



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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LEGCO DEBATE: OFFICIALS REPLY TOMORROW

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THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DEBATE RESUMES TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) WHEN SIX OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL REPLY TO POINTS RAISED BY THEIR UNOFFICIAL COLLEAGUES TWO WEEKS AGO.

THE FIRST SPEAKER WILL BE DR. THE HON. K.L. THONG, ACTING DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, FOLLOWED BY THE HON. LI FOOK-KOW, SECRETARY FOR SOCIAL SERVICES= THE HON. IAN LIGHTBODY, SECRETARY FOR HOUSING= THE HON. IAN PRICE, COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR= THE HON. KENNETH TOPLEY, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION= AND THE HON. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

SIX OTHER OFFICIAL MEMBERS WILL SPEAK ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 6). THEY ARE: THE HON. LEWIS DAVIES, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY= THE HON. DAVID JORDAN, DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY= THE HON. JAMES ROBSON, SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT= THE HON. DENIS BRAY, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS= THE HON. JOHN HOBLEY, ATTORNEY GENERAL= AND THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, SIR DENYS ROBERTS.

ON BOTH DAYS, THE PROCEEDINGS WILL BE BROADCAST LIVE BY RADIO HONG KONG ON RHK 2 (CHINESE) AND RHK 4 (ENGLISH).

DURING THE SITTING, THE SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, THE HON. JAMES ROBSON, WILL MOVE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE STAR FERRY COMPANY'S ROYALTY PAYMENTS FOR THE YEARS 1974, 1975 AND 1976, AND TO INCREASE THE COMPANY'S FARES FROM DECEMBER 1, 1975.

THE PROPOSED FARE INCREASES WILL RAISE FIRST CLASS FARES FROM 25 CENTS TO 30 CENTS FOR ADULTS AND FROM 10 CENTS TO 20 CENTS FOR CHILDREN= AND SECOND CLASS FARES FROM 10 CENTS TO 15 CENTS. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE SECOND CLASS FARE WILL BE FURTHER RAISED FROM 15 CENTS TO 20 CENTS ON JANUARY 1, 1977.

THE MOTION ALSO SEEKS TO REVISE THE COST OF STAR FERRY MONTHLY TICKETS FROM \$10 TO \$12 FOR ADULTS AND FROM \$4 TO \$6 FOR CHILDREN UNDER SIXTEEN, AS FROM DECEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

MR. ROBSON WILL ALSO TABLE THE TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL, WHICH INTRODUCES A FLAT 30-CENT FARE FOR HONG KONG TRAMWAYS FROM DECEMBER 1, AND THE PEAK TRAMWAY (AMENDMENT) BILL WHICH SEEKS TO REDUCE THE RATE OF PERMIT FEE PAYABLE BY THE PEAK TRAMWAY FOR THE YEARS 1974 AND 1975.

ALSO TO BE TABLED FOR FIRST READING ARE THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) BILL, THE DEPOSIT-TAKING COMPANIES BILL, THE BANKING (AMENDMENT) (NO. 2) BILL, AND THE INLAND REVENUE (AMENDMENT) (NO. 6) BILL.

DEBATE WILL RESUME ON THE RAILWAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL, THE COMPANIES (AMENDMENT) (NO. 3) BILL, THE SMALL CLAIMS TRIBUNAL BILL, AND THE SUPREME COURT BILL.

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HEUNG YEE KUK BY-ELECTION

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THE HEUNG YEE KUK ELECTION FOR AN ORDINARY MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST TERM OF THE KUK WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 7).

THE VACANCY WAS CREATED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT ELECTION OF THE HA TSUEN RURAL COMMITTEE. THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE HEUNG YEE KUK OFFICE AT TAI PO.

POLLING WILL BEGIN AT 4 P.M. UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES.

FIFTY-THREE COUNCILLORS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ELECTION, CONSISTING OF SPECIAL COUNCILLORS AND VICE-CHAIRMEN OF RURAL COMMITTEES.

THE ELECTORATE IS THE FULL COUNCIL OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK WHICH CONSISTS OF 21 SPECIAL COUNCILLORS, 74 RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN AND 17 NEW TERRITORIES UNOFFICIAL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE. FOUR OF THE JP'S ARE ALSO RURAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND ONE IS A RURAL COMMITTEE VICE-CHAIRMAN. THE FULL COUNCIL COMPRISES 107 COUNCILLORS.

THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD BY SECRET BALLOT. ADMISSION TO THE ELECTION ROOM WILL BE CONFINED TO ELECTION OFFICIALS, COUNCILLORS OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK AND THE PRESS.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE WELCOME TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE ELECTION.

LAPEL BADGES ENABLING THEM TO ENTER THE ELECTION ROOM ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT G.I.S. PRESS ROOM.

PHOTOGRAPHERS AND CAMERAMEN WILL NOT BE ADMITTED DURING THE POLLING AND THE COUNTING OF VOTES. PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE TAKEN OUTSIDE THE ELECTION ROOM WHEN THE PROCEEDINGS ARE OVER.

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SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION ALLOCATION

GRANTS TOTALLING JUST OVER \$349,000 ARE BEING MADE AVAILABLE THIS YEAR FROM THE "SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION" TO 75 ORGANISATIONS.

THE GRANTS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE A WIDE RANGE OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION, SPORT, CULTURAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ARE ALLOCATED TO AS MANY SMALL ORGANISATIONS AS POSSIBLE TO BENEFIT A LARGER NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

THOSE ORGANISATIONS WHICH HAVE APPLIED FOR GRANTS WILL SHORTLY BE INFORMED BY LETTER OF THE OUTCOME OF THEIR APPLICATIONS.

THE SIR DAVID TRENCH FUND FOR RECREATION WAS SET UP IN 1970 WITH AN ANONYMOUS \$3.2 MILLION DONATION.

IT WAS SET UP FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MORE FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND GIVES PARTICULAR ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE PURPOSEFUL USE OF LEISURE.

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LEASE SIGNING OF \$20M SHA TIN LOT

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A CEREMONY TO MARK THE SIGNING OF THE LEASE CONDITIONS FOR THE 40-ACRE SHA TIN LOT NO. 1 IN SIU LEK YUEN, WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT NOON IN ROOM 150, COLONIAL SECRETARIAT (MAIN WING).

THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPRESENTED BY MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES. THE PARAMATTA INVESTMENT CO. LTD., THE CONGLOMERATE OF LOCAL FIRMS WHICH TENDERED A SUM OF \$20 MILLION FOR THE SITE, WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THEIR SENIOR EXECUTIVES.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO HAVE THE EVENT COVERED. MR. AKERS-JONES AND THE PARAMATTA REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEWS AFTER THE CEREMONY.

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TRADE MISSION LEADERS TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE

NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD BY THE LEADERS OF THE TWO INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION TOURS OF THE UNITED STATES AT THE G.I.S. THEATRE TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 11 A.M.

THE ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ROY PORTER, WAS THE LEADER OF ONE OF THE TWO TEAMS WHICH WENT TO THE U.S. LAST MONTH TO TELL INDUSTRIALISTS THERE ABOUT THE ADVANTAGES OF SETTING UP FACTORIES IN HONG KONG.

HE VISITED CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE OTHER MISSION WAS LED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, MR. PETER FOXON AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHAMBER, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR. THEY VISITED NEW YORK, CLEVELAND AND LATER JOINED UP WITH MR. PORTER AT SAN FRANCISCO.

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

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FIRE OFFICER DONATES 50TH PINT OF BLOOD

NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. FRED JACKSON, CHIEF FIRE OFFICER KOWLOON, WILL DONATE HIS 50TH PINT OF BLOOD TO THE HONG KONG RED CROSS ON THURSDAY (NOVEMBER 6) AT NGAU CHI WAN FIRE STATION AT 2 P.M.

MR. JACKSON, WHO HAS BEEN WITH THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SINCE 1958, WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE IN RECOGNITION OF HIS DEED.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO COVER THE EVENT. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MEET MR. DONALD STRANGE, FIRE SERVICES PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, AT NGAU CHI WAN FIRE STATION SHORTLY BEFORE 2 P.M.

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GUIDE FOR BOILER OPERATORS
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS PUBLISHED A TECHNICAL HANDBOOK FOR BOILER OPERATORS - WHICH MARKS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE SAFE OPERATION OF STEAM PLANTS.

A GUIDE FOR BOILER OPERATORS, ALSO SERVES AS A USEFUL TEXTBOOK FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING A CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY UNDER THE BOILERS AND PRESSURE RECEIVERS ORDINANCE.

THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MRS. SOO MOK SAU-HA, POINTED OUT THAT THE HANDBOOK SHOULD BE USEFUL AND HELPFUL FOR POLYTECHNIC ENGINEERING STUDENTS AND FIREMEN AND BOILER ATTENDANTS ON BOARD SHIPS.

THE 182-PAGE GUIDE WAS INITIATED AND WRITTEN BY MR. RUDOLF COLACO, THE THEN PRINCIPAL SURVEYOR OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S PRESSURE EQUIPMENT UNIT.

THE BOOK DEALS WITH THE DAY-TO-DAY OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STEAM PLANTS AND CONTAINS A SPECIAL CHAPTER ON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ELECTRICITY AND ONE ON FIRE PRECAUTIONS.

THE TEXT HAS BEEN KEPT SUFFICIENTLY NON-TECHNICAL FOR THE BEGINNER, AND YET CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT WILL BE OF INTEREST AND VALUE TO THE MORE EXPERIENCED BOILER OPERATOR.

NOW AVAILABLE AT \$9 A COPY IN GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION CENTRES, THE GUIDE IS PUBLISHED IN ENGLISH AND CHINESE, TOGETHER WITH MORE THAN 50 ILLUSTRATION DIAGRAMS.

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REMINDER ON CHRISTMAS POSTING
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THE POST OFFICE REMINDED THE PUBLIC TODAY THAT FRIDAY (NOVEMBER 7) IS THE LATEST POSTING DATE FOR CHRISTMAS LETTERS AND PARCELS FOR DESTINATIONS IN AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID: +DURING THE PAST TEN DAYS, THE POST OFFICE HAS RECEIVED A CONSIDERABLE VOLUME OF CHRISTMAS POSTINGS FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM. THE LATEST POSTING DATE FOR UNITED KINGDOM WAS OCTOBER 24 AND ANY ITEMS POSTED AFTER THIS DATE ARE UNLIKELY TO BE DELIVERED BEFORE CHRISTMAS.+

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