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HONG KONG DECLARED CHOLERA INFECTED AREA  
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY (SATURDAY) DECLARED HONG KONG TO BE A CHOLERA INFECTED AREA FOLLOWING THE CONFIRMATION OF THREE MORE CHOLERA CASES AND ONE SUSPECTED CASE IN KOWLOON. SO FAR, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHOLERA CASE THIS YEAR IS SEVEN.

THE LAST TIME HONG KONG WAS DECLARED AN INFECTED AREA WAS IN 1979.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT EXPLAINED THAT THE DECISION TO DECLARE HONG KONG AN INFECTED AREA WAS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF THE OCCURRENCE OF SEVERAL CASES OF CHOLERA WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

OF THE THREE NEW CONFIRMED CASES, TWO PATIENTS ARE RESIDENTS IN KWUN TONG. THE SUSPECTED CASE IS ALSO LIVING IN THE SAME DISTRICT.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT ALTHOUGH AT PRESENT INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS DO NOT REQUIRE TRAVELLERS TO CARRY VACCINATION CERTIFICATES, SOME INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES MAY IMPOSE VACCINATION REQUIREMENT ON THEIR ARRIVALS.

INTENDED INTERNATIONAL TRAVELLERS CAN OBTAIN VACCINATION AT THE TWO PORT HEALTH OFFICES OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AT CANTON ROAD GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND AT CENTRE POINT IN GLOUCESTER ROAD.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE BEST EFFECTIVE PREVENTIVE MEASURE AGAINST CHOLERA IS STRICT ADHERENCE TO PERSONAL, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE. VACCINATION IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE PUBLIC HEALTH PREVENTIVE MEASURE AGAINST CHOLERA. HOWEVER, FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO WISH TO RECEIVE FREE VACCINATION, THEY MAY GO TO THE EIGHT DESIGNATED CLINICS AS FROM MONDAY.

THE EIGHT CLINICS ARE SHAU KEI WAN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, SAI YING PUN JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, YAU MA TEI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, TAI PO CLINIC, SHEK WU HUI JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, LADY TRENCH POLYCLINIC AND YUEN LONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC.

THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM SINCE CHOLERA IS ENDEMIC IN NEARBY COUNTRIES AND CASES ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR FROM TIME TO TIME ESPECIALLY DURING SUMMER MONTHS.

THE THREE CONFIRMED NEW CASES - ONE MAN AND TWO WOMEN - HAVE ALL BEEN CLASSIFIED AS LOCAL CASES SINCE THE PATIENT DID NOT TRAVEL ABROAD RECENTLY. THEIR CONDITIONS ARE DESCRIBED AS +POOR+ TO +FAIR+.

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THE FIRST CASE WAS A 67-YEAR-OLD MAN, A CLEANER WHO LIVES IN TSE WAN SHAN. HE WAS FIRST ADMITTED TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL ON JULY 31 AND WAS TRANSFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 1.

THE SECOND PATIENT IS A 60-YEAR-OLD WOMAN, A FACTORY WORKER IN KWUN TONG. SHE WAS FIRST ADMITTED TO UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL AND LATER TRANSFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL YESTERDAY.

THE THIRD CASE IS A 59-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO IS ALSO A FACTORY WORKER LIVING IN KWUN TONG. SHE WAS REFERRED TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL YESTERDAY BY A PRIVATE DOCTOR.

STAFF OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE URABN SERVICES DEPARTMENT HAVE VISITED AND DISINFECTED THE HOME AND WORK PLACE OF THE FIRST PATIENT. HIS FAMILY CONTACTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN PREVENTIVE DRUGS AND ARE KEPT UNDER MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE.

MEANWHILE, HEALTH STAFF ARE ALSO VISITING THE HOMES AND WORK PLACES OF THE OTHER TWO PATIENTS TO GIVE THEIR CONTACTS MEDICAL CHECK UP AND TO DISINFECT THE PREMISES.

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## DIFFICULT TALKS TO REACH MFA AGREEMENT

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NON-STOP TALKS LASTING 26 HOURS WITHOUT PAUSE FOR SLEEP WERE REQUIRED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE EXTENSION OF THE MFA, THE DIRECTOR OF TRADE, MR HAMISH MACLEOD, SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN +VERY DIFFICULT+ AND COMMENTED: +A COMBINATION OF RESISTANCE TO THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF COVERAGE TO NON-MFA FIBRES SUCH AS RAMIE AND SILK, AND EXPECTATIONS RAISED SOMEWHAT BY EEC STATEMENTS OF THE INTENTION TO MOVE IN A LIBERAL DIRECTION, MEANT THAT IT WAS ONLY IN THE LAST FEW HOURS THAT A COMPROMISE WAS REACHED.

+INDEED, THE TALKS RAN ON TO ABOUT MIDDAY ON FRIDAY, THOUGH SCHEDULED TO FINISH BY MIDNIGHT THURSDAY. THE LAST 26 HOURS OF TALKS WERE EFFECTIVELY NON-STOP, WITH NO PAUSES FOR SLEEP.

+WHILE THERE HAS NOT BEEN TIME FOR A DETAILED COMPARISON OF THE NEW PROTOCOL WITH THE ONE IT REPLACED, ON BALANCE - APART FROM THE EXTENSION OF COVERAGE TO VEGETABLE FIBRES AND SILK BLENDS, WHICH HONG KONG HAD ALREADY ANTICIPATED IN ITS BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. - I WOULD SAY THE NEW RULES ARE A MODEST IMPROVEMENT,+ SAID MR MACLEOD.

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+WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT WE OBTAINED EXPLICIT RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE TO SO-CALLED PREDOMINANT SUPPLIERS OF STABILITY IN THE TEXTILE TRADE, AND THE NEED TO ENSURE STABILITY AND CERTAINTY THROUGHOUT THE FULL LIFE OF THEIR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS.

+WHILE THE MFA OF COURSE REMAINS AN ESSENTIALLY PROTECTIONIST AND DISCRIMINATORY DEVICE, THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT NEW RULES WHICH WOULD MAKE MATTERS WORSE FOR US (THOUGH SOME EXISTING RULES IN FAVOUR OF IMPORTERS ARE PERPETUATED), AND FOR THAT WE MUST BE QUIETLY THANKFUL.+

MR MACLEOD SAID THAT THE DANGERS POSED BY THE FORTHCOMING JENKINS BILL VETO OVER-RIDE VOTE WAS A FACTOR IN MANY MINDS DURING THE TALKS, AND THE VOTE WAS THE NEXT TEST HONG KONG HAD TO FACE.

THE FACT THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION HAD SUCCEEDED IN GETTING AN EXTENSION OF THE MFA FOR FIVE YEARS, AND HAD BEEN AUTHORISED TO RESTRAIN SILK BLENDS AND VEGETABLE FIBRE BLENDS, SHOULD ASSIST THEM IN RESISTING PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

MR MACLEOD WILL RETURN TO HONG KONG TOMORROW (SUNDAY) AT 12.35 PM ON FLIGHT LUFTHANSA 672. A PRESS FACILITY HAS BEEN ARRANGED AND MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE REQUESTED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE PRESS ROOM IN THE ARRIVALS HALL AT NOON.

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SEAWALL INCLUDED IN SAM KA TSUEN DEVELOPMENT  
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ENGINEERING WORKS, INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SEAWALL AT THE SAM KA TSUEN TYPHOON SHELTER, ARE DUE TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER.

THE 150-METRE PITCHED SLOPE SEAWALL IS PART OF STAGE FOUR DEVELOPMENT OF SAM KA TSUEN, NORTH OF LEI YUE MUN.

OTHER WORKS IN THE PROJECT INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A 170-METRE-LONG TWIN-CELL BOX CULVERT, 140 METRES OF FLEXIBLE CARRIAGEWAYS AND RECLAMATION OF 1.7 HECTARES OF FORESHORE AND SEABED.

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THE AREA AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY SHUNG SHUN STREET TO THE WEST, LING NAM SAM TSUEN TO THE NORTHEAST AND SAM KA TSUEN TO THE EAST.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CIVIL ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT SAID THAT ON COMPLETION OF THE WORKS IN ABOUT 18 MONTHS THE LAND FORMED WOULD FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-STOREY CARPARK, A MARKET AND ROADS TO THE AREA.

TENDERS FOR THE SCHEME ARE BEING INVITED.

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CAMP TO TRAIN YOUTHS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES  
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OVER 40 YOUNG VOLUNTEERS IN THE ISLANDS DISTRICT ARE SPENDING TODAY (SATURDAY) AND TOMORROW IN A LEADERSHIP TRAINING CAMP TO FURTHER EQUIP THEMSELVES FOR THE SERVICES OF THE DISTRICT.

THE CAMP IS PART OF THE CIVIC EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, +I LOVE ISLANDS+, ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT OFFICE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

DISTRICT OFFICER, MR MICHAEL WU, SAID CIVIC EDUCATION WOULD HELP PEOPLE KNOW MORE ABOUT THEIR RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

+BY PRACTISING THESE RIGHTS AND DUTIES, PEOPLE CAN BUILD UP A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROGRESS OF THE SOCIETY.+

HE SAID HE BELIEVED THAT YOUNG PEOPLE WITH PROPER TRAINING AND THE RIGHT IDEAS COULD SERVE SOCIETY BETTER.

MR WU SAID THE SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ORGANISED UNDER THE +I LOVE ISLANDS+ PROGRAMME WOULD SERVE THESE PURPOSES AND HOPED THAT THE VOLUNTEERS WOULD HELP IMPLEMENT THEM.

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PRESS CONFERENCE ON CIVIC EDUCATION  
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THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY (AUGUST 4) TO ANNOUNCE DETAILS OF ITS PLANS.

PRESENT AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MRS RITA FAN; CONVENOR OF THE STUDY GROUP ON GUIDELINES ON CIVIC EDUCATION, MR CHENG KAI-NAM; CONVENOR OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GROUP, MR MAK HOI-WAH; CONVENOR OF THE PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP, MR GEORGE YUEN, AND CONVENOR OF THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES ON CIVIC EDUCATION, MR ALLAN CHOW.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PRESS CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT 11 AM ON MONDAY AT THE GIS PRESS CONFERENCE ROOM, FIFTH FLOOR, BEACONSFIELD HOUSE, CENTRAL.

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ROAD CLOSED FOR FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION  
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TO FACILITATE CONSTRUCTION OF A FOOTBRIDGE, THE EASTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF KING'S ROAD BETWEEN TIN CHIU STREET AND HEALTHY STREET WEST WILL BE TEMPORARILY CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 10 AM TO 4 PM ON AUGUST 5 (TUESDAY) AND FROM 12.30 AM TO 5 AM ON AUGUST 10 (SUNDAY).

DURING THE CLOSURE, FRANCHISED BUSES WILL BE DIVERTED VIA TIN CHIU STREET, JAVA ROAD AND MAN HONG STREET BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ROUTEING.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE  
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KWAI FONG STREET IN KWAI CHUNG BETWEEN KWAI TAK STREET AND CONTAINER PORT ROAD WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC FROM 12.30 AM TO 4.30 AM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 5) TO FACILITATE THE INSTALLATION OF A TRANSFORMER.

TRAFFIC ON CONTAINER PORT ROAD HEADING FOR KWAI TAK STREET WILL BE DIVERTED TO KWAI TAI ROAD.

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HO MAN TIN WATER CUT  
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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO CERTAIN PREMISES IN HO MAN TIN WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 11 PM ON TUESDAY (AUGUST 5) TO 6 AM THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR MAINS WORK.

THE AFFECTED PREMISES ARE KING'S PARK RISE, HO MAN TIN HILL ROAD, HO MAN TIN STREET, CHI MAN STREET AND 33-35 WYLIE ROAD.

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