

HONG KONG.

No. 1 OF 1947.

I assent.

(L.S.)

MARK YOUNG,
Governor.

10th January, 1947.

An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to general and school holidays.

[10th January, 1947.]

BE it enacted by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, as follows :

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Holidays Ordinance, 1947. Short Title.

2. In this Ordinance,

Interpreta-
tion.

(a) "General holiday" means a day which, subject to the provisions of section 5, shall be a dies non and which shall be kept as a holiday by all banks, educational establishments, public offices and Government departments;

(b) "School holiday" means a day which shall be kept by all Government schools, military schools and schools registered under the Education Ordinance, 1913.

3. The following days shall be general holidays—

General
holidays.

(1) every Sunday;

(2) the first week-day of January;

(3) Chinese New Year's Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day;

(4) the first week-day following Chinese New Year's Day, or if Chinese New Year's Day should be a Sunday then Tuesday following Chinese New Year's Day;

- (5) Good Friday;
- (6) the day following Good Friday;
- (7) Easter Monday;
- (8) the Birthday of His Majesty the King, unless it shall be ordered by the Governor, by an order published in the Gazette, that His Majesty's Birthday is to be kept on some other day, and then, such other day;
- (9) Whit Monday;
- (10) the first week-day in July;
- (11) the first Monday in August;
- (12) the 30th day of August, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day;
- (13) Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival Day, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day;
- (14) the tenth day of October, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day;
- (15) the day following Remembrance Sunday;
- (16) Christmas Day; or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day;
- (17) the twenty-sixth day of December, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day, or if Christmas Day should be a Sunday then the Tuesday following Christmas Day.

School
Holiday.

4. The following day shall be a School holiday :

Empire Day, that is to say, the 24th day of May, or if that day should be a Sunday then the following day.

Regulations
may exclude
public offices,
etc.

5. The Governor may make regulations excluding in whole or in part from the operation of section 3 any public office or Government department.

6. Subject to the provisions of section 14 of the Bills of Exchange Ordinance, 1885, it shall not be necessary for any person to make any payment or to do any other act, including noting or protesting, relating to any negotiable instrument on a general holiday, but all obligation to make such payment or to do any such other act shall apply to the next following day not being itself a general holiday.

Acts relating to negotiable instruments not compellable to be done on a general holiday.

7. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council by notification in the Gazette to appoint any day to be observed as a general holiday in addition to or in substitution for any day mentioned in section 3 and thereupon the provisions of this Ordinance shall apply to such added or substituted day and shall cease to apply to any day for which another has been so substituted.

Power of the Governor in Council to appoint holidays.

8. Subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Code of Civil Procedure relating to certain civil procedure, any summons or warrant may be issued, any summons may be served, any warrant or order may be served or executed, and any arrest, search or seizure may be made, on any day, whether a general holiday or not.

Process, etc., on holidays.

Ordinance No. 3 of 1901.

9. The Holidays Ordinance, 1912, and the Holidays Amendment Ordinance, 1941, are hereby repealed.

Repeal of Ordinances No. 5 of 1912 and No. 1 of 1941.

Passed the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, this 9th day of January, 1947.

D. R. HOLMES,
Deputy Clerk of Councils.