



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1975

FIRE SERVICES GET NEW ENGINE *****

THE FIRE-FIGHTING CAPABILITIES OF THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW HALF-A-MILLION-DOLLAR FIRE ENGINE.

THE APPLIANCE, WHICH ARRIVED BY SHIP FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM LAST WEEK, IS FITTED WITH A 91 FT. SNORKEL (ELEVATED HYDRAULIC PLATFORM). IT IS THE HIGHEST OF ITS TYPE IN HONG KONG SO FAR AND BRINGS THE DEPARTMENT'S FLEET OF SNORKELS TO 13, INCLUDING THREE 85 FT. AND NINE 50 FT. ONES.

THE ORDER, COSTING MORE THAN \$500,000, WAS PLACED IN JANUARY LAST YEAR.

THE NEW SNORKEL IS EQUIPPED WITH FULLY AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION AND POWER-ASSISTED STEERING.

OTHER FEATURES INCLUDE A CAGE WITH A STEEL CANOPY FOR PROTECTION AGAINST FALLING OBJECTS, A PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM, TWO TONE HORNS, AN 11-INCH SEARCHLIGHT AND A 500-GALLON-PER-MINUTE WATER PUMP SUPPLYING WATER TO AN OUTLET FIXED TO THE SNORKEL CAGE. THERE IS ALSO AN INTERCOMMUNICATION SYSTEM BETWEEN CAGE AND BASE TO KEEP FIRE FIGHTERS AND OPERATOR IN CONSTANT TOUCH.

A FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY : +SNORKELS, WHICH ARE EXTREMELY VERSATILE, ARE RECOGNISED AS BEING AMONG THE MOST EFFECTIVE FIRE-FIGHTING AND RESCUE EQUIPMENT.

+THEY CAN MANOEUVRE FROM SIDE TO SIDE OR UP AND DOWN AND CAN BE USED IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS AT A FIRE SCENE.+

THE NEW MACHINE WILL BE PUT INTO SERVICE AFTER CHECKING IN WORKSHOP.

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CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO HOLD JOINT PARTY
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RESIDENTS OF THE FIVE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD A JOINT PARTY AT THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 30) TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVE SEASON.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, MISS ANNIE CHAN SUET-MAN, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY AND PRESENT BRONZE MEDALS TO THE 62 WINNERS OF THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD SCHEME. THE WINNERS ARE FROM THE FIVE INSTITUTIONS - THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME, THE CASTLE PEAK BOYS' HOME, THE KWUN TONG HOSTEL, THE MA TAU WAI GIRLS' HOME AND THE O PUI SHAN BOYS' HOME.

SANTA CLAUS WILL DISTRIBUTE GIFTS TO CHILDREN ATTENDING THE PARTY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE FUNCTION TO BE HELD AT THE BEGONIA ROAD BOYS' HOME, 62 BEGONIA ROAD, YAU YAT CHUEN, KOWLOON ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 30) AT 2.30 P.M.

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WATER INTERRUPTION
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN WESTERN DISTRICT WILL BE INTERRUPTED BETWEEN 1 A.M. AND 6 A.M. ON TUESDAY (DECEMBER 30) TO ALLOW A LEAKAGE TEST TO BE CARRIED OUT.

THE PREMISES AFFECTED ARE IN AN AREA BOUNDED BY BELCHER'S STREET, PRAYA, NEW PRAYA, COLLINSON STREET, SAI CHEUNG STREET, SAI HONG LANE, HOLLAND STREET, SANDS STREET, NORTH STREET, SMITHFIELD ROAD AND ROCK HILL STREET.

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