



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ALL DRINKING WATER SHOULD BE BOILED

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WHEN WATER RESTRICTIONS BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY (JUNE 1), IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO BOIL ALL DRINKING WATER, PARTICULARLY WATER THAT HAS BEEN STORED IN CONTAINERS SUCH AS TANKS, BUCKETS OR BINS, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER, MR. TOM TOMLINSON, SAID TODAY.

+ALTHOUGH THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT WILL BE TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO SAFEGUARD THE PURITY OF THE SUPPLY SUCH AS INCREASING CHLORINATION AND INTENSIFYING THE MONITORING OF QUALITY AT SERVICE RESERVOIRS AND CONSUMERS TAPS, THERE IS ALWAYS A SLIGHT RISK OF CONTAMINATION AT TIMES WHEN THE SUPPLY IS TURNED OFF,+ HE SAID.

BUT MR. TOMLINSON EMPHASIZED THAT +A GENERAL DETERIORATION IN THE PRESENT HIGH STANDARD OF BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY IS NOT EXPECTED.+

EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO ENSURE THAT RECEPTACLES USED TO STORE WATER FOR DRINKING ARE CLEAN AND KEPT COVERED, HE SAID.

+NORMAL HOUSEHOLD PLASTIC WARE IS QUITE SAFE AND SATISFACTORY FOR SUCH USE, BUT ANY INTERNALLY PAINTED CONTAINERS SHOULD BE AVOIDED.+

MR. TOMLINSON ALSO POINTED OUT THAT DURING THE EARLY STAGES OF THE RESTRICTIONS +TAP WATER MAY, AT PARTICULAR TIMES, BE SOMEWHAT DISCOLOURED AND COULD CONTAIN SOME SEDIMENTS.

+UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS UNAVOIDABLE AND IS DUE TO THE DISTURBANCE OF RUSTY DEPOSITS IN THE MAINS. HOWEVER, THE DISCOLOURATION IS QUITE HARMLESS TO HEALTH.+

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MORE DOCTORS TO MAN GOVT. OUTPATIENT CLINICS
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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TAKING FURTHER STEPS TO EXPAND FACILITIES AT GOVERNMENT CLINICS TO COPE WITH THE INCREASING DEMAND OF PATIENTS SEEKING OUTPATIENT TREATMENT.

BEGINNING JUNE 1, ADDITIONAL DOCTORS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MAN OUTPATIENT CLINICS DURING EVENING HOURS AND ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS.

AT PRESENT, 10 OUTPATIENT CLINICS ARE OPERATING EVENING SESSIONS FROM 6 P.M. TO 10 P.M. AND SIX CLINICS ARE OPEN ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 1 P.M.

THE NUMBER OF DOCTORS AT THESE CLINICS WILL BE INCREASED BY 50 PER CENT OR DOUBLED SO THAT MORE PATIENTS CAN BE SEEN AND TREATED.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ADDITIONAL DOCTORS WILL BE POSTED TO THE EVENING CLINICS AT ABERDEEN, VIOLET PEEL, SHAUKIWAN ON HONG KONG ISLAND, KWUN TONG, ROBERT BLACK, YAU MA TEI AND LI PO CHUN IN KOWLOON AND LADY TRENCH IN TSUEN WAN.

ALL THE SIX OUTPATIENT CLINICS OPERATING ON SUNDAYS AND PUBLIC HOLIDAYS -- VIOLET PEEL, SHAUKIWAN, KWUN TONG, ROBERT BLACK, YAU MA TEI AND LADY TRENCH -- WILL HAVE MORE DOCTORS ATTENDING TO PATIENTS.

IN 1976, THE NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES AT OUTPATIENT CLINICS TOTALLED MORE THAN 12 MILLION WHILE THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS OF GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED HOSPITALS DEALT WITH SOME 600,000 CASES.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID WITH THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ATTENDING DOCTORS AT THESE CLINICS IT WAS HOPED THAT THE PRESSURE ON CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS AT THE VARIOUS MAJOR GOVERNMENT AND GOVERNMENT-ASSISTED HOSPITALS WOULD BE RELIEVED TO SOME EXTENT.

HE AGAIN URGED RESIDENTS NOT TO CONFUSE CASUALTY SERVICE, WHICH IS FOR TREATING EMERGENCY CASES, WITH GENERAL OUTPATIENT SERVICE PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT CLINICS.

HE SAID QUITE A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE CASES SEEN AT CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS SHOULD HAVE BEEN SEEN AT THE OUTPATIENT CLINICS, WHICH ARE SET UP IN ALMOST EVERY DISTRICT THROUGHOUT HONG KONG.

+NON-EMERGENCY CASES TURNING UP AT THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT WOULD DELAY TREATMENT FOR THOSE WHO NEED IMMEDIATE ATTENTION,+ HE STRESSED.

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LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICES

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THE LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICES UNIT OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT IS RAPIDLY EXPANDING ITS AREA OF ACTIVITIES WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NETWORK OF VOLUNTARY WORKERS RECRUITED FROM VARIOUS PARTS OF THE NEW TERRITORIES.

APART FROM PROVIDING REGULAR LIBRARY SERVICES, THE UNIT'S MOBILE LIBRARY VANS ARE FAST BECOMING THE FOCAL POINTS FROM WHERE A HOST OF COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNGSTERS LIVING IN REMOTE AREAS.

MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN MADE POSSIBLE SINCE THE RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG VOLUNTEERS FROM AREAS NEAR STRATEGICALLY LOCATED LIBRARY STATIONS, AND THE UNIT IS LOOKING FOR MORE RECRUITS TO HELP FURTHER EXPAND ITS SERVICES.

MR. WONG PAK-CHUEN, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE OF THE LIBRARY AND RURAL MOBILE SERVICES UNIT, SAID TODAY THAT YOUTH AND CHILDREN PROGRAMMES -- SUCH AS GAMES RALLIES, WORK CAMPS, PICNICS, SOCIAL GATHERINGS, VARIOUS COMPETITIONS AND WORK PROJECTS -- HAVE BEEN ORGANISED THROUGH THE YEAR WITH MORE EVENTS INCLUDED IN THE SUMMER MONTHS.

+NEW ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DELIVERING BOOKS TO HOSPITAL PATIENTS AND SERVICES FOR THE AGED AND CHILDREN'S HOMES WILL ALSO BE RUN IN THE FUTURE,+ HE SAID.

MR. WONG SAID HIS UNIT WAS ALSO APPROACHING RURAL COMMITTEES AND VILLAGE ELDERS TO NEGOTIATE THE LOAN OF THEIR PREMISES OR YOUTH CENTRES FOR ONE OR MORE DAYS A WEEK SO AS TO IMPROVE LIBRARY AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

+THERE ARE SOME 40 SUCH PREMISES SCATTERED ALL OVER THE NEW TERRITORIES WHICH, WITH THE HELP OF LOCAL VOLUNTEERS, CAN BE TURNED INTO PART-TIME YOUTH CENTRES.

+WE NOW HAVE PERMISSION TO USE SIX OF THEM AND THEY ARE PROVING TO BE A BIG HELP BECAUSE ACTIVITIES ORGANISED THERE ARE NO LONGER BEING DISRUPTED BY BAD WEATHER.

+WE ARE ALSO STOCKING THESE CENTRES UP WITH BOOKS AND MAGAZINES SO THAT NEARBY CHILDREN CAN HAVE READING MATERIAL ALL THE TIME.

+WHEN WE HAVE ENOUGH MANPOWER AND VOLUNTEERS, WE WILL FURTHER DEVELOP THIS PROGRAMME AND MAKE USE OF AS MANY OF THESE HALLS AND CENTRES AS POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, BOOK-LENDING AND OTHER LIBRARY SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE UNIT'S VANS CONTINUE TO BE POPULAR AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUTHS ALIKE, AND THE LATEST REGISTERED MEMBERSHIP HAS TOPPED 3,400.

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+MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION
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NOTE TO EDITORS:

THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES, MR. E.H. NICHOLS, WILL ATTEND A +MEET THE MEDIA+ SESSION AT 3 P.M. ON THURSDAY (JUNE 2).

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE MEETING WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE G.I.S. THEATRE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF BEACONSFIELD HOUSE.

TELEVISION CREWS ARE ASKED TO ARRIVE EARLY SO THAT THEY HAVE AMPLE TIME TO SET UP THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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BROADCASTS OF JOBS AVAILABLE TO SEAMEN
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THE DIRECTOR OF MARINE HAS REMINDED SEAMEN THAT JOBS AVAILABLE IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES THROUGH THE SEAMEN'S RECRUITING OFFICE ARE BROADCAST OVER THE CHINESE SERVICE OF RADIO TELEVISION HONG KONG.

THE BROADCASTS ARE MADE SHORTLY AFTER 11 P.M. DAILY, EXCEPT SATURDAYS.

THE DIRECTOR SAID THAT DUE TO THE LIMITED BROADCASTING TIME AVAILABLE NOT ALL THE VACANCIES COULD BE BROADCAST.

DESPITE THIS, HE ADDED, THE BROADCASTS DID GIVE UNEMPLOYED SEAMEN A GOOD INDICATION OF EMPLOYMENT PROSPECT FROM DAY TO DAY.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN MONG KOK
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LEARNER DRIVERS WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING CHUN YI
LANE IN MONG KOK FROM 10 A.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE ARRANGEMENT AIMS TO PROMOTE SAFETY FOR STUDENTS OF
THE SCHOOLS ALONG CHUN YI LANE.

APPROPRIATE TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO GUIDE MOTORISTS.

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