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LIVING CONDITIONS TO BE IMPROVED AT TUNG TAU ESTATE

The Government is to spend \$1 million to improve the environment of Tung Tau Resettlement Estate in Kowloon.

The project, to be carried out in stages, aims at improving the living conditions of the tenants there.

The "face-lift" will include the conversion of all the ground floor open channels into underground drains and the repainting of the estate's 23 blocks.

To enable the conversion of the open channels into underground drains, shop tenants will be required to remove the enclosures at the back of their shops. Not only are these enclosures illegal, but they have also, in many cases, become receptacles for refuse thrown from upper floors.

After the conversion, shop tenants will be permitted to re-erect enclosures according to Resettlement Department specifications.

The new underground drains will be of particular benefit to tenants of ground floor premises who, at present, have to cross the open drains to enter or leave their shops.

In addition to this work, another major effort will be made to improve the estate's environment by demolishing all illegal structures, such as flower-pot racks on the communal open balconies.

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Trees and shrubs will also be planted between the blocks.

The first phase of the improvement scheme begins on Friday, August 18, and will involve blocks 2, 3, 4 and 5.

A Resettlement Department spokesman said today that during preliminary work earlier this week many residents assisted departmental officers in removing illegal flower-pot racks.

A Kaifong leader in a neighbouring estate, when told of the department's move, said he was strongly in favour of the clearance operation and hoped that the face-lift would be extended to other old estates soon.

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TELEVISION CAMPAIGN AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

A special film campaign on the dangers of drug abuse will be mounted on television this weekend and early next week to dispel many of the myths which surround drugs.

A series of four films dealing with various aspects of this problem are to be shown over the Rediffusion English service in a joint project with the Education Department.

Some months ago, the department approached RTV to re-schedule what if felt were two extremely powerful episodes on drug abuse from the popular BBC series "The Expert".

A spokesman for the department said today that the station's General Manager, Mr. Don Gale, responded quickly and at the same time secured another vivid documentary from the "Man Alive" series to supplement the drug abuse message.

A fourth feature entitled "Drug Abuse -- Everybody's Hang-up" has been contributed by the Hong Kong Association of the Pharmaceutical Industry which also has an active interest in this field.

The spokesman said it was felt by the Education Department and Rediffusion that the two episodes should be offered again to English-speaking parents and their children "to dispel many of the myths which surround drugs and to impress upon them the very real danger in which young people stand in a permissive era".

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The documentary from the "Man Alive" series won international acclaim at the recent Monte Carlo Television Festival where it won three of seven major awards. The feature, which gives a stark account of the life and death of a 19-year-old girl in a seedy Chelsea basement, has now been bought and shown in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Japan and the United States.

The series will be introduced by the Acting Deputy Director of Education (Professional), Mr. Colvyn Haye, at 2 p.m. on Saturday (August 12).

The films will be shown at the following times:-

Saturday, August 12, 2 p.m.	"A Life Saved" from "The Expert"
Sunday, August 13, 2 p.m.	"A Life Lost" from "The Expert"
" " " 3 p.m.	"Drug Abuse - Everybody's Hang-up"
Tuesday, August 15, 9.25 p.m.	"Gale is Dead" from the "Man Alive" series.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN HUNG HOM AND WAN CHAI

Water supply to a number of premises in Hung Hom and Wan Chai will be interrupted for five hours from 1.00 a.m. on Saturday (August 12).

The temporary water stoppages are to enable the Waterworks Office to carry out leakage tests.

Premises affected in the Hung Hom area are those at Ma Tau Wei Road, Lok Shan Road, Chi Kiang Street, Kowloon City Road and Pau Chung Street.

The area affected in Wan Chai is bounded by the west side of Morrison Hill Road, Tin Lok Lane, Wan Chai Road, the south side of Johnston Road, Bullock Lane, Queen's Road East, part of Stubbs Road and Sports Road.

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MR. C.J.R. DAWSON PROMOTED TO DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs has approved the promotion of Mr. C.J.R. Dawson to Deputy Commissioner of Police with effect from August 1, 1972.

Mr. Dawson first came to Hong Kong in July, 1949 as Assistant Superintendent of Police. Since then he has served in all gazetted ranks, in various branches and districts. He was appointed Senior Assistant Commissioner in 1970.

He was awarded the Colonial Police Medal in 1965 and the Queen's Police Medal in 1970. Mr. Dawson, who is 46, is married with two children.

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PART-TIME SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETERS TO BE RECRUITED

The Government is calling for applications for simultaneous interpreters to work on a part-time basis mainly at meeting of the Legislative and Urban Councils.

Applicants should hold a Hong Kong or British University Degree or equivalent; or have a pass in at least two subjects, one of which must be Chinese, at Advanced Level in the Hong Kong University Advanced Level Examination with three further subjects, including English, at Grade C or above in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education (English).

Successful candidates are expected to be able to interpret simultaneously from English into Cantonese and vice versa, after a period of training.

Their work will mainly involve simultaneous interpretation at public meetings of the Legislative and Urban Councils and perhaps in future also for government appointed boards and committees.

Part-time simultaneous interpreters will be paid \$350 for each sitting when working in a team of three and \$560 when working in a team of two.

Applications in writing should reach the Establishment Secretary of the Establishment Branch, Colonial Secretariat, not later than August 21.

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SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE DURING AND AFTER TYPHOONS

The Social Welfare Department's emergency teams go into operation during the typhoon season when the No. 5 signal is hoisted, and from that moment onwards, procedures are geared for immediate aid on both sides of the harbour in case of need.

Mr. Lu Yu-hua, Principal Social Welfare Officer in charge of public assistance operations, says emergency relief teams on the Island and in Kowloon are manned by a staff of eight, supplemented by additional staff if the emergency calls for it.

All are mobilised on the hoisting of the No. 5 signal, no matter what the time, and are under instructions to respond with the utmost speed to distress calls. These could be any natural disaster in addition to typhoons, for example, severe rainstorms, landslides, house collapses, and floods.

As field staff register victims for aid, two kitchens on both sides of the harbour begin preparation of hot meals for distributions among the dispossessed. Kitchen hands also go on the alert at the No. 5 signal, so that a minimum of delay is encountered between the occurrence of a disaster and the availability of meals.

Mr. Lu says the Happy Valley and Hung Hom kitchens can jointly produce a maximum of 100,000 meals a day, and on occasions have done so. Once begun, these meals continue on a two-a-day basis until the emergency has passed. Victims not requiring them, or who so prefer, are given dry rations instead, and the supply is usually enough for two weeks.

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After registration, victims who need temporary shelter because they have nowhere else to go to, are usually housed in transit centres maintained by the Resettlement Department. But when these overflow, accommodation is made available in Social Welfare Department community centres and estate welfare buildings, particularly when they are located near the sites of the disasters.

Public Assistance field officers are recognisable because they wear an insignia with the departmental emblem. They have at their fingertips all the information victims need for registration and help.

"They should be approached," Mr. Lu explains. "They are there to serve the public, and they should be used."

Registration, followed by hot meals and shelter, does not exhaust the list of services provided after an emergency. There is also a distribution of blankets, personal necessities such as towels and toothpaste, and cooking utensils.

If families are separated, field officers help in the search for missing members, and if the loss includes death, there are payments towards burial expenses and future maintenance. Field officers advise survivors as to how to go about applying for public assistance in monthly cash grants.

"In fact," says Mr. Lu, "the Public Assistance Division of the Social Welfare Department is very much in evidence on the scene of disasters wherever and whenever they occur. The staff try their best to serve the public in moments of the greatest need."

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YOUTH CENTRE FOR CHEUNG CHAU

Cheung Chau will soon have a youth centre for launching various cultural and recreational activities for the young people on the island.

It will be built on a site overlooking the popular Tung Wan beach on the eastern side of the island.

The two-storey building will house offices, bathrooms and a canteen on the ground floor and a multi-purpose hall on the first floor. Surrounding the main building will be a skating rink and several basketball courts.

Besides catering to youths on the island, the facilities will be made available to visiting youth groups.

Work on the project is expected to begin next month and take eight months to complete. The cost of the centre is being met by the Rural Committee of Cheung Chau and a grant of some \$250,000 from the Lotteries Fund.

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UNCLAIMED IDENTITY CARDS TO BE CANCELLED

The Commissioner of Registration today appealed to people who had lost their Hong Kong Identity Cards to come forward and collect them.

Owners of lost cards can now collect them in person at the Registration of Persons Office on the 4th floor of the Causeway Bay Magistracy Building.

If they are not collected after a period of three months, the identity cards will be cancelled.

Lists containing the names and numbers of the unclaimed cards can be seen at all City District Offices in the urban areas and Districts Offices in the New Territories.

The Commissioner emphasised that if people notified his office of their changes of previously registered particulars, it would be much easier for lost identity cards to be returned to their owners.

All unclaimed cards in the period from April 4 to June 30 will be cancelled on August 15.

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ART COMPETITION TO BE EXTENDED

A competition being run by the City Museum and Art Gallery is proving so popular among young people that the closing date is being extended until the end of this month.

Originally it was to have ended on Sunday (August 13) but to allow more children to take part during the summer vacation the closing date is now August 30.

The competition is based on the Chinese art objects on display in the Museum and on the relevant explanatory notes in the exhibition cases.

Awards will be presented to the best 20 candidates in the senior and junior groups and trophies to schools whose students do particularly well.

At the same time, the City Museum and Art Gallery is holding a children's art exhibition as part of the 10th anniversary of the City Hall.

Entitled "A Decade of Children's Pictures", it is the most comprehensive exhibition of the works of Hong Kong's young artists. The exhibits were selected from more than 40,000 entries.

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