



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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GOVERNOR INSPECTS DEVELOPMENTS IN ABERDEEN

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, THIS AFTERNOON VISITED WONG CHUK HANG AND ABERDEEN TO SEE THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THE TOUR INCLUDED A VISIT TO A WATCH FACTORY, A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING AT A LOOK-OUT POINT BY THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICER AND A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS AND INDUSTRIALISTS.

IN THE COMPANY OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. BILL DORWARD, SIR MURRAY SAW THE OPERATION OF REMEX INTERNATIONAL LIMITED - A WATCH FACTORY AT YIP FAT STREET IN WONG CHUK HANG.

THE FACTORY ASSEMBLES COMPONENT WATCH PARTS WHICH IT IMPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND, FRANCE AND GERMANY, INTO COMPLETE MOVEMENTS, PRODUCING SOME 7-1/2 MILLION SUCH MOVEMENTS A YEAR MOSTLY FOR LOCAL WATCH EXPORTERS.

ALONG WITH ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES, IT EMPLOYS NEARLY 1,000 WORKERS AND STAFF, AMONG WHOM ARE A NUMBER OF HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

AT THE END OF A BRIEF DISCUSSION WITH COMPANY OFFICIALS, THE GOVERNOR LEFT THE FACTORY FOR A LOOK-OUT POINT ON THE ROOFTOP OF BLOCK 4, SHEK PAI WAN ESTATE, WHERE HE COULD SURVEY MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND SOME OF THE PROBLEMS BEING TACKLED IN THE DISTRICT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS, MR. AUGUSTINE CHUI, SIR MURRAY WAS BRIEFED BY THE CDO (SOUTHERN) MR. WILLIAM YAP, ON THE PUBLIC HOUSING ESTATE PLANNED FOR APLICHAU, WHICH WILL COMMENCE WORK NEXT MONTH AND WILL EVENTUALLY PROVIDE ABOUT 3,700 FLATS FOR 20,000 PEOPLE.

COMPLETION OF PHASE I OF THE ESTATE WILL TIE IN WITH THAT OF APLICHAU BRIDGE, WHICH IS ALSO EXPECTED TO COMMENCE WORK NEXT MONTH.

WHEN IT IS OPENED IN TWO YEARS' TIME, THE 377 FT. BRIDGE WILL LINK APLICHAU WITH THE CENTRAL COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREA OF ABERDEEN AND OPEN UP THE ISLAND FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

SIR MURRAY WAS BRIEFED ON THE EXISTING CONGESTION IN ABERDEEN HARBOUR AND THE PLANNED RELOCATION OF THE THREE FLOATING RESTAURANTS TO SHUM WAN. HE ASKED ABOUT THE DIFFERENT PHASES OF RECLAMATION OF THE ABERDEEN AND APLICHAU SHORE AREAS AND THE ARRANGEMENTS PLANNED FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CLEARANCES.

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THE GOVERNOR WAS ALSO FILLED IN WITH DETAILS OF A PLAN TO REPROVIDE THE EXISTING OLD MARKET AT ABERDEEN MAIN ROAD TO A NEW MULTI-STOREY BUILDING WHICH WILL INCORPORATE A BUS TERMINAL ON THE GROUND FLOOR AND CAR PARKS AND OFFICES ON THE UPPER FLOORS, AS WELL AS ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS TO FACILITATE ACCESS TO THE TOWN, INCLUDING ABERDEEN TUNNEL.

BEFORE CONCLUDING HIS VISIT, SIR MURRAY ATTENDED A MEETING WITH AREA AND MUTUAL AID COMMITTEES' CHAIRMEN, LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS AND A FISHERMEN LEADER AT THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE. HE HAD A LONG DISCUSSION WITH THEM ON DEVELOPMENTS AND PROBLEMS THEY ENCOUNTER IN THE DISTRICT.

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### TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP GROWING \* \* \* \*

A TOTAL OF 367 TRADE UNIONS WITH A DECLARED MEMBERSHIP OF 398,525 WERE ON THE REGISTER BY THE END OF LAST CALENDAR YEAR.

ACCORDING TO FIGURES RELEASED BY THE REGISTRAR OF TRADE UNIONS, THIS REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 26,271 OR ABOUT 6.6 PER CENT IN UNION MEMBERSHIP OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

THE NUMBER OF WOMEN MEMBERS CONTINUED TO GROW AND AT THE END OF DECEMBER LAST YEAR, THE TOTAL OF WOMEN UNIONISTS STOOD AT 86,447, WHICH REPRESENTED AN INCREASE OF 9,626 WHEN COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S FIGURE OF 76,821.

HOWEVER, BY THE END OF THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR WHICH ENDED ON MARCH 31, THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 371 REGISTERED TRADE UNIONS. THESE COMPRISED 314 EMPLOYEE'S UNIONS, 44 ASSOCIATIONS OF EMPLOYERS, 12 MIXED ORGANISATIONS OF EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYERS AND ONE TRADE UNION FEDERATION.

DURING THE FISCAL YEAR, 15 NEW UNIONS WERE REGISTERED AND TWO WERE DE-REGISTERED.

IN THE SAME YEAR, 648 INTERVIEWS WERE CONDUCTED WITH TRADE UNION OFFICIALS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. THE SUBJECTS DEALT WITH IN THESE INTERVIEWS WERE MAINLY ADVICE ON FORMATION OF NEW UNIONS, HARMONISING THE RULES OF NEW UNIONS WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, CLARIFICATION OF PROPOSED UNIONS, ELIGIBILITY OF UNION OFFICERS, DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS AND GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON LOCAL TRADE UNIONISM.

ALSO, THE REGISTRAR AS WELL AS OTHER DEPARTMENTAL OFFICERS WERE INVITED TO GIVE TALKS ON THE TRADE UNIONS ORDINANCE AND TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IN HONG KONG AT TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED BY THE HONG KONG PRODUCTIVITY CENTRE, THE HONG KONG CHINESE CIVIL SERVANTS' ASSOCIATION, THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TRADES UNION COUNCIL AND THE EXTRA MURAL DEPARTMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT ALSO CARRIED OUT INSPECTIONS OF ACCOUNT BOOKS AND REGISTERS OF MEMBERS AT 95 UNION PREMISES, SIX OF WHICH BEING UNION BRANCHES, TO ENSURE FUNDS WERE BEING CORRECTLY BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT AND TO GIVE ON-THE-SPOT PRACTICAL ADVICE, WHERE NECESSARY, TO REMEDY ANY ACCOUNTING OR ADMINISTRATIVE DEFECTS DISCOVERED.

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MORE THAN 400 REFUGEES ARRIVED IN HK OVER LAST 12 MONTHS

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IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS, 416 REFUGEES FROM VIETNAM HAVE ARRIVED IN HONG KONG. THEY EITHER WERE PICKED UP AT SEA BY OCEAN-GOING VESSELS OR ARRIVED IN THEIR OWN MOTORISED JUNKS.

OF THIS NUMBER, 191 HAVE ALREADY LEFT HONG KONG FOR OTHER COUNTRIES AND 225 ARE STILL AWAITING RESETTLEMENT. ALL OF THESE 225 ARRIVED WITHIN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. THEY ARE BEING CARED FOR IN HONG KONG UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES, WHICH IS ALSO ARRANGING THEIR ONWARD MOVEMENTS.

UNDER ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY UNHCR, THE REFUGEES ARE BEING ALLOWED TO STAY IN HONG KONG FOR THREE MONTHS AND, SO FAR, ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LEAVE WITHIN THIS PERIOD.

THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRATION TODAY (MONDAY) EMPHASISED THAT THESE REFUGEES ARE IN HONG KONG ONLY IN TRANSIT AND ARE NOT ALLOWED TO STAY PERMANENTLY.

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FIXED PITCH HAWKING SITES IN UN CHAU STREET

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TWO FIXED PITCH HAWKING SITES HAVE BEEN PROPOSED FOR PARTS OF THE PAVEMENT IN UN CHAU STREET, SHAM SHUI PO FROM SATURDAY (JULY 2).

THIS WILL ENABLE TWO LICENSED FIXED PITCH NEWSPAPER HAWKERS TO TRADE ON THE PAVEMENT IN FRONT OF HOUSE NOS. 406 AND 408 THERE.

THE DECLARATION OF THE HAWKER PERMITTED AREA IS MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT UNDER A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND URBAN SERVICES ORDINANCE.

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PILOT SCHEME : EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT IN ART AND DESIGN  
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AN EXHIBITION OF WORK IN THE WIDE FIELD OF ART AND DESIGN, EMBRACING FINE ART AND PRACTICAL DESIGN IN TWO AND THREE DIMENSIONAL FORM, WILL BE HELD AT THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE IN NORTH POINT FROM WEDNESDAY (JUNE 29) TO JULY 22.

THE EXHIBITS HAVE ALL BEEN MADE BY STUDENTS IN FORMS 1 TO 3 OF 31 SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN A PILOT SCHEME : EXPERIMENTAL PROJECT IN ART AND DESIGN FOR THE 1976/77 SCHOOL YEAR SPONSORED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE PURPOSE BEHIND THE PILOT SCHEME IS TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS TO EXPERIMENT WITH A WIDE VARIETY OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS IN ART AND DESIGN LESSONS AND TO STIMULATE STUDENTS' INTEREST IN PRODUCING REALISTIC OR IMAGINATIVE WORK.

THE SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT SCHEME ARE OF ALL TYPES -- GOVERNMENT, AIDED AND PRIVATE= URBAN AND RURAL= COEDUCATIONAL AND NON-COEDUCATIONAL.

THE EXHIBITS ON DISPLAY ARE VARIED AND INTERESTING AND ARE A CLEAR INDICATION OF WHAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE TEACHING OF ART AND DESIGN WITH STUDENTS IN THE 12-15 AGE RANGE.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY, AND HEADS OF PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL ATTEND A PREVIEW OF THE EXHIBITION AT 3.30 P.M. TOMORROW.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO VIEW THE EXHIBITION ARE INVITED TO DO SO BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. AND 2 P.M. - 5 P.M. FROM JUNE 29 TO JULY 22. THE EXHIBITION WILL ALSO BE OPEN DURING THIS PERIOD ON SATURDAY MORNINGS FROM 9 TO NOON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PREVIEW AT 3.30 P.M. TOMORROW AT THE CULTURAL CRAFTS CENTRE, 4 PAK FUK ROAD, 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS, NORTH POINT.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS  
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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MAIL DELIVERY AND ALL POST OFFICES WOULD BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 1, WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

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