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### EXPANSION OF AMBULANCE FLEET

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THE FIRE SERVICES WILL SPEND SOME \$8.5 MILLION IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS TO PURCHASE 47 NEW AMBULANCES AND TO INSTALL AN ADVANCED UHF RADIO SYSTEM ON THE ENTIRE FLEET.

+THE EXPANSION OF THE FLEET AND THE NEW 'ENCODER' RADIO SYSTEM WILL ENABLE US TO DEAL MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH ACCIDENTS IN TERMS OF AVAILABILITY AND TIME OF RESPONSE,+ THE ASSISTANT CHIEF AMBULANCE OFFICER, MR ANTHONY MILFORD, SAID TODAY.

HE SAID 24 OF THE NEW AMBULANCES WOULD BOOST THE FLEET TO 159 VEHICLES. THE OTHER 23 AMBULANCES ON ORDER WOULD REPLACE VEHICLES WHICH HAD BEEN IN SERVICE FOR A LONG TIME.

MR MILFORD SAID THE NEW 'ENCODER' WOULD BE A SEMI-AUTOMATIC VEHICLE STATUS INDICATOR WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE COMPUTER AT THE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATION CENTRE WITH VALUABLE DATA SUCH AS THE AVAILABILITY OR READINESS OF AN AMBULANCE, AND, IF ON THE ROAD, ITS LOCATION.

+THIS WILL ENABLE FAST AND ACCURATE DEPLOYMENT OF AN AMBULANCE TO THE SCENE OF REQUEST,+ HE ADDED.

THE ENCODER HAS A SELECTIVE RADIO CODE FOR EACH AMBULANCE TO FACILITATE EXCLUSIVE CONVERSATION WITH THE CENTRE WITHOUT INTERFERENCE.

THE CENTRE WILL BE NOTIFIED OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING AN AMBULANCE, IF AN EMERGENCY SIGNAL BUTTON IS PRESSED.

INSTALLATION WORK IS EXPECTED TO FINISH IN APRIL WHEN THE NEW AMBULANCES ARRIVE.

MEANWHILE THE AMBULANCE COMMAND, WITH A STAFF OF 1 333, IS CONDUCTING A LARGE SCALE RECRUITMENT DRIVE THIS MONTH TO COPE WITH ITS EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

UP TO LAST THURSDAY, THE COMMAND RECEIVED APPLICATIONS FROM 602 PEOPLE. OF THESE, 399 HAVE PASSED THE PHYSICAL TEST.

THE RECRUITMENT EXERCISE WILL END ON JANUARY 31. POTENTIAL YOUNG MEN WHO ARE PREPARED TO TAKE UP A MEANINGFUL AND CHALLENGING CAREER SHOULD APPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY MUST BE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE AND HAVE RECEIVED AT LEAST SIX YEARS PRIMARY EDUCATION. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE RECRUITMENT DRIVE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE HARBOUR ROAD FIRE STATION IN WAN CHAI, OR THE TSIM SHA TSUI FIRE STATION IN CANTON ROAD DURING OFFICE HOURS.

THE AMBULANCE COMMAND RESPONDED TO ABOUT 221 000 CALLS IN 1980, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF 22 000 CALLS, OR 10 PER CENT, COMPARED WITH THE PREVIOUS YEAR.

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WORKING PARTY ON PHARMACY PRACTICE INVITES PUBLIC COMMENTS

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THE WORKING PARTY ON THE PRACTICE ON PHARMACY AND ANCILLARY MATTERS TODAY CALLED FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON MATTERS WITHIN ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE WHICH INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE LAW RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF PHARMACISTS AND THE PROVISION OF TRAINING FACILITIES.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE WORKING PARTY SAID WHILE THE PARTY HAS BEEN CONSTITUTED TO REFLECT A BROAD CROSS-SECTION OF ALL INTERESTS CONCERNED, IT WISHES TO ENSURE THAT WIDER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT SUBJECT ARE COVERED IN ITS DELIBERATIONS.

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE SECRETARY TO THE WORKING PARTY, C/O THE SOCIAL SERVICES BRANCH, GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, LOWER ALBERT ROAD, TO REACH HIM NOT LATER THAN MARCH 15.

THE WORKING PARTY, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR ALEX WU, HAS HELD TWO MEETINGS SINCE ITS FORMATION LAST NOVEMBER.

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

TO CONSIDER:-

- (A) WHETHER THE LAW REQUIRING THE EMPLOYMENT OF PHARMACISTS REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE (CAP. 138) SHOULD BE MODIFIED IN ANY WAY-
- (B) THE NEED FOR PHARMACISTS BOTH IN THE PUBLIC AND IN THE PRIVATE SECTORS UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND UNDER ANY POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY, RECOMMENDED UNDER (A) ABOVE-
- (C) THE WORK AND THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PHARMACISTS IN BOTH SECTORS UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND UNDER ANY POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY, RECOMMENDED UNDER (A) ABOVE-
- (D) THE NEED FOR AND THE LEVELS OF SUPPORTING STAFF IN BOTH SECTORS UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND UNDER ANY POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY, RECOMMENDED UNDER (A) ABOVE-
- (E) WHETHER THE LAW RELATING TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE PHARMACY AND POISONS ORDINANCE SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO PERMIT THE PHARMACY AND POISONS BOARD TO ACCEPT NON-COMMONWEALTH QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIRECT REGISTRATION-
- (F) WHETHER TRAINING COURSES TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY STAFF ARE REQUIRED UNDER THE EXISTING LEGISLATION AND UNDER ANY POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS, IF ANY, RECOMMENDED UNDER (A) AND (E) ABOVE, AND, IF SO, WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE SET UP IN HONG KONG, AND AT WHAT LEVELS AND BY WHICH INSTITUTIONS.

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## JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT MISSION ARRIVES

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A JAPANESE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT MISSION ARRIVED IN HONG KONG TODAY (SUNDAY) TO EXAMINE TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES HERE.

THE MISSION COMPRISING SENIOR EXECUTIVES OF FIVE COMPANIES IN TOKYO, WILL BEGIN THE THREE-DAY FACT-FINDING PROGRAMME TOMORROW (MONDAY). MISSION MEMBERS WILL STUDY THE INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG WITH A VIEW TO TAKE PART IN INVESTMENT NEGOTIATION AND POSSIBLE JOINT VENTURES.

THE FIVE COMPANIES ARE ENGAGED IN THE FOODSTUFFS, INDUSTRIAL GAS, STATIONERY AND COMPUTER FIELDS.

THE PROGRAMME, ARRANGED BY THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, BEGINS WITH A VISIT TO THE DEPARTMENT WHERE THE MISSION WILL BE WELCOMED AND BRIEFED ON THE INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENT IN HONG KONG BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER (HEAD OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION) MR KEN YEUNG. THE GROUP WILL THEN PROCEED TO TAI PO WHERE IT WILL BE BRIEFED BY MR P.K. WONG, COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR OF THE HONG KONG INDUSTRIAL ESTATES CORPORATION, FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE.

ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY THE VISITORS WILL EACH FOLLOW A PROGRAMME OF FACTORY VISITS AND MEETINGS WITH LOCAL INDUSTRIALISTS.

THIS IS THE FOURTH JAPANESE MISSION ORGANISED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE HONG KONG/JAPAN AND JAPAN/HONG KONG BUSINESS CO-OPERATION COMMITTEES. THE FIRST MISSION VISITED HONG KONG IN DECEMBER 1979, FOLLOWED BY FURTHER MISSIONS IN APRIL AND NOVEMBER LAST YEAR.

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## TEXTILE TALKS WITH GREECE TO RESUME SOON

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THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (SUNDAY) THAT THE ISSUE OF EXPORT LICENCES COVERING SHIPMENTS TO GREECE OF COTTON, MAN-MADE FIBRE AND WOOL TEXTILE PRODUCTS WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE COMMISSIONER OF TRADE, MR PETER TSAO EXPLAINED THAT THIS MEASURE WAS TAKEN BECAUSE HONG KONG AND THE EEC HAD AGREED TO RESUME CONSULTATIONS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON HONG KONG'S EXPORTS OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO GREECE.

THESE TALKS WERE SUSPENDED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR WHEN THE TWO SIDES WERE UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT. MR TSAO SAID THE RESUMED CONSULTATIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE SHORTLY.

THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTS TO BE IN A POSITION TO ISSUE A FURTHER STATEMENT BY THE END OF THE WEEK REGARDING THE RESUMPTION OF ISSUING EXPORT LICENCES TO GREECE.

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NT CHARITY WALKS RAISE \$2.2 MILLION  
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THE COMMUNITY CHEST HAS RAISED \$2.2 MILLION FROM EIGHT CHARITY WALKS HELD IN THE NEW TERRITORIES IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS, \$200 000 MORE THAN LAST YEAR.

NEARLY 40 000 PEOPLE JOINED THE WALKS WHICH ARE A MAJOR PART OF THE ANNUAL FUND-RAISING EFFORT.

THE CHEST'S TARGET THIS YEAR IS \$23 MILLION.

THE LAST OF THE WALKS TOOK PLACE IN SHA TIN AND SHEUNG SHUI TODAY (SUNDAY) AND RAISED \$200 000.

OFFICIATING AT SHA TIN WAS SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR DAVID AKERS-JONES.

THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, SIR JOHN ARCHER, AND LADY ARCHER, THE DIRECTOR OF BROADCASTING, MR JOHN TISDALL, AND THE DISTRICT POLICE COMMANDER NEW TERRITORIES, MR MIKE ILLINGWORTH, ALSO TOOK PART IN THE WALK.

ABOUT 5 000 PEOPLE COMPLETED THE 12-KILOMETRE CIRCULAR COURSE STARTING AND FINISHING AT THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SPORTS GROUND.

THE SHEUNG SHUI WALK WAS STARTED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR AUGUSTINE CHUI KAM- THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR LAU WONG-FAT- AND LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS.

NEARLY 5 000 PEOPLE WALKED THE NINE-KILOMETRE COURSE STARTING FROM FUNG KAI SECONDARY SCHOOL.

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WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN CENTRAL DISTRICT WILL BE CUT OFF FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 20) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR A LEAKAGE TEST.

AFFECTED WILL BE ALL PREMISES AT POTTINGER STREET, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, QUEEN VICTORIA STREET, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, WING WO STREET, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, MAN YEE LANE, PIER ROAD AND HARBOUR VIEW STREET, INCLUDING THE CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

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