



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1975.

THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE
700,000 SEPARATE TREATMENTS IN 1974
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A TOTAL OF 13,694 PATIENTS RECEIVED NEARLY 700,000 SEPARATE TREATMENTS AT 11 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNITS ATTACHED TO GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS IN 1974. OF THEM, 11,906 WERE NEW CASES.

AS THE DEMAND FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IS GROWING STEADILY, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PROCEEDING WITH PLANS TO STRENGTHEN THIS SERVICE, AND IT IS NOW INTENDED, FUNDS PERMITTING, TO INCLUDE AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNIT IN EVERY NEW GOVERNMENT HOSPITAL AND POLYCLINIC TO BE BUILT IN THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

THE HISTORY OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IN HONG KONG SHOWS THAT THE FIRST OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST WAS APPOINTED IN 1953, AND THIS SOLITARY PIONEER, MISS J.R. HOPKINS, WAS ORIGINALLY ON TEMPORARY TERMS.

MISS L.P. MARTIN NOW HEADS THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICE AS SUPERINTENDENT. SHE IS ASSISTED BY A STAFF OF 20, INCLUDING OFFICERS RECRUITED FROM ABROAD AND SCHOLARSHIP GRADUATES RETURNING FROM BRITAIN, BUT SHE FEELS THAT THE TOTAL IS NOT ENTIRELY ADEQUATE FOR AN EXPANDING WORKLOAD.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IS USED IN THE TREATMENT OF PHYSICAL AND PSYCHIATRIC CONDITIONS. TREATMENT VARIES WIDELY, DEPENDING ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS.

IN GENERAL, PATIENTS MAY BE ASKED TO ENGAGE IN ANY ONE OF A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HAND-WORK, COOKING, CLERICAL WORK, AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

THE AIM IS TO HELP THEM ATTAIN MAXIMUM PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RECOVERY SO THAT THEY CAN AGAIN CONTRIBUTE CONSTRUCTIVELY TO THE COMMUNITY.

MISS MARTIN SAYS : "OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IS CONCERNED WITH THE PATIENT AS A WHOLE, NOT MERELY HIS INJURY. CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO AGE, SEX, SOCIAL BACKGROUND, JOB REQUIREMENTS, AND EDUCATIONAL LEVEL.

"AN OFFICE WORKER AND A LABOURER ARE NOT KEPT THERAPEUTICALLY OCCUPIED WITH THE SAME ACTIVITY. THE LABOURER COULD BE BORED AND DISINTERESTED WITH DANGING ON A TYPEWRITER, AND THE CLERK COULD FEEL AN INJURY TO HIS PRIDE IF ASKED TO USE A HAMMER.

THE RESULT IS THAT, IN FACT, THIS SORT OF CONGENIAL AND SYMPATHETIC TREATMENT DOES VERY OFTEN ENABLE PATIENTS TO RETURN NONE THE WORSE TO THEIR PREVIOUS JOBS."

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SHE EXPLAINS THAT WHEN AN INJURY IS SUCH THAT THE PATIENT CANNOT RESUME HIS NORMAL TASKS, THERAPY IS USED TO HELP ASSESS HIS MENTAL AND PHYSICAL FITNESS FOR A TOTALLY DIFFERENT YET ACCEPTABLE AND REWARDING ACTIVITY.

THE KOWLOON REHABILITATION CENTRE HAS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNIT ATTACHED TO THE KOWLOON HOSPITAL. THIS UNIT LOOKS AFTER CONVALESCENT PATIENTS NEEDING PHYSICAL RATHER THAN PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT AFTER HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM HOSPITAL WARDS. IT ALSO HAS AN OUT-PATIENT SERVICE.

THERE ARE TWO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNITS IN THE DAVID TRENCH REHABILITATION CENTRE, TREATING BOTH PSYCHIATRIC AND PHYSICAL PATIENTS.

IN THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, THERE ARE PROGRAMMES FOR THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TREATMENT OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS. THEIR TREATMENT BEGINS WITH VERY SIMPLE CHORES WHILE THEY ARE STILL IN THE WARDS.

LATER, THEY PROGRESS TO ACTIVITIES REQUIRING MORE CONCENTRATION. WHEN ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE WARDS, THEY ATTEND THE MAIN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY UNIT AND JOIN GROUPS THERE.

THE HONG KONG PSYCHIATRIC CENTRE AND THE YAU MA TEI POLYCLINIC OPERATE PSYCHIATRIC DAY CENTRES FOR PATIENTS WHO REQUIRE FURTHER REHABILITATION BEFORE THEY ARE CONSIDERED FULLY FIT FOR REINTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY.

APART FROM THIS SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY IS ALSO INCLUDED IN THE THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMMES OF THE PRISONS DEPARTMENT, THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, AND THE KWONG WAH HOSPITAL OF THE TUNG WAH GROUP.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR SHOP TENANCIES
AT OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY'S FIRST COMMERCIAL COMPLEX IS NEARING COMPLETION AND TENDERS FOR THE TENANCIES OF ITS FIRST LOT OF SHOPS AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES WILL BE INVITED TO-MORROW (MONDAY).

THE THREE-STORY OI MAN COMMERCIAL COMPLEX, IDEALLY LOCATED IN THE HEART OF THE ESTATE, HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO CATER TO THE NEEDS OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE HO MAN TIN AREA AS A WHOLE.

IT WILL HAVE A GROSS AREA OF OVER 200,000 SQ.FT. AND WILL BE FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED.

THE FIRST DOZEN OF COMMERCIAL PREMISES TO BE LET INCLUDE TWO RESTAURANTS, A CAFE, A DEPARTMENT STORE, A SUPER-MARKET AND SEVEN SHOP PREMISES.

THE SHOPS, THREE FOR GENERAL TRADE AND THE OTHERS FOR DESIGNATED TRADE, WILL BE LET BY THE AUTHORITY'S TENDER PREMIUM SYSTEM. RENT HAS BEEN FIXED AT \$3.50 PER SQUARE FOOT, RATE AND AIR CONDITIONING EXPENSES INCLUSIVE.

THE RESTAURANT, CAFE, DEPARTMENT STORE AND SUPER-MARKET WILL BE LET BY A TENDER RENT SYSTEM AND THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL HAVE TO PAY THE TENDERED RENT AS WELL AS RATES AND AIR CONDITIONING EXPENSES.

TENDERS FOR THE SHOPS AND COMMERCIAL PREMISES WILL BE CLOSED AT NOON ON FEBRUARY 28, 1975.

THOSE INTERESTED IN TENDERING THESE PREMISES ARE REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE OI MAN ESTATE OFFICE ON TELEPHONE NO. 3-036136 FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

ALLOWING A SHORT PERIOD FOR DECORATION PURPOSES, THE CENTRE SHOULD BE READY FOR OPENING IN EARLY APRIL.

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UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS
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THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE'S FIRST CERTIFICATE IN ENGLISH EXAMINATION THIS YEAR WILL BE HELD IN HONG KONG ON JUNE 17 AND 18, WHILE THE SAME UNIVERSITY'S CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH EXAMINATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 18 AND 19.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID THE FEE FOR THE WHOLE FIRST CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION IS \$85 AND THE FEE FOR THE WHOLE CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION IS \$110.

EACH OPTIONAL PAPER IN THE PROFICIENCY EXAMINATION WILL BE CHARGED \$45.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE TWO EXAMINATIONS WERE OPEN ONLY TO CANDIDATES WHOSE MOTHER-TONGUE WAS NOT ENGLISH AND WERE NOT INTENDED FOR CANDIDATES UNDER THE AGE OF 16.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A CANDIDATE MUST MAKE HIMSELF AVAILABLE FOR ORAL/AURAL TESTS AT A TIME TO BE SPECIFIED ON ANY DAY WITHIN THE PERIOD OF MAY 26 AND JUNE 21.

CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR THE EXAMINATIONS BY ATTENDING COURSES IN SCHOOLS SHOULD SUBMIT THEIR ENTRIES THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOLS.

THOSE WHO ARE NOT PRESENTED BY A SCHOOL MAY APPLY TO ENTER AS PRIVATE CANDIDATES.

ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS FROM MONDAY (FEBRUARY 17), AT THE EXAMINATIONS DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT AT THE CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

COMPLETED ENTRY FORMS FOR PRIVATE CANDIDATES, TOGETHER WITH PROOF OF IDENTITY AND TWO RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN PERSON BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 4 P.M. FROM FEBRUARY 17 TO 21.

PRIVATE CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED THAT NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AND ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BY FEBRUARY 25.

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