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~~\$52M~~ HEALTH CENTRE FOR EAST KOWLOON

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RESIDENTS IN THE EAST KOWLOON REGION WILL BE PROVIDED WITH MORE FACILITIES FOR A VARIETY OF FREE HEALTH SERVICES IN A COUPLE OF YEARS WHEN A \$52 MILLION HEALTH CENTRE DONATED BY THE LATE MADAM YUNG FUNG SHEE IS COMPLETED. THE CENTRE WILL BE NAMED THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE.

THIS WAS STATED BY THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES DR. S.F. LAM IN AN ADDRESS TO THE ZONTA CLUB OF KOWLOON TODAY (THURSDAY).

DR. LAM, IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO MADAM YUNG, DESCRIBED HER AS ONE WHO HAD THE WELFARE OF THE POOR PUBLIC AT HEART.

MADAM YUNG WILLED TO DONATE PART OF HER ESTATE TO THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR THE EXPRESSED PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A FREE PUBLIC HEALTH CENTRE TO BE RUN AND/OR SUBSIDISED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE WILL BE DEVELOPED AS STAGE I OF A HEALTH CENTRE/POLYCLINIC COMPLEX SERVING SOME 600 000 PEOPLE IN THE KWUN TONG, YAU TONG, LAM TIN AND NGAU TAU KOK AREAS.

LOCATED IN CHA KWO LING ROAD, THE CENTRE WILL CONSIST OF A SEVEN-STORY HIGH BLOCK AND A SINGLE STOREY LOW BLOCK WITH A TOTAL AREA OF 12 000 SQUARE METRE.

IT WILL PROVIDE FREE FAMILY HEALTH, CHEST, SOCIAL HYGIENE, HEALTH EDUCATION, PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY, GERIATRIC AND PSYCHIATRIC DAY CARE AND REHABILITATION SERVICES.

AND WHEN THE KWUN TONG POLYCLINIC IS OPERATIONAL BY 1986, IT WILL PROVIDE SPECIALIST SERVICES IN MEDICINE, SURGERY, PAEDIATRICS, ORTHOPAEDICS, OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY, PSYCHIATRY, DERMATOLOGY AND EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DISEASES. THERE WILL ALSO BE SPECIAL FACILITIES LIKE RENAL DIALYSIS, CHILD ASSESSMENT, AUDIOMETRY AND EYE TESTING.

THIS COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF PREVENTIVE, CURATIVE AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES ALL SITUATED WITHIN A SINGLE COMPLEX WILL BE EXPECTED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND LEADING ROLE IN THE HEALTH CARE OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST KOWLOON, SAID DR. LAM.

DR. LAM FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE IN EAST KOWLOON WAS IN LINE WITH THE REGIONAL APPROACH RECOMMENDED BY THE 1974 WHITE PAPER ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN HONG KONG.

UNDER THIS SYSTEM A REGIONAL HOSPITAL, SEVERAL DISTRICT HOSPITALS, POLYCLINICS AND GENERAL CLINICS IN A COMMON GEOGRAPHICAL AREA WOULD BE GROUPED TOGETHER TO FORM AN INTEGRATED NETWORK OF SERVICES.

/DR. LAM

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DR. LAM SAID THAT IN VIEW OF THE RAPID GROWTH OF POPULATION IN EAST KOWLOON WHICH COMPRISES HUNG HOM, KOWLOON TONG, KOWLOON CITY, JORDAN VALLEY, NGAU TAU KOK, SAU MAU PING, KWUN TONG, LAM TIN, YAU TONG AND LEI YUE MUN, THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS TAKING ACTIVE STEPS TO COPE WITH THE RISING DEMAND FOR MEDICAL AND HEALTH FACILITIES.

DR. LAM REVEALED THAT PLANS WERE IN THE PIPELINE TO DOUBLE THE PRESENT BED CAPACITY OF THE UNITED CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL, THE DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN EAST KOWLOON.

A SITE IN JORDAN VALLEY HAS ALSO BEEN EARMARKED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW EAST KOWLOON HOSPITAL WITH A CAPACITY OF 1 400 BEDS, WHICH, HOPEFULLY, WOULD BE READY BY 1985/86, HE ADDED.

IN ADDITION TO THE THREE EXISTING CLINICS, KWUN TONG JOCKEY CLUB CLINIC, KOWLOON EAST POLYCLINIC STAGE I AND YAU TONG MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE, FOUR MORE CLINICS INCLUDING THE YUNG FUNG SHEE MEMORIAL CENTRE WILL BE BUILT IN THE NEXT FOUR YEARS. THE OTHER THREE ARE KOWLOON EAST POLYCLINIC STAGE II, NGAU TAU KOK AND LAM TIN/LEI YUE MUN CLINICS.

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KOWLOON-GUANGZHOU NEW TRAIN FARE FROM NOVEMBER

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A NEW FARE FOR A THROUGH-TRAIN JOURNEY BETWEEN KOWLOON AND GUANGZHOU WILL COME INTO EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 1, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

FROM THAT DATE, THE FARE FROM KOWLOON TO GUANGZHOU WILL BE INCREASED FROM \$50 TO \$54.40.

+THE INCREASE IS SOLELY TO REFLECT THE DECLINE IN THE EXCHANGE RATE BETWEEN THE HONG KONG DOLLAR AND THE RMB,+ THE SPOKESMAN EXPLAINED. +AND IT IS IN CONFORMITY OF THE CLAUSE IN THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE AUTHORITIES THAT WHEN THE EXCHANGE RATE FLUCTUATES FOR MORE THAN FIVE PER CENT, THE CONVERSION RATE WOULD BE RE-EXAMINED.+

ON THE SAME DATE THE FARE PAID IN RMB FOR THE JOURNEY FROM GUANGZHOU TO KOWLOON WILL BE REDUCED FROM RMB16.60 TO RMB16.40.

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EXPERT PRAISES HK WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, PROFESSOR R.C. COATES, TODAY (THURSDAY) PRAISED HONG KONG FOR ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN A HIGH QUALITY WATER SUPPLY DESPITE DIFFICULT OBSTACLES.

PROFESSOR COATES SAID THAT HONG KONG LACKED THE NATURAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN OTHER COUNTRIES, BUT THROUGH IMAGINATIVE AND DETERMINED ENDEAVOURS THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT'S WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT HAD OVERCOME THIS HURDLE.

+THE PROJECTS I HAVE SEEN ARE COMMENDABLE EXAMPLES OF PROGRESS THAT CAN BE MADE DESPITE UNUSUAL DIFFICULTIES,+ SAID PROFESSOR COATES.

HE MADE THE REMARKS AFTER VISITING SOME OF THE PLANTS OF THE WATER SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT TODAY.

ACCOMPANYING HIM ON THE VISIT WERE MR. R. CAMPBELL, SECRETARY OF THE ICE= MR. J.F. LINDSAY, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ICE IN HONG KONG AND MR. HUGH FERGUSON, EDITOR OF NEW CIVIL ENGINEER, MAGAZINE OF THE ICE.

THE PARTY FIRST WENT TO TAI PO TAU PUMPING STATION WHERE THEY TOURED THE PUMP HALLS, BAND SCREEN HOUSE AND FABRIDAM.

DURING THEIR 30-MINUTE TOUR, THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED ON THE PLOVER COVE AND HIGH ISLAND SYSTEMS, INCLUDING CHINESE WATER DELIVERY, BY MR. TOM TOMLINSON, ACTING DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, AND MR. K.L. WONG, GOVERNMENT WATER ENGINEER (SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION).

THE VISITORS ALSO SAW PLOVER COVE RESERVOIR AND THE LOK ON PAI DESALTING PLANT.

ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES, PROFESSOR COATES AND MR. CAMPBELL ARE HERE ON A WEEK-LONG VISIT AFTER VISITING SINGAPORE AND KUALA LUMPUR WHERE THEY HAD DISCUSSIONS ON ENGINEERING EDUCATION WITH UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES THERE.

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FIRE SERVICES TO PROSECUTE FACTORY OWNERS

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TWO KWAI CHUNG FACTORY OWNERS WILL BE PROSECUTED FOR CONTRAVENING THE DANGEROUS GOODS STORAGE REGULATIONS, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FIRE SERVICES SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THAT THE FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU WAS CARRYING OUT A SURVEY OF REGISTERED GODOWNS OF DANGEROUS GOODS TO ENSURE THAT THE FIRE SERVICES REGULATIONS WERE BEING COMPLIED WITH.

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ON THE PROSECUTION OF THE TWO FACTORY OWNERS, HE SAID ONE WILL BE CHARGED WITH STORING DANGEROUS GOODS WITHOUT A LICENCE AND THE OTHER FOR EXCEEDING THE STORAGE LIMIT STIPULATED IN HIS LICENCE.

THE MAXIMUM PENALTY FOR UNLICENSED STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS IS \$8 000 FINE AND SIX MONTHS IMPRISONMENT, HE POINTED OUT.

THE TWO CASES CAME TO LIGHT FOLLOWING A NO. 3 ALARM FIRE IN CHUN PIN STREET, KWAI CHUNG INVOLVING A SIX-STOUREY FACTORY BUILDING.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU OFFICERS DISCOVERED A QUANTITY OF HYDROGEN PEROXIDE ILLEGALLY STORED IN THE PREMISES WHERE THE FIRE BROKE OUT.

THE DANGEROUS GOODS HAVE BEEN REMOVED BY THE FIRE SERVICES.

INSPECTION OF OTHER FLOORS ALSO RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF MORE THAN 4 500 LITRES (1 000 GALLONS) OF PAINT AND PAINT PRODUCTS FROM AN UPPER FLOOR, THE SPOKESMAN ADDED.

MEANWHILE, THE SPOKESMAN URGED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO REPORT TO THE FIRE SERVICES WHEN THEY DISCOVER ANY UNLICENSED STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS. THE TELEPHONE NUMBER TO CALL IS 5-281224. IT IS MANNED ROUND THE CLOCK.

+ANY REPORTS OF UNLICENSED STORAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS WILL BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

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FORESTRY WORKERS PRAISED FOR RESCUING BOYS * * *

SIX MEMBERS OF THE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT WERE TODAY (THURSDAY) AWARDED DIRECTOR OF FIRE SERVICES COMMENDATIONS FOR RESCUING TWO BOYS STRANDED ON THE ROCKS OF A FAST FLOWING STREAM DURING A RAINSTORM IN SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK EARLIER THIS YEAR.

AT A CEREMONY HELD TODAY AT LEI MUK SHUE FIRE STATION, THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER OF THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. ALAN JONES, PRESENTED THE DIRECTOR'S HIGH COMMENDATION CERTIFICATE TO FOREST GUARDS MR. TSANG CHUN-HUNG, MR. YEUNG LOI AND MR. LAW SZE-KWAI- AND THE DIRECTOR'S COMMENDATION CERTIFICATES TO FIELD ASSISTANT MR. CHOW WO, FOREST GUARD MR. WONG KWONG AND LABOURER MR. WONG YAT-MAN.

MR. JONES PRAISED THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR COURAGE, INITIATIVE AND PUBLIC-SPIRITEDNESS, AND SAID: +THEY HAVE SET A MARVELLOUS EXAMPLE TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY BY SHOWING NOT ONLY THEIR CONCERN FOR THEIR FELLOWMEN BUT ALSO DISPLAYED THE HUMANITY, INITIATIVE AND DETERMINATION SO NECESSARY TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE BOYS.+

THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ON MAY 13 WHEN FOUR SCHOOL BOYS WERE PLAYING IN THE SHALLOW WATER OF A STREAM IN TAI SHING SHEK KAN AT SHING MUN COUNTRY PARK.

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DUE TO A SUDDEN HEAVY RAINSTORM, THE WATER IN THE STREAM ROSE QUICKLY AND BECAME A RAGING TORRENT. TWO OF THE BOYS MANAGED TO REACH THE BANK WHILE THE OTHER TWO WERE STRANDED ON THE ROCKS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREAM.

SUBSEQUENTLY, THE FORESTRY GUARD POST AT THE COUNTRY PARK WAS INFORMED OF THE DANGEROUS SITUATION AND A RESCUE PARTY RACED TO THE STREAM.

ON ARRIVAL AT THE SCENE, IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE WATER LEVEL HAD RISEN TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE TWO BOYS TRAPPED ON THE ROCKS WERE IN DANGER OF BEING WASHED DOWN THE STREAM.

THE RESCUE PARTY QUICKLY FORMED A MAKE-SHIFT BRIDGE OUT OF A LOG AND SOME ROPES, AND BROUGHT THE BOYS TO SAFETY.

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TUEN MUN COOKED FOOD STALLS TO LET

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THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT IS TO LET FOUR STALLS AT THE NEWLY COMPLETED HUNG CHEUNG COOKED FOOD CENTRE IN TUEN MUN.

THE STALLS WILL BE OFFERED TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AT AN OPEN AUCTION ON OCTOBER 26.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE NTSD SAID THAT ANYONE OVER 18 YEARS OF AGE AND INTERESTED IN RUNNING A COOKED FOOD BUSINESS IN THE AREA, MAY ATTEND THE AUCTION AT TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, GROUND FLOOR, TOP COURT, 60-70 TAK CHING COURT, TUEN MUN, ON OCTOBER 26 AT 11 A.M. THEY SHOULD BRING THEIR HONG KONG IDENTITY CARDS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE LOWEST RENT PER MONTH FOR EACH STALL WOULD BE \$250 AND IT WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT THE FALL OF THE HAMMER.

+A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER IS REQUIRED TO PAY IN CASH OR CASH CHEQUE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE AUCTION, ONE MONTH'S RENT AND A DEPOSIT EQUIVALENT TO ONE MONTH'S RENT WHEN THE BID FOR A STALL IS ACCEPTED,+ HE SAID.

+THE DEPOSIT IS REFUNDABLE WHEN THE TENANT GIVES UP THE TENANCY. BUT HE SHOULD GIVE NO LESS THAN ONE MONTH'S NOTICE IN WRITING TO THE DIRECTOR OF NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES AND HAND OVER VACANT POSSESSION OF THE STALL TO THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE TERMINATION DATE OF THE TENANCY.+

SUCCESSFUL BIDDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A THREE-YEAR TENANCY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT BEGINNING DECEMBER 1, 1979, AT THE NEW TERRITORIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WITHIN ONE WEEK OF THE AUCTION.

AT THE END OF THE THREE-YEAR TENANCY, THERE WILL BE AN OPTION FOR RENEWAL FOR A FURTHER THREE YEARS ON CONDITIONS TO BE APPROVED.

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ENQUIRIES ABOUT THE AUCTION CAN BE MADE BY TELEPHONING THE SENIOR HEALTH INSPECTOR AT THE HAWKERS AND MARKETS SECTION OF THE TUEN MUN URBAN SERVICES OFFICE, ON 12-820800 EXTENSION 231.

THE HUNG CHEUNG COOKED FOOD CENTRE IS SITUATED IN AREA 12, TUEN MUN, BETWEEN HUNG CHEUNG ROAD AND SAN LIK STREET. IT IS TO SERVE FACTORY WORKERS IN THE AREA.

THERE ARE ALTOGETHER 11 STALLS AT THE NEWLY COMPLETED CENTRE. A NUMBER OF STALLS WERE ALREADY LET OUT IN AN AUCTION LAST MONTH.

THE SPOKESMAN POINTED OUT THE HUNG CHEUNG COOKED FOOD CENTRE IS THE FIRST COOKED FOOD CENTRE IN THE NEW TERRITORIES WITH MODERN FACILITIES AND UP-TO-DATE DESIGN INCLUDING A CENTRALISED EXHAUST SYSTEM TO ENSURE FREE CIRCULATION OF AIR.

+EACH STALL IS PARTITIONED WITH A SHORT WALL AND IS PROVIDED WITH A DRIP BOARD, A SINK, AND INDIVIDUAL WATER AND ELECTRICITY METERS.

+BECAUSE OF THE RAPID INDUSTRIAL GROWTH OF TUEN MUN, THE HUNG CHEUNG COOKED FOOD CENTRE SHOULD SHORTLY BE IN GREAT DEMAND IN PROVIDING AN ESSENTIAL AND PROPER COOKED FOOD SERVICE IN THE AREA,+ HE SAID.

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STORMY MAC BRINGS HEAVY RAINFALL IN SEPTEMBER
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HEAVY RAIN ASSOCIATED WITH SEVERE TROPICAL STORM MAC BROUGHT THE TOTAL RAINFALL IN SEPTEMBER TO 506.3 MM, WHICH IS 53 PER CENT ABOVE AVERAGE, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY WEATHER REPORT RELEASED BY THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE ACCUMULATED RAINFALL SO FAR THIS YEAR (UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30) AMOUNTED TO 2 603.3 MM, WHICH IS 25 PER CENT MORE THAN USUAL. THE MONTH WAS ALSO LESS SUNNY AND SLIGHTLY COOLER THAN NORMAL.

DURING THE MONTH, SIX TROPICAL CYCLONES DEVELOPED OVER THE WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC AND THE SOUTH CHINA SEA= BUT ONLY SEVERE TROPICAL STORM MAC AND TROPICAL STORM NANCY AFFECTED HONG KONG. GALE WARNING SIGNAL NO. 8 WAS HOISTED FOR MAC AND STAND BY SIGNAL NO. 1 FOR NANCY.

THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF THE MONTH WERE CLOUDY WITH SCATTERED SHOWERS WHILE THE FOLLOWING SIX DAYS WERE MAINLY FINE APART FROM SOME SCATTERED SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSTORMS.

CONDITIONS ON SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10 WERE CLOUDY WITH SOME SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS, AND HEAVIER AND MORE FREQUENT THUNDERSTORMS WERE EXPERIENCED DURING THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS.

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FROM SEPTEMBER 13 TO 16, THE WEATHER WAS SUNNY AND HOT, AND THE MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 32.9 DEGREES FOR THE MONTH WAS RECORDED IN THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 15.

CLOUDY AND SHOWERY CONDITIONS RETURNED ON SEPTEMBER 17 AND 18- AND THE WEATHER REMAINED UNSETTLED THROUGHOUT THE FOLLOWING TWO DAYS AS TROPICAL STORM NANCY DEVELOPED TO THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF HONG KONG.

TEMPORARY IMPROVEMENT IN THE WEATHER TOOK PLACE ON SEPTEMBER 21 AND 22 BUT DURING THIS PERIOD SEVERE TROPICAL STORM MAC APPROACHED HONG KONG FROM THE SOUTHEAST AND BROUGHT GALES AND WIDESPREAD HEAVY RAIN ON SEPTEMBER 23.

RAIN WAS VERY HEAVY BETWEEN 1 P.M. AND 8 P.M. ON THAT DAY WHEN A TOTAL OF 202.1 MM OF RAINFALL WAS RECORDED.

HEAVY RAIN WAS AGAIN EXPERIENCED DURING THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 25, PROBABLY RESULTING FROM THE PASSAGE OF A TROUGH OF LOW PRESSURE ASSOCIATED WITH THE REMNANTS OF MAC WHICH DRIFTED BACK THROUGH HONG KONG.

DRIER AND COOLER AIR ARRIVED FROM THE NORTH ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND CONDITIONS BECAME FINE AND DRY DURING THE LAST THREE DAYS OF THE MONTH.

ON THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 28, TEMPERATURES DROPPED TO A MINIMUM OF 22.5 DEGREES WHICH WAS THE LOWEST RECORDED IN THE MONTH.

DURING THE MONTH, 27 AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED FROM HONG KONG, 25 OF THEM DURING THE PASSAGE OF SEVERE TROPICAL STORM MAC ON SEPTEMBER 23.

THUNDERSTORM AND/OR HEAVY RAIN WARNINGS WERE ISSUED ON NINE DAYS OF THE MONTH. THE YELLOW FIRE DANGER WARNING WAS ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 29 AND 30.

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HK FIRE SERVICES RUNNERS HONOURED IN US

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A HONG KONG FIRE SERVICES TEAM CAME OUT SECOND IN THE ANNUAL BRASS POLE RUN HELD RECENTLY IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

THE ORGANISER OF THE ANNUAL CHARITY EVENT, THE OAKLAND FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, TOOK TOP HONOURS IN THE EVENT.

HONG KONG'S TEAM BEAT THE DEFENDING CHAMPION, THE SAN FRANCISCO FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND 32 OTHER AMERICAN FIRE SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TEAMS TO OBTAIN THE HONOUR, A FIRE SERVICES SPOKESMAN SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE PROCEEDS FROM THE RUN ARE IN AID OF RESEARCH INTO THE TREATMENT OF BURNS.

THE 10-KILOMETRE RUN ATTRACTED 4 000 AMATEUR RUNNERS FROM THREE WESTERN AMERICAN STATES.

+HONG KONG WAS THE FIRST OVERSEAS TERRITORY TO BE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE EVENT,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE HONG KONG TEAM CONSISTED OF SIX CHINESE AND TWO BRITISH RUNNERS.

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COURSE ON USE OF ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS

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THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT HAS ORGANISED A SERIES OF EIGHT HALF-DAY COURSES FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEACHERS ON THE USAGE OF ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS AND ITS APPLICATION AS RELATED TO THE MATHEMATICS SYLLABUSES.

+AS EACH COURSE CAN ONLY ACCOMMODATE 25 PARTICIPANTS, APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVED BASIS,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID TODAY (THURSDAY).

THE COURSES WILL BE HELD IN THE AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 7, 14, 21 AND 28, AND DECEMBER 5, 12 AND 19, AT THE MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE, WONG TAI SIN GOVERNMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL, SECOND-FLOOR, ROOM 25, CHING TAK STREET, KOWLOON.

EACH COURSE WILL START AT 2.15 P.M. WITH AN HOUR-LONG LECTURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY A PRACTICAL WORK AND DISCUSSION SESSION.

+THE LECTURE WILL COVER ELEMENTARY OPERATIONS WITH VARIOUS TYPES OF CALCULATORS, RANGING FROM THE ELEMENTARY TO THE MORE COMPLEX PROGRAMMABLE TYPE.

+A SELECTION OF MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO THE MATHEMATICS SYLLABUSES WILL BE USED TO DEMONSTRATE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE MODELS AVAILABLE,+ THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

APPLICATIONS, WHICH SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH HEADS OF SCHOOLS, MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PRINCIPAL INSPECTOR (MATHEMATICS), ADVISORY INSPECTORATE, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 18.

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SEVEN BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL DECLARED DANGEROUS
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THE BUILDING AUTHORITY TODAY (THURSDAY) DECLARED SEVEN BUILDINGS IN CENTRAL TO BE IN A DANGEROUS CONDITION.

THEY ARE NOS. 3 TO 13 BRIDGES STREET AND NO. 165 WING LOK STREET.

IN A STATEMENT ISSUED THIS MORNING, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THE GROUP OF SIX FIVE-STOREY BUILDINGS IN BRIDGES STREET HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A CLOSE INVESTIGATION BY THE BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.

THESE BUILDINGS ARE CONSTRUCTED WITH REINFORCED CONCRETE ELEMENTS AND WERE COMPLETED IN 1952.

HE SAID: +INSPECTIONS ON OCTOBER 9 AND 10 REVEALED THAT SERIOUS SUBSIDENCE OF THE TWO-STOREY REAR KITCHEN BLOCKS IS OCCURRING. FRACTURES OPENING UP WITHIN THE BUILDINGS INDICATE THAT THERE IS SERIOUS RISK OF COLLAPSE. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THESE BUILDINGS.+

NOTICES OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLOSURE ORDERS IN VICTORIA DISTRICT COURT AT 9.30 A.M. ON OCTOBER 19 WERE POSTED TODAY.

REGARDING THE BUILDING IN WING LOK STREET, THE PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT BUILDING SURVEYOR SAID THAT THE FOUR-STOREY PRE-WAR BUILDING HAD BEEN UNDER REGULAR OBSERVATION SINCE 1974. THE BUILDING IS CONSTRUCTED WITH LOAD-BEARING WALLS AND TIMBER FLOORS AND ROOF.

+RECENT INSPECTIONS HAVE SHOWN THAT SERIOUS MOVEMENT IS OCCURRING IN THE REAR MAIN WALL. AS IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THERE IS A RISK OF COLLAPSE IT IS NECESSARY TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH THIS BUILDING,+ HE SAID.

ACCORDINGLY, A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR A CLOSURE ORDER IN VICTORIA DISTRICT AT 9.30 A.M. ON NOVEMBER 8 WAS POSTED TODAY.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

DSW TO OPEN CENTRE FOR THE AGED

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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, WILL TOMORROW (FRIDAY) OFFICIALLY OPEN A MULTI-SERVICE CENTRE FOR THE AGED IN CHEUNG SHA WAN, KOWLOON.

RUN BY CARITAS-HONG KONG, THE CENTRE PROVIDES A VARIETY OF SERVICES INCLUDING HOME HELP, MEALS, LAUNDRY, PERSONAL GUIDANCE AND RECREATION TO MEET THE VARYING NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE OPENING CEREMONY WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE AT 3 P.M. AT THE CENTRE IN CHEUNG SHA WAN ESTATE, BLOCK 5, GROUND FLOOR, KOWLOON.

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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENT IN SHA TIN

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TODAY (THURSDAY) THAT THE NORTHBOUND CARRIAGEWAY OF SHA TIN BY-PASS BETWEEN WO CHE ESTATE AND AN UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO SHA TIN BUS STATION WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE LANE TRAFFIC TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

THE ARRANGEMENT IS TO FACILITATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SUBWAY BENEATH SHA TIN BY-PASS WHICH IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT FOUR MONTHS TO COMPLETE.

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