



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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VIGILANCE AND HARD WORK OF HEALTH AUTHORITY  
HELP TO CHECK COMMUNICABLE DISEASES  
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HONG KONG'S CLEAN RECORD OF MOST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES HAS BEEN ACHIEVED NOT BY LUCK BUT BY THE VIGILANCE AND HARD WORK OF THE HEALTH AUTHORITY AND HEALTH WORKERS IN THE FIELD.

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. S.F. LAM, SAID THIS AT THE LIONS CLUB OF VICTORIA LUNCHEON MEETING TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

HE POINTED OUT THAT SMALLPOX HAS BEEN ERADICATED, ONLY A FEW IMPORTED CASES OF MALARIA ARE REPORTED, GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES SUCH AS TYPHOID AND DYSENTERY HAVE BEEN KEPT DOWN TO MANAGEABLE NUMBERS, AND HONG KONG HAS BEEN FREE FROM CHOLERA SINCE AUGUST, 1978.

+THESE ARE JUST EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE MORE SERIOUS COMMUNICABLE DISEASES THAT HAVE BEEN CONTROLLED AND PREVENTED FROM OCCURRING OR SPREADING IN ANY LARGE NUMBERS AS TO JEOPARDISE THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF HONG KONG,+ HE ADDED.

DR. LAM DESCRIBED THE HEALTH SERVICE AS A +SILENT SERVICE+ BECAUSE +IT IS A RELENTLESS BATTLE CARRIED OUT BY A GROUP OF DEDICATED HEALTH PERSONNEL WITHOUT ANY FUSS OR FANFARE.+

HE PREDICTED THAT THE BATTLE AGAINST COMMUNICABLE DISEASES WOULD BE A DIFFICULT ONE THIS YEAR WITH THE INFLUX OF IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES, WHICH IS PUTTING A SEVERE STRAIN ON THE MANPOWER AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN THE HEALTH SERVICE.

WITH THE HELP OF MEMBERS OF THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE, WHO ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS, HEALTH PERSONNEL HAVE SET UP MEDICAL POSTS IN EVERY CAMP AND STAGING POINT HOUSING THESE REFUGEES, HE SAID.

THE SERVICE PROVIDED INCLUDES MEDICAL COVER FOR THOSE ~~PRESENTLY~~ ABOARD THE SKYLARK AND THE FLEET OF SMALL BOATS GROUPED TOGETHER IN THE WATERS AROUND HONG KONG.

DR. LAM SAID INSPECTION IS CARRIED OUT ON EVERY BOAT THAT COMES INTO HONG KONG WHICH INCLUDES NOT ONLY LARGE OCEAN-GOING STEAMERS BUT ALSO THE NUMEROUS JUNKS, TRAWLERS, HYDROFOILS AND EVEN THE REFUGEE VESSELS THAT TURN UP EVERY DAY.

+THE HEALTH OFFICERS MUST BE SATISFIED THAT NOT ONLY IS THE HUMAN CARGO HEALTHY- BUT THAT THESE BOATS DO NOT CARRY IN MOSQUITOES, RODENTS AND RATS THAT ARE CAPABLE OF SPREADING DISEASES LIKE YELLOW FEVER AND PLAGUE,+ HE SAID.

+THUS OUR HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL NOT ONLY GUARD AGAINST THE IMPORTATION OF DISEASES INTO HONG KONG ON LAND AND IN THE AIR BUT MORE IMPORTANT FROM THE VAST STRETCHES OF SEA AROUND US,+ HE ADDED.

DR. LAM SAID THE FIGHT TO PREVENT THE IMPORTATION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE INTO HONG KONG GOES ON 24 HOURS A DAY AND EVERY DAY OF THE YEAR.

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AT THE SAME TIME, THE HEALTH PERSONNEL PROVIDE MANY OTHER TYPES OF SERVICES SUCH AS EPIDEMIOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE, MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH, IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES, HEALTH EDUCATION AND MEDICAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOSPITALS AND THE DEPARTMENT.

+IN THE TRUE TRADITION OF THEIR VOCATION THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH PERSONNEL, AS THEY LIKE TO BE CALLED, CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES QUIETLY, UNOBTRUSIVELY AND SILENTLY,+ SAID DR. LAM.

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### ACTING GOVERNOR VISITS NEW TERRITORIES

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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) TOOK A CLOSE LOOK AT SOME OF THE MAJOR URBAN DEVELOPMENTS TAKING PLACE IN THE NEW TOWNS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

DURING HIS DAY-LONG VISIT WHICH STARTED AT 10 A.M., SIR JACK ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE UNOFFICIAL MEMBERS OF THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES, SIR JACK FIRST CALLED ON THE SHA TIN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD AT THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICE WHERE HE WAS MET BY THE SHA TIN DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. GERRY HIGGINSON.

HE PAID TRIBUTE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD FOR THEIR ENTHUSIASM AND INTERESTS IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.

HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE BOARD HAD, IN THE PAST YEAR, PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN PROMOTING AND ORGANISING NUMEROUS CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT.

THE BOARD'S FUTURE PLANS AND SOME PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE GENERAL WELFARE OF SHA TIN RESIDENTS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED IN DETAIL AT THE MEETING.

AFTER SPENDING ABOUT 30 MINUTES IN SHA TIN, THE ACTING GOVERNOR DROVE TO TSUEN WAN TO INSPECT THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THERE.

ON ARRIVING AT YEUNG UK ROAD MARKET, HE WAS GREETED BY THE TSUEN WAN TOWN MANAGER, MR. JAMES HAYES, THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR. EDDIE SHORT, AND THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES, MR. HARNAM GREWAL.

THEY WALKED THROUGH THE OLDER PARTS OF THE AREA INCLUDING THE SQUATTER AREA IN CHUNG ON STREET AND HOI PA VILLAGE.

THE PARTY THEN PROCEEDED TO A VANTAGE POINT FOR A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF NORTH TSUEN WAN WHICH IS BEING DEVELOPED TO MAKE WAY FOR THE MTR EXTENSION AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC WORKS.

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SIR JACK'S NEXT STOP WAS TUEN MUN. THEY ARRIVED THERE AT ABOUT 12.30 P.M. AND WAS MET BY THE DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER NG AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR. STAN BARDEN.

HE WAS TAKEN TO THE ROOFTOP OF +TOP COURT+ FOR A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE NEW TOWN AND WAS INFORMED THAT THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT IN TUEN MUN AIMED AT PROVIDING AN IMPROVED URBAN ENVIRONMENT WITH ADEQUATE COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES TO SERVE ITS RESIDENTS.

SIR JACK CONCLUDED HIS PROGRAMME TO THE NEW TERRITORIES BY VISITING TAI PO IN THE AFTERNOON.

THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR. PETER JOHNSON AND THE PROJECT MANAGER, MR. JEFFREY THOMAS, ACCOMPANIED SIR JACK TO A HIGH-RISE BUILDING WHERE HE WAS BRIEFED ON TAI PO'S LATEST DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE OF THE PLAN TO EXPAND TAI PO, HE WAS TOLD, WAS TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY WITHIN A MORE SATISFACTORY URBAN ENVIRONMENT HAVING AN ADEQUATE RANGE OF COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES FOR A TARGET POPULATION OF 220,000 BY 1986.

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EMPLOYMENT AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES  
IN MID-MARCH 1979  
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THE NUMBER OF MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES DROPPED TO 71,581 IN MARCH 1979, ACCORDING TO A RECENT EMPLOYMENT SURVEY CONDUCTED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

+THIS REPRESENTS A DECREASE OF 2,135 WORKERS OR 2.9 PER CENT WHEN COMPARED WITH DECEMBER 1978,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

EMPLOYMENT ROSE BY 6,545 WORKERS OR 10 PER CENT OVER MARCH 1978, HE SAID.

OF THE 1,243 BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES IN OPERATION IN MARCH, 343 WERE SITES CONTRACTED BY THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT.

THESE 343 SITES ACCOUNTED FOR 28,662 WORKERS, WHICH REPRESENTED A DECREASE OF 2,146 WORKERS OR SEVEN PER CENT OVER DECEMBER 1978.

EMPLOYMENT AT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION SITES RECORDED A MARGINAL DECREASE OF 0.5 PER CENT TO 7,361 WORKERS.

FROM DECEMBER 1978 TO MARCH 1979, THE NUMBER OF WORKERS ENGAGED AT BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SITES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR INCREASED BY 0.1 PER CENT TO 35,558.

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## DETAILED STATISTICS ARE:

CONTRACTING PARTY	DECEMBER 1978		MARCH 1979	
	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED	SITES IN OPERATION	MANUAL WORKERS ENGAGED
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT	305	20,586	285	17,062
HOUSING DEPARTMENT	57	10,222	58	11,600
MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY *	34	7,396	35	7,361
PRIVATE SECTOR	859	35,512	865	35,558
TOTAL	1,255	73,716	1,243	71,581

\* CONSTRUCTION SITES UNDER THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION REFER TO MTR CONTRACTS FOR WHICH WORK WAS IN PROGRESS DURING MARCH 1979.

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## RECREATION CENTRE FOR VILLAGERS

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YUEN TUN AND TSING LUNG TAU VILLAGERS IN TSUEN WAN DISTRICT WILL NOW HAVE A PROPER VENUE FOR SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THIS WAS BROUGHT ABOUT WITH THE COMPLETION OF A NEW CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTRE WHICH WILL BE OFFICIALLY OPENED TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

THE NEW CENTRE IN A TWO-STOREY BUILDING AT TSING LUNG TAU, CASTLE PEAK ROAD, INCLUDES AN ASSEMBLY HALL WHICH CAN BE USED FOR CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LECTURE ROOMS, READING ROOMS AND AN OFFICE.

THE ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER (DEVELOPMENT), TSUEN WAN, MR. STEPHEN SELBY SAID THE PROJECT WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN RURAL AREAS.

THE \$160,000 CENTRE WAS BUILT WITH A \$140,000 DONATION FROM THE CO-OPERATIVE FOR AMERICAN RELIEF EVERYWHERE (CARE) AND THE BALANCE MET BY THE VILLAGERS THEMSELVES.

IT WILL BE OPENED TOMORROW AT A RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF CARE, MR. EDWIN WESELEY WHO ARRIVED FROM NEW YORK YESTERDAY.

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ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CARE, MR. MERTON CREGGER, THE HONG KONG DIRECTOR, MR. WILLIAM SALAS AND MR. SELBY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE TSING LUNG TAU CULTURAL AND RECREATION CENTRE AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW (THURSDAY).

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER, TSIM SHA TSUI FOR TSING LUNG TAU AT 9.45 A.M. SHARP.

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ACTING GOVERNOR TO ATTEND CAS DINNER  
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THE ACTING GOVERNOR, SIR JACK CATER, WILL ATTEND THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES AT THE OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT IN TSIM SHA TSUI ON FRIDAY.

OTHER GUESTS INCLUDE MR. LEWIS DAVIES, SECRETARY FOR SECURITY- MR. G.T. BARNES, DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT- DR. K.L. THONG, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES- MR. ROY HENRY, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, AND MR. EDWARD NICHOLS, DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

ABOUT 800 C.A.S. OFFICERS AND MEMBERS WILL ATTEND THE DINNER STARTING AT 8 P.M.

SIR JACK WILL BE MET ON ARRIVAL AT 7.30 P.M. BY THE C.A.S. COMMISSIONER, MR. ROGER LOBO, AND THE CHIEF STAFF OFFICER, MR. JOHN FORTUNE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRE-DINNER RECEPTION OF THE C.A.S. AT THE OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT, OCEAN CENTRE FROM 7 P.M. TO 8 P.M. ON FRIDAY.

PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS CAN TAKE PICTURES ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE OCEAN CENTRE AND IN THE RECEPTION ROOM ON THE FOURTH FLOOR. PHOTOGRAPHS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN DURING THE DINNER.

COPIES OF THE FULL TEXT OF SPEECHES BY SIR JACK AND THE C.A.S. COMMISSIONER, MR. ROGER LOBO, WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT 7 P.M. ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE OCEAN CENTRE.

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COURSE FOR SERVING TEACHERS TO ATTAIN +QUALIFIED+ STATUS  
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IN-SERVICE TECHNICAL TEACHERS, WHO ARE ACADEMICALLY QUALIFIED BUT DO NOT POSSESS PROFESSIONAL TEACHING QUALIFICATIONS, MAY NOW ACQUIRE +QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS+ BY ATTENDING A PART-TIME TRAINING COURSE RUN BY THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE.

+NO TUITION FEES ARE CHARGED AND APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INVITED FROM SERVING TEACHERS,+ AN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

APPLICANTS MUST BE FULL-TIME TEACHERS OF TECHNICAL SUBJECTS IN A GOVERNMENT, AIDED OR PRIVATE SCHOOL OR A TECHNICAL INSTITUTE FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS- POSSESS FIVE PASSES AT GRADE E OR ABOVE INCLUDING THE ENGLISH SUBJECT AT THE HONG KONG CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION EXAMINATION AND ALSO HAVE A GOOD COMMAND OF SPOKEN AND WRITTEN ENGLISH.

THE COURSE, SPANNING TWO ACADEMIC YEARS, WILL CONSIST OF LECTURES, PRACTICAL/PROJECT WORK AND SUPERVISION OF THEIR TEACHING OVER THIS PERIOD.

THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL BE AWARDED CERTIFICATES WHICH GIVE +QUALIFIED TEACHER STATUS.+

APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HONG KONG TECHNICAL TEACHERS' COLLEGE, 373 QUEEN'S ROAD EAST, WAN CHAI, HONG KONG. COMPLETED FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE COLLEGE VIA THE HEAD OF SCHOOL/TECHNICAL INSTITUTE NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 20.

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TEMPORARY CARRIAGEWAY CLOSURE  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT ONE OF THE TWO CARRIAGEWAYS IN A SECTION OF CASTLE PEAK ROAD BETWEEN THE ACCESS ROAD TO MOUSE ISLAND AND DRAGON INN WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FOR ABOUT TWO MONTHS FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

THE CLOSURE IS TO FACILITATE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WORK.

DURING THE CLOSURE THE OTHER CARRIAGEWAY WILL OPEN TO TRAFFIC FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS ALTERNATIVELY, REGULATED BY TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL ALSO BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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VILLAGE HOUSE DECLARED DANGEROUS  
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (WEDNESDAY) DECLARED 129 TAI HOM ROAD, TAI HOM VILLAGE, KOWLOON, TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THE TWO-STOREY VILLAGE HOUSE, CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS, WAS RECENTLY INSPECTED FOLLOWING AN EMERGENCY REPORT, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BUILDINGS ORDINANCE OFFICE SAID.

+THE BRICK WALLS WERE FOUND TO BE IN POOR CONDITION AND THERE ARE CLEAR SIGNS OF RECENT OUTWARD MOVEMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

+IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS NOW A SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE AND IT IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ HE ADDED.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN KOWLOON DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON JULY 11 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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WATER PIPELINE  
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WATER MAINS TO BRING FRESH AND SALT WATER SUPPLY TO THE SUI WO YUEN HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BEING BUILT NEAR THE RAILWAY DEPOT AT FO TAN CHUEN IN SHA TIN WILL BE LAID SHORTLY.

A WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN TODAY (WEDNESDAY) SAID THE 3,000 MM PIPELINE WILL RANGE FROM 150 MM TO 450 MM IN DIAMETER.

WORK IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED IN MARCH NEXT YEAR.

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CLEARWAY IN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET  
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH ARGYLE STREET TO A POINT 40 METRES SOUTH WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A CLEARWAY FROM FRIDAY (JUNE 15).

ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WITHIN THIS CLEARWAY ZONE WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING FOR PASSENGERS OR GOODS FROM 7 A.M. TO 10 A.M. AND FROM 4 P.M. TO 7 P.M. DAILY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

MEANWHILE, THE PUBLIC LIGHT BUS CLEARWAY RESTRICTION IMPOSED ON WYLIE ROAD WILL BE CANCELLED FROM 10 A.M. ON FRIDAY.

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