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SPECIAL ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVE IN FISHING PORTS
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THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WILL LAUNCH A SPECIAL DOG INOCULATION DRIVE IN FISHING PORTS LATER THIS MONTH SO THAT FISHERMEN CAN HAVE THEIR DOGS IMMUNISED AGAINST RABIES.

THE DRIVE, A REGULAR EXERCISE LAUNCHED SINCE 1980, IS SPECIALLY TIMED TO SUIT THE CONVENIENCE OF FISHERMEN, MOST OF WHOM WILL BE COMING BACK FROM SEA THESE FEW WEEKS TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR.

STARTING FROM JANUARY 16, THE DEPARTMENT'S MOBILE DOG INOCULATION TEAMS WILL VISIT THE TERRITORY'S SEVEN FISHING PORTS AND MAKE BOAT-TO-BOAT VISITS BETWEEN 10 AM TO 4 PM DAILY.

THE EIGHT-DAY OPERATION WILL END ON JANUARY 28.

THE TEAMS WILL VISIT THE FISHING PORTS IN SAM MUN TSAI ON JANUARY 16 AND 17, ABERDEEN AND SHA TAU KOK ON JANUARY 20 AND 21; SHAU KEI WAN AND CASTLE PEAK BAY ON JANUARY 22 AND 23; CHEUNG CHAU AND SAI KUNG ON JANUARY 27 AND 28.

ACTING SENIOR VETERINARY OFFICER (HEALTH), DR K.K. LIU, SAID TODAY (SUNDAY) THE DRIVE IS PART OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF RABIES IN HONG KONG.

"THE TERRITORY REGAINED THE RABIES-FREE AREA STATUS IN JULY 1989 BY HAVING SUCCESSFULLY PREVENT THE OUTBREAK OF ANY INDIGENOUS RABIES CASE IN THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS," HE NOTED.

NEVERTHELESS, HE STRESSED THAT RABIES IS A DEADLY DISEASE TRANSMISSIBLE FROM ANIMALS TO HUMAN. DOGS ON FISHING VESSELS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH OTHER ANIMALS OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

"IT IS THEREFORE IMPORTANT THAT FISHERMEN'S DOGS ARE INOCULATED AGAINST THE DISEASE AT LEAST EVERY THREE YEARS TO KEEP UP THEIR IMMUNITY," DR LIU ADDED.

HE URGED FISHERMEN WHO OWN DOGS TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE SPECIAL INOCULATION SERVICE.

A TOTAL OF 4,362 INOCULATIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO DOGS OWNED BY FISHERMEN DURING SIMILAR ANTI-RABIES INOCULATION DRIVES IN THE PAST YEARS.

UNDER THE DOGS AND CATS ORDINANCE, ALL DOGS OVER FIVE MONTHS OLD ARE REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED AND INOCULATED AGAINST RABIES.

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RENDER THE OWNER LIABLE TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF \$5,000 AND SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT.

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NEW HANDBOOK ON CATERING TRADE SAFETY
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THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT HAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED A GUIDE TO SAFETY AND HEALTH AT WORK FOR PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYEES IN THE CATERING TRADE.

ENTITLED "SAFETY AND HEALTH GUIDE FOR CATERING TRADE", THE BOOKLET SERVES TO ASSIST THEM IN COMPLYING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL UNDERTAKINGS (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1990.

THE ORDINANCE REQUIRES PROPRIETORS OF CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS SUCH AS RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND COOKED-FOOD SHOPS TO TAKE ALL REASONABLE MEASURES TO ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AT WORK.

ON THE OTHER HAND, AN EMPLOYEE IS REQUIRED TO CO-OPERATE WITH HIS EMPLOYER IN IMPLEMENTING SAFETY MEASURES AND TO TAKE REASONABLE CARE OF THE SAFETY AND HEALTH OF HIMSELF AND OTHERS AT WORK.

THE BOOKLET PROVIDES USEFUL HINTS TO HELP CATERING EMPLOYEES PREVENT PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL HAZARDS SO AS TO MAKE THE WORKPLACE SAFE AND WITHOUT RISKS TO HEALTH.

IT ALSO SETS OUT OFFICES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FACTORY INSPECTORATE DIVISION WHERE ADVICE ON WORK SAFETY AND HEALTH IN THE CATERING INDUSTRY CAN BE OBTAINED.

THE BILINGUAL BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT ALL BRANCH OFFICES OF THE DIVISION.

FURTHER ENQUIRIES CAN BE MADE ON 399 2243 OR 399 2244.

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DB BY-ELECTION FORUM ON TUESDAY
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RESIDENTS OF LEK YUEN AND WO CHE ESTATES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A CANDIDATE FORUM FOR THE SHA TIN DISTRICT BOARD'S YUEN WO CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 14).

THE FORUM, BEGINNING AT 8 PM IN LEK YUEN COMMUNITY HALL, WILL GIVE CANDIDATES A CHANCE TO ELABORATE THEIR PLATFORMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM LOCAL RESIDENTS.

THERE ARE A TOTAL OF FOUR CANDIDATES FOR THE VACANT DISTRICT BOARD SEAT.

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THEY ARE MISS CHOW WAI-CHU, MR CHEUNG WING-FAI, MR LEE YORK-FAI, AND MR KAN CHUNG-NIN, THE BY-ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 19.

ATTENTION NEWS EDITORS:

MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM.

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RESIDENTS URGED TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS
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MONG KOK RESIDENTS WERE THIS (SUNDAY) EVENING URGED TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS.

THE APPEAL WAS MADE BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MONG KOK DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE'S ANTI-NARCOTICS WORKING GROUP, MISS SO CHI-HAN.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE MONG KOK ANTI-NARCOTICS VARIETY SHOW AT THE MACPHERSON PLAYGROUND, MISS SO SAID THE SHOW AIMED AT PUBLICISING THE ANTI-NARCOTICS MESSAGE AMONG LOCAL RESIDENTS AS WELL AS PROVIDING FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THEM.

SHE POINTED OUT THAT A SLOGAN CHOSEN FROM A WINNING ENTRY OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS SLOGAN COMPETITION HELD EARLIER HAD BEEN PRINTED ON A KEY CHAIN SOUVENIR TO SERVE AS A REMINDER TO STAY AWAY FROM DRUGS.

ALSO SPEAKING AT THE CEREMONY, THE COMMISSIONER FOR NARCOTICS, MR KENNETH WOODHOUSE, CALLED ON PUBLIC SUPPORT AGAINST DRUGS.

"THE SUCCESS OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS WORK DEPENDS NOT ONLY ON THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS, BUT ALSO THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY," HE SAID.

MR WOODHOUSE ALSO SAID THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN) WOULD ARRANGE A WIDE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES TO PUBLICISE THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS CAUSED BY DRUG ADDICTION.

MORE THAN 1,000 RESIDENTS ATTENDED TONIGHT'S SHOW WHICH FEATURED TELEGAMES, DRAMA AND SINGING PERFORMANCES.

TWENTY-SIX CIVIC-MINDED RESIDENTS AND WINNERS OF THE ANTI-NARCOTICS SLOGAN COMPETITION WERE PRESENTED WITH "GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS" OR PRIZES.

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THE EVENT WAS ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE, THE MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICE, THE POLICE AND THE ASIA TELEVISION LIMITED, WITH SPONSORSHIP FROM ACAN.

OTHER OFFICIATING GUESTS WERE THE MONG KOK DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR CHOW CHUN-FAI; THE YAU TSIM AND MONG KOK DISTRICT OFFICER, MISS ANNIE TANG; POLICE DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR JOHN HUI AND THE DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, MRS TAM CHEUNG KIT-YING.

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WATER SUPPLY SUSPENSION IN SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG
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SUPPLY OF FLUSHING WATER TO SOME PREMISES IN SHEUNG KWAI CHUNG, NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE TURNED OFF FROM 8.45 AM TO 7 PM ON TUESDAY (JANUARY 14) BECAUSE OF SUSPENSION OF ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO A PUMPING STATION IN THE AREA.

THE SUSPENSION WILL AFFECT PREMISES AT LEI MUK SHUE ESTATE, SHEK YAM ESTATE, SHEK LEI ESTATE AND WO YI HOP ROAD.

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