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ACCIDENT AND CASUALTY SERVICES GEARED TOWARDS
REHABILITATION OF INJURED PERSONS

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THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. GERALD CHOA, SAID TODAY THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF HONG KONG'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WOULD BE GEARED TOWARDS REHABILITATING VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS AND NATURAL DISASTERS.

HE SAID EQUAL EMPHASIS WAS TO BE PLACED ON TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION IN THE 10-YEAR MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE ACCIDENT AND CASUALTY SERVICES.

HE WAS SPEAKING ON HONG KONG'S EMERGENCY SERVICES AT A LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE VICTORIA LIONS CLUB THIS AFTERNOON.

DR. CHOA POINTED OUT THAT ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, NO MATTER HOW EFFICIENT THEY WERE, WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT THE SUPPORTING FACILITIES TO REHABILITATE AND INTERGRATE THE INJURED PERSONS BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY AS PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS.

HE SUGGESTED THAT THE IDEAL STRUCTURE OF SUCH SERVICES WOULD BE THE TWO-TIER SYSTEM OF DESIGNATED ACCIDENT CENTRES AND ACCIDENT CENTRES AS RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN ITS 10-YEAR MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

UNDER THE PROPOSED SYSTEM, AN INJURED PERSON WILL BE DELIVERED BY AMBULANCE TO EITHER A DESIGNATED ACCIDENT CENTRE OR AN ACCIDENT CENTRE ACCORDING TO THE SEVERITY OF HIS INJURIES.

THE DIRECTOR EXPLAINED THAT A DESIGNATED ACCIDENT CENTRE WOULD BE ACCOMMODATED IN A MAJOR HOSPITAL, WHICH IS EQUIPPED AND STAFFED TO ENABLE EVERY NECESSARY INVESTIGATION AND TREATMENT OF ANY CASE OF TRAUMA AT ANY TIME OF THE DAY OR NIGHT.

AFTER EMERGENCY TREATMENT, THE INJURED PERSON WOULD EITHER BE DISCHARGED OR REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE HOSPITAL'S OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT OR TRANSFERRED TO A CONVALESCENT HOME OR A REHABILITATION CENTRE.

AND FOR THOSE WHOSE INJURIES ARE NOT SERIOUS, THEY WOULD BE TAKEN TO AN ACCIDENT CENTRE IN A SMALLER HOSPITAL. HOWEVER, IF THE CONDITION OF THE INJURED PERSON DETERIORATES, HE WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO A DESIGNATED ACCIDENT CENTRE FOR FURTHER TREATMENT.

THIS TWO-TIER SYSTEM, SAID DR. CHOA, WOULD ENSURE THAT THE MORE SERIOUS CASES REQUIRING TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION COULD BE DEALT WITH SPEEDILY AND EFFICIENTLY.

HE SAID THIS SYSTEM OF ACCIDENT AND CASUALTY SERVICES WOULD FIT INTO THE PROPOSED REGIONALISATION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES UNDER THE 10-YEAR MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

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THE MEDICAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAD PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL HOSPITALS, WHICH WOULD BE MAJOR ACUTE HOSPITALS, EQUIPPED TO TREAT PATIENTS REQUIRING THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SPECIALIST CARE, AND DISTRICT HOSPITALS, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIC HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE REGION AND WILL RECEIVE PATIENTS WHOSE CONDITION IS NOT SUCH AS TO WARRANT REFERRAL DIRECTLY TO THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL.

+I BELIEVE WITH SUCH RESTRUCTIONS AND REORGANISATIONS, HONG KONG'S HOSPITAL SERVICES AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WOULD ADVANCE TO A GREATER DEGREE OF SOPHISTICATION,+ SAID DR. CHOA.

OF THE EXISTING ACCIDENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, THE DIRECTOR SAID THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS OF HONG KONG'S FOUR MAJOR HOSPITALS DEALT WITH AN AVERAGE OF 1,300 CASES A DAY.

ALMOST 50 PER CENT OF THESE, OR 620 CASES, WERE DEALT WITH AT THE QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, 320 CASES AT KWONG WAH, 220 AT TANG SHIU KIN AND 120 AT QUEEN MARY, HE SAID.

THE ADMISSION RATE OF CASUALTY CASES WAS ABOUT 30 PER CENT, HE ADDED.

DR. CHOA SAID ONE SPECIAL FEATURE OF HONG KONG'S EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE WAS THE DEPLOYMENT OF AUXILIARY AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS TO PICK UP PATIENTS FROM ISOLATED ISLANDS AND INACCESSIBLE AREAS AND TRANSPORT THEM TO MAJOR HOSPITALS IN URBAN AREAS FOR INTENSIVE CARE.

LAST YEAR, A TOTAL OF 120 SUCH "MERCY FLIGHTS" HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT, HE SAID.

DURING TYPHOONS AND NATURAL DISASTERS, THE AUXILIARY MEDICAL SERVICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN HELPING PEOPLE IN DISTRESS BY GIVING FIRST-AID TREATMENT AND ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORT AND THE SUPPLY OF MEDICINE, HE ADDED.

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PILOT LAND CENSUS STARTS NEXT WEEK

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THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT WILL CONDUCT A PILOT CENSUS OF THE LAND POPULATION BETWEEN JULY 14 AND 23.

THE PILOT LAND CENSUS WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON A SAMPLE BASIS COVERING A RANDOM SELECTION OF ABOUT 6,000 HOUSEHOLDS IN WAN CHAI, MID-LEVELS, POKFULAM, PEAK, WESTERN, NORTH POINT, YAU MA TEI, HO MAN TIN, KAI TAK, YUEN LONG AND TAI PO.

ABOUT 150 ENUMERATORS WILL VISIT THESE HOUSEHOLDS DURING THE CENSUS-PERIOD.

EACH ENUMERATOR WILL CARRY AN IDENTITY CARD ISSUED BY THE CENSUS AND STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND HE IS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE IT ON EACH HOUSEHOLD VISIT.

INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

PRIOR TO THE FIELD ENUMERATION, AN OFFICIAL LETTER IN BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE WILL BE SENT TO THE SELECTED HOUSEHOLDS TO INFORM THEM OF THE PILOT CENSUS.

THE LAND CENSUS WILL BE THE SECOND AND LAST OF THE PILOT CENSUSES UNDERTAKEN IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT YEAR'S BY-CENSUS.

THE DEPARTMENT CONDUCTED A PILOT CENSUS OF THE MARINE POPULATION LAST MONTH.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE PILOT CENSUSES IS TO TEST WELL IN ADVANCE, ON THE BASIS OF A SMALL NUMBER OF SAMPLE HOUSEHOLDS, THE ADEQUACY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF THE PROPOSED QUESTIONS AND ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROCEDURE AND ORGANISATION, SO THAT ANY DEFECT IN THE SYSTEM CAN BE IDENTIFIED AND RACTIFIED BEFORE THE MAIN BY-CENSUS NEXT YEAR.

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DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS RETIRING SOON
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MR. GLEN PARRY, DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS, WILL LEAVE HONG KONG ON RETIREMENT LATER THIS MONTH AFTER 20 YEARS' SERVICE IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

ON FRIDAY (JULY 11), THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (ADMINISTRATION), MR. CHARLES LOWE, WILL PRESENT MR. PARRY WITH A GIFT FROM HIS FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES.

MR. PARRY JOINED THE DEPARTMENT IN APRIL 1955 AS AN EDUCATION OFFICER AND TAUGHT FOR SEVERAL YEARS AT KING GEORGE V SCHOOL. HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE ADVISORY INSPECTORATE IN OCTOBER 1958.

MR. PARRY ALSO SERVED AS AN ADMINISTRATOR IN THE REGISTRATION SECTION AND EXAMINATION DIVISION AS WELL AS BEING A PRINCIPAL OF A GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL.

HE WAS PROMOTED TO SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER IN JANUARY 1968 AND TO DEPUTY CHIEF INSPECTOR OF SCHOOLS IN APRIL 1972.

MR. PARRY ACTED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS.

NOTE TO EDITORS: MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY ON JULY 11 AT 11.30 A.M. THE CEREMONY WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT'S CONFERENCE ROOM, LEE GARDENS, 3RD FLOOR, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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NOTE TO EDITORS :

A PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY (JULY 11) AT THE RUBY RESTAURANT IN CAUSEWAY BAY TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF THIS YEAR'S INTER CITY DISTRICT ERIC HO CUP AND ANTI-NARCOTICS CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WILL BE MR. AUGUSTINE KAM CHUI, DIRECTOR OF HOME AFFAIRS= REV. KARL STUMPF, CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY SUB-COMMITTEE OF A C A N= AND MR. CHING MAN-KI, CHAIRMAN OF THE HONG KONG AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, JOINTLY ORGANISED BY THE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS AND THE HONG KONG AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION, IS AIMED AT PROMOTING THE INTEREST OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN SPORTS AND EDUCATING THEM IN THE DANGERS OF NARCOTICS ADDICTION.

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS OF THE TOURNAMENT ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY AND THE FINALS, TO BE PLAYED BETWEEN THE WINNING TEAMS OF THE TEN CITY DISTRICTS, WILL BEGIN AT THE END OF THIS MONTH.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 12.30 P.M. ON FRIDAY (JULY 11).

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CROWN LAND SALE

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TWO LOTS OF CROWN LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE PUT ON SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION AT THE CITY HALL EARLY NEXT MONTH.

THE LARGER ONE, MEASURING 17,240-SQUARE-FOOT, IS LOCATED AT SZE SHAN STREET, SAM KA TSUEN IN KOWLOON, AND IS EARMARKED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND GODOWN PURPOSES.

THE OTHER LOT, ALSO IN KOWLOON, HAS AN AREA OF 15,510 SQ. FT. IT IS LOCATED BETWEEN CHEUNG SHA WAN ROAD AND LAI CHI KOK ROAD.

THE AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 2.30 P.M. ON AUGUST 8 IN THE CITY HALL LECTURE ROOM.

FULL PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE PUBLIC ENQUIRY SUB-OFFICE, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE (WEST WING) GROUND FLOOR AND AT THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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WATER CUT

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WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN YAU MA TEI WILL BE INTERRUPTED FOR FIVE HOURS AS FROM 1 AM ON FRIDAY (JULY 11) TO ENABLE A TEST FOR LEAKAGE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE AREA.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES BOUNDED BY NATHAN ROAD, AUSTIN ROAD, WOOSUNG STREET AND JORDAN ROAD.

MEANWHILE, FLUSH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN AREAS IN KOWLOON WILL BE STOPPED FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY TO 10 AM THE NEXT DAY. THE TEMPORARY STOPPAGE IS TO FACILITATE A SEA WATER PIPE CONNECTION IN THE DISTRICT.

AFFECTED WILL BE PREMISES IN TO KWA WAN, HUNG HOM, MA TAU WEI ESTATE, KOWLOON CITY, WONG TAI SIN, LOK FU, WANG TAU HOM, KOWLOON TONG, AND TUNG TAU ESTATE.

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