



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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RABIES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT IS TO CONDUCT A CONCERTED RABIES AWARENESS CAMPAIGN IN THE NEW TERRITORIES FOR TWO WEEKS STARTING FROM MONDAY.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN OFFICERS FROM THE DEPARTMENT WILL INOCULATE DOGS AGAINST RABIES AND ISSUE LICENCES VALID FOR THREE YEARS. THEY WILL ALSO ACCEPT ANY UNWANTED DOGS VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED BY OWNERS.

THE CAMPAIGN WILL START AT TUEN MUN ON MONDAY AND FINISH AT TAI PO ON MAY 18.

THE DEPARTMENT'S VETERINARY OFFICER (HEALTH), MR. NORMAN CHENG SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THIS WILL BE THE FIRST CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT SINCE THE DOGS AND CATS (AMENDMENTS) REGULATIONS WERE INTRODUCED LAST YEAR.

+THE NEW REGULATIONS EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF A DOG LICENCE TO THREE YEARS TO FALL IN LINE WITH THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION,+ HE SAID.

+SINCE MAY 1977, BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE OF RABIES ELSEWHERE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A SERIES OF RABIES AWARENESS AND LICENSING CAMPAIGNS THROUGHOUT HONG KONG. THESE CAMPAIGNS HAVE SO FAR RESULTED IN SOME 25,000 DOGS BEING VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES... ABOUT 13,000 MORE THAN THE USUAL ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR VACCINATION.

+AFTER THE MAJOR TERRITORY-WIDE CAMPAIGN TWO YEARS AGO, THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF MINI-CAMPAIGNS CONCENTRATING MAINLY ON THE URBAN AREAS. NOW IT IS TIME TO EXTEND OUR EFFORTS TO THE NEW TERRITORIES,+ SAID MR. CHENG.

DOG INOCULATION AND LICENSING TEAMS WILL SPEND ONE DAY AT EACH OF THE DISTRICTS (TUEN MUN, HUNG SHUI KIU, HA TSUEN, YUEN LONG, KAM TIN, SAN TIN, KU TUNG, SHEUNG SHUI, FANLING AND TAI PO) DURING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

THERE WILL BE ONE STATIONARY UNIT IN A CENTRAL LOCATION IN EACH MAJOR TOWN AS WELL AS A MOBILE UNIT WHICH WILL CALL AT SMALLER VILLAGES IN EACH DISTRICT.

MR. CHENG SAID ALL VILLAGES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE CAMPAIGN THROUGH LEAFLETS AND POSTERS DISTRIBUTED THROUGH SCHOOLS, RURAL COMMITTEES AND DISTRICT OFFICES BY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION OFFICERS.

HE SAID THERE WILL ALSO BE MOBILE VANS BROADCASTING THE LOCATIONS AS WELL AS RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS EACH DAY OF THE CAMPAIGN.

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+IT IS DIFFICULT TO FORECAST HOW MANY DOGS WILL BE INOCULATED DURING THE TWO-WEEK PERIOD, BUT WE HOPE AS MANY DOG OWNERS AS POSSIBLE WILL BRING THEIR DOGS TO US FOR INOCULATION AND LICENSING,+ SAID MR. CHENG.

HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THE ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION IS FREE THERE WOULD BE THE STATUTORY FEE OF \$15 FOR THE DOG LICENCE.

THE DOGS AND CATS (AMENDMENTS) REGULATIONS MAKE IT COMPULSORY FOR ALL DOGS OVER FIVE MONTHS OLD TO BE VACCINATED AGAINST RABIES.

MR. CHENG SAID THAT AS A FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY TO THE CAMPAIGN, THE DEPARTMENT'S DOG CATCHING TEAMS WILL REVISIT THE 10 DISTRICTS AT A LATER DATE TO ROUND-UP STRAY DOGS IN THE AREA.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

CHAIRMAN OF THE SAP PAT HEUNG RURAL COMMITTEE, MR. TAI KUEN WILL HAVE HIS DOG INOCULATED AND LICENSED AT 10 A.M. ON MAY 10 AT THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRE AT THE SIDE OF THE YUEN LONG OFFICE OF THE IMMIGRATION DEPARTMENT, 208 YUEN LONG MAIN ROAD.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT AND RECEIVE AN UP-TO-DATE BRIEFING ON THE CAMPAIGN. AFD TRANSPORT WILL LEAVE KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 9 A.M. ON MAY 10 FOR YUEN LONG.

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AIRPORT CAR PARK SCHEDULED TO OPEN THIS SUMMER

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THE FIRST PHASE OF STAGE ONE OF THE MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK AT THE HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IS NEARING COMPLETION.

A SPOKEMAN FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE PROJECT, COSTING \$6.7 MILLION, FORMED PART OF THE IMPROVEMENT WORK BEING CARRIED OUT AT THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING.

ON COMPLETION, IT WILL PROVIDE THREE ADDITIONAL FLOORS FOR 400 VEHICLES NORTH OF THE PRESENT EXTENSION TO THE TERMINAL.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID: +THE CAR PARK IS EXPECTED TO BE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC LATER THIS SUMMER. BY THEN TRAVELLERS WILL BE ABLE TO MOVE FROM THE CAR PARK TO THE TERMINAL BUILDING WITHOUT HAVING TO WALK IN THE OPEN.+

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CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE PLAYING MORE ACTIVE ANTI-DRUGS ROLE
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THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE SERVICE NOW PLAYS A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN ANTI-NARCOTICS OPERATIONS, BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY, APART FROM ITS TRADITIONAL ROLE IN COLLECTING, AND PROTECTING, REVENUE FROM DUTIABLE COMMODITIES AND OTHER VARIED RESPONSIBILITIES.

MR. GEORGE WELSBY, SENIOR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SERVICE, SAID THIS WHEN TAKING THE SALUTE AT THE PASSING-OUT PARADE OF 13 PROBATIONARY INSPECTORS OF THE SERVICE THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING.

THE INSPECTORS HAVE JUST COMPLETED A SIX-MONTH INDUCTION TRAINING COURSE AT THE CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TRAINING SCHOOL IN TAI LAM CHUNG.

MR. WELSBY, WHO RETIRES IN JULY AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS' SERVICE, TOLD THE GRADUATES THAT THE SERVICE HAD SEEN MANY CHANGES DURING THE PAST 30 YEARS.

WHEN HE JOINED IN 1950 ITS STRENGTH WAS LESS THAN 300, BUT IT HAS NOW GROWN TO NEARLY 1,500.

THE WORK OF THE SERVICE HAS ALSO INCREASED BOTH IN COMPLEXITY AND VARIETY, HE SAID.

+THIS EXPLAINS WHY, DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS, YOUR TRAINING HAS BEEN STRENUOUS AND COMPREHENSIVE IN ORDER TO ARM YOU WITH THE BASIC SKILLS WHICH WILL ENABLE YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE SERVICE.

+YOUR DUTIES WILL DEMAND PATIENCE, HARD WORK, COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE AND IMAGINATION,+ HE SAID.

+THEY WILL, AT TIMES, BE HAZARDOUS AND PHYSICALLY EXHAUSTING. THEY WILL BRING YOU INTO DAILY CONTACT WITH PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, SOME OF WHOM WILL TRY TO PERSUADE YOU FROM THE STRICT PATH OF DUTY.

+DON'T SUCCUMB, BUT REMEMBER YOUR TRAINING HERE AND CARRY OUT YOUR DUTIES WITHOUT FEAR OR FAVOUR. THE REPUTATION OF THIS SERVICE IS HELD IN HIGH REGARD, AND YOU MUST EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO UPHOLD ITS GOOD NAME,+ MR. WELSBY ADDED.

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ROAD SAFETY DEMONSTRATION IN YAU MA TEI
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YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE, OTHER DISTRICT VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS WILL STAGE A THREE-HOUR ROAD SAFETY DEMONSTRATION TOMORROW (SUNDAY).

MORE THAN 40 ROAD SAFETY PATROLS FROM THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART. THEY WILL SHOW PEDESTRIANS THE CORRECT AND SAFE WAY TO CROSS THE ROAD AND BRIEF THEM ON THE ROAD SAFETY CODE.

THE DEMONSTRATION IS PART OF A SERIES OF ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO SUPPORT THE ON-GOING TERRITORY-WIDE ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE THREE-HOUR ROAD SAFETY DEMONSTRATION IN YAU MA TEI TOMORROW (SUNDAY). THE DEMONSTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE SIMULTANEOUSLY AT 3 P.M. AT THE FOOTBRIDGE AT THE JUNCTION OF FERRY STREET AND JORDAN ROAD, THE ZEBRA-CROSSINGS OFF THE OCEAN CENTRE IN CANTON ROAD AND THE YAU MA TEI KAIFONG ASSOCIATION IN SAIGON STREET.

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GAMES DAY FOR TYPHOON SHELTER CHILDREN
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A GAMES DAY ORGANISED BY THE YAU MA TEI CITY DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE YOUTH WORK UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT WILL BE HELD TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FOR 200 CHILDREN FROM THE YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER.

THE EVENT IS PART OF THE FLOATING POPULATION RECREATIONAL SCHEME OPERATED BY THE YAU MA TEI C.D.O., OTHER VOLUNTARY AGENCIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS IN THE DISTRICT.

THERE WILL BE GROUP GAMES AND STALLS FOR THE CHILDREN IN TOMORROW'S EVENT. TEA AND LUNCH WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE GAMES DAY FOR 200 CHILDREN FROM YAU MA TEI TYPHOON SHELTER TOMORROW (SUNDAY) FROM 9.30 A.M. TO 4 P.M. AT THE TUNG KUN DISTRICT SOCIETY FONG SHUE CHUEN SCHOOL, TUNG KUN STREET, KOWLOON.

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FIRING PRACTICE
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FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FOR FIVE DAYS NEXT WEEK.

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

THE PRACTISING TIMES ARE :

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TIME</u> |
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| MAY 7 (MONDAY) | 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. |
| MAY 8 (TUESDAY) | 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. |
| MAY 9 (WEDNESDAY) | 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. |
| MAY 10 (THURSDAY) | 8 A.M. - 5 P.M. |
| MAY 11 (FRIDAY) | 8 A.M. - 4 P.M. |

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ONE-WAY TRAFFIC
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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SATURDAY) THAT THE SECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET BETWEEN SAI YEUNG CHOI STREET AND TUNG CHOI STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED FROM TWO-WAY TO ONE-WAY EASTBOUND FROM 10 A.M. ON MONDAY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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