



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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WATER QUALITY DURING RESTRICTIONS

WHEN WATER RESTRICTIONS BEGIN, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO BOIL ALL DRINKING WATER, PARTICULARLY WATER STORED IN RECEPTACLES SUCH AS TANKS, BUCKETS AND BINS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THE WATER AUTHORITY WOULD BE TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE PURITY OF SUPPLY, SUCH AS INCREASING CHLORINATION AND INTENSIFYING THE MONITORING OF QUALITY AT SERVICE RESERVOIRS AND CONSUMERS' TAPS.

+HOWEVER, THERE IS ALWAYS A SLIGHT RISK OF CONTAMINATION ENTERING THE WATER PIPES AT TIMES WHEN THE SUPPLY IS TURNED OFF+, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

HE EMPHASISED THAT +A GENERAL DETERIORATION IN THE PRESENT HIGH STANDARD OF BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY IS NOT EXPECTED+.

RECEPTACLES FOR STORED WATER INTENDED FOR DRINKING SHOULD BE CLEAN AND KEPT COVERED. NORMAL HOUSEHOLD PLASTIC WARE WAS +QUITE SAFE AND SATISFACTORY FOR SUCH USE, BUT ANY INTERNALLY-PAINTED CONTAINERS SHOULD BE AVOIDED+.

+THE WATER AUTHORITY ANTICIPATES THAT DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF RESTRICTIONS, TAP WATER MAY, AT PARTICULAR TIMES, BE SOMEWHAT DISCOLOURED AND COULD CONTAIN SOME SEDIMENT+, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+THIS IS UNFORTUNATELY UNAVOIDABLE AND IS DUE TO THE DISTURBANCE OF RUSTY DEPOSITS IN MAINS.

+THE WATER AUTHORITY ASSURES THE PUBLIC THAT THE DISCOLORATION IS QUITE HARMLESS TO HEALTH+, THE SPOKESMAN CONCLUDED.

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SUPPORT FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN
PREVENTING FIRES IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS
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THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES, MR. FRED WATSON, TODAY URGED THE PUBLIC TO FULLY SUPPORT THE FIRE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN BEGINNING NEXT MONTH - +ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF THE WATER SITUATION.+

MR. WATSON SAID THE GROWING SHORTAGE OF WATER IN HONG KONG WAS ADDED REASON FOR EVERYONE DOING ALL THEY CAN TO PREVENT FIRE DURING THE PEAK FIRE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER TO THE END OF DECEMBER.

+EVERY GALLON OF WATER USED TO PUT OUT A FIRE IS A GALLON LESS FOR OTHER PURPOSES,+ MR. WATSON SAID. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT, DURING THE PERIOD WHEN WATER IS TURNED OFF, THERE WILL INEVITABLY BE SOME DELAY BEFORE IT CAN BE TURNED ON AGAIN IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE.

HE WARNED THAT THE FIRE DANGER THIS YEAR MIGHT BE GREATER THAN FOR MANY YEARS PAST BECAUSE OF THE DRIER THAN USUAL WEATHER CONDITIONS WE HAD EXPERIENCED. +UNLESS EVERY POSSIBLE PRECAUTION IS TAKEN BY THE PUBLIC, 1974 COULD TURN OUT TO BE ONE OF THE WORST YEARS FOR FIRE ON RECORD.+

MR. WATSON SAID, IRRESPECTIVE OF CLIMATIC CONDITIONS, THE NUMBER OF FIRES HAD BEEN GOING UP YEAR BY YEAR. +FOR EVERY TWO FIRES IN 1968/70,+ HE POINTED OUT, +THERE WERE THREE IN 1972/74.+ A REAL EFFORT HAD TO BE MADE BY THE PUBLIC TO HALT THIS TREND= THEY MUST BECOME AWARE OF THE INCREASING DANGER FROM FIRE AND THE SIMPLE THINGS WHICH THEY COULD DO TO COMBAT IT.

THE ACTING DIRECTOR SAID CARELESSNESS WAS AT THE ROOT OF MOST FIRES AND HE CITED THE DISPOSAL OF LIGHTED CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES AS AN EXAMPLE.

+THIS ACTION ALONE ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT 40 PER CENT OF OUR FIRES,+ MR. WATSON SAID. +IF PEOPLE WOULD TAKE THE TROUBLE TO MAKE SURE THAT CIGARETTE ENDS AND MATCHES ARE PROPERLY OUT BEFORE DISPOSING OF THEM, THERE WOULD BE 3,000 LESS FIRES IN HONG KONG EACH YEAR.+

MR. WATSON SAID ELECTRICAL FAULTS CAUSED A NUMBER OF MAJOR FIRES. MANY AROSE THROUGH MISUSE OF ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES OR FAILURE TO KEEP THEM PROPERLY MAINTAINED. IN INDUSTRY, WIRING AND CABLING WAS NOT ALWAYS CHECKED AS OFTEN AS IT SHOULD BE AND THIS WAS A PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF FIRES.

MR. WATSON SAID THE PUBLIC WERE NOT BEING ASKED TO DO IMPOSSIBLE OR DANGEROUS THINGS, AS MOST FIRE PREVENTION WAS A MATTER OF COMMON SENSE OR A LITTLE THOUGHT. +THE OBJECT OF THE CAMPAIGN IS TO ALERT PEOPLE TO THE GREATLY INCREASED FIRE DANGER DURING THE DRY WINTER MONTHS AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO TAKE PREVENTION MEASURES. NOBODY IN HONG KONG CAN AFFORD TO ADOPT THE ATTITUDE THAT FIRE IS SOMEBODY ELSE'S BUSINESS. MORE PEOPLE ARE BEING AFFECTED BY FIRE EACH YEAR THROUGH THEIR OWN OR OTHERS' LACK OF CARE.+

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THE CAMPAIGN BEGINS ON OCTOBER 1 AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF DECEMBER. A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE CHANCES OF FIRE WERE FROM TWO TO FIVE TIMES AS GREAT DURING THIS PERIOD AS DURING OTHER MONTHS. MANY OF THE FIRES WERE HILL FIRES CAUSED BY CARELESS PICNICKERS, BUT, ALSO, A NUMBER OF MAJOR INDUSTRIAL FIRES USUALLY OCCURRED.

+THE CAMPAIGN SYMBOL WILL BE A CIGARETTE END,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID, +BUT WE WILL ALSO BE CONCENTRATING ON FIRES CAUSED BY BARBECUE AND CAMP FIRES.+

THE NUMBER OF FIRES UP TO THE END OF AUGUST WAS, AT 4,653, ABOUT SEVEN AND A HALF PER CENT UP ON THE NUMBER FOR THE SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR.

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LAST LOTTERY THIS YEAR

TICKETS OF THE TENTH AND LAST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY FOR THIS YEAR ARE NOW ON SALE AT \$2 EACH.

THE DRAW OF WINNING NUMBERS FOR THIS LOTTERY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MAIN CONCOURSE OF THE OCEAN TERMINAL, TSIM SHA TSUI AT 4 P.M. ON OCTOBER 8.

THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF 159 PRIZES COMPRISING ONE FIRST PRIZE, ONE SECOND PRIZE, ONE THIRD PRIZE, 50 SPECIAL PRIZES AND 106 CONSOLATION PRIZES. TOGETHER THEY WILL TAKE UP 60 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL PROCEEDS FROM THE LOTTERY SALE.

TICKETS CAN BE OBTAINED AT ALL ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SELLING BOOTHS AND AT THE HONG KONG AND YAUMATI FERRY PIERS. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE AT VARIOUS MAJOR BANKS AND BRANCH OFFICES AND TWO HOTELS IN KOWLOON.

ALL PRIZES OF THE TENTH LOTTERY MUST BE CLAIMED BEFORE OCTOBER 11, 1976.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNMENT LOTTERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, MR. KAI-YIN CHAU, WILL GIVE A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE CITY HALL RESTAURANT AT 1 P.M. ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 23) WHEN HE WILL ANNOUNCE PLANS TO PROMOTE THE TENTH LOTTERY OF THE YEAR.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ATTEND.

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OPEN DAY AT CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL

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THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL WILL HOLD AN +OPEN DAY+ AND AN EXHIBITION ON WEDNESDAY (SEPTEMBER 25) FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

FROM 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON THAT DAY, VISITORS WILL BE WELCOMED AND WILL BE FREE TO TOUR ANY OF THE 24 WARDS, AND OTHER AREAS.

THE OCCASION IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS POLICY OF AN OCCASIONAL +OPEN DAY+ AT THIS HOSPITAL FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE PATIENTS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.

VISITORS WILL OBSERVE HOW THE HOSPITAL IS BEING RUN AND SEE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN PROGRESS, PATIENTS AT WORK, AT LEISURE, AND IN VARIOUS RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES SUCH AS VOLLEY-BALL AND TABLE-TENNIS.

THE EXHIBITION WILL FEATURE AN ART SHOW OF ITEMS PREPARED BY THE PATIENTS THEMSELVES, AND A CAREERS SECTION MOUNTED BY THE NURSING AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STAFF.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OCCASION COVERED. TRANSPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS, RADIO AND TV. A GOVERNMENT BUS AM5017 WILL LEAVE AT 2 P.M. SHARP FROM THE SUB-POOL BEHIND THE TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICE, AND WILL RETURN SHORTLY AFTER 4.15 P.M. MR. MAK KING-YIU, SENIOR INFORMATION OFFICER, MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THE NEWSMEN.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEDIA WILL BE FREE TO TOUR THE HOSPITAL PREMISES, AND SPEAK TO WHOEVER THEY LIKE ABOUT WHATEVER THEY LIKE, ONLY ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PATIENTS AND STAFF BE UNIDENTIFIABLE FOR REASONS OF CONFIDENTIALITY.

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