



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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ISOLATION OF MENTAL PATIENTS WON'T HELP -- DR. CHOA

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THE DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, DR. GERALD CHOA, HAS CALLED ON THE COMMUNITY TO ADOPT THE RIGHT ATTITUDE OF ACCEPTANCE, AND NOT DENIAL, TOWARDS MENTAL PATIENTS.

HE SAYS IT IS OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE FOR A MARITAL PARTNER TO ADOPT THIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE AFFECTED HUSBAND OR WIFE.

DR. CHOA WAS SPEAKING IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION DURING THE OPENING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK AT CITY HALL THIS MORNING.

HE URGED THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO OBTAIN TREATMENT FOR THE PATIENT, AND TO ENABLE HIM OR HER TO BE RE-INTEGRATED INTO THE FAMILY AND THUS THE COMMUNITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ISOLATION, HE SAID, IS OF NO HELP BECAUSE IT IS EQUIVALENT TO REJECTION, AND PERMANENT INSTITUTIONALISATION IS NOT A SOLUTION EITHER BECAUSE IT FOSTERS DEPENDENCY OF THE SICK AND IMPOSES A BURDEN ON THE COMMUNITY.

DR. CHOA SAID HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WOULD NEED SPECIAL TRAINING AND EDUCATION, AND WITH THE CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS THEY COULD BE HELPED TO DEVELOP TO THE MAXIMUM RESIDUAL ABILITY AND REMAINING POTENTIALS.

+ THEY MUST FEEL THAT THEY ARE WANTED AND NOT ABANDONED, OTHERWISE THERE WILL BE EVEN MORE UNHAPPINESS IN THE FAMILY,+ HE SAID.

THE PROBLEM OF PSYCHOGERIATRICS -- OLD PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL SYMPTOMS -- WAS BECOMING MORE APPARENT NOW THAT PEOPLE HAVE A LONGER LIFE EXPECTANCY, HE SAID.

IN THIS RESPECT, DR. CHOA WENT ON, THERE WAS EVEN THE INHERENT DANGER OF A BREAK-DOWN OF THE TRADITION FOR THE YOUNG TO TAKE CARE OF THE ELDERLY IN EVERY SOCIETY IF THE FAMILY RELIES SOLELY ON THE COMMUNITY THROUGH ITS WELFARE AND HEALTH SERVICES, TO HELP.

+IN HONG KONG, WITH A PREDOMINANTLY CHINESE SOCIETY, WE WOULD CERTAINLY REGARD A DEPARTURE FROM THIS TRADITION AS AN ADVERSE EFFECT BY A CHANGING SOCIETY ON THE FAMILY SYSTEM.+

DR. CHOA URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AFFORDED BY THE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS WHICH, LIKE TUBERCULOSIS, CANCER AND HEART DISEASES, MAY AFFECT THEMSELVES AND THE FAMILY.

/HE SAID

HE SAID IN THE ENVIRONMENTS SURROUNDING THE TRADITIONAL FAMILY SYSTEM AND THE INTER-PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WHICH THE SYSTEM PRODUCES, THERE WERE VARIOUS FACTORS CAPABLE OF CAUSING MENTAL ILLNESS AMONG MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

TO ILLUSTRATE HIS POINT, HE SAID ONE OFTEN HEARS PEOPLE SAY +YOU DRIVE ME MAD, CRAZY OR NUTS+.

+WE WILL SHOW YOU THAT YOU SHOULD NOT BE DRIVEN MAD, NOR SHOULD YOU DRIVE OTHER PEOPLE MAD, IF YOU WOULD LEARN HOW TO PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH FOR YOURSELF AND OTHER MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY,+ HE SAID.

DURING THE MENTAL HEALTH WEEK, THERE WILL BE AN EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHS ILLUSTRATING THE THEME OF THE WEEK AND WORK RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH IN HONG KONG.

TWO PERFORMANCES OF A PLAY IN CANTONESE ENTITLED +HANDS ACROSS THE ABYSS+ WILL BE STAGED AND A NUMBER OF FILMS ON MENTAL HEALTH TOPICS WILL BE SHOWN AT CITY HALL.

THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISCUSSION PROGRAMME ON +MENTAL HEALTH AND THE FAMILY+ TO BE BROADCAST OVER BOTH RADIO HONG KONG AND COMMERCIAL RADIO.

TWO SEMINARS, ONE ON +THE EFFECT OF MENTAL HEALTH ON HIGH DENSITY ESTATE LIVING+ AND THE OTHER ON +THE EFFECT OF A MENTALLY ILL MEMBER ON THE MENTAL HEALTH OF THE FAMILY+ WILL BE HELD.

THE CASTLE PEAK HOSPITAL, THE NEW LIFE FARM, THE TAI LAM TREATMENT CENTRE, THE MORNING HILL SCHOOL, THE PINE VILLAGE PRE-SCHOOL CENTRE AND TRAINING CENTRE AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON CERTAIN DAYS DURING THE WEEK.

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150,000 LOTTERY TICKETS SOLD

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A TOTAL OF 150,000 TICKETS FOR THE FIRST GOVERNMENT LOTTERY THIS YEAR WAS SOLD UP TO 12 NOON TODAY (SATURDAY).

THE WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE DRAWN BY FIVE ARTISTES FROM RADIO HONG KONG AT THE CITY HALL THEATRE ON JUNE 7.

THE FIVE ARTISTES ARE MR. LEUNG MING, MISS FUNG SHUI CHUN, MR. TSANG KONG, MISS KIMMY GOT AND MR. WU KWUN MAANG. THEY WILL ALSO HELP SELL LOTTERY TICKETS BETWEEN 5 P.M. AND 6 P.M. ON JUNE 2 AT STATUE SQUARE.

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HEALTH REPORT FOR APRIL
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HEALTH RETURNS FOR APRIL ISSUED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TODAY SHOW A FURTHER INCREASE IN THE NOTIFICATIONS OF VIRAL HEPATITIS AND A DROP IN THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS AND TYPHOID.

THERE WERE 313 CASES OF VIRAL HEPATITIS NOTIFIED TO THE DEPARTMENT DURING THE MONTH, BUT NO DEATHS WERE RECORDED.

THE INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS DROPPED FROM 1,104 CASES IN MARCH TO 542 LAST MONTH AND TYPHOID FROM 59 TO 54.

FOR MOST OF THE OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES THERE WERE NO APPRECIABLE VARIATIONS IN THE LEVEL OF NOTIFICATIONS.

THE RECORDS OF DIPHTHERIA AND POLIOMYELITIS SO FAR THIS YEAR ARE CLEAN.

HONG KONG STILL REMAINED FREE FROM CHOLERA AND OTHER QUARANTINABLE DISEASES DURING THE MONTH.

OF THE 45 DEATHS RECORDED IN APRIL, 43 WERE FROM TUBERCULOSIS, ONE WAS FROM CEREBROSPINAL MENINGITIS AND THE OTHER FROM TETANUS.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT AGAIN STRESSED THAT PERSONAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND FOOD HYGIENE IS MOST ESSENTIAL IN PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF GASTRO-INTESTINAL DISEASES WHICH TEND TO BECOME MORE PREVALENT IN THE WARM SEASON.

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HONG KONG TO EXPORT MORE UNDER NEW TEXTILES AGREEMENT
WITH SWEDEN

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HONG KONG WILL BE ALLOWED TO INCREASE ITS EXPORTS OF TEXTILES TO SWEDEN BY FOUR PER CENT NEXT YEAR.

THIS IS THE OUTCOME OF FOUR DAYS OF TALKS HELD HERE BETWEEN A FIVE-MAN SWEDISH GOVERNMENT DELEGATION AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS.

IN ADDITION, HONG KONG OBTAINED AN IMPROVED +SWING+ PROVISION WHICH GIVES GREATER FLEXIBILITY TO LOCAL EXPORTERS IN THE USE OF THEIR QUOTAS.

HOWEVER, THE SWEDISH DELEGATION POINTED OUT THAT EXPORTS OF SOME OTHER GARMENTS HAD INCREASED TO THE POINT WHERE THEY WERE HAVING A DISRUPTIVE EFFECT ON THE SWEDISH INDUSTRY. THE HONG KONG SIDE AGREED THAT THESE ITEMS SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE LIST OF RESTRAINED ITEMS.

THE AGREEMENT WAS CONCLUDED UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE MULTIFIBRE ARRANGEMENT.

THE SWEDISH DELEGATION WAS LED BY MR. B. ARVIDSON, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE, MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. THE HONG KONG SIDE WAS HEADED BY MR. ALEX PURVES, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY.

THE NEW RESTRAINT ITEMS CONCERN KNIT BLOUSES OF COTTON AND SYNTHETIC FIBRE AND WOVEN BLOUSES OF CONTINUOUS SYNTHETIC FIBRE.

HONG KONG'S TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPORTS TO SWEDEN LAST YEAR AMOUNTED TO MORE THAN \$388M THE BULK OF WHICH WAS TEXTILES AND GARMENTS.

A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WAS INITIALLED IN THE COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY DEPARTMENT THIS MORNING AND DETAILS OF THE CONTROL ARRANGEMENT AND THE PRINCIPLE GOVERNING ALLOCATION OF QUOTAS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN NOTICES TO EXPORTERS.

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ANTI-NARCOTICS CHINESE PLAYWRITING
COMPETITION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
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A CHINESE PLAYWRITING COMPETITION STRESSING THE EVILS OF DRUG-TAKING IN DRAMATIC FORM, WITH VALUABLE PRIZES, WAS ANNOUNCED TODAY BY THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF THE ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS (ACAN).

AN ESSENTIAL FOR CONSIDERATION WHEN JUDGING ENTRIES WILL BE THEIR SUITABILITY FOR CONVERSION INTO AN EDUCATIONAL FILM, LASTING BETWEEN 15 AND 30 MINUTES, FOR PUBLIC SCREENING.

+THE OBJECT OF THE COMPETITION AND THE FILM IS TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING OF THE HARM OF DRUG ADDICTION BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY AMONG THE YOUNG,+ EXPLAINED DR. MARY BOARD, A COMMITTEE MEMBER.

THE COMPETITION IS OPEN TO STUDENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IN HONG KONG.

THERE WILL BE FOUR SECTIONS:

* PLAYS SUBMITTED BY STUDENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

* PLAYS SUBMITTED BY STUDENTS OF SECONDARY SCHOOLS AS GROUPS.

* PLAYS SUBMITTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE +OPEN+ - THEY NEED NO LONGER BE STUDYING - IN THEIR OWN RIGHT.

* PLAYS SUBMITTED BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE +OPEN+ AS GROUPS.

COMPETITORS FOR THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS MUST BE AGED BELOW 20 BEFORE OCTOBER 31 THIS YEAR, AND FOR THE LAST TWO SECTIONS BELOW 28.

DR. BOARD SAID STUDENTS OF ALL LOCAL SCHOOLS, INCLUDING EVENING SCHOOLS, WERE QUALIFIED FOR SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES FOR THE SECONDARY SECTIONS.

THERE WILL BE 12 CASH PRIZES IN ALL TOTALLING \$8,000, AND EACH OF THE FOUR SECTIONS WILL HAVE THREE PRIZES: SECONDARY - \$500, \$300, AND \$200= OPEN - \$1,500, \$1,000 AND \$500.

DR. BOARD EMPHASISED THERE WAS A LIMIT OF 7,000 CHARACTERS FOR ALL PLAYS SUBMITTED, AND THE PANEL OF ADJUDICATORS WOULD COMPRISE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE OF ACAN, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, AND MR. LIU CHIU SHENG, A WELL-KNOWN DRAMATIST.

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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN CHINESE, AND SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 31, 1975. THERE IS NO ENTRY FEE. COMPETITORS SHOULD OBTAIN FORMS AND FULL DETAILS FROM THEIR ASSOCIATIONS OR SCHOOLS, OR DIRECTLY FROM THE SECRETARY, ACTION COMMITTEE AGAINST NARCOTICS, 24TH FLOOR, INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, DES VOEUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONG KONG.

+THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THIS COMPETITION WILL ATTRACT ENTRIES FROM ALL SECTIONS OF HONG KONG'S YOUNG PEOPLE,+ DR. BOARD SAID. +TO THIS END, WE HAVE ALREADY DISTRIBUTED PUBLICITY AND ENTRY FORMS TO MANY ORGANISATIONS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, CLUBS, CHURCHES, COMMUNITY CENTRES, PRISONS, REHABILITATION CENTRES, AND DISTRICT OFFICES.+

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NOTE TO EDITORS: ALSO BOXED WITH THIS RELEASE ARE POSTERS AND ENTRY FORMS FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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CROWN LAND SALE

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A 3,400 SQ. FT. LOT ADJOINING WAH FU ESTATE IN ABERDEEN IS BEING OFFERED FOR SALE BY TENDER.

THE USE OF THE LOT IS RESTRICTED FOR KEROSENE STORE PURPOSES.

THE CLOSING DATE FOR TENDER IS 12 NOON ON JUNE 20, AND NO LATE TENDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

FORMS OF TENDER AND CONDITIONS MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE, MURRAY BUILDING, 19TH FLOOR, GARDEN ROAD, HONG KONG, OR FROM THE KOWLOON GOVERNMENT OFFICES, 405 NATHAN ROAD, 10TH FLOOR.

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