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APPROVAL FOR BUS LANES ON KING'S ROAD
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THE GOVERNOR-IN-COUNCIL TODAY AGREED TO A MAJOR SYSTEM OF BUS LANES AND TRAM RESERVES ON SHAU KEI WAN ROAD AND KING'S ROAD ALONG THE 5.9 KM STRETCH BETWEEN SHAU KEI WAN AND CAUSEWAY BAY. NORMAL TRAFFIC WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO USE KING'S ROAD.

THE NEAR-SIDE LANE ALONG MOST OF THE ROUTE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS WILL BE RESERVED FOR FRANCHISED BUSES FROM 7 AM TO 10 AM AND FROM 4 PM TO 7 PM. TRAFFIC WILL ALSO BE PREVENTED FROM MOVING ONTO THE TRAM TRACKS AND WILL THUS BE CONFINED TO THE MIDDLE LANE ALONG KING'S ROAD AND TO THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE OF JAVA ROAD AND ELECTRIC ROAD.

THE SCHEME IS ASSOCIATED WITH VARIOUS OTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT IN THE AREA INCLUDING ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNALS, LONGER TRAM ISLANDS AND THE WIDENING OF JAVA ROAD AT ITS JUNCTION WITH KING'S ROAD, SO AS TO PERMIT TWO RIGHT-TURNING LANES.

AS A RESULT, THE SYSTEM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN STAGES: THE SHAU KEI WAN SECTION WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN ONE MONTH, THE QUARRY BAY SECTION IN THREE MONTHS AND THE REMAINING NORTH POINT SECTION IN SIX MONTHS' TIME.

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY, +THE SCHEME WILL BE OF MAJOR BENEFIT IN SHORTENING THE JOURNEY TIME OF THE 75 PER CENT OF COMMUTERS WHO TRAVEL BY BUS OR TRAM.

+WE HAD TRIED ALSO TO KEEP ANY RESTRICTIONS ON OTHER TRAFFIC TO A MINIMUM -- FOR EXAMPLE, THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE LOADING AND UNLOADING ACTIVITIES OF GOODS VEHICLES ON KING'S ROAD TO THAT ARISING AT THE MOMENT FROM THE URBAN CLEARWAYS.+

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ACTIONS ON NOXIOUS GAS REPORT
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CLASSES WILL BE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED TOMORROW AND UNTIL THE END OF THIS WEEK IN 13 BI-SESSIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS IN THE LAM TIN AND SAU MAU PING ESTATES IN THE KWUN TONG AREA.

THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION IN ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY SAID THAT HE HAD TAKEN THE DECISION IN CONSULTATION WITH SUPERVISORS OF THESE SCHOOLS FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE CHILDREN.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE HAS ALSO ADVISED THE SUPERVISORS OF CHILD CARE CENTRES IN THE AREA TO CLOSE FOR THE SAME PERIOD.

A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT IN THE MEANTIME INVESTIGATIONS ARE TO BE INTENSIFIED TO TRY TO TRACE THE SOURCE OF THE GAS WHICH CAUSED SICKNESS AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN IN THE AREA.

HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM THE GOVERNMENT WAS NATURALLY ANXIOUS TO ESTABLISH THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM IF POSSIBLE.

A TEAM COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UNIT, GOVERNMENT CHEMIST, THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT OF THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE HEALTH INSPECTORATE OF THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND THE CITY DISTRICT OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW TO WORK IN THE AREA TO TRY TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE SOURCES OF AIR POLLUTION WHICH MIGHT HAVE CAUSED THE PROBLEM.

THE SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS AFFECTED ARE:

LAM TIN ESTATE:

KINDERGARTENS

LAM TIN KINDERGARTEN, BLOCK 11

PUI SHING KINDERGARTEN, BLOCK 11

KAM KONG MEMORIAL CHURCH KINDERGARTEN, BLOCK 21

LAM TIN METHODIST KINDERGARTEN, BLOCK 23

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S.K.H. SHIU KEUNG PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLOCK 15

SAN WUI COMMERCIAL SOCIETY LAM TIN SCHOOL, BLOCK 13

PUI SHING PRIMARY SCHOOL, BLOCK 11

SAU MAU PING ESTATE:

KINDERGARTENS

REBECCA KINDERGARTEN, BLOCK 22

PO LEUNG KUK SAU MAU PING KINDERGARTEN, BLOCK 24

NEI MING KINDERGARTEN, BLOCK 25

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

SAU MAU PING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ESTATE SCHOOL NO 5,
NORTH BLOCK 25

I.S.T.T. (HONG KONG) ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOOL, ESTATE SCHOOL
NO 4, NORTH BLOCK 25

CHIU KUNG PO PRIMARY SCHOOL OF SHUN TAK FRATERNAL ASSOCIATION,
ESTATE SCHOOL NO 3, NORTH BLOCK 25

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MORE LAY PROSECUTORS RECRUITED FOR MAGISTRACIES

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THE END OF THE YEAR WILL SEE LAY PROSECUTORS WORKING IN MORE THAN HALF OF THE 35 COURTS IN THE MAGISTRACIES.

FOURTEEN PEOPLE - 11 MEN AND THREE WOMEN - RECRUITED IN MARCH WILL REPLACE POLICE PROSECUTORS AFTER INTENSIVE TRAINING, MR PETER DUNCAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL CROWN COUNSEL (TRAINING) OF THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT, SAID TODAY.

MR DUNCAN SAID THE LAY PROSECUTOR SCHEME, INTRODUCED IN 1977, HAD PROVED TO BE A SUCCESS. THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE LAY PROSECUTORS WORKING AT THE WESTERN AND CAUSEWAY BAY MAGISTRACIES.

+WE ARE NOW EXPANDING THE SCHEME, RECRUITING AND TRAINING THE RIGHT PEOPLE SO THAT THEY CAN GRADUALLY TAKE OVER ALL PROSECUTION WORK,+ HE SAID.

MR DUNCAN EXPLAINED THAT ONE OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE LAY PROSECUTOR SCHEME WAS TO RELEASE POLICE MANPOWER FROM COURT DUTIES IN ORDER THAT THEY COULD RETURN TO THE FIGHT AGAINST CRIME.

ON QUALIFICATION TO JOIN AS LAY PROSECUTORS, MR DUNCAN SAID APPLICANTS SHOULD BE EITHER MATRICULANTS OR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE HOLDERS WITH AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF APPROPRIATE LEGAL EXPERIENCE. +BUT THE CHALLENGING NATURE OF THE WORK HAS ATTRACTED QUITE A NUMBER OF UNIVERSITY GRADUATES,+ HE ADDED.

THERE ARE NOW TWO CROWN COUNSEL ENGAGED FULL-TIME IN CONDUCTING THE TRAINING COURSE WHICH INCLUDES COMPREHENSIVE INSTRUCTIONS IN CRIMINAL LAW, ADVOCACY, LAW OF EVIDENCE AND COURT PROCEDURES.

RECRUITS ARE TAKEN ON FAMILIARISATION VISITS TO COURTS AND POLICE STATIONS. THEY ALSO PRACTISE THEIR SKILLS THROUGH MOCK TRIALS.

+THE LAY PROSECUTORS USUALLY HANDLE ALL SORTS OF CASES IN THE MAGISTRACIES SUCH AS TRAFFIC OFFENCES, WOUNDING, ASSAULT, ROBBERY, THEFT AND SO ON,+ MR DUNCAN SAID, +BUT THE DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIGN CROWN COUNSEL TO PROSECUTE IN SERIOUS AND MORE COMPLICATED CASES.+

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE LAY PROSECUTORS WILL TAKE OVER ALL PROSECUTION WORK IN MAGISTRACIES FROM THE POLICE IN A FEW YEARS' TIME. MEANWHILE THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT IS PLANNING TO RECRUIT ANOTHER 18 PEOPLE TO TAKE UP THE JOBS.

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FEEES FOR CARE OF ELDERLY UNDER STUDY

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THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, IN ADVISING ON FEE ADJUSTMENTS FOR OLD PEOPLE'S INSTITUTIONS, HAS NOT PROPOSED ANY RADICAL CHANGES, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENTS WERE CONSIDERED TO BE WITHIN THE GENERAL MEANS OF THE ELDERLY IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE.

HE SAID THE MAJORITY OF THE OLD PEOPLE IN INSTITUTIONS RECEIVED SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENTS WHICH MORE THAN ADEQUATELY COVERED THEIR ESSENTIAL NEEDS.

SOCIAL SECURITY PAYMENT RATES, HE ADDED, ARE REVIEWED FROM TIME TO TIME AND REVISED WHERE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THEIR REAL PURCHASING VALUE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID A WORKING GROUP FORMED UNDER THE SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SWAC) WAS NOW STUDYING WHETHER THERE WAS EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT CLAIMS THAT THE PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENTS WOULD CAUSE HARDSHIP.

+PENDING THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY, AND THE ADVICE OF THE SWAC ON THE MATTER, THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOT INSISTED ON THE NEW FEES BEING LEVIED IN ANY OF THE OLD PEOPLE'S INSTITUTIONS ALTHOUGH 12 INSTITUTIONS HAVE ALREADY SEEN FIT TO ADJUST THEIR FEES,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT WILL ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUAL HARDSHIP CASES, IF ANY, WILL BE ADEQUATELY LOOKED AFTER.

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HELP FOR AGGRIEVED TAXPAYERS

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A SPOKESMAN FOR THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT TODAY REMINDED TAXPAYERS THAT IF THEY ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICES GIVEN THEM BY THE DEPARTMENT, ITS COMPLAINTS OFFICER IS THERE TO HELP THEM.

ITS SPECIAL COMPLAINTS SECTION, HEADED BY A COMPLAINTS OFFICER, RECEIVED OVER 1 600 TAX COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES IN THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR. ABOUT 95 PER CENT OF THE COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES WERE RECEIVED OVER THE TELEPHONE, WHILE THE REMAINING 5 PER CENT COMPRISED LETTERS AND PERSONAL INTERVIEWS.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER, ALMOST HALF, OR 49 PER CENT, WERE RELATED TO SALARIES TAX. OTHER COMPLAINTS AND ENQUIRIES AROSE FROM PERSONAL TAX ASSESSMENT, PROPERTY TAX, TAX COLLECTION, AND PROFITS TAX. REPORTS ON SUSPECTED TAX EVASION WERE ALSO RECEIVED WHICH WERE REFERRED TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR INVESTIGATION.

THE COMPLAINTS OFFICER, MR FUNG YUN-CHI, CAN BE CONTACTED ON THE 26TH FLOOR OF WINDSOR HOUSE, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG, OR BY TELEPHONE (5-79595656) OR BY WRITING TO GPO BOX 11234, HONG KONG.

MR FUNG HANDLES ALL COMPLAINTS EXCEPT THOSE CONCERNING THE CORRECTNESS OF AN ASSESSMENT, OR THE TAX LAW ITSELF.

+THERE ARE ALREADY ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS, BOTH LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE, TO ENSURE THAT OBJECTIONS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS ARE PROPERLY PROCESSED, UNTIL EITHER THE OBJECTION IS WITHDRAWN OR A FORMAL DECISION IS ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INLAND REVENUE,+ THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT.

TAXPAYERS ARE URGED TO APPROACH THE COMPLAINTS OFFICER DIRECT IF THEIR INITIAL ENQUIRIES WITH THE OFFICERS HANDLING THEIR CASES HAVE NOT RESOLVED THEIR PROBLEMS.

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UNGUARDED MACHINE SPELLS TRAGEDY

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AN UNGUARDED MACHINE CAN PRODUCE SOMETHING MORE THAN IT WAS DESIGNED FOR — TRAGEDY.

THIS WAS DEMONSTRATED BY A RECENT FACTORY ACCIDENT IN WHICH A WORKER LOST A FOREARM.

THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S DEPUTY CHIEF FACTORY INSPECTOR, MR YIP YUK-LUN, SAID TODAY THAT THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN THE WORKER'S HAND WAS CAUGHT BY AN UNFENCED HIGH SPEED REVOLVING COUPLING OF A YARN DOUBLING MACHINE.

+HAD THE COUPLING BEEN EFFECTIVELY GUARDED THE TRAGIC HUMAN SUFFERING WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED,+ HE LAMENTED.

MR YIP AGAIN URGED BOTH EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY THEY OPERATED.

+UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY) REGULATIONS 1976, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PROPRIETORS OF INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS TO GUARD EFFECTIVELY ALL DANGEROUS PARTS OF MACHINERY.

+THOSE WHO FAIL TO COMPLY WITH SAFETY REGULATIONS ARE LIABLE TO BE PROSECUTED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MAXIMUM FINE IS \$5 000 ON CONVICTION.

+FURTHERMORE, EMPLOYERS MAY ALSO HAVE TO PAY COMPENSATION TO THE INJURED WORKERS AND FACE FURTHER CLAIMS IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS,+ HE ADDED.

MR YIP POINTED OUT THAT THE FACTORY INSPECTORATE WAS ALWAYS READY TO ADVISE ON GUARDING HAZARDOUS MACHINERY AND THAT COPIES OF A WELL-ILLUSTRATED HANDBOOK ON GUARDING AND OPERATION OF MACHINERY WERE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE.

+GUARDS WHICH ARE PROPERLY DESIGNED, INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED CAN HELP ELIMINATE MECHANICAL HAZARD, INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OPERATORS,+ HE STRESSED.

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ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES IN TUEN MUN

MORE THAN 20 000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES BEING ORGANISED BY TUEN MUN ARTS PROMOTION ASSOCIATION THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE CANTONESE OPERA TRAINING CLASSES, DANCE NIGHTS, DANCE COMPETITIONS, CHINESE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT TRAINING CLASSES, YOUTH CHOIR PERFORMANCES, CHINESE MUSIC NIGHTS, PENMANSHIP AND DRAWING COMPETITIONS AND TWO EXHIBITIONS.

CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSOCIATION, MR CHOW MAN-PING, SAID THE ASSOCIATION, WHICH IS NON-PROFIT-MAKING, WAS SET UP IN 1978 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE.

+THE AIM IS TO PROMOTE ARTS AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE GROWING POPULATION OF THE NEW TOWN AND TO CULTIVATE A SENSE OF BELONGING,+ MR CHOW SAID.

ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY THE ASSOCIATION ARE MAINLY FINANCED BY TUEN MUN DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD WHICH HAS ALLOCATED MORE THAN \$182 000 TO IT FOR 1980/81.

THIS FIGURE ACCOUNTS FOR ABOUT A QUARTER OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE BOARD BY THE GOVERNMENT THIS FINANCIAL YEAR.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION COMPRISE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS, PLUS LEADERS OF LOCAL CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS. STAFF FROM TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE ALSO HOLD HONORARY POSTS.

THE ASSOCIATION HAS ORGANISED MORE THAN 40 ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS, MOST OF WHICH WERE HELD IN LOCAL SCHOOL HALLS. PARTICIPANTS WERE MAINLY STUDENTS AND WORKERS.

MR CHOW SAID ANYONE WHO WISHED TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES COULD CONTACT THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE OR TUEN MUN RURAL COMMITTEE.

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GRADUATION OF 100 CAS RECRUITS
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THE CIVIL AID SERVICES WILL HOLD ITS 20TH PASSING-OUT PARADE AT ITS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE IN ARGYLE STREET ON FRIDAY (JUNE 6) AT 7.30 PM.

TAKING PART IN THE PARADE WILL BE 100 MALE AND FEMALE RECRUITS. THEY HAVE COMPLETED THE REQUIRED 56 HOURS BASIC TRAINING IN FOOTDRILL, FIRST AID, COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT, AND FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE FIGHTING.

THEY HAVE ALSO HAD TRAINING IN ESCAPE AND RESCUE FROM DANGEROUS BUILDINGS, TYPHOON DUTY AND EMERGENCY CALL-OUT, AS WELL AS STUDIED THE ORGANISATION OF THE CAS.

AFTER THE PARADE, THEY WILL BE POSTED TO VARIOUS UNITS FOR FURTHER OPERATIONAL TRAINING AND ACTIVE DUTY.

MRS KITTY SIU HON-SUM, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY CHEST, WILL INSPECT THE PARADE. SHE WILL ALSO AWARD SPECIAL CERTIFICATES TO THE FOUR MOST OUTSTANDING RECRUITS.

THE CAS BAND WILL PROVIDE MUSIC FOR THE CEREMONY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE PASSING-OUT PARADE WHICH WILL BE HELD AT 7.30 PM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 6) AT THE CAS KOWLOON TRAINING CENTRE, 204 ARGYLE STREET, KOWLOON.

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WELSH CHOIR TO PERFORM FOR LOCAL STUDENTS
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THE RHOS ORPHEUS MALE VOICE CHOIR WILL GIVE A CONCERT THIS WEEK TO LOCAL STUDENTS FOLLOWING A TOUR OF CHINA.

THE CHOIR HAS 55 MEMBERS WHO COME FROM A WIDE AREA AROUND THE VILLAGE OF RHOSLLANERCHRUGOG IN WALES, AN AREA FAMOUS FOR MALE CHORAL SINGING.

MORE THAN 800 SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE TAKING TIME OFF FROM CLASS ON THURSDAY (JUNE 5) MORNING TO HEAR THEIR ONE-HOUR CONCERT AT LA SALLE COLLEGE IN KOWLOON.

THERE WILL BE A VARIED PROGRAMME OF CHOIR AND SOLO ITEMS, INCLUDING FOLK SONGS AND SACRED MUSIC WHICH REFLECT THE WELSH CULTURAL HERITAGE.

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CANAL ROAD EAST CLEARWAY EXTENDED
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THE EXISTING URBAN CLEARWAY IN CANAL ROAD EAST WILL BE EXTENDED TO THE JUNCTION WITH RUSSELL STREET FROM 10 AM ON FRIDAY (JUNE 6).

WITHIN THE CLEARWAY, ALL MOTOR VEHICLES, EXCEPT FRANCHISED BUSES, WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PICK UP OR SET DOWN PASSENGERS OR LOAD OR UNLOAD GOODS FROM 7 AM TO 7 PM DAILY.

TRAFFIC SIGNS WILL BE SET UP TO INDICATE THE CLEARWAY.

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