



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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DRUG RUNNERS HIT HARD BY PREVENTIVE SERVICE

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THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE HAD ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL MONTH AGAINST DRUG PEDLARS IN JANUARY, SEIZING MORE THAN \$1 MILLION WORTH OF DANGEROUS DRUGS DURING THE MONTH.

THE BIGGEST SEIZURE MADE BY PREVENTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS THIS YEAR WAS ON JANUARY 21 WHEN TEN BLOCKS CONTAINING 12.6 KILOGRAMS OF +999+ MORPHINE WERE SEIZED FROM A PRIVATE CAR.

THREE MEN WERE ARRESTED AND A FURTHER 1.75 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN WERE SEIZED FROM A FLAT INSIDE THE KOWLOON WALLED CITY AS A RESULT OF FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATIONS.

A TOTAL OF 239 PEOPLE WERE ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH VARIOUS NARCOTICES OFFENCES.

A LARGE QUANTITY OF OPIUM SMOKING EQUIPMENT INCLUDING 61 OPIUM PIPES AND HEROIN SMOKING AND INJECTION PARAPHERNALIA WAS SEIZED.

THE TOTAL RETAIL VALUE OF ALL DANGEROUS DRUGS SEIZED IS ESTIMATED AT \$1.378 MILLION. THIS INCLUDED 3.7 KILOGRAMS OF RAW OPIUM, 2.7 KILOGRAMS OF PREPARED OPIUM, A SMALL QUANTITY OF HEROIN, AND THE MORPHINE BLOCKS AND HEROIN SEIZED ON JANUARY 21.

MEANWHILE, THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE IS INVITING TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF MOTOR BOATS ON HIRE AT HOURLY RATES FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR STARTING FROM APRIL 1, 1975.

THE BOATS WILL BE USED TO CONVEY PREVENTIVE SERVICE OFFICERS FOR JOURNEYS BETWEEN THE SHORE AND SHIPS AT ANCHOR IN THE HARBOUR AND FOR PATROLS WITHIN HONG KONG WATERS.

THEY WILL ALSO BE USED FOR SURVEILLANCE WORK SINCE THEY ARE LESS CONSPICUOUS.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE TOTAL SAILING TIME PER MONTH WILL NOT BE LESS THAN 200 HOURS AND THE TOTAL WAITING TIME 500 HOURS.

FORMS OF TENDER AND FURTHER PARTICULARS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE OF THE PREVENTIVE SERVICE HEADQUARTERS, ROOM 1020, RUMSEY STREET CAR PARK BUILDING, 10TH FLOOR, HONG KONG.

THEY MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE 12 NOON ON FEBRUARY 28.

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LUNAR NEW YEAR TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY (FEBRUARY 10 AND 11) IN THE CAUSEWAY BAY AREA ON HONG KONG ISLAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE LUNAR NEW YEAR FAIR AT VICTORIA PARK.

THERE WILL BE TEMPORARY TRAFFIC RE-ROUTING AND DIVERSIONS, CLOSURE OF ROADS AND SUSPENSION OF PARKING FACILITIES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENTS.

CONGESTION IS EXPECTED IN THE GENERAL AREA NEAR VICTORIA PARK ON LUNAR NEW YEAR'S EVE, AND MOTORISTS ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO AVOID USING CAUSEWAY ROAD.

FROM 6 P.M. ON MONDAY UNTIL 6 A.M. THE NEXT MORNING, PATERSON STREET WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY NORTH FROM GREAT GEORGE STREET TO NEW WATERFRONT ROAD. EASTBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG GREAT GEORGE STREET WILL ONLY TURN LEFT AT THE JUNCTION OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ALONG THE FLYOVER LEADING INTO VICTORIA PARK ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TURN RIGHT INTO GLOUCESTER ROAD WESTBOUND.

WESTBOUND TRAFFIC IN CAUSEWAY ROAD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO TURN RIGHT INTO HING FAT STREET, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES. IN FACT, ENTRY TO HING FAT STREET WILL BE RESTRICTED ONLY TO FRANCHISED BUSES AND GOODS VEHICLES.

LAU LI STREET WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY EAST FROM ELECTRIC ROAD TO KING'S ROAD, AND ONE-WAY WEST FROM ELECTRIC ROAD TO HING FAT STREET.

THE SECTION OF TUNG LO WAN ROAD BETWEEN EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND THE ROXY ROUNDABOUT WILL BE ROUTED ONE-WAY WEST, EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES WHICH WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THIS ROAD SECTION FROM CAUSEWAY ROAD UNDER POLICE SUPERVISION IN ORDER TO GO UP TAI HANG ROAD.

TRAFFIC PROCEEDING ALONG TUNG LO WAN ROAD FROM KING'S ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED INTO MORETON TERRACE EXCEPT FOR THOSE VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO TAI HANG ROAD.

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DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE FOLLOWING ROADS WILL BE CLOSED:  
SUGAR STREET= PATERSON STREET BETWEEN YEE WO STREET AND GREAT  
GEORGE STREET= KINGSTON STREET EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH  
CLEVELAND STREET= THE SECTION OF LAU SIN STREET BETWEEN  
ELECTRIC ROAD AND HING FAT STREET EXCEPT FOR FRANCHISED BUSES  
AND GOODS VEHICLES= JAFFE ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET= LOCKHART  
ROAD EAST OF PERCIVAL STREET, CANNON STREET SOUTH OF GLOUCESTER  
ROAD= THE SECTION OF VICTORIA PARK ROAD SOUTH OF ITS  
JUNCTION WITH GREAT GEORGE STREET= AND CAROLINE HILL ROAD  
EAST EXCEPT FOR VEHICLES REQUIRING ACCESS TO PREMISES ON THE ROAD.

MOTORISTS REQUIRING ACCESS TO TAI HANG ROAD ARE ADVISED  
TO TRAVEL EITHER VIA LEIGHTON ROAD, CAROLINE HILL ROAD,  
EASTERN HOSPITAL ROAD AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD, OR, IF APPROACHING  
FROM THE EAST, VIA KING'S ROAD AND TUNG LO WAN ROAD.

PARKING FACILITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED BETWEEN 3 P.M. ON  
MONDAY AND 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:  
ROXY CAR PARK= NGAN MOK STREET= YACHT STREET= CAUSEWAY BAY  
MAGISTRACY CAR PARK= VICTORIA PARK ROAD= KINGSTON STREET EAST  
OF CLEVELAND STREET= AND GREAT GEORGE STREET EAST OF  
PATERSON STREET. THE HING FAT STREET CAR PARK WILL BE RESERVED  
FOR GOODS VEHICLES ONLY DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE POSTED AND TRAFFIC POLICEMEN  
WILL BE ON DUTY TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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BIG DROP IN FIRES  
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THE NUMBER OF FIRES DURING THE PEAK FIRE PERIOD OCTOBER-JANUARY HAS DROPPED BY 44 PER CENT, AND GRASS, HILL AND FOREST FIRES BY 78 PER CENT.

REVEALING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT WHILE THE REDUCTION WAS HEARTENING, NO ONE COULD AFFORD TO LET DOWN HIS GUARD PARTICULARLY OVER THE CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS WHEN THE FIRE RISK TENDS TO RISE.

BETWEEN OCTOBER 1, 1974 AND JANUARY 31, 1975 THERE WERE 2,472 FIRES, COMPARED WITH 4,415 DURING THE SAME PERIOD IN 1973/74. THE CORRESPONDING FIGURES FOR GRASS, HILL AND FOREST FIRES WERE 490 AND 2,198 -- A DROP OF ALMOST 78 PER CENT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FIREMEN WERE USUALLY VERY BUSY DURING THESE MONTHS, FIGHTING FROM TWO TO FIVE AS MANY FIRES THAN NORMAL, MOST OF THEM IN THE COUNTRYSIDE.

COMPARING THE WHOLE OF 1974 WITH 1973, THERE WAS AN OVERALL FALL OF 60 PER CENT IN THE NUMBER OF FIRES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE UNSEASONAL WEATHER UNDOUBTEDLY HAD PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT PART IN KEEPING THE NUMBER OF FIRE DOWN. HE ADDED : +WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THINK THAT PEOPLE IN HONG KONG ARE BECOMING MORE FIRE-PREVENTION CONSCIOUS.+

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POLYCLINIC FOR EAST KOWLOON  
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A POLYCLINIC IS TO BE BUILT NEAR THE CHOI HUNG ESTATE TO SERVE RESIDENTS IN THE EASTERN PART OF KOWLOON.

LOCATED ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF HAMMER HILL ROAD, THE KOWLOON EAST POLYCLINIC WILL CONSIST OF TWO TWO-STORY BUILDINGS.

CONSTRUCTION WILL BE CARRIED OUT IN TWO STAGES.

STAGE I COMPRISES A MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE, A CHEST CLINIC AND A STANDARD URBAN CLINIC WITH A GENERAL OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.

CONSTRUCTION WORK IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN APRIL AND WILL TAKE ABOUT A YEAR TO COMPLETE.

THE SECOND STAGE OF THE POLYCLINIC, CONSISTING MAINLY OF A DENTAL CLINIC AND SPECIALIST FACILITIES, WILL BE BUILT AT A LATER DATE.

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