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WATER CONSUMERS TO RECEIVE BILLS BASED ON NEW PRICE STRUCTURE

THE FIRST BATCH OF WATER BILLS BASED ON THE NEW PRICE STRUCTURE WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON APRIL 1 THIS YEAR ARE BEING DESPACHED TO REGISTERED CONSUMERS.

THE FIRST GROUP OF RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE THE BILLS UNDER THE NEW PRICE STRUCTURE WILL BE THOSE LIVING IN SAI TAU VILLAGE, CHUK YUEN, WATERLOO ROAD HILL, SAN PO KONG, TAI KOK TSUI, HOMANTIN ESTATE, KOWLOON TONG AND HUNG HOM ESTATE.

THE BILLS COVER WATER CONSUMPTION OVER THE FOUR MONTHS PERIOD BETWEEN APRIL AND JULY THIS YEAR.

ACCORDING TO A WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN THE CALCULATION OF THE NEW WATER CHARGES FOR DOMESTIC SUPPLY IN EVERY FOUR MONTHS BILLING PERIOD IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FIVE-TIER PRICING STRUCTURE:

FIRST TIER - FOR THE FIRST 4 UNITS (AT 1,000 GALLONS PER UNIT) IS FREE-

SECOND TIER - FOR OVER 4 UNITS AND UP TO 8 UNITS IS \$3 PER UNIT-

THIRD TIER - FOR OVER 8 UNITS AND UP TO 14 UNITS IS \$5.50 PER UNIT-

FOURTH TIER - FOR OVER 14 UNITS AND UP TO 20 UNITS IS \$8.50 PER UNIT- AND

FIFTH TIER - FOR OVER 20 UNITS IS \$12 PER UNIT.

TURNING TO THE USE OF FRESH WATER FOR FLUSHING THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CHARGE IS A FLAT RATE AT \$3 PER UNIT EXCEPT FOR THE FIRST 6-2/3 UNITS PER FOUR MONTHS PERIOD WHICH ARE FREE.

A LEAFLET EXPLAINING THE NEW WATER RATES IN CHINESE AND ENGLISH HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AND WILL BE SENT TO THE CONSUMER TOGETHER WITH EACH BILL THAT IS BEING DESPACHED.

ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE NEW WATER RATES CAN BE MADE WITH THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT AT LEIGHTON CENTRE, 77 LEIGHTON ROAD, 11/F, OR TELEPHONE 5-7900222/4 (THREE LINES) BETWEEN 8.30 A.M. AND 12.30 P.M. AND BETWEEN 1.30 P.M. AND 4.30 P.M. ON WORKING DAYS AND FROM 9 A.M. TO 11.30 A.M. ON SATURDAYS.

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HK PARTICIPATING IN UN GSP SEMINAR IN CHINA

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A SENIOR OFFICER FROM THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT WILL JOIN A UNITED NATIONS MISSION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERALISED SCHEMES OF PREFERENCES (GSP) TO ASSIST OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN OPERATING THE VARIOUS GSP SCHEMES.

HE IS MR. P.C. LEUNG, THE PRINCIPAL TRADE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THE CERTIFICATION BRANCH OF THE DEPARTMENT.

THE UN MISSION, ORGANISED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCTAD) AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP), WILL HOLD A SEMINAR IN PEKING FROM SEPTEMBER 3 TO 7 TO PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON THE VARIOUS GSP SCHEMES, AND TO EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE SCHEMES WITH RESPONSIBLE CHINESE OFFICIALS.

SO FAR CHINA HAS BEEN INCLUDED AS A BENEFICIARY IN THE GSP SCHEMES OPERATED BY AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, NORWAY AND SWITZERLAND.

MR. LEUNG WILL LEAVE HONG KONG FOR PEKING ON AUGUST 27 TO JOIN THE UN MISSION. EARLIER THIS YEAR, HE PARTICIPATED IN THE UNCTAD/UNDP REGIONAL SEMINAR ON THE GSP SCHEMES FOR ASIAN COUNTRIES HELD IN NEW DELHI, IN WHICH DELEGATES FROM CHINA ALSO ATTENDED. MR. LEUNG IS EXPECTED TO RETURN TO HONG KONG ON SEPTEMBER 13.

HONG KONG IS INCLUDED AS A BENEFICIARY IN NINE DIFFERENT GSP SCHEMES OPERATED BY 17 COUNTRIES- THESE ARE AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, CANADA, THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE EEC, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND AND THE USA. HONG KONG HAS BEEN CERTIFYING GSP EXPORTS SINCE JULY, 1971 WHEN THE EEC'S GSP SCHEME WAS INTRODUCED.

IN 1978, ABOUT 21 PER CENT OF THE VALUE OF OUR TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS WERE COVERED BY FORMS A ISSUED UNDER THE VARIOUS GSP SCHEMES. OF THESE GSP EXPORTS, 38 PER CENT WENT TO THE USA AND 45 PER CENT TO THE EEC.

MR. DOUGLAS JORDAN, COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS AND CONTROLS OF THE TRADE, INDUSTRY AND CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT, WELCOMED MR. LEUNG'S ASSIGNMENT, AND SAID THAT HE CONSIDERED IT A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HONG KONG TO ESTABLISH A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS ON CUSTOMS MATTERS.

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LION ROCK VILLAGE TO GET WATER SUPPLY

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PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HIGH LEVEL AREAS OF LION ROCK VILLAGE IN KOWLOON WILL SHORTLY BE PROVIDED WITH FRESH WATER STANDPIPE SUPPLY.

THE CONTRACT FOR THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT PROJECT WAS SIGNED TODAY (WEDNESDAY).

IT INVOLVES THE BUILDING OF A FRESH WATER STORAGE TANK ON A HILLSIDE 500 METRES NORTH OF LUNG CHEUNG ROAD.

THE STORAGE TANK WILL BE BUILT IN REINFORCED CONCRETE AND WILL HAVE A STORAGE CAPACITY OF ABOUT 550,000 LITRES.

THE CONTRACT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THE LAYING OF 1,840 METRES OF INLET AND OUTLET WATER MAINS RANGING FROM 50 MM TO 150 MM IN DIAMETER.

CONSTRUCTION WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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SCOUT MOVEMENT SIGNIFICANT IN DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERSHIP

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY (WEDNESDAY) PRAISED THE SCOUT MOVEMENT FOR ITS SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AMONG THE YOUNGER GENERATION.

HE WAS SPEAKING THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING AT THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY AND INAUGURATION OF OFFICE-BEARERS CEREMONY OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, EAST KOWLOON REGION, AT OCEAN PALACE RESTAURANT.

MR. LEE SAID THAT IN HONG KONG THERE WAS AN INCREASING NEED FOR MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENCOURAGE THE PHYSICAL, INTELLECTUAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE, AND THE SCOUT MOVEMENT OFFERED SUCH OPPORTUNITIES.

BASED ON THE SCOUT PROMISE AND LAW, HE NOTED, A WIDE RANGE OF PROGRAMMES OF TRAINING, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES ARE ORGANISED FROM TIME TO TIME TO ENCOURAGE THE YOUNG PEOPLE TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN WORTHWHILE ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST.

+ALL THESE HAVE MADE CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE CONTINUED EFFORTS BY THE GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR TO CATER FOR AN EVER INCREASING NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND TO OFFER HEALTHY OUTLETS FOR THEIR ENERGY,+ HE SAID.

MR. LEE SAID THAT IN THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT, FOR EXAMPLE, VARIOUS ACTIVITIES FOR THE YOUTH WERE CO-ORDINATED AND PROMOTED AT DISTRICT LEVEL BY A NETWORK OF COMMUNITY AND YOUTH OFFICERS.

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WITHIN THIS NETWORK, HE SAID, THE DEPARTMENT ALSO OPERATES NINE COMMUNITY HALLS, SEVEN COMMUNITY CENTRES AND EIGHT ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRES WHICH SERVE AS FOCAL POINTS FOR RECREATION AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY THE YOUTH.

ALL THESE PROGRAMMES FOR THE YOUTH HAVE A SIMILAR OBJECTIVE AS THE SCOUT MOVEMENT, HE ADDED.

AS ONE OF THE FOUR REGIONS OF THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, THE EAST KOWLOON REGION WAS FORMED IN 1976 AND NOW HAS 117 SCOUT GROUPS WITH A TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF MORE THAN 5,800.

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REMOVAL OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S
OFFICES TO NEW PREMISES

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THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (WEDNESDAY) THAT THE NEW HONG KONG PORT HEALTH INOCULATION CENTRE WILL BEGIN OPERATION FROM NEXT TUESDAY (AUGUST 28), ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF CENTRE POINT BUILDING, 181-185 GLOUCESTER ROAD, WAN CHAI.

THE EXISTING CENTRE AT LI PO CHUN CHAMBERS AT DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL WILL BE CLOSED AS A RESULT OF THE REMOVAL OF THE PORT HEALTH OFFICE TO THE NEW PREMISES.

THE CENTRE SERVES PEOPLE ON HONG KONG ISLAND WHO REQUIRE VACCINATION CERTIFICATES FOR TRAVELLING PURPOSES. THOSE IN KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES ARE SERVED BY THE KOWLOON PORT HEALTH INOCULATION CENTRE AT ROOM 529A, STAR HOUSE, TSIM SHA TSUI.

THE OPERATING HOURS FOR BOTH CENTRES ARE FROM 9 A.M. TO 5 P.M., MONDAY TO FRIDAY, AND 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. ON SATURDAY.

AT THE SAME TIME, THE HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO MOVE TO THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THE CENTRE POINT BUILDING.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT WILL MOVE TO THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE NEW PREMISES ON AUGUST 29 (WEDNESDAY).

THE CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT, SET UP LAST YEAR TO INITIATE AND CO-ORDINATE ALL HEALTH CAMPAIGNS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION ACTIVITIES, IS PRESENTLY ACCOMMODATED AT THE TANG CHI NGONG SPECIALIST CLINIC.

THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT THE NEW OFFICES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

HONG KONG REGIONAL OFFICE :	5-728543
PORT HEALTH OFFICE :	5-722841
HONG KONG INOCULATION CENTRE :	5-722056
CENTRAL HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT :	5-721324

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CROSS HARBOUR SWIMS IN TAI PO AND SAI KUNG
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HUNDREDS OF SWIMMING ENTHUSIASTS FROM URBAN HONG KONG WILL COMPETE WITH THEIR RURAL COUNTERPARTS FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIPS OF TWO MAJOR CROSS-HARBOUR SWIMS IN THE NEW TERRITORIES ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 26).

THE BIG RACES - IN TAI PO AND SAI KUNG - FORM AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS YEAR'S SUMMER RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN THE TWO DISTRICTS.

THEY HAVE BEEN ORGANISED BY THE DISTRICTS' SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE FINANCIAL BACKING OF THE LOCAL DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARDS TO PROMOTE SWIMMING AS A HEALTHY SPORT FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE AND RESIDENTS IN RURAL DISTRICTS IN PARTICULAR.

THE TAI PO RACE, HELD ANNUALLY FOR THE PAST 11 YEARS WILL TAKE PLACE AT TOLO HARBOUR AND SOME 400 KEEN SWIMMERS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

THE RACE WILL START AT 10.30 A.M. AT THE HA HANG RECLAMATION NEAR THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE FROM WHERE CONTESTANTS WILL SWIM ABOUT 2,000 METRES ACROSS TOLO HARBOUR TO FINISH AT YUEN CHAU TSAI.

THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL ADDRESS THE PARTICIPANTS AND MRS. AKERS-JONES PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT 12 NOON.

THE SAI KUNG CROSS-HARBOUR SWIM - THE FIRST OF ITS KIND EVER HELD IN THE DISTRICT - HAS ALSO ATTRACTED SOME 180 PARTICIPANTS WHO WILL COMPETE FOR THE TOP TITLES IN THE 1,300-METRE RACE.

IT WILL START AT 11 A.M. AT PAK SHA CHAU AND FINISH AT THE SAI KUNG RECLAMATION PIER.

THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. JOHN TODD WILL SIGNAL THE START OF THE SWIM AND LATER PRESENT PRIZES TO THE WINNERS.

AT 1 P.M. ON THE SAME DAY, THE ISLANDS DISTRICT OFFICE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE GOVERNMENT RECREATION AND SPORTS SERVICE AND LOCAL RURAL COMMITTEES, WILL HOLD THE 4TH ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA AT THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL IN WONG CHUK HANG.

MORE THAN 200 COMPETITORS COMPRISING MAINLY STUDENTS AND YOUNG WORKERS FROM THE ISLANDS DISTRICT WILL TAKE PART IN A SERIES OF EVENTS INCLUDING A 200-METRE RELAY.

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OFFICIATING AT A PRIZE PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 5 P.M.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND YOUR REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CROSS-HARBOUR SWIMS IN TAI PO AND SAI KUNG AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA ON SUNDAY (AUGUST 26). THE TAI PO RACE WILL START AT 10.30 A.M. AT THE HA HANG RECLAMATION NEAR THE TAI PO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, THE SAI KUNG RACE AT 11 A.M. AT PAK SHA CHAU, AND THE ISLANDS DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA AT 1 P.M. AT THE ABERDEEN SWIMMING POOL IN WONG CHUK HANG. LIAISON STAFF OF THE DISTRICT OFFICES INVOLVED WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST PRESS MEMBERS.

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OPEN DAY FOR S.W.D.'S DISTRICT OFFICE
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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW TERRITORIES HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. STEPHEN WONG YUEN-CHEONG, WILL TOMORROW (THURSDAY) OFFICIATE AT A CEREMONY FOR THE OPEN DAY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN-TAI PO DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE.

THE DISTRICT OFFICE IS ONE OF 11 SET UP AS A RESULT OF THE REGIONALISATION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS, WHICH AIMS AT BETTER CO-ORDINATING WELFARE SERVICES AT DISTRICT LEVEL.

THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE WILL ALSO ATTEND TOMORROW'S CEREMONY AND MAKE AN OPENING SPEECH. THE WIFE OF MR. STEPHEN WONG WILL THEN CUT THE RIBBON AND MR. WONG ADDRESS THE GATHERING.

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE DISTRICT OFFICE AND AN EXHIBITION DEPICTING THE VARIOUS WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN THE SHA TIN-TAI PO DISTRICT.

NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE CEREMONY FOR THE OPEN DAY OF THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT'S SHA TIN-TAI PO DISTRICT SOCIAL WELFARE OFFICE. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HEUNG YEE KUK, MR. STEPHEN WONG, WILL OFFICIATE AT THE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW (THURSDAY) AT 3.30 P.M. AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON THE FIFTH FLOOR, TAI PO GOVERNMENT OFFICES BUILDING, AT TING KOK ROAD, TAI PO, NEW TERRITORIES.

PRESS TRANSPORT WILL BE PROVIDED. A GOVERNMENT VAN, AM2406, WILL LEAVE FOR TAI PO AT 2.30 P.M. FROM THE EASTERN ENTRANCE, LEE GARDENS, HYSAN AVENUE, CAUSEWAY BAY.

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HOLIDAY POSTAL ARRANGEMENT

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THE POST OFFICE ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THERE WILL BE ONE DELIVERY OF MAIL ON MONDAY (AUGUST 27) WHICH IS A GENERAL HOLIDAY.

ON THAT DAY, ONLY 32 POST OFFICES INCLUDING THE GENERAL POST OFFICE ON HONG KONG ISLAND, THE KOWLOON CENTRAL AND TSIM SHA TSUI POST OFFICES IN KOWLOON AND THE TSUEN WAN AND TAI PO POST OFFICES IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON.

ALL OTHER POST OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.

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WATER CUT

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FRESH WATER SUPPLY TO A NUMBER OF PREMISES IN NORTH POINT WILL BE STOPPED FOR SEVEN HOURS FROM 11 P.M. ON FRIDAY (AUGUST 24) TO 6 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY FOR NIGHT LEAKAGE TESTS.

THE AREA TO BE AFFECTED IS BOUNDED BY 58-328 KING'S ROAD, 4-32 AND 5-23 FORTRESS HILL ROAD, 95-97 TIN HAU TEMPLE ROAD, 9-11 NORTH VIEW STREET, INCLUDING CHUNG ON TERRACE, COMFORT TERRACE, KIN WAH STREET, FORT STREET, CHEUNG HONG STREET AND CHING WAH STREET.

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