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TELEVISION TRANSMISSION TESTS

For the past ten days Rediffusion Television Limited, who were recently granted the franchise for a second wireless television service in Hong Kong, have been carrying out test transmissions from Temple Hill in the New Territories.

These tests are being monitored by the staff of the Telecommunications Authority and initial results are encouraging. The object of the tests is to ensure that there is no disruption to the existing services of Television Broadcasts Limited.

A spokesman for the telecommunications Authority said: "The test will continue for at least another 12 days and, if these are satisfactory, commercial transmissions in Chinese will commence next month."

At the moment only the main transmitter is operating and the test card on Channel 23, in most cases, can only be received in the main urban areas which also receive the main transmitter channels 21 and 25 of Television Broadcasts Limited.

If viewers have any comments on reception conditions of existing services in their area these might be useful to the engineers of the Telecommunications Authority and callers are kindly asked to telephone 5-233191, extension 218, between 5 p.m. and midnight.

The spokesman said: "Subject to the satisfactory completion of the tests, Rediffusion Television will start Chinese language transmissions on December 1 and their English service is expected to open in April 1974. Every effort is being made by all concerned to facilitate the introduction of both new services as quickly as possible."

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BANGKOK MEETING ON TYPHOONS

To Be Attended By Director of Royal Observatory

The Director of Royal Observatory, Mr. G.J. Bell, will be leaving Hong Kong tomorrow (Sunday) to attend the annual session of the Typhoon Committee to be held in Bangkok next week.

He will be accompanied by Dr. P.C. Chin, Senior Scientific Officer of the Royal Observatory.

The meeting, to consider action to improve typhoon warning systems in the southwest Pacific area, is a joint E.C.A.F.E. (Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East) and W.M.O. (World Meteorological Organisation) project.

Representatives from more than 18 countries and United Nations agencies will be attending the meeting which begins on Monday (November 19).

The main topics to be discussed at the eight-day meeting will be the implementation of basic observational and telecommunication facilities in this region, exchange of meteorological information amongst member countries and plans on joint research studies on typhoons.

Measures on community preparedness and disaster prevention will also be discussed.

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VICTIMS OF KOWLOON BAY FIRE GIVEN ASSISTANCE

The Housing Department is doing everything it can to help the victims of the fire at Kowloon Bay Licensed Area on Thursday night.

A spokesman for the Department said it was the Department's policy that no one genuinely homeless would be left unattended to.

All fire victims who lived legally in surveyed huts will be re-housed in public housing estates as soon as their identity has been established.

Those living in unsurveyed illegal huts in the Licensed Area will be allowed to rebuild their homes on a nearby site once the land has been levelled.

Grants from the Community Relief Trust Fund administered by the Social Welfare Department will be distributed to them possibly next week to enable them to do this.

In the meantime, the Department has opened a number of estate welfare centres for the victims for temporary stay.

Nearly 200 of them are taking temporary shelter at the Caritas Centre at Ngau Tau Kok and another 100 at the Welfare Centre at Sau Mau Ping Estate. Others are staying with friends and relatives.

Meanwhile, investigation and identification of the victims is continuing.

"We will be able to proceed with the distribution of the grant and allocation of rehousing accommodation once the survey is completed," the spokesman added.

In last Thursday's fire, more than 280 structures were destroyed and nearly 400 families comprising about 1,400 people have been registered with the department.

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HEALTH EDUCATION EXHIBITION

Saikung Community Centre Show To Emphasise Hygiene

The Medical and Health Department's Health Education Unit will put on a four-day exhibition in the Saikung Community Centre beginning on Tuesday, November 20.

The emphasis will be on home care and personal and environmental hygiene, and the message will be conveyed by means of drawings, graphs, charts, photographs and cartoons.

Literature on how to avoid domestic accidents by remembering basic rules will be distributed during the show.

The aim of the Health Education Unit, which is attached to the department's New Territories office, is to mount exhibitions for the benefit of rural folk, especially country children. Items making up the shows are conceived and arranged for easy comprehension.

The Saikung show will provide useful suggestions on how attention to personal and environmental hygiene contributes not only to a cleaner neighbourhood, but also a healthier and happier life for all.

It is the first of two exhibitions being organised by the Unit this month. The second, based on the same theme, will be in the Yuen Long Town Hall beginning on November 27.

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

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NEW TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS IN MONGKOK

New traffic arrangements will be introduced in Mongkok, Kowloon, as from Monday (November 19).

Starting from 8 a.m. on that day, the section of Tong Mi Road between Nelson Street and Cherry Street will be re-routed one way southbound.

Vehicles will turn left into Nelson Street. The U-turn at the junction of Tong Mi Road and Nelson Street will be prohibited.

A spokesman for the Transport Department said that the temporary re-routing, which will last about six months, is necessary to facilitate road and drainage works.

Appropriate directional signs will be posted to guide motorists.

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SUNDAY D.I.B.

Note to Editors: There will be an issue of the Daily Information Bulletin tomorrow (Sunday). Copies will be available in the G.I.S. Press Room, 6th floor, Beaconsfield House at 3 p.m.

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COMPENSATION FOR FISH LOSSES

Government today confirmed that arrangements would be made to compensate the fish farmers in Picnic Bay (So Kwu Wan) whose fish losses were caused by the recent oil spill from Ap Lei Chau.

Officers of the Agriculture and Fisheries Department were appraising the effects of the oil spill on the sifh.

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