



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA EXTENDED TWO WEEKS

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AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE PWD'S WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND THE BUREAU OF WATER SUPPLY AND CONSERVANCY IN KWANGTUNG PROVINCE FOR A CONTINUATION OF WATER SUPPLY FOR THE NEXT FORTNIGHT.

THIS WILL MEAN THE ADDITION OF ABOUT 1,200 MILLION GALLONS TO OUR WATER STORAGES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF AUGUST.

UNDER THE EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE KWANGTUNG PROVINCE AUTHORITIES, HONG KONG RECEIVES 24,000 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER A YEAR.

NORMALLY THE SUPPLY STOPS AT THE END OF JULY TO ALLOW MAINTENANCE WORK TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER BEFORE SUPPLIES ARE RESUMED AT THE BEGINNING OF OCTOBER.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT HONG KONG IS GRATEFUL TO THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FOR THEIR DECISION TO CONTINUE THE SUPPLY, AND FOR THEIR REASSURANCE OF CONTINUING CO-OPERATION.

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SECOND PHASE OF FINAL DIVIDEND PAY-OUT  
TO CANTON TRUST AND COMMERCIAL BANK CREDITORS  
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CREDITORS OF THE DEFUNCT CANTON TRUST AND COMMERCIAL BANK, WHO HELD ACCOUNTS IN THE BANK'S NEW TERRITORIES BRANCHES AND A NUMBER OF KOWLOON BRANCHES, WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR FINAL DIVIDEND FROM AUGUST 10 (WEDNESDAY).

DETAILS OF THE TIME AND METHOD OF COLLECTION FOR INDIVIDUAL ACCOUNT HOLDERS IN THIS SECOND PART OF THE PAYMENT PROGRAMME WILL BE ADVERTISED ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 4).

THOSE WHO HAD ACCOUNTS IN OTHER BRANCHES OF THE BANK ARE REQUESTED TO WAIT FOR A FURTHER ADVERTISEMENT TO BE PUBLISHED ON AUGUST 16.

THE DATE AND PLACE OF PAYMENT FOR DEPOSITORS WHO HELD ACCOUNTS AT THE FOLLOWING BRANCHES ARE :-

<u>BRANCH</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
SHAM SHUI PO	AUGUST 10 - 15	} WHITFIELD BARRACKS, BLDG. NO. N23, TSIM SHA TSUI
TSIM SHA TSUI	AUGUST 10 - 11	
SAN PO KONG	AUGUST 15 - 16	
KOWLOON CITY	AUGUST 17 - 22	
MA TAU WEI	AUGUST 17 - 22	
KWUN TONG	AUGUST 15 - 16	
HUNG HOM	AUGUST 16 - 23	
YAU MA TEI	AUGUST 10 - 12	
TUEN MUN	AUGUST 10 - 11	TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, MEI HANG BLDG., G/FL., SAN HUI
SHA TIN	AUGUST 15	SHA TIN RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, PAI TAU VILLAGE

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FAN LING	AUGUST 10 - 12	FAN LING RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, 3, LUEN FAT ST., LUEN WO MARKET
TSUEN WAN	AUGUST 12 - 15	PRINCESS ALEXANDRA CENTRE, TAI HO ROAD
TAI PO	AUGUST 19 - 23	TAI PO RURAL COMMITTEE OFFICE, HEUNG SZE WUI ST.
SHEUNG SHUI	AUGUST 15 - 18	BOK NGAR SHAN FONG
YEUN LONG	AUGUST 16 - 23	YUEN LONG TOWN HALL

THE FINAL DIVIDEND OF 20.7 CENTS IN THE DOLLAR WILL BE PAID BY CHEQUES. THE CENTRES BEING OPENED FOR PAYING THE BANK'S DEPOSITORS WILL ALL BE CLOSED BY AUGUST 31, WHEN FURTHER ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT CLAIMED THEIR DIVIDEND BY THAT DATE.

WITH THIS FINAL DIVIDEND, THE TOTAL PAYMENT TO CREDITORS SINCE THE BANK WAS LIQUIDATED 12 YEARS AGO WILL AMOUNT TO 70.7 CENTS IN THE DOLLAR.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

GOVERNOR TO SEE DEVELOPMENTS IN TAI PO  
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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, WILL VISIT TAI PO ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 2) AFTERNOON TO SEE THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

SIR MURRAY'S TOUR WILL BEGIN WITH A VISIT TO A JUVENILE LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP AT THE HONG KONG SCOUT TRAINING CENTRE AT TUNG TSE OFF TING KOK ROAD.

HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES AND THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. CLIVE OXLEY.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT ON TUESDAY. TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE AND WILL LEAVE THE KOWLOON SUB-POOL BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE AT 12.45 P.M.

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## HONG KONG'S LARGEST LIGHTHOUSE MODERNISED

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WAGLAN LIGHTHOUSE, THE LARGEST MANNED LIGHTHOUSE IN HONG KONG, HAS BEEN MODERNISED TO COPE WITH THE EVER INCREASING OCEAN TRAFFIC TO HONG KONG.

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE \$1.2 MILLION SHIPPING TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEME AND THE LAYING OF IMMERSSED TUBES FOR THE M.T.R. ACROSS THE HARBOUR HAS RESULTED IN MORE VESSELS ENTERING OR LEAVING HONG KONG HARBOUR VIA THE WESTERN INSTEAD OF THE EASTERN APPROACHES.

DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR, 7,540 INWARD BOUND AND 7,300 OUTWARD BOUND OCEAN-GOING VESSELS WERE REPORTED BY THE WAGLAN LIGHTHOUSE.

MR. JIMMY DEAKIN, THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTS SAID THAT THE P.W.D. WOULD SOON ENLARGE THE SIGNAL TOWER, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS THERE TO OBTAIN BETTER VISIBILITY ON THE WESTERN APPROACHES.

+THE MARINE DEPARTMENT ALSO INTENDS TO BUILD A HELIPAD ON THE BARREN ISLAND WHICH IS ABOUT 12.5 NAUTICAL MILES FROM THE GOVERNMENT DOCKYARD FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES. AN INVESTIGATION OF A POSSIBLE LANDING SITE HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT,+ HE SAID.

+AT PRESENT, THE PIER ON WAGLAN IS BEING USED AS HELIPAD AND A LOT OF INCONVENIENCE IS CAUSED TO BOTH THE LIGHTHOUSE STAFF AND THE HELICOPTER PILOTS,+ MR. DEAKIN NOTED.

A NUMBER OF MAJOR RENOVATION WORKS RECENTLY CARRIED OUT ON THE ISLAND INCLUDED THE RE-INSTALLATION OF WINDOWS IN THE SIGNAL TOWER AND ENLARGING AND WATERPROOFING WINDOW-FRAMES. THE IMPROVEMENTS ENABLED THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPERS TO HAVE AN UNOBSTRUCTED AND A WIDER RANGE OF VISIBILITY AND A BETTER WORKING ENVIRONMENT.

THE WINDOW-PANES WERE ALSO FITTED WITH THE LATEST WINDSHIELD WIPER, WHICH HAS A SPEED OF UP TO 1,400 ROTATIONS PER MINUTE.

+THE WIPERS WILL BE VERY USEFUL IN HEAVY RAINS DURING THE RAINY SEASON,+ MR. DEAKIN POINTED OUT.

THE LIGHT BEACON, WHICH IS THE MAIN FEATURE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE, ALSO UNDERWENT RENOVATION DURING THE YEAR.

WEIGHING ABOUT HALF A TON, THE LENS OF THE LIGHT BEACON WAS ORIGINALLY DRIVEN BY AN ELECTRIC MOTOR. BUT NOW, A SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT WITH A 12 VOLT, RECHARGEABLE CAR BATTERY IS DRIVING THE MASSIVE LENS.

IN FOGGY CONDITIONS IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF EACH YEAR DIAPHONE SIGNALS WOULD SUPPLEMENT THE LIGHT BEACON TO ASSIST SHIP MASTERS NAVIGATING THE EASY AND SAFE APPROACH TO OUR PORT, THUS AVOIDING POSSIBLE DISASTERS, MR. DEAKIN SAID.

+AN ADVANCED AIR COMPRESSOR TO AID THE DIAPHONE SIGNALS WAS ALSO INSTALLED AND PUT INTO OPERATION LAST YEAR,+ HE EXPLAINED.

OTHER ELECTRONIC GADGETS IN THE WAGLAN ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE INCLUDE A HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO-TELEPHONE WHICH IS PART OF THE MARINE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNATIONAL MARITIME V.H.F. BAND NETWORK AND CAN BE USED TO COMMUNICATE WITH VESSELS APPROACHING OR LEAVING HONG KONG WATERS AS WELL AS TO KEEP CONTACT WITH THE PORT CONTROL COMMUNICATION CENTRE ON HONG KONG ISLAND.

THE FUNCTION OF WAGLAN LIGHTHOUSE, HOWEVER, IS NOT ONLY TO GUIDE OCEAN-GOING VESSELS BUT ALSO INCOMING AND OUTGOING AIRCRAFT AS WELL, BESIDES SERVING THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY IN MONITORING AND COLLECTING WEATHER INFORMATION.

A RADCON (RADAR TRANSPONDER BEACON), WHICH IS AUTOMATICALLY ACTIVATED BY PULSE TRANSMISSION FROM ANY X-RAY BAND ON A VESSEL, IS INSTALLED FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF WAGLAN, AND TO FACILITATE THE GUIDANCE OF AIRCRAFTS, TWO MEDIUM FREQUENCY RADIO BEACONS ARE INSTALLED ON THE ISLAND.

THE LIGHTHOUSE IS IDEALLY LOCATED FOR GATHERING VITAL WEATHER INFORMATION, WHICH IS PASSED ON TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY FOR ITS WEATHER ANALYSIS AND FORECAST, AND TO KAI TAK AIRPORT AT SUITABLE INTERVALS.

MR. DEAKIN SAID: +DURING THE TYPHOON SEASON, ESPECIALLY WHEN A TROPICAL CYCLONE IS APPROACHING OR AFFECTING HONG KONG, WAGLAN LIGHTHOUSE PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN FURNISHING THESE INFORMATION TO THE OBSERVATORY.+

+A LOT OF PEOPLE MAY NOT IMMEDIATELY APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LIGHTHOUSE= IT IS INDEED PERFORMING A GREAT SERVICE TO MAN - THE GUIDANCE AND PROTECTION OF SHIPPING,+ HE ADDED.

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#### NIGHT CLOSURE OF PEDDER STREET IN CENTRAL

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION WORKS, PEDDER STREET BETWEEN DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED BETWEEN 9 P.M. TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AND 6 A.M. ON MONDAY (AUGUST 1). CHATER ROAD WILL BE OPENED TO ALL TRAFFIC.

THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS WILL, HOWEVER, BE IMPLEMENTED :-

CMB ROUTE NO. 13 ON INWARD JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL (STAR FERRY) WILL BE DIVERTED VIA CHATER ROAD, CLUB STREET AND THEN CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, WHILE MAXICAB ROUTE NOS. 1, 2, 6 AND 7 ON JOURNEYS TO CENTRAL WILL BE DIVERTED VIA QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET AND CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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