



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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NEW ALLOCATION PROCEDURES FOR FORM I IN 1978

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MORE THAN 109,280 PUPILS WHO ARE NOW IN PRIMARY V IN 1,200 SCHOOLS WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE NEW ALLOCATION SYSTEM FOR FORM I PLACES. AS THESE PUPILS WILL BE PRIMARY VI LEAVERS IN JULY 1978, THEY WILL TAKE PART IN THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST IN DECEMBER 1977.

THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THIS TEST IS TO MONITOR AND SCALE SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS. THE TEST WILL CONSIST OF MACHINE MARKED MULTIPLE CHOICE PAPERS - ONE ON VERBAL REASONING AND ONE ON NUMERICAL REASONING.

MR. KENNETH LEE, SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES ALLOCATION, SAID TODAY THAT THE HEADS OF ALL PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WERE BEING INFORMED OF THE SCHOOL NETS FOR THE NEW ALLOCATION SYSTEM. THE SCHOOL HEADS WERE INVITED TO SEND ANY GENERAL COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE NETS TO MR. LEE BEFORE MAY-26.

MR. LEE SAID IT WAS PROPOSED THAT THERE SHOULD BE 24 SCHOOL NETS UNDER THE SAME NUMBER OF DISTRICT COUNCILS. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNCILS SHOULD WORK UNDER A CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THESE NETS WERE BY NO MEANS FINAL AND WOULD ONLY BE FINALISED IN JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 1978 IN TIME FOR ACTUAL ALLOCATION IN JULY OF THAT YEAR. +THEREAFTER THEY WILL BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY,+ MR. LEE SAID.

+TO ENSURE THAT THE ACADEMIC APTITUDE TEST ITEMS ARE OF GOOD QUALITY, A SERIES OF PRE-TESTS WILL BE HELD FROM MAY 9 TO 13. THE PUPILS PARTICIPATING IN THE PRE-TESTS ARE FROM PRIMARY VI AND HAVE BEEN CHOSEN ON A RANDOM BASIS. THEIR PERFORMANCE IN THESE PRE-TESTS WILL NOT AFFECT THEIR SECONDARY SCHOOLS ENTRANCE EXAMINATION RESULTS,+ MR. LEE STATED.

AN ITEM ANALYSIS OF THE PRE-TESTS' RESULTS WILL BE DONE BY COMPUTER. BASED ON THIS ANALYSIS, GOOD ITEMS WILL BE RETAINED AND A SECOND SERIES OF PRE-TESTS WILL BE HELD IN JUNE.

SPECIMEN ITEMS WILL THEN BE PREPARED AND DESPATCHED TO SCHOOLS IN JULY OR AUGUST FOR THE INFORMATION OF TEACHERS.

MR. LEE SAID : +TO BE FAIR TO ALL PRIMARY VI PUPILS WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTUAL TEST IN DECEMBER 1977, PRACTICE QUESTIONS WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH OF THEM IN NOVEMBER THROUGH THEIR SCHOOL HEADS.+

HE FELT THAT SOME PRACTICE WAS NECESSARY BUT PERFORMANCE WOULD NOT NECESSARILY IMPROVE IN PROPORTION WITH THE AMOUNT OF FURTHER PRACTICE.

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MANPOWER SURVEY OF ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY BEGINS  
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A MANPOWER SURVEY OF HONG KONG'S ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY GOT UNDERWAY TODAY (MONDAY).

THE SURVEY, THE FOURTH IN THE SERIES, IS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD OF THE HONG KONG TRAINING COUNCIL WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

QUESTIONNAIRES AND EXPLANATORY LETTERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SURVEY WERE SENT OUT TWO WEEKS AGO TO ALL ESTABLISHMENTS CONCERNED.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD, MR. WARNER YEH, CALLED ON EMPLOYERS TO HELP IN THE SURVEY BY SUPPLYING THE INFORMATION REQUIRED SUCH AS THE NUMBER OF WORKERS PRESENTLY UNDER THEIR EMPLOY= THE NUMBER OF WORKERS PRESENTLY UNDER TRAINING= THE NUMBER OF VACANCIES EXISTING IN THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS= AND A FORECAST OF THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL VACANCIES AVAILABLE BY MAY 1978.

MR. YEH STRESSED THAT THE INFORMATION COLLECTED WOULD BE HANDLED IN STRICT CONFIDENCE AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN STATISTICAL SUMMARIES ONLY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL ESTABLISHMENT.

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SENIOR CLERICAL OFFICER RETIRES  
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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. JOHN WALDEN, TODAY (MONDAY) PRESENTED A RETIREMENT GIFT (A RADIO/CASSETTE TAPE RECORDER) TO MR. LEUNG MAN-WAI, A SENIOR CLERICAL OFFICER, WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 36 YEARS SERVICE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

MR. LEUNG FIRST JOINED THE GOVERNMENT IN NOVEMBER 1941 AS A TEMPORARY CLERK. IN NOVEMBER 1946, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO CLERK CLASS VI B IN THE JUNIOR CLERICAL SERVICE.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO CLERK CLASS II IN THE GENERAL CLERICAL SERVICE IN SEPTEMBER 1951, TO CLERK CLASS I IN MARCH 1960 AND TO HIS PRESENT POST IN JULY LAST YEAR.

DURING HIS 36 YEARS WITH THE GOVERNMENT, MR. LEUNG HAS BEEN WITH THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ALL THE TIME.

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1973 CENSUS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION REPORT VOLUME II  
ON SALE NOW  
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VOLUME II OF THE REPORT ON THE 1973 CENSUS OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, COMPILED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT, IS NOW ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS CENTRE IN THE GENERAL POST OFFICE, CONNAUGHT PLACE.

ALSO AVAILABLE IS VOLUME I WHICH WAS PUBLISHED IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR.

VOLUME I CONTAINS SUMMARIZED STATISTICS AND A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE CENSUS OPERATION AND METHODS WHILE VOLUME II PROVIDES FURTHER BREAKDOWNS OF THE CENSUS RESULTS IN FIVE PARTS AS FOLLOWS:-

PART 1 FOOD, BEVERAGES AND TOBACCO, MINING AND QUARRYING, ELECTRICITY AND GAS.

PART 2 TEXTILES, WEARING APPAREL, LEATHER PRODUCTS AND FOOTWEAR.

PART 3 WOOD PRODUCTS, FURNITURE, PAPER PRODUCTS, PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

PART 4 CHEMICAL PRODUCTS, RUBBER PRODUCTS, PLASTIC PRODUCTS AND NON-METALLIC MINERAL PRODUCTS.

PART 5 BASIC METALS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, MACHINERY AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND OPTICAL GOODS AND OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, TOGETHER WITH SUMMARIES FOR ALL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

THE PRICES PER COPY ARE: \$6 FOR PART 1, \$9 FOR EACH PARTS 3 AND 4, AND \$17 FOR EACH OF PARTS 2 AND 5. THE PRICE FOR VOLUME I IS \$30.

IN RELEASING VOLUME II OF THE CENSUS REPORT, A SPOKESMAN OF THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE CENSUS WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN HONG KONG PROVIDING COMPREHENSIVE STATISTICS ON THE STRUCTURE AND PERFORMANCE OF ALL LOCAL INDUSTRIES.

ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, SOME 30,542 MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS WERE IN OPERATION DURING 1973, ENGAGING 713,688 PERSONS. THESE ESTABLISHMENTS TOGETHER SOLD \$31,520 MILLION WORTH OF GOODS OR INDUSTRIAL SERVICES, INCURRED \$6,323 MILLION AS LABOUR COST, AND PURCHASED \$21,377 MILLION WORTH OF MATERIALS, SUPPLIES, FUELS, WATER, ELECTRICITY AND INDUSTRIAL SERVICES. GROSS OUTPUT FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR WAS VALUED AT \$31,961 MILLION AND THE VALUE ADDED BY MANUFACTURING PROCESS AT \$11,544 MILLION. THE LARGEST MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES, IN TERMS OF VALUE ADDED, WERE TEXTILES, WEARING APPAREL, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND ELECTRONICS, PLASTICS, FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS, TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, AND PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

TWO ARTICLES, DESCRIBING THE SPECIAL FEATURES OF HONG KONG'S INDUSTRIES ON THE BASIS OF THE CENSUS RESULTS, WERE PUBLISHED IN THE HONG KONG MONTHLY DIGEST OF STATISTICS OF JULY 1975 AND JANUARY 1976. FURTHER ENQUIRES ABOUT THE CENSUS RESULTS MAY BE MADE TO THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AT 5-444734.

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NEW BOX JUNCTION IN KOWLOON  
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A BOX JUNCTION WILL BE INTRODUCED AT THE JUNCTION OF WATERLOO ROAD, DURHAM ROAD AND RUTLAND QUADRANT TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SAID THAT THE BOX JUNCTION, AIMED AT IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW IN THE AREA, WOULD COME INTO EFFECT AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW.

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WATER CUT  
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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN SAU MAU PING WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR FIVE HOURS FROM 1 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY (MAY 4) TO ALLOW THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TO CARRY OUT A NIGHT LEAKAGE TEST.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE IN SAU MAU PING ROAD BETWEEN SAU MAU PATH AND HIU KWONG STREET, INCLUDING BLOCK NOS. 42 TO 45, SAU MAU PING ESTATE.

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