRODUCING, MANNING AND OPERATING A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT.

AT PRESENT THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT IS LOOKING INTO THE FEASIBILITY OF SITING A NUCLEAR POWER STATION IN HONG KONG PROVIDED IT IS ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE.

ALSO MAKING THE TRIP WITH MR. ROBSON ARE THE DIRECTOR OF BRITAIN'S GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, MR. HARRY JACKSON, AND THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF GEC HONG KONG, MR. JOHN WEEDON. GEC IS SUPPLYING THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE PLANT AND EQUIPMENT FOR ONE STATION AND HOPES TO DO THE SAME FOR THE THIRD.

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## WETTEST OCTOBER ON RECORD

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HONG KONG EXPERIENCED THE WETTEST OCTOBER LAST MONTH DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF TWO TROPICAL CYCLONES WHICH BROUGHT 718.4 MM OF RAIN -- MORE THAN SEVEN TIMES THE AVERAGE AMOUNT FOR THE MONTH.

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR WAS 31 PER CENT BELOW NORMAL ON OCTOBER 1 BUT WAS NEAR NORMAL BY THE END OF THE MONTH WHICH WAS ALSO CLOUDIER AND LESS SUNNY THAN USUAL. THE MEAN PRESSURE FOR THE MONTH WAS THE LOWEST FOR OCTOBER.

ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT ISSUED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY, THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE MONTH'S WEATHER WAS THE SERIES OF TYPHOONS WHICH FORMED IN THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND MOVED INTO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN SUCCESSION.

DUE TO THE ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, A TOTAL OF 23 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT DURING THE MONTH.

THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FOR THE MONTH OF 32.7 DEGREES WAS RECORDED ON OCTOBER 4, AND THE MINIMUM OF 17.9 DEGREES CELSIUS ON OCTOBER 31.

NOTE TO EDITORS: A FULL WEATHER REPORT PREPARED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION THIS AFTERNOON.

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## CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTING EXHIBITION

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AN EXHIBITION ON CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTING WILL BE HELD AT THE WONG TAI SIN COMMUNITY CENTRE NEXT WEEK.

MRS. MABEL O, THE CENTRE'S WARDEN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 PM ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

THE FIVE-DAY EXHIBITION, ORGANISED BY THE CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTING GROUP OF THE CENTRE, WILL BE OPENED FROM 7 PM TO 10 PM DAILY.

ON WEDNESDAY, MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL DEMONSTRATE THEIR SKILL AT THE EXHIBITION.

THE CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY AND PAINTING GROUP WAS FORMED IN 1971 WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING SKILL IN ART THROUGH LESSONS TAUGHT BY EXPERIENCED ARTISTS. THE GROUP RUNS TWO CLASSES A WEEK -- PAINTING ON MONDAYS AND CHINESE CALLIGRAPHY ON WEDNESDAY.

PEOPLE OVER 15 YEARS OF AGE ARE WELCOMED TO JOIN. APPLICATION FORMS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND AT THE EXHIBITION.

THE EXHIBITION IS THE FOURTH OF ITS KIND ORGANISED BY THE GROUP SINCE ITS FORMATION.

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POSITIVE START TO BETTER PLANNING  
FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, MR. PETER R. HALLIWELL, SAID TODAY THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AND THE RECOMMENDATION THAT ALL SECONDARY SCHOOLS SHOULD HAVE PRACTICAL COURSES HAD BEEN EMBODIED IN THE WHITE PAPER ON +SECONDARY EDUCATION IN HONG KONG DURING THE NEXT DECADE.+

HE SAID: +ALTHOUGH SOME DIFFICULTIES HAD BEEN ENCOUNTERED BECAUSE OF FINANCE, SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS WITH CONFIDENCE.+

MR. HALLIWELL FELT THAT THE TECHNICAL BRANCH OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAD MADE A POSITIVE START TO BETTER PLANNING FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN THE FUTURE.

+A NEW POLICY HAS BEEN DEVISED BY THE TECHNICAL BRANCH FOR COMMERCIAL EDUCATION BASED ON OUR RECOMMENDATIONS,+ HE SAID.

COMMENTING ON A RECENT ARTICLE IN AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER WHICH DESCRIBED CONDITIONS AS +APPALLING+ AND HEADLINED: +TECHNICAL SCHOOLS UNDER FIRE,+ MR. HALLIWELL SAID THAT ONE OF THE MORE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS TO IMPROVE TECHNICAL EDUCATION IN HONG KONG WAS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TECHNICAL TEACHERS COLLEGE.

THIS WILL ENABLE THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO RE-TRAIN TECHNICAL TEACHERS IN NEW METHODS AND FOR THE NEW CURRICULUM. +THIS IS WHAT THE WHITE PAPER IS ALL ABOUT,+ SAID MR. HALLIWELL.

MR. HALLIWELL, HIMSELF THE PRINCIPAL OF KOWLOON TECHNICAL SCHOOL - THE LARGEST GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL SCHOOL - POINTED OUT THAT PLANS WERE UNDER WAY TO TRANSFORM WOODWORK AND METALWORK AND INCORPORATE THEM INTO THE NEW THREE-DIMENSIONAL SYLLABUSES NOW BEING PREPARED. THIS WILL LEAD TO DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY AT HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION LEVEL.

WITH REGARD TO EXISTING GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL SCHOOL BUILDINGS MR. HALLIWELL STATED THAT THOUGH SOME OF THE OLDER ONES WERE NOT UP TO STANDARD, THIS WOULD BE REMEDIED IN NEW BUILDINGS.

+TECHNICAL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS ARE WELL REPRESENTED IN THE NEW CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND THIS AUGURS WELL FOR THE FUTURE OF TECHNICAL SCHOOLS,+ HE SAID.

IN FACT MR. HALLIWELL EMPHASISED THAT THE BULK OF HIS COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS +HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED OR ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING IMPLEMENTED.+

HE CONCLUDED: +MY COMMITTEE'S WORK HAS PRODUCED A LOT OF ACTION AND I KNOW I HAVE GOT THE BACKING OF MY COLLEAGUES.+

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MORE NEW-RATE PARKING METERS FOR YAU MA TEI

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ABOUT 650 OLD-RATE PARKING METERS IN YAU MA TEI, KOWLOON, WILL BE REPLACED BY THE NEW-RATE TYPE STARTING ON MONDAY (NOVEMBER 25).

AN ADDITIONAL 240 NEW-RATE METERS WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED AT PARKING SPACES WHICH ARE AT PRESENT NOT METERED IN THE AREA. THE PROGRAMME WILL TAKE FIVE DAYS TO COMPLETE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THIS PROGRAMME WAS PART OF A SERIES TO GRADUALLY REPLACE ALL PARKING METERS IN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WITH THE NEW TYPE. METERS ON HONG KONG ISLAND AND IN TSIM SHA TSUI AND PART OF YAU MA TEI IN KOWLOON HAVE BEEN CONVERTED.

HE SAID LEGISLATION AUTHORISING THE NEW PARKING METER RATES WAS PASSED IN JUNE 1972. THE OBJECT IS TO ACHIEVE BETTER TURNOVER OF METERED PARKING SPACES FOR SHORT-TERM PARKERS.

MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED TO READ CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION PRINTED ON THE METAL PLATE ATTACHED TO THE NEW PARKING METER TO ENSURE THAT THE CORRECT COINS ARE INSERTED.

+CARS ALREADY PARKED AT THE OLD-RATE METERS WHICH ARE SUBSEQUENTLY CHANGED TO NEW-RATE ONES WHILE THE CARS ARE STILL PARKED WILL BE GIVEN THE FULL TIME ALLOWED BY THE NEW RATES,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN MADE, HE ADDED, TO CANCEL ANY PARKING TICKET ISSUED TO A MOTORIST WHO MAY HAVE PARKED HIS CAR AT A 10-HOUR OR FOUR-HOUR METER WHEN IT WAS REPLACED BY A TWO-HOUR NEW METER.

THE NEW METERS ACCEPT ONLY 50 CENT OR ONE DOLLAR COINS. UNDER THE NEW RATE SYSTEM, THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF TWO-HOUR METERS - ONE WHICH ACCEPTS 50 CENT COINS FOR 30 MINUTES, AND THE OTHER TAKES 50 CENT COINS FOR ONE HOUR. THERE ARE ALSO NEW HALF-HOUR METERS FOR WHICH THE CHARGE IS A FLAT \$1.

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WATER SITUATION REPORT

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THE TOTAL WATER STORAGE IN ALL RESERVOIRS AS AT 9 AM TODAY (SATURDAY) STOOD AT 54,217 MILLION GALLONS, REPRESENTING 80.6 PER CENT OF THE FULL CAPACITY OF 67,300 MILLION GALLONS. AT THIS TIME LAST YEAR THERE WERE 57,794 MILLION GALLONS IN STORE.

THIS MORNING'S STORAGE AT PLOVER COVE WAS 33,651 MILLION GALLONS, COMPARED WITH 45,252 MILLION GALLONS ON THE SAME DAY LAST YEAR. PLOVER COVE'S PRESENT STORAGE REPRESENTS 76.5 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 AM TODAY. TOTAL RAINFALL RECORDED SO FAR THIS YEAR IS 2,112.3 MM (83.16 IN).

THE MEAN AVERAGE RAINFALL SINCE JANUARY 1 STANDS AT 2,132.3 MM (83.95 IN), REPRESENTING A SHORTFALL OF 0.9 PER CENT.

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