



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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POST OFFICE TO HOST INTERNATIONAL SPEEDPOST CONFERENCE
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THE POST OFFICE HAS SENT INVITATIONS TO 16 OVERSEAS POSTAL ADMINISTRATIONS TO ATTEND THE FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SPEEDPOST CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG NEXT MARCH.

THE CONFERENCE WILL CONSIDER WAYS AND MEANS OF EXTENDING THE RANGE OF SPEEDPOST FACILITIES AND OF EXTENDING THE SERVICE TO EVEN MORE DESTINATIONS.

CURRENTLY, THE POST OFFICE OFFERS SPEEDPOST SERVICE TO EIGHT COUNTRIES. THEY ARE AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BRAZIL, FRANCE, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES.

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NORTH POINT VEHICULAR FERRY PIER TO BE REPLACED
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A NEW VEHICULAR FERRY PIER IS TO BE BUILT AT NORTH POINT TO REPLACE THE EXISTING ONE WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF STAGE ONE OF THE HONG KONG ISLAND EASTERN CORRIDOR.

TENDERS FOR THE PROJECTS ARE BEING INVITED BY THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

MR. T.S. NG, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE CONSULTANTS MANAGEMENT DIVISION OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE, SAID TODAY THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE PRELIMINARY CONTRACTS TO BE LET FOR STAGE ONE OF THE \$250 MILLION PROJECT.

HE SAID THAT WORK ON THE NEW VEHICULAR FERRY PIER WOULD START TOWARDS THE END OF THIS YEAR AND WOULD TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

+THE NEW PIER IS SITUATED ABOUT 30 METRES TO THE EAST OF THE EXISTING VEHICULAR FERRY PIER,+ SAID MR. NG.

+IT WILL CONSIST ESSENTIALLY OF AN 80-METRE-LONG FINGER PIER AND A 22-METRE-WIDE APPROACH PLATFORM.+

+THE APPROACH PLATFORM WILL SERVE A SINGLE BERTH INITIALLY, BUT WILL BE ADEQUATE TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL BERTH, SHOULD THIS BE CONSTRUCTED IN THE FUTURE.+

ON COMPLETION, MR. NG SAID, THE EXISTING VEHICULAR FERRY SERVICE WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW PIER AND THE EXISTING PIER WOULD THEN BE DEMOLISHED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ELEVATED ROADWAY.

THE WORKS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MESSRS. MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA ON BEHALF OF THE HIGHWAYS OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR PROJECT
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A MULTI-MILLION-DOLLAR CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FLYOVER FROM TAI KOK TSUI TO SHAM SHUI PO AND THE ASSOCIATED GROUND LEVEL ROADS WILL BE SIGNED ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 31).

THE CONTRACT FORMS THE FIRST PHASE OF STAGE TWO OF THE \$300 MILLION WEST KOWLOON CORRIDOR PROJECT.

THE SIGNING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, 21ST FLOOR, MURRAY BUILDING, GARDEN ROAD, AT 2.30 P.M.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CONTRACT SIGNING CEREMONY. TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE NOT LATER THAN 2.15 P.M. SO THAT THEY WILL HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

MR. STAN BARDEN, PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT HIGHWAY ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AFTER THE SIGNING CEREMONY.

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IRRIGATION SCHEME FOR PAT HEUNG FARMERS

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FARMERS IN PAT HEUNG, NEW TERRITORIES, WILL NOW HAVE ADEQUATE IRRIGATION WATER WITH THE COMPLETION OF AN IRRIGATION SCHEME THERE.

THE SCHEME, COSTING \$216,000 TO BUILD, CONSISTS OF 13,350 FEET OF PIPELINE CAPABLE OF SUPPLYING IRRIGATION WATER TO SOME 166 ACRES OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE AREA.

TO HELP MAKE PROPER USE OF THE SCHEME THE PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE IS FORMING AN IRRIGATION CONTROL BODY AMONG THE VILLAGERS TO PREVENT WATER WASTAGE.

COMMENTING ON THE SCHEME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT SAID, +VILLAGES OF HO PUI, MA ON KONG, TEI KEK, CHEUNG PO, TAI WO AND THEIR ASSOCIATED AGRICULTURAL LAND WILL HAVE WATER SUPPLY DIRECTLY FROM THE HO PUI RESERVOIR WHICH WAS CONSTRUCTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN 1961 SOLELY FOR IRRIGATION USE.+

HE NOTED THAT WITH THE HELP OF THE RURAL COMMITTEE, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO SET UP A DEMONSTRATION SCHEME IN THE AREA TO PROMOTE SPRINKLER IRRIGATION WHICH CAN SAVE A LOT OF MANPOWER.

+THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN PROMOTING THIS METHOD OF IRRIGATION FOR SOME TIME IN OTHER AREAS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES AND IT PROVED TO BE SUCCESSFUL,+ HE SAID.

THE PAT HEUNG IRRIGATION SCHEME WILL BE HANDED OVER BY THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. E.H. NICHOLS TO THE FARMERS AT A CEREMONY TO BE HELD AT HO PUI AT 3 P.M. ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 1).

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE HANDING OVER CEREMONY ON TUESDAY (NOVEMBER 1). TRANSPORT FOR THE PRESS WILL LEAVE THE CAR PARK BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE FOR HO PUI RESERVOIR AT 1.45 P.M. ON TUESDAY.

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ACCESS ROAD TO CMA EXHIBITION SITE

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TENDERS ARE BEING INVITED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS IN THE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI AREA TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SITE WHICH WILL BE USED BY THE CHINESE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION FOR THEIR EXHIBITIONS IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS.

THE WORK WILL ALSO INVOLVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE IN THE AREA ADJACENT TO CHEONG WAN ROAD AND SALISBURY ROAD EXTENSION.

MR. T.D. ARMOUR, ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE P.W.D.'S HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION, SAID THAT THE ROADS WOULD ALSO PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE K.C.R. STAFF QUARTERS AND THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC'S TEMPORARY CLASSROOMS.

+THE ROADS ALSO FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE EAST TSIM SHA TSUI AREA WHERE SITES ARE BEING DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

THE WORK IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN DECEMBER AND WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY THE HIGHWAYS (KOWLOON) DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S HIGHWAYS OFFICE.

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TEACHERS AND PARENTS URGED TO HELP FIGHT DRUGS

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TEACHERS AND PARENTS WERE TODAY (SATURDAY) CALLED UPON TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN), MR. KARL STUMPF, AND THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, MR. N.M. HO.

THEY WERE SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A TEACHERS SEMINAR ON DRUG ABUSE HELD JOINTLY BY ACAN AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE GRANTHAM COLLEGE OF EDUCATION. ABOUT 200 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ATTENDED.

MR. STUMPF SAID DRUG ABUSE AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE WAS ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT COULD ONLY BE RESOLVED AT HOME AND IN SCHOOL.

NO PROGRAMME FOR COMBATTING DRUG ABUSE WOULD, THEREFORE, ATTAIN REAL SUCCESS UNTIL PARENTS AND TEACHERS BECAME THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH THESE PROBLEMS AND INVOLVED IN EFFORTS TO TACKLE THEM, HE SAID.

ON THE ROLE OF TEACHERS, MR. N.M. HO SAID THEY SHOULD MAKE THEIR PUPILS AWARE OF THEIR OWN ABILITIES AND OF THE PART THEY WOULD PLAY AS INDIVIDUALS AND AS MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

PUPILS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE AMPLE AWARDS IN SUCCESSES AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND THAT IT IS COWARDLY AND IRRESPONSIBLE TO RESORT TO ESCAPE MECHANISMS IN ANY FORM, PARTICULARLY DRUG-TAKING, MR. HO SAID.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, SENSIBLE PARENTAL GUIDANCE IN THE FORMATION OF A WHOLESOME PERSONALITY AND HEALTHY ATTITUDES, IN CHOOSING THE RIGHT TYPE OF FRIENDS AND ENGAGING IN CONSTRUCTIVE ACTIVITIES CAN GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS PREVENTING A CHILD FROM BECOMING AN ADDICT IN LATER LIFE,+ HE ADDED.

THE SEMINAR WAS THE THIRD OF ITS KIND TO BE ORGANISED BY ACAN AND THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SINCE 1972. ALSO ATTENDING THE SEMINAR AS PANELISTS WERE REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES ENGAGED IN ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK.

A STUDY VISIT TO SHEK KWU CHAU REHABILITATION CENTRE BY TEACHERS ATTENDING THE SEMINAR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 12, IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM TO GAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF ONE OF THE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT IN HONG KONG.

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NEW SCOUT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR ISLANDS DISTRICT

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, TODAY DESCRIBED AS +MOST TIMELY+ THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ISLANDS DISTRICT SCOUT HEADQUARTERS BUILDING ON CHEUNG CHAU.

SPEAKING AT AN OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NEW BUILDING, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID THAT WITH THE GROWTH OF POPULATION IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT AND THE INCREASING NUMBER OF STUDENTS, HE WAS SURE MORE AND MORE YOUNG MEN WOULD WISH TO BECOME SCOUTS.

+THIS NEW BUILDING MARKS A NEW ERA IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SCOUTING IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT,+ HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT SCOUTS ON OUTLYING ISLANDS WERE NOT ONLY ACTIVE IN THEIR SCOUT ACTIVITIES BUT ALSO KEEN IN HELPING IN MANY MEANINGFUL SOCIAL SERVICES.

THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED IN VISITS TO THE HOMES FOR THE AGED AND DISABLED, AS WELL AS IN MANY CAMPAIGNS SPONSORED BY THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

+I BELIEVE THAT THROUGH REGULAR TRAINING AND APPLICATION OF THEIR SKILLS IN SERVICE ACTIVITIES, THE TRUE CHARACTER OF A SCOUT CAN BEST BE DEVELOPED,+ HE SAID.

THE CHEUNG CHAU SCOUT HEADQUARTERS WAS FOUNDED IN 1957, AND IN 1960, IT WAS RENAMED THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION - ISLANDS DISTRICT REGIONAL SCOUT COUNCIL TO REFLECT ITS WIDER SPHERE OF ACTIVITIES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE DISTRICT.

SINCE THEN, THE NUMBER OF SCOUTS HAS STEADILY GROWN TO ABOUT 500 AT PRESENT.

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ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE HOLDS OPEN DAY
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THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK MANAGEMENT CENTRE OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT HELD AN OPEN DAY FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TODAY.

ON DISPLAY AT THE MANAGEMENT CENTRE NEAR THE LOWER ABERDEEN RESERVOIR WERE COLOUR PHOTOGRAPHS OF WILD FLOWERS OF HONG KONG, WINNING POSTERS OF THE 1977 COUNTRY CODE POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION AND SEEDLINGS OF COMMON TREES OF HONG KONG.

THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME WERE DEMONSTRATIONS ON CUTTING LOG WITH POWERED CHAIN-SAW AND FIGHTING HILL FIRES.

AMONG THE MANY PEOPLE WHO VISITED THE CENTRES TODAY WERE MEMBERS OF THE KAI FONG ASSOCIATIONS IN ABERDEEN, WAH FU AND APLICHAU AS WELL AS LEADERS OF LOCAL MORNING WALKERS' CLUBS.

THE CENTRE WAS BUILT IN 1976 TO PROVIDE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO THE ABERDEEN COUNTRY PARK. IT CONSISTS OF AN OFFICE BLOCK, A WORKSHOP AND GARAGE, A STORE AND BARRACK ACCOMMODATION FOR THE BUSH FIRE PROTECTION CREW AND AN INFORMATION CENTRE FOR VISITORS.

AN ADDITIONAL BLOCK TO HOUSE A KIOSK AND TOILET HAS RECENTLY BEEN COMPLETED AND WILL BE OPEN FOR USE BY THE PUBLIC SHORTLY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

RTHK AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT HOLD INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ
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AN INTER-SCHOOL QUIZ ON CHINESE STUDIES HAS BEEN JOINTLY ORGANISED BY RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG AND THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.

THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PROGRAMME WILL BE HELD AT 4.45 P.M. ON MONDAY (OCTOBER 31) IN RTHK STUDIO 1, BORADCAST DRIVE, KOWLOON.

OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE MR. SHUM CHOI-SANG, CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE= MR. NG YIN-NAN, PROJECT CHAIRMAN= RTHK AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES.

THE FIRST MATCH OF THE QUIZ WILL BE HELD AFTER THE CEREMONY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE EVENT.