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**MEASLES CAN BE A KILLER**

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The Director of Medical and Health Services, Dr. G.H. Choa, today appealed to parents to have their children between nine months and five years vaccinated against measles if they have not already been immunised.

He was speaking at a press conference at the start of an intensive nine-week campaign to impress upon the public two important aspects regarding measles:-

- \* It is almost the last of the infectious diseases of childhood which still remains a threat in Hong Kong.
- \* Though the disease in itself is not very serious, it can cause severe complications which may be fatal.

Dr. Choa recalled that in the last epidemic in Hong Kong between 1966 and 1967, about 1,000 children died as the result of complications -- such as bronchitis, pneumonia, middle ear infection and encephalitis.

He described encephalitis as capable of causing "permanent brain damage and mental retardation even if the child recovers."

Dr. Choa urged Hong Kong parents to accept what had already been well-established -- that measles epidemics could be prevented if all susceptible children were immunised against the disease.

"Large numbers of children born every year are not immunised," he said, "and are therefore susceptible to an attack. We must continue our efforts to protect them."

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It has been estimated that unless 60 per cent of the child population at risk were made immune to the disease by vaccination, epidemics were likely to recur.

The Director felt that the campaign starting today would not be successful unless there was full co-operation from parents.

Of the vaccine itself, he said it was highly effective and safe, and would be available free during the next nine weeks at all government dispensaries, clinics, health centres and inoculation posts.

A total of 21 mobile teams with 48 inoculators have been set up to make door to door visits in resettlement and housing estates.

In addition to the 34 maternal and child health centres, 25 new centres have been established in resettlement estates, Urban Services Department health offices, clinics, dispensaries and hospitals.

In the New Territories, mobile teams will be visiting villages, and the two floating dispensaries will be offering vaccine to children living in outlying islands.

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Note to editors : Copies of the full text of Dr. Choa's remarks at the Press conference are distributed separately in the G.I.S. press boxes.

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### STANDARDISING TECHNICAL TERMINOLOGY

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A special handbook which should go a long way towards standardising the technical terminology used in Hong Kong's 10 major industries has just been published.

It is entitled the "Manual of Technical and Industrial Training Terms" and has been prepared by the Industrial Training Advisory Committee group's translation sub-committee.

In one volume, the manual contains the major technical terminology used in these industries.

A spokesman for the Labour Department said today that the standardisation of terms was long overdue.

The manual will be a useful reference to all those engaged in the industries concerned, in particular to management and the people involved in industrial training, to those engaged in technical education or in the translation of technical literature, to careers guidance personnel and to trainees undergoing technical or industrial training courses.

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COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR HUNG HOM

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A five-storey community centre will be built on the site of the existing Holy Carpenter Church and Hostel in Hung Hom with a capital grant of \$202,500 from the Government Lotteries Fund.

The new centre will include a general clinic, a dental clinic, vocational training centre, day-nursery, a hostel, canteens and a hall for social functions.

The Holy Carpenter Church and Hostel has been providing social welfare services for the people in the district, but the premises have become dilapidated over the years.

On the recommendation of the Social Welfare Advisory Committee, the Finance Committee has approved the capital grant from the Lotteries Fund towards the building of the centre.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1,285,000. Construction work is expected to begin early next year, and will take about seven months to complete.

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PHILIPPINES THANKS HONG KONG

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The Philippine Government has sent a message to the Governor thanking him for the recent gift of medical supplies sent from Hong Kong for the relief of flood victims there.

The supplies, 20,000 doses of anti-cholera vaccine and 80,000 tablets of erythromycin, an anti-biotic, were flown to Manila in a Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force aircraft last Friday. It was the first time that the Government had used its own plane on an overseas mission.

The message also thanked Sir Murray MacLehose for his telegram expressing his deepest sympathy, and that of the people of Hong Kong, for the victims of the flooding.

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RESEARCH PROJECT FOR YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

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A research project for young volunteers is under way at the Shek Li resettlement estate at Kwai Chung to determine the social services needs of the residents there.

A group of about 30 young people from the Lai Ching Club at the estate has been distributing leaflets about the project and making visits to householders.

They have already called on about 250 families at Shek Li and plan to visit a similar number by Friday (August 11).

The project will not only help to determine the effectiveness of the social welfare programme already offered at the estate, but will benefit the volunteers by getting them to know the community in which they live through actual contact with the people.

The Shek Li Estate Community Work Office of the Social Welfare Department is sponsoring the survey.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

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A Government spokesman announced today that Mr. Wilson Wang Tze-sam, an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, ceased to be temporarily an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council, with effect from August 5, on the return to Hong Kong of Sir Yuet-keung Kan.

At the same time, Mr. H.J.C. Browne, has been appointed temporarily to the Executive Council with effect from today (August 8) during the absence of Sir Douglas Clague.

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DOCUMENTARY FILMS ON HONG KONG'S FISHING COMMUNITY AND PORT

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Two short colour documentary films, "The Sea And The Sky" and "The Port Of Hong Kong", have been produced for the Hong Kong Government.

The 13-minute documentary "The Sea And The Sky" which is shot in Eastman Colour, was produced by the Film Unit of the Government Information Services.

It tells the story of the change in the life of Hong Kong's fishing community and follows the modernisation of the industry over the past 20 years or so.

"The Port Of Hong Kong" lasts about 10 minutes. It was produced by a London-based company for the Hong Kong Government.

The documentary shows the port managing its outgoing and in-coming trade like a "machine", and compares the lighter families and their traditional way of handling cargo with today's modern containerisation methods.

Both films will be available soon in English and Cantonese language versions.

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Note to Editors:

You are invited to send your reporter and/or film critic to attend a preview of the two documentaries at the 16-mm theatre of the Government Information Services, Beaconsfield House, Fifth Floor at 4.30 p.m. tomorrow (Wednesday, August 9).

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#### TWO KOWLOON STREETS CLOSED

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A section of Kai Ming Street and the whole of Yuk Shing Street in To Kwa Wan, Kowloon, will be closed to traffic from 10 a.m. Thursday (August 10).

The closure will be in force for a period of about two weeks during the demolition of the Wah Lok Theatre at 15-19 Kai Ming Street.

Appropriate traffic signs will be erected to guide motorists.

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#### BRONZE MEDAL IN PARALYMPICS FOR HONG KONG TEAM

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A Hong Kong team has won a bronze medal for team table tennis in the class two division at the 21st International Stoke Mandeville Games - unofficially known as the Paralympics.

The two players who brought laurels for the 10-member Hong Kong contingent are Mr. Lee Koon-hung and Mr. Leslie Lam, both in their twenties.

This is the third time that Hong Kong has participated in the games, held once every four years before the Olympic Games.

The expedition organised jointly by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service and the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Handicapped, received a grant of some \$55,000 from the Lotteries Fund to take part in the games.

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ACTING SENIOR EDUCATION OFFICER RETIRES

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Mr. Wong Mun-hon, Acting Senior Education Officer, is retiring from the Government after 13 years service.

To mark the occasion, the Acting Director of Education, Mr. C.J.G. Lowe, will present Mr. Wong a retirement gift at the Education Department Headquarters on Thursday (August 10).

Mr. Wong first joined the Education Department in 1959 as an Assistant Education Officer. He was promoted Education Officer three years later and has been Acting Senior Education Officer since January last year.

Before joining the Government, Mr. Wong was a teacher at St. Stephen's College in Stanley.

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Note to Editors: You are invited to have the presentation covered.

The ceremony will be held at the Conference Room of the Education Department Headquarters, Lee Gardens, Hysan Avenue, at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday.

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WATER INTERRUPTION IN KOWLOON

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Water supply to a number of premises in Kowloon City and Tsim Sha Tsui will be interrupted late tomorrow night (August 9) and Thursday (August 10).

The supply will be turned off for eight hours from 10.00 p.m. tomorrow for certain premises in Kowloon City and will be switched off for six hours beginning from midnight the same day, in the Tsim Sha Tsui area.

The temporary water stoppages are to enable the Waterworks Office to connect the ends of existing sub-mains onto a new 12 inch diameter main at Nga Tsin Wai Road and to flush a fresh water main at the junction of Salisbury Road and Canton Road.

The following buildings in Kowloon City will be affected by the interruption there: 31-49A Nga Tsin Wai Road, 2-46 Junction Road, 1-49 Fuk Lo Tsun Road, 1-43 and 2-42 Lion Rock Road, 1-43 and 2A-26 Hau Wong Road, 1A-25 Nga Tsin Loong Road, Kowloon City Market, Kowloon City Dispensary, and 320-402 Prince Edward Road.

The premises affected in the Tsim Sha Tsui area are the Kowloon-Canton Railway Terminus, Salisbury Road Post Office, Star Ferry Co., Ocean Terminal Building, Star House -- Salisbury Road and Hong Kong Hotel, Canton Road.

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WEEKLY MEDICAL AND HEALTH STATISTICS

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Statistics released today by the Medical and Health Department for the week ending on July 22 are as follows:-

\* Notifications of infectious cases (previous week's figures in brackets) -- total 259 (194); amoebiasis -- 1 (1); bacillary dysentery -- 14 (9); cerebrospinal meningitis and meningococcal infections -- nil (1); chickenpox -- 2 (nil); tuberculosis -- 225 (163); diphtheria -- nil (nil); enteric fever (typhoid) -- 9 (14); enteric fever (paratyphoid) -- 1 (nil); leprosy -- 5 (1); measles -- 2 (1); ophthalmia neonatorum -- nil (3); poliomyelitis -- nil (nil); and scarlet fever -- nil (nil).

\* Births -- total registered 1557; 369 on Hong Kong Island, 967 in Kowloon, and 221 in the New Territories.

\* Deaths -- 331 from all causes; 114 on the Island, 198 in Kowloon and 19 in the New Territories.

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