



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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COMMERCIAL DYNAMITE TO BE STORED ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND

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THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACCEPTED AN OFFER BY HEADQUARTERS BRITISH FORCES TO STORE COMMERCIAL DYNAMITE IN BULK ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

UNDER AN AGREEMENT SIGNED TODAY BETWEEN THE COMMISSIONER OF MINES, MR. IAN PRICE, AND COL. D.G. MENDHAM REPRESENTING HEAD-QUARTERS, BRITISH FORCES, THE BULK OF EXPLOSIVES NOW KEPT ON GREEN ISLAND, WILL BE STORED ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THE ARRANGEMENT WOULD RELIEVE THE STORAGE BURDEN ON THE GREEN ISLAND DEPOT, BY PROVIDING BACK-UP STORAGE FACILITIES.

HE SAID THE PROBLEM IN SUPPLIERS OBTAINING SUITABLE SHIPS TO CARRY EXPLOSIVES HAD MADE IT NECESSARY TO STORE LARGER QUANTITIES.

AFTER THE REDUCTION ON GREEN ISLAND, HE SAID THE STORAGE THERE WOULD STILL BE SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN THE DEPOT'S FUNCTION IN DAILY DELIVERIES FROM IT OF EXPLOSIVES.

THE SPOKESMAN EMPHASISED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DANGER TO RESIDENTS LIVING IN THE SHAMSHUIPO DISTRICT BECAUSE THE EXPLOSIVES ARE TO BE STORED IN AN UNDERGROUND MAGAZINE ON STONECUTTERS ISLAND.

IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXAMINE THE SUITABILITY OF +WATER-GEL+ EXPLOSIVE, AND THE FEASIBILITY OF A SALE OF LAND, PREFERABLY OTHER THAN ON GREEN ISLAND, FOR THEIR MANUFACTURE IN HONG KONG.

THE +WATER-GEL+ OR +SLURRY+ EXPLOSIVE IS A NEW CONCEPT WHICH HAS MUCH IMPROVED SAFETY CHARACTERISTICS IN STORAGE AND USE.

ITS USE, HOWEVER, IS NOT YET WIDESPREAD AND TRIALS ARE BEING ARRANGED IN ORDER TO MAKE A MORE EXTENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF ITS SUITABILITY, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

IF A PLANT COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO MANUFACTURE WATER-GEL EXPLOSIVES IN HONG KONG, THE NEED TO SHIP IN AND STORE LARGE QUANTITIES OF CONVENTIONAL BLASTING MATERIAL WOULD DISAPPEAR, HE SAID.

FOR THIS REASON, THE GOVERNMENT HAD DECIDED TO SUSPEND ACTION ON PROPOSALS FOR AN EXPLOSIVES DEPOT ON HEI LING CHAU, BUT THE SITE EARMARKED FOR THIS PROJECT WOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESERVED UNTIL A DECISION CAN BE MADE ON THE SUITABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF THE MANUFACTURE OF +WATER-GEL+ EXPLOSIVES IN HONG KONG.

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STATUTORY HOLIDAY FOR WORKERS

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. IAN PRICE, TODAY REMINDED EMPLOYERS THAT SEPTEMBER 21, THE DAY FOLLOWING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL, IS ONE OF THE SIX STATUTORY HOLIDAYS APPOINTED UNDER THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE.

THIS YEAR THE HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SUNDAY WHICH IS LIKELY ALSO TO BE A REST DAY FOR MANY EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE ORDINANCE.

+IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES,+ SAID MR. PRICE, +AN EMPLOYER MUST GRANT HIS EMPLOYEES ANOTHER REST DAY BECAUSE THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE STIPULATES THAT A REST DAY SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY STATUTORY HOLIDAY.+

MR. PRICE EMPHASISED THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT ORDINANCE APPLIED NOT ONLY TO INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYEES BUT ALSO TO EMPLOYEES IN THE ENTIRE COMMERCIAL SECTOR, INCLUDING THE SERVICES AND CATERING TRADES.

UNDER THE ORDINANCE, ALL NON-MANUAL EMPLOYEES EARNING NOT MORE THAN \$2,000 A MONTH AND ALL MANUAL EMPLOYEES IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR EARNINGS ARE ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY. AND THEY MUST ALSO BE PAID FOR THE DAY OFF IF THEY HAVE WORKED CONTINUOUSLY FOR THEIR EMPLOYERS FOR THREE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

+AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT EMPLOYED ON A CONTINUOUS CONTRACT -- FOR EXAMPLE, ONE WHO WORKS FOR LESS THAN SIX HOURS A DAY OR HAS BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE SAME EMPLOYER FOR LESS THAN THREE MONTHS -- IS STILL ENTITLED TO THE HOLIDAY, BUT HAS NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT TO BE PAID,+ MR. PRICE SAID.

IF THE EMPLOYER REQUIRES AN EMPLOYEE TO WORK ON THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST GIVE HIM AT LEAST 48 HOURS' NOTICE, AND HE MUST GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER INTENDS TO GIVE HIS EMPLOYEE AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, HE MUST NOTIFY HIS EMPLOYEE 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE BEFORE GIVING HIM AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY. AND IF AN ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY IS TO BE GIVEN AFTER THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY, THE EMPLOYER MUST INFORM HIS EMPLOYEE OF THE ARRANGEMENT AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE THE STATUTORY HOLIDAY.

IF THE EMPLOYER AND EMPLOYEE AGREE, ANY DAY WITHIN 30 DAYS OF A STATUTORY HOLIDAY OR ALTERNATIVE HOLIDAY MAY BE TAKEN BY THE EMPLOYEE AS A SUBSTITUTED HOLIDAY.

COMPLAINTS OR ENQUIRIES ABOUT STATUTORY HOLIDAYS MAY BE MADE TO THE NEAREST BRANCH OFFICE OF THE LABOUR RELATIONS SERVICE. THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS ARE : FOR KOWLOON EAST 3-205638= KOWLOON WEST 3-201652= KWUN TONG 3-898520= TSUEN WAN 12-422096= AND HONG KONG ISLAND 5-282523 EXT. 60.

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TUEN MUN DEVELOPMENT MAKING HEADWAY  
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TUEN MUN'S DEVELOPMENT INTO A MODERN SELF-CONTAINED TOWNSHIP IS PROGRESSING SMOOTHLY WITH MANY NEW FACTORIES, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS EITHER UNDER CONSTRUCTION OR IN THE PIPELINE, ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KOWLOON DAIRY COMPANY LIMITED'S NEW PLANT IN TUEN MUN, MR. AKERS-JONES SAID AN ESTIMATED \$178 MILLION WOULD BE SPENT ON DEVELOPMENT IN THE NEW TOWN THIS YEAR, AND THIS WAS EXPECTED TO RISE TO \$301 MILLION IN 1978/79.

ALTHOUGH MUCH PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE, TUEN MUN'S DEVELOPMENT OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS, HE SAID, HAD GONE RELATIVELY UNNOTICED COMPARED WITH OTHER PLACES SUCH AS SHA TIN.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF TUEN MUN STARTED MANY YEARS AGO WITH THE TRAINING OF THE RIVER AND THE FIRST RECLAMATION, HE SAID.

+NOW, ALTOGETHER 77 ACRES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND AND 44 ACRES OF COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LAND HAD BEEN FORMED.

+FIVE NEW FACTORIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED WHILE SIX MORE ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. PLANS FOR MANY OTHER BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN APPROVED. TWENTY-SEVEN SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND OTHERS ARE ON THE WAY.

+THE TAI HING ESTATE FOR 29,000 PEOPLE IN 30-STOREY BLOCKS IS BEING CONSTRUCTED AND THE NEW FAST HIGHWAY TO CASTLE PEAK WILL BE READY IN TWO YEARS FROM NOW,+ HE ADDED.

MR. AKERS-JONES EXPECTED FERRY TRAVEL TO OPEN UP NEW PROSPECTS FOR TUEN MUN JUST AS IT HAD FOR TSUEN WAN.

CITING A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, HE SAID: +I HAVE TRAVELLED ON A HOVERFERRY WHICH TOOK ME LESS TIME TO GET FROM CENTRAL TO TAI LAM THAN IT TAKES TO DRIVE TO REPULSE BAY.+

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BRITISH ADVISER VISITS TECHNICAL INSTITUTES  
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MR. GORDON HUNTING, TECHNICAL EDUCATION ADVISER OF THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ORGANISATION FOR OVERSEAS COUNTRIES (TETOC) IN LONDON, HAS SPENT THE LAST TEN DAYS VISITING THE TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AT MORRISON HILL, KWUN TONG AND KWAI CHUNG AS WELL AS THE HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC.

MR. HUNTING IS LOOKING INTO THE QUESTION OF A BRITISH GOVERNMENT DONATION OF 100,000 POUNDS-STERLING TO EACH OF THE THREE EXISTING TECHNICAL INSTITUTES AND THE ONE BEING BUILT AT CHEUNG SHA WAN.

THE DONATION WILL TAKE THE FORM OF EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED IN THE FOUR INSTITUTES.

DURING HIS STAY HERE, MR. HUNTING HAS HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), MR. ANDREW KINGWELL, AND SENIOR STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT'S TECHNICAL BRANCH AS WELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE POLYTECHNIC, MR. KEITH LEGG.

THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN MAINTAINING CLOSE LIAISON WITH TETOC WHICH ASSISTS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO PLAN, CREATE, EXPAND AND STAFF THEIR TECHNICAL EDUCATION SYSTEMS AND INSTITUTIONS.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR. HUNTING WILL BE RETURNING TO THE UNITED KINGDOM ON THURSDAY. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MEMBERS OF THE MASS MEDIA TO INTERVIEW MR. HUNTING IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, AT 2.30 P.M. TOMORROW (SEPTEMBER 17). YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESS CONFERENCE COVERED.

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N.T. SCHOOLS WIN TOP PRIZES IN  
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ABOUT 500 PEOPLE WILL BE IN THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL THIS THURSDAY (SEPTEMBER 18) AFTERNOON TO WATCH THE WINNERS OF TWO SCHOOL COMPETITIONS RECEIVE THEIR PRIZES.

AFTER A SPEECH BY THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY), MR. LAM TAT-LAU, 38 PRIZE-WINNERS OF THE SCHOOL CHILDREN FLOWER GROWING COMPETITION 1975 WILL BE PRESENTED WITH THEIR AWARDS BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. CHAN YAT-SUN.

THE LEUNG TIN VILLAGE PUBLIC SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE THE SILVER CHALLENGE CUP AND \$150 WHILE THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$30 WILL GO TO THE FUNG KAI PUBLIC SCHOOL AND THE THIRD PRIZE OF \$20 WILL BE AWARDED TO TSUNG HIM SCHOOL. ALL THREE SCHOOLS ARE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES. IN ADDITION, ELEVEN URBAN AND 24 RURAL SCHOOLS ARE HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE COMPETITION WAS IN SUPPORT OF THE URBAN COUNCIL FLOWER SHOW WHICH TOOK PLACE IN MARCH 1975.

THE SECOND PART OF THE AFTERNOON'S PROGRAMME WILL BE THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES TO WINNERS OF THE EIGHTH SCHOOL VEGETABLE PLANTING COMPETITION BY MR. CHAUNCEY NG, DISTRICT GOVERNOR, LIONS INTERNATIONAL, DISTRICT 303.

THE FIRST PRIZE OF \$700 AND A PENNANT WILL BE AWARDED TO LO WAI PUBLIC SCHOOL AND THE SECOND PRIZE OF \$250 AND A PENNANT TO MA ON SHAN ST. JOSEPH PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE THIRD PRIZE OF \$200 AND A PENNANT TO NAM CHUNG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF A NUMBER OF OTHER AWARD, MR. DANIEL ROTH, DIRECTOR OF CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE, INC. (HONG KONG) WILL DISTRIBUTE GARDENING MATERIAL TO SCHOOLS TAKING PART IN THE NINTH SCHOOL VEGETABLE PLANTING COMPETITION.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE PRESENTATION OF PRIZES COVERED. THE CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY IN THE YUEN LONG TOWN HALL, TAI YUK ROAD, YUEN LONG, NEW TERRITORIES.

COPIES OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE LISTS OF THE PRIZE-WINNERS ARE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY IN THE G.I.S. PRESS BOXES THIS EVENING.

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW CDO FOR WAN CHAI

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THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. E.P. HO, TODAY (TUESDAY) ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. BOWEN JOSEPH LEUNG PO-WING AS CITY DISTRICT OFFICER FOR WANCHAI WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 8, 1975.

MR. LEUNG, AN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AND HAS HAD TWO YEARS' SERVICE IN GOVERNMENT.

HE SERVED IN THE COLONIAL SECRETARIAT ON FIRST APPOINTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT A MONTH AND WAS THEN POSTED TO THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

MR. LEUNG REPLACES MR. FUNG KWOK-KEUNG WHO WENT ON LEAVE PRIOR TO ATTENDING A ONE-YEAR COURSE IN U.K.

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SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICES FOR MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

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SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN SERVICES WILL BE OPERATED DURING THE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL HOLIDAY ON SUNDAY (SEPTEMBER 21) AND MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 22) TO COPE WITH THE EXPECTED INCREASE IN COMMUTERS.

SIX UP-TRAINS WILL BE LEAVING FROM KOWLOON TO VARIOUS DESTINATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES BETWEEN 8.59 A.M. AND 3.44 P.M., WHILE EIGHT DOWN-TRAINS WILL BE DEPARTING FOR KOWLOON BETWEEN 9.58 A.M. AND 8.12 P.M.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID THE TIMINGS OF THE SPECIAL SERVICES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TRAINS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE LATE EVENINGS IF DEMAND WARRANTS.

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