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ADB MISSION CONCLUDES TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
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GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK'S APPRAISAL MISSION, WHICH CAME TO HONG KONG LAST MONTH, HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TALKS, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (FRIDAY).

THE APPRAISAL MISSION WAS HERE FROM AUGUST 11 TO SEPTEMBER 1 TO DISCUSS WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THE POSSIBILITY OF A LOAN FROM THE BANK TOWARDS PART OF THE COST OF BUILDING A LOW-COST HOUSING COMPLEX, INCLUDING CERTAIN COMMUNITY FACILITIES, IN SHA TIN NEW TOWN.

+THE TALKS WERE OF AN EXPLORATORY NATURE AND CENTRED ON THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT, ITS CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS MEETING HONG KONG'S OVERALL PUBLIC HOUSING TARGET, ITS COST AND THAT PART OF THE COST WHICH MIGHT BE FINANCED BY MEANS OF A LOAN FROM THE BANK,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

ALSO COVERED IN THE DISCUSSIONS WERE CERTAIN PROCEDURES WHICH WOULD NEED TO BE FOLLOWED IF A LOAN WERE TO BE GRANTED.

+THESE POINTS WERE CLARIFIED DURING THE MISSION'S VISIT, BUT IT WAS NOT PART OF THE MISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE TO REACH ANY FORM OF AGREEMENT ON THE GRANTING OF A LOAN,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS STILL NO COMMITMENT BY EITHER PARTY TO A LOAN AND THE MATTER WILL BE FURTHER EXAMINED BY THE BANK AND THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE ANY CONCLUSION IS REACHED.

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PUBLIC DONATIONS FOR LANDSLIDE VICTIMS

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A TOTAL OF 4,471 VICTIMS OF THE RECENT LANDSLIDES WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT \$40 EACH FROM DONATIONS BY THE PUBLIC NEXT WEEK.

THE 3,453 VICTIMS ON KOWLOON SIDE ARE ASKED TO COLLECT THEIR SHARES AT THE KWUN TONG COMMUNITY CENTRE ON TSUI PING ROAD ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) FROM 2.30 TO 4 P.M.

CASH PAYMENTS FOR THE 888 VICTIMS ON HONG KONG ISLAND WILL BE MADE AT THE SHAU KEI WAN KAIFONG ASSOCIATION RECREATION GROUND, SHAU KEI WAN ROAD, ON TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 7) ALSO BETWEEN 2.30 AND 4 P.M.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT SAID :
+FOR IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES, ALL VICTIMS ARE ADVISED TO BRING ALONG THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS. TENANTS OF BLOCKS 9 AND 15 OF SAU MAU PING ESTATE SHOULD ALSO BRING ALONG THEIR TENANCY CARDS WHILE OTHER VICTIMS THEIR EMERGENCY RELIEF CHITS, THAT IS, THE 'RED CARD' ISSUED BY THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT.+

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT AND HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT AND ARTISTES FROM THE COMMERCIAL RADIO WILL HELP DISTRIBUTE THE DONATIONS DURING THESE TWO DAYS.

AS FOR THE 130 VICTIMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, ARRANGEMENTS FOR CASH PAYMENT ARE BEING MADE SEPARATELY FOR THEM AND DETAILS WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

THE DONATIONS AMOUNTING TO \$178,800 CONSIST OF \$112,500 RAISED BY THE COMMERCIAL RADIO - \$40,513 DONATED BY THE BANG BANG FILMS CO. LTD. - \$13,279 BY READERS OF OVERSEAS CHINESE DAILY NEWS LTD. - \$10,000 BY THE CHIU CHOW MERCHANTS MUTUAL ASSISTANCE SOCIETY LIMITED - \$2,000 BY THE CHIU CHOW CLANSMEN OF SEK TONG TSUI, \$200 BY MR. KO MAN-HING, AND \$200 RAISED BY FIVE YOUNG GIRLS - CHRISTINE ROSS, JOANNA MACDONOUGH, NATALIE TURNER, MARIE TURNER AND JOANNE HUNT - IN A JUMBLE SALE.

NOTE TO EDITORS :

YOU ARE INVITED TO HAVE THE EVENTS COVERED.

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PIG SUPPLIES BOUNCED BACK
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DESPITE THE RAINSTORM OF AUGUST 25, WHICH PUT OUT OF ACTION THE RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER THE SHING MUN RIVER AND SEVERELY DISRUPTED ALL COMMUNICATIONS, SUPPLIES OF PIGS FROM CHINA REACHING THE URBAN COUNCIL'S TWO MAIN ABATTOIRS, AT CHEUNG SHA WAN AND KENNEDY TOWN, RETURNED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY TO NORMAL AND ARE RUNNING NORMALLY NOW.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE URBAN COUNCIL POINTED OUT TODAY THAT PIGS FROM CHINA CONSTITUTE THE VAST BULK OF LIVESTOCK SENT TO THE ABATTOIRS.

HE SAID IN THE SEVEN DAYS PRECEDING THE RAINSTORM (AUGUST 18 TO 24 INCLUSIVE) PIG SUPPLIES FROM CHINA -- BY RAIL, SEA AND ROAD -- WERE RUNNING AT A DAILY AVERAGE OF 7,333 HEADS.

ON AUGUST 25, AT THE HEIGHT OF THE RAINS, THE SUPPLY DROPPED TO 80. BUT THE NEXT DAY, THE LEVEL ROSE TO 12,486 AND IN THE SEVEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE STORM (AUGUST 26 TO SEPTEMBER 1) THE AVERAGE DAILY FIGURE WAS 9,624.

THE FIGURE FOR PIGS DESPATCHED FROM CHINA BY RAIL SHOWS A SIMILAR PICTURE.

IN THE SEVEN DAYS PRECEDING THE STORM, THE DAILY AVERAGE TOTAL REACHING THE ABATTOIRS WAS 5,100. IN THE SEVEN DAYS FOLLOWING THE STORM, THE AVERAGE WAS 4,879. EVEN THOUGH, WITH THE BRIDGE DOWN, THESE PIGS WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JOURNEY BY ROAD.

MEANWHILE, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE KOWLOON CANTON RAILWAY (KCR), MR. REGINALD GREGORY, SAID TODAY THAT THE UNLOADING OF GOODS FROM RAILWAY WAGONS WILL RETURN TO NORMAL VOLUME WITHIN ONE WEEK OR TWO WHEN TWO MORE TEMPORARY FREIGHT TERMINALS ARE OPENED IN SHA TIN.

THE TERMINALS TO BE OPENED ARE AT THE SOUTH OF SHA TIN STATION AND AT FO TAN.

AT PRESENT, MR. GREGORY SAID, THREE TEMPORARY TERMINALS WHICH ARE BEING USED FOR UNLOADING WAGONS ARE AT WQ HOP SHEK, FAN LING AND HO TUNG LAU WORKSHOPS.

THE KCR OPENED THESE TEMPORARY TERMINALS BECAUSE THE WAGONS COULD NOT REACH KOWLOON AS A RESULT OF DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE OLD RAILWAY BRIDGE OVER SHING MUN RIVER BY LAST WEEK'S RAINSTORM.

HE SAID THAT ABOUT 70 WAGONS WERE BEING UNLOADED FROM THESE THREE TERMINALS DAILY.

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+WHEN THE TWO NEW TEMPORARY TERMINALS ARE OPENED, THE NUMBER OF WAGONS THAT WILL BE ABLE TO BE UNLOADED WILL INCREASE BY ABOUT 100 PER CENT,+ HE SAID.

+PRIOR TO THE DISRUPTION OF NORMAL TRAIN SERVICE, ABOUT 140 WAGONS A DAY WERE UNLOADED IN KOWLOON.

+AT THE MOMENT WE ARE GIVING UNLOADING PRIORITY TO PERISHABLE FOOD SUCH AS CATTLE, PIGS, VEGETABLES AND POULTRY. THE PRESENT POSITION OF LIVESTOCK REACHING THEIR DESTINATIONS DOESN'T SEEM TO BE TOO BAD.+

MEANWHILE, MR. GREGORY POINTED OUT, THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD BRIDGE HAD BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED AND TWO PILING RIGS HAD COMMENCED PILING WORKS.

APART FROM PILING, THE GENERAL MANAGER ADDED, FABRICATION OF THE SECTIONS FOR THE NEW BRIDGE WAS ALSO PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY.

+WE ARE NOT WASTING ANY TIME ON THIS AND WE HOPE TO COMPLETE THE NEW BRIDGE BY EARLY NEXT MONTH,+ HE SAID.

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I.C.A.C. (TREATMENT OF DETAINED PERSONS) ORDER 1976

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AN ORDER WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE TREATMENT OF ARRESTED PERSONS DETAINED AT THE OFFICES OF THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (ICAC) IS PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE TODAY (FRIDAY).

KNOWN AS THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSION AGAINST CORRUPTION (TREATMENT OF DETAINED PERSONS) ORDER 1976, THE PROVISIONS REPRESENT A BALANCE BETWEEN THE NECESSITY TO ENSURE THE SAFE CUSTODY AND SECURITY OF THE PERSONS DETAINED AND TO ACCORD TO THEM CERTAIN RIGHTS AND COMFORTS.

UNDER THE ORDER, A DETAINEE SHOULD BE GIVEN REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMUNICATE AND CONSULT WITH A LEGAL ADVISER PROVIDED THAT NO UNREASONABLE HINDRANCE OR DELAY IS CAUSED TO THE INVESTIGATION.

IN ADDITION, A CLOSE RELATIVE OF THE DETAINEE OR ANY OTHER PERSON NAMED BY THE DETAINEE SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE DETENTION OF THE DETAINEE OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

ANOTHER PROVISION IS THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD PROVIDE FACILITIES TO JUSTICES OF THE PEACE TO ENABLE THEM TO VISIT DETAINEES AND SATISFY THEMSELVES THAT DETAINEES ARE HELD IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORDER AND ANY OTHER LAW.

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EXTENSION OF CASUALTY SERVICE HOURS
AT PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL

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PRESSURE AT THE EXTREMELY BUSY CASUALTY DEPARTMENT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL IS TO BE FURTHER RELIEVED WHEN THE NEW PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL EXTENDS ITS CASUALTY SERVICE BY EIGHT HOURS FROM NEXT WEEK.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT SAID THAT BEGINNING ON MONDAY (SEPTEMBER 6) THE CASUALTY DEPARTMENT OF PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL WILL OPERATE FROM 8 A.M. TO 11.30 P.M. AT PRESENT, IT OPERATES FROM 9 A.M. TO 4.30 P.M.

THE EXTENDED CASUALTY SERVICE COINCIDES WITH THE OPENING OF THE HOSPITAL'S SECOND CLINICAL UNITS, WHICH INCLUDE MEDICAL, PAEDIATRIC, SURGICAL AND ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALTIES.

ROUND-THE-CLOCK CASUALTY SERVICE WILL BE INTRODUCED EARLY NEXT YEAR WHEN THE 1,300-BED HOSPITAL IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL.

IN ADDITION TO PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL, CASUALTY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, KWONG WAH HOSPITAL AND UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL IN KOWLOON AND QUEEN MARY HOSPITAL AND TANG SHIU KIN HOSPITAL ON THE ISLAND.

ACCORDING TO STATISTICS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CASUALTY ATTENDANCES INCREASED BY A RECORD 18.8 PER CENT LAST YEAR -- FROM 474,648 IN 1974 TO 564,081 IN 1975.

ABOUT 30 PER CENT OF THE CASUALTY ATTENDANCES LAST YEAR WERE ADMITTED TO HOSPITALS FOLLOWING EXAMINATION BY DOCTORS. THE REST WERE TREATED AND DISCHARGED.

THE MOST FREQUENT CAUSES OF TRAUMATIC INJURY TREATED WERE INDUSTRIAL OR DOMESTIC ACCIDENTS WITH 44,984 AND 42,245 CASES RESPECTIVELY, FOLLOWED BY ASSAULTS WITH 19,114 CASES AND TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS WITH 14,626 CASES.

OF THE NON-TRAUMATIC AILMENTS TREATED, GENERAL MEDICAL CAUSES ACCOUNTED FOR 151,320 CASES, FOLLOWED BY PAEDIATRIC WITH 86,707 CASES AND SURGICAL WITH 79,585 CASES.

THE BUSIEST CASUALTY DEPARTMENT WAS THE ONE AT QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL, WHICH TREATED 242,480 PATIENTS DURING THE YEAR.

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H.K. TO ATTEND AIR SERVICES TALKS IN LONDON

MR. NORMAN LATHAM, ACTING CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPARTMENT, LEFT FOR LONDON TODAY (FRIDAY) TO PARTICIPATE IN AIR SERVICES TALKS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND INDIA.

THE TALKS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED TO REVIEW THE OPERATION OF THE AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND, IN PARTICULAR, TO AMEND THE ROUTE SCHEDULES TO THE AGREEMENT SO AS TO BRING THEM INTO LINE WITH THE CHANGED REQUIREMENTS OF THE DESIGNATED AIRLINES: CATHAY PACIFIC AIRWAYS, BRITISH AIRWAYS AND AIR INDIA.

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