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WORKING PARTY ON CHINESE MEDICINE APPOINTED

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THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE HAS APPOINTED A WORKING PARTY TO LOOK INTO THE USE AND PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN HONG KONG.

"IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION IN THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ON APRIL 19 THE SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE HAD SAID THAT, IN THE LIGHT OF PUBLIC CONCERN ABOUT THE USE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN HONG KONG, THE ADMINISTRATION WAS EXPLORING THE BEST MEANS TO REVIEW THIS ISSUE," A HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

"IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED THAT A SMALL WORKING PARTY COMPRISING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RELEVANT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND EXPERTS FROM THE TWO UNIVERSITIES IS THE MOST EFFICIENT AND PRACTICABLE WAY TO ENABLE AN ASSESSMENT TO BE MADE OF THE USE OF CHINESE MEDICINE BY THE COMMUNITY," HE ADDED.

THE WORKING PARTY IS CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE (MEDICAL) AND COMPRISES REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE HOSPITAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION AND THE HEALTH AND WELFARE BRANCH.

ALSO APPOINTED AS MEMBERS OF THE WORKING PARTY ARE PROFESSOR S.P.B. DONNAN, PROFESSOR OF COMMUNITY MEDICINE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; DR YEUNG HIN-WING, DIRECTOR OF THE CHINESE MEDICINAL MATERIAL RESEARCH CENTRE AT THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG; AND DR MABEL MEI-PO YANG, LECTURER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG.

THE WORKING PARTY'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE:

- (1) TO EXAMINE THE PRESENT PRACTICE OF THE PRINCIPAL FORMS OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN HONG KONG INCLUDING HERBAL MEDICINE, ACUPUNCTURE, BONE-SETTING AND THE FORMS OF TRAINING GIVEN TO THE PRACTITIONERS;
- (2) TO IDENTIFY ANY WIDESPREAD ABUSES OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE WHICH POSE A SIGNIFICANT RISK TO HEALTH AND TO ADVISE WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SUCH ABUSES;
- (3) TO ADVISE ON OTHER MEASURES THAT SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROMOTE THE GOOD PRACTICE OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE.

"DESPITE THE EXTENSIVE USE OF CHINESE MEDICINE AS A FORM OF PREVENTIVE AND CURATIVE MEDICAL CARE IN A CHINESE COMMUNITY, THERE IS GENERALLY A LACK OF ACCURATE AND COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION ON THE MATTER.

"ONE OF THE FIRST TASKS OF THE WORKING PARTY WILL THEREFORE BE TO OBTAIN COMPREHENSIVE DATA ON THE PRACTICE AND UTILISATION OF TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE IN HONG KONG," THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE WORKING PARTY IS EXPECTED TO HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING IN LATE SEPTEMBER.

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NEW LICENCE GRANTED TO COMMERCIAL RADIO

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THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL TODAY (TUESDAY) GRANTED A NEW LICENCE TO THE HONG KONG COMMERCIAL BROADCASTING CO. LTD. ("COMMERCIAL RADIO") COMMENCING ON AUGUST 26, 1989.

FOLLOWING THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF ITS APPLICATION FOR A NEW LICENCE, COMMERCIAL RADIO HAS TAKEN STEPS TO COMPLY WITH THE TELECOMMUNICATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE, WHICH COMMENCED ON AUGUST 15, 1989, AND WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ITS NEW LICENCE.

"THESE STEPS INCLUDE RE-ORGANISING ITS CORPORATE STRUCTURE AND MAKING CHANGES TO ITS ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID.

"COMMERCIAL RADIO HAS ALSO CONFIRMED THAT IT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE NEW REQUIREMENTS IN RELATION TO DISQUALIFIED PERSONS (THAT IS SHAREHOLDERS WHO MAY HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST) AND UNQUALIFIED PERSONS (THAT IS SHAREHOLDERS WHO DO NOT FULFIL CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS)."

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THAT THE NEW LICENCE WOULD BE VALID FOR A 12-YEAR PERIOD FROM AUGUST 26, 1989 TO AUGUST 25, 2001, SUBJECT TO RENEWAL BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL ON OR AFTER AUGUST 26, 1995.

"THE NEW BASIS FOR THE CALCULATION OF ROYALTY, HOWEVER, WILL NOT COMMENCE UNTIL OCTOBER 1, 1989 IN ORDER TO FALL IN WITH THE NEW PAYMENT SCHEDULE," HE SAID.

"UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM, ROYALTY IS PAYABLE IN RESPECT OF QUARTERS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, APRIL 1, JULY 1 AND OCTOBER 1.

"COMMERCIAL RADIO HAS UNDERTAKEN TO CONTINUE TO PAY ROYALTY ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM FROM AUGUST 26, 1989 UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER 1989.

"THE NEW LICENCE CONDITIONS SHOULD ENSURE THAT THE AIRWAVES ARE USED TO THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY AND SHOULD IMPROVE THE REGULATORY SYSTEM.

"I HOPE THAT AS A RESULT THE COMMUNITY CAN LOOK FORWARD TO FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS IN THE QUALITY OF COMMERCIAL RADIO BROADCASTING IN THE YEARS AHEAD," THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

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ONE MORE AIDS DEATH REPORTED

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ONE MORE PERSON HAS DIED OF AIDS (ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME), BRINGING TO 15 THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS DEATHS IN THE TERRITORY TO DATE, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCED TODAY (TUESDAY).

RELEASING THE MONTHLY STATISTICS ON THE AIDS SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID ANOTHER PERSON WAS CONFIRMED TO BE SUFFERING FROM AIDS. THIS BRINGS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AIDS CASES TO 25.

THE PATIENT IN THE NEWLY REPORTED AIDS CASE IS A MAN AND HE ACQUIRED THE DISEASE SEXUALLY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, FIVE MORE PERSONS WERE FOUND TO BE POSITIVE FOR THE HIV ANTIBODY TEST, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER TO 152.

OF THE 152 CARRIERS, 55 WERE HAEMOPHILIACS, ONE WAS AN INTRAVENOUS DRUG ABUSER, 15 WERE PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINICS, 47 WERE PATIENTS FROM GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS AND CLINICS AND 34 WERE REFERRALS FROM PRIVATE DOCTORS AND SUBVENTED ORGANISATIONS.

UNDER THE SURVEILLANCE PROGRAMME STARTED BY THE FORMER MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IN 1985, A TOTAL OF 134,573 BLOOD SPECIMENS HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR THE AIDS VIRUS.

MEANWHILE, THE HONG KONG RED CROSS BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE HAS ALSO SCREENED ALL BLOOD DONORS FOR AIDS.

UP TO LAST MONTH, A TOTAL OF 593,711 UNITS OF BLOOD HAD BEEN TESTED AND NINE WERE FOUND POSITIVE.

/AIDS VIRUS

愛滋病 抗體 檢驗
AIDS Virus (HIV) Antibody Testing
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Department of Health
 病毒 組
Virus Unit

| | <u>Apr 85 - June 89</u> | | <u>July 89</u> | | <u>Total</u> | |
|--|-------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | No. tested* | No. +ve | No. tested* | No. +ve | No. tested* | No. +ve |
| 經由政府醫院及診所轉介 Referrals from Govt. hospitals and clinics | 8 530 | 44 | 152 | 3 | 8 682 | 47 |
| 經由私家區及輔助醫院轉介 Referrals from private practitioners and subvented hospitals | 1 771 | 33 | 6 | 1 | 1 777 | 34 |
| 到社會衛生中心求診人數 Attendances at social hygiene clinics | 116 966 | 15 | 2 463 | 0 | 119 429 | 15 |
| 血友病患者 Haemophiliacs | 377 | 54 | 5 | 1 | 382 | 55 |
| 濫用法制毒物者 IV drug abusers | 3 495 | 1 | 68 | 0 | 3 563 | 1 |
| 經由家庭計劃指導會介紹 Referrals from Family Planning Association | 171 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 175 | 0 |
| 健康護理人員 Health care personnel | 561 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 565 | 0 |

總計
 TOTAL 131 871, 147 2 702 5 134 573 152

*此乃驗血樣本數目，並非人數，因某些個別人士之檢驗乃重複
 *This indicates the number of specimens and not persons as tests are repeated for certain individuals

| | <u>Aug 85 - June 89</u> | | <u>July 89</u> | | <u>Total</u> | |
|---|-------------------------|---------|----------------|---------|--------------|---------|
| | No. tested | No. +ve | No. tested | No. +ve | No. tested | No. +ve |
| 香港紅十字會輸血服務 Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service | 580 747 | 9 | 12 964 | 0 | 593 711 | 9 |

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LRT ACCIDENT VICTIMS URGED TO APPLY FOR TAVA

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VICTIMS OF ACCIDENTS INVOLVING THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) SYSTEM SINCE MARCH 1, 1988 AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO WISH TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TRAFFIC ACCIDENT VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (TAVA) SCHEME SHOULD APPLY NOW, THE SENIOR SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICER (TAVA), MISS HELEN LEE, SAID TODAY (TUESDAY).

MISS LEE POINTED OUT THAT THE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT ENABLING PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN INJURED OR THE FAMILIES OF PERSONS KILLED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS ON THE NORTH-WEST RAILWAY SINCE MARCH 1 LAST YEAR TO APPLY FOR TAVA NOT SUBJECT TO THE SIX-MONTH APPLICATION RULE, WOULD EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 1 THIS YEAR.

SHE SAID THE ARRANGEMENT WOULD ONLY APPLY TO ACCIDENTS INVOLVING LRT VEHICLES AND NOT TO ACCIDENTS INVOLVING ANY OTHER CLASS OF VEHICLE.

"APPLICATIONS FOR ASSISTANCE SUBMITTED AFTER SEPTEMBER 1 MUST BE MADE WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF THE ACCIDENT," SHE ADDED.

APPLICATION CAN BE MADE TO THE TAVA SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT EITHER IN PERSON OR BY POST.

APPLICATIONS FORMS ARE OBTAINABLE FROM THE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION SECTIONS OF THE POLICE DISTRICT TRAFFIC FORMATIONS, DISTRICT OFFICES OF THE CITY AND NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION, OR THE TAVA SECTION OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT ON THE FIRST FLOOR, VICTORIA CENTRE, 15 WATSON ROAD, CAUSEWAY BAY, HONG KONG.

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DFCC MEMBERS THANK CENTRAL POLICE

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MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN DISTRICT FIGHT CRIME COMMITTEE (DFCC) PRAISED THE WORK OF THE POLICE WHEN THEY VISITED THE CENTRAL POLICE STATION IN HOLLYWOOD ROAD THIS (TUESDAY) MORNING.

THE DFCC CHAIRMAN, MR WU CHOR-NAM, PRESENTED SOUVENIR PENNANTS TO OFFICERS ATTACHED TO THE CENTRAL DISTRICT AND THE HONG KONG ISLAND REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR SWIFTLY SOLVING SEVERAL CRIMES IN CENTRAL.

MR WU PAID TRIBUTE IN PARTICULAR TO DETECTIVES OF A REGIONAL CRIME UNIT WHO INTERCEPTED ROBBERS IN WING LOK STREET ON JULY 3. IN THIS CASE, MORE THAN \$770,000 WORTH OF STOLEN CASH AND VALUABLES WAS RECOVERED BY THE POLICE AFTER A SHOOTOUT.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO OFFICERS ATTACHED TO HONG KONG ISLAND FOR MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER DURING THE MASS RALLIES IN MAY AND JUNE.

DURING THE VISIT, THE MEMBERS WERE BRIEFED ON DISTRICT POLICING BY THE CENTRAL DISTRICT COMMANDER, MR BILL KIRKHOPE.

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CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION IN FANLING

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A THREE-DAY CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION WILL BEGIN TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL IN FANLING.

ORGANISED BY THE NORTH DISTRICT STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, THE EXHIBITION IS AIMED AT ENHANCING RESIDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS.

"FOUR WINNING ENTRIES IN THE OUTSTANDING CIVIC EDUCATION PROJECTS AWARD SCHEME ORGANISED BY THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION FOR THE CURRENT YEAR WILL BE PUT ON DISPLAY," CHAIRMAN OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE, MR LAU KIN-WING, SAID.

"THE SUBJECTS COVERED ARE SOCIAL ETHICS, DEMOCRACY, THE BASIC LAW, AND CIVIC RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS."

TWO OF THESE PROJECTS WERE TARGETTED AT CHILDREN, WITH THE CIVIC EDUCATION MESSAGE CONVEYED THROUGH A JOURNEY TO THE "LITTLE PEOPLE'S COUNTRY", STORY-TELLING AND CARTOONS, MR LAU SAID.

"ANOTHER DISPLAY FOCUSES ON THE WORK AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION.

"VISITORS WILL ALSO LEARN ABOUT THE PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS OF THE NORTH DISTRICT FROM A SET OF ILLUSTRATED PANELS," HE SAID.

OFFICIATING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE THE NORTH DISTRICT OFFICER, MR WILLIAM HUI; DISTRICT BOARD CHAIRMAN, MR RAYMOND PANG; AND CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PROMOTION OF CIVIC EDUCATION, MR MAK HOI-WAH.

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM 3.30 PM TO 10 PM TOMORROW AND FROM 9 AM TO 10 PM ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. ADMISSION IS FREE.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE NORTH DISTRICT CIVIC EDUCATION EXHIBITION TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) AT 3 PM AT THE CHEUNG WAH COMMUNITY HALL, CHEUNG WAH ESTATE, FANLING.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN KWUN TONG

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 24), TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN KWUN TONG FOR ONE WEEK TO FACILITATE ROAD RESURFACING WORKS AT THE ACCESS ROADS AND RAMPS IN TELFORD GARDEN.

THE ARRANGEMENTS APPLY TO THE UP-RAMP CARRIAGEWAY CONNECTING WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND AND THE ACCESS ROAD TO TELFORD GARDEN, THE DOWN-RAMP CARRIAGEWAY CONNECTING THE ACCESS ROAD FROM TELFORD GARDEN TO WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND, AND THE DOWN-RAMP CARRIAGEWAY CONNECTING THE ACCESS ROAD FROM TELFORD GARDEN TO WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND.

THEY ALSO APPLY TO THE SOUTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF THE ACCESS ROAD IN TELFORD GARDEN BETWEEN ITS JUNCTION WITH THE ROUNDABOUT OUTSIDE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY CORPORATION HEADQUARTERS AND ITS JUNCTION WITH THE DOWN-RAMP LEADING TO WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND.

VEHICLES ON TELFORD GARDEN ACCESS ROAD HEADING FOR KWUN TONG ROAD WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA TAI YIP STREET AND HONG TAK ROAD.

VEHICLES ON WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND HEADING FOR TELFORD GARDEN ACCESS ROAD WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA KAI CHEUNG ROAD, WANG CHIU ROAD, KAI LAI ROAD, WANG KWONG ROAD, KAI CHEUNG ROAD, FLYOVER AND WAI YIP STREET EASTBOUND.

VEHICLES, INCLUDING BUSES ON KMB ROUTE NO. 5D AND GREEN MINIBUSES ON ROUTE NO. 51M, ON THE ACCESS ROAD IN TELFORD GARDEN HEADING FOR WAI YIP STREET WESTBOUND WILL BE DIVERTED TO TRAVEL VIA TAI YIP STREET, SIU YIP STREET, WAI YIP STREET, LAI YIP STREET, ELEGANCE ROAD, NGAU TAU KOK ROAD, FLYOVER, SHEUNG YEE ROAD AND SHEUNG YUET ROAD.

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TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN TUEN MUN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THAT IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC FLOW, CERTAIN TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN TUEN MUN TOWN PLAZA FROM 10 AM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 24).

THE ARRANGEMENTS ARE:

TUEN SHUN STREET WILL BE RE-ROUTED ONE-WAY SOUTHBOUND;

THE WESTBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF TUEN WUI STREET EAST OF TUEN SHUN STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED A BUS LANE 24 HOURS DAILY;

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THE WESTERN KERBSIDE OF TUEN SHUN STREET WILL BE DESIGNATED AN URBAN CLEARWAY 24 HOURS DAILY; AND

A TAXI STAND WILL BE DESIGNATED IN TUEN SHUN STREET OUTSIDE THE YAOHAN DEPARTMENT STORE.

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SALT WATER CUT IN TSING YI
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SALT WATER SUPPLY TO ALL PREMISES ON TSING YI ISLAND WILL BE SUSPENDED FROM 8 AM TO 5 PM ON THURSDAY (AUGUST 24) TO FACILITATE ANNUAL CLEANING OF THE TSING YI EAST SALT WATER SERVICE RESERVOIR.

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