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POSTAL SERVICES VIRTUALLY BROUGHT
TO DOOR-STEPS OF PEOPLE IN REMOTE AREAS

SINCE 1960, THE POST OFFICE HAS BEEN BRINGING POSTAL SERVICES VIRTUALLY TO THE DOOR-STEPS OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE MORE INACCESSIBLE AND REMOTE AREAS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

AND THE TWO MOBILE POST OFFICES, EACH MANNED BY A POSTMASTER AND A DRIVER, ARE CLOCKING UP MORE MILES AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEYS TO SOME 30 DESTINATIONS ON ALTERNATE DAYS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) THE PURPOSE OF THE MOBILE OFFICES IS TO SERVE RAPIDLY EXPANDING RURAL AREAS WHERE THE NEED TO SET UP A PERMANENT POST OFFICE IS NOT YET JUSTIFIED.

EARLY EVERY MORNING, ONE VAN SETS OUT FROM THE KOWLOON CENTRAL POST OFFICE WHILE THE OTHER STARTS OUT FROM THE YUEN LONG POST OFFICE.

THE KOWLOON VAN COVERS CALDECOTT ROAD, TAI WAI, YUE KOK, LAM TSUEN, THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG, CLEAR WATER BAY, WO HOP SHEK, KWAN TEI, TAI PO TSAI, SHEUNG YEUNG, HANG HAU, HO CHUNG AND PAK SHA WAN.

THE YUEN LONG VAN GOES TO PING SHAN, HUNG SHUI KIU, LAM TEI, CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, CASTLE PEAK BAY, SHAM TSENG, SHEUNG TSUEN, TSIU KENG, KWU TUNG, SAN WAI, HA TSUEN, LAU FAU SHAN AND NGAU TAM MEI IN THE NORTHWEST OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

THE MOBILE POST OFFICE OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF COUNTER FACILITIES INCLUDING THE SALE OF STAMPS AND POSTAL STATIONERY, THE SALE AND ENCASHMENT OF POSTAL ORDERS, ACCEPTANCE AND PAYMENT OF MONEY ORDERS AND ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED ARTICLES AND PARCELS.

A POSTING BOX FOR ORDINARY POSTAL ITEMS IS ALSO PROVIDED ON EACH VAN.

THE MOBILE SERVICE ALSO HELPS TO PROMOTE BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE POST OFFICE AND ITS CUSTOMERS, WITH THE POSTMASTERS ANSWERING ENQUIRIES AND DISTRIBUTING MANY GOVERNMENT FORMS AND LEAFLETS.

+THAT THE SERVICE HAS BEEN IN OPERATION FOR SUCH A LONG PERIOD IS AN INDICATION OF ITS POPULARITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ SAID POSTMASTER MR. LUI WING-YEW.

MOST OF THE CUSTOMERS, HE ADDED, ARE ELDERLY PEOPLE WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE EMIGRATED OVERSEAS.

+THE SERVICE PROVIDES THE MAIN LINK FOR THEM TO REGULARLY CORRESPOND WITH THEIR CHILDREN AND RELATIVES,+ MR. LUI STRESSED.

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NEW STAMPS TO FEATURE HK BUTTERFLIES

FOUR OF HONG KONG'S BUTTERFLIES WILL BE FEATURED IN A SPECIAL ISSUE OF POSTAGE STAMPS ON JUNE 20.

TWO OF THE FOUR ARE RARE SPECIES.

THEY ARE THE BLUE PANSY (PRECIS ORITHYA ORITHYA), THE COMMON BLUEBOTTLE (GRAPHIUM SARPEDON SARPEDON), THE PURPLE SAPPHIRE (HELIOPHORUS EPICLES PHOENICOPARYPHUS) AND THE DARK-VEINED TIGER (DANAUS GENUTIA GENUTIA).

THE SET OF FOUR STAMPS WILL HAVE DENOMINATIONS OF 20 CENTS (BLUE PANSY), \$1 (COMMON BLUEBOTTLE), \$1.30 (PURPLE SAPPHIRE) AND \$2 (DARK-VEINED TIGER).

+ALTHOUGH INCREASING URBAN DEVELOPMENT POSES A THREAT TO THEIR EXISTENCE MANY SPECIES OF BUTTERFLIES CONTINUE TO THRIVE IN HONG KONG AND BRING COLOUR AND BRIGHTNESS TO OUR LIVES,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE POST OFFICE SAID TODAY (FRIDAY) IN EXPLAINING WHY BUTTERFLIES WERE CHOSEN AS THE THEME.

MISS JANE THATCHER, A LOCAL FREELANCE ILLUSTRATOR, DESIGNED THE SERIES AND THE FIRST DAY COVERS.

+ I HAD SPENT SOME TIME DOING RESEARCH ON LOCAL BUTTERFLIES AND FINALLY DECIDED ON TWO COMMON SPECIES AND TWO RARE ONES,+ MISS THATCHER SAID.

+COLOURFUL BUTTERFLIES ARE NOT ALWAYS DESIRABLE IN THE EYES OF THE DESIGNER AS THEY MUST BEAR VERY CLEAR MARKINGS TO PRODUCE THE BEST GRAPHIC EFFECT,+ SHE ADDED.

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