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ANTI-RABIES CAMPAIGN STEPPED UP

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THE ANTI-RABIES CHECK ON DOGS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE STEPPED UP THIS WEEK TO INCLUDE THE URBAN AREAS AND FISHING POPULATION.

STAFF FROM ALL BRANCHES OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT ARE BEING DEPLOYED IN THE OPERATION.

SOME 84 COUNTRY PARKS RANGERS, FOREST GUARDS AND OTHER STAFF HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE ENTRY POINTS TO THE SHEUNG SHUI AREA WHERE AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD BOY DIED OF RABIES LAST WEEK.

MORE THAN 60 STAFF OF THE CONSERVATION AND COUNTRY PARKS BRANCH WILL BE ASSISTING THE AGRICULTURAL BRANCH STAFF IN DOG CATCHING OPERATIONS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES.

TWENTY-FOUR RANGERS AND FOREST GUARDS WILL BE MANNING FOUR CHECK POINTS WITH POLICE ASSISTANCE.

PEOPLE FOUND ATTEMPTING TO TAKE DOGS INTO THE AREA WILL BE TURNED BACK. THOSE FOUND TAKING DOGS OUT OF THE AREA WILL BE SENT TO THE SHEK WU HUI CHECK POINT WHERE THE DOG LICENCE WILL BE VERIFIED.

IF THE LICENCE IS VALID THE DOG WILL BE RETURNED TO ITS OWNER. IF THE DOG IS NOT LICENCED IT WILL BE DETAINED.

WARNING SIGNS ARE BEING SET UP AT THE CHECK POINTS BETWEEN POK SHEK AU AND DILLS CORNER, SOUTH OF YING PUN VILLAGE, NEAR SHEK WU HUI AND NEAR FANLING WAI.

IN THE URBAN AREAS FOUR TEAMS OF DOG CATCHERS WILL BE PICKING UP STRAY DOGS AND DOGS NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THEIR OWNERS OR HANDLERS.

THESE DOGS WILL BE DETAINED FOR FIVE DAYS AT A GOVERNMENT KENNEL AND IF NOT CLAIMED WILL BE HUMANELY DESTROYED.

ON WEDNESDAY ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION TEAMS WILL BE OPERATING AT THREE FISH MARKETS AND FISHERIES BRANCH STAFF WILL ENSURE THAT DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED OFF FISHING VESSELS.

FISH MARKETING ORGANISATIONS SECURITY GUARDS WILL ALSO BE POSTED AT TAI PO AND SHA TAU KOK TO ENSURE THAT DOGS FROM FISHING BOATS DO NOT COME ASHORE.

THE INOCULATION TEAMS WILL BE AT ABERDEEN FISH MARKET DAILY FROM 6 AM TO 4 PM= AT CHEUNG SHA WAN MARKET FROM 6 AM TO MIDDAY= AND AT CASTLE PEAK MARKET FROM 10 AM TO 5 PM.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT STRONGLY ADVISED DOG OWNERS TO KEEP THEIR DOGS' LICENCE AND THE ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION UP TO DATE.

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HE WARNED THAT ANY DOG FOUND ANYWHERE IN HONG KONG WITHOUT A LEASH WOULD BE ROUNDED UP BY THE DEPARTMENT'S DOG CATCHING TEAMS AND DETAINED.

HE ADVISED THAT ALL DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE OWNER'S HOME AND IF TAKEN OUT IN THE STREETS IT MUST BE ON A LEASH AND UNDER CONTROL OF THE HANDLER.

THE SPOKESMAN URGED THAT ANYONE BITTEN BY A DOG TO SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IMMEDIATELY AND REPORT TO THE POLICE.

MEANWHILE, A TOTAL OF 72 PERSONS WITH DOG BITES HAVE COME FORWARD TO THE FIVE GOVERNMENT TREATMENT CENTRES IN THE PAST 24 HOURS ENDING AT 4 PM TODAY (MONDAY).

ALL THESE CASES ARE SYMPTOM-FREE. THESE BROUGHT TO 137 THE NUMBER OF CASES ATTENDED TO AT THE FIVE TREATMENT CENTRES AFTER THE ADVICE GIVEN LAST SATURDAY BY THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES.

OF THE 72 DOG BITE CASES, 50 INVOLVED DOGS WHICH ARE KNOWN TO THE PEOPLE BITTEN. FIFTY-SIX OF THE PEOPLE ACCEPTED THE VACCINATION OR TREATMENT OFFERED.

EACH CASE IS CAREFULLY ASSESSED BY THE ATTENDING DOCTOR WHO EXPLAINS THE SITUATION TO THE PATIENT. IT IS UP TO EACH PATIENT WHETHER TO DECIDE TO ACCEPT THE TREATMENT OFFERED.

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HONG KONG-NORWAY TEXTILES CONSULTATIONS TO RESUME TOMORROW
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CONSULTATIONS WITH NORWAY ON ARRANGEMENTS TO REPLACE NORWAY'S EXISTING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN TEXTILE PRODUCTS WILL RESUME IN HONG KONG TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE LAST ROUND OF TALKS, ADJOURNED WITHOUT AGREEMENT, WAS HELD IN SEPTEMBER.

THE CURRENT CONSULTATIONS FOLLOW A DECISION BY THE GATT COUNCIL IN JUNE THIS YEAR THAT NORWAY'S RESTRICTIONS UNDER ARTICLE XIX WERE INCONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GATT. THE COUNCIL MADE A STRONG APPEAL TO BOTH PARTIES TO INTENSIFY THEIR EFFORTS TO REACH A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENT.

THE SIX-MEMBER NORWEGIAN DELEGATION IS HEADED BY MR ARNE LANGELAND, DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND SHIPPING. HONG KONG'S DELEGATION WILL BE LED BY THE ACTING COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR K.Y. YEUNG.

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\$21 MILLION SHA TIN ROAD CONTRACT

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THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TODAY (MONDAY) LET A \$21 MILLION CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND DRAINAGE NEAR SHA TIN WAI AND CHAP WAI KON IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

THE CONTRACT, PART OF STAGE I OF THE NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, INVOLVES THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOUT TWO KILOMETRES OF DISTRIBUTOR ROADS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE, FOOTPATHS AND CYCLE TRACKS.

IT WAS SIGNED THIS MORNING BY MR S.K. KWEI, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE SHA TIN NEW TOWN DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE PWD AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXPRESS TRANSPORT AND BUILDING CONTRACTORS LTD.

MR KWEI SAID THAT ON COMPLETION, THESE ROADS WOULD PROVIDE ACCESS TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NORTH EASTERN PART OF THE NEW TOWN WHERE THE SHA TIN TEACHING HOSPITAL AND A HOME OWNERSHIP SCHEME BUILDING ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE EXTENSION OF AN EXISTING STORMWATER CULVERT NEAR TSANG TAI UK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT FORMATION OF A 5.6-HECTARE SITE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING.

WORK WILL START LATER NEXT WEEK AND WILL TAKE ABOUT 17 MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

THE PROJECT HAS BEEN DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTION WILL BE SUPERVISED BY MAUNSELL CONSULTANTS ASIA, CONSULTING ENGINEERS TO PWD'S NEW TERRITORIES DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

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REGIONAL OFFICERS FOR JSEA SYSTEM

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A TEAM OF OFFICERS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE JUNIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION ASSESSMENT (JSEA) SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON ON A REGIONAL BASIS WITH SCHOOLS PARTICIPATING IN THE JSEA SYSTEM.

EACH OF THE SEVEN REGIONAL OFFICERS WILL BE LOOKING AFTER ABOUT 60 SCHOOLS, AND THEY WILL BE VISITING THESE SCHOOLS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

PRINCIPALS ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE RELEVANT REGIONAL OFFICERS ON ANY ENQUIRIES THEY WISH TO MAKE REGARDING THE JSEA SYSTEM.

THE FIRST JSEA SCALING TEST IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON JANUARY 8 AND 9, 1981, WHEN FORM III STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN TESTS IN ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND CHINESE.

/ALL OFFICERS

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ALL OFFICERS OF THE JSEA SECTION (TEL NO. 5-276339) ARE STATIONED IN BLOCK AA, SECOND FLOOR, VICTORIA BARRACKS.

THE NAMES OF THE REGIONAL OFFICERS ARE LISTED BELOW, AND PRINCIPALS CAN LOCATE THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONAL OFFICERS BY THE CORRESPONDING SCHOOL CODE :

<u>NAME OF OFFICER</u>	<u>SCHOOLS RESPONSIBLE (IN SCHOOL CODES)</u>
MISS LEE YU-HING	100 - 159, 270 - 299
MR LAW HING-LUN	160 - 269
MR G. SINGH	300 - 359, 590 - 649
MR LEE KWOK-SUNG	360 - 489
MISS MAN PIK-TIN, JANET	490 - 589
MR LI CHE-CHEUNG	650 - 769
MR IEONG IOK-LON	770 - 929, 020 - 089

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TRAINING CENTRE FOR MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT HAS EARMARKED \$8.1 MILLION FROM THE LOTTERIES FUND AS CAPITAL AND RECURRENT GRANTS FOR A TRAINING CENTRE PROJECT FOR SEVERELY MENTALLY RETARDED ADULTS.

THE LAI YIU ADULT TRAINING CENTRE IN KWAI CHUNG, RUN BY THE SOCIETY OF HOMES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, HAS STARTED ADMITTING MENTALLY DISABLED PERSONS AGED BETWEEN 16 AND 40.

OCCUPYING 1 820 SQUARE METRES IN LAI YIU ESTATE, THE CENTRE HAS A CAPACITY FOR 100 --- 70 IN THE RESIDENTIAL SECTION AND 30 IN THE DAY CARE SECTION.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR THOMAS LEE, THIS (MONDAY) MORNING VISITED THE CENTRE AND INSPECTED ITS FACILITIES, WHICH INCLUDE FOUR LARGE TRAINING ROOMS, DORMITORIES, A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL, CANTEEN, SICK BAY AND KITCHEN.

THE CENTRE HAS TAKEN IN 15 TRAINEES AND MR LEE SAW THEM BEING TRAINED IN BASIC SELF-HELP, SIMPLE HANDICRAFT AND WORK HABITS AS PART OF THE REHABILITATION PROCESS.

TRAINING ACTIVITIES ALSO INCLUDE SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMMES UNDER WHICH THEY ARE TAKEN OUT FOR VISITS TO SUPERMARKETS AND FOR MEALS IN RESTAURANTS, AS WELL AS SWIMMING, CAMPING AND TOURS TO OCEAN PARK.

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ADMISSIONS TO THE CENTRE WOULD BE ARRANGED PROGRESSIVELY AND WOULD BE MAINLY REFERRALS BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

THE PROJECT IS INITIALLY FINANCED BY LOTTERIES FUND GRANTS FOR FOUR YEARS, AFTER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONSIDER GIVING SUBVENTION. CAPITAL COST WAS \$1.88 MILLION, WHILE RECURRENT EXPENDITURE IS \$1.56 MILLION PER ANNUM.

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COMMUNICATION IMPORTANT IN EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

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FAILURE TO GRASP THE HUMAN ASPECTS OF AN EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP OFTEN LEADS TO BREAKDOWN OF MUTUAL COMMUNICATION OR UNDERSTANDING, THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S CHIEF LABOUR OFFICER (LABOUR RELATIONS), MR DONALD CHAN, SAID TODAY (MONDAY) AT A ROTARY CLUB OF VICTORIA LUNCHEON MEETING.

MR CHAN POINTED OUT THAT TWO FACTORS WERE CRITICAL FOR THE BASIS OF GOOD HUMAN RELATIONSHIP AT WORK.

FIRST, HE EXPLAINED, EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES HAD TO ACCEPT EACH OTHER WITH FULL AND MUTUAL RESPECT. SECOND, THERE MUST BE ADEQUATE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES.

THE MOST COMMON METHOD OF COMMUNICATION IN AN ORGANISATION WAS THROUGH THE HIERARCHY. THE PROBLEM HERE, HOWEVER, WAS THAT INFORMATION WOULD BE FILTERED AT EACH LEVEL OF THE HIERARCHY. AS A RESULT, TOP MANAGEMENT WAS LIKELY TO LOSE TOUCH WITH EMPLOYEES AT THE GRASS-ROOT LEVEL.

MR CHAN SAID THERE WERE VARIOUS WAYS AND MEANS TO SUPPLEMENT THIS MODE OF COMMUNICATION.

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES, FOR EXAMPLE, WERE FREQUENTLY USED IN LARGE COMPANIES TO FACILITATE A DIRECT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE TOP AND THE BOTTOM OF THE ORGANISATION.

JOINT CONSULTATION COULD ALWAYS BE APPROACHED, TO BEGIN WITH, IN THE MORE FLEXIBLE AND LESS FORMALISED MANNER.

IT WAS OFTEN FOUND EFFECTIVE AND PRACTICAL, FOR INSTANCE, IF THE EMPLOYER COULD START WITH COMMITTEES ON LESS SENSITIVE MATTERS SUCH AS WELFARE, TRANSPORT OR RECREATION.

+THESE PRACTICES THEREFORE SERVE NOT ONLY AS SUPPLEMENTARY CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BUT ALSO AS TRAINING GROUNDS FOR WORKERS REPRESENTATIVES WHO AT A LATER DATE COULD FUNCTION IN THE MORE FORMAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES,+ SAID MR CHAN.

ON THE ROLE OF TRADE UNIONS, MR CHAN SAID THAT MAINTAINING A VIABLE AND WORKABLE DIALOGUE WITH THEM CONSTITUTED A SALIENT ASPECT OF LABOUR-MANAGEMENT COMMUNICATION.

/TRADE UNIONS

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TRADE UNIONS WERE OFTEN READY TO SEEK COMPROMISE AND CO-OPERATE WITH MANAGEMENT, PROVIDED THAT THE MANAGEMENT WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT THEM, GIVE THEM DUE RECOGNITION AND PLACE THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONSHIP ON A CONGENIAL AND EQUAL FOOTING.

+SUCH A PARTNERSHIP IS INSTRUMENTAL FOR PROMOTING AND STABILISING GOOD LABOUR RELATIONS,+ MR CHAN NOTED.

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SAI KUNG ISLAND TO GET WATER SUPPLY

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OBTAINING FRESH WATER WILL NO LONGER BE A PROBLEM FOR CAMPERS AND PICNICKERS ON SHARP ISLAND, SAI KUNG.

A WELL AND WATER TANK ARE BEING PROVIDED NEAR HAR MUN BAY BEACH.

THE \$19 000 PROJECT IS DUE TO BE COMPLETED LATER THIS MONTH.

THE SAI KUNG DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDED MONEY FOR THE PROJECT AND SAI KUNG DISTRICT OFFICE WORKS OFFICE DESIGNED AND IS SUPERVISING IT.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD SAID HAR MUN BAY WAS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR CAMPING SPOTS IN SAI KUNG. THE PROVISION OF A RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY WAS NECESSARY, HE SAID, TO MEET CAMPERS' AND PICNICKERS' NEEDS.

THE ISOLATED LOCATION OF HAR MUN BAY HAS MADE THE WORK DIFFICULT. ALL MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT HAS HAD TO BE TRANSPORTED BY LAUNCH TO THE SITE.

THE WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM WILL BE HANDED OVER TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR MANAGEMENT WHEN COMPLETED.

AT THE SAME TIME, AN AQUA PRIVY IS BEING BUILT WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN THREE MONTHS.

THERE ARE ALSO PLANS TO PROVIDE MORE BARBEQUE SITES, CAMP SITES, TABLES AND BENCHES TO MAKE THE BAY A MORE ATTRACTIVE CAMPING AND PICNIC SPOT.

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HO MAN TIN WATER CUT

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THE FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FOR EIGHT HOURS FROM 10 PM ON WEDNESDAY (OCTOBER 8) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY TO CARRY OUT WATER MAINS CONNECTION WORK.

THE AFFECTED AREA IS BOUNDED BY MOK CHEONG STREET TO MA TAU KOK ROAD, AND TO KWA WAN ROAD TO KOWLOON CITY ROAD INCLUDING HOK LINK STREET, TSUN FAT STREET, YIN ON STREET, SHIM LUEN STREET, HUNG WAN STREET, PANG CHING STREET, YING YEUNG STREET, LUN CHEUNG STREET, LUK MING STREET, FUNG YI STREET AND LUNG TO STREET.

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