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## CASUALTY SERVICE TO BE EXTENDED TO MORE HOSPITALS

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS STRIVING VIGOROUSLY TO EXPAND ITS CASUALTY SERVICE IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE TREMENDOUS PRESSURE BEING EXERTED BY THE EVER-INCREASING POPULATION ON THIS SERVICE IN ALL REGIONAL HOSPITALS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN THIS SERVICE WERE TWO-PRONGED: TO INCORPORATE A CASUALTY DEPARTMENT IN EVERY NEW HOSPITAL AND TO EXTEND THE SERVICE IN EXISTING ONES.

SHATIN AND TUEN MUN HOSPITALS WILL EACH BE EQUIPPED WITH FULL CASUALTY SERVICE WHEN THEY BEGIN OPERATION IN 1982 AND 1985 RESPECTIVELY.

THREE OTHER NEW HOSPITALS, IN SHAU KEI WAN, TAI PO AND EAST KOWLOON WILL ALSO PROVIDE CASUALTY SERVICE TOWARDS THE LATTER PART OF THE 1980'S.

MEANWHILE, CONCRETE PLANS ARE IN THE PIPELINE TO EXPAND THE EXISTING CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS ON HONG KONG ISLAND. QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL WILL HAVE AN EXTENDED CASUALTY DEPARTMENT IN ITS REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, AND ADDED SPACE FOR THE CASUALTY WARD OF TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL IS EARMARKED IN THE NEW ANNEXE OVER THE EXISTING CAR PARK.

IN THE CASE OF GOVERNMENT ASSISTED HOSPITALS, CARITAS WILL SHORTLY BEGIN TO OPERATE CASUALTY SERVICE ON A LIMITED BASIS. POK OI AND YAN CHAI HOSPITALS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ROUND-THE-CLOCK SERVICE WHEN THEIR EXPANSION PROGRAMMES ARE COMPLETED BY 1984.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +OVER THE YEARS CASUALTY ATTENDANCE FIGURES HAVE SHOWN A STARTLING UPWARD TREND. IN THE LAST DECADE, CASUALTY ATTENDANCE ALMOST TRIPLED, FROM LESS THAN 340 000 IN 1969 TO 880 000 LAST YEAR.+

ON AVERAGE, OVER 2 400 PATIENTS ARE TREATED DAILY IN CASUALTY UNITS, OF WHICH 66 PER CENT ARE DEALT WITH IN THE FOUR MAJOR GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS. QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ALONE TAKES ON A LOAD OF ABOUT 700 PATIENTS PER DAY.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE HEAVY WORKLOAD OF THE CASUALTY UNIT IS PARTLY DUE TO ABUSE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

+MANY PEOPLE DO NOT SEEM TO REALISE THAT CASUALTY SERVICE IS SET UP FOR TREATING EMERGENCY CASES. IT IS OFTEN CONFUSED WITH THE GENERAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES PROVIDED IN GOVERNMENT CLINICS,+ HE SAID.

STATISTICS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS SHOW THAT ABOUT ONE THIRD OF THE CASES AT CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS HAD ONLY MINOR AILMENTS.

AS A REMEDIAL MEASURE TO RECTIFY THE SITUATION, A NURSING OFFICER IS USUALLY ASSIGNED TO A CASUALTY WARD TO SCREEN EVERY CASE THAT TURNS UP AND, ACCORDING TO THE DEGREE OF SEVERITY OF EACH CASE, TO DECIDE ON THE PRIORITY OF TREATMENT.

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+AS A RESULT CASES WHICH ARE NOT URGENT ARE OFTEN KEPT WAITING UNTIL ALL THE EMERGENCY CASES RECEIVE DUE TREATMENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED.

HE ALSO WARNED THAT NON-EMERGENCY CASES AT THE CASUALTY WARDS WOULD ONLY DELAY TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO NEEDED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION, AND COULD JEOPARDISE OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES.

HE URGED THE PUBLIC TO VISIT OUTPATIENT CLINICS FOR TREATMENT OF MINOR AILMENTS.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO MADE AVAILABLE EVENING SESSIONS AT 14 CLINICS. IN ADDITION, EIGHT CLINICS ARE OPEN ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.

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WARNING ON HUNG MING BALLOONS  
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ANYONE INTENDING TO TAKE A HUNG MING BALLOON INTO A COUNTRY PARK HAD BETTER THINK CAREFULLY. IF CAUGHT, A \$5 000 FINE AND A YEAR IN PRISON COULD RESULT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) HUNG MING BALLOONS (OR HOT AIR LANTERNS) WERE A SCOURGE OF THE COUNTRYSIDE DURING DRY WEATHER AND A WARNING AT THIS TIME WHEN THE LEVEL OF HUMIDITY WAS DROPPING WAS +MOST APPROPRIATE.+

HE SAID IN PAST YEARS RELEASING HUNG MING BALLOONS HAD BEEN PREVALENT IN AUTUMN WHEN THE COUNTRYSIDE WAS AT ITS DRIEST. THEY WERE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR LARGE NUMBERS OF FIRES, MANY IN AREAS FIREFIGHTERS FOUND DIFFICULT TO REACH.

HE SAID MANY BALLOONS WERE RELEASED FOR FUN, AND EACH YEAR LARGE AREAS OF THE COUNTRYSIDE SUFFERED SERIOUS HARM AS A RESULT.

HE SAID IN VIEW OF THE GROWING POPULARITY OF THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR RECREATION, THE GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING AN INCREASINGLY SERIOUS VIEW OF A MINORITY WHO STARTED COUNTRYSIDE FIRES.

THERE WOULD BE STEPPED-UP EFFORTS TO PREVENT HUNG MING BALLOONS FROM BEING TAKEN INTO COUNTRY PARK AREAS.

AND FINES AND IMPRISONMENT COULD ALSO BE IMPOSED IN CASES WHERE THE BALLOONS CAUSED DAMAGE OUTSIDE COUNTRY PARKS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE COUNTRYSIDE WAS AT RISK DURING THE PERIOD LEADING UP TO AND FOLLOWING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL WHICH FALLS ON OCTOBER 17 THIS YEAR.

+ON THE FESTIVAL DAY ITSELF IT IS USUAL FOR THE LARGEST NUMBER OF FIRES TO OCCUR,+ HE SAID. +APART FROM HUNG MING BALLOONS, CARELESSLY DISCARDED CIGARETTE ENDS AND LIGHTED MATCHES ALSO MAKE A HEAVY TOLL.+

/HE APPEALED .....

HE APPEALED FOR CO-OPERATION FROM ALL WHO VISIT THE COUNTRYSIDE FROM NOW ON TO PREVENT FIRES AND TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE DURING THE CHUNG YEUNG FESTIVAL PERIOD.

MEANWHILE, TAI PO HAS TAKEN A LEAD IN THE CAMPAIGN TO HIGHLIGHT THE FIRE RISK POSED BY HUNG MING BALLOONS.

A LOCAL RESIDENT, MR CHAN WAI-KAI, 29, HAS DESIGNED A POSTER ADVISING THE PUBLIC NOT TO RELEASE BALLOONS BECAUSE THEY ARE DANGEROUS.

ONE THOUSAND COPIES OF THE POSTER HAVE BEEN PUT UP IN PROMINENT SITES THROUGHOUT TAI PO DISTRICT.

+THE THREAT TO THE LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE IS BEING TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY,+ A DISTRICT OFFICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

FIRE WATCH PATROLS HAD BEEN SET UP IN LAM CHUEN AND PAN CHUNG, HIGH FIRE RISK AREAS.

THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION HAS ALSO WRITTEN TO THE HEUNG YEE KUK SEEKING THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL RURAL COMMITTEES AND VILLAGERS TO PREVENT FIRES.

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#### VOLUNTEERS JOIN SCHEME TO HELP PROBATIONERS

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SIXTY-FIVE PUBLIC-SPIRITED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM PRACTICALLY ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO JOIN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S VOLUNTEER SCHEME FOR PROBATIONERS.

THE VOLUNTEERS ATTENDED AN ORIENTATION COURSE THIS AFTERNOON WHICH PREPARED THEM TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S PROBATION OFFICERS TO REHABILITATE YOUNG OFFENDERS.

THEY WILL HELP THE PROBATIONERS SOLVE THEIR SOCIAL PROBLEMS THROUGH FRIENDSHIP AND CARE, AT THE SAME TIME AS THEY ARE GUIDED IN PROPER BEHAVIOURAL DEVELOPMENT BY THE REGULAR PROBATION OFFICERS.

IN THE ORIENTATION COURSE, THE VOLUNTEERS WERE GIVEN AN INSIGHT INTO THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF PROBATION SERVICE. THEY WILL BE MATCHED LATER WITH PROBATIONERS ACCORDING TO MUTUAL INTEREST.

THEY MAY HELP PROBATIONERS ACQUIRE HEALTHY HOBBIES BY ACCOMPANYING THEM IN RECREATIONAL OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. OTHERS WHO ARE PROFESSIONALS CAN PROVIDE TUITION OR IMPART KNOWLEDGE IN THEIR FIELD OF SPECIALTY.

AT A CEREMONY HELD IN THE DUKE OF WINDSOR SOCIAL SERVICE BUILDING BEFORE THE COURSE STARTED, THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MRS EVELYN DOE, WELCOMED THE NEW VOLUNTEERS AND THANKED THEM FOR GIVING UP THEIR FREE TIME TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SCHEME.

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MRS DOE SAID PROBATION OFFICERS HAD TO MAKE USE OF THEIR SOCIAL WORK KNOWLEDGE, APART FROM STATUTORY SUPERVISION, TO ACHIEVE THE AIM OF REFORMING PROBATIONERS.

+THEY HELP THE OFFENDERS BY WAY OF FRIENDSHIP AND GUIDANCE, AND GIVE THEM THE ENCOURAGEMENT THEY NEED DURING THEIR PROBATION PERIOD,+ SHE SAID.

DURING THEIR REHABILITATION PROCESS, SHE ADDED, THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTES A LOT TOWARDS STRENGTHENING THEIR WILLPOWER TO CHANGE AND ENHANCES THEIR CHANCE OF SUCCESSFUL RE-INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

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#### PROPER HANDLING OF EARTH-MOVING MACHINES

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EARTH-MOVING MACHINERY, SUCH AS LOADERS AND EXCAVATORS, SHOULD BE OPERATED PROPERLY AND CAUTIOUSLY -- OR THE CONSEQUENCES COULD BE FATAL.

THIS WARNING WAS GIVEN TODAY BY A SPOKESMAN FOR THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF TWO WORKERS AND INJURY TO FOUR OTHERS IN TWO RECENT CONSTRUCTION SITE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING AN EARTH-MOVER AND A FORK-LIFT TRUCK.

HE POINTED OUT THAT EARTH-MOVING MACHINERY WAS NOW COMMONLY USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. +NO DOUBT, THEY ARE EFFECTIVE MACHINES IF OPERATED PROPERLY, BUT CAN BE DANGEROUS WHEN MISHANDLED.+

THE SPOKESMAN CITED THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLES:

- \* RUNNING INTO THE SEA AT RECLAMATION SITES,
- \* OVERTURNING ON UNSTABLE GROUND AND ON STEEP SLOPES OR WHEN THERE IS IMPROPER BACKING AND SPEEDING.

UNTRAINED PERSONNEL AND RECKLESS DRIVERS ARE BELIEVED TO BE THE MAIN CAUSE OF ACCIDENTS, SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

+THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT ONLY PUTTING THEIR OWN LIVES AT STAKE BUT ALSO ENDANGERING THE LIVES OF OTHERS,+ HE ADDED.

MEANWHILE, HE URGED ALL BUILDING CONTRACTORS TO ENSURE THAT ONLY TRAINED OPERATORS WERE ALLOWED TO DRIVE EARTH-MOVING MACHINERY OR ANY MOBILE EQUIPMENT ON A CONSTRUCTION SITE AND TO FORBID THE CARRYING OF PASSENGERS ON SUCH EQUIPMENT.

APART FROM TEACHING THE DRIVERS ALL THE RELEVANT DRIVING SKILLS THEY SHOULD BE EDUCATED TO +ALWAYS PLAY SAFETY FIRST+.

+BOTH CONTRACTORS AND DRIVERS SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT ALL OPERATING CONDITIONS ON THE SITE ARE SUITABLE FOR THE MACHINE THEY INTEND TO USE BEFORE STARTING WORK,+ SAID THE SPOKESMAN.

HE ADDED THAT FORK-LIFT TRUCKS WERE DESIGNED FOR USE ON SMOOTH SURFACES, AND SHOULD NOT BE USED ON ROUGH TERRAIN.

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CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION  
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THE SECRETARY FOR THE CIVIL SERVICE, MR MARTIN ROWLANDS, WILL OFFICIALLY OPEN A CIVIL SERVICE CAREERS EXHIBITION AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG AT 11 AM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 7).

ALSO OFFICIATING AT THE CEREMONY WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS BOARD, MISS LYDIA DUNN.

THE EXHIBITION IS JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE BRANCH OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT AND THE UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS BOARD. IT WILL CLOSE ON OCTOBER 9.

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE OPENING CEREMONY COVERED. IT WILL BE HELD AT THE STAFF/STUDENT CENTRE OF NEW ASIA COLLEGE, CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

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CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM AT NEW RACE COURSE  
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SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES, HAS URGED TAI PO RESIDENTS TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO +WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY+ TO REDUCE THE POLLUTION OF TOLO HARBOUR.

MR AKERS-JONES WAS SPEAKING TODAY AT THE 13TH CROSS TOLO HARBOUR SWIM, IN WHICH MORE THAN 400 SWIMMERS TOOK PART.

HE SAID THIS YEAR'S EVENT WAS DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS' IN TWO RESPECTS.

+FIRSTLY, WE ARE IN A NEW SITE HAVING HAD TO ABANDON THE OLD ONE BECAUSE OF RECLAMATION AND THE CONSEQUENT DETERIORATION IN WATER QUALITY,+ HE SAID.

+SECONDLY, TODAY'S EVENT IS ORGANISED BY THE TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION INSTEAD OF THE FORMER ORGANISATION WHICH COVERED THE WHOLE OF THE NORTHERN NEW TERRITORIES.+

MR AKERS-JONES SAID THE TWO CHANGES ALSO EMPHASISED THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT.

+FIRSTLY FOR WHATEVER MEASURES MAY BE NECESSARY TO REDUCE THE POLLUTION OF TOLO HARBOUR.

+SECONDLY FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE NEW TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION IN ITS PROJECT TO BUILD A \$12 MILLION INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE FOR THE PEOPLE.+

--- /MR AKERS-JONES .....

MR AKERS-JONES APPEALED TO ALL PEOPLE OF TAI PO TO GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THESE OBJECTIVES.

THE NEW COURSE IS FROM SHA LAN BEACH TO THE TAI MEI TUK SEA ACTIVITIES CENTRE, A DISTANCE OF 2 400 METRES. IT HAS REPLACED THE TRADITIONAL 2 000-METRE COURSE BETWEEN NAM HANG AND YUEN CHAU TSAI, WHICH HAS BEEN SHORTENED AS A RESULT OF RECLAMATION WORK FOR NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT.

THE EVENT, ORGANISED BY TAI PO SPORTS ASSOCIATION WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD, ATTRACTED 339 ENTRANTS IN THE MEN'S SECTION AND 69 IN THE WOMEN'S SECTION, ABOUT THE SAME NUMBER AS LAST YEAR. THE OLDEST PARTICIPANT WAS 48 AND THE YOUNGEST 12.

THE RACE STARTED AT 10.30 AM AT SHA LAN BEACH, WHERE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, MR NICHOLAS NG, FIRED THE STARTING GUN.

WINNER OF THE MEN'S SECTION WAS MR CHEUNG WAN-CHI WHO FINISHED IN A TIME OF 36 MINUTES 39 SECONDS. THE WOMEN'S SECTION WINNER WAS MISS MAK SIU-PING, WHOSE TIME WAS 42 MINUTES 38 SECONDS. THIS IS THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR MISS MAK, AGED 16, WON THE RACE.

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EVERGREEN TREES PLANTED ALONG TAI PO ROAD  
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IN THE RECENT PLANTING SEASON A RECORD NUMBER OF 8 700 EVERGREEN TREES AND TREE SEEDLINGS HAVE BEEN PLANTED ALONG BOTH SIDES OF A TWO-KILOMETRE STRETCH OF TAI PO ROAD NEAR TAI PO KAU GARDEN TO BEAUTIFY THE ENVIRONMENT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY EYE-PLEASING TREES AND TREE SEEDLINGS OF VARIOUS SPECIES WERE PLANTED ON THE SECTION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN THE APPROACH ROADS OF TAI PO KAU RAILWAY STATION AND THE 'LOOK OUT'.

AS A RESULT OF A WELL-PLANNED LANDSCAPE DESIGN, THE HIGHWAY WILL BE TURNED INTO A SCENIC ROAD AS THE TREES FLOWER IN SEASON A FEW YEARS LATER, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

AMONG THE NEWLY PLANTED TREES AND TREE SEEDLINGS WERE THE BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTAL HONG KONG ORCHID TREE AND THE CAMEL'S FOOT TREE AS WELL AS THE POPULAR FLOWERING FLAME-OF-THE-FOREST.

THERE WERE ALSO A NUMBER OF HANDSOME DECIDUOUS JACARANDA TREE, THE GRACEFUL EVERGREEN ACACIA TREE, SUNSHINE TREE AND CANDLENUT TREE.

TO BRIGHTEN THE HIGHWAY, A TOTAL OF 3 300 SQUARE METRES OF ROUGH PAVEMENT WERE ALSO TURFED.

THE SPOKESMAN APPEALED TO CHILDREN, VILLAGERS AND HOLIDAY MAKERS VISITING TAI PO ROAD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES NOT TO DAMAGE THE TREES AND THE TREE SEEDLINGS AS THEY ARE THERE TO CREATE A PLEASANT ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY.

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CONCERT BY +CHENG+ VIRTUOSO  
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THE WORLD-RENOWNED +CHENG+ VIRTUOSO PROFESSOR LIANG TSAI-PING WILL GIVE A LECTURE-DEMONSTRATION CONCERT ON THURSDAY (OCTOBER 9) AT 6 PM.

THE CONCERT WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE MUSIC OFFICE AND WILL TAKE PLACE IN ITS WEST KOWLOON SUB-OFFICE, THIRD FLOOR, TUNG PING BUILDING, 157-159 PRINCE EDWARD ROAD, MONG KOK.

ADMISSION WILL BE FREE.

PROFESSOR LIANG WILL EXPLAIN, IN BOTH MANDARIN AND ENGLISH, THE HISTORY OF +CHENG+, A POPULAR CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT, AND POINT OUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF THIS INSTRUMENT WITH THE JAPANESE KOTO, KOREAN KAYAKUM AND VIETNAMESE DAN TRAN.

HE WILL ALSO PERFORM TRADITIONAL PIECES AND SELECTIONS OF HIS OWN COMPOSITIONS. THE WORKS WILL INCLUDE +THE SONG OF SILK POUNDING+, +FLOATING LOTUS+, +MUTUAL LONGING+, AND +HIGH MOUNTAIN AND FLOWING STREAM+.

FOR MANY DECADES, PROFESSOR LIANG HAS DEDICATED HIMSELF TO RESEARCH IN AND PERFORMANCE OF THE +CHENG+. HE HAS BEEN ACCLAIMED FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PROMOTION OF TRADITIONAL AND IN PARTICULAR ANCIENT CHINESE MUSIC. HE HAS GIVEN MORE THAN 200 CONCERTS TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL EXCHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES, CANADA, JAPAN, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND EUROPE.

HE IS THE FIRST CHINESE MUSICIAN TO STAGE A CONCERT AT CARNEGIE HALL AND LINCOLN CENTRE IN THE USA.

PROFESSOR LIANG HAS RELEASED OVER 30 RECORD ALBUMS AND HIS COMPOSITIONS ARE WELL RECEIVED BY +CHENG+-LOVERS.

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WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN BEACON HILL WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR NINE HOURS FROM 9 PM ON TUESDAY (OCTOBER 7) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR REPAIRS.

THE PREMISES TO BE AFFECTED ARE THOSE ON BEACON HILL ROAD, EASTBOURNE ROAD, RHONDDA ROAD, ALNWICK ROAD, WARWICK ROAD, EDE ROAD, BROADCAST DRIVE, FESSENDEN ROAD AND MARCONI ROAD.

SUPPLY TO AN AREA OF KOWLOON CITY WILL ALSO BE INTERRUPTED FROM TUESDAY MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY NGA TSIN WAI ROAD, KAI TAK ROAD, CARPENTER ROAD AND NGA TSIN LONG ROAD.

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