



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY OPENED

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THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE, TODAY OFFICIALLY OPENED THE URBAN COUNCIL'S HONG KONG MUSEUM OF HISTORY IN KOWLOON AND SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT IT WOULD BE THE FORE-RUNNER OF A NEW CULTURAL CENTRE AT TSIM SHA TSUI.

NOTING THAT INTEREST IN THE ARTS IS GROWING RAPIDLY, SIR MURRAY SAID : +IN TIMES LIKE THESE WHEN MONEY IS SHORT THIS IS A FIELD IN WHICH WE MUST TRY DOGGEDLY TO MAINTAIN SOME PROGRESS AS THE URBAN COUNCIL IS DOING, AND WHEN PROSPERITY RETURNS WE MUST BE READY TO SPRINT.+

THE GOVERNOR SAID IT WAS EXCITING THAT THE URBAN COUNCIL'S CULTURAL COMPLEX AT THE CITY HALL HAD STARTED +TO CREEP ACROSS THE HARBOUR.+

+IT IS EVEN MORE EXCITING THAT THIS OUTPOST IS THE FORE-RUNNER — WE ALL DEVOUTLY HOPE — OF A NEW CULTURAL CENTRE AT TSIM SHA TSUI.+

CO-INCIDING WITH THE OPENING OF THE MUSEUM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR OF STAR HOUSE IN TSIM SHA TSUI IS A MAJOR HONG KONG CURRENCY EXHIBITION FEATURING A COMPLETE SET OF HONG KONG COINS DATING BACK 134 YEARS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE AS FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (SATURDAY).

FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF THE GOVERNOR'S SPEECH :-

+I MUCH APPRECIATE BEING ASKED TO OFFICIATE AT THIS CEREMONY.

+IT IS EXCITING THAT THE CULTURAL COMPLEX ADMIRABLY ADMINISTERED BY THE URBAN COUNCIL AT THE CITY HALL HAS STARTED TO CREEP ACROSS THE HARBOUR. IT IS EVEN MORE EXCITING THAT THIS OUTPOST IS THE FORE-RUNNER — WE ALL DEVOUTLY HOPE — OF A NEW CULTURAL CENTRE AT TSIM SHA TSUI.

+INTEREST IN THE ARTS IS GROWING RAPIDLY. IN TIMES LIKE THESE WHEN MONEY IS SHORT THIS IS A FIELD IN WHICH WE MUST TRY DOGGEDLY TO MAINTAIN SOME PROGRESS AS THE URBAN COUNCIL IS DOING, AND WHEN PROSPERITY RETURNS WE MUST BE READY TO SPRINT.

+MUSEUMS SUFFER FROM A REPUTATION OF BEING VERY BORING PLACES, WHERE THE EXHIBITS AND THE LAY-OUT ARE AS UNCHANGING AS THE LAYERS OF DUST THAT COVER THEM. THEY EARNED THIS REPUTATION IN BYE-GONE DAYS. BUT THE NEW CITY HALL MUSEUM HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PLACE OF LIGHT AND ORIGINALITY— CONSTANTLY OFFERING US NEW SUBJECTS AND NEW EXHIBITS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PAY MY TRIBUTE TO THE EXPERTISE AND ENERGY OF ITS DIRECTION.

+I AM SURE THAT THIS NEW MUSEUM WILL LIVE UP TO THE HIGH STANDARD SET BY ITS ELDER BROTHER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HARBOUR. I BELIEVE IT WILL HAVE INSTANT SUPPORT FROM RESIDENTS IN KOWLOON AND WISH IT EVERY POSSIBLE SUCCESS.

+I HAVE MUCH PLEASURE IN DECLARING IT OPEN.+

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FOODSTUFFS COST MORE LAST MONTH

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THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF RICE DROPPED BY FOUR PER CENT LAST MONTH, BUT FRESH AND SALT WATER FISH, LIVE POULTRY AND FRESH VEGETABLES ALL COST MORE, ACCORDING TO THE NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDICES FOR JUNE.

AS A RESULT OF A FURTHER DROP IN SUPPLIES, THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF FRESH VEGETABLES ROSE BY A SUBSTANTIAL 35 PER CENT WHILE THAT OF LIVE POULTRY WENT UP BY 10 PER CENT, MAINLY BECAUSE OF HEAVY DEMAND DURING THE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL. THE AVERAGE RETAIL PRICE OF SALT WATER FISH ROSE BY 13 AND 14 PER CENT, AND THAT OF FRESH WATER FISH BY SIX AND SEVEN PER CENT DUE TO SHORT SUPPLY.

THE INCREASES PUSHED UP THE INDEX FOR FOODSTUFFS BY THREE POINTS IN BOTH THE 'A' AND 'B' NEW CONSUMER PRICE INDICES, WHICH COVER HOUSEHOLDS WITH A MONTHLY EXPENDITURE OF \$400-\$1,499 AND \$1,500-\$2,999, RESPECTIVELY.

OVERALL, THE 'A' INDEX ROSE BY TWO POINTS TO 109, WHILE THE 'B' INDEX STOOD AT 108 -- ONE POINT HIGHER THAN IN MAY.

IN BOTH INDICES, THE INDEX FOR HOUSING WENT UP BY ONE POINT AS A RESULT OF RENT INCREASES IN PRIVATE POST-WAR DWELLINGS.

AN INCREASE OF ONE POINT IN THE INDEX FOR FUEL AND LIGHT WAS ALSO RECORDED IN THE 'A' INDEX FOR THE \$400-\$1,499 EXPENDITURE GROUP.

OTHER MOVEMENTS IN THE INDICES WERE INSIGNIFICANT.

BY COMPARISON, THE OLD GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR JUNE WAS 196, EIGHT POINTS HIGHER THAN THAT FOR MAY.

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LICENSING OF TEXTILE EXPORTS TO E.E.C. SUSPENDED

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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, ANNOUNCED THIS MORNING THAT EXPORT LICENSING FOR ALL TEXTILES TO BE EXPORTED TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

THIS DECISION HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD IN VIEW OF THE IMMINENCE OF A TEXTILES RESTRAINT AGREEMENT BETWEEN HONG KONG AND THE E.E.C.

THE NEGOTIATIONS IN BRUSSELS HAVE NOW REACHED A DECISIVE STAGE AND DISCUSSION IS PROCEEDING ON THE NEW OUTSTANDING POINTS NOT YET AGREED.

THE SUSPENSION OF LICENSING WILL IMPROVE THE PROSPECTS FOR A RAPID CONCLUSION TO THE NEGOTIATIONS.

MR. MCGREGOR SAID THAT HE GREATLY REGRETTED THE DISRUPTION TO THE TRADE WHICH THIS SUSPENSION WILL CAUSE.

A FURTHER STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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DANGEROUS BUILDINGS

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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (FRIDAY) DECLARED NOS. 11 AND 12 HOK LO MAIN STREET, KOWLOON CITY, LIABLE TO BECOME DANGEROUS.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THE BUILDING AT NO. 7 HOK LO MAIN STREET, WHICH STANDS BETWEEN NOS. 11 AND 12, WAS CLOSED AS AN EMERGENCY FOLLOWING A ROOF COLLAPSE, AND DEMOLITION OF THE WHOLE BUILDING IS NECESSARY.

NOS. 11 AND 12 HOK LO MAIN STREET ARE LIKELY TO COLLAPSE DURING OR AFTER THE DEMOLITION OF NO. 7 DUE TO THEIR STRUCTURE AND DETERIORATED CONDITION.

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON AUGUST 15, 1975 WERE POSTED TODAY.

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DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING AS RICE IMPORTERS NEARS

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. ROY PORTER, TODAY REQUESTED COMPANIES WHICH WISH TO BE REGISTERED AS IMPORTERS OF RICE TO SUBMIT THE NECESSARY DECLARATION FORMS TO THE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

+THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION FORMS IS JULY 21,+ EXPLAINED MR. PORTER. +TO DATE, TWENTY-FOUR COMPANIES HAVE SENT IN THEIR DECLARATION FORMS. THESE ARE NOW BEING STUDIED TO ENSURE THAT THEY MEET THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS AND SO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE BALLOT.+

MR. PORTER ADDED: +THE DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A NUMBER OF ENQUIRIES AS TO WHETHER OR NOT FIRMS OWNED BY THE SAME PERSON OR GROUP OF PERSONS MAY SUBMIT SEPARATE APPLICATIONS AND SO ALL BE INCLUDED IN THE BALLOT+.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE RICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT HAS DECIDED THAT FIRMS WITH A COMMON SHAREHOLDER WHO OWNS A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL INTEREST IN THEM (DEFINED AS BEING 15% OR MORE OF THE CAPITAL OR VOTING SHARES) MAY SUBMIT ONLY ONE DECLARATION.

+THIS RULING IS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT SMALL AND LARGE FIRMS ALIKE HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO BE SELECTED BY BALLOT AS IMPORTERS OF RICE. IT WILL MEAN THAT A LARGE ORGANISATION WITH SEVERAL SUBSIDIARIES MAY HAVE TO DECIDE WHICH ONE SUBSIDIARY SHOULD APPLY FOR REGISTRATION.+

MR. PORTER EXPLAINED THAT COMPANIES OWNED BY PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN EXISTING RICE IMPORT COMPANIES WERE ALREADY INELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION. THE NEW RULING WAS FELT TO BE IN LINE WITH THIS CRITERION.

THE DEPARTMENT IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A BALLOT TO BE HELD IN THE CITY HALL ON AUGUST 27, 1975 IN THE PRESENCE OF MEMBERS OF THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY ADVISORY BOARD.

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SCHOOLS WELCOME INTEGRATED SCIENCE METHOD
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INTEGRATED SCIENCE, AN APPROACH TO SCIENCE THROUGH PRACTICAL WORK, HAS NOW GAINED A FIRM FOOTING IN HONG KONG. MR. ARTHUR BROWN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS), SAID TODAY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE IN-SERVICE INTEGRATED SCIENCE COURSE CONDUCTED BY TUTORS FROM SCOTLAND VISITING HONG KONG UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE SCOTTISH EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS NEW APPROACH WILL VERY RAPIDLY BECOME THE STANDARD SCIENCE COURSE IN JUNIOR SECONDARY FORMS,+ MR. BROWN SAID.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS NOT ALWAYS ADVISABLE FOR A TERRITORY LIKE HONG KONG TO TAKE OVER A COURSE OF STUDY DEVELOPED FOR ANOTHER COUNTRY, BUT THIS WAS AN EXCEPTION.

+THE REASON THAT IT IS SO SUCCESSFUL IS THAT SCIENCE IS A UNIVERSAL SUBJECT AND STUDENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE SURPRISINGLY SIMILAR, SO THAT ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF CHANGES ARE NEEDED IN THE COURSE TO MAKE IT IDEALLY SUITED TO HONG KONG CONDITIONS,+ HE EXPLAINED.

AT AN EARLIER FUNCTION, MR. BROWN EMPHASISED THE IMPORTANCE OF SOCIAL STUDIES.

ADDRESSING THE OPENING SESSION OF A SEMINAR ON SOCIAL STUDIES HELD AT THE MORRISON HILL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR HEADS OF SCHOOLS, MR. BROWN SAID SCHOOLS HAD A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN SOCIAL STUDIES.

+THE CONCEPT OF SOCIAL STUDIES IS BY NO MEANS A NEW ONE, BUT IT IS NEW TO HONG KONG AND IS PLANNED TO BE A VITAL PART OF THE COMMONCORE CURRICULUM FOR FORM I - III BEING INTRODUCED INTO SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS PART OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WHITE PAPER ON SECONDARY EDUCATION POLICY,+ MR. BROWN SAID.

THERE WERE TWO ASPECTS TO THE STUDY OF SOCIAL STUDIES - THE CONTENT AND THE APPROACH.

+THE CONTENT OF THIS COURSE IS AIMED TO GIVE STUDENTS KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF MODERN LIVING IN HONG KONG AND OF HONG KONG'S PLACE IN THE WORLD. IT TACKLES SUCH VITAL TOPICS AS POPULATION CONTROL, POLLUTION, AND CONSUMER EDUCATION AS WELL AS THE MORE CONVENTIONAL HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF STUDY,+ MR. BROWN ADDED.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATTER THE AIM OF THE COURSE WAS TO STUDY THESE TOPICS IN RELATION TO LIFE IN HONG KONG SO THAT THE TOPICS HAD DIRECT RELEVANCE TO A PUPIL'S EXPERIENCE AND GIVE HIM A SOUND BACKGROUND AS A RESULT OF WHICH HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PLAY HIS PART IN SOCIETY MORE EFFECTIVELY WHILE AT THE SAME TIME IN NO WAY LIMITING HIS OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDY IF HE WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO CONTINUE WITH HIS EDUCATION.

ON THE APPROACH TO THE SUBJECT MR. DROWN POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF ITS NATURE SOCIAL STUDIES GAVE WIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MORE EFFECTIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES AND IT WAS INTENDED THAT CLASS DISCUSSIONS AND DEBATES, SCHOOL VISITS, THE COLLECTION OF DATA AND MATERIALS BY STUDENTS AS WELL AS THE USE OF MODERN AUDIO VISUAL TECHNIQUES SHOULD BE A VITAL PART OF THE NEW COURSE.

IT WAS HOPED, HE SAID, THAT BY 1977 THE COURSE WOULD HAVE BEEN FINALISED AND TEACHING MATERIAL WIDELY AVAILABLE TO ALL SCHOOLS.

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TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD MEETS IN SPECIAL SESSION TO
CONSIDER LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN HK-EEC TEXTILES NEGOTIATIONS
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THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD MET EARLY THIS MORNING IN A SPECIAL SESSION TO CONSIDER THE LATEST SITUATION REPORTED BY THE HONG KONG TEAM NEGOTIATING WITH THE E.E.C. IN BRUSSELS ON BROAD RANGING RESTRAINTS ON HONG KONG TEXTILES EXPORTS TO THE COMMON MARKET.

THE THIRD ROUND OF NEGOTIATION HAS BEEN GOING ON IN BRUSSELS SINCE JULY 7, AND ALTHOUGH A BROAD MEASURE OF AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, CERTAIN PROBLEMS REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED. THIS HAS INVOLVED CONSULTATION BETWEEN THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, MR. JIMMY MCGREGOR, AND THE TEXTILES ADVISORY BOARD.

AT THE MEETING THIS MORNING THE BOARD GAVE ADVICE ON THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES. THIS ADVICE IS BEING COMMUNICATED TO THE HONG KONG TEAM IN BRUSSELS.

IN ORDER THAT THE FINAL NEGOTIATION MAY TAKE PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE RELIEVED OF ANXIETY FOR THE COMMUNITY AND IN VIEW OF THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN EARLY AGREEMENT BEING REACHED, THE DIRECTOR SUSPENDED LICENSING FOR ALL EXPORTS OF TEXTILES TO THE EEC WITH EFFECT FROM 10 A.M. TODAY.

LICENCES ALREADY ISSUED AND THOSE AWAITING COLLECTION WILL BE HONOURED. NEW LICENCE APPLICATIONS, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BE PROCESSED FOR THE TIME BEING.

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FOURTH LOTTERY DRAW TOMORROW
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SOMEONE WILL BE RICHER BY \$483,200 TOMORROW (SATURDAY) WHEN THE FIRST PRIZE OF THE FOURTH GOVERNMENT LOTTERY IS DRAWN.

A TOTAL OF 604,000 TICKETS WAS SOLD UP TO 9 P.M. TODAY (FRIDAY) WHEN SALES CLOSED. THE TOTAL PROCEEDS REACHED \$1,208,000.

THE SECOND PRIZE IS WORTH \$48,320 AND THE THIRD PRIZE \$4,832.

EACH OF THE 50 SPECIAL PRIZES AND THE 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES IS WORTH \$1,203.

THE FIRST THREE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN AT 10 A.M. TOMORROW AT THE MAIN CONCOURSE OF THE OCEAN TERMINAL BY FOUR RTV ARTISTES — MISS HUEN SO HA, MISS LEE YING, MR. HUI SIU HUNG AND MR. KWOK FUNG.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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