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HK TO GET MORE WATER FROM CHINA
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HONG KONG'S WATER SUPPLY FROM CHINA WILL BE INCREASED BY ALMOST ONE-THIRD IN THE YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1.

THE P.W.D.'S DIRECTOR OF WATER SUPPLIES, MR. BILL KNIGHT, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE LEVEL OF SUPPLY WOULD BE RAISED FROM THE PRESENT 18,500 MILLION GALLONS PER YEAR TO 24,000 MILLION GALLONS.

THE INCREASE WAS AGREED ON AT RECENT TALKS BETWEEN MR. KNIGHT AND SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE WATER AUTHORITIES OF KWANGTUNG PROVINCE.

MR. KNIGHT SAID THAT THE PRICE PAID BY HONG KONG FOR THE WATER FROM CHINA WOULD REMAIN AT THE PRESENT RATE OF ABOUT \$1.30 PER THOUSAND GALLONS, AND DELIVERY WOULD BE MADE WITHIN A 10-MONTH PERIOD FROM OCTOBER TO JULY — ALLOWING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER TO BE USED FOR NECESSARY MAINTENANCE WORK.

HE SAID THE PRESENT PIPELINE SYSTEM AND PUMPING FACILITIES AT MUK WU WERE DESIGNED TO COPE WITH A MAXIMUM OF 21,000 MILLION GALLONS PER YEAR, COMPARED TO THE PROPOSED FLOW OF 24,000 MILLION GALLONS.

WORK WOULD THEREFORE BEGIN IMMEDIATELY ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE PIPELINES AND PUMPING FACILITIES TO BE READY TO COPE WITH THE INCREASED FLOW OF WATER IN OCTOBER.

MR. KNIGHT SAID THAT IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, NECESSARY WORKS TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY HIS DEPARTMENT WOULD INCLUDE A TEMPORARY EXTENSION TO MUK WU PUMPING STATION TO COPE WITH THE INITIAL INCREASE, AND A PIPELINE TO CONNECT WITH A SECOND PIPELINE ALREADY LAID BY THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES FROM SHUM CHUN RESERVOIR.

THESE WORKS ARE EXPECTED TO COST ABOUT \$8 MILLION.

FURTHER WORK WOULD THEN BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE :

- + A PERMANENT PUMPING STATION AT MUK WU, EQUIPPED WITH NEW PUMPS=
- + ANOTHER DELIVERY LINE FROM MUK WU TO TAI PO TAU= AND,
- + AN ADDITIONAL BALANCE TANK AT MUK WU.

THE WORKS COULD COST AN ADDITIONAL \$60 MILLION.

MR. KNIGHT SAID THAT THE NEW INCREASE IN SUPPLY FORMED THE LATEST AMENDMENT TO THE WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT OF 1964, WHICH PROVIDED FOR A SUPPLY OF 15,000 MILLION GALLONS.

THIS WAS RAISED TO 18,500 MILLION GALLONS BY AN EARLIER AMENDMENT WHICH CAME INTO FORCE IN 1972.

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STAFF SITUATION IN KWONG WAH HOSPITAL BACK TO NORMAL
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THE STAFF SITUATION IN KWONG WAH HOSPITAL CAUSED BY THE DEPARTURE IN MARCH OF A NUMBER OF DOCTORS FROM THE MEDICAL UNIT WILL RETURN TO NORMAL FROM TOMORROW (JULY 1).

THE HOSPITAL, THE LARGEST GOVERNMENT SUBVENTED HOSPITAL IN HONG KONG, HAS NOW RECRUITED SUFFICIENT DOCTORS TO MAN ITS 420-BED MEDICAL WARD AND MAINTAIN A 24-HOUR CASUALTY SERVICE WITHOUT HAVING TO RELY ON REINFORCEMENT FROM THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

AS A RESULT, THE TEMPORARY MEASURES ADOPTED DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS BY THE DEPARTMENT TO HELP SOLVE THE HOSPITAL'S STAFF PROBLEM WOULD NO LONGER BE IN FORCE.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT RECALLED THAT IN EARLY MARCH THE DEPARTMENT TOOK OVER 120 BEDS FROM KWONG WAH AND USED THESE BEDS FOR CASES TRANSFERRED FROM THE MEDICAL UNITS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL. BECAUSE OF THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE MEDICAL UNITS OF QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL HAD BEEN AUGMENTED BY THREE MEDICAL OFFICERS.

IN ADDITION, MEDICAL EMERGENCY CASES WERE DIVERTED FROM KWONG WAH TO QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL BETWEEN 9 A.M. AND 10 P.M. BECAUSE THE THEN DEPLETED STAFF AT KWONG WAH COULD NOT DEAL WITH A 24-HOUR CASUALTY SERVICE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID : +THESE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ENABLED KWONG WAH HOSPITAL TO RECRUIT STAFF TO FILL THE VACANCIES WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAIN SERVICES IN THE MEDICAL UNIT.+

HE STRESSED THAT THE PROBLEM AT KWONG WAH HAD BEEN CONFINED TO THE MEDICAL UNIT ONLY, AND SERVICES IN OTHER UNITS WERE NOT AFFECTED.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE STAFF SITUATION WITHIN GOVERNMENT HOSPITALS HAS ALSO SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED WITH THE RECENT COMPLETION OF INTERNSHIP BY 118 HOUSEMEN.

HE SAID 104 OF THEM HAD APPLIED TO BE MEDICAL OFFICERS WITH THE DEPARTMENT, AND 98 OF THEM HAD BEEN ACCEPTED.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE WERE AT PRESENT SOME 110 VACANCIES AT THE MEDICAL OFFICER LEVEL, AND THAT WITH THE 98 NEW RECRUITS JOINING THE DEPARTMENT, MOST OF THE VACANCIES WILL BE FILLED.

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SECONDARY ETV: DEMONSTRATIONS ON USE OF EQUIPMENT
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HEADS OF GOVERNMENT, AIDED AND PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN INVITED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION TO SEE DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE ETV CENTRE IN BROADCAST DRIVE ON JULY 5 AND 6 ON HOW TO OPERATE EQUIPMENT TO RECEIVE AND RECORD COLOUR TRANSMISSIONS OF SECONDARY ETV PROGRAMMES WHICH BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 13.

THE ETV DIVISION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT WILL HOLD SEMINARS FOR TEACHERS IN AUGUST TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH THE EQUIPMENT AND HOW TO USE ETV EFFECTIVELY IN CLASSROOMS.

THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION (ETV), MR. SUN PING-SHU SAID TODAY : +IT IS HOPED THAT THE FIRST PROGRAMME ON EACH OF THE FOUR SUBJECTS - CHINESE, ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS AND SOCIAL STUDIES - WILL HAVE BEEN RECORDED BY THEN AND CAN BE SHOWN TO THE TEACHERS DURING THE SEMINARS.+

THE SECONDARY ETV PROGRAMMES, WHICH ARE INJECTIONS OF QUALITY INTO CLASSROOMS, WILL BE SYLLABUS-BASED WITH THE CONTENTS CLOSELY RELATED TO THE TEACHING SYLLABUSES ISSUED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HE SAID.

+ENGLISH PROGRAMMES WILL BE GIVEN ENTIRELY IN ENGLISH WHILE THE MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION IN OTHER SUBJECTS WILL BE CHINESE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MAJORITY OF JUNIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN,+ MR. SUN ADDED.

THE PROGRAMMES IN COLOUR WILL INITIALLY HAVE AN AUDIENCE OF 80,000 FORM 1 PUPILS INCREASING TO MORE THAN 250,000 PUPILS IN FORMS 1 TO 3 IN SEPTEMBER 1978.

AT PRESENT MORE THAN 400,000 PUPILS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE WATCHING ETV PROGRAMMES IN BLACK AND WHITE. IT IS HOPED THAT IN A FEW YEARS TIME, WHEN THE LIFE SPAN OF THESE SETS EXPIRE, PRIMARY PUPILS WILL ALSO BE WATCHING PROGRAMMES IN COLOUR WITH NEW TV RECEIVERS.

MEANWHILE, ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE \$2.3 MILLION WORTH OF TELEVISION EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED IN ABOUT 300 SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

EACH OF THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A VIDEO CASSETTE RECORDER, A COLOUR TELEVISION RECEIVER AND AERIAL AS WELL AS EIGHT 36-MINUTE CASSETTE TAPES.

FOR GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE ENTIRE COST OF SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT WHILE FOR AIDED SECONDARY SCHOOLS, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE A SUBSIDY TO COVER 80 PER CENT OF THE TOTAL COSTS.

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IN PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITH +BOUGHT+ PLACES, THE GOVERNMENT WILL BEAR ALL THE COSTS OF SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT BUT THEY WILL HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF SUBSEQUENT REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

THE ETV DIVISION HAS INFORMED PRIVATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS WHICH DO NOT HAVE +BOUGHT+ PLACES THAT THEY CAN, IF THEY WISH, BUY FROM THE CONTRACTOR AT THE GOVERNMENT BULK PURCHASE DISCOUNT PRICE PROVIDED THEY ACCEPT THE OFFER BEFORE JULY 10.

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SALARIES AND PROFITS TAXES

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PEOPLE WHO ARE LIABLE TO PAY EITHER SALARIES OR PROFITS TAX FOR THE YEAR OF ASSESSMENT 1975/76 ARE ADVISED TO NOTIFY THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEPARTMENT SAID THAT FORMS HAD BEEN SENT OUT TO THESE PEOPLE AND THE FOUR MONTHS WITHIN WHICH THEY SHOULD GIVE NOTICE IF THEIR INCOME "ATTRACTS ONE OF THOSE TAXES" WOULD EXPIRE AT THE END OF JULY.

HE WARNED THAT UNDER A PROVISION OF THE INLAND REVENUE ORDINANCE ANY PERSON WHO FAILED TO DECLARE HIS SALARY OR PROFITS WITHIN THE PRESCRIBED PERIOD MIGHT RISK BEING PENALISED.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION REGARDING HIS OBLIGATIONS IS INVITED TO WRITE TO THE INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT, P.O. BOX 132, G.P.O., HONG KONG.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR VISITS MTR SITES
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THE ACTING COMMISSIONER FOR LABOUR, MR. NEIL HENDERSON TODAY (WEDNESDAY) VISITED TWO MAJOR MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY TUNNELLING PROJECTS IN KOWLOON.

HE SAW THE TAI HANG TUNG ROAD SITE, WHERE THE KUMAGAI GUMI CO. IS BORING A PAIR OF TUNNELS BETWEEN LOK FU AND SHEK KIP MEI STATIONS.

AT THE SECOND SITE IN WANG TAU HOM EAST ROAD, METRO JOINT VENTURE ARE CONSTRUCTING TUNNELS FROM DIAMOND HILL TO LOK FU. MR. HENDERSON WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE MTR ACTING PROJECT DIRECTOR, MR. GEOFFREY SHUTT.

BECAUSE OF THE SOIL FEATURES AT BOTH SITES, COMPRESSED AIR WILL BE USED AS WORK PROGRESSES. REGULATIONS GOVERNING WORKING CONDITION IN COMPRESSED AIR WERE RECENTLY BROUGHT INTO EFFECT AND ARE OF CONCERN TO THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT AND MR. HENDERSON SHOWED SPECIAL INTEREST IN THIS ASPECT OF THE WORK.

HE LEARNED THAT SENIOR STAFF FROM BOTH THE CONTRACTORS HAD ATTENDED A SEMINAR ON WORK SAFETY IN COMPRESSED AIR AT THE LABOUR DEPARTMENT'S INDUSTRIAL SAFETY TRAINING CENTRE.

MR. HENDERSON SAID HE WAS GLAD TO SEE THE CONTRACTORS AT BOTH SITES GIVE FULL BACKING TO THE DEPARTMENT'S REGULATIONS AND ATTEMPTS TO IMPROVE WORK SAFETY. HE WAS PARTICULARLY PLEASED THAT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY HAD APPOINTED TWO SAFETY OFFICERS FOR THE WHOLE SCHEME.

+INVESTMENT IN SAFETY AND TIME TAKEN TO ATTEND OUR COURSES WILL PAY OFF IN MINIMIZING DAMAGE TO HUMAN LIFE AND EQUIPMENT AND IN GETTING THE JOB COMPLETED IN TIME,+ HE SAID.

+WITH CONTRACTORS AND EMPLOYEES TAKING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO WORK SAFETY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY WILL, I AM CONFIDENT, PROGRESS SMOOTHLY,+ HE ADDED.

EXPRESSING REGRET THAT THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY HAD SUFFERED ITS FIRST FATAL ACCIDENT YESTERDAY (TUESDAY) ON ANOTHER SITE AT CHOI HUNG, WHEN A WOMAN WORKER FELL DOWN A CAISSON, MR. HENDERSON SAID IT UNDERLINED THE DANGERS INVOLVED IN ANY MAJOR CONSTRUCTION WORK.

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MORE EMPHASIS ON RECREATION FOR FAMILIES
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THERE WILL BE INCREASING EMPHASIS ON RECREATION FOR FAMILIES AS THE GOVERNMENT EXPANDS ITS RECREATION AND SPORT SERVICE IN THE COMING MONTHS. +THIS WILL SUPPORT THE COHESIVENESS AND SATISFACTIONS OF FAMILY LIFE,+ THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION, MR. KENNETH TOPLEY TOLD THE LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE ROTARY CLUB ISLAND EAST TODAY.

THERE WILL ALSO BE WIDER TEACHING OF PRACTICAL SUBJECTS IN SCHOOLS IN AREAS SUCH AS ART AND DESIGN AND ALSO IN DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY. AMONG OTHER THINGS THIS WILL MEAN THAT SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE ABLE TO BE MORE PRACTICAL IN THE HOME.

+THESE DEVELOPMENTS WILL HELP PARENTS TO BE CLOSER TO THEIR FAMILIES,+ MR. TOPLEY SAID.

HE CONTINUED: +CHILDREN NEED A FRAMEWORK OF VALUES TO BE GIVEN TO THEM WITHIN WHICH THEY CAN GROW BEFORE THEY CAN DISCOVER OR MAKE A FRAMEWORK WHICH IS THEIR OWN AND PARENTS SHOULD DESCRIBE AND EMPHASISE THE COMMONSENSE OF THE MORALITY ON WHICH SOCIETY RESTS.

+IT IS VITAL FOR PARENTS TO FIND TIME TO BE WITH THEIR CHILDREN IF THEY WANT THEM TO LISTEN TO WHAT THEY SAY.

+IT IS BETTER TO TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO PLAY CHESS THAN TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK FOR THEM,+ THE DIRECTOR SAID.

MR. TOPLEY ALSO SUGGESTED THAT PARENTS SHOULD ENCOURAGE THEIR CHILDREN TO BE ALERT AND TO HAVE A QUESTIONING FRAME OF MIND IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR CAPACITY TO THINK CLEARLY AND STRAIGHT-FORWARDLY.

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CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND FOR PO LEUNG KUK
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THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WELFARE, MR. THOMAS LEE, TODAY PRAISED THE PO LEUNG KUK FOR ITS POSITIVE APPROACH IN PROVIDING SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY.

MR. LEE WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND BUILT AT THE KUK WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE LO FUNG LION'S CLUB.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PLAYGROUND, THERE WOULD BE BETTER FACILITIES TO DEVELOP THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THE BABIES.

UNDER THE ABLE LEADERSHIP OF THE PRESENT AND PAST CHAIRMEN AND DIRECTORS, HE ADDED, THE KUK HAD BEEN CONTINUOUSLY EXPANDING ITS SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY.

+APART FROM PROVIDING THE MANY SERVICES IN THE KUK, IT HAS ALSO EXTENDED ITS SERVICES TO VARIOUS DISTRICTS IN HONG KONG, KOWLOON AND THE NEW TERRITORIES IN ORDER TO COPE WITH THE NEEDS THERE,+ MR. LEE SAID.

+IT IS INDISPUTABLE THAT THIS SPIRIT OF SERVING THE COMMUNITY IS ADMIRERD AND SUPPORTED BY PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE.+

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