



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GIANT VALVE LAID IN HIGH ISLAND TUNNEL SYSTEM

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ONE OF THE LARGEST PIECES OF MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT IN THE 25-MILE TUNNEL SYSTEM OF THE HIGH ISLAND WATER SCHEME HAS JUST BEEN INSTALLED AT THE PAK TAM CHUNG PIPELINE CROSSING ABOUT TWO MILES EAST OF TAI MONG TSAI IN THE SAI KUNG PENINSULA.

THE MECHANISM IS A GIANT CIRCULAR VALVE MORE THAN NINE FEET IN DIAMETER. IT WAS LOWERED INTO POSITION RECENTLY WITH THE AID OF TWO POWERFUL CRANES.

A WATERWORKS OFFICE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED TODAY THAT AT PAK TAM CHUNG THE TUNNEL SYSTEM HAS TO PASS UNDER A STREAM AND A 1,000-FT. SECTION OF 112-INCH DIAMETER PIPELINE IS USED TO MAKE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE TWO ENDS OF TUNNEL ON EITHER SIDE. THE PURPOSE OF THE VALVE WILL BE TO ENABLE THE PIPELINE SECTION TO BE CLOSED OFF FOR INSPECTION.

IN THE COURSE OF NEXT YEAR THIS SECTION OF TUNNEL AND PIPELINE COULD BE CARRYING SOME OF THE FIRST WATER INTO THE HIGH ISLAND RESERVOIR.

NOTE TO EDITORS: COPIES OF PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE VALVE BEING LOWERED INTO POSITION WILL BE BOXED FOR COLLECTION AT GIS LATER TODAY.

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THREE BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL CONDEMNED

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY DECLARED NO.18 TAI PING SHAN STREET, HONG KONG, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION AND NOS.14 AND 16 LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THESE FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDINGS HAD BEEN UNDER PERIODIC OBSERVATION IN VIEW OF THEIR ADVANCED STATE OF DETERIORATION.

FRESH MOVEMENT HAS BEEN NOTED IN THE FRACTURED AND GENERALLY WEAK BRICKWORK OF THE FRONT, SIDE AND REAR WALLS OF NO.18 AND THERE HAS BEEN A RECENT MINOR PARTIAL COLLAPSE OF THE BOARDING AND TILING TO THE ROOF WHOSE MAIN TIMBERS ARE ALSO SHOWING SIGNS OF SERIOUS DECAY, HE SAID.

ACCESS TO THE 2ND FLOOR OF NO.16 IS OBTAINED ONLY THROUGH NO.18, WHILST THE REMAINING FLOORS ARE SERVED BY A STAIRCASE COMMON WITH NO.14.

IN VIEW OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF THESE THREE BUILDINGS, IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THEM.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON MAY 6, 1975 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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TRAFFIC CHANGES

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MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED THAT THE SECTION OF THE NEWLY WIDENED TING ON STREET BETWEEN NGAUTAUOKOK ROAD AND TING YIP STREET IN KWUN TONG WILL BE REROUTED FOR TWO-WAY TRAFFIC FROM 10 A.M. ON THURSDAY (APRIL 10) TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA.

MEANWHILE, ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE UNNAMED ROAD BETWEEN FURAMA HOTEL AND SUTHERLAND HOUSE IN CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED TO PUBLIC LIGHT BUSES AS FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY (APRIL 11).

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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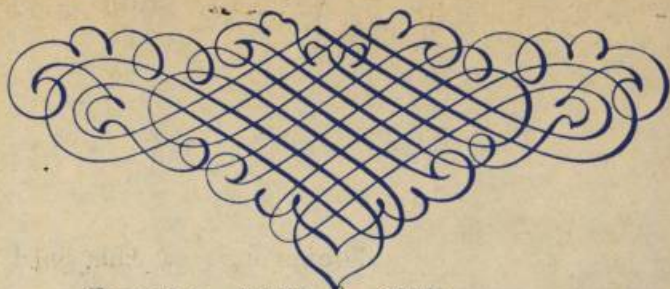
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A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HUNG HOM WILL BE WITHOUT WATER FOR SEVERAL HOURS IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF THURSDAY (APRIL 10) WHEN WATERWORKS STAFF WILL BE CARRYING OUT A TEST FOR LEAKAGE IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY CHATHAM ROAD, STATION LANE, MA TAU WEI ROAD AND PAK KUNG STREET. THE TEMPORARY WATER STOPPAGE WILL BE FROM 1 A.M. TO 6 A.M. ON THURSDAY.

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ROYAL VISIT PRESS RELEASE



Tuesday, April 8, 1975

PRINCE PHILIP TO PRESENT GOLD AWARDS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Ceremony In Government House On May 6

Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, will personally present the gold award of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme to 27 young people at a ceremony in Government House on the evening of May 6.

The gold award is the third and highest in a three-level scheme - the other two being the silver and bronze awards - which Prince Philip himself inaugurated in Britain in 1956.

In a message from Buckingham Palace introducing the scheme, the Duke said: "Young people growing up in an industrial society have many difficulties to face and not many opportunities for personal achievements. At the same time, parents, schools, voluntary organisations and industrial firms who recognise their responsibilities also have to overcome many problems.

"This scheme is intended to help both the young and those people who take an interest in their welfare. It is designed as an introduction to leisure time activities, a challenge to the individual to personal achievement, and as a guide to those people and organisations who are concerned about the development of our future citizens."

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme began operating in Hong Kong in 1961. The scheme for boys was introduced in March 1961, and for girls in August 1963. Five years later, the two were merged to form a joint scheme.

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Recipients of the gold award in the Government House ceremony will be young men and women between 18 and 25. After the presentations, the Duke will mingle with them and exchange a few words.

Besides Hong Kong, the scheme is in operation in more than 40 countries, within and outside the Commonwealth.

In Hong Kong, the scheme is administered by an award committee appointed by the Governor. This committee, through its co-ordinating committee, keeps in close contact with various organisations - called operating authorities - involved in the scheme to ensure a uniform standard of performance.

Participants entering the scheme through the operating authorities come from a cross-section of the community. They include clerks, industrial workers, nurses, teachers, apprentices, and students from the Polytechnic, colleges and commercial schools.

The physically-handicapped are encouraged by rehabilitation centres and hospitals to join the scheme under special provisions which are made to vary the way in which the handicapped meet physical demands. Variations are designed to offer them the opportunity to gain an award on equal terms with the able-bodied.

Since the scheme began in Hong Kong in 1961 up to March 31, 1974, 10,044 young people have taken part.

A total of 5,866 bronze awards were made during this period, 1,022 silver awards, and 136 gold awards.

Hong Kong will be the host country for the third Commonwealth Gold Award Expedition later this year. Arrangements for the Expedition are being organised by a committee under the chairmanship of Sir Kenneth Ping-fan Fung.

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In the United Kingdom, gold awards are presented by the Duke himself at ceremonies in Buckingham Palace and Holyrood House Palace in Scotland. Whenever possible, the Duke - as in Hong Kong this May - presents gold awards during visits to countries of the Commonwealth.

But normally in Hong Kong, the Governor presents the gold award on the Duke's behalf. Elsewhere in the Commonwealth, heads of state do this. Silver and bronze awards are presented everywhere by well-known local personalities.